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**Human Services
fully reopens**

The Pennington County Human Services Department is fully reopening to the public starting Monday, March 29 at 8 a.m. The department had been previously open by appointment only.

Even though the department is fully reopening to the public, Human Services Director Julie Sjostrand still strongly encourages clients and citizens to call for an appointment as there is limited space in the offices of the Human Services Department.

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County hopeful it is seeing light at the end of the tunnel

Pennington County COVID numbers down

by April Scheinoha
Reporter

Kayla Jore, director of Inter-County Nursing Service, was optimistic while describing the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Pennington County. Jore spoke at the Pennington County Board meeting Tuesday, March 23.

Cases surged in February and into March. The most recent surge in cases affected a lot more kids under the age of 10, Jore said. Due

to that surge, Inter-County Nursing staffing changes and ramped-up vaccine administration, it was apparent that Inter-County Nursing needed assistance in contact tracing for both Pennington and Red Lake counties. As a result, the Minnesota Department of Health began handling those responsibilities Friday, March 13.

However, Jore is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Over the first three weeks in March, the number of new, active cases has gone down. "I'm very hopeful that it's trending down," she said.

The number of hospitalizations and deaths has improved as time has marched onward. Jore attributed that

change to the types of treatments available.

On the date of the County Board meeting, there were no new cases of COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, there have been 1,464 cases of COVID-19 in Pennington County. As of Tuesday, 20 of those cases were considered to be active cases, and 10 county residents were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Eighteen county residents have died. The most recent death was someone in their 90s whose death was reported a week earlier.

Inter-County Nursing has given 1,502 vaccines as of Tuesday. That number includes both first and second doses of the vaccine. Within days of the County Board

meeting, Jore anticipated that Inter-County Nursing would administer another 200 doses of vaccine as part of a vaccine clinic at its office and Arctic Cat.

Inter-County Nursing is providing two-dose COVID-19 vaccines to individuals, not the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Hospitals, clinics and pharmacies are administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Both Arctic Cat and Digi-Key are considered to be manufacturers as part of the COVID-19 vaccine guidance. Vaccinations are given on a priority basis established by Arctic Cat.

Inter-County Nursing

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Local Guard soldiers deploy

Nine-month mission to the Middle East

Approximately 1,100 soldiers from Task Force 1-194 deployed to the Middle East for a nine-month mission in support of Operation Spartan Shield. They deployed Sunday, March 7.

The task force included soldiers from the following units:

- Company B, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry – Crookston (which includes individuals from elsewhere in northwest Minnesota; this group deployed Tuesday, March 16 from Crookston)
- 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor – Brainerd
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor – Camp Ripley
- Company A, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor – Sauk Centre
- Company B, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor – St. Cloud
- Company C, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor – East St. Paul
- Company A, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry – Detroit Lakes
- Company C, 134th Brigade Support Battalion – Cottage Grove Company G, 134th Brigade Support Battalion – Camp Ripley

While deployed, the soldiers will mobilize and resume responsibilities within the CENTCOM Area of Operations, assuming the Operation Spartan Shield response force mission.

"This task force will bring together soldiers from several units across the state," said Lt. Col. Jacob Helgesstad, commander of Task Force 1-194. "Our soldiers are well-trained and ready for this mission and I'm confident they will represent the State of Minnesota well."

The soldiers traveled to Fort Bliss, Texas, for additional training prior to traveling overseas.

NWMAC Gallery hosts "Birds" exhibit at Northland



The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council has announced "Birds," an exhibit featuring the work of many regional artists. The exhibit is on display now through Thursday, April 29 at the NWMAC Gallery, which is located at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. (Submitted)

Northland plans for virtual graduation on May 13

Graduates and their families, along with friends and community members, are invited to join Northland's virtual

Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. The virtual ceremony will integrate traditional components, including formal remarks from the campus deans of East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls

and Interim President Shannan Jesme.

"Graduating is a time to celebrate students' accomplishments, to watch each walk across a stage in front of proud family and friends," said Jesme. "But again, like last year, we are unable to celebrate in the ways we have been used to. Instead, we will celebrate virtually,

keeping our friends, family, and community safe. We will celebrate each student, recognizing the perseverance and resiliency shown by this graduating class in earning their degree during this pandemic."

Northland has once again decided to host a virtual ceremony due to continuing concerns about large gatherings

and travel related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual ceremony will include many of the traditional elements that make graduation such a special occasion for both graduates and the administration. The evening ceremony will consist of an opening procession to Pomp and Circumstance, the playing of

The Star-Spangled Banner, a welcome address, and the official conferring of academic degrees.

"Making the decision to host a virtual commencement this year has been difficult. We truly missed the gathering and celebration last year, and hosting the

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COVID: the dangers of variants and "breakthroughs"

by David Hill
Editor

Concern about variants to COVID-19 continues to grow.

State Epidemiologist and MDH Medical Director Dr. Ruth Lynfield said Tuesday that the CDC and other health officials are closely

monitoring numerous variants of SARS-CoV-2. It's important to understand, she said, that mutations occur all the time and many are minor. The more a virus spreads the more opportunities for it to mutate. Many of these mutations don't have an impact on how fast a virus spreads or potentially

how severe a viral infection might be. However, there are variants that alter the characteristics of the virus genome and cause the virus to act differently in ways that are significant to public health. In other words, they can cause more severe disease, spread more easily between humans, require

different treatments and change the efficacy of current vaccines.

One of the variants of concern has been titled the B117 variant, which was first identified in the UK. The CDC reported Tuesday that there were 7,501 reported cases in the U.S.

Minnesota has its own ge-

nomic testing lab and does conduct random tests. These tests don't follow any pattern. Although when an outbreak occurs, the state may perform more tests. In other words, health officials are not seeing the whole picture. They are seeing a skewed

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We hope you enjoy these recipes reprinted from Julia Peterson Tufford's "Scandinavian Recipes" cookbook ©1940. Feel free to contribute your own favorite Scandinavian recipes to printshop@trftimes.com

Halvmanar (Half-Moon Cakes)

5 tablespoons butter
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1-1/2 cups sugar
2 cups flour

Cream butter until soft, add sugar and cream until light and fluffy. Add whole eggs alternately with flour, blending well. Put "Plett" pan in oven to heat. When

warm, butter well and put one-half tablespoon of above mixture in each space. Bake in moderate oven until light brown. Remove cakes from pan and put two together, using jelly or marmalade for filling. Glaze cakes, cut in halves with a sharp knife and sprinkle with chopped almonds, tinted pale green.

Children and families sought for Head Start

Northwest Head Start and Early Head Start are currently recruiting children and families for the 2021-22 program year. Head Start and Early Head Start are operated by Northwest Community Action Inc. and serve low income families in Marshall, Roseau, Lake of the Woods and Kittson counties.

Head Start and Early Head Start are family focused, comprehensive child development programs which provide activities, information, and assistance in the areas of education, health, family services, and parent involvement. Head

Start is a preschool program located in local schools and serves eligible families with children who are 3 to 5 years old. Early Head Start is for eligible families who are expecting or have children birth up to 3 years old. The EHS program consists of weekly home visits and Busy Buddy Group twice per month.

