

# Protest expenses are trickling in

Counties to be reimbursed by Enbridge through MPUC

by April Scheinoha Reporter

The bills have been trickling in for the out-of-town law enforcement presence needed at the Enbridge Line 3 protest site south of Thief River Falls. At its meeting Tuesday, July 27, the Pennington County Board approved allowing those bills to be paid on a weekly basis instead of needing to go

through County Board on a semimonthly basis.

In an interview with The Times, County Coordinator Kevin Erickson said out-of-town law enforcement has needed about 50 hotel rooms over the past week. Some law enforcement officers are housed at Ralph Engelstad Arena, where the county has also set up an emergency operations center.

Enbridge has provided payment to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to reimburse counties that have incurred increased law enforcement expenses due to the protests.

At this point, Pennington County doesn't have a ballpark figure as bills are just

beginning to trickle in. The county also doesn't know whether other enforcement agencies will be submitting bills to Pennington County or submitting them directly to MPUC.

**County Board discussed instituting a no-wake ordinance on the Thief River due to drought conditions and the potential for blue-green algae.** Three years ago, the county enacted a similar ordinance. County Board took the matter under advisement.

**Commissioners heard a request from MAK Properties for a tax abatement.** County Board took the matter under ad-

visement. "There's an interest in this project, but we need to do a little investigating ourselves," said County Board Chairperson Neil Peterson.

MAK Properties is planning to build The Angle, a \$17 million residential/commercial project, near Valley Assisted Living in Thief River Falls. The firm would like the county to abate new taxes on the project for the first five years. It would still pay the amount of taxes due for the vacant land. Currently, that amount is \$250 for the vacant land valued at \$10,300.

Starting in year six and through year 10, taxes would be abated on 50% of

the new market value of the property. After that time frame, the firm would pay the full amount. MAK Properties believes it would pay an estimated \$106,222 in annual taxes for years 6 through 10. That amount doesn't include what it may pay for a separate daycare it plans to build on the parcel.

Marc Kuhn, who appeared virtually along with Corey Hanson, told the commissioners that the project wouldn't be developed but for this property tax incentive.

MAK Properties plans to construct a 130,000 square-foot building to house both residential and commercial properties. Of that amount,

9,000 square feet will be devoted to commercial space. The remainder will be used for 93 apartment units and an indoor parking garage. A separate daycare will be located on the north side of the property.

MAK Properties would like to start on the project as soon as this fall. Tenants have already been secured for the commercial properties.

**County Board accepted the low bid for culvert replacements along a section of Pennington County State Aid Highway 6.** Jeff Olson Construction had the low bid of \$28,172 to take out the 25  
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## RiverFest returns to TRF



It was a comfortably pleasant afternoon/evening for concert goers attending the RiverFest music festival in Thief River Falls Saturday. Inside this edition of The Times are many pictures from that event and others held last weekend.

## Superintendent explains levy referendum request to School Board

It has been 17 years since voters were presented a levy

by David Hill Editor

Donita Stepan, superintendent of schools in School District 564, Thief River Falls outlined for the Board of Education Monday how the District would use income that would be generated by a levy that's being presented to voters in No-

vember.

On July 12, the Board of Education approved a motion to present an operating levy to taxpayers. The District proposes to renew an existing property tax referendum of \$90.04 per pupil unit that is scheduled to expire, and increase the District's general education revenue by \$987.53 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation.

Stepan pointed out that this would be the first operating levy referendum request presented to voters in 17 years, a wonderful testament, she said, to the fact that the District has been very fiscally responsible. A bonding referendum and a levy renewal were approved in 2011.

(Bonds for capital improvement projects cannot be used for operating expenses, and funds from operating levies cannot be used for building or construction projects.)

If the expiring levy is not renewed, the impact on a home valued at \$200,000 would drop by \$30.66. The impact of renewing the expiring levy and additional levy, as proposed, on property valued at \$200,000 would be an increase of \$437.67.

For agricultural property (both Homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural

land and buildings. There will be no taxes paid for seasonal recreational residential property, either.

If approved, the levy would generate an additional \$2 million per year for the District. That amounts to only 8 percent of the total budget. Roughly 80 percent of the District's budget pays for salaries and benefits.

The District has three priorities for the levy:

1. Renew and improve 1:1 technology and the infrastructure. (1:1 technology refers to every student having an electronic device in order to access the internet for digital course materials, textbooks and other study materials.) Computers are renewed every three to four years, and infrastructure  
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## Reinbold is formally charged

by April Scheinoha Reporter

Authorities continue to search for Eric James Reinbold, 44, Oklee. He has now been formally charged with murdering his wife, Lissette.

Reinbold has been charged with felony second degree murder - intentional murder and felony second degree murder. The complaint was signed Friday, July 30 in Pennington County District Court.

According to the complaint, Lissette Reinbold "suffered multiple sharp force injuries to her neck, torso and upper extremities." The medical examiner provisionally determined that she had died from blood loss as a result of multiple sharp force injuries due to an assault. The manner of death was determined to be homicide.

A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information leading to his apprehension. To submit a tip, call 1-877-WANTED-2 (1-877-926-8332) or go to www.us-marshals.gov/tips.

Authorities were alerted about Lissette Reinbold's injuries at about 9:15 a.m. Friday, July 9. EMTs were dispatched to the Reinbold home, 10583 340th Ave. S.E. in Oklee.

