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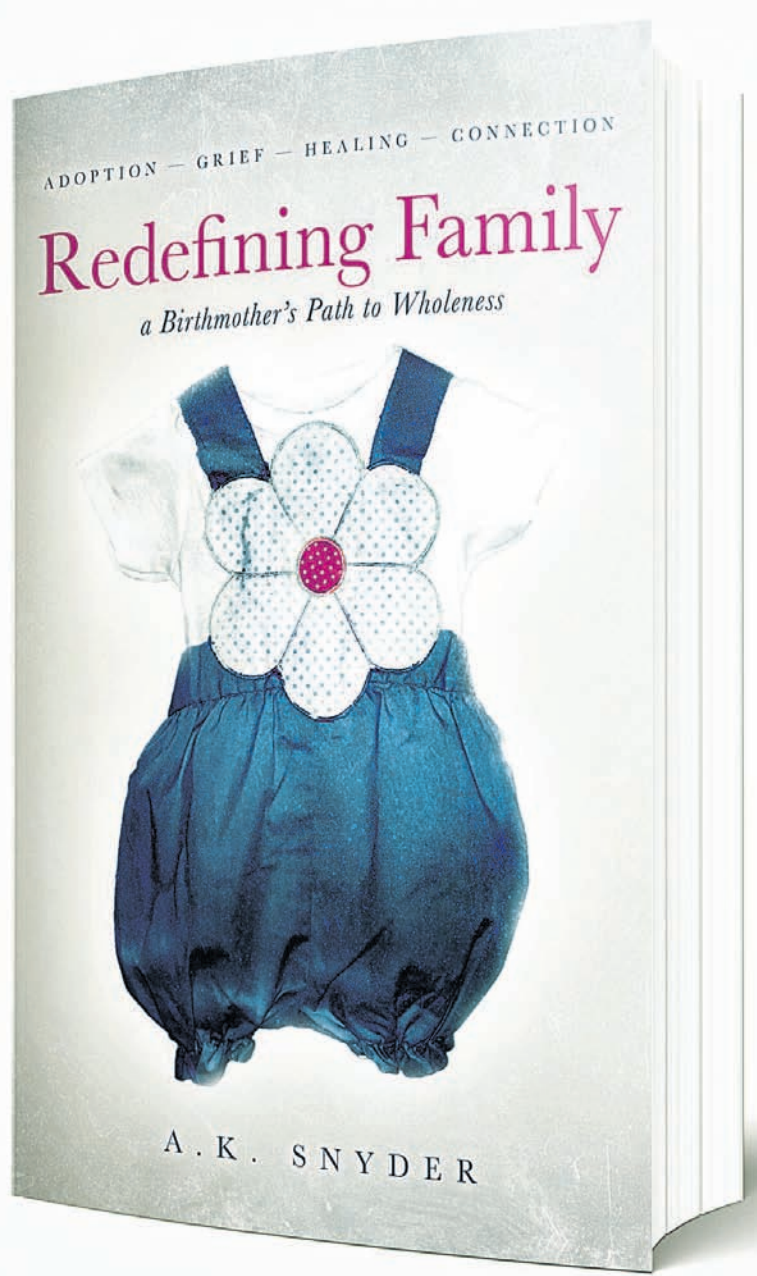
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"Redefining Family: A Birthmother's Path to Wholeness" details Alycea Snyder's decision to give her unborn baby up for adoption and the healing that occurred afterward. (Submitted)

Providing a voice for fellow birth parents

by April Scheinoha Reporter

Recently, Katarina Malone asked to see the sea-foam green jumper with a pink flower on the belly. Alycea Snyder had bought it for a dime at a thrift store.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with it. Maybe send it with you, give it to the parents, whoever they will be. But for now, I tuck it away. I tell no one I bought this. They will think I plan to keep you, and I cannot expect otherwise," Alycea wrote about the purchase.

Alycea had bought the jumper with her birth daughter, Katarina, in mind. About 20 years after the purchase, Katarina finally saw the jumper.

"I try to stay awake, try to savor every last moment we have together. I know with devastating certainty I will never have a night like this with you again."

Alycea recently penned the book "Redefining Family: A Birthmother's Path to Wholeness." The book details Alycea's path from a pregnant teen to dealing with the aftermath of her daughter's adoption.

"My primary purpose for writing the book was for Katarina," said the Tampa, Fla., resident.

Her other purpose was to provide a modern, accurate perspective of adoption from a birth parent.

"There is a lot of misconceptions about adoption," said Alycea.

"When people hear it, they often think of closed adoptions."

Alycea added there is healing after grief if people make room in their lives for such healing. Adoption stories oftentimes depict one side - a glossy version or a painful version. Both sides need to be shown, she said.

A plan forms

Alycea's own path to adoption and healing began to fully form while attending a family wedding in January 2000. Alycea's cousin Brian Malone and his wife, Angela, were also in attendance. At the time, they were in the midst of fertility treatments.

Alycea was in the process of interviewing prospective adoptive parents.

Many relatives knew the challenges the three of them faced. Alycea's brother-in-law Matt approached Bryan, suggesting that the couple should adopt Alycea's unborn child. At that point, Bryan and Angela knew that Alycea had planned to put her child up for adoption. It never occurred to them that they would be a good fit to parent his cousin's birth daughter. Given the familial connection between Bryan and Alycea, they thought it would be awkward for the family.

However, the couple began seriously considering the prospect. They sought advice from others and met with their priest. He immediately gave his blessing. Others thought the familial relationship would make the situation difficult.

Bryan said it was a month, at the

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COVID-19 updates

Together, we'll get through this

by David Hill Editor

If you're sick, stay home. That important message is constantly being repeated by health officials. An outbreak out of control would cause severe challenges for the country's health care system. While efforts like community mitigation and social distancing will not entirely stop the spread of the disease, it is vital to flatten the curve by doing such things as staying home if you're sick, keeping six feet apart, and not attending group of events of more than 10 people.

The second message is that together, we'll get through this; and, it will take everyone working together to get through this.

Here are some highlights from the latest news briefings from the weekend and early this week:

- As of Monday, March 23, there were 235 coronavirus-positive cases in Min-

nesota, and one death.

- Minnesota health officials are asking residents not to take their dental concerns to the emergency rooms at area hospitals. Instead, they are being asked to contact their dentists and ask them to provide emergency care.

- The American Red Cross is monitoring the pandemic. There is a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma.

- On Saturday, March 21, the Minnesota Department of Health reported the first confirmed death of a Minnesota resident due to COVID-19. The death occurred March 19 in a Ramsey County resident in their 80s who recently tested positive for COVID-19 and was the contact of an earlier confirmed case.

- Digi-Key has an-

nounced that employees able to work from home should work from home, but the company continues to operate. Many of its customers produce equipment, like ventilators, which are vital to responding to the pandemic.

- In an effort to unify the community and create awareness of open businesses during the pandemic, the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce has created a campaign called #TRF-Strong on its social media platform. The Chamber is also putting together a business resources and information page on its website.

- Gov. Tim Walz announced Monday, March 23, he will self-quarantine for a

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Please be sure to check our website at www.trftimes.com for current updates

Garbage truck purchased

New city garbage bags will be green

by April Scheinoha Reporter

A new garbage truck and new green city garbage bags will soon greet Thief River Falls municipal sanitation customers. The Thief River Falls City Council approved those purchases at its meeting Tuesday, March 17.

The council approved spending a total of \$187,861.49 for a 2021 Inter-

national HV 607 truck and a McNeilus rear-load packer body. The garbage truck and packer body will be purchased from Nelson International and McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing Inc., respectively. The city is expected to take ownership of the items this fall.

As part of its resolution, the council approved declaring a 2007 International truck with a Loadmaster packer body as city surplus. A 1999 garbage truck will be retained as a backup garbage truck since it is in better condition than the 2007 garbage truck.

Public Works Director

Mark Borseth said the purchases will be covered with \$100,000 that has been set aside for these purchases. The remainder will be funded through the sale of the 2007 garbage truck as well as funding from the city's 2021 and 2022 budgets.

Council member Rachel Prudhomme questioned whether the council should purchase these items at this time.

"You should look at the truck," replied council member Don Sollom.

Mayor Brian Holmer indicated that the garbage

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Detour plans finalized for Highways 1 and 59 project

by April Scheinoha Reporter

The detour routes are in place for the upcoming construction project on Highways 1 and 59 in Thief River Falls. At its meeting Tuesday, March 17, the Thief River Falls City Council approved a detour agreement for the Minnesota Department of Transportation project.

As part of its consent agenda, MnDOT will pay the city \$2,643.82 for the city detour, which will take motorists onto First Street from Highway 32 to Pennington

County State Aid Highway 16 (commonly referred to as the bypass).

This summer, MnDOT plans to resurface Third Street/Highway 59 from Kinney Avenue to the intersection with Highway 59 North. Three roundabouts will also be constructed, and the Red Lake Watershed District will be working on the separate, related West-side Flood Damage Reduction Project. In a similar agreement with Pennington County, it was noted that a detour would be needed for about 75 days.

City Council approved

paying \$12,000 to Civic-Plus to redesign the city website.

Joanne Olson, information technology specialist, said the redesigned website would be easier to navigate and would work better with various electronic devices than the current city website. It would also offer an e-subscribe service, where residents would be able to customize the types of alerts and the methods of notification they wished to receive from the city. The redesigned website would also enable residents to report

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One Digi-Key. One Community.
We are in this together.

Keeping the workplace safe

Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel



- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

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Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



- Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system*
- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
 - If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
 - Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

Keeping commercial establishments safe

Encourage your employees and customers to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door, and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Avoid crowding



- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares



- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

Governor to self-quarantine after contact with COVID-19

Gov. Tim Walz announced Monday, March 23, he will self-quarantine for a period of 14 days after learning he had contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. The governor was informed of the contact early Monday morning and has not left his home since.

“The most important thing Minnesotans can do to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home,” said Walz. “I’m using this as an opportunity to lead by example. Though I’m feeling healthy and not showing any symptoms, I’m going to work from home and model the protocol we are asking all Minnesotans to follow.”

A member of the governor’s security detail tested positive for COVID-19 late Sunday, March 22. The governor was in close proximity to this individual late last week. While the governor is not showing any symptoms, he began his self-quarantine Monday, March 23, until Monday, April 6.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that individuals who have a known contact with COVID-19 self-quarantine for 14 days as a precautionary measure to avoid accidentally spreading the

virus. The Minnesota Department of Health recently recommended that all Minnesotans work remotely when possible.

“Because our state must maintain essential services, not every Minnesotan is able to stay home,” said Walz. “Those of us who are able to work from home must do so out of respect to our health care professionals, first responders, pharmacists, grocers, child care providers, and all Minnesotans who are working to keep us safe during this crisis.”

The governor will continue to oversee the State of Minnesota’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Walz-Flanagan Administration is prepared to combat the COVID-19 pandemic regardless of which location the governor is working from.

“I’m grateful for the State of Minnesota’s sophisticated emergency management operation that allows me to govern and respond to crises from the Minnesota Governor’s Residence,” said Walz. “We will continue to communicate with Minnesotans about our quick and aggressive work to combat the spread of COVID-19.”

Klobuchar’s husband diagnosed with COVID-19

Monday, March 23, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) announced her husband has been diagnosed with coronavirus.

Sen. Klobuchar stated, “I have news that many Americans are facing right now: my husband John has the coronavirus. We just got the test results at 7 a.m. this morning. While I cannot see him and he is, of course, cut off from all visitors, our daughter Abigail and I are constantly calling and texting and emailing. We love him very much and pray for his recovery. He is exhausted and sick but a very strong and resilient person.”

“John started to feel sick when I was in Minnesota and he was in Washington D.C. and like so many others who have had the disease, he thought it was just a cold. Yet he immediately quarantined himself just in case and stopped going to his job teaching in Baltimore. He kept having a temperature and a bad, bad cough and when he started coughing up blood, he got a test and a chest X-ray, and they checked him into a hospital in Virginia

because of a variety of things, including very low oxygen levels which haven’t really improved. He now has pneumonia and is on oxygen but not a ventilator.”

“While this is his story and not mine, I wanted to let my colleagues and constituents know that since John and I have been in different places for the last two weeks and I am outside the 14-day period for getting sick, my doctor has advised me to not get a test. As everyone is aware, there are test shortages for people who need them everywhere and I don’t qualify to get one under any standard.”

“I love my husband so very much and not being able to be there at the hospital by his side is one of the hardest things about this disease.”

“I hope he will be home soon. I know so many Americans are going through this and so much worse right now. So I hope and pray for you, just as I hope you will do for my husband. Meanwhile I am working in the Senate to get help to the American people.”

Social Security offices closed to the public

All local Social Security offices will be closed to the public for in-person service starting Tuesday, March 17. This decision protects the population Social Security staff serve — older Americans and people with underlying medical conditions—and our employees during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. However, Social Security offices are still able to provide critical services.

Secure and convenient online services remain available at www.socialsecurity.gov. Local offices will also continue to provide critical services over the phone. Social Security personnel are working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local governments, and other experts to monitor COVID-19 and will let citizens know as soon as it can resume in-person service.

For help from Social Security:

- First, please use the secure and convenient online services available at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices. Individuals can apply for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits online, check the status of an application or appeal, request a replacement Social Security card (in most areas), print a benefit verification letter, and much more — from anywhere and from any of your devices. Social Security also has a wealth of information to answer most of Social Security questions online, without having to speak with a Social Security rep-

resentative in person or by phone. Please visit the online Frequently Asked Questions at www.socialsecurity.gov/ask.

- If Social Security business cannot be conducted online, please check the online field office locator for specific information about how to directly contact a local office. Local personnel still will be able to provide critical services to help individuals apply for benefits, answer their questions, and provide other services over the phone.

- If an individual already has an in-office appointment scheduled, Social Security staff will call to handle the appointment over the phone instead. If individuals have a hearing scheduled, Social Security staff will call to discuss alternatives for continuing with their hearing, including offering a telephonic hearing. Social Security calls may come from a PRIVATE number and not from a U.S. Government phone. Please remember that employees will not threaten or ask for any form of payment.

- If an individual cannot complete their Social Security business online, please call the national 800 number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). The national 800 number has many automated service options you can use without waiting to speak with a telephone representative. A list of automated telephone services is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/contact/phone.html.

TRF man sentenced for drug offense

A Thief River Falls man was sentenced Monday, March 16 in Pennington County District Court for a felony charge of third degree controlled substance crime. Felony charges of conspiracy to commit a second degree controlled substance crime and fourth degree controlled substance crime were dismissed against Mikelalen James Heaton, 31.



Mikelalen James Heaton

For the former offense, Heaton was sentenced to 27 months in prison stayed for 10 years. He was ordered to serve supervised probation for 10 years. Heaton was ordered to have no contact with his co-defendants. He was ordered to complete a chemical assessment and have an updated Rule 25 or comprehensive assessment.

Heaton was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Heaton was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charges stemmed from an ongoing drug investigation that began in April and allegedly involved Heaton, Jeremy Aaron Tostrup and Brianna Lynn Olson. At the time, the three of the them lived at 711 Atlantic Ave. N. The complaints indicated Tostrup and Olson were boyfriend and girlfriend. A child also lived at the home.

Law enforcement utilized confidential informants to purchase meth from Tostrup and Heaton. On April 27, an informant allegedly purchased one gram of meth from Tostrup for \$130. On May 28, an informant purchased one gram of meth from Heaton for \$120.

Five days later, police received a call from a neighbor, who reported a "revolving door" at the home in terms of the amount of people coming and going from

that location. Law enforcement then obtained a search warrant for Heaton's Facebook account, finding numerous conversations involving him, Tostrup and Olson discussing plans with others to sell meth and other controlled substances. They also observed messages in which Heaton separately communicated with three other people regarding drugs.

Law enforcement was later granted additional warrants for Olson's and Tostrup's Facebook accounts. They found separate drug-related messages between Olson and two individuals, and Tostrup and two individuals.

On Oct. 9, law enforcement executed a search warrant for the home. Inside, they allegedly found a pill bottle and a rubber hose, both containing methamphetamine residue, in Olson's bedroom. In a living room, 3.78 grams of meth were found inside a box along with \$300 in cash. Three marijuana grinders were found in a bedroom containing proof that Olson

and Heaton lived at the home. Other drug paraphernalia was found in the home as well.

Numerous traffic offenses are included in the latest edition of the Pennington County Citation Disposition Bulletin. The Times pays for copies of this public information. If it appears in an online forum other than The Times' website, it has been copied.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Jeremy Gray, 25, Dunwoody, Ga., driving while impaired, 90 days in jail stayed for one year, probation to the court for one year, chemical assessment, charge of third degree DWI dismissed; Anthony Joseph Hyland, 17, Thief River Falls, 40/30, \$125; Sherry Gail Largis, 62, Red Lake Falls, unsafe passing on right, \$135; Sarah Kim Glimsdahl, 31, Grand Forks, N.D., 70/55, \$145; Christian Scott Efteland, 19, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-Free Law, \$135; Rodolfo Amado Garcia, 23, Nacogdoches, Texas, no driver's license, \$185.

Januki Ray, 30, Grand Forks, N.D., failure to yield, \$135; Quinn Curtis Strong, 56, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Rachael Dawn Olson, 46, Mentor, 70/60, \$125; Savannah Ann Peterson, 21, Plummer, no seat belt worn, \$110; Jonathan Daniel Ledford, 35, Kelliher, no seat belt worn, \$110; Wyatt James Munter, 19, Fosston, 65/55, \$125.

Thief River Falls Police

Department cases: Linda Jean Olson, 60, Thief River Falls, failure to yield, \$135; Jason Timothy Boyer, 34, Thief River Falls, driving after suspension, \$285, no insurance - owner, \$200; Breana Lacey Berry, 29, Pierz, no insurance - owner, \$285; Maurice Anthony Sele, 18, Lake Bronson, charge of driver who isn't owner must later produce proof of insurance if required was dismissed; Romey Lamar Williams, 20, New Orleans, stay of adjudication for a charge of theft and continued, unsupervised probation for one year, pay \$50 to the Thief River Falls K-9 Fund.

Pennington County Sheriff's Office cases: Kirk Laverne Hamre, 56, Badger, driving after cancellation - inimical to public safety, \$145, one year in jail stayed for two years, unsupervised probation for two years, \$1,938 in restitution; Isaac Ryan Johnson, 17, Thief River Falls, DWI, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for two years, probation to the court for two years, chemical assessment; Kimberly Kay Skogstad, 47, Badger, no insurance - owner, \$285.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources cases: Cody James Sele, 19, Thief River Falls, taking fish in a closed season, \$135; Paul Thomas Drees, 47, no city listed, taking fish in a closed season, \$135; Samantha Mae Sandberg, 26, Middle River, taking fish in a closed season, \$135.