For more information or to apply, email Sharon at smillner@nwcaa.org or call the main Head Start office at 218-528-3227 or 1-800-568-5319. Applications are also online at www.nwcaa.org.

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Goodridge Twp. - at Goodridge Senior Center	April 19	4:00 P.M.
Goodridge City - at Goodridge Senior Center	April 19	5:00 P.M.
Smiley	April 20	10:00 A.M.
Numedal	April 21	2:30 P.M.
<i>Open Book at Government Center Meeting Room</i>		
Polk Centre	April 21	4:00 P.M.
Sanders	April 21	5:15 P.M.
Norden	April 22	8:15 A.M.
Bray	April 22	9:30 A.M.
River Falls - at St. Hilaire City Hall	April 22	6:00 P.M.
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Hickory	April 28	2:00 P.M.
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Highlandning	April 28	3:00 P.M.
<i>Open Book at Government Center Meeting Room</i>		
Cloverleaf	April 28	4:00 P.M.
<i>Open Book at Government Center Meeting Room</i>		
Thief River Falls	May 11	9:00 A.M.
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NWMAC arts funding available

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council has announced that funding is available for public art projects in the region.

The NWMAC has created a special category this year for Arts Legacy Grants and Arts Project Grants for public art projects. The deadline to apply is Saturday, May 1. Individual artists, arts organizations, or communities can apply.

Arts Legacy Grants are the main category for funding artistic activity within the seven-county service region. Funding for the grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. These grants are a maximum of \$10,000 with a required cash match.

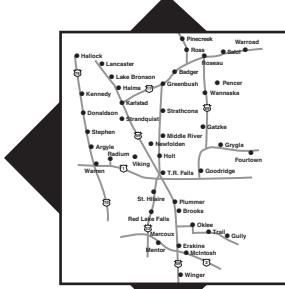
Arts Project Grants are used primarily for small budget arts projects. These grants are a maximum of \$3,000 with a required cash match. These grants have substantially less reporting requirements than Legacy grants.

Creating art in public spaces requires a different skill set than creating art for private commissions. It requires the artist to work with the city, the community or the neighborhood in collaboration to determine subject matter, look and timeline. The artist needs to

recognize and adhere to zoning and building codes. The artist also needs to be transparent at times with a whole committee of people related to design and installation and lighting requirements for public safety. Often it requires working at a large scale and understanding whether your art can handle our extreme weather.

Applicants must reside in the NWMAC's seven-county region of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties. Applications funded through these two grant opportunities include public art projects that improve the quality of life of people in our communities.

To start an application, log onto NWMAC's Grants Portal at nwarts.org or call 218-745-8886 for more information.



NORTHERN WATCH AROUND THE REGION

April Scheinoha

For now, natural gas project not coming to Karlstad

Karlstad - Back at its Jan. 4 meeting, the City of Karlstad gave Greater Minnesota Synergy the okay to explore the interest of installing natural gas in Karlstad. Greater Minnesota Synergy gauged that interest and found that not

enough existed to bring natural gas at this time to Karlstad.

In a phone message to Mayor Dale Nelson, Cody Chilson, Greater Minnesota Gas (part of Greater Minnesota Synergy), explained how exactly the city fell short of the interest needed to do the project. Greater Minnesota Synergy did its study for the City of Karlstad and found that its needed "capital spend" was about \$500,000 too high, or its annual margin fell about \$80,000 short of a "viable project," according to Chilson. He added how it would need to offset another 200,000 gallons of propane to make this project work.

Toward the end of the call, he explained that the study could be updated easily and quickly if something changes, such as potential growth, and the city decides to reach out to Greater Minnesota Synergy. - North Star News of Karlstad, March 25, 2021, by Ryan Bergeron

TRF man sentenced for possessing child porn

A Thief River Falls man was sentenced Monday, March 22 in Pennington County District Court for possessing five photos of child pornography in 2019.

Jonathan Wyatt Hulst, 19, was sentenced for five felony counts of possession of pornographic work involving minors, according to online court records.

For one felony offense, Hulst was ordered to serve 18 months in prison stayed for 10 years. He was ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

For the second offense, Hulst was ordered to serve 27 months in prison stayed for 10 years. For the third offense, he was ordered to serve 36 months in prison stayed for 10 years. For the fourth offense, he was ordered to serve 45 months in prison stayed for 10 years. For the fifth offense, he was ordered to serve 70 months



in prison stayed for 10 years.

Those sentences are to be served concurrently with one another. The same conditions apply for each offense, including serving 90 days in jail. He was given credit for five days served. Among other things, work release and Sentence to Serve privileges were granted. Conditional release after confinement was set at five years. He was ordered to serve supervised probation for 10 years.

Hulst was ordered to have no contact with anyone - male or female - under the age of 18 unless he receives permission from his agent. His brothers are excluded from that provision.

Hulst was ordered to undergo a psychological-sexual evaluation, including submitting to a polygraph exam as part of the treatment process and paying for the polygraph. Hulst was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives.

Hulst was also ordered to pay a \$50 fine for each of the four latter offenses.

The charges stemmed from a December 2019 report from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. According to the complaint, the Thief River Falls police investigator learned that Twitter had earlier reported a series of pornographic images of children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The complaint indicated that law enforcement in Denmark, Iowa and Washington identified some of the images involving child victims.

One of the Internet Provider addresses accessing some of the photos belonged to Hulst. Law enforcement

later executed a search warrant at Hulst's home. His email account, named after his dog, was also associated with the account.

The investigator confiscated Hulst's phone. She observed two images that featured a penis, dildo or other object being inserted into a child's vagina. One of those two images depicted a tied-up infant female while the other depicted a "young female." A third image depicted a "minor female" touching her exposed body. A fourth image seemingly depicted the aftermath of oral sex with a "young female" while a fifth image depicted a liquid substance near a minor female's genitalia.

Hulst, then a student at Lincoln High School, spoke to the investigator at LHS while in the presence of his mom as well as a school counselor, the principal and a Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force officer. He said he had a problem with pornography when he was younger, but he felt that he had the problem "under pretty good control." Hulst said he clicked on links that led him to several pornographic images.

Hulst said he believed some of the images were of young girls, but he thought the images were of young teenagers. He said he was disturbed by some of the images, but he didn't think any of the images involved a child under the age of 5. Hulst indicated the photos bothered him "for some time" and he felt bad not telling anyone about the photos.

The complaint indicated that Hulst said he had clicked on a link, asking him to trade. He told the investigator that he didn't know what the people wanted to trade. However, Hulst knew an abbreviation apparently used in child pornography circles.

When told one of the images was of a child under the age of 5, Hulst became "really upset" and said he hoped law enforcement wouldn't look at him differently.

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Lillian Myrum, 88

Keewatin - Lillian Myrum, 88, longtime resident of Keewatin, passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 26, 2021 at the Dougherty Funeral Home in Hibbing Interment will take place at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Hibbing.

Arrangements are with Dougherty Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hibbing. Please visit our website at www.doughertyofhibbing.com to leave a message of condolence.

Glen Jorde, 95

Thief River Falls - Glen Jorde, 95, of Thief River Falls, passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, ND.