Upon arriving at the scene, EMTs encountered a boy leaving on a bicycle. He told them that his mom was laying on the ground and he was going to get his stepdad, who was staying at a camper down the road. Upon driving down the driveway, an EMT saw Lissette Reinbold, 34, laying on the ground near a vehicle. Blood was visible with a puncture wound seen on her neck near her jaw. She was barefoot, and her sandals were located a short distance from her body. Nearby, a cell phone was wedged under a tire. Dirt was on Lissette Reinbold's face, and flies were on her body. EMTs then requested law enforcement.

Another of Lissette Reinbold's sons was outside of the home. He didn't know what had happened. Later,



Lissette Reinbold



Eric James Reinbold

he told authorities that he awoke to find his mom's vehicle outside even though she was supposed to work at 8 a.m. that day in Thief River Falls. He saw his mom laying on the ground and her face and hands were bloody. One of the boys then called their grandfather, who called 911.

Two of their siblings had spent the night at Eric Reinbold's camper. However, they allegedly said he was gone when they awoke. One sibling recalled Reinbold wasn't at the camper when he had used the bathroom at 6 or 7 a.m. The Reinbolds' daughter recalled last seeing her  
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# TRF man charged with terroristic threats

**Felony terroristic threats, felony first degree burglary and misdemeanor fourth degree criminal damage to property:** On July 25 at 1:58 a.m., police received a report that a man was kicking in a door at Sherwood Park Townhomes, 1601 Greenwood St. E. #104. Wayne Allen Hanson, 36, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony terroristic threats, felony first degree burglary and two misdemeanor counts of fourth degree criminal damage to property. He was arrested. Hanson allegedly kicked in a door at an apartment rented by a woman. Another man, as well as the woman's kids, were in the apartment with her at the time. Hanson found out about the couple's relationship, telling the woman that he was going to kill the man. The man was able to leave the home before Hanson arrived. The woman, who said she was sexually involved with both men, told police that she wasn't afraid of Hanson and didn't want him to be charged. The man allegedly said that Hanson had texted the woman, saying he was going to assault the man and kill him. Hanson allegedly told police that the woman told him that

the other man "pretty much rapes" the woman, and her kids are afraid of him. He said he went to the woman's home because he had forgotten his wallet. He then saw the other man's car and kicked in the door. However, he contradicted himself and said he didn't know that the man was in the apartment when he kicked in the door. Hanson denied threatening to kill the other man. Police observed text messages in which Hanson noted the other man was there and he demanded that the woman open the door before he kicked it in. The door sustained an estimated \$200 in damage. A tire on the man's vehicle had been slashed.

**Felony first degree driving while impaired and driving after cancellation - inimical to public safety:** On July 22 at 1:32 a.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Seventh Street and State Avenue. Madeline Kate Theodoridis, 35, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony first degree DWI and driving after cancellation - inimical to public safety. She was arrested.

**Felony criminal damage to property and gross misdemeanor trespassing:** On July 28 at 7:52 a.m., the sheriff's office

allegedly observed a man causing property damage at the Enbridge Line 3 protest site. James Shortbear, 26, Chamberlain, S.D., has charges pending for felony criminal damage to property and gross misdemeanor trespassing. While riding horseback, he allegedly damaged stakes and the barbed wire at the top of the fence. Shortbear also ripped the silt fence out of the ground along the chain-link fence. While riding horseback, he crossed back and forth on Highway 32, causing traffic to stop.

**Vandalism:** On July 28 at 1:52 p.m., police received a report of vandalism outside of the Justice Center. Someone had vandalized three personal vehicles belonging to county employees. One writing stated, "You can't drink oil." Another stated, "Stop Line 3 with genocide and climate." The third vehicle was scratched with additional writing around it.

**Felony theft:** On July 21 at 6:27 p.m., police received a report of a theft at Ronnings. Ricardo Martinez, 30, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony theft. He was arrested in an alleyway outside the store. Martinez allegedly stole merchandise

valued at a total of \$2,180.67, according to the complaint. He exited the store carrying bags of the merchandise and wearing some of it. He left his own shoes, socks and hat at the store.

**Third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test:** On July 22 at 2:41 a.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Third Street and LaBree Avenue. Jason Earl Kjeaar, 46, Thief River Falls, has been charged with third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test. He was arrested.

**Vehicle theft:** On July 24 at 4:24 p.m., police received a report of a vehicle theft in an alleyway between the 300 blocks of Main and Knight avenues north. A Shiner, Texas, man had left the keys of his 2010 Ford Expedition inside the parked vehicle. Someone then stole the vehicle. A Red Lake County sheriff's deputy later located the vehicle on the side of a road in the 16000 block of 210th St.

**Accident:** On July 25 at 6:22 a.m., police received a report of an accident near the intersection of Third Street and Maple Avenue. At the time of the accident, Jesse Anthony Chavez of

Grand Forks, N.D., was driving a 1985 Honda CH250 westbound on Third Street. According to the report, the motor scooter struck a curb and Chavez lost control of it. The motor scooter then crashed. No injuries were reported. Chavez has been cited for driving without valid vehicle class or type.

**DWI:** On July 25 at 1:20 a.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of 150th Avenue and 180th Street. Christopher James Sanders, 24, Goodridge, has charges pending for DWI. He was arrested.

**Theft:** On July 26 at 6:20 p.m., police received a report of theft at 118 Conley Ave. S. Cody Lee Wendell, 29, Thief River Falls, has been cited for theft. He allegedly stole electricity.