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Physical access limited, but access to justice maintained in state courts

After careful consideration and consultation, the Judicial Council has recommended further restrictions for in-person courthouse access. In response, Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea has issued a statewide order, ADM20-8001. Continuing Operations of the Courts of the State of Minnesota Under a Statewide Peacetime Declaration of Emergency. The order restricts in-person access to courthouses for only designated case types, and opens up additional opportunities for remote hearings that must occur during the COVID-19 pandemic. The order went into effect Monday, March 23 and is in effect for the next 30 days or until another order is issued, whichever comes first.

"We are committed to protecting the safety of all who must enter into a courthouse during this unprecedented time. The Minnesota Judicial Branch is where people access justice and defend their constitutional rights. The balancing of public health and access to justice during this time is testing our systems and procedures. The steps we

announce today will help us maintain that delicate balance," said Gildea.

Below is a summary of major changes established by the order.

District court hearings and process - The courts will remain open on a limited basis for in-person contact, and continue to accept filings in all case types. Self-help services and facilities will be conducted via phone or email. District courts may be contacted by phone or email. Other than specifically provided for by the order, case deadlines established by Court Rules remain in effect unless extended by an order of the Supreme Court or the presiding judge.

Except for specific cases detailed in the order (and below), all other proceedings in all other case types shall be held by ITV or any other remote technology that permits the parties and attorneys to appear without being in the courtroom, or by review of the parties' submissions without oral argument, to the extent feasible and practicable.

The following adult criminal case types, where the defendant is in custody, will

be held in the courtroom. The defendant and the attorneys may appear remotely. Victim impact information may be provided remotely:

- Bail review;
- Hearings under Rule 8 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure;
- Omnibus hearings that do not require live testimony;
- Plea hearings;
- Sentencing hearings; and
- Probation revocation hearings, if any necessary testimony can be provided remotely.

The following juvenile proceedings, and cases where the juvenile is in custody, will be held in the courtroom. The juvenile and the attorneys may appear remotely:

- Detention review;
- Omnibus hearings that do not require live testimony;
- Plea hearings;
- Certification hearings;
- Extended juvenile jurisdiction hearings;
- Disposition hearings and
- Probation revocation hearings, if any necessary testimony can be provided

remotely.

Juvenile protection proceedings for emergency protective care will be held in the courtroom. When possible, EPC hearings will be combined with any admit/deny hearing. Attendance to these hearings will be limited to parties and parent-participants, and their attorneys.

All other proceedings in juvenile protection matters can be held remotely, or will be conducted based on the presiding judge's review of the written submissions.

In all housing/eviction matters, hearings will be held in the courtroom on an emergency basis when there is a showing of individual or public health, or safety, at risk.

Hearings will be held in the courtroom for any case type where there is an immediate liberty concern, or when public or personal safety concerns are paramount.

In-person hearings will adhere to Minnesota Department of Health social distancing guidance to limit the number of people and the proximity of people in a courtroom to the extent possible.

Jurors - Jurors must follow the instructions on paper summons, but the Minnesota Judicial Branch will not be calling any additional jurors to courthouses for the next 30 days. Individuals with suspected or actual exposure to COVID-19 who are summoned to report for jury duty must contact the court to discuss rescheduling options for his or her jury service.

All jury trials underway as of March 13 should continue until the trial is complete, regardless of case type.

Grand juries that have been empaneled as of March 23 and are actively hearing a case will continue to hear the case.

No new jury trials or grand jury proceedings will start prior to Monday, April 27, 2020.

Public access terminals - There will be no access to public access terminals (courthouse terminals) or non-courtroom space in courthouses for the public or media.

Scam circulates

A local resident has informed the Thief River Falls Fire Department that the person has received a phone call from someone claiming to be from the fire department. The caller inquired about checking batteries in the person's smoke detectors.

The fire department doesn't call the public to provide this service. It will assist those with questions about smoke detectors if they contact the department first. Be aware and be careful of the information provided to callers when receiving such calls.

Easter Egg Hunt postponed

The annual Thief River Falls Easter Egg Hunt, set for Saturday, April 11, has been postponed due to concerns about COVID-19.

Textron responds to COVID-19

Textron Specialized Vehicles has released the following statement regarding its response to COVID-19:

"Textron Specialized Vehicles announced actions last week to address the impacts of the global COVID-19 outbreak on its

business. These actions included temporary cutbacks of some business operations at its U.S.-based facilities, including our Arctic Cat facility in Thief River Falls, and temporary furloughs for many of its workers at those sites.

"The company is taking

steps to limit the impacts of these actions on workers as much as possible, including the continuation of employee healthcare and other benefits during the furlough period. We do not take these steps lightly, but they are necessary to address the emerging and ongoing

impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak on our business.

"We continue to ship products from our Thief River Falls facility to fulfill orders and support our dealers, and our sales and customer service teams are working to support our dealers and customers."

Report suspected COVID-19 fraud

On Friday, March 20, U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald of the District of Minnesota urged the public to report suspected fraud schemes related to COVID-19. Reports can be made by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline (1-866-720-5721) or emailing the NCDF at disaster@leo.gov.

In coordination with the Department of Justice, Attorney General William Barr has directed U.S. attorneys to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of coronavirus fraud schemes. The NCDF hotline can receive and enter complaints into a centralized system that can be accessed by all U.S. attorneys, as well as Justice Department litigating and law enforcement components to identify, investigate and prosecute fraud schemes.

"In the face of the nationwide spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota remains on-duty and committed to meeting the critical mission of protecting individuals, families and communities throughout the State of Minnesota. I also want to thank our federal, state, local, and tribal

law enforcement partners for standing firm in their shared mission to protect the public," MacDonald said.

"Unfortunately, there are wrongdoers who are actively seeking to profit from this crisis by exploiting the fears and vulnerabilities of individuals. This type of criminal behavior is abhorrent and will not go unpunished. I have designated the chief of our Economic Crimes section to serve as the COVID-19 fraud coordinator for the District of Minnesota, with the primary duties of receiving all incoming reports of COVID-19 related fraud schemes and oversight of any resulting prosecutions."

Some examples of these schemes include:

- Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19 online and engaging in other forms of fraud.
- Phishing emails from entities posing as the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Malicious websites and apps that appear to share coronavirus-related information to gain and lock access to your devices until

payment is received.

• Seeking donations fraudulently for illegitimate or non-existent charitable organizations.

• Medical providers obtaining patient information for COVID-19 testing and then using that information to fraudulently bill for other tests and procedures.

In a memorandum to U.S. attorneys issued Thursday, March 19, Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen directed each U.S. attorney to appoint a coronavirus fraud coordinator to serve as the legal counsel for the federal judi-

cial district on matters relating to the coronavirus, direct the prosecution of coronavirus-related crimes, and to conduct outreach and awareness activities.

The NCDF can receive and enter complaints into a centralized system that can be accessed by all U.S. attorneys, as well as Justice Department litigating and law enforcement components to identify, investigate and prosecute fraud schemes. The NCDF coordinates complaints with 16 additional federal law enforcement agencies, as well as state attorneys general and local authorities.

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Alycea Snyder recently wrote "Redefining Family: A Birthmother's Path to Wholeness" about the adoption of her birth daughter, Katarina Malone, by Alycea's cousin Bryan and his wife, Angela. Pictured are (from left) Alycea; Katarina; Alycea's husband, Jerry; Angela; Katarina's sister, Avery; and Bryan. (Submitted)

Fellow birth parents/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) most, before the Thief River Falls couple finally had their decision. They were willing to adopt Alycea's child.

It would be the beginning of a closer familial relationship that continues to this day. Alycea said she doesn't know many adoptive parents who have been as generous as Bryan and Angela.

That's not to say it has been easy for Alycea or the couple. Angela didn't want her hopes to be dashed. She and Bryan didn't decorate Katarina's room until after Katarina was born. Despite constant reassurances to the contrary, Angela was worried that Alycea would change her mind. Alycea didn't change her mind, but she wondered how life would be if she kept her unborn baby.

Angela's hesitance was apparent to Alycea. Alycea and her mom were shopping for pajamas when they ran into Angela and her mother-in-law, Eileen. The latter were shopping for the baby Alycea was carrying. It would be Angela's first child and the first grandchild for Alycea's aunt. "In a flash, my heart cracks a little," Alycea wrote in the book.

The cart only contained a package of diapers. "Her fear is visible in her empty cart," Alycea wrote about Angela.

Alycea was also uncertain about what the future held. However, she knew one thing for sure. "I try to stay awake, try to savor every last moment we have together. I know with devastating certainty I will never have a night like this with you again," Alycea wrote about her last night in the hospital with Katarina.

Cathartic and powerful
Writing about her experiences was cathartic and powerful for Alycea. She hopes that the book provides a voice for fellow birth parents. "There is such a stigma about being a birth parent," said Alycea, who noted that the birth parent's voice has been historically silenced.

It took Alycea, a full-time IT project manager, about a year to write the book. She relied on her memory to write the first draft. She then double-checked her memory by looking through her journals, which led her to add a few extra stories.

Her first version of the book featured more scenes than needed. She needed to get those scenes out of her head and written down. She then threw half of the book out since those particular scenes had no impact on the rest of the story.

It took another year to get permission from the various people featured in the book. Some were no longer in Alycea's life. She changed the names of those whom she was unable to reach.

For Alycea's family mem-

bers, it was heartbreaking for them to read some parts of the book. Alycea hadn't shared her innermost thoughts and feelings about her struggles. After reading the book, they told her that they would have helped her if they knew what she was going through.

Alycea's book was particularly poignant for her mom, who was also going through the hardest days of her own life at that time. Their times of distress overlapped, which meant those issues were also noted in the book.

The book also deeply affected the Malones. Angela never realized the extent of the pain Alycea had suffered following Katarina's adoption. "It was very eye-opening for me," Angela said.

It was a similar experience for Bryan. "It was a very emotional book to read, that's for sure, to see all the happenings from a different perspective," he said.

The couple, Katarina and their youngest daughter, Avery, were given the opportunity to read the book before it was published. They provided their input and also helped Alycea proofread it.

"It was really emotional," said Avery. "It was really touching to see all that she went through."

Katarina, now 19, never thought to ask about Alycea's thoughts and feelings leading up to her adoption. Much of what is detailed in the book was new to Katarina, who is now studying social work at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Redefining their relationship
It was the onset of Katarina's 18th birthday that led Alycea to write the book. They would be redefining their relationship again. At age 18, Katarina would be able to connect with Alycea as an adult without having to go through Bryan and Angela.

Katarina has always known she was adopted. Angela recalled the moment when it sunk in for her eldest daughter. Angela and her mother-in-law were looking at photos of their family. Katarina saw pictures of a pregnant Alycea with their family, and then it clicked. Katarina was 4.

Bryan, Angela and Alycea chose an open adoption. Alycea attended a baby shower held in Angela and Katarina's honor as well as countless other family gatherings.

"She was always a good sport about everything," said Angela, who noted she made sure that Alycea knew she could hold Katarina if she wanted.

To this day, their families get together at least twice a year - usually on the Fourth of July and Christmas. On their Fourth of July excursions, Katarina

enjoys playing a marathon series of board games with Alycea's husband, Jerry, and a cousin at the home of Alycea's sister and brother-in-law. "I've gotten roped into it now," Avery said.

Avery and Katarina also snap Alycea every day through the app Snapchat. Katarina talks to her every few weeks as well. Alycea has taken Avery under her wing as Avery's adopted birth mom. Alycea said she loves seeing their faces show up on Snapchat.

Alycea wanted Katarina to have siblings. Not one to shy away from tough conversations, Alycea made sure Bryan and Angela knew her wishes about various aspects of Katarina's life.

After Katarina's birth, the Malones began more in-depth fertility treatments in an attempt to add another child to their family. The next step would have been in vitro fertilization, but Bryan recalled that was off the table. The couple then began researching adoption. They debated domestic adoption, but they learned they may have had to wait five years on a waiting list. Being added to a waiting list didn't guarantee that they would come home with another child.

The couple then began researching international adoption, choosing China over Colombia and Russia. The adoption process was more organized in China, and the couple wouldn't have to jump through as many hoops.

In due time, they brought Avery home to join the family. About three years ago, Avery and her family returned to China. They saw the orphanage where she had lived prior to uniting with her forever family. The couple reunited with a caregiver, still employed in that capacity, who had cared for Avery, now 15. Halfway through the visit, the Malones realized that the banners saying "welcome home" in Chinese were for Avery.

"Redefining Family: A Birthmother's Path to Wholeness" is available at major booksellers, and online at Amazon and aksnyderbooks.com.

Meetings will be on video

Search for superintendent begins

by David Hill
Editor

Thursday, March 19, the Board of Education for School District 564, Thief River Falls, got a glimpse of what, in the age of COVID-19, it might look like to hold a public meeting.

Chairs separated members who gathered at the Lincoln High School Training Center, and they worked with a consultant in the Twin Cities by online video. There was a purpose to the meeting other than testing out a new system of addressing issues of the District. In fact, it was to discuss hiring a new superintendent of schools.

Current superintendent Bradley Bergstrom has accepted a new position as Sauk Rapids - Rice superintendent of schools. The Thief River Falls School District has engaged the services of the Minnesota School Board Association to help find the next superintendent of Thief River Falls schools.

TRF garbage truck/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) truck leaks waste.

Prudhomme replied that the city was also considering declaring a state of emergency that evening. She said she assumed the city would review its policy of picking up garbage.

Holmer responded that the city may not take ownership of the garbage truck and packer body for six months. If the city waited, Holmer surmised it would be a year before the city received its garbage truck and packer body.

Prudhomme then suggested that the city should wait to order the equipment since there may be equipment shortages.

Borseth replied that the order may be delayed. "We may not even have it as early as we'd like it," said Borseth, who currently anticipates that the garbage truck and packer body may arrive in September or October.

Council member Jerald Brown, who sits on the

Public Works Committee, noted that sanitation rates, not property taxes, cover the costs of such equipment. "I think it's a pretty important piece of equipment," he said.

Prudhomme then asked whether there was any benefit to delaying the vote for a month in order for Borseth to determine how soon the city would be able to obtain the equipment. She indicated the city encountered a delay when purchasing a police vehicle. Prudhomme added that she had issues with spending money and not knowing when the equipment would arrive.

The city pays for the garbage truck and packer body when it arrives here, Borseth said.

The council unanimously voted to purchase the equipment. Council member Jason Aarestad was absent from the meeting.

City Council approved purchasing plastic garbage bags from

WasteZero for \$25,389.02. "Instead of a black garbage bag, it would be a green bag," said Borseth, who noted the flex bags will also feature drawstring tops. "TRF" and "Must be Tied" won't be emblazoned on the new garbage bags.

Borseth explained that Holmer had asked if the city could purchase garbage bags of a different color in order to eliminate the possibility of people trying to use city garbage services without paying for such services. Holmer has apparently placed his proverbial stamp of approval on the garbage bags even though he is colorblind.

The new garbage bags are expected to hold the same amount of garbage. However, they are flex garbage bags, so customers may be able to place more items in each bag.

Customers will be able to use their old black garbage bags until they no longer have those bags in their possession.

Detours determined/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) any problems they're encountering with city services. Appropriate city staff would then receive a message and respond to that person.

Council member Mike Lorensen, whose professional expertise includes similar work, noted that the current website is six years old. He said the current company isn't doing a good job in terms of security standards and administration.

The council held separate first readings for special ordinances adopting cable television franchises for Sjoberg's Inc. and Garden Valley Telephone Company.

As part of the 10-year agreements, the companies would be able to use city rights-of-way to offer their services in the city. If the ordinance were approved, they would pay an annual franchise fee of 3% of gross subscriber revenues for such use. They would also be required to restore the rights-of-way. The city would also have the first right to purchase either business' cable communication system if they chose to sell.

The council is expected to consider the proposed ordi-

nances at an upcoming council meeting.

City Council held a first reading of an ordinance to enact a new chapter of city code to administer and regulate the public rights-of-way.

The proposed ordinance would also allow the city to issue and regulate right-of-way permits. If approved, the city would assess fees for such things as excavation permits, obstruction permits and small wireless facility permits.

The council is expected to consider the proposed ordinance at an upcoming council meeting.

Public Works Director Mark Borseth read highlights of the 2019 City Forester's Report. He read the report on behalf of City Forester Brian Benitt, who had been asked not to attend the council meeting in order to minimize the number of people at the meeting amid COVID-19 concerns.

Borseth reported that Benitt had removed 36 trees with Dutch elm disease from city property in 2019. Homeowners or contractors, contracted through the city, removed an additional 45 infected trees from private property. Benitt removed an

additional 19 diseased trees of other varieties.

In 2019, Benitt planted 125 trees on boulevards and at parks and the Multi-Events Center. They included sugar maple, boulevard linden and northern pin oak trees.

In 2020, Benitt plans to plant 145 trees. Twenty-five of those trees will be planted at the MEC and 20 will be planted outside of the new Electric Department building. The remainder will be planted on boulevards.

Benitt's other responsibilities include most of the city sidewalk snow removal as well as spraying for mosquitoes. In 2019, Benitt and other staff sprayed for mosquitoes four times after mosquito counts necessitated spraying. They usually spray eight times annually. Borseth believed Benitt and other staff sprayed for mosquitoes less than four times in 2018.

The next council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Brian Holmer noted that meeting may be conducted remotely. If that were the case, the public will be notified.



The Board of Education for School District 564, Thief River Falls, got a taste of what it might be like in the near future because of the impact of coronavirus on our lives. The chairs and tables were spread apart, and a presenter appeared in a video conference call.



TRF Chapter of the MN Deer Hunters Association

Is postponing their Spring Banquet from April 6th to a date when we can safely get together.

The date for the seed distribution will be announced at a later date.

Stay Well.

Minnesota DFL Party cancels local conventions, moves to online ballots

On Monday, March 16, an emergency meeting of the Minnesota DFL Party Executive Committee made the decision to cancel all local conventions and proceed with the endorsement and resolutions process via an online balloting system. This decision was made to ensure all DFL Party events are in compliance with advice from public health officials to cease small group gatherings.

No decision has yet been made regarding the Minnesota DFL State Convention. The following changes were adopted by the DFL Party's Executive Committee:

All conventions
 • All conventions (SD's, OUs and other endorsing conventions) will be conducted through an online balloting system to complete the essential party business of: electing delegates, conferring endorsements, and passing resolutions.