A private family graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls with Reverend Joy Grainger officiating.

Marian Joppru, 94

Thief River Falls - Marian Joppru, of Thief River Falls, passed away at home, with her loving family by her side on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the age of 94.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls.

Johnathan Linder

Strathcona - Johnathan Linder of Strathcona passed away on March 22, 2021 at his rural Strathcona home.

Service will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Church in Strathcona with Reverend Curt Johnson Officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Burial will be held at United Free Lutheran Pauli Cemetery at Greenbush.

Gloria Erickson, 74

Thief River Falls - Gloria "Tootsie" Erickson, of Thief River Falls, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, with her family by her side, at the age of 74.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Pastor Ollie Urdahl officiating.

Burial followed at Black River Cemetery, rural St. Hilaire.

Audrey Isaacson, 80

Federal Way, WA - On Sunday, March 21, 2021 Audrey Ann (Sorenson) Isaacson, loving wife to Harold Isaacson, and mother of two children, passed away at the age of 80 from cancer

Orville Sorenson, 69

Haugen, WI - Orville Morris Sorenson, age 69, of Haugen, WI, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, WI.

All services and interment will be held privately.

Please leave your condolences for the family at www.bratley-nelsonchapel.com.

Carolyn Person, 92

Oklee - Carolyn Person, formerly of Oklee, age 92, died Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Villa St. Vincent in Crookston.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church, Oklee with Reverend Linda Molitor officiating. Burial will be at Valle Cemetery, rural Oklee.

Visitation will be held from noon until the time of service on Saturday at the church.

Family condolences may be sent to johnsonfuneralservice.com.

Donald Netteland, 86

Thief River Falls - Donald LeRoy Netteland passed away at his home on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the age of 86.

No service is planned at this time due to COVID.



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5. Replace with 2x4 all supporting framework for siding and insulate, use a treated 2x10 at sidewalk level to allow for movement of sidewalks.
6. Replace existing siding as per plan and make good to existing door jambs at Fire Hall.
7. Level up canopy over East Double doors and replace shingles and fascia and soffit.
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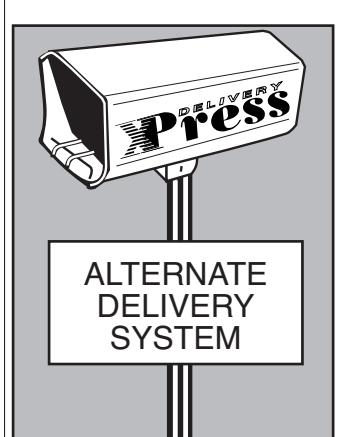
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I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, texts, e-mails, cards, phone calls and anyone who contributed in any way while I was in the hospital in Thief River Falls, Fargo and Rochester.

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Rural Reflections ...

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by
Grant
Nelson

My brother, Dave, and I often talk about old trucks. We both would like one, but it is dicey business balancing the need for some four-wheeled nostalgia and how lonely you want your checking account to appear. The other consideration is how much do you want to spend on a vehicle you only use on Sunday to go to Dairy Queen?

While the rest of the world continues to spin and concern itself with important issues, I still do not have an old truck. This is an unfortunate situation that extends to my brother, Dave. I have driven several old trucks in my life; however, they were not that old when I drove them. Those trucks and I are both old (er) now, and I would like to be paired with one example of these trucks which, like me, have avoided the junk pile.

Dave wants a 1962 International truck. I want a 1967 Dodge. The reasons have nothing to do with gross vehicle weight, horsepower or miles per gallon. It is about driving back to that time in your life when you and the truck first met.

There is no time machine that can bring you there quite like the memories attached to the machine that carried you around that period.

Dave wants the 1962 International that carried him around in the '70s and early '80s. The engine is a 345 cubic inch International truck engine that was essentially cut in half to properly size it for a pickup. Dave told me about a 1962 International that sold last week in western North Dakota. It had been owned at one time by Hank Williams Jr. The truck was in perfect shape, had low miles and a great backstory considering it was once owned by Bocephus. It went for a little over \$20,000.



The 1967 Dodge pickup was something I drove around in the 1980s. Dad bought the truck with a topper on it that was soon removed, so the bed could be used. The slant-six Chrysler engine was a 225 cubic inch that needed a good mile to get the truck to 55 miles per hour. I didn't care, I wasn't in a hurry. The old Dodge had a granny gear that allowed us to take the truck out to a hay field, put it in gear, then allow it to slowly pick its way down the field, without a driver, while we threw hay bales into the box.

I had some of the best drives in that old truck. Typically, I just drove around Viking, but it was still a treat. I really enjoyed shifting gears, especially from the deep first gear. I could listen to the AM radio and just relax. I even used it to drive to Moorhead to visit my brother a few times.

As much as I cherish the memories of that truck, it won't bother me if I never drive one again. I've found that memories are scrubbed clean by my mind and what is left is very nice, but not always complete. That old Dodge didn't always keep me very warm and lost value as a puller when you chose any gear other than granny first. Reliving those times would probably undermine the memory. Plus, performance wasn't the point of the relationship; it was friendship.



EDITORIAL OPINIONS

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Time to reopen the border

A couple of weeks ago, I watched a CBS story about an odd piece of land that's located in the state of Washington, but surrounded by Canada. I believe it's called Point Roberts. Because of the pandemic, getting in and out of this remote area of the United States has almost become impossible. It has been devastating to lives and economies. Remind you of somewhere else?

The closed border between the United States and Canada has gone on for far too long. It's time for the border to open, not just to commerce but tourism.

I've been meaning to express this opinion for quite a while, but had completely forgotten until Sen. Mark Johnson sent me a news release this week. In addition to what Sen. Johnson sent me, I have also received notes and heard comments from individuals who live in communities along the border complaining about the ridiculous outcomes brought about by the travel restrictions. It has impacted their health and the economies of the communities they live in.

The U.S. and Canada share deeply integrated economies and cultures. The almost 400,000 people and some \$2 billion worth of goods and services that cross our border every day are a testament to the strength of our economic relationship. According to the letter sent to the Biden Administration, in 2017 Canadians made 703,000 trips to Minnesota and spent \$195 million in the local economy, and in return, Minnesotans spent \$208 million in travel service to Canada. More vaccines are getting into arms, and people are armed with the knowledge of what it takes to prevent the spread of this virus. It's time to open the borders and restart this part of our economy and lives.

I join Sen. Johnson in demanding that the border be opened. Johnson wrote: "The Canadian Border must be opened. The amount of commerce, tourism, and free-flowing travel between the United States and Canada is critical to our communities in northwestern Minnesota. After stringent year-long travel restrictions across the border there is increasing need for a safe reopening. The border is an important step to getting our way of life back to normal."

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Light at the end of the tunnel/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) is working closely with Digi-Key and its on-site health clinic. That clinic is administering vaccines to employees. Jore reported that Digi-Key has already vaccinated employees who are over the age of 65. Vaccinations are administered on a priority basis depending upon where the employees work in the business.

Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk notified County Board that Pennington County will receive \$2.7 million in federal stimulus money. Tveitbakk, who has spoken with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, was informed that half would be provided in the next six weeks and the second half would be provided within the next year-and-a-half. After speaking with Klobuchar, he believed that county leaders would have more flexibility in how it uses the funding. Tveitbakk said he would like to use the funding for larger mitigation

and economic development activities.

So far, Pennington County has awarded \$1,422,584.24 in grants to 89 small businesses and 17 nonprofit organizations affected by the pandemic. Those entities received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. Pennington County also used an additional \$479,665.62 for public health and county mitigation out of the CARES Act funding it had received.

The federal government had provided most of that funding to the county. The remainder was CARES Act funding provided to North, Rocksbury and Smiley townships, and the City of Thief River Falls. Those government groups were required to spend the funding or provide it to the county.

As part of a separate state program for COVID-19 relief, Pennington County also awarded \$276,221 in grants to 16 small businesses.

Commissioner Bruce Lawrence thanked the county committee tasked with reviewing the grant applications and distributing the funds. "I know a lot of businesses are happy with the results," he said.

Minn. leads

(Continued from Page 1) to make Minnesota a consistent leader in the nation in getting shots into arms," said Gov. Tim Walz. "From our providers working around the clock, to local public health organizing on the ground, to our community leaders providing invaluable services and educating their neighbors, to all the Minnesotans rolling up their sleeves when it's their turn, I am grateful for everyone in our state working together to end this pandemic. Now let's keep up the good work — we won't stop until every Minnesotan who wants a shot gets one."

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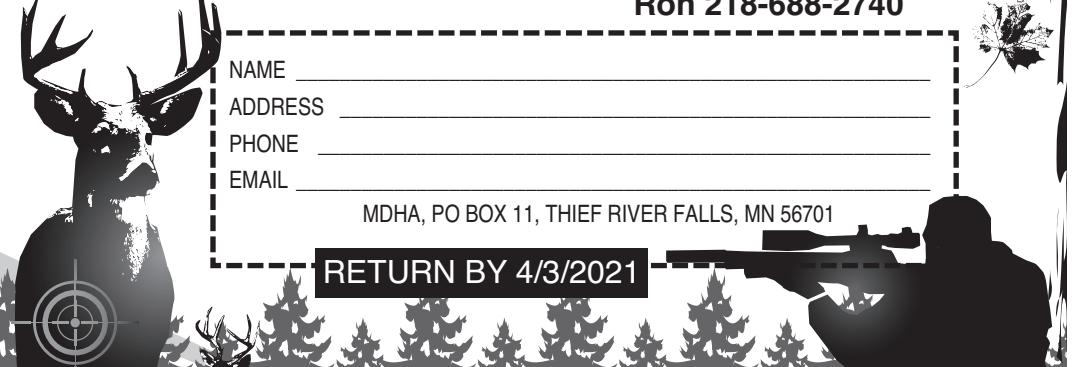


We are not going to be able to hold our annual spring banquet this year due to the pandemic restrictions. Although we will not be meeting in person the Thief River Falls Chapter would like to be able to continue with our local functions, including: Tracks magazine to our local 5th graders, Forkhorn youth camps, after prom parties, habitat projects, food plot seed distribution and other requests.

Please renew your MDHA membership and your sponsorship

As a thank you for your ongoing support we will be having a live raffle drawing on April 12th, 2021 at 7pm via Facebook on our MN Deer Hunter Assoc. Facebook page. All winners will be notified by phone following the live drawing. Please return membership and raffle sheet with your check or money order by April 3rd, 2021. You must be a member and over 18 years of age to enter.

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Northland plans virtual graduation ceremony

(Continued from Page 1) ceremony remotely is not our ideal scenario," said Brian Huschle, Northland provost. "Yet, the timing and stage at which we find ourselves within the pandemic, combined with the challenges involved in safely bringing large groups together resulted in this diffi-

cult decision. However, we are planning a very memorable virtual ceremony and hope our new graduates and their families will join us in celebrating their wonderful accomplishments."

Friends, family members, and the general public are invited to watch the virtual ceremony, airing on North-

land's website, Facebook, and official YouTube channel.

Graduates are encouraged to share their experiences on Instagram. Those who tag @northlandcte and/or use the hashtag #NorthlandGrad2021 may be featured on Northland's Instagram story feed. The

May 13 ceremony will also be available on the Commencement landing page for viewing later for those who can't attend during the scheduled time. For the latest information on North-

land's Commencement, visit northlandcollege.edu/commencement or email the Graduation Committee at graduation@northlandcollege.edu.

Although there is cur-

rently a necessity for a virtual ceremony, Northland is planning for a fall 2021 semester with more in-person experiences and fewer restrictions related to COVID-19.

Gallery hosts "Birds" /Continued

(Continued from Page 1) Crookston artist Ross Hier. Hier's love of nature from a young age led him to a career as a wildlife biologist. He retired after 35 years with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Section. A self-taught artist, he thoroughly enjoys the versatility of transparent watercolors. Nature provides him with unlimited subject material. Many of his subject ideas arose after observing some interaction in nature, landscape, or creatures. "I am drawn more to days when life wasn't so driven by technology and was lived at a slower pace," he said.

In 2019, Hier experienced a wonderful birding expedition in Ecuador. I observed 33 species during my 13-day

adventure and when I returned home, I set out on a personal project to paint all 33 of them. Thus far, I have completed 15 of those 33 species; these watercolors are on display at this exhibit. It is an extreme challenge to capture the vibrant, often neon-esque colors of hummingbirds with watercolor pigments. Also, mimicking blurred wing-movement is very difficult. I have learned much on the project and continue to revel in memories of the amazing 33 species."

The NWMAC Gallery is located at NCTC in Thief River Falls. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at other times when events are held at the college. Enter through Door

A. Visitor parking is free and in the large end of the lot at this time.

For more information about NWMAC exhibits, go to www.nwarts council.org, or if you are an artist interested in exhibiting a body of work with NWMAC, contact Trey Everett at 218-280-4917 or email NWArtsCouncil@gmail.com.

This exhibit is made possible with funding from The McKnight Foundation.

said, it's a race to get as many people vaccinated as possible. She said that as encouraging as the numbers are, residents need to remember that the population of Minnesota is roughly 5.6 million, and most Minnesotans are not vaccinated yet. That leaves millions still susceptible to B117 and health impacts.

"We know these variants are spreading, and we know how to slow them down. We've been at this for many months and excitement is growing because it appears we're getting close to the end. Unfortunately, it's easier than ever for one person to transmit the virus. Now is the time to finish the job we all started."

Experts are predicting that the B117 variant will become the predominant circulating strain in the U.S. As of March 23, Minnesota had identified 479 cases of the variant. They've also identified 108 infections of the variant first identified in California.

At this point, Lynfield

Ehresmann also looked on the positive side of the revelation, saying it highlights how effective the vaccines are.

Area students on president's list at BSU

Several local students have earned president's list honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji at the conclusion of the fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the president's honor roll, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 GPA during the semester. A total of 428 students earned fall 2020 president's list honors from the university.