**Accident:** On July 26 at 9:52 p.m., police received a report of an accident in the parking lot of Rivers Bend Apartments. Katrina J. Horton of Warren backed a 2014 Chevy into the side wall of a garage. No injuries were reported.

**DWI:** On July 27 at 1:18 a.m., police performed a traffic stop in the 300 block of Main Ave. N. Reynaldo Martinez, 28, Mission, Texas, has been charged

with DWI. He was arrested. **Property damage:** On July 27 at 10:51 a.m., police received a report of property damage at 503 State Ave. N. Someone had intentionally cut a couple of window screens.

**Theft:** On July 27 at 11:26 a.m., police received a report of an internal theft at Walmart. Deana Louise Arndt, 52, Goodridge, has been cited for theft. She allegedly stole merchandise.

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

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.

## No injuries after two fires

No injuries were reported after two separate fires Friday.

The first fire was reported at 8:39 a.m. Friday at 313 First St. E., according to the Thief River Falls Police Department. A sleeping woman awoke to find her mattress burning, according to Thief River Falls Co-Fire Chief Rick Beier. She was able to escape without injury.

The home sustained about \$10,000 in damage to the bedroom. Barry Froiland owns the rental home, which is rented to

Mike Zawchenuk. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Firefighters remained on the scene for about an hour.

Later that day, at 8:03 p.m., Thief River Falls firefighters were dispatched to the parking lot of Kruse In in St. Hilaire. A Peterbilt semi was on fire. Beier said the flames had died down by the time firefighters arrived. It was unknown who owned the Peterbilt semi, which was believed to be at least 13 years old. The fire was determined to be electrical in nature.

## Nineteen people charged after incidents at protest site

by April Scheinoha Reporter

Nineteen people have been charged in Pennington County District Court after two incidents last week at the Enbridge Line 3 protest site south of Thief River Falls.

The following individuals were charged with felony theft - temporary control manifesting an indifference to the rights of the owner; gross misdemeanor trespassing on critical infrastruc-

ture, utility or pipeline; and obstruction of the legal process:

- Danny Bryan Leclaire, 28, Shoreline, Wash.
- Jennifer Guadalupe Montano, 22, Burnsville
- Danikah Rumi Padilla, 25, Whitesville, W.Va.
- Victor Enrique Puertas, 45, Salt Lake City

They were charged after they tried to breach a fence with a vehicle Thursday, July 29. After the vehicle stopped, they allegedly attached themselves to the vehicle, blocking the entrance to the property. One individual, Montano, was lying under the sport utility vehicle while attached to it.

A cut team extracted the four of them. The area was blocked for about seven hours, causing a loss of about \$2,088.74.

While a sheriff's deputy assisted with that incident that apparently continued into the early morning hours of Friday, July 30, she learned that a large group

of people were allegedly carrying ladders. She began recording the incident with a sheriff's office-issued video camera. Other law enforcement agencies hit several of the individuals with less lethal ammunition after they climbed over the first fence. Others used ladders to climb to the top. A rug was then placed over the barbed wire. In addition, they used the rug to shield themselves from the less lethal rounds. They tried to breach the second fence, but law enforcement sprayed them with chemical agents. Some returned to the "treaty camp" while others sat between the two fences. A struggle then ensued on a dirt pile between law enforcement and those individuals. Arrested were the individuals who stayed between the two fences.

The following were charged with trespassing on critical infrastructure, utility or pipeline, and obstruction of the legal process:

- Jessica Lynn Burton, 19, Northfield
- Karla Yesnia Colon-Aponte, 25, Chicopee, Mass.
- Jennifer Marie Dylkowski, 26, Stacy
- Adelaide Rose Gaughran-Bedell, 21, St. Paul
- Joshua Aaron Hollamon, 31, Van Nuys, Calif.
- Tara Marie Houska, 37, Park Rapids
- Sadie Marie Luetmer, 32, Minneapolis
- Ntebohng Miya Mokuena, 26, Miami
- Joseph Donaldkoster Relich, 26, Eugene, Ore.
- Keegan Lowell Robinson, 26, Minneapolis
- Gingger Shankar, 41, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
- John Henry Shimek, 38, Ogema
- Charlotte Leigh Wolf, 20, Minneapolis
- Ashley Stecher Wagner, 29, Berkeley, Calif.
- Kelly Yvonne Zwolinski, 30, Scottsdale, Ariz.

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## Court cases include dismissed felony charges

A dismissed felony burglary charge is 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 (www.trftimes.com), it has been copied.

**Pennington County Sheriff's Office cases:** Dylan Wayne Burkland, 24, Thief River Falls, felony charge of first degree burglary and misdemeanor charges of domestic assault and trespassing were dismissed; Jeremy Aaron Tostrup, 24, Viking, felony charge of fifth degree possession of a controlled substance and a gross misdemeanor charge of introduction of contraband into a jail facility were dismissed.

**Thief River Falls Police Department cases:** Travis Bruce Johnson, 32, Thief River Falls, statutory stay of adjudication for a gross misdemeanor charge of fifth degree controlled substance crime - possession and continued, \$50, supervised probation for two years, attend support groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, on a regular basis as directed by probation agent, obtain a sponsor with regular sponsor contact maintained, participate in mental health services as recommended by providers, including medication management and individual therapy, introduction of contraband into a jail, \$210, one year in jail stayed for two years, supervised probation for two years, conditions the same as controlled substance charge, felony charges of second degree burglary and motor vehicle theft were dismissed.