• The online balloting system will be administered by the Minnesota DFL Party staff who will be responsible for reporting results back to the local unit.

• Local units will be responsible for collecting a roster of delegates and certifying the content of the ballot. The ballot, certified by a vote of the local unit executive committee, as well as the official delegate roster must be reported to the Minnesota DFL through a provided form no later than Friday, April 17 at 5

p.m. CST.
 • Units will have the option to send out a mail ballot to those delegates who request one. Those ballots will need to be reported via an online form to the Minnesota DFL within the allowable balloting time-frame.

• Electronic ballots will be emailed out by the Minnesota DFL directly to delegates who have not requested a mail ballot. Delegates will be provided a unique password to access their ballot.

• Balloting will occur over a 10-day period – Saturday, April 25 to Monday, May 4.

• Contested endorsements will be decided by rank choice vote.

• During the balloting period, local unit leadership (chairpeople and vice chairpeople) will receive a daily update of which delegates have completed their ballots. It will be incumbent on the local units to follow up with delegates to ensure ballots are completed within the allotted time frame.

• Local units may use reasonable means to reach out and help with getting ballots submitted. This can include helping facilitate voting via phone and text messages as long as the local unit is creating a receipt of the conversation for auditing purposes.

• Given that the party will conduct conventions via electronic and mail balloting, it won't need pre-convention committees for congressional district conventions.

• Candidates for congressional district/state convention delegate must be gender-balanced and will be decided by a plurality vote.

• The party will allow candidates for public office to send a two-minute video which will be embedded with each electronic ballot.

• All alternates elected at precinct caucuses will be automatically upgraded to full voting delegates to the local unit conventions.

Action by local unit
 • The roster of delegates and alternates from each local unit must include the following: Name, gender identity, address, phone number and email where ballot should be sent.

• Certified ballot must include the following (varies by type of unit):

Organizing Units that make endorsements for public office: List of candidates for public office seeking endorsement; nominees for delegates and alternates to CD/State Convention, which must include presidential preference (candidate name or uncommitted); and resolutions (limited to 100 words); **Organizing Units that do not make endorsements for public office:** Nominees for delegates and alternates to CD/State Convention, which must include presidential preference (candidate name or uncommitted), and resolutions (limited to 100 words); and **Units that only make endorsements for public office:** List of candidates for public office seeking endorsement.

Congressional districts
 Protocol changes have also been recommended for congressional district conventions.

State Convention
 At this point, the State Convention is still being planned as an in-person event, though the party may need to change those plans based on further guidance from federal, state and local officials, and public health agencies.

The in-person State Convention pre-convention meetings scheduled for May 2 and 3 will be postponed to Friday, May 29 in Rochester.

Rules and bylaws
 Given the unforeseen nature of this pandemic, the party recommends the following rules and protocol changes, which will allow party units to conduct important party business while also allowing the party to protect party members and the general public. The following rules are temporary and expire at the end of the state convention or June 1, whichever one comes first.

• Notification requirements for party meetings, conventions, endorsements, etc. shall require 72 hours notice via any means.

• All conventions, with the exception of the State Convention, will be conducted via electronic balloting or as requested by the delegate through mail, phone, or text.

• The business of all conventions will be limited only to essential items where applicable: election of delegates and alternates, election of state pre-convention standing committee members, conferring endorsements for those seeking public office, voting on resolutions, and election of presidential electors.

• All other business will be deferred automatically to the next regularly scheduled central committee meeting of that unit.

The Minnesota DFL will prohibit any official DFL sponsored event, at all levels in the party, where more than 10 people would gather in person from occurring from now through Thursday, May 28. This includes fundraisers, party meetings, social events, unit central committees, conventions, etc.

Meetings below 10 people should be moved to teleconference if possible. If they must be in-person, meetings should be conducted swiftly and limited to essential business only.

The Minnesota DFL's rules will be superseded by those of federal, state and local public health authorities should those be more stringent than those imposed by the Minnesota DFL.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
 The Annual Meeting for Marshall County Mutual Insurance Company scheduled for April 2nd, 2020 at the Newfolden Community Center, is being cancelled.

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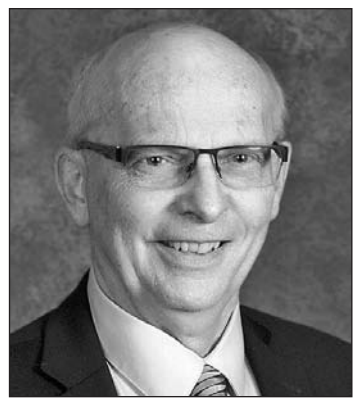
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Executive Director Jerry Nesland named Administrator of Excellence

Long-time educator Jerry Nesland has announced his retirement. Nesland was recently recognized for his service and dedication by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.



MASA named Nesland, executive director of the Freshwater Education District, a 2020 Administrator of Excellence. He received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. He was honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 12-13, 2020, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Nesland started his administrative career in 1974 as principal and then superintendent in Cyrus. He was superintendent for the New York Mills School District for 16 years before being named the administrator of the Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls in 2003. Other schools he has served as superintendent in include Halstad, Norman

County West, Mahanoma, and Menahga. Before his administrative career, Nesland taught school for four years in Pierz.

Nesland recently announced he is retiring from the Freshwater Education District effective June 30, 2020.

Nesland has been a member of MASA since 1977. His participation in MASA has included the Nominating and Member Services Committees. Nesland is also current member for the MASA Professional Assistance Team.

Nesland is a Thief River Falls, 1966 Lincoln High School graduate with college degrees from Thief River Falls Community College, Moorhead and St. Cloud State Colleges.

Polk County offices close due to COVID-19 concerns

Due to the continued health concerns raised by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, along with all other Polk County offices, closed to the public at 12 p.m. Friday, March 20. This included both the Crookston and Fosston sub-station offices.

Note that 911 emergency services will not change. The public should continue to call 911 for all emergencies with confidence that law enforcement, fire and emergency medical responders will respond. 911 operators may ask the public additional questions due to the recommended protocols implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All non-emergency calls should be directed to 218-281-0431. Be advised that the public may be asked to submit information by e-mail or text to the sheriff's office to assist with the processing of the call. Deputies responding in-person to non-emergency calls are following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, which recommend social distancing of six feet or more whenever the circumstances allow.

The Polk County Justice Center will have limited public access. District court will remain open for scheduled super high and high priority court hearings and emergency petitions. Call

court administration at 218-281-2332 with any questions.

All civil process, gun permits, data requests and administrative activity will be initiated by calling 218-281-0431 or emailing PCSORrecords@co.polk.mn.us. The response time may be delayed due to current events and the office's ability to retrieve information held by other agencies. The sheriff's office is committed to getting information back to the public as timely as possible while keeping employees and the community safe.

All community events involving our office are suspended until further notice.

TRF drinking water remains safe

The City of Thief River Falls understands this is a stressful time for the community and for the households it serves. Please know that the city is here and committed to taking all steps necessary to maintain safe, reliable water service.

• The public can continue normal use of tap water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends that Americans continue to use and drink tap water as usual.

• COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water supplies.

• Handwashing using tap water is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and other health organizations recom-

mend frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds each time. Up-to-date information from EPA on COVID-19 and water can be www.epa.gov/coronavirus.

• Remember that your toilet should not be used as a trash can. Do not treat other items like toilet paper. Do not flush paper towels, "flushable" wipes, napkins, tampons, cotton balls, dental floss or other substances. Flushing non-biodegradable items can result in backups and overflows.

The City of Thief River Falls is prepared to keep safe water flowing. It is well-prepared to continue providing water service throughout this pandemic. It has staff and infrastruc-

ture in place to maintain water service around the clock to help keep families healthy, clean and hydrated.

Given the importance of hygiene and sanitation to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the city is postponing water shutoffs until Wednesday, April 15 for those who are in arrears with their water bills.

City utilities billing and the Water Systems Department can be reached at:

• Thief River Falls Utilities Billing Office at 681-4145 or billing@citytrf.net

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Theology in the Trenches ... Much will be expected to whom much is given



by Kathleen Kjolhaug

Coming up against the culture isn't always easy. Some people liken it to swimming upstream or going against the tide. Most often, once in the water, it's just easier to go with the flow, so-to-speak. That is, unless the flow takes us too far out and we don't even realize the danger we're in. When the undertow comes and the waves are high, we find our feet are no longer on solid ground.

Heads up is about all we can manage and some days, if we are honest, all we can do is tread water.

When we do head on into the deep, it does not mean following any crowd just because they happen to be going in that direction. Going deep has a ring of intentionality and purpose to it.

Recently, I read about a saint who has gone before us. I like reading about our brothers and sisters in Christ who have fought the good fight and lived their lives authentically in Christ. They didn't have a platform to stand on, no audience to sell their books to, no latest Bible study did they write, no video series

did they create, and no column did they write. Not that those are bad things, they just didn't do that. They did not merely give voice to their faith walk ... they spent their lives living it.

This particular saint I read about was Elizabeth Prout. She lived in England the 1800s during the Industrial Revolution. Her faith walk was deep and encompassed every inch of her five foot tall frame.

She did something about making the world in which she lived, better. What did she do about the poverty she encountered in the slums? She didn't lead a march nor did she write the government to point out the problems. She did not run for office in order to change laws. She did something about it by moving in and living as one with the poor. She got others to do likewise and started a community that kept themselves alive through prayer, teaching, and working beside those who worked in mills. The conditions in which they lived were so terrible that other believers surrounding them were not only suspicious of them, but opposed to them.

What did she have to say about it? "Lord, no matter how hard my life is, I am happy because I know you love me. I want to share that happiness with my brothers and sisters. And to

reach them I must share their lives, work with them and teach them" (Elizabeth Prout).

Leviticus 25:35-36 says how we are to live, "Help the poor among you."

The closest likeminded saint to Elizabeth Prout that I ever met was a little lady named Marina. She lived the command well to love your neighbor as yourself. She lived in a house that was owned by another who simply allowed her and her family to live there. She swept the dirt on her patio made of dirt. She used a broom made from tree branches nearby. Marina cooked upon the ground mixing food within a large metal tub which also served as the family bath. She often gave up her portion of a meal for another. She slept upon a pile of clothing on a cot within the kitchen because she gave up her bed so that someone else may have a bed. It wasn't until later that I realized for whom she gave it up. She gave it up for me.

When a neighbor woman in need stopped in, Marina gave her something to drink. When the man up the road who lived in a tin lean-to had no food, Marina gave him hers.

What did she have to say about poverty?

"Much will be expected to whom much is given (Luke 12:48). I've been given much." Amen.

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1920 - One Hundred Years Ago

-The members of the Commercial Club have pledged themselves to raise \$2,000 to finance experiments in sugar beet cultivation.

-The City Council has set May 4 as the date for opening bids on downtown street paving.

-The local board of education has approved a schedule setting a salary scale of \$120 to \$140 a month for local grade school teachers.

1970 - Fifty Years Ago

-The members of the Lincoln High School Concert Choir and Orchestra will present "Camelot" April 3, 4, and 6 in the high school auditorium.

-Arctic Enterprises stock has been approved for listing on the American Stock Exchange.

-The annual Farmer-Merchant Mixer will be held Monday at the Legion Club.

1980 - Forty Years Ago

-Because of make-up

days necessary due to school closing for winter storms earlier this year, only Friday, April 4, will be a school vacation day for the Easter period.

-Kenneth Severinson, president of Arctic Enterprises, Inc., has announced the sale of the company's metal working facility in Brooklyn Center to the Federal Cartridge Corporation.

-Celebration of the Week of the Young Child is scheduled for April 6-12 with the theme "Children: The Energy of the Future."

1990 - Thirty Years Ago

-Wilbur and Gladys Hallstrom have been named Pennington County's Valley Farmer and Homemaker for 1990.

-Northland Community College will sponsor an Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) workshop April 5.

-A collection site for used tires is being considered for Thief River Falls.

2000 - Twenty Years Ago

-Red Lake County received a new automated

sandbagging machine for northwest Minnesota, which is capable of bagging 3,200 bags per hour.

-Department Commander Dennis Sculthorp of Post 117 presented certificates to Ormond Johnson, Alfred Hanson, and Roy Jorgenson for their 50-year memberships in the American Legion.

-The United Blood Services congratulated Caron Alten and the Women of Today for organizing a successful blood drive with 167 blood donors.

2010 - Ten Years Ago

-Goodridge Area Fire and Rescue has received a new firetruck at a cost of approximately \$217,000.

-Clark Dyrud, a native of Thief River Falls, has retired as a commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

-Digi-Key has announced a new aggressive hiring campaign; the company currently employs 2,090 people.

Small businesses in Minnesota to receive federal support during pandemic

Gov. Tim Walz announced March 21 that small businesses in Minnesota are now eligible to apply for disaster assistance through the Small Business Administration (SBA) for economic injury during the COVID-19 pandemic. This announcement comes after Walz sent a letter to the director of the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance requesting that Minnesota businesses be eligible for this assistance.

"Small businesses across Minnesota are putting the health of their neighbors before their bottom line," Walz said. "This assistance will help our state's businesses recover from the economic hardship caused by COVID-19."

"COVID-19 is placing significant economic strains and unforeseen hardships on our business community," said Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Steve Grove. "The governor's disaster declaration ensures that Minnesota's small businesses can access key financial assistance to help them recover from losses brought on by these hard times."

The SBA's Economic

Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing during the pandemic. Small businesses may apply for a loan at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

On Wednesday, March

18, the state also granted a 30-day Sales and Use Tax grace period for businesses identified in Executive Order 20-04. Identified businesses with a monthly Sales and Use Tax payment due March 20, will have until April 20 to make that payment. These customers should still file their return by March 20. For more information, visit revenue.state.mn.us

New travel restrictions in place

Congressman Collin Peterson announced new restrictions at the border between the United States and Canada, which went into effect by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Saturday, March 21, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The restrictions mean that travelers will no longer be permitted to cross the border for recreation or tourism, but that essential travel will continue. The bilateral deal to restrict travel across the U.S.-Canada border has a 30-day sunset clause.

"In my district, commerce doesn't stop at the border," said Peterson. "I will work with the Administration to ensure these restrictions are time-limited and implemented in good faith on both sides of the border as an added layer of protection in the efforts to lessen the impact of COVID-19."

Minnesota shares a 547-mile border with the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario. There are five border crossings in the Seventh District, including Baudette, Lancaster, Piney Creek-Piney, Roseau and Warroad.

Times for Toddlers ...

Play provides children with many skills

Through play children learn many things such as: how to get along with others, how to take turns, how the world around them works and how to solve problems. They also have the opportunity to expand their language, strengthen their muscles, build their self esteem, try out different roles and more!

As parents, it is our task to listen to children as they play and listen for cues that will tell us what they need. Sometimes children have trouble getting play started. Offer what you can and then bow out. Be sure to check in from time to time. Participate when invited (and when necessary), but make sure that the play belongs to the child.

A world of opportunity awaits every child. Pay extra attention not to give the impression that certain

jobs, toys or colors belong to girls or boys only. Stereotyping is no way to share fun.

Offer a variety of toys to stimulate social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Allow plenty of time for play. A flexible schedule that allows plenty of pretend play to expand without interruptions can be a precious gift in a busy, often highly scheduled, family life.

(Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Give children the opportunity to resolve problems themselves with words.

(Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

ACTIVITIES Musical Jars

The following is an activity that shows how to make different sounds using glass jars filled with water. You will need: five or six glass jars, a pitcher of water, a spoon or pencil.

Fill each glass jar with a different amount of water. Show your children what happens when you tap the glass with a spoon or pencil. Let them take turns tapping the jars to make different sounds. Can they tell you how the sounds are different? Compare the sounds of two jars. Which one has the higher sound? Which one has the lower sound? What happens if you pour out some of the water or add more water to a jar? They might be able to make up a song by playing a simple tune on the glass jars.

SCAVENGER HUNT

For next week's Activities feature, you will need lettuce, mayonnaise, a hard-

boiled egg, olives, miniature marshmallows or gum drops, and a stalk of celery.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What kind of music do ghosts like best?

A: Rhythm and boos.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

There are thousands of books written for young children every year and many are available for you to borrow from a public library or can be purchased from a bookstore or online. Here are a couple of classic children's books that your family might enjoy:

Porter, Sue. Moose Music. No one appreciates the noise Moose makes when he plays his fiddle until a lady moose hears him.

Cox, Judy. My Family Plays Music. This is a loving tale in which a musical

family with talents for playing a variety of instruments and musical styles enjoys getting together to celebrate.

VIDEO VARIETY

In addition to the books that are available for your family, there are also many movies and documentaries that may make you laugh and inspire you, as well. Here is one classic choice:

Baby animals. Favorite sing-a-longs: Little kids, baby animals and lively sing-a-long tunes are a perfect mix for an exciting day at the zoo. Lots of giggles and fun are in store as children visit toddling tigers, fuzzy orangutans, furry gorillas and other little newborns. Lots of giggles and fun are in store as children visit the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park and the San Diego Zoo, and sing songs along the way!

WONDERS OF THE

WEB

The Internet has long been available to supplement your parenting knowledge and skills. This is one web location that your family might enjoy: Find out how music can benefit your child! <http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2010-music-and-children-rhythm-meets-child-development>

Remember that you can also visit the website of your local public library to find out more about local library services. Libraries in much of northwest Minnesota are listed on the Northwest Regional Library website: <http://www.nwrlib.org/>.

(With assistance from the Thief River Falls Public Library.)

On the Other Hand ...

Just like family



by Tia Petrescue

On the Other Hand is written by students attending Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

I'm in a unique situation as I have dual citizenship. I am an American citizen and a Canadian citizen. While my real grandparents live in Canada, I only get to see them a few times a year at Christmas, Easter, and sometimes in the summer. It gets hard not being able to see them all the time. Most people here have grandparents living here, so they can see them whenever they want, but mine live almost eight hours away in Canada.

This school year, I have been interning at Styles by Amy. Every Friday, Amy's mom, Marcky Van De Streek, or as I call her, Grandma Marcky, comes in and helps. I have gotten really close with her. We go shopping, eat together, I get her coffee or really whatever she wants at the time, and I go see her at her apartment at Skylite Apartments. I've helped her do laundry, clean up, and move things she is unable to. I have truly adopted her as my third grandma.

She is the most selfless, kind, loving, goofy, genuine person I've ever met. That is why I love her so much. If she needs anything, I do it. If she wants anything, I get it. She means the world to me. I think of her as family and nothing else.