Area students on the president's list include:

Gatzke - Austin Aune
Goodridge - Kristin Farris
Grygla - Elise Monson
St. Hilaire - Patricia Olson

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Congressional Art Competition to be held

Rep. Michelle Fischbach invites high school students from across Minnesota's Seventh District to participate in the annual Congressional Art Competition.

"I am very pleased to announce our office's participation in this longstanding U.S. Capitol tradition. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students across the district to showcase their creativity and hard work, and I am very much looking forward to reviewing the many wonderful submissions," Fischbach said.

Since 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the Congressional Institute's annual Congressional Art Competition, a nationwide high school art competition that recognizes and encourages artistic talent across

the district and nation.

The competition is open to all public, private, charter, and home school students in grades nine through 12. Winning submissions from each congressional district will be displayed for one year in the tunnel from the U.S. Capitol to the Cannon House Office Building, where they will be viewed by thousands of visitors, tourists, and distinguished members of Congress. The winners will also be highlighted on Fischbach's social media channels.

Additional guidelines and submission instructions are available by emailing Rieder Grunseth in Fischbach's office at rieder.grunseth@mail.house.gov. Artwork must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on Monday, May 3.

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Nominations sought for arts awards

Applications are open for nominations for the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Of the Year Awards. Three awards are given each year to recognize artists and arts advocates within our region who stand out in terms of artistry or volunteerism in the arts. Often people serve in both roles.

The Arts Advocate of the Year award is \$500 and often goes to a local leader who lives in the area where the artist reception will be held, but anyone is eligible to be nominated. Arts include all disciplines.

The Artist of the Year award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. It is a cash award of \$500 to use however they see fit.

Artists can only receive the Northwest Star Award once as a lifetime achievement award. This award is for \$5,000 and can be a gift to those who have chosen a hard career path related to

artistic expression.

The nomination deadline is Thursday, April 22. It has been extended this year due to a later reception date. Consider nominating someone viewed as a deserving candidate from the Arts Council's seven-county service area in northwestern Minnesota. Persons who believe their nominee would qualify for this award and have questions should contact the Arts Council office at 218-745-8886 or email director@NWArtsCouncil.org for more information. The nomination form is on the Arts Council website (www.northwestminnesotacouncil.org).

Awards will be presented at the Northwest Minnesota Arts Exhibit reception in Warroad in June. Funding for Northwest Star and Northwest Artist of the Year comes from The McKnight Foundation. Funding for Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year comes from the Minnesota State Legislature.

Holz-Clause to lead two UMN campuses

Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause has agreed to assume the role of acting executive chancellor for the University of Minnesota Crookston and Morris campuses for a two-year term to support Acting Chancellor Janet Schrunk Erickson of Morris starting this summer.

Morris Chancellor Michelle Behr recently announced her retirement – to begin this June – after four years of leadership on the Morris campus.

"As you know, the headwinds in higher education are nothing short of historic. The pandemic, the economy, and enrollment challenges across Minnesota and nationwide are just a few of the challenges we face," said University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel. "We must, now more than ever, find ways to focus on our academic mission while seeking opportunities to streamline our administrative and 'back-office' functions." As a result, Gabel noted, the university will wait until spring 2022 before conducting a search for the Morris campus' next leader.

To assist with the transition and to ensure continuity at the campus level, Crookston Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs John Hoffman will serve as acting senior vice chancellor during this two-year period. Both campuses have already collaborated closely, creating innovative synergies to further share administrative service models, which already include a shared registrar and admissions team announced last month. These efforts will continue under the leadership of Schrunk Erickson

and Holz-Clause.

"Morris has a strong liberal arts tradition, while we focus on hands-on learning. This new sharing of leadership is a natural extension of the cohesive working collaboration between UMN Morris and UMN Crookston," says Holz-Clause.

According to Holz-Clause, efforts will continue while honoring the campuses' unique contributions to the system and their respective communities. "At times, transitions cause concern. Let me assure you, both of our campuses will remain strong and continue to serve our unique students. And we certainly are aware of our 'lean-ness' on the Crookston campus. We look forward to the coming days when we start investing in a greater level into hiring and bringing to campus some of those individuals who are already hired and will be starting soon."

Gabel said Holz-Clause will provide behind-the-scenes support for Schrunk Erickson and allow her to benefit from Holz-Clause's experiences as a sitting chancellor. "Mary is an excellent leader who, while leading a very different campus, appreciates those differences and is committed to helping Janet steward the Morris campus through this transition."

The transition is not a step toward merging the Morris and Crookston campuses nor their missions. "Those missions are distinct," said Gabel. "I expect that this collaboration will further the creative innovative synergies that Morris and Crookston have initiated already. Those administrative efforts will continue."

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MPCA, Red Lake Nation and DNR identify strategies to improve water quality in Upper/Lower Red Lake Watershed

Water resources are generally healthy, but trouble spots identified

Local, state, and tribal agencies are working across borders to protect lakes and streams in the Upper and Lower Red Lake Watershed of northwest Minnesota. The partners have found that water resources are generally healthy in the watershed, which is located primarily within the Red Lake Nation and covered by forests and wetlands, according to two reports recently released by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The reports also identify trouble spots where waterways suffer from levels of nutrients and bacteria too high to meet standards.

The reports, developed in partnership between the MPCA and the Red Lake Nation Department of Natural Resources (RL DNR) found:

- 12 stream sections with levels of E. coli bacteria too high to meet standards. Bacteria can make streams unsafe for wading and other contact recreation.

- Three streams with levels of total suspended solids — soil and other particles in the water — too high to meet standards. These particles cloud the water, making it hard for fish and other aquatic life find food, avoid predators and perform other life functions.

- Nine stream sections with dissolved oxygen levels too low to sustain fish and other aquatic life, along with

other conditions that are negatively affecting fish and aquatic insect communities. These communities are impacted by stream alterations that have led to inconsistent flows — too high during spring runoff and summer rains, and too low during remaining periods — which also contribute to erosion.

• Five lakes have phosphorus levels too high to meet standards. This nutrient causes algal blooms that hinder recreation.

The first report, known as a total maximum daily load (TMDL), establishes the amount of each pollutant that a water body can accept and still meet water quality standards, and the amount of reductions needed for current levels of pollution. The federal Clean Water Act and the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act require TMDL studies for waters that are impaired, meaning they fail to meet standards.

The second report, a watershed restoration and protection strategy (WRAPS), is required by the state Clean Water Legacy Act and uses the TMDL report, monitoring results, and other information to recommend strategies for restoring polluted waters and protecting healthy ones.

Providing a wealth of local knowledge about the watershed, the RL DNR accompanied MPCA staff during fish and aquatic bug sampling, assisted with

water quality and assessment activities, conducted public participation events within the tribal community and in other areas of the watershed outside their jurisdiction, and co-authored the TMDL and WRAPS reports. The Red Lake Watershed District also contributed to the reports.

Data gathered from the Upper and Lower Red Lake Watershed reflect similar findings recorded in 10 years' worth of in-depth studies conducted throughout the broader Red River Basin.

- While the MPCA has no jurisdiction over tribal lands, the RL DNR plans to use information and recommendations from the reports to manage lakes and streams within the Red Lake Nation.

bird feces), scientists recommend strategies to reduce levels elsewhere through pasture management and cattle exclusion from streams, as well as bringing inadequate septic systems up to code.