Jeremy Aaron Tostrup, 24, Viking, charge of no seat belt worn dismissed; Kyle Lee Farland, 42, Thompson, Iowa, second degree driving while impaired, \$1,115, one year in jail stayed for one year, probation to the court for one year, chemical assessment, charge of carrying a pistol while under the influence of alcohol dismissed; Travis Lee Holden, 28, Thief River Falls, fourth degree DWI, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for two years,

probation to the court for two years, chemical assessment.

Michael Gene Holten, 65, Thief River Falls, charge of public nuisance - storage or accumulation continued for dismissal, unsupervised probation for three months, charge of public nuisance - affecting peace and safety continued for dismissal, unsupervised probation for three months; Marcus James Langevin, 26, Thief River Falls, fourth degree DWI, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, probation to the court for one year, complete a chemical assessment within 30 days of sentence, charge of third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test dismissed.

Christopher Todd Thompson, 24, Crookston, fourth degree DWI, \$210, 90 days in jail considered to be served, charge of third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test dismissed; Jacob David Samuelson, 18, Thief River Falls, expired registration, \$115, driver who isn't owner must later produce proof of insurance if required, \$200; Melanie Trapp Mathiason, 75, Thief River Falls, failure to yield, \$135; Eric David Myhre, 43, Thief River Falls, no insurance - driver, \$285, driving after revocation, \$285 and another charge of no insurance - driver, \$200; Kevin Leonard Cherf, 45, Winger, charge of expired registration dismissed; Sheree Lynn Cloud, 22, Redby, theft, \$135, 30 days in jail stayed for one year.

**Minnesota State Patrol cases:** Benjamin James Haugen, 19, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Eli Davenport Hewell, 22, Gillsville, Ga., 75/60, \$145; Morgan Paige Hviding, 27, Crookston, 65/60, \$125; Chad Erwin Lavalier, 48, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Jerry Andrew Redden, 29, Thief River Falls, 71/55, \$145; Thomas Kyle Robertson, 34, Pearlman, Texas, 80/60, \$225; Savannah Ann Peterson, 22, Plummer, window tint violation, \$135, tires extending beyond fenders, \$50.

Bradley Jay Carlson, 66, Grand Forks, N.D., violation of Hands-Free Law - engage in cell phone or

video call, \$135; Megan Mae Diane Cullen, 29, Goodridge, 65/60, \$125; Noah Christopher Dybedahl, 21, Thief River Falls, driving after suspension, \$185, 90 days in jail stayed for one year, expired registration, \$100, 90 days in jail stayed for one year, charges of failure to obey a lawful order and failure to mail/deliver certificate of title to department within time frame specified dismissed.

Brynn Ann Kristine Erickson, 37, Kennedy, 75/60, \$145; Jacquelyn Ruth Haller, 47, Moorhead, charge of a Move Over Law - failure to reduce speed until passed violation continued for dismissal, unsupervised probation for six months; Justice Rose Harnestad, 26, Northwood, N.D., violation of Hands-Free Law - engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Tracy Ann Anderson, 42, East Grand Forks, violation of Hands-Free Law - engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Patricia Ann Bren, 39, Oklee, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed.

Alexander Todd Brua, 24, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Brenden James Wilde, 55, Thief River Falls, window tint violation, \$135; Jeremy Aaron Tostrup, 24, Viking, charge of driving after revocation dismissed; Lakota Paige Whitefeather, 29, Ponemah, instruction permit violation, \$135, no insurance - driver, \$200; Hannah Belle Lindholm, 18, Newfolden, violation of Move Over Law - failure to reduce speed until passed, \$135; Benedict James San Jose Malinao, 31, Thief River Falls, no registration, \$185; Travis James Norris, 39, Thief River Falls, 70/60, \$125; Benjamin Gerald Owen, 38, Thief River Falls, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed.

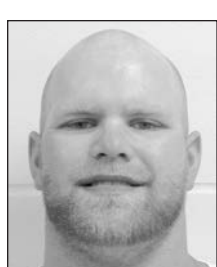
**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources cases:** Jeffrey Mark Adams, 58, Milton, Fla., fishing with an extra line, \$135; Daren Alvin Asp, 39, Thief River Falls, failure to display all-terrain vehicle registration/decals as required, \$110; Alicia Rae Timm, 31, Plummer, game license required, \$135.

# Viking man sentenced to prison for separate felony burglary and drug charges

A Viking man received prison sentences Tuesday, July 27 in Pennington County District Court for separate felony burglary and drug cases. A co-defendant in the burglary case was sentenced Monday, July 26.

**Jeremy Aaron Tostrup, 24**, was sentenced for a felony charge of second degree burglary. Two felony offenses of possession of stolen property were dismissed.

For the burglary charge, Tostrup was sentenced to 28 months in prison to be served concurrently with another case. He was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives.



**Jeremy Aaron Tostrup**

Tostrup was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

For the same burglary case, **Bobbie Jo Sevigny, 48, Warren**, was sentenced for a felony charge of motor vehicle theft. Two other felony charges of motor vehicle theft and a felony charge of aiding and abetting a motor vehicle theft were dismissed.

For the former offense, Sevigny was granted a five-year stay of imposition. As a condition of that sentence, she was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. She was ordered to have no contact with the victim.