Marcky has gone through three types of cancer and has beaten them all. She recently was diagnosed with skin cancer and is having surgery to remove it very soon. I know she will beat it; she always does. She is the strongest person I know and has beaten the odds of each cancer and has survived. No matter what gets in her way, she fights through.

I can't even express how much she means to me. She has taught me to love everyone no matter who they are, work hard at everything you do, stay strong, no matter what is thrown at you, be kind, and always laugh. She always is making jokes at the beauty shop and makes everyone laugh. She chit chats with everyone, no matter if she knows them or not. That's just the type of person she is. She radiates so much kind and loving energy, no matter where she is. That's one of the things I love most about her.

Shopping with Marcky is the most fun, though. She has to look at everything in the store; it's so funny. We think we'll be in the store for 15 minutes, but, realistically, we will spend like an hour in the store, and then we spend more than we wanted to. It doesn't bother me because it makes her happy and that's all I want. If I could, I would go shopping every day with her. I love spending time with her.

Marcky is the best third grandma ever, and I couldn't have picked anyone better than her to treat me like her own granddaughter. She is so sweet to me and loves me for who I am, and that is why I love her so much.



Fog put its frosty touch on everything in much of northwestern Minnesota Monday morning. According to the National Weather Service in Grand Forks, N.D., there would be a slight chance of snow and freezing rain Tuesday;

Wednesday would be mostly cloudy, and Thursday mostly sunny. High temperatures during this time are expected to be in the upper 30s to low 40s. In the background is the Thief River.

Positive Thoughts ...

A little humor at this time of year



by Dan Bartsch

This week's column is my annual Lenten church humor column. Because as you figured, there are two things that I won't give up for Lent - peanut butter and humor.

I always love this church joke: There was a little girl who went to Sunday school and learned that when a baby cries when he or she gets baptized that means

that the devil is leaving them. So, the little girl went to her grandma and asked her if she remembered her baptism and if she cried during it. Naturally, the grandma said, "Of course not, sweetie. You were a little angel." So, the Grandma couldn't understand why the little girl was pouring Kool-Aid over herself and was yelling, "I cast thee out devil. Bug my brother instead."

Some Christmases back, my mom gave me a book entitled "They Had Stores...We Had Chores" by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson. It's a funny

comparison of the state of Minnesota as it is divided into two sections: metro or city (Minneapolis and St. Paul), and rural or country (the rest of the state.) Needless to say, there are a lot of differences between the city and the country in Minnesota. But for this column, I want to share one chapter with you entitled: "Services, Suppers, and Solos," which is all about the church.

You see, there are things that are different from city and country churches. For example, "their sermons were given by the minister," ours were given by the pas-

tor. They used the Revised Standard Version Bible. We used the King James version. They sold their stuff at rummage sales. We gave our stuff away at clothing drives. They were engaged. We were promised. They kissed at the altar. We just smiled. And finally, they tied cans and shoes on the back of the newlyweds' car. We put Limburger cheese (or a dead fish) on the manifold.

Well, I will see you all on Sunday as I will be telling folks to be quiet in church. That's right, I'm a husher - usher. Have a super day and God bless.

Speaking of ...

I think cat lovers will really understand this

by Sherry LaCoursiere Pippin



I really love cats. When I was little I wanted a kitten so bad, but we lived with my grandparents and an uncle, and they would have none of that. However, I wanted a kitty so bad that once I got one from a classmate. I brought it home and snuck it up to my room, and thought I could keep it there forever. (Never mind the food and the water and the other stuff that happens with a real, live pet. I didn't think of that!)

Well, the real, live pet did what all pets do (the thing I didn't think about), and it did what all pets do all over the bedspread, and when my mom and my grandparents found out, back went the kitty - to its mama cat - never mind all the tears I had in me. No kitty at Grandma's house.

I loved all animals and other things that I could

baby. One year, I collected grasshoppers. Yes, truly I did. I kept them in a coffee can and hid them in the closet and loved them. Never mind the horrible smell that began to emanate from the closet. Never mind the deaths of so many of the little buggers. Never mind that I fed them plenty of water (some drowned in the water) and green food. They made plenty of green stuff of their own and then they died.

Of course, my mother found out. Who wouldn't know there was something amiss when the closet smelled like a dead animal? But, I loved the grasshoppers. I truly did!

Sometimes I get a little crazy and think how nice it would be to have a kitty. Yes, it would be great to have a companion for the dog, a self-sufficient little bundle of fur that would cuddle with me while I rested on the couch, catch any errant flies and spiders in the house, sit in the window sills and watch birds and be much less demanding than the puppy. Then I think about being a cat owner

again and come to my senses, especially after reading the following story. It's called "Feline House Management 101." You cat owners (present and past) will understand every word of it:

- Doors**
 - Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get door open, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws.
 - Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it.
 - After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and out and think about several things. This is particularly important during cold weather, rain, snow or mosquito season.
 - Swinging doors are to be avoided at all costs.
- Throwing up**
 - If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly.
 - If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good.
 - When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so that it is as long as the human's bare foot.
- Bathrooms**
 - Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything - just sit and stare.
- Helping humans**
 - When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on and then picked up and comforted.
 - For book-reading humans, get in close and rub under the chin, between eyes and book waving your tail in the air - unless you can lie across the book itself.
 - For humans paying bills or working on other paperwork, first sit on the paper being worked on.
 - When removed, watch sadly from the side of the table.
 - When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers, scattering them to the best of your ability.
 - After being removed a second time, push pens, pencils, erasers and other things off the table, one at a time.
 - When a human is holding newspaper in front of him or her, be sure to

jump on the back of the paper.

- Walking**
 - As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human, especially on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.
- Cat games**
 - Get enough sleep in the daytime, so you are fresh for your nocturnal games.
 - If you should have an accident during play, such as falling off a chair, immediately wash a part of your body as if to say, "I meant to do that!"
 - Humans would have you believe that those lumps under the covers are feet and hands. They are lying - they are actually bed mice. Rumor has it that only the most ferocious attack can stun the bed mice long enough for you to dive under the covers to get them.
 - Any small item is a potential toy. If a human tries to confiscate it, this

means that it is a Good Toy. Run under the bed with it. Look suitably outraged when the human grabs you and takes it away. Always watch where it is placed so you can steal it later.

- Humans**
 - Humans have three primary functions - to feed us, to play with and give attention to us, and to clean the litter box.
 - It is important to maintain one's dignity when around humans so that they will not forget who is master of the ouse.
 - Humans need to know basic rules. They can be taught if you start early and are consistent. You will then have a smooth-running household.

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Deborah J. Reiersen, 65

Grand Forks, ND - Deborah "Deb" Reiersen, 65, of Grand Forks, ND passed away with her loving family by her side on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at her home in Grand Forks. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Forks, ND.

The burial will be held in the spring at Calvary South Cemetery, Grand Forks, ND.

Deborah Jean Fanfuk was born December 11, 1954 in Grand Forks, ND the daughter of George and Lillian (Berard) Fanfuk. She was raised in St. Hilaire and in 1973, graduated from Thief River Falls High School in Thief River Falls. Deb also graduated from Northland Technical College in Thief River Falls.

Deb married Doug Reiersen on August 3, 1985 in St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls. Doug and Deb moved to Grand Forks and Deb graduated from the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. She went on to become a Certified Public Accountant. Deb was employed as the Finance Director of the United Way in Grand Forks and was the accountant for the family business,

Building Systems Corporation.

Deb was devoted to her Catholic faith and was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks. Following the flood of 1997, she volunteered much time and effort in rebuilding the playground of Holy Family-St. Mary's Catholic School. She loved reading with her grandson, Mason. She enjoyed playing cards, going to craft shows and family vacations. Her family always came first.

Deb is survived by her husband, Doug; her mother, Lillian Fanfuk, Thief River Falls; her daughters, Kayla (Taylor) Parisien and Amanda (Mitch Nerby) Reiersen, both of Grand Forks; brothers, Mike (Paula) Fanfuk of St. Hilaire and Kevin (Sherri) Fanfuk of Columbus, OH; sister, Valerie Thompson of Grand Forks, ND; and her grandson, Mason Schurman.

Deb was preceded in death by her father, George; a brother, Donald "Butch" Fanfuk; a sister, Margaret Ann Bergh; and a brother-in-law, Scott Swygman.

We would like to thank Altru Hospice for their loving care, compassion and support throughout this difficult time.

An online memorial registry may be signed at www.normanfuneral.com

Arrangements with the Historic Norman Funeral Home, Grand Forks, ND

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Betty J. Jorde, 90

Thief River Falls - Betty Jorde, 90, of Thief River Falls passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2020 at her residence.

A private family service will be held.

Betty Jane Christensen was born on July 5, 1929 in Larson, ND the daughter of Edwin and

Harriet (Reller) Christensen. She was baptized into the Lutheran faith and when Betty was very young, her family relocated to Thief River Falls, where she was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. She attended school in Thief River Falls, graduating from Lincoln High School with the class of 1947. Following high school, Betty worked for the telephone company in Thief River Falls.

On September 14, 1951, Betty was united in marriage to Chester Jorde at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. To this union a son, Gary was born in 1952. In 1955 the family moved to Chicago, IL where a second son, Bruce, was born in 1960.

Betty worked for Standard Oil/Amoco for many years, retiring in 1990. Following her retirement, Betty and Chester relocated back to Thief River

Falls, where they continued to reside.

Betty was very strong in the Lutheran faith and was an active member of Abundant Life Lutheran Church. She enjoyed spending time at their cabin at Lake of the Woods, fishing, ice fishing, playing cards, oil painting, traveling, enjoyed visiting with family and friends and loved time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty had a great sense of humor and loved a good story. Everyone benefitted from her cooking and baking; the coffee pot was always on.

Survivors include Betty's two children, Gary (Joan) Jorde of Grand Forks, ND and Bruce Jorde of Thief River Falls; two grandchildren, Joshua (Heather) Jorde of Mahtomedi, and Suzanne (Cory) Friend of Bristol, WI; great-grandchildren: Evan and Mia Jorde, Grayson, Corbin and Ellie Friend; siblings: Donna (Lysle) Martinson, Bob (Joyce) Christensen, Dean (Joan) Christensen and Jerry (Anne) Christensen; sister-in-law, Marilyn Christensen, and many other relatives and friends.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Chester in 2002; and brother, Dale Christensen.

Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

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Raymond Baughman, 79

Pelican Rapids - Raymond Baughman, 79, of Pelican Rapids, formerly of Thief River Falls, died Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Riverfront on Main in Pelican Rapids.

The memorial service has been postponed to a later date.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.larsonfuneralpelicanrapids.com

Arrangments with Larson Funeral Home, Pelican Rapids.

NW Foundation creates disaster recovery fund

On Friday morning, the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Board of Directors took action to create the Northwest Minnesota Emergency Disaster Recovery Fund. This fund has been set up to support charitable, educational and public purpose activities, projects, and support, to include grants and loans, to nonprofit, public organizations, and businesses meeting the needs of people and communities in the twelve county and two tribal nation region, and to ensure we have the resources to target the region's long-term recovery efforts after a disaster.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation has seeded this fund with \$100,000.

More information about the fund will be released soon. Please check back to its COVID-19 Updates and Resources page to see the latest information.

The foundation is reaching out to its donors, partners and friends to help it put this fund to work right away. It is asking them to help match their investment into the fund, so the foundation can make an even greater impact.

Gifts to the Northwest Minnesota Emergency Disaster Recovery Fund will be used to go directly back into the communities in the region and help the region have the resources it needs during these challenging times ahead.

George E. Overbye, 84

Lino Lakes - George Eldon Overbye, 84, of Lino Lakes, formerly of Thief River Falls, passed away on March 15, 2020.

Preceded by parents, Harvey and Hazel; stepmother, Esther; beloved wife, Carol; brothers, Arlen and Palmer; sister, Toody; and nephew, Scott.

Survived by wife, Pamela; and siblings, Alvin, Art, Harold, Karen, Mark and Jody.

George was the longtime owner/operator of George's Texaco in Circle Pines.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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Diane M. Wilson, 81

Thief River Falls - Diane Wilson, 81, of Thief River Falls passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Sanford Medical Center,

Fargo, ND, with her loving family by her side. Service to be announced at a later time.

Diane Marie Wilson was born on September 27, 1938 in Anoka, the daughter of Mildred L. (Dennis) Dropps and her step-father, Aden L. Dropps. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Diane attended Anoka High School in Anoka.

Diane was a nurse's aide and laundry keeper throughout her life. Her places of employment included the Anoka State Hospital, Leisure Hills Nursing Home in Grand Rapids, and the Camelia Rose Nursing Home in Coon Rapids. After retirement in 2005, she moved to Thief River Falls to be closer to her grandsons and family. She continued to help her neighbors whenever she could.

Diane's favorite pastime was reading. She also enjoyed going to the casino with her best friend, Dee, going to the camper with Mike and Maria, and spending time with her family.

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Donna J. Kukowski, 72

Thief River Falls - Donna Kukowski, 72, of Thief River Falls passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls.

Private family services will be held. Donna Jean Helgeland was born July 29, 1947 along with her twin sister, Dianne, the daughter of Arnold Peder and Sophie Marie (Torkelson) Helgeland. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli Lutheran Church south of Thief River Falls. She attended Washington Elementary and Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

In November 1965, Donna was united in marriage to Gary Boman and they made their home in St. Hilaire. To this union three children were born: Sheri, Tracy and Kyle.

Donna worked at Arctic Cat until 1982 and then went to work as a Certified Nurse Assistant at Oakland Park Nursing Home for the next 30 years. After retirement, Donna worked part-

time at Valley Home until February 2016.

On April 5, 1991, Donna was united in marriage to Daniel Kukowski in Sisseton, SD. Donna and Daniel made their home in Viking. Together they enjoyed living on the farm, tending to their vegetable garden, ice fishing, traveling, and spending time with family.

Donna was a hardworking, kind-hearted and loving woman. She forged many strong relationships with her co-workers, residents, friends and family.

Survivors include Donna's daughters, Tracy Boman and Kyle Boman both of Thief River Falls; grandchildren: Ricky, Laine, Braydon and Bryce; great-grandson, Sam; twin sister, Dianne Gilbertson; brother-in-law, Vincent Hesse; all of Daniel's family; and many other relatives and friends.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Daniel; parents; daughter, Sheri and sister, Gloria Hesse.

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Spring NELL programs cancelled

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning, based in Bagley, has made the difficult decision to cancel the spring season of NELL programming it offers in north-west Minnesota. The season was cancelled due to

concerns about COVID-19.

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Executive order postpones all elective surgeries

Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order Thursday, March 19, ordering health care providers to prioritize COVID-19 care by postponing elective surgeries, including elective dental procedures.

This order complies with guidance issued on March 17, 2020, from the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as similar guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued on March 18, 2020, to delay elective surgeries

and procedures, both to conserve health care resources and to reduce contact between patients and providers.

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Roy A. Jorgenson, 99

Fergus Falls - Roy Jorgenson, 99, of Fergus Falls, formerly Thief River Falls, 99, passed away peacefully on Tuesday

March 17, 2020 at Minnesota Veterans Home, Fergus Falls.

The service to celebrate Roy's wonderful life will be held at a later date.

Roy Albert Jorgenson was born August 22, 1920 in Foldahl Township, Marshall County, near Warren, the son of Harry and Mary (Metheny) Johnson. He attended a single room school in Marshall County, and graduated Newfolden High School, Newfolden, in 1939. He attended "Normal School" in Warren and graduated as School Teacher. He taught in one room rural schools in 1941 and 1942.

Roy served his country during World War II from January 29, 1943 - September 25, 1945. He flew 26 missions over France, Belgium and Germany as Ball Turret Gunner in B24's. A vivid memory of Roy's was flying over the English Channel covered with ships on D-Day for as far as he could see. He was an 8th Air Force Veteran and received a Purple Heart.

On November 22, 1969, Roy was united in marriage to Catherine Jensen at St. Bernard's Church, Thief River Falls. He worked as a salesman and bookkeeper for Northern Motors from 1948-1965, then was Director of Inter County Community Council in Oklee from 1966-1984.

In 1984, Roy retired and spent enjoyable times at his "piece of the rock" lake home at Arnesen's Lake of the Woods. He was a Foster Parent, loved fishing, hunting, picking berries, dancing, gardening, canning pickles, making wine, cooking, reading, collecting coins, buying/selling at Flea Markets and Auctions, poli-

tics, mentoring grandkids, speaking to school children, and playing poker with the brothers-in-law. He authored two books: "The Lean Years" and "The War Years".

Roy was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, member of the Eagles, Elk, lifetime member of the VFW, and American Legion, (including Post Commander of VFW and Legion) all Thief River Falls and also served as a Thief River Falls City Councilman.

Roy spent the last 13 years of his life as a resident of the wonderful Fergus Falls Veterans Home where he was honored, loved and cherished by the staff and family.

Survivors include Roy's four children: Cheri Jensen, Judy (Ron) Lindberg, Mary (Dean) Otto and Wendy Jensen; ten grandchildren: Pauline Norgard, Jennifer Hanestad, Kristi Howard, Zak Otto, Nick Otto, Kelly Ryan, Cory Ryan, Scott Graef, Jeff Graef and Stacy Graef; 22 great grandchildren: Mikaela, Anna, Emma and Luke Norgard, Christian, Annika, Noah, Elizabeth and Silas Hanestad, Cameron and Greta Howard, Lydia, Helena and Juliet Otto, Braden, Emma Jo and Charles Otto, Ethan Graef, Chloe Graef, Avery, Parker and Jude Ryan; and four brothers: Albert, Milton, Lyle and Morris Jorgenson.

Roy is preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; five brothers, Kenneth, Gaylord, Ralph, Wesley, and Einer; and daughter Kathy (Don) Graef.

Military honors will be provided by the Ecklund-Holmstrom American Legion Post 117, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2793 and United States Air Force Honor Guard.

Memorials may be sent to Minnesota Veterans Home, 1821 N. Park St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

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Kyle J. Rokke, 40

Crystal - Kyle Rokke, 40, of Crystal, formerly of Thief River Falls, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at his residence with his loving

parents, Howard and JoAnne Rokke, fiancée Lauren Virta and her mother Karen Virta by his side.

A service to celebrate Kyle's life and visitation will be announced when we are allowed to gather.

Kyle Justin Rokke was born February 7, 1980 in Thief River Falls, the son of Howard Michael and JoAnne Rachel (Riveness) Rokke. He attended Washington Elementary, Franklin Middle School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1998.