Among the reports' other findings:

- Because forests and wetlands cover most of the landscape, helping hold back water and filter runoff, most lakes and streams are in good condition.

- While three bacteria impairments are due to natural causes (wildlife and

- Five lakes wholly within the Red Lake Nation managed for trout have excellent water quality and are high priority for protection efforts. Several streams also offer exceptional habitat for fish and bugs and need protection.

- Since high levels of phosphorus in Upper and Lower Red Lake are caused by natural sources and match historical records, the MPCA, along with RL DNR and the Science Museum of Minnesota, are working together to develop site-specific nutrient water quality standards that more accurately reflect the ecology of these lakes.

- Data gathered from the Upper and Lower Red Lake Watershed reflect similar findings recorded in 10 years' worth of in-depth studies conducted throughout the broader Red River Basin. The studies are part of the MPCA's approach to gauging the health of Min-

nesota's 80 major watersheds and will inform projects by local, tribal, regional, and even international partners to restore and protect lakes and streams.

Draft reports available

The draft reports are available on the MPCA's Upper/Lower Red Lake Watershed webpage. Submit comments to or request information from Denise Oakes (218-846-8119, 800-657-3864); MPCA, 714 Lake Ave. Ste. 220, Detroit Lakes MN, 56501, by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21.

Written Comments

Written comments must include a statement of the respondent's interest in the report, and the action you are requesting from the MPCA, including specific changes to sections of the draft report and the reasons for making those changes.

Planning for busing challenges

Instead of worrying, S.D. 564 comes up with some plans

by David Hill
Editor

No one sees an end in sight for the challenges to busing in School District 564.

Monday night, Ronnie Skallet, transportation director, begged everyone listening to the presentation during the meeting of the Board of Education for School District 564, Thief River Falls, to point anyone interested in becoming a bus driver in his direction.

Bus drivers are desperately needed. That's not a problem just in Thief River Falls; it's a problem faced by schools throughout the state, and apparently, the country.

Instead of dwelling on what they can't do and what might be the possible outcome, District 564, through the Transportation Committee, began planning for what it can do if the trend continues.

Skallet told the Board to keep in mind that they've al-

ready cut three routes, and they are down to 18 and should be at 21 routes. He added that he is also concerned that most of his drivers are beyond the age of retirement already.

Wayne Nomeland, chairman of the Board of Education and member of the Transportation Committee, said the committee met March 17 and began discussing some of the options they have at their disposal.

He listed several options from best to worst. The first option, route stacking, has already begun to take place. Route stacking involves

drivers doing multiple routes. Another option is cutting back even more on transportation activities.

The third option, which might generate more discussion, if and when it happens, would eliminate the two-mile rule within the city of Thief River Falls. (Minnesota statutes require

school districts to transport any student who lives two miles or more from school. Some districts follow the state law and won't transport any student until the student lives two miles or more from the school.)

Skallet said the state al-

lows this option, which would result in parents and students who live within a certain distance of schools to find their own way to school.

The fourth option would to establish county hub locations. The fifth option would be to create drivers within the district with a no-option policy. The sixth option would be to "offer incentives to new and existing drivers they cannot refuse." The seventh and final option would be to outsource transportation.

Anyone, said Skallet, who would like to become a bus driver should contact him.

LHS Prom, banquets and Commencement

Keep an eraser handy, but here are some important school dates to remember

Yes, students want a graduation parade

by David Hill
Editor

Get your calendars out, but you might want to use a pencil to write down these important dates.

Monday, March 23, Lincoln High School Principal Scott Brekke announced to the Board of Education that a number of important end-of-the year activities will take place; but, they should keep in mind that because of COVID-19 things can change quickly.

Prom for Lincoln High School students will occur in two shifts on April 24. The school is limited to how many students can attend an event so there will be two Grand Marches - one at 4 p.m., and a second at 7:30 p.m. After each Grand March, students will be invited to attend a meal and entertainment. The first shift will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Commons. The second will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets for stu-

dents cost \$25 per person. The final purchase date is April 9, and can be purchased in the Activities office. The Grand March tickets for parents and guests are \$6 and will be on sale April 7 and 14 at Lincoln High School from 7:15 to 8 a.m.

Formal attire is required of students, and out of town guests must be pre-approved.

Brekke said organizers are approaching businesses in the community in the hope of securing prizes for students attending the event. He added that they cannot have a dance at this time.

Last year, the school was not allowed to have an Honors Banquet, a traditional event for students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This year, the event will be on May 3. Brekke said how it will look remains uncertain. They know they can't have 180 people in their Commons.

The Annual Scholarship breakfast will be on May 19. In the past, the event took up only half of the Commons. Because of space restrictions, it will take up the entire Commons this year.

Brekke said they will also limit invites. He added that more information will come out later.

Graduation for the Class of 2021 will take place in person at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Because of COVID-19, the number of people attending the event will be limited; although, attendance depends on what the governor does in the near future.

Brekke said they met with senior students and students said they wanted to have a parade also. Last year, Commencement was held in the parking lot of Northland Community and Technical College and it was followed by a parade. Brekke said the students and community really liked the parade, so the plan now calls for students to exit the REA via the ramp on the south side, jump into their cars, and a parade will follow. Brekke noted that parents and relatives will not be allowed on the main floor of the REA after graduation.

Brekke told students, residents and Board members to stay tuned because they haven't worked out all the details at this point.

Summer school funding proposed

programming, staffing, health and safety protocol, and transportation, they require guidance from the state by mid-April in order to thoughtfully and accurately plan.

On Feb. 18, Walz sent a letter to legislative leaders requesting they take swift action. The proposal:

- Expands summer 2021 programming by providing students with opportunities to catch up on learning. It dedicates \$57.5 million in federal funds to expand summer programming with small class sizes and transportation for students. The proposal creates partnerships with community organizations to offer academic enrichment. The Legislature must approve federal spending, which occurred Monday.

- Expands summer 2021 preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds by providing \$20 million in one-time funding for early learners to attend a star-rated public or private preschool or pre-kindergarten in-person learning program

at no cost to them. Programs may be able to extend their school year, build upon summer programs they are already offering, or offer new summer programs.

- Expands mental health support in summer 2021 by providing \$7 million to expand school-linked mental health services and provide access to well-being support at summer learning programs.

- Provides field trips and hands-on learning in summer 2021 by providing school districts and charter schools with \$10 million in supplemental one-time funding for students.

- Accounts for pandemic enrollment loss by maintaining programming that serves all students across the state, including those who are historically underserved. The proposal would provide \$25 million in one-time funding to reduce the financial hardship incurred by school districts and charter schools due to a decline in enrollment because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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We are planning to sponsor a Fall Sportsmen's Show on September 11-12, 2021; and our 2022 Home, Sport & Family Show on April 9-10. Mark Your Calendars!

We are accepting applications for both of these shows at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Traci at 218-681-4450, by email at printshop@trftimes.com. Please follow our Facebook pages: TRFHomeShow or TRFSportShow for more information and updates.