Sevigny was ordered to complete all recommendations in the aftercare plan as outlined in the Douglas Place discharge summary and any aftercare plan from RiverView Recovery. Given her completed programming, it doesn't appear that a chemical assessment is necessary at this time.

Sevigny was ordered to have no contact with people associated with alcohol or illegal drugs, including anyone using drug paraphernalia. She was ordered to follow all mental health programming as recommended, including therapy, medication management and adult rehabilitative mental health services.

Sevigny was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. She was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Sevigny was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines, and \$300 in restitution.

Daniel Adam Sevigny has also been charged in connection with the case. He is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday, Aug. 24.

The charges stemmed from a Nov. 23 report of a burglary at 20190 140th St. S.E., Plummer, according to the complaints. Someone had stolen a Massey Ferguson 265 tractor with an Allied front-end loader and three-point disk attachment, and an Allis Chalmers B tractor with an attached belly-type mower. Both had been located in a garage. The house was also ransacked. Numerous food items had been stolen out of a freezer and coins were missing as well. Footprints and a partially smoked cigarette were found in the garage. Two mismatched gloves were found at the scene as well. Daniel Sevigny was wearing work boots at the time of his arrest. The tread was similar to the tread pattern observed in the footprints.

The sheriff's office had also received an Oct. 19 report of a burglary at a hunting cabin along 130th Street in Wyandotte Township. Firearms and Stihl chain saws had been stolen there.

At the time, Tostrup lived east of the rural Plummer property and about two miles away from the hunting cabin. He was known to the Pennington County sheriff's investigator due to past drug investigations.

After the burglary at the hunting cabin, the owner placed a trail camera on his property. Footage showed a pickup truck registered to Bobbie Jo Sevigny. The investigator knew of Sevigny and her husband, Daniel, from past investigations. He also recalled seeing an Allis Chalmers tractor for sale on a Facebook buy and sell page. Bobbie Jo Sevigny had posted it. The tractor was similar to one of the stolen tractors, but it didn't appear to be the same one.

The investigator spoke with the Sevignys' probation agent, who had visited them a week earlier. She recalled that Daniel Sevigny had planned to exchange a tractor for a camper since he and his wife had been asked to leave their Warren home. He planned to exchange it with a Glyndon man. The probation agent returned to the Warren home after hearing about the latest investigation involving the Sevignys. They weren't there.

The investigator learned that a Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force officer had received a tip that Daniel Sevigny had been at Tostrup's home, 21639 140th St. S.E., Plummer.

Tostrup's home was soon placed under surveillance. On Nov. 26, the investigator and a Thief River Falls police sergeant allegedly observed a vehicle driving on property believed to be owned by the owner of the hunting cabin. The vehicle was soon stopped. The driver said he and Tostrup were looking for firewood to cut and would ask permission before cutting any firewood.

Afterward, law enforcement learned the owner had earlier reported that someone had stolen a tree and dragged it to his neighbor's home in Red Lake County. The neighbor was Tostrup. Law enforcement questioned the Glyndon man and his father. The man had posted a picture of a camper that he wished to sell or trade. Bobbie Jo Sevigny contacted him, wanting to trade a pickup box trailer for it. He declined, and she later wanted to trade it for an Allis Chalmers tractor. The man also spoke with Daniel Sevigny to discuss details about the sale.

The man and his father agreed to trade the camper for the Allis Chalmers tractor without the belly mower. They agreed to purchase the other Allis Chalmers tractor with the belly mower for \$300. Facebook Messenger conversations corroborated the man's statement.

They met the Sevignys at a home in Aaseby Trailer Court on Nov. 22 to obtain the tractors. Daniel Sevigny spoke about another Massey Ferguson loader tractor, but no further specifics were provided. The following day, the father and son dropped off the camper. Law enforcement recovered the Allis Chalmers with belly mower from the father and son. They also photographed the other tractor. The father and son are seeking \$300 in restitution.

The Sevignys lived in the camper on Tostrup's property. The camper was placed under surveillance. During the early morning hours of Dec. 2, a pickup truck and trailer were observed there. They matched the vehicle and trailer visible on the

trail camera footage.

While in the process of drafting a search warrant for the camper, the investigator learned the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office had located Tostrup and Daniel Sevigny, who possessed the stolen Massey Ferguson. Tostrup said he had driven the tractor from Pennington to Red Lake counties.

A search warrant was executed later that day for the camper and grain bins on Tostrup's property.

Outside of Tostrup's home, Chief Red Lake County Deputy Brad Johnson observed a Remington shotgun and Stihl chain saw. The lights were on inside the home. Not knowing if anyone were home, he entered the home to ensure officer safety. No one was home, but the chief deputy allegedly saw a youth Remington 20-gauge pump shotgun.

A search warrant was later drafted and executed for Tostrup's home given what the chief deputy had observed. Tostrup was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition per the conditions of his release from jail at that time.

Inside the home, a Pennington County sheriff's deputy recovered the youth Remington 20-gauge shotgun. It had been stolen from the hunting cabin. A leather gun case, which had also been stolen from that property, was found as well. It contained a firearm at the time of the theft, but the firearm wasn't recovered.

Law enforcement also found a Remington 12-gauge semiautomatic shotgun, a Mossberg 12-gauge semiautomatic shotgun, a Stihl chain saw, and three boxes of Winchester .22 caliber ammunition.

Tostrup was also sentenced for a felony charge of third degree controlled substance crime. Felony charges of fourth degree controlled substance crime and conspiracy to commit a second degree controlled substance crime were dismissed.