While attending High School he was involved in drama, band, choir, and lead roles in several musicals. Kyle wrote poems, songs, and music. He also enjoyed recording his singing with his beautiful voice and guitar playing. After high school he attended

Northland College in Thief River Falls and Concordia College in Moorhead.

Kyle was employed in the Minneapolis area in the travel industry and later worked many years as a debt recovery specialist.

Kyle was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and it brought him much joy when they won the Super Bowl this year.

Kyle is survived by his parents, brother Kris and his wife Cherie; niece, Anika and fiancée, Lauren Virta; aunts and uncles: Harriet Roberts of Coon Rapids, Bethany Riveness of Minneapolis, Paul and Myrle Riveness of Blaine, Clara Ost of McAllen, TX, Jennie Standfield and David of Punta Gorda, FL, Sharon and Jerry Speilberg of Cape Coral, FL, Phil Riveness of Minneapolis; and many cousins. Also survived by his loving dog Costello, and his cat KC.

Kyle is preceded in death by his grandparents, Milford and Irene Rokke, Pastor J.A. and Ruth Riveness and Uncle David Riveness.

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Pennington Co. buildings closed to public starting Friday

All Pennington County buildings and facilities closed to the public effective at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 20 until 8 a.m. Monday, March 30, or until further notice. The Justice Center will remain open for scheduled super high and high priority court hearings during that time. However, individuals entering the Justice Center for such purposes will need to provide the name of the case or the case number. In taking these measures, Pennington County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Gov. Tim Walz; and the Minnesota health commissioner. This action will also help protect staff and the general public from being exposed to

potentially sick individuals and spreading the virus to friends and families. While the buildings will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both phone and email. Many services can also be done online if necessary, and citizens are encouraged to explore those options. A listing of department contacts can be found on the county website at co.pennington.mn.us or by calling the Emergency Management Department at 683-7087. **Court hearings** According to an order signed by Judge Tamara Yon on Friday morning, "efforts will be made to accommodate remote appearances for every scheduled court hearing.

Those persons necessary to conduct a litigant's super high or high priority hearing, and other persons with prior approval of the court, may enter the Pennington County Justice Center. "The Pennington County Justice Center will remain open to the public. The front door located on the east side of the Pennington County Justice Center shall be used, and persons must identify the purpose of their

visit to the Pennington County Justice Center, such as providing the name of the case or case number. "For persons who have business with the court other than super high or high priority hearings, eFiling, U.S. Mail, and telephone access will be available. Efforts will be made to accommodate remote appearances for every scheduled hearing."

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Area Sports

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On to the next chapter



Meleah Biermaier (5) was a little over a week away from the start of her final outdoor track and field season at the University of Minnesota, when the NCAA announced the cancellation of remaining winter and spring sport championships. Biermaier was one of several area athletes affected by the shutdown. (Submitted)

Meleah Biermaier hangs up her spikes after Big Ten, NCAA cancel spring sports

by Scott DCamp
Sports Editor

This is the first story in a series on area athletes who lost all or a portion of their athletic season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The collegiate running career of Thief River Falls' most decorated track and field athlete came to an end March 12 when the Big Ten Conference announced the cancellation of spring sports.

Nine-time state medalist and three-time state champion Meleah Biermaier was just days away from the start of her final outdoor track and field season when the conference announced its decision.

Biermaier was working at her internship in the University of Minnesota Athletic Department office when she overheard one of the office's other employees say that the Big Ten just cancelled the season.

"It was hard to see them come in from all of their meetings, knowing that my season was done," Biermaier said. "You want to put a

smile on your face and be happy in that situation. I was fighting back tears really hard. One of the ladies came in and asked, 'How are you doing?' I'm surprised that I didn't burst into tears."

Biermaier left the office early that day.

"I just couldn't be there anymore and answer phone calls pleasantly," she said. "I wasn't in the right mental state to do my job."

Biermaier won a state championship in the 300 hurdles as an eighth grader and

"I'm surprised that I didn't burst into tears."

finished second in the 300 hurdles in both her freshman and sophomore seasons in high school, before claiming back-to-back state championships during her junior and senior seasons.

She was also successful in the 100 hurdles, placing 10th as an eighth grader, 13th as a freshman, sixth as a sophomore, 10th as a junior and second as a senior. She is also the all-time MSHSL record-holder in the 300-meter hurdles.

Biermaier competed unattached in both the indoor and outdoor seasons as a redshirt in 2016-17.

During the 2018 indoor season, she ran 11 races at six meets, with appearances in the 200, 400, 600 and 4x400 meter relay, including a season-best 1:35.51 to win the 600 meters at the Parents Day Invite.

In the 2018 outdoor season, Biermaier ran 11 races with seven appearances in the 400 meter hurdles and four in the 4x400 meter relay. She recorded a career-best time of 1:01.40 in the 400 meter hurdles to place 19th at the Beach Invite.

As a redshirt sophomore, Biermaier ran just five races during the 2019 indoor season and her entire 2019 outdoor season was lost to injury.

Athletically, Biermaier is a redshirt junior, but academically she is a senior with plans to move on to grad school after earning her bachelor's degree in sports management with a minor in health and wellness.

Biermaier had been counting down the weeks until the start of the outdoor season - her final season - and news of the cancellation made her instantly numb.

"I was at practice two and a half hours before that," Biermaier said. "We were joking about what we would do if the season was cancelled. It was crazy that that was the last practice that we would have together. Probably the last time we will all be in the same place at the same time."

"It makes it a little easier knowing everyone is in the same boat, but it doesn't make it any easier knowing that my season is over and that I'll never be able to set foot on a track to compete ever again."

Biermaier was recruited [Continued on page 12]

DNR asks farmers to be on the alert for bear dens

Minnesota Department of Natural Resource officials are asking area producers who might be harvesting corn to be on the alert for bear dens in their corn fields.

Doug Franke, Minnesota Department of Natural Resource area wildlife supervisor in Thief River Falls, said five to six orphaned bear cubs have been sent to a rehabilitator in Garrison recently. With all the standing corn left and harvesting taking place, the fear is that more cubs will become orphaned.

A recent story in the Grand Forks Herald told about the plight of three such cubs from a field in northwestern Minnesota.

Franke said researchers explained that given the large amount of standing corn in the state because of the wet fall, more bears have been established dens in corn fields this year. Standing corn is actually a pretty good spot to den up; it makes

good screening cover, is dense, is a good spot to hide, and bears can remain undisturbed ... until harvest.

Bears typically leave dens by around April 15, and by that time the cubs are old enough to climb trees to escape danger. Therefore, farmers are being asked to wait as long as possible to harvest.

Farmers are also being asked to leave the area if a bear is disturbed from its den, and let the bear return to its den. Do not return to check on the bear. Returning can disturb it an additional time. Farmers are asked to not pick up cubs if the mother is disturbed from its den. In all likelihood, she will return to them and move them (like a cat moves its kittens). The DNR also notes that intentionally disturbing a bear in a den is illegal.

For more information, Franke can be reached at 218-219-8587.



A unique phenomenon is occurring — farmers are discovering bears denning in their corn fields. Unfortunately, it means some bears are getting disrupted/injured when farmers are harvesting. (Submitted)

Area athletes impacted by sports shutdown

Several college athletes from Thief River Falls saw their seasons come to an abrupt end earlier this month with the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA all announcing the cancellation of winter sports championships, and the remaining spring sports schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the area athletes who lost their opportunity to compete that The Times is aware of include:

- Seniors - Meleah Biermaier, track and field, University of Minnesota; Shawna Spears, tennis, University of Northwestern; Kade Nelson, baseball, Be-

midji State University;

- Juniors - Kora Torkelson, hockey, University of Wisconsin-River Falls;

- Sophomores - Brendan Bushy, hockey, St. Cloud State;

- Freshmen - Breanna Wienn, tennis, University of Wisconsin-Superior; Cole Gillespie, tennis, Concordia College; Adam Berg, baseball, Northland Community & Technical College; Keaden Kempert, baseball, Northland Community & Technical College; Hunter Tabatt, baseball, Northland Community & Technical College.

Spears loses final season of college tennis as a result of pandemic



Shawna Spears is on track to graduate in her third year of college, making this year her final year of playing college tennis for the University of Northwestern in Roseville. Spears had moved up to the team's top singles and top doubles spots this year after playing number three singles and two doubles during her freshman and sophomore seasons. Northwestern's conference, the UMAC, cancelled its spring sports season on March 16, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Submitted)

by Scott DCamp
Sports Editor

This is the second story in a series on area athletes who lost all or a portion of their athletic season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thief River Falls native Shawna Spears was eight competitions into her final season of collegiate tennis at the University of Northwestern when the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference announced that it was cancelling the spring sports season.

The conference announced its decision March 16 - a few days after the Eagles returned from their spring tennis trip to Florida.

Spears, who is in her third year as a member of the Northwestern tennis team, had become one of the team's leaders this season.

"I was stepping up into one singles and doubles, and playing some really good girls," Spears said. "I was finding my way of battling and keeping up with them

fairly well. With doubles, it was going very well. Me and my partner were finding our rhythm and competing pretty well. It was looking to be a really fun season."

College tennis dual meets include six singles matches and three doubles matches, and all six singles players also play doubles in the same dual.

During her first two years, Spears played the number three singles spot and num-

"Once it became real, it was hard to swallow. It was the end of something so big in my life."

ber two doubles. This year, with a much younger squad than her first two years, Spears moved up to the top spot in both singles and doubles.

"That was the really fun thing, we were going to be such a young team," Spears said. "We were nervous coming into the season being that we were so inexperienced and young. Our last match of the season, we pulled out a 5-

4 win against St. Ambrose, which was the team that beat St. Scholastica, our biggest competition in the conference."

Four days after the win over St. Ambrose, the UMAC announced its decision to cancel the spring athletic season.

"It was really heart breaking," Spears said. "Already being done a year early because of PSEO credits, having my last season cut half way short with this was really frustrating and saddening."

Spears and her teammates discussed the real possibility of their season being shortened during the Florida trip.

"Once it became real, it was hard to swallow," Spears said. "It was the end of something so big in my life. One word that we had used was that it was a level of grief that we experienced. Losing something that has been such a big part of my life since I was little and not

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2019-20 Thief River Falls

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Pictured from left to right are players, managers and coaches of the Thief River Falls varsity and junior varsity girls hockey teams: front row - Assistant Coach Bob Huot, Breanna Lee, Carli Prickett, Shelby Breiland, Khloe Lund, Lexi Huot, Katie Nelson, Bella Amiot, Assistant Coach Corey Poole; middle row - Bell Hamre, Bella Berzinski, Kora Sorter, Jayden Breiland, Tia Petrescue, Daniella Niebuhr, Bela

Nelson, Mady Anderson, Rachel Georgeson, Grace Gillespie, Kassidy Fremling, Julia Rude, Gabriella Steele; back row - Mandi Coltom, Ava Sturgeon, Camille Berra, Ava Budish, Head Coach Brett Johnson, Jenae Johnson, Kia McGlynn, Jaymin Klosterman, Haylie Rogalla. (Photo by Thoele Photography)

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[Continued from page 10] with the outdoor season and the 400 meter hurdles race in mind.

"I was excited to compete in the 400 hurdles one last season," she said. "They don't have that race in the indoor season."

The University of Minnesota track & field teams were at the end of the indoor season and about a week from the start of the outdoor season when the Big Ten and NCAA announced the cancellations.

Several of Biermaier's teammates were in Albuquerque, N.M., preparing for the indoor national championship meet that was less than a day away, when the announcement came.

"They were devastated - I felt for them," Biermaier said. "They were already there, at the track doing the pre-meet, getting ready to compete. Why couldn't they let them compete, they were already there?"

For the athletes who didn't qualify for the indoor national meet, the first outdoor meet - a trip to Orlando, Fla., for the UCF Invitational held March 20-

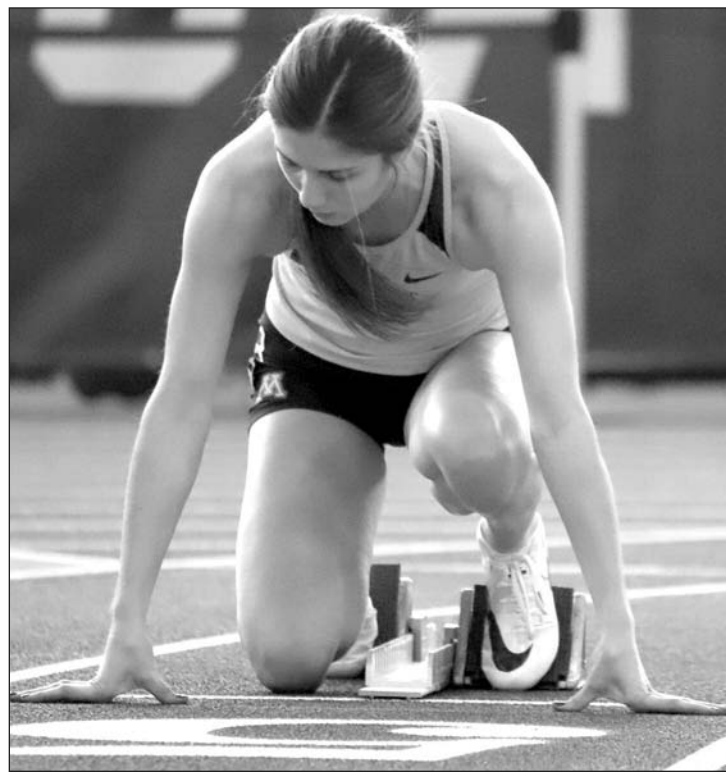
21 - was a little over a week away.

"This weekend would have been the weekend we went to Florida," Biermaier said in an interview Thursday. "We probably would have been on a plane today to get ready for that meet."

The NCAA is currently working through the process of granting an additional year of eligibility for athletes who compete in spring sports. Biermaier already had one year of eligibility remaining, and she could gain another if athletes competing in spring 2020 are granted another year.

Despite the prospects of continuing her running career in grad school, Biermaier said she is done competing. She is considering a few grad schools to study sports administration and she hopes to work as a graduate assistant at her next stop.

"I've been running since I was 6 and competitively since fifth grade," Biermaier said. "It's been a long and enjoyable journey, and track has given me a lot of opportunities, but I think it's time to hang it up. Obviously, I



Biermaier takes her position in the starting blocks before a race. (Submitted)

would have wanted one more shot at my last season, but that's the way life works, on to the next chapter."

Spears loses final season /Continued

[Continued from page 10] having the full closure on it that other people get to have going through a full season, makes it heartbreaking."

One day after the UMAC cancelled its season, the University of Northwestern announced that it was moving all of its classes online for the remainder of the semester. The decision leaves Spears, an elementary education major who was student teaching, in limbo. She was seven weeks into a 14-week placement student teaching second graders at Otter Lake Elementary in White Bear Lake.

"With the close of schools, the rest of my semester is up in the air," she said.

Spears is hoping to begin her teaching career in the fall, but she doesn't know how the school shutdown will affect graduation.

One thing is for certain - the next time Spears picks up a tennis racket, it will be for fun rather than a competition.

"It just will be weird now, spending my time on a tennis court but not knowing that there's a competitive season that I'm prepping for," Spears said. "In high school, it was easier to just go out and hit with the team ... lighter and more social. In college, it was more competitive. My spot was a huge point for the team. Knowing that there won't be another moment like that is really hard."

USXC cancels Alexandria race, postpones banquet

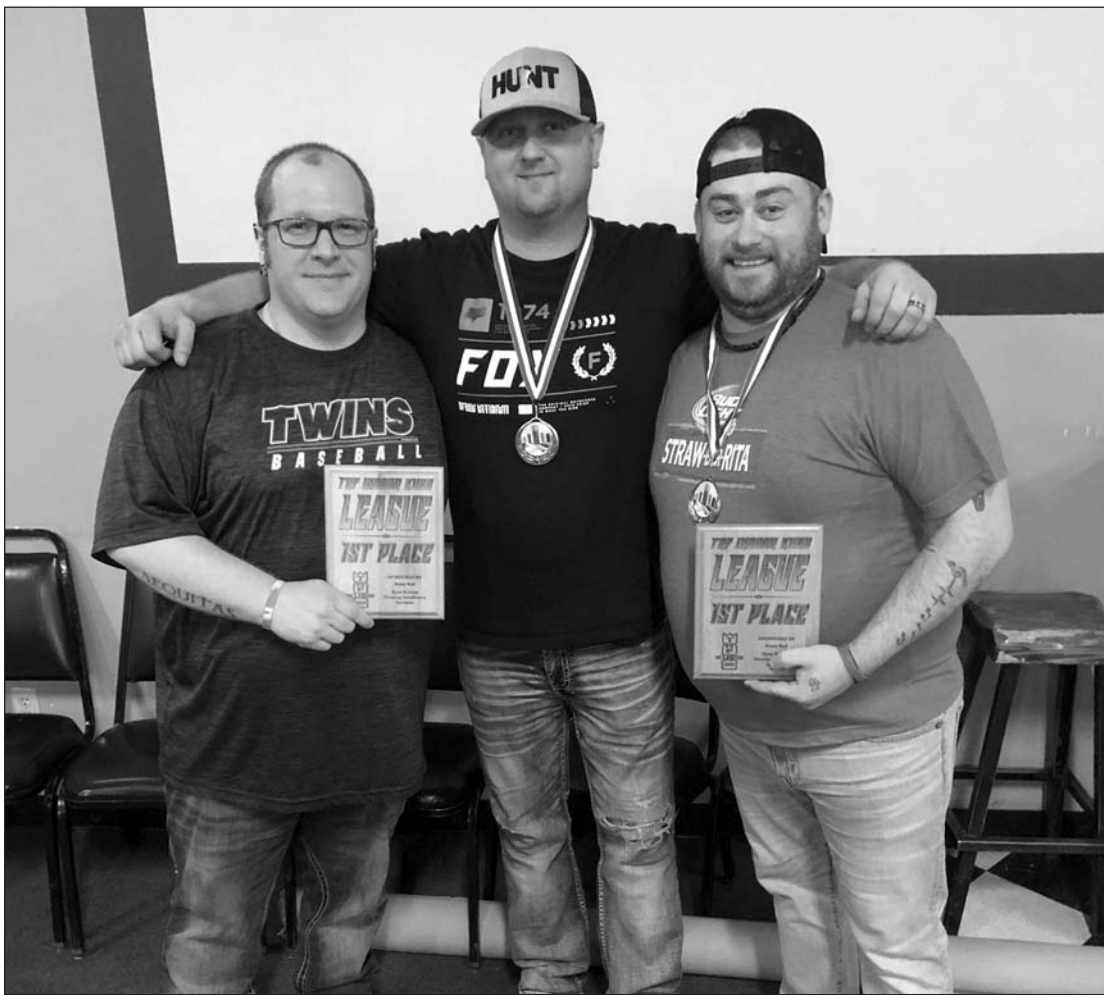
The USXC's North Central International Ski Hill race, originally scheduled for Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, in Alexandria, has been cancelled. The USXC Awards Banquet scheduled for Saturday, April 4, will be postponed.