Thank you for your continued support of the TRF Home, Sport & Family Show, and for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

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TRF Times

Prowlers fall to Green Wave after spirited battle

The Thief River Falls Boys Hockey Team saw its 2021 season come to an end Tuesday night following a hard-fought 3-1 loss at East Grand Forks.

"It was a very good effort overall by our team," said Thief River Falls Head Coach Tim Bergland. "I thought it was probably our best game of the year."

The Green Wave swept the regular season series with the Prowlers, winning 3-1 on Feb. 9 in Thief River Falls, and 6-2 on March 8 at the East Grand Forks Civic Center. The Prowlers averaged just 13 shots on goal in the two regular season meetings, while the Green Wave averaged 46.5 shots on goal in the two games.

Those trends continued in Tuesday's semifinal game, but the Prowlers shored things up defensively to limit the Green Wave to 33 shots over the course of the game.

"The shot differential really wasn't a factor at all," Bergland said. "When I looked back at the game last night, I would not have thought the shots were that much of a spread. They buried a couple of opportunities and got some luck as well. They are a very good team and work hard. We matched that after about the first five minutes of the game. The rest of the game I thought was very close back-and-forth – we just didn't bury our chances."

An early hooking penalty on Thief River Falls forward Brendan Bottom gave the Green Wave an extra man a little over three minutes into the contest. Thirty seconds into the power play, the Green Wave converted with junior defenseman Trey Ausmus, finding the net on a one-timer 3:46 into the game. Logan Spencer and Landon Parker were credited with assists as the Green Wave took an early 1-0 lead.

The Prowlers started to battle back midway through the first period and started to get some shots off but none found the net.

Nine minutes after their first goal, the Green Wave added another with Grady Magner scoring to make it 2-0.



Thief River Falls junior Justin Funk got the Prowlers back into the game with this first period goal. Funk's goal came 17 seconds after East Grand Forks had taken a 2-0 lead following a Grady Magner goal. It would turn out to be the only goal of the game for the Prowlers who dropped a 3-1 decision to the Green Wave in their Section 8A semifinal game.

The Prowlers responded immediately after the Green Wave goal, with Justin Funk charging up the ice on the right and firing a shot past the stick of EGF goaltender Cole Quirk to make it a 2-1 game.

The Prowlers had the Green Wave on their heels for the remainder of the opening period, but failed to score.

The Green Wave seemingly regained the momentum in the second period and limited the Prowlers to just three shots the entire frame.

EGF senior forward Landon Parker was whistled for tripping with three seconds left in the second period, giving the Prowlers a one-man advantage for the first 1:57 of the third period.

The Prowlers were unable to score on the power play, but the back and forth play that started around the five-minute mark of the opening period continued.

Brett Holmer allowed two goals in the opening period, before shutting down the Green Wave in the second period and most of the third period. His one blemish in the

third period was a goal by Jaksen Panzer with 4:48 left to play.

Down 3-1 with two minutes left to play, the Prowlers called a timeout and pulled Holmer in favor of a sixth skater. The Prowlers used the numbers advantage to get several good looks but none found the net.

"Couple really nice ones at the end," Bergland said. "But the kids played very hard. I would have to honestly say almost everyone had their game of the year."

East Grand Forks advanced to Thursday night's Section 8A championship game against Warroad. The Warriors were also victorious

in section semifinal action Tuesday night, defeating Red Lake Falls 11-1.

Scoring

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Thief River Falls	1	0	0	1
East Grand Forks	0	1	3	

First period - EGF, Trey Ausmus (power play) (Logan Spencer, Landon Parker) 3:46; EGF, Grady Magner (even strength) (Trey Ausmus) 12:49; TRF, Justin Funk (even strength) (Jaxon Brouse) 13:06.

Second period - No Score

Third period - EGF, Jaksen Panzer (Zach Stocker, Trey Ausmus) 12:12.

Shots - TRF 5-3-6 - 14; EGF 10-

14-9 - 33.

Power plays - TRF 0/1; EGF 1/2.

Penalties - TRF 4 (19 minutes); EGF 3 (17 minutes).

Goalie saves - TRF, Brett Holmer 29; EGF, Cole Quirk 13.

Section 8A

- Play-in game, Thursday, March 18 - Bagley/Fosston 7, Park Rapids 0.
- Quarterfinals, Saturday, March 20 - Warroad 13, Bagley/Fosston 0; Red Lake Falls 6, Kittson Central 2; Thief River Falls 7, Crookston 1; East Grand Forks 10, Lake of the Woods 0.

- Semifinals, Tuesday, March 23 - Warroad 11, Red Lake Falls 1; East Grand Forks 3, Thief River Falls 1.
- Championship, Thursday, March 25 - East Grand Forks at Warroad 7 p.m.

Section 8AA

- Quarterfinals, Wednesday, March 17 - Roseau 2, Buffalo 1 (OT); Rogers 3, St. Cloud 2; Moorhead 3, Bemidji 2 (OT); St. Michael-Albertville 5, Brainerd 1.
- Semifinals, Saturday, March 20 - Roseau 4, Rogers 3 (OT); Moorhead 8, St. Michael-Albertville 1.
- Championship, Thursday, March 25 - Moorhead at Roseau 6 p.m.

Spring thaw brings temporary closure of state forest roads and trails

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will temporarily close some state forest roads and trails because they are not firm enough to support vehicle traffic without causing damage. Depending on weather conditions, the temporary closures could remain in effect until sometime in May.

"The annual spring thaw creates wet, unstable road and trail conditions," said Deb Pitt, roads program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division. "Seasonal closures protect these roads from damage."

With the increased interest in outdoor recreation over the past year, Pitt anticipates the warmer weather will inspire people to head to Minnesota's state forests to enjoy the recreation opportunities they provide.

For information on road and trail closures, visit the DNR's road closure webpage. Temporary road and trail closure information is updated weekly on Thursdays by 2 p.m. Temporary closure signs also will be posted at entry points and parking lots. Roads that can handle vehicle traffic during the spring thaw will remain open but may have vehicle weight restrictions.



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Thief River Falls senior Blake Biermaier is separated from the puck by a pair of East Grand Forks defenders during the first period of Tuesday night's Section 8A semifinal game between the Prowlers and Green Wave.

Stephen-Argyle, Cass Lake-Bena to play for 8A girls championship

Stephen-Argyle, the top seed in the west half of Section 8A and Cass Lake-Bena, the number two seed in the east, met for the Section 8A girls basketball championship Friday night at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The Panthers advanced to the championship with a 54-37 quarterfinal win over Goodridge/Grygla on Saturday, March 20 and a 58-30 win over Fosston, the top seed in the East Tuesday night.

The Storm knocked off the fifth-seeded Ponies of Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 54-49 in last week's quarterfinal round, and they advanced to the championship with a 67-58 win over third seeded Red

Lake Falls in Tuesday night's semifinal game.