For the former offense, Tostrup was sentenced to 27 months in prison to be served concurrently with another case. For his lifetime, he is banned from using or possessing firearms, ammunition or explosives unless his civil rights are restored. Tostrup was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

Those charges stemmed from an ongoing drug investigation in April 2019 that involved Tostrup, Brianna Lynn Olson and Mikelalen Heaton. At the time, the three of them lived at 711 Atlantic Ave. N. in Thief River Falls. The complaints indicated Tostrup and Olson were boyfriend and girlfriend. A child also lived at the home as evidenced by diapers and a stroller. A Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force officer also observed Olson carrying a small child out of the home while the home was under surveillance.

Law enforcement utilized confidential informants to purchase meth from Tostrup and Heaton. On April 27, 2019, an informant purchased one gram of meth from Tostrup for \$130. On May 28, 2019, 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 at night. Law enforcement then obtained a search warrant for Heaton's Facebook account, finding numerous conversa-

tions involving him, Tostrup and Olson discussing plans with others to sell meth and other controlled substances. One conversation involved Heaton and Olson discussing a third person coming to their home to buy drugs. The other conversation involved Heaton saying he had received 3.5 grams of meth. 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. In one instance, a man was seeking drugs for others, including someone known to the PTPDTF officer in prior drug investigations. In another instance, a woman was asking Olson if anyone needed drugs.

PTPDTF also observed separate drug-related messages between Tostrup and two individuals.

On Oct. 9, 2019, law enforcement executed a search warrant for the home. Inside, they found a pill bottle and a rubber hose, both containing methamphetamine residue, in Olson's bedroom. A scale and two large propane torches were also found there.

In a living room, 3.78 grams of meth were found inside a box along with \$300 in cash. Three marijuana grinders and other drug paraphernalia were also found in the home.

Olson and Heaton have since been sentenced for their roles in the case.

**Brandeis Jayde Olberg, 41, Newfolden**, was sentenced for felony fifth degree possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison stayed for five years.



**Brandeis Jayde Olberg**

Olberg was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. He was ordered to complete a chemical assessment and comply with all recommendations of his evaluation, including aftercare. Olberg was ordered to attend his mental health appointments as scheduled and follow all recommendations. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Olberg was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charge stemmed from an Oct. 20 report to the sheriff's office that a vehicle was parked in the middle of 210th Avenue Northeast, according to the complaint. The caller said the driver was asleep behind the wheel.

Upon arriving, a sheriff's deputy found Olberg slumped over. It appeared he was asleep in the idling vehicle, which had its headlights in operation and was in the middle of the roadway. Olberg told the deputy that he was tired. The deputy noted that Olberg had bloodshot, watery eyes. At the time, his license was revoked and he was on probation. The deputy spoke with Olberg's probation agent, who approved a probationary search of Olberg's vehicle. Inside, the deputy found two methamphetamine pipes containing meth residue. The probation officer then approved an apprehend and detain hold, and he was remanded to the Red Lake County Sheriff's

Office since he was on probation out of Red Lake County.

The complaint indicated that Olberg has a criminal history that includes, but isn't limited to, three counts of fifth degree possession of drugs (all in 2017 and in Hubbard, Pennington and Red Lake counties) two driving while impaired offenses (in 2014 in Pennington County and 2017 in Red Lake County), two fifth degree assault charges (both in Red Lake County in 2014 and 2018), a 2006 fifth degree assault charge in Pennington County and a 2020 Polk County contempt of court charge.

**Benjamin Gerald Owen, 38, Thief River Falls**, was sentenced for felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle. Misdemeanor charges of obstruction of the legal process and driving after suspension were dismissed.

For the fleeing charge, Owen was sentenced to 15 months in prison stayed for three years. Owen was ordered to serve supervised

probation for three years. He was ordered to follow all recommendations of his most recently completed chemical assessment, including treatment and aftercare. Owen was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Owen was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charges stemmed from a Dec. 21 incident that began after a police officer observed Owen driving on a frontage road along the 1500 block of Hwy. 59 S. According to the complaint, the officer followed Owen until road conditions allowed him to attempt a traffic stop near the intersection of Sorteberg Drive and Michael Street. However, Owen failed to stop. He eventually stopped his vehicle on Sorteberg Drive, admitted his identity and refused to comply with multiple commands to show his hands.

Owen told the officer that he had paperwork proving that his driver's license wasn't suspended. He told the officer that he would drive away. Owen then left, traveling on 167th Avenue Northeast and 152nd Street Northeast until he stopped his vehicle in the 17200 block of 152nd Street Northeast. He then exited his vehicle, yelling that the officer shouldn't be pulling him over. Given Owen's actions, the officer called for backup.

The sheriff's investigator and a PTPDTF officer arrived and took Owen down to the ground. He kicked and wouldn't place his hands behind his back as instructed.

Officers found a glass marijuana pipe in Owen's pocket. It contained marijuana residue. After Owen was transported to the Law Enforcement Center, his probation officer requested that police obtain a urine sample from him. Owen refused, saying he wanted to see a judge first. He was then told that he had two hours to submit the urine sample otherwise he would face a probation violation. Owen continued to refuse to comply with the request.



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## COVID-19 vaccine clinic set

Inter-County Nursing Service of Thief River Falls will hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic Monday, Aug. 9. The clinic will be held, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Goodridge Community Center. No pre-registration is needed.