Discovery Place

Milk is served with all meals.

Breakfast
Monday: Cheerios, whole wheat toast, orange juice
Tuesday: Kix, whole wheat toast, apple juice
Wednesday: Cream of Wheat, whole wheat toast, grape juice
Thursday: Rice Krispies, whole wheat toast, apple juice
Friday: Corn Flakes, whole wheat toast, orange juice

Lunch
Monday: Chicken with rice hotdish, carrots, sliced peaches, bread with butter
Tuesday: Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple, bread with butter
Wednesday: Hot dog on a bun, beans, applesauce, chips
Thursday: Tater tot hotdish, green beans, fruit cocktail, bread and butter
Friday: Chicken noodle vegetable soup, saltnes, bologna sandwich, pears



Thief River Falls Kubbe wrapped up its winter/indoor season with the league championship Sunday, March 8. The top three teams at the winter championship were: First place - Robbie Omdahl, Kevin Nelson and Bob Parker; second place - Vince Miramontes, Joey Sabol, Alex Winter, Bruce Gangelhoff; third place - Dick Johnson and Kyle Gerardy. Pictured from left to right are first place team members Bob Parker, Robbie Omdahl and Kevin Nelson. (Submitted)

Senior Meals

Heritage Center

Thief River Falls
We are still operating our kitchen and sending out LSS Meals. We are delivering to our satellite sites which are Greenwood Terrace, Skylite and Riverside Terrace (High Rise). People may call in to the Center a day in advance for a hot takeout meal for pick up at 11:15. We will be serving what is on our already made menu. If you know of any one that is a senior citizen that may be in need of a meal we have frozen dinners available as well. Please call 681-2793

Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Pork riblet on a bun, potato salad, broccoli, fruit cup, dessert
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast, dessert
Thursday: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, tropical fruit
Friday: Cream chicken noodles, carrots, fruit cup, sherbert

Meals on Wheels

Thief River Falls
Meals on Wheels will deliver

meals Monday through Friday, including holidays. For more information, call (218) 681-6861. Low fat milk served with all meals.

Monday: Potato crunch fish, baked potato and sour cream, fruit, wheat bread with margarine, brownie

Tuesday: Hamburger tomato casserole, fruit salad, corn, wheat bread with margarine, cookie
Wednesday: Sloppy joes, macaroni salad, baked beans, wheat bun, cookie, canned or fresh fruit

Thursday: Baked ham, baked potato and sour cream, glazed carrots, dinner roll with margarine, cheesecake with topping
Friday: Bean soup, egg salad on a bun with crackers, apple, brownie

Newfolden Community Center

The Senior Meal Program has relocated to the Newfolden Café. Meals are served Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 218-874-8361.

Cafe will not be open for dine-in services. The Cafe will continue to provide daily special and full lunch menu pick up service and senior meal delivery Monday - Friday. You are asked to pre-order you meal 24 hours in advance. Call the Cafe to order your meal by noon, feel free to leave a message with your name and order. Orders can be picked up at the back door of the cafe.

Monday: Chicken noodle soup, sandwich and salad bar

Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable

Wednesday: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, vegetable

Thursday: Bean hotdish, vegetables

Friday: Fish Fry

LSS Senior Meals

Viking and Holt
Senior meals are served every weekday. To make a Viking or Holt meal reservation or to receive a menu, please call (218) 874-7137. Viking meals available as home delivery only.

coffee cake
Wednesday: egg omelet, mini long john
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Apple turnover

Lunch
Monday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, butter bread
Tuesday: Tater tot hotdish, mini corn cob
Wednesday: Quesadilla, sour cream, salsa
Thursday: Chili, crackers, cheese, peanut butter or egg salad sandwich, carrot, cucumbers
Friday: Cheesy french bread, salad, beets

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Level: Intermediate

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers to last week's puzzles

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CLUES ACROSS

- As soon as possible
- Gateway (Arabic)
- Doctors' group
- Madder genus of plants
- A team's best pitcher
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Go up
- Neither
- Bolivian river
- Manila hemp
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- British School
- Human reproductive organs
- Surrenders
- Dog with long, silky coat and drooping ears
- Sun up in New York
- Lead alloy
- Eastern Asian plant
- Rapid deployment force (abbr.)
- Japanese warrior
- Festivity
- Interruptions
- Nonsense (slang)
- Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- Fencing sword
- French river
- Global business conference (abbr.)
- Afflicted
- Con man's game
- No (Scottish)
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Fish
- Camera term (abbr.)
- Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- A continuous portion of a circle
- Genus of seabirds
- Infant's dining accessory
- Native Americans from Arizona
- Popular fruit
- Poisonous plant
- Scolded
- Assists
- Hand (Spanish)
- Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
- Basics
- Cain and ___
- Malaria
- Indicates particular shape
- Respiratory disease
- Central Standard Time
- Imitate
- Golf score
- A place to lay your head
- Three cards of the same suit
- Not in
- Human gene
- Ancient Chinese philosophic concept
- French river
- Thinks up
- Type of geological deposit
- Helps little firms
- Area units
- A device to remove
- Secret political clique
- Polite interruption sound
- Foundation
- Clare Boothe ___, American write
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Resistance fighters
- Speak disrespectfully of

School Lunch - Week of March 30-April 3

Thief River Falls Public Schools

Thief River Falls Public Schools announced that the District will be offering breakfast and lunch free of charge to all children from preschool to age 18 on weekdays from Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 27. This will be available via curbside pickup at the following locations:
• Lincoln High School - main entrance
• Franklin Middle School - Entrance Door #2, north side of school
• Challenger Elementary School - front entrance

Parents and student pickup hours will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
For more information, please contact Food Services at 218-681-8675.

Red Lake County Central Elementary School Plummer

*Menu is for if school resumes on Monday, March 30.
Milk and fruit is served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice is served with breakfast.
Breakfast
Monday: Egg omelet
Tuesday: Cinnamon streusel,



Several employees of the Food Service Department for School District 564, Thief River Falls, were on hand, and continue to be on hand, to help to distribute food to children in the school district during the school shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Friday, this group was looking

for the good, and helping the best they could: (from left) Lisa Comstock, Pam Battleson, Mary Wayne, Tara Lynch, Kristy Wagner, Bonnie Gonzales, DeAnna DuChamp, and Joyce Klos.

Beware of Social Security scam with COVID-19

"I want you to hear directly from me how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our services," said Andrew Saul, commissioner of Social Security. "The first thing you should know is that we continue to pay benefits. Be aware that scammers may try to trick you into thinking the pandemic is stopping your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Don't be fooled."

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Saturdays: Men's Breakfast Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.

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Saturday: Men's prayer time at 7 a.m.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesdays: Kids Service from 6 - 7:30 p.m., Youth Group from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.

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Look for the humor, but find the good

Look for the humor; find the good.

A friend posted a picture of a snow covered street and no tracks on it. With COVID-19 keeping people sheltered in place, we might be seeing a lot of empty streets. I couldn't help myself and posted a quote from Ferris Bueller's Day Off under the picture he posted. Near the start of this "adventure" movie, Ben Stein is checking classroom attendance and says "Bueller? Bueller? Bueller?"

But, I like what another Facebook friend wrote. It's a twist on a classic quote. She shared "Ask not what staying home on the couch can do for you, but what staying home on the couch can do for your country." I like it because it's a humorous twist on a very serious subject. Seriously, we have to be mindful, very mindful, of what our actions do and mean to others.

These two different stories display very different sentiments. In the first, we see humor. In the second, we see an important message dressed in a little humor.

The Thief River Falls Times and Thief River Falls Radio staffs will be working hard during this pandemic to get important news out to our community. Rest assured, we've put plans in place and are as prepared as we can be for the unknown to occur. I think we realize that the news we share can be scary and a bit overwhelming when it comes to you 24/7, but it's important news - news you need to know. We're also bringing you other news and features on every day topics, which I hope helps you distance yourself from all the coronavirus news. I hope this humanizes things a little.

A parent came into our office to share that after only five hours into the first day of the school closure, his two daughters were at the end of their ropes. They had spent most of those

five hours on their phones, but now wanted something to do. The Thief River Falls School District has been working on a distance learning model for a couple of years. For a lot of reasons, it has taken that long to develop. I'll just say it isn't easy, no one has a crystal ball and our staff deserve a lot of credit.

Another parent was talking in the office about how her kids were going stir-crazy. She told them to "get out of the house," which made us laugh. She suggested that as long as they weren't in a group of people doing the same thing, she said, it would be fine. That's very true. I hope it helped - helped everyone in the family gain a new perspective.

I wonder who's going more stir-crazy, though, the kids or parents?

That morning, I visited Challenger Elementary School and visited with the Lunch Ladies. (I almost called them the Church Ladies. Whew!) I wasn't expecting as much enthusiasm, but there they were, filled with energy and working together.

Another Facebook post I looked at this morning, showed a couple busting out some dance moves. Did I say that right, or am I sounding like an older person trying to be hip? I'm afraid it's the latter. I wonder what they called their dance? The COVID-19 fever?

So, what can you do to help or shed some of the anxiety that's building up? There's a lot of good we can do, such as reaching out to others like our elderly neighbors who may need help, sharing our stories and experiences, going for a walk outside, exercising, watching movies, visiting a restaurant's drive thru, or busting out a dance move.

That's right, kids, Mom and Dad may start dancing in the living room and you may be scarred for life.

It's OK to look for the humor, but find the good, too.

Letter: One Digi-Key. One Community

To the Editor:

Digi-Key is a household name in the area but still somewhat of an enigma to most community members often wondering what takes place inside that big concrete 'bunker.' Why do we remain open during weather events like last year's polar vortex or extraordinary events such as what is taking place around the existing COVID-19 pandemic?

There is no understating the unprecedented change that our region, and the world at large, has incurred over the last 10 days. Keeping our team members safe is our top priority at Digi-Key. By the time this edition reaches publication, roughly half (almost 2,000) of our team members will be working from home around the globe. Face to face meetings have been replaced with video calls and all travel has been restricted. We have also implemented flexible scheduling to assist those with school-age children now at home. The one area that doesn't facilitate working from home is our distribution centers in Thief River Falls and Fargo, N.D.

20,000+ packages leave Digi-Key each day to customers around the world. Some of the largest customer segments we service are medical, industrial, communications and defense. For example, we service a customer in Ontario, Canada, that provides many of the touchless Purell sanitizer dispensers

that operate when your hand is passed under it (see additional customer communication). Just this past week, Digi-Key's engineers were part of a small team working in conjunction with the University of Minnesota to design and supply some of the additional respirators that will be required as we battle this current virus. In a recent address, Gov. Walz highlighted the spirit of cooperation that exists within this state and the partnerships and collaboration that is forming between corporations, government and healthcare. The first company he thanked was Digi-Key. Sandia Labs, another large customer has one of the largest number of employees whose charter is to "deliver essential science and technology to resolve the nation's most challenging issues from its primary locations in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Livermore. The majority or companies that produce the routers and hubs and entire infrastructure that is allowing an unprecedented number of people to work uninterrupted from home are customers of Digi-Key.

As always, Digi-Key is proud to partner with so many businesses within the Thief River Falls community. The connections to Digi-Key are vast, from those who work here to partnerships with local businesses to restaurants and food services inside our campus. This list is endless.

There are many people we would like to thank.

Thank you to our health care workers who are at the front lines of COVID-19. Your selfless efforts for others everyday do not go unnoticed. To our educators ... learning how to deliver instruction in a completely new way in eight days?! You got this. To all of our emergency services and law enforcement, these are difficult times and your steady leadership will be important as we transition to a 'new normal'. Digi-Key has been here to help you in the past and will continue to be here to help you in the future.

Digi-Key is an embodiment of the spirit and values of our entire region. We do not retreat when needs arise, but can be counted on to be part of the solution and proactively face those

challenges. Our mission statement is to "fuel innovation." We don't mind working in relative anonymity, but do want your understanding and support during these unique times. We couldn't do the things we do without the great support we receive from our area communities and hope that you share in our pride for the impact we hope to continue to make through the technology solutions we offer. Our strength as a community will be apparent during these difficult times. Digi-Key is honored to be part of this community. I am truly honored to be part of this community. Be safe and look out for others.

Shane Zutz
Vice President of Human Resources
Digi-Key

Thank you Digi-Key

(Digi-Key shared this letter to our readers. It was written to Paul Dosser, vice president of business development at Digi-Key.)

Dear Paul:

I wanted to take this moment to ask you to graciously thank the team at Digi-Key for helping Microart to keep up and running during this difficult time.

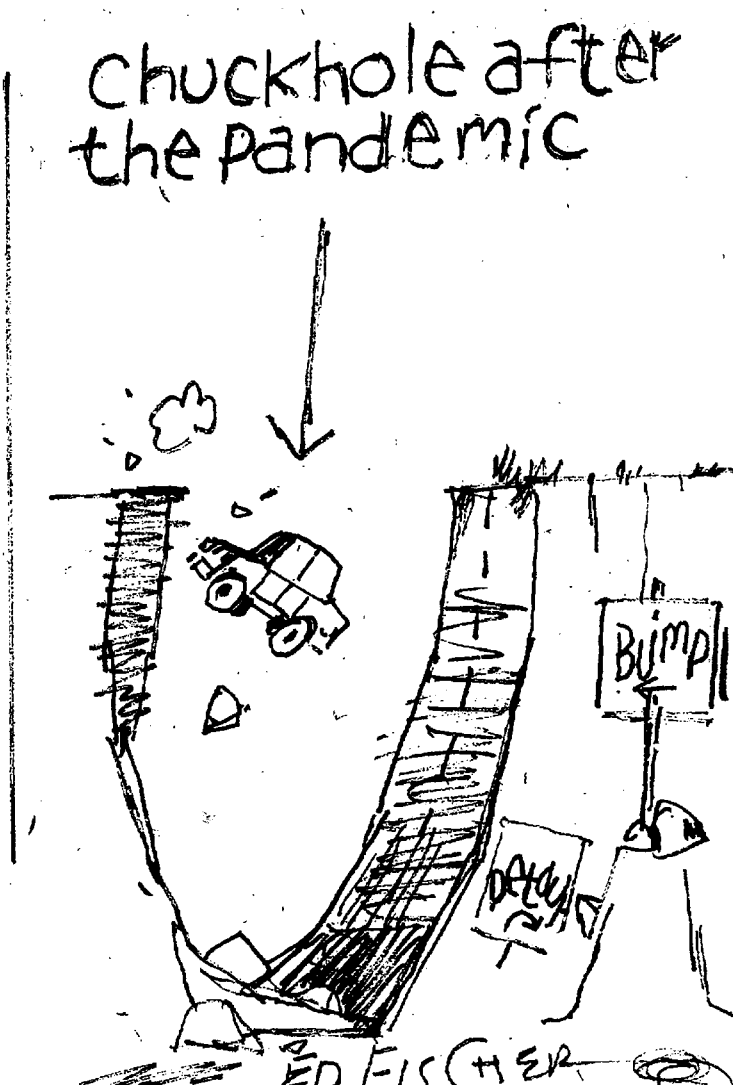
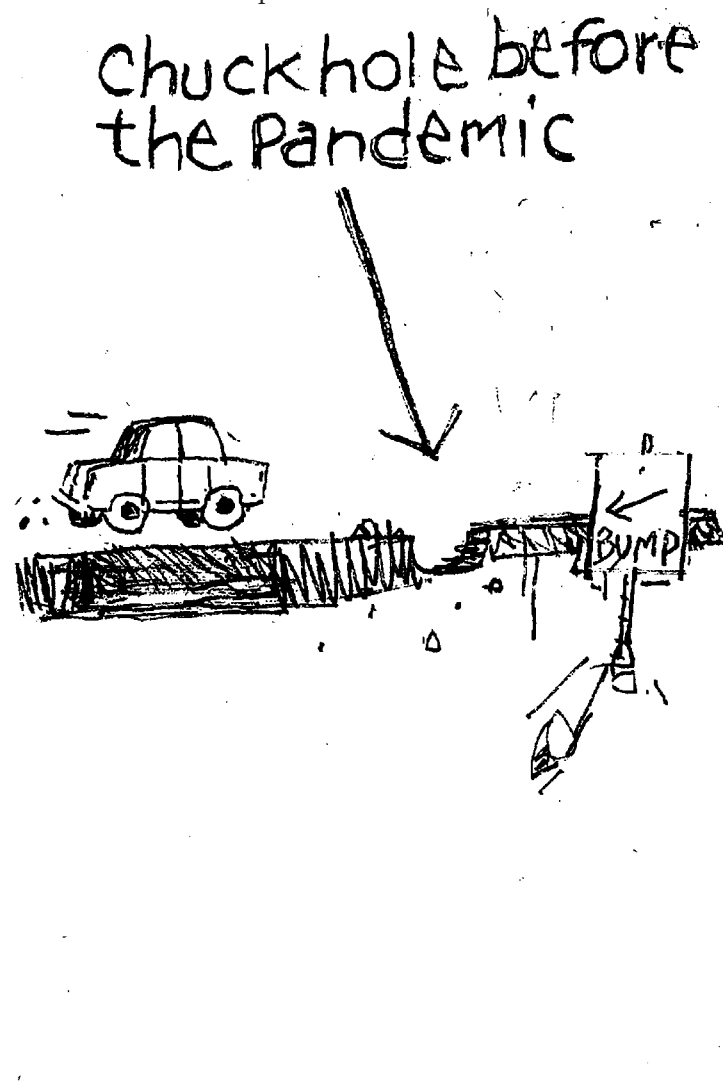
Both Purell and GOJO are the largest producers of hand sanitizer and soaps in North America, and are the front line of defense against further spread of the virus.

They are key customers to Microart and, in turn, Digi-Key is a key supplier to Microart. Our two companies are helping these and other companies continue the fight against this immediate threat.

We are so thankful to have a supplier like yourselves that has stepped up to provide exemplary service in such a trying environment.

Please wish everyone the best.

Yours truly,
Mark Wood
CEO
Microart Services Inc.