Section 8A Girls Basketball

- Second Round, Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. - East No. 1. Fosston 51, East No. 8. Blackduck 36; East No. 4. Red Lake 91, East No. 5. Clearbrook-Gonvick 67; East No. 3. Goodridge/Grygla 70, East No. 6. Kelliher/Northome 57; East No. 2. Cass Lake-Bena 72, East No. 7. Lake of the Woods 33; West No. 1. Stephen-Argyle 54, West No. 8. Northern Freeze 52; West No. 5. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 52, West No. 4. Fertile-Beltrami 41; West No. 3. Red Lake Falls 61, West No. 6. Kittson County Central 46; West No. 2. Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 62, West No. 7. Red Lake County Central 40.
- Quarterfinals, Saturday, March 20 - East No. 1. Fosston 57, East No. 4. Red Lake 43; East No. 2. Cass Lake-Bena 54, East No. 3. Goodridge/Grygla 37; West No. 1. Stephen-Argyle 54, West No. 5. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 49; West No. 3.
- Semifinals, Tuesday, March 16 - East No. 2. Cass Lake-Bena 58, East No. 1. Fosston 30; West No. 1. Stephen-Argyle 67, West No. 3. Red Lake Falls 58.
- Championship, Friday, March 26 at Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls - East No. 2 Cass Lake-Bena vs. West No. 1 Stephen-Argyle.

Section 8AA Girls Basketball

- Quarterfinals, Friday, March 19 - South No. 5 Barnesville 54, North No. 1 Crookston 46; South No. 2 Pelican Rapids 56, North No. 3 Park Rapids 27; South No. 1 Fergus Falls 73, North No. 4 Roseau 41; North No. 2 Hawley 61, Breckenridge 43.
- Semifinals, Tuesday, March 23 - South No. 2 Pelican Rapids 46, South No. 5 Barnesville 39 (OT); South No. 1 Fergus Falls 50, North No. 2 Hawley 26.
- Championship, Thursday, March 25 - South No. 2 Pelican Rapids at South No. 1 Fergus Falls.

Spring burning restrictions begin in NW Minnesota

Warm temperatures and dry conditions in northwest Minnesota mean increased wildfire risk, so the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is restricting open burning in the following counties effective immediately: Beltrami (north), Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington and Roseau.

As of Wednesday, March 24, the DNR began restrict-

ing open burning in the following counties. Beltrami (south), Cass (north), Clearwater, Itasca, Mahnomen, Polk and Red Lake.

The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

"Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of wildfires. That's why we issue these restrictions," said Casey McCoy, DNR fire pre-

vention supervisor. "They really work—we've reduced wildfires by nearly a third since we started spring burning restrictions."

McCoy encourages residents to use alternatives to burning, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. For information on how to compost yard debris, visit the DNR's guide to composting yard debris.



Thief River Falls junior defenseman Alex Von Holtum attempts to push the puck away from East Grand Forks senior forward Tanner Lubinsky during the second period of Tuesday's Section 8A semifinal game between the Prowlers and Green Wave. East Grand Forks won the game 3-1 to advance to Thursday night's Section 8A championship game against defending section champion Warroad.

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Gators advance to Section 8A boys championship

Badger/Greenbush-Middle River survived a 53-52 quarterfinal battle with Stephen-Argyle Saturday, March 20, before blowing out Fertile-Beltrami 72-52 Tuesday night to advance to the Section 8A championship game. The Gators faced Cass Lake-Bena, the top team in the east half of Section 8A, in Thursday night's championship game.

In Section 8AA action, number three seed in the north Thief River Falls was upset in the opening round of the playoffs by sixth-seeded East Grand Forks 69-61 Thursday, March 18.

Heading into Wednesday, March 24, the second-seeded Warroad was the

only team in the north still competing. The Warriors were ousted by top-seeded Fergus Falls Wednesday night, setting up a section championship game between second-seeded Perham and the top-seeded Otters.

Section 8A Boys Tournament

- Second round, Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. - East No. 1. Cass Lake Bena 65, No. 8. Clearbrook-Gonvick 62; East No. 4. Blackduck 53, East No. 5. Goodridge/Grygla 46; East No. 3 Red Lake 60, East No. 6. Fosston 45; East No. 2. Win-E-Mac 66, East No. 7. Northome/Kelliher 36; West No. 1. Fertile-Beltrami 85, West No. 8. Ada-Borup 75; West No. 4. Red Lake County 76, West No. 5. Northern Freeze 61; West No. 3. Stephen-Argyle 70, West No. 6. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 60; West No. 2. Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 58, No. 7. Sacred Heart 27.

- Quarterfinals, Saturday, March 20 - East No. 1. Cass Lake-Bena 77, No. 4. Red Lake 31; West No. 2 Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 72, West No. 1. Fertile-Beltrami 52.

■ Championship, Thursday, March 25 at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls - East No. 1 Cass Lake-Bena vs. West No. 2 Badger/Greenbush-Middle River.

Section 8AA Tournament

- Second round, Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. - South No. 1 Fergus Falls 76, Staples-Motley 47; North No. 4 Hawley 53, North No. 5 Bagley 48; South No. 3 Breckenridge 79, South No. 6 Frazee 63; North No. 6 East Grand Forks 69, North No. 3 Thief River Falls 61; North No. 1 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 66, Roseau 45;

- Semifinals, Tuesday, March 23 - East No. 1. Cass Lake-Bena 77, No. 4. Red Lake 31; West No. 2 Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 72, West No. 1. Fertile-Beltrami 52.

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South No. 4 Barnesville 72, South No. 5 Pelican Rapids 60; South No. 2 Perham 59, South No. 7 Wadena-Deer Creek 30.

■ Quarterfinals, Saturday, March 20 - Barnesville 59, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 56; Perham 61, East Grand Forks 43; Fergus Falls 66, Hawley 36; Warroad 62, Breckenridge 58.

■ Semifinals, Wednesday, March 24 - South No. 2 Perham 55, South No. 4 Barnesville 40; South No. 1

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- Quarterfinals, Tuesday, March 16 - Roseau 8, Bemidji 0; Moorhead 4, St. Cloud 1; Brainerd 4, Sartell/Sauk Rapids-Rice 0; Alexandria 2, Buffalo 1.
- Semifinals, Thursday, March 18 - Roseau 3, Moorhead 1; Alexandria 2, Brainerd 1 (OT).
- Championship - Alexandria 2, Roseau 1.

Class A State Tournament

- Quarterfinals, Friday, March 26 at Xcel Energy Center - Rochester Lourdes (9-8-0) vs. 2. Warroad (19-1-0) 11 a.m.; Luverne (16-4) vs. 3. Proctor/Hermantown (18-0-0) 1 p.m.; River Lakes (13-5-2) vs. 1. Gentry Academy (17-2-0) 6 p.m.; 5. Mound Westonka/SWC (14-2-0) vs. 4. Chisago Lakes (18-2-0) 8 p.m.

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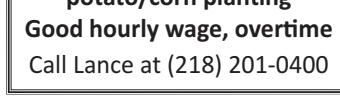


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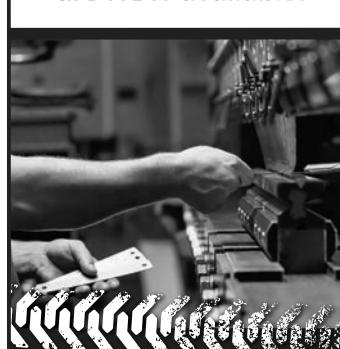
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