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Thanks again,  
Dora Watson

## Medicare 101 class to be held

Minnesota Senior LinkAge Line® will provide a Medicare 101 class virtually for people new to Medicare who would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. The virtual class will be offered Thursday, Aug. 19 from 2 to

4 p.m. The Senior LinkAge Line Medicare 101 class is for people new to Medicare who would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Topics include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During class, attendees will find out how to get the most from their benefits and how to research their Medicare plan options using the Medicare.gov site.

Space is limited. To register, go to [www.dancingskyaaa.org](http://www.dancingskyaaa.org) or call Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

## Input sought on teleworking

The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the University of Minnesota Tourism Center have partnered to better understand Minnesota workers' experience with telecommuting before, during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Surveys were developed to gather information from both workers and employers. The surveys take 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and contributions to the project are vital. Individual responses will remain anonymous. Once the project is completed, results will be made available through a report posted on the MnDOT and Tourism Center websites.

The worker survey can be found at <https://z.umn.edu/teleworker>. The employer survey can be found at <https://z.umn.edu/teleemployer>.



Cheryl Lee directs a participant in the Bike Thief River Falls Bike, Walk and Read event held Thursday during RiverFest on the path and the 23 stops along the path along Greenwood Trail. Lee said she took a cue for the family-friendly event from a leadership training seminar. The book chosen for this year's event was "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss. Standing behind the booth are Glen and Emelia Kajewski. Participants in the event received a grab bag that included snap bracelets, Toward

Zero Death information, bookmarks, and a bicycling handbook from Bike Minnesota. Bike Thief River Falls hosts 10- to 15-mile training rides every Tuesday starting at 5:30 p.m. from the Greenwood Trails area. The next big event the club is planning to host is the MEC (Multi-Events Center) 100 on Saturday, Sept. 18. Participants will ride a 1.5-mile route anywhere from 1 to 100 miles. There will be a food truck and a bike rodeo at the event.

## IN APPRECIATION

The Family of Dolores Hirst wishes to express our sincere gratitude to her many friends and acquaintances who shared with us their thoughtful prayers, condolences, and personal stories in celebration of her extraordinary life of 93 years.

We also wish to recognize the grace and support provided by the Zion Lutheran Church Community, which was the bedrock of her faith. Memorials received on her behalf to Zion's programs were very appropriate, as were other contributions designated to the TRF Community Fund, Sons of Norway, Lincoln High School, Northland Community College and LifeCare Hospice.

Our deep appreciation also extends to the entire staff at Valley Home Assisted Living of Thief River Falls and LifeCare Manor Hospice of Greenbush for their professionalism and truly compassionate care throughout her brief stay at each facility.

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## Resources for drought-stricken farmers exist

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (R-MN) announced a series of federal and state resources available to Minnesota farmers impacted by severe drought conditions.

"With most of western and southern Minnesota experiencing severe drought conditions, there are reports that herd culling is being done due to a lack of quality feed and that farmers are making other operational changes to mitigate future losses in production," said Fischbach. "There are resources available to farmers, ranchers, businesses, and communities impacted by this natural disaster. My office stands ready to assist constituents in navigating these programs."

A list of federal and state resources available can be found on Fischbach's website.

### Minnesota Disaster Recovery Loan Program

Zero-interest loans are available to Minnesota farmers whose operations are suffering due to extreme drought conditions under the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Disaster Recovery Loan Program. This loan is available to help cover lost revenue or expenses not covered by insurance. The funds can be used to help clean up, repair, or replace farm buildings, repair or replace septic and water systems, replace seed, fertilizer (or other cropping inputs), feed, or livestock and poultry. Applicants will work through local lenders to apply for the Disaster Recovery Loan Program. Upon completion of an application, the lender will apply for RFA participation. (The RFA must have a completed Master Participation Agreement with the lender on file). Eligible farmers must have received at least 50% of their annual gross income from farming for the past three years. Interest rates on the Rural Finance Authority portion of the loan are currently set at 0.0%.

### USDA Disaster Assistance for Drought Recovery

Producers who experience livestock deaths and feed losses due to natural disasters may be eligible for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). This program also provides eligible producers with compensation for expenses associated with transporting water to livestock physically located in a county that is designat-

ed as level "D3 Drought - Extreme" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of livestock loss within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent.

Livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought in 2021 may be eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). A map of eligible counties for LFP drought may be found on the FSA website.

Additionally, emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres may be authorized (outside of the primary nesting season) to provide relief to livestock producers in areas affected by a severe drought or similar natural disaster. Emergency haying and grazing status is reviewed and authorized each Thursday using the U.S. Drought Monitor. Counties are approved for emergency haying and grazing due to drought conditions on a county by county basis, when a county is designated as level "D2 Drought - Severe" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost during the drought. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but

not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed loans, including operating and emergency loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

### Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office, respectively. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

Additionally, RMA authorized emergency procedures earlier this month to help agricultural producers impacted by extreme drought conditions. Emergency procedures

allow insurance companies to accept delayed notices of loss in certain situations, streamline paperwork and reduce the number of required representative samples when damage is consistent. Read more in RMA's July 13, 2021 news release.

### Conservation

FSA offers the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program to assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also offers programs to help in the recovery process. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters. Practices include brush management, livestock watering facilities, prescribed grazing, etc.

Long-term damage from drought includes forage production loss in pastures and fields and increased wind erosion on crop fields not protected with soil health practices.