Uphold court ruling on ethanol waivers

Congressman Collin Peterson, chair of the House Agriculture Committee, joined fellow co-chairs of the bipartisan Biofuels Caucus to send a letter to President Donald Trump regarding the recent Tenth Circuit Court decision that invalidated three Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs) under the Renewable Fuel Standard and criticized the Environmental Protection Agency's use of these waivers for small oil refineries.

The Caucus letter strongly urges the Administration to forgo an appeal of the 10th Circuit Court's decision and to apply the ruling across the country.

"EPA's rampant and inappropriate use of SREs in recent years has reduced demand for American biofuels and weakened the RFS. We ask that you direct EPA to respect the unanimous court decision by applying its ruling nationwide and end the agency's destructive interpretation of the RFS," the lawmakers wrote. "Farmers and biofuel producers are hurting as a result of decisions made by EPA and action by your office is needed to uphold the law in a fair and consistent manner."

The 10th Circuit Court recently handed the biofuels industry a major victory by ruling that EPA exceeded its authority by inappropriately granting new Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs) from Renewable

Fuels Standard (RFS) blending requirements. The ruling invalidated the three SREs that were the subject of the case and put pressure on EPA to apply the ruling to SREs across the country. Nationwide application of this decision would invalidate many more unwaranteed SREs and be a great step toward restoring the integrity of the RFS.

The Administration has indicated that it is considering an appeal of the 10th Circuit's decision, threatening this positive verdict. Biofuel and agriculture groups are urging the Administration to let the ruling stand, as nationwide

application of this ruling would boost biofuel producers and commodity growers across the nation.

Peterson is co-chair of the Congressional Biofuels Caucus, a bipartisan group of members of Congress who advocate for home-grown renewable fuel policies that boost farmer incomes and reduce dependence on foreign oil. He is also the sponsor of the Renewable Fuel Standard Integrity Act of 2019, a bill which provides certainty to the biofuels industry by setting an annual deadline for small refinery exemption applications and bringing transparency to the process.

Flexibility for ethanol producers

Congressman Collin Peterson, chair of the House Agriculture Committee, welcomed two announcements from the federal government that would expand flexibility in response to the growing coronavirus pandemic.

Public guidance issued Wednesday, March 18 from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau gives added flexibility for alcohol fuel plants and beverage distilled spirits plants to shift to the production of ethanol-based hand sanitizers.

An expanded emergency declaration issued Wednesday from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration provides regulatory relief for

motor carriers transporting essential supplies, food and fuel.

"These two actions will provide flexibility for folks along the food and fuel chain to respond to immediate needs within their community and beyond as the challenge of fighting the pandemic grows," said Peterson.

"Expanding the operations making hand sanitizer grows the need for ethanol at a time when farmers need that," he added. "Enabling carriers to move freely in providing food, fuel and supplies enables farmers and wholesalers to move food products including milk, as well as livestock and poultry, more easily to where they need to be."

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Governor joins update from quarantine at home

by David Hill
Editor

March 23 - Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz joined the COVID-19 media update Monday, March 23, from his home where he is in quarantine. The governor was exposed to coronavirus and is now in quarantine for 14 days. During the update, the media was again asked to encourage residents to stay home when sick. Residents are also being told to assume that COVID-19 is in all our communities.

The governor talked about the four executive orders issued Monday. The executive orders include suspending evictions during the peacetime emergency, establishing Peacetime Emergency Loans for small businesses, directing non-hospital entities to conduct an inventory of personal protective equipment, and clarifying that Executive Order 20-09 on elective surgeries and procedures applies to veterinarians.

Joe Kelly of the State Emergency Operations Center, who is the director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, talked about their top priority, which is to acquire and distribute personal protective equipment, and develop

a system to manage PPE for all sources. The state has used the National Guard to deliver PPE from Camp Ripley to the state.

Kelly also talked about their plans to help develop and coordinate all the offers of services, supplies and facilities.

Employment and Economic Development Department Commissioner Steve Grove talked about the need to assist small businesses hardest hit by the pandemic. He noted that SBA loans are available, but may take some time, so the state was looking for ways to bridge the gap. One way they are filling that gap is with the creation of an emergency loan funded with \$30 million. He encouraged small business owners to check their website for specifics, but loans would range from \$2,500 to \$35,000, zero percent interest and 50 percent forgiveness. He also noted that executive order 2015 allows cities and counties to use revolving loan funds for adding small business.

Heather Mueller, deputy commissioner at the Department of Education, thanked educators for their work on developing distance learning, and noted that since schools closed,

354,265 meals had been served to children.

Walz noted that the National Guard may be called upon to do other tasks, such as deliver food, but he said they need to be careful not to activate soldiers who serve as emergency responders in their communities.

Reporters learned Monday there have been four cases of COVID-19 in congregate health care settings. Commissioner Jan Malcolm said they were being aggressively proactive in working with these facilities.

Walz was asked how close he was to declaring that everyone should shelter in place. One of the many things he said he is looking at is social compliance or how people are complying with guidance. Walz said he's been getting a real sense of social responsibility in Minnesota.

Another factor to consider is data from efforts to date, as well as data from other states. To date, seven to eight states had issued shelter in place orders. Walz said these decisions are very difficult to make. One of his concerns is for people who need services of plumbers, car and furnace repairs, and other issues.

He also noted that a shelter in place order wouldn't just be in effect for a week or two but possibly a month or more.

Criticism that a two-week shelter in place order now would end the spread of the disease is just wrong, said Walz. He estimated that 40 to 80 percent of residents will eventually get this virus.

He also noted that for a lot of people, staying home has some real difficult financial ramifications.

Walz said most states are moving in that direction, and state officials are trying

to think through all the ramifications and permutations. "There is no clear answer on this."

Walz said a shelter in place order would mean more restrictions and more closures of businesses, but he said grocery stores, gas stations and some service providers would still be open. People also would be asked to be more careful about social distancing.

Schools
Walz said extending the closure of schools is probably inevitable. He praised teachers for their efforts in developing plans for dis-

tance learning, noting that, in some districts, teachers were keeping in touch with their students. He said their efforts also show how adaptable parents and students are.

What can we do?
Some of the things people can do now include staying home, supporting food shelves and blood drives, and to not let panic drive their purchases at grocery stores.

Walz said we've come back from difficult times in our history, and we will again.

What can you do?



Lincoln High School students, led by the National Honor Society, donated food and hygiene products during its March Match Drive to the Area Food Shelf. Students also presented the food shelf with a check for over \$700. Because it is March Match Month, all donations would be matched. (Submitted)

Law Enforcement Center announces precautions regarding COVID-19

Due to the continued health concerns raised by COVID-19 the Pennington County Law Enforcement Center will be taking necessary precautions.

The Pennington County LEC will continue to be staffed 24 hours a day. Normal law enforcement services and operations will continue to be provided. Citizens are still reminded to call 911 for an emergency. All non-emergency calls can still be directed to 681-6161. The LEC lobby will remain accessible for those who need a safe place to report an incident.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office and Thief River Falls Police Department are requesting any questions regarding accident reports, public data and permit applications to call 681-6161 or send a request via the mail at 102 First St. W., Thief River Falls. All nonessential paper services are suspended at this time. Orders for Protection/Harassment-

Restraining Order paper services will remain in effect. Public fingerprinting has been temporarily suspended.

Permit to Carry/Permit to Purchase applications can be accessed on the Pennington Sheriff's Office website. Permit to purchase applications can be sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Permit to Carry applications will be received by appointment only by calling Sheriff Ray Kuznia at 683-7071 or Misty at 683-7068.

A listing of department contacts for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office can be found at www.penningtonsheriff.org and for the Thief River Falls Police Department at www.citytrf.net.

In effort to slow the spread, the Pennington County Jail has restricted all non-essential staff from entering the facility by temporarily suspending its volunteer programs. Pennington County has also set up alternative methods for

attorneys and probation agents to meet with those incarcerated. As the jail attempts to keep those in custody safe, a screening mechanism has also been implemented for all staff prior to the start of their shifts as well as any new arrests.

Those wishing to visit an offender may do so by going to www.inmatecanteen.com or through the lobby kiosks. Money can be deposited on inmate accounts via the website as well. When visiting in the lobby, the LEC asks that the public practice social distancing and consider visiting in small numbers, not to exceed one to two people. A disinfectant agent has also been made available. Please wipe the machine down prior to use and again after use. Phone service is provided by Reliance. For more information, go to www.reliance.com

Pennington County contracts its inmate medical service with MEND Correctional Healthcare. MEND, along with the Minnesota Department of Health, continues to monitor the situation.

Kuznia and Police Chief Dick Wittenberg apologize for any inconvenience and thank the public for their understanding. They feel these precautions are necessary to ensure the safety of staff and allow for continued service to the community.

Further updates will be posted to www.penningtonsheriff.org and the Facebook pages of the sheriff's office and police department as they become available.



Dana Klos showed a trap to Thief River Care Center residents, staff and volunteers during a program Monday, March 9 at the facility.



This tote full of food and products is just a little sample of what Digi-Key employees donated during the March Match Drive to be shared between the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf and Heritage Community Center. (Submitted)



Open Arms Fellowship for Faith in Thief River Falls recently donated over \$550 worth of fresh fruit for distribution at the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf. (Submitted)

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Many Digi-Key employees work from home, and business continues to provide vital material during pandemic

Digi-Key has announced that employees able to work from home should work from home, and that the business continues to provide electronic parts, many of which are important in the fight against the pandemic. Friday, the wholesale electronics distributor, located in Thief River Falls, issued the following statement in order to address a number of concerns:

"During these unprecedented times, we want to take a moment to clarify the role Digi-Key is taking to protect the health and safety of our employees and community, while continuing to serve our customers. As one of the largest employers in the region, we recognize the important role we play and we want to share the precautions Digi-Key is taking during the evolving COVID-19 situa-

tion. "At Digi-Key, our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone impacted by COVID-19 worldwide, and our #1 concern is for the health and safety of our team members and their families, our community, customers and business partners. We've spent the last several weeks preparing for how the virus may impact the community and industry.

"Currently, no Digi-Key employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and there are no employees in quarantine. If that should change, we have a plan in place to notify all employees immediately and those who would need to be quarantined will be notified and well taken care of. We will also work closely with the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure all guide-

lines are met.

"We have no plans to close Digi-Key as we're in the unique situation that some of our products are in high demand by companies on the front lines of diagnosing and treating COVID-19. We need to continue supplying these companies with the components they need, and have a contingency plan in place to ensure shipments continue.

"We are following all Minnesota Department of Health's stringent guidance on social distancing by having employees who can work from home do so, having employees stay at least six feet apart, and thoroughly disinfecting and sanitizing workspaces. We are using the CDC's approved industrial cleaning solution process with all high-touch hardware (door handles, light switches, etc.), appli-

ances and common spaces (conference and lunchrooms) in the building continuously. We've also reminded employees to wash hands frequently, cough or sneeze into a Kleenex or elbow and then wash hands immediately, and stay home if they're feeling sick.

"With schools being closed, Digi-Key has also relaxed some of our time-off policies, and is offering flexible scheduling to meet the needs of team members who need to be at home with children who are no longer in school, and provide opportunities to make up missed time.

"Digi-Key began prohibiting all business travel to and from Asia and Europe starting March 9, 2020, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



(CDC) guidance. Additionally, Digi-Key proactively canceled industry event participation prior to the travel ban. We have also prohibited domestic business travel for our U.S.-based employees and prohibited travel to the US for our Europe- and Asia-based employees. Instead of domestic business trips, we require that employees use conference calls or video conferencing. "We have a task force that is meeting daily to

make any changes needed to protect our employees while continuing to serve our customers with the components they need to continue fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to innovate.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to update our employees, community and customers with the facts, which are critical to keep everyone informed. We are all in this together."

COVID-19 updates/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) period of 14 days after learning he had contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. The governor was informed of the contact early this morning and has not left his home since.

• Sen. Amy Klobuchar announced Monday, March 23, her husband has coronavirus. He started to feel sick when she was in Minnesota and he was in Washington, D.C. He immediately quarantined himself just in case. "He kept having a temperature and a bad, bad cough and when he started coughing up blood he got a test and a chest X-ray and they checked him into a hospital in Virginia because of a variety of things including very low oxygen levels, which haven't really improved. He now has pneumonia and is on oxygen but not a ventilator." Klobuchar said not being able to be by his side is one of the hardest things about this disease.

• Since the state opened unemployment insurance to all affected by the pandemic, 123,624 applications have been filed.



• Over 350,000 meals have been served to school children since schools shut down March 27.

• On Monday, March 23, the governor signed executive orders that suspend evictions during the peacetime emergency, establish Emergency Loans for small businesses, direct non-hospital entities to conduct an inventory of personal protective equipment, and clarifies that Executive Order 20-09 on elective surgeries and procedures applies to veterinarians.

• The governor also announced a revised supplemental budget, allocating an additional \$356 million toward the state's COVID-19 response. The revised budget would sup-

port and protect Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic. It would provide emergency grants to child care centers; support families struggling financially through the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); support veterans and their families facing financial burdens; increase funding for food shelves; offer small business loans; and increase resources for Minnesotans struggling with homelessness. The budget would also create a COVID-19 Minnesota Fund that would give the state government the resources necessary to deploy resources and respond to the needs of Minnesotans in real time.

Chamber connecting citizens to businesses in Thief River Falls

In an effort to unify the community and create awareness of open businesses during the pandemic, the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce has created a campaign called #TRFStrong on its social media platform.

Using this hashtag #TRFStrong allows local businesses to let customers know what services they're providing and connect the community as one. This will be supplemented with a list at the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce website (www.trfchamber.com) of businesses that are open.

Antonio Franklin, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said information collected will include such things as services and products provided, hours of operation, and how the business is communicating with their customers (in-person or online).

Franklin said all restaurants have been contacted, and he was in the process of contacting salons and other businesses.

He said the program also



includes a logo that businesses can print off from the Chamber's website and post in the windows of the business. It's a quick and easy way to let their customers know that they are open and providing services.

Franklin said they are also putting together a business resources and information page on the Chamber's website. "There hasn't been a common place of information in our community, so I wanted to allow this information to be easily accessible for our members and community."

Franklin said the Chamber is always actively working on strategic ways to support the business community. "The Chamber

is also developing an Economic Impact Survey for businesses to better understand what resources are needed and to advocate on policy recommendations locally and at the state level. It's going to take a collected effort for all community organizations, businesses, and City/County officials to get through this."

Franklin said once the Chamber receives the results from the survey, it will form a Small Business Recovery Taskforce of "strategic thinkers" and community leaders. The purpose of this taskforce will be to advise on long-term policy recommendations and provide technical assistance and outreach.

Warroad man charged with burglary here

Felony first degree burglary and fifth degree assault: On March 18 at about 10:30 p.m., police received a report of a burglary in progress at an apartment at 210 Kendall Ave. S. Jordan Elijah Cooper, 28, Warroad, has been charged with felony first degree burglary and fifth degree assault. He was arrested. A deputy soon saw a man wearing a red hoodie, as described by the Kendall Avenue tenants, entering Apartment 4 at 118 Conley Ave. S. The resident, who wasn't home at the time, told law enforcement that there should be no one at his apartment. With the man's help, law enforcement entered the apartment and found Cooper lying on the floor in a bedroom. A pile of clothes was nearby. It contained a red plaid hooded jacket as well as an envelope addressed to Cooper. Cooper allegedly denied knowing why law enforcement were there or knowing anything about a burglary. Law enforcement confiscated his clothing and shoes. The man said Cooper was his son and he didn't know Cooper was in town. He said he didn't want his son charged with entering his apartment. The incident began after a Kendall Avenue tenant, looking outside of his apartment, saw a man in the alley near his garage. He thought the man was his brother and yelled his name. The man soon arrived upstairs to the tenants' door and began yelling at the two tenants to let him inside. The male tenant didn't recognize Cooper and didn't let him inside the apartment. Cooper then began kicking the door, breaking the door trim and frame. The male tenant tried to hold the door shut, but Cooper began punching

him through the gap. He pushed his way into the apartment and began wrestling with the man. A female tenant then called authorities, and Cooper ran. Police observed a bulge on the back of the male tenant's head and a small scratch on his nose. He and the female tenant identified Cooper, not his father, as the man who had been in their apartment. A nearby footprint also seemed to match Cooper's shoes. Besides the door, the door shades and a Keurig were also damaged. It also appeared that people had been fighting in the area near the doorway.

Felony fifth degree possession of a controlled substance and felony methamphetamine-related crimes involving children: On March 21, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Cedar Lodge, Apartment 17. Christi Marie Zimmerman, 35, and Brandon Scott Jorgenson, 37, both of Thief River Falls, have been charged with felony fifth degree possession of a controlled substance and felony methamphetamine-related crimes involving children. Inside, law enforcement allegedly found the two of them, another woman and minor children. Drug paraphernalia was immediately seen, and the children were removed from the apartment. Zimmerman allegedly said she possessed meth on her person. It weighed about 3.40 grams. Law enforcement also allegedly found a green pill bottle featuring a third woman's name and containing capsules. A scale, multiple syringes, a suspected meth pipe, and a glass vial with cotton/Q-tip filters were found as well. The pipe had

a presumptive positive test for meth. Seven phones were also found. Zimmerman, Jorgenson and the woman identified the three phones that belonged to them. Another phone belonged to Zimmerman's son. The Law Enforcement Center indicated that the other woman hasn't been charged in connection with the case.

Felony motor vehicle theft, gross misdemeanor fifth degree controlled substance crime and introduction of contraband into a jail: On March 18 at about 12:32 p.m., dispatch received a 911 call that a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire had just been stolen outside of Oil Boz Express Lube. Travis Bruce Johnson, 31, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony motor vehicle theft, gross misdemeanor fifth degree controlled substance crime and introduction of contraband into a jail. He was arrested. The 911 caller reported the individual was a short male wearing an orange sweatshirt or vest. While canvassing the area, the police juvenile investigator saw a white male wearing an orange coat walking on the frontage road outside of Anytime Fitness. Around the same time, an officer found the stolen vehicle parked along Oakwood Court. Border State Bank surveillance video allegedly showed the man looking into car windows in the bank parking lot and then eventually crossing a snowbank. He could then be seen stealing the vehicle. Photos were taken of the man's footprints in the snow. Officers allegedly believed the man looked like Johnson, who had a prior vehicle theft case in Thief River Falls. At about 6 p.m.,

police learned that it appeared the suspect was walking on Third Street. Johnson, who was wearing an orange coat, was then arrested. His shoes and coat were seized. The tread of his shoes seemed to match the footprints in the snowbank. After telling Johnson that he would face separate charges if he brought contraband into the jail, the sergeant learned that a pipe

was allegedly found in Johnson's rectum during a strip search at the jail. The pipe contained meth residue. He was then taken to Sanford Medical Center to be evaluated since blood was visible on the pipe. Police later learned that black wireless earbuds had been stolen out of the vehicle. The sergeant remembered seeing similar earbuds in Johnson's posses-

sion. The items were then taken out of Johnson's property at the jail in order to have the vehicle owner identify them.