Michelle Fischbach represents Minnesota's Seventh District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Find updates from Fischbach's congressional office on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Charlotte, Stella, Evelyn and Sarah were participants in the Bike Thief River Falls Bike, Walk and Read event held during RiverFest in Greenwood Trails Park. Participants either walked or biked between the 23 stations along the one mile route and

read pages from Dr. Seuss' "Oh, the Places You Will Go!" This group of participants had already completed the course, but it looked like their dog Roxanne wanted to do it again. The entire family said they enjoyed the event.



## Ending of federal eviction moratorium does not affect Minnesotans

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eviction moratorium was slated to end on Saturday, July 31, potentially affecting thousands of American renters behind on their rent — but not Minnesota renters.

With legislative action last month, Minnesota has broader and longer renter protections than the ending CDC eviction moratorium. Minnesota renters who are eligible for federal emergency rental assistance are protected from eviction for nonpayment of rent while an application for assistance is pending. This protection is in place until June 1, 2022, in order to provide time for the federal resources to be used to satisfy outstanding rent arrears.

At this time, only renters who have had a material violation of their lease or who are eligible for rental assistance but refuse to apply may be evicted. Minnesota renters who are not eligible for emergency rental assistance and who owe back rent are protected

from eviction until Sept. 12. Both the federal and state eviction moratoriums were put in place to help people stay in their homes during the historic threat to the nation's health due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I want renters to understand that the end of the federal eviction moratorium does not affect Minnesotans. Minnesota has its own timeline," said Minnesota Housing Commissioner Jennifer Ho. "We know many renters are hurting, and property owners are too. We encourage renters and property owners to go to RentHelpMN.org and work together to apply for emergency rental assistance. We have the funds to help pay back rent and three months of future rent."

Renters can apply for rental assistance or learn more about the application process by visiting RentHelpMN.org or calling Greater Twin Cities United Way's 211 Resource Helpline (Toll Free: 1.800.543.7709; Local: 651.291.0211). The 211

helpline has dedicated multilingual staff available to answer questions about RentHelpMN COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

To date, RentHelpMN has distributed more than \$26.5 million to cover over due rent and utilities. A dashboard of the RentHelpMN program can be found on Minnesota Housing's website.

Renters with questions about their rights can visit LawHelpMN.org for additional information and legal resources. Go to Minnesota Housing for further eviction moratorium information such as answers to frequently asked questions and an infographic showing key dates.



A variety of vendors sold their wares Saturday, July 31 at Freedom Fest in Goodridge.

## August is National Breastfeeding Month

*"We envision a world in which every family is supported at every step along the infant feeding journey, with warm and coordinated hand-offs and transitions so that the needs of lactating families and those who support them are anticipated and met, every step of the way."* U.S. Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)

In recognition of National Breastfeeding Month, the Quin County CHS Breastfeeding Coalition wishes to raise awareness and increase understanding regarding the benefits of breastfeeding. The coalition serves the five counties of Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau with the purpose of improving health by connecting breastfeeding families with the local resources and community support needed to successfully breastfeed new infants and to continue breastfeeding for the length of time mothers and their babies choose.

**Why Breastfeeding Matters**  
Only 1 in 4 infants is exclusively breastfed as recommended by the time they are 6 months old. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends mothers should

breast-feed exclusively for about 6 months and continue breast-feeding through the first year and beyond as long as both mother and child choose.

Low rates of breastfeeding add more than \$3 billion a year to medical costs for the mother and child in the United States.

Black infants are 15% less likely to have ever been breastfed than White infants.

**Breastfeeding Is an Investment in Health, Not Just a Lifestyle Decision**

Infants who are breastfed have reduced risks of:

- Asthma
- Obesity
- Type 1 diabetes
- Severe lower respiratory disease
- Acute otitis media (ear infections)
- Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Gastrointestinal infections (diarrhea/vomiting)
- Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) for preterm infants

**Benefits for Mothers**  
Breastfeeding can help lower a mother's risk of:

- High blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Ovarian cancer
- Breast cancer

"Breastfeeding provides unmatched health benefits for babies and mothers. It is the clinical gold standard for infant feeding and nutrition, with breast milk uniquely tailored to meet the health needs of a growing baby. We must do more to create supportive and safe environments for mothers who choose to breastfeed," said Dr. Ruth Petersen, director of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity. (Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/about-breastfeeding/why-it-matters.html>)

Where in our communities can a woman or her family find answers to questions such as:

What is early skin-to-skin contact?

How do I help my new-

born learn to latch?

What signs or cues tell me my baby is hungry and needs to be fed?

How often do I need to breastfeed?

How do I know my baby is getting enough?

How long should I breastfeed?

What about pumping?

What about returning to work?

What is the Minnesota law?

Breastfeeding care can start prenatally with doctor appointments, by attending childbirth classes sponsored by a local hospital, local public health agency or pregnancy center. After the baby's birth, hospital nursing staff is there to assist mothers throughout the hospital stay. After discharge, follow-up is available with a postpartum and newborn baby home visit by the county public health nurse, subsequent clinic appointments with the doctor for mother and baby, and appointments with Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program certifiers. In Roseau, LifeCare Medical Center features "The Milk Bar." Open from 10 a.m. to noon every second and fourth Monday, mothers can simply drop in to visit with a lactation professional. LifeCare Medical Center also offers the only area Milk Depot. Following a pre-donation safety process, the Milk Depot accepts donated breastmilk, sending it to the Minnesota Milk Bank in Minneapolis