If readers have any information about the above crimes, they are urged to contact the Law Enforcement Center at 681-6161.

Thief River Falls media receive these reports from law enforcement officials. If these reports appear in online forums other than those owned by Thief River Falls media outlets, the information has been copied.

These reports include names of those charged, arrested or cited with various crimes and offenses. Depending upon the circumstances of a case, charges can be, and sometimes are, changed or dropped by law enforcement or attorneys even before the case reaches court.

Readers should also realize that under the American system of jurisprudence, those charged with crimes are innocent until proven guilty of those crimes in a court of law.

Sons of Norway in TRF cancel March meeting

Due to concerns about COVID-19, Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 70 of Thief River Falls has cancelled its March meeting, which had been scheduled for Monday, March 30.

The group's next meeting is scheduled Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Thief River Falls Eagles Club. Visitors are welcome.



In Thief River Falls, school meals that consist of a lunch and a breakfast for the following day, are available via curbside at the main entrance to Lincoln High School, door two on the north side of Franklin Middle School, and the front entrance to Challenger Elementary School. For more information about services in Thief River Falls, please contact Food Services at 218-681-8675.

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2002 Ford Ranger Extended Cab 4WD White, 188k	\$5,000
CARS	
2015 Chrysler 300 S AWD White Diamond, 62k	\$18,000
2017 Chevy Malibu LT Silver, 49k	\$15,000
2015 Chevy Malibu LT Maroon, 58k	\$12,000
2014 Chevy Impala LS Silver, 102k	\$11,000
2013 Chevy Sonic LT Blue, 106k	\$5,900
2005 Pontiac Bonneville SE White, 125k	\$4,500
SUVS / VANS	
2019 Buick Enclave Essence AWD Pepperdust, 29k	\$32,000
2017 Buick Enclave Premium AWD Blue, 45k	\$28,000
2017 Buick Enclave AWD Gold, Leather, 38k	\$27,000
2017 GMC Acadia SLE AWD Silver, 20k	\$25,500
2017 GMC Acadia SLE AWD Maroon, 37k	\$25,500
2017 Chevy Traverse LT AWD White Diamond, 24k	\$25,000
2017 Chevy Traverse LT AWD Black, 37k	\$24,000
2017 Buick Envision Essence AWD Maroon, 42k	\$23,000
2018 GMC Terrain SLE AWD Gray, 32k	\$21,000
2018 Chevy Equinox LT AWD White, 30k	\$20,500
2016 GMC Terrain SLT AWD Black, 38k	\$20,500
2017 Chevy Traverse LS AWD White, 40k	\$20,000
2018 Chevy Equinox LT AWD Maroon, 43k	\$19,500
2017 Chevy Equinox LT AWD Black, 23k	\$19,500
2017 Chevy Equinox LT AWD Blue, 32k	\$18,000
2012 Chevy Suburban LTZ White, 137k	\$18,000
2016 Chevy Equinox LT AWD Blue, 55k	\$16,000
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'13 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD B2074A 3.5L V6, Leath, P. Liftgate, 129k48m/\$275... \$12,899	'15 Chev Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4X4 S2081A Leather, 74k60m/\$505... \$29,799
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'08 Ford F-350 SuperCab Lariat DRW 4x4 T19107B 6.4L, Leather, Diesel, 115k48m/\$398... \$16,499	'17 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT Sport 4x4 B2068 2.7L V6, Cloth, Nav., 34k72m/\$482... \$33,299
'16 Ford Escape Titanium 4WD T20031A Leather, Navigation, 76k60m/\$304... \$17,499	'18 Ford Explorer Sport 4WD B2079 Leather, Nav., Moon Roof, 30k72m/\$515... \$35,599
'13 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT 4x4 S2067A 3.5L V6, Cloth, 121k60m/\$304... \$17,999	'19 Ford F-250 SuperCrew XLT 4x4 S2082 6.2L V8, Cloth, 34k72m/\$535... \$36,999
'16 Ford Edge SEL AWD T20038A 3.5L V6, Leather, 44k72m/\$317... \$21,899	'17 Ford F-150 SuperCrew Lariat Sport 4x4 S2072 3.5L V6, Leather, Nav., 40k72m/\$547... \$37,799
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STATE OF EMERGENCY PUBLIC NOTICE

During this Coronavirus State of Emergency, Marshall County is requesting that the public understand and follow the Minnesota Department of Health and National Center for Disease Control Guidelines with Social Distancing and Public Hygiene. If anyone is ill, has been exposed to someone who is ill or has any underlying medical conditions, we ask that precautions be taken and not to perform County Business in person but to utilize phone and email options as much as possible. Marshall County intends to continue offering services as best as possible during this State of Emergency. We all need to work together to slow the spread of this virus. Thank you.

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Marshall County Emergency Mgmt. March 25, April 1, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON IN DISTRICT COURT PROBATE COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 57-PR-20-154

In Re: Estate of
Arthur Albert Hinrichs,
a/k/a Art Hinrichs,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this court at Pennington County, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be decedent's Will dated February 22, 1993 and for the appointment of Jon Peterson, whose address is 944 Duluth Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, ALL CREDITORS having claims against decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.
/s/ Tamara Yon, Judge
/s/ Kathy Narlock, Court Administrator

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WURST & McDOWELL, LTD.
Professional Building
P. O. Box 653
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Attorney Reg. No. 7018X
(218) 681-3111

March 18, 25, 2020
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN DISTRICT COURT [PROBATE DIVISION]
Court File No.: 57-PR-20-149

In Re: Estate of
Eugene O. Kauppila,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF TESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Janice Rabideaux: 110 Maple Avenue North, Thief River Falls, MN 56701; and Sharon Baron: 17304 130th Avenue NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, as co-personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2020

BY THE COURT
/s/ Darlene Rivera-Spalla
Judge of District Court
/s/ Kathy Narlock
Court Administrator

Nathan Haase
Ihle Sparby & Haase PA
Attorney for Petitioner
312 North Main Ave.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218) 681-7373
Att. Reg. No. 0395394

March 18, 25, 2020
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN DISTRICT COURT
Court File No.: 57-PR-20-148

In Re: Estate of
Lorraine Ardis Dallman,
Decedent.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

IT IS ORDERED, and notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of April, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named court at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated December 28, 2017, and for the appointment of Lynn LaCoursiere whose address is 18996 120th Street SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the court administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2020.
Judge of District Court
/s/ Kathy Narlock, Ct. Administrator
/s/ Michael L. Jorgenson
CHARLSON & JORGENSEN, P.A.
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Thief River Falls, MN 56701
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March 25, 2020
NOTICE OF IMPOUND

The following vehicles were impounded by Falls Towing on:

10/28/2019: 2002 Saturn SL VIN:1G8ZJ52752287498 License: CEP441,
12/3/2019: 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN: 1JHGW48N73C592269 License: 506XHY
12/7/2019: 1998 GMC Safari VIN: 1GKEL19WXWB501263 License: DRX117
12/10/2019: 1999 Mercedes E320 VIN: WDBJH65F6XA720239 License: BUR170
1/4/2020: 2004 Landrover Freelander VIN: SALNY22214N400621 License: 862NLD
1/14/2020: 2001 Dodge Van VIN: 2B4GP74L32R531660 License: Handicap 242 (Red Lake)
1/21/2020: 1990 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FMZU34X1XZA92936 License: BXJ019
2/3/2020: 1999 Chevy Lumina VIN: 2G1W152M7X1109416 License: 721FRYW
2/25/2020: 1979 Chevy K5 Blazer VIN: CKL188F199501 License: BKP924

They will be held in impound for a period of 45 days or if the current owner can show proof of ownership and pay all applicable fees. If after 45 days and the vehicle remains unclaimed it will be disposed of by Falls Towing.

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 2, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$135,978.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Owen J Stenvik, unmarried individual
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100049700011387301
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Advanced Financial Services, Inc. d/b/a AFS Financial, Inc.
SERVICER: MidFirst Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 17, 2008, Pennington County Recorder, as Document Number 186952
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; thereafter assigned to MidFirst Bank.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The South Three Hundred Fifty feet (350') of the North Five Hundred Thirty feet (530') of the West Five Hundred Seventy feet (570') of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, of Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 18432 170th Ave NW, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12.02307301
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pennington
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE GOOD THROUGH MARCH 23, 2020: \$119,312.15
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 12, 2020, 10:00AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 1st Street and Main Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 12, 2020, or the next business day if November 12, 2020 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: March 11, 2020
MidFirst Bank
Assignee of Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Shapiro & Zielke, LLP
12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 831-4060
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
March 11, 18, 25, 2020
CONDEMNATION STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF PENNINGTON NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO. 57-CV-20-100
The Honorable Tamara Yon
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, et al.
Respondents.
IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES
NOTICE
To the Respondents hereinabove named:
You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on June 10, 2020, at 1:00 o'clock pm., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge Tamara L. Yon, in the Justice Center at Thief River Falls, Pennington County, Minnesota, the above named petitioner will present to the above named Court a petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. A copy of said petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, That at the above time and place the above-named petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to petitioner of the parcels described in the petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of July 15, 2020.
YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must **VACATE THE PREMISES AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM SAID PREMISES ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2020.** All advertising signs or devices located on the property being acquired must be removed by July 15, 2020.
YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that (1) a party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objection or must appear within 60 days of a court order; and (2) a court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after service of the order on the party.
Dated: 2/26/20 KEITH ELLISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/ William Young
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

CONDEMNATION STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF PENNINGTON NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, successor in interest to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership, Duff and Phelps LLC, County of Pennington, Thief River Falls Legion Post Property Corporation, BNSF Railway Company, formerly known as The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc., Ecklund-Holmstrom Post 117 American Legion, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment or conversion, to First Trust of New York, National Association, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.
IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES
PETITION
To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:
I. That Trunk Highway numbered 1, being Route numbered 33, has been located according to law and passes over the lands herein described. That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 98117, 98229 and 98460.
II. That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute as to Parcel 200, and an easement as to Parcels 5 and 241N, together with the following rights: to acquire all trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within the right of way herein to be taken, and to keep and have the exclusive control of the same, to acquire from the owners whose lands front thereon any existing right of access to said highway in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned, and to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned.
With reference to Parcel 5, it is the intention of this proceeding to except all severed mineral rights, not including rights to sand and gravel, and reserve to the owners of the severed mineral rights, their heirs, successors and assigns, the rights and privileges to explore for, mine, and remove the minerals, but only in such manner that will not interfere with the use of said land for highway purposes or with the safe and continuous operation of any public highway thereon, and further the severed mineral owners reserve the right to relocate the highway at the mineral owners' expense pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §160.10 as such may be amended.
It is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit in an interest bearing account payments from the petitioner to the court pursuant to Minnesota statutes.
Further, it is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §117.042.
The petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.
III. That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Pennington County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:
EASEMENT ACQUISITION
Parcel 241N C.S. 5701 (1=33-24)
S.P. 5701-31RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 4, Block 1, Noper's Second Addition to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, shown as Parcel 241N on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 57-12 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Pennington County, Minnesota;
together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 241N:
Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 241N by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2022, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, successor in interest to Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership; Fee
Duff and Phelps LLC: Possible Claimant of an Interest
County of Pennington: Taxes and Special Assessments
EASEMENT ACQUISITION
Parcel 5 C.S. 5701 (1=33) 901
S.P. 5701-31RW
All of the following:
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 154 North, Range 43 West, shown as Parcel 5 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 57-14 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Pennington County, Minnesota;
containing 1,260 square feet, more or less;
together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 5:
Respondents.
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S.P. 5701-31RW
All of the following:
That part of Lot 4, Block 1, Noper's Second Addition to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, shown as Parcel 241N on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 57-12 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Pennington County, Minnesota;
together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 241N:
Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 241N by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2022, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:
BNSF Railway Company, formerly known as The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, and as Burlington Northern Railroad Company successor in interest to The St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Manitoba Railway Company; Fee
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment or conversion, to First Trust of New York, National Association; Mortgage
County of Pennington: Taxes
WHEREFORE, Your petitioner prays that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.
Dated: 02/20/2020 KEITH ELLISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/ William Young
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(651) 757-1386 (Voice)
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william.young@ag.state.mn.us
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
MINN. STAT. § 549.211
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.
Dated: 02/20/2020 KEITH ELLISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
/s/ William Young
WILLIAM YOUNG
Assistant Attorney General
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EQUIPMENT RENTAL - BIDS CLOSE
Tuesday, April 14th, 2020
RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750


NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for establishing rental rates. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Proposals may be examined and obtained at the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities or defects therein.

Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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March 18, 25, April 1, 2020
PENNINGTON COUNTY, MN COUNTY WIDE ASPHALT PAVEMENT CRACK SEALING CLOSING DATE 9:00 AM, APRIL 14, 2020
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by the Pennington County Auditor at the Courthouse in Thief River Falls, MN on behalf of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners for the following:
 CP 57-20-06
 County Wide Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing

The major quantities of work are:
 Crack Sealer - 95,500 pounds
 Proposals, Plans and Specifications may be examined and obtained at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 250 125th Avenue NE (behind Westside Motors) or by mail 250 125th Avenue NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

The Counter price for a complete set of all required contract documents is \$30.00 (non-refundable). Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling, if requested to be mailed.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidders bond made payable to the Pennington County Treasurer for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE PENNINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

Kenneth Olson
 County Auditor

March 18, 25, April 1, 2020
PENNINGTON COUNTY, MN COUNTY WIDE SHOULDERING CLOSING DATE 9:00 AM, APRIL 14, 2020
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by the Pennington County Auditor at the Courthouse in Thief River Falls, MN on behalf of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners for the following:
 CP 57-20-05
 County Wide Shouldering

The major quantities of work are:
 Shoulder Base Aggregate, Class 5 Mod - 25,000 Tons
 Proposals, Plans and Specifications may be examined and obtained at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 250 125th Avenue NE (behind Westside Motors) or by mail 250 125th Avenue NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

The Counter price for a complete set of all required contract documents is \$30.00 (non-refundable). Add \$3.00 for shipping and handling, if requested to be mailed.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidders bond made payable to the Pennington County Treasurer for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

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Kenneth Olson
 County Auditor

March 18, 25, April 1, 2020
PENNINGTON COUNTY, MN COUNTY WIDE STRIPING CLOSING DATE APRIL 14, 2020
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM Tuesday, April 14, 2020, by the Pennington County Auditor at the Courthouse in Thief River Falls, MN on behalf of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners for the following:
 CP 57-20-04
 County Wide Striping

The major quantities of work are:
 6" Solid Line Paint - 604,117 Lin. Ft.
 4" Solid Line Paint - 9,221 Lin. Ft.
 4" Broken Line Paint - 49,414 Lin. Ft.

Proposals, Plans and Specifications may be examined and obtained at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 250 125th Avenue NE (behind Westside Motors) or by mail 250 125th Avenue NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

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Kenneth Olson
 County Auditor

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2020
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 28, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$137,275.00
 MORTGAGOR(S): Shantea Green, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Marketplace Home Mortgage, LLC, it's successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: October 04, 2016
 Pennington County Recorder
 Document Number: 208818

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
 Dated: September 25, 2019
 Recorded: September 25, 2019
 Pennington County Recorder
 Document Number: 215974

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1002491-2000077381-7

Lender or Broker: Marketplace Home Mortgage, LLC
 Residential Mortgage Servicer: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
 Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pennington
 Property Address: 719 Kendall Ave S, Thief River Falls, MN 56701-3605
 Tax Parcel ID Number: 25.01102130
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Seventy-five feet (N.75) of Lot Three (3) of Block Three (3), in Conley's Third Addition to Thief River Falls, according to the official plat thereof on record.

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$134,690.43

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM
 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 104 West 1st Street, Thief River Falls, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within **six (6) months** from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2020, or the next business day if October 28, 2020 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: March 09, 2020
 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
 Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
 Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage
 7616 Currell Blvd, Ste 200
 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
 (651) 209-3300
 File Number: 043274F01

March 18, 25, April 1, 2020
STOCKPILING AGGREGATE BIDS CLOSE
9:00 AM, APRIL 14, 2020
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701
 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by the

Pennington County Auditor at the Courthouse in Thief River Falls, MN on behalf of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners for the following:
 County Project 57-20-07 Stockpile Aggregate

The major quantities of the project are:
 Crush, screen, and stockpile Class 5 aggregate - Modified approximately 45,000 Cu. Yards

Proposals may be obtained at the Office of the County Engineer at 250 125th Avenue NE (behind Westside Motors), Thief River Falls, MN or by mail by calling 218-683-7017.

Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check or bidders bond made payable to the Treasurer of Pennington County for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

The County Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

Kenneth Olson
 County Auditor

March 11, 18, 25, 2020
STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF RED LAKE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Court File No. 63-CV-20-29
 Case Type: **Name Change**
Notice of Hearing by Publication (Minor Name Change)
 Minn. Stat. § 259.10

In the Matter of the Application of: **Jazzmine Jodeci Teggatz**
 On Behalf of: **Silas Ryan Busse**
 For a Change of Name to: **Silas Ryan Teggatz**

TO: **Brandon Leroy Busse**
 Name of Parent to be notified

20548 110th St. NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, last known address.

An application for name change has been filed by Jazzmine Jodeci Teggatz for a change of name for the minor child(ren) Silas Ryan Busse to Silas Ryan Teggatz. A hearing on this application will be held at Courthouse, Red Lake Falls, MN on April 15th, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

You may obtain a copy of the application for name change from Court Administrator's Office, Courthouse, Red Lake Falls, MN.

If you do not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Petitioner's Application for a Name Change for the minor child(ren) may be granted.
 Dated March 4, 2020

/s/ Kathy Narlock
 Court Administrator
 by: /s/ Melissa Seu
 Deputy



A timber wolf pelt was among the pelts displayed by Thief River Falls resident Dana Klos during a program Monday, March 9 at Thief River Care Center.



Thief River Falls resident Dana Klos presented a program Monday, March 9 on furs and trapping at Thief River Care Center. Here, he is pictured holding a skunk pelt.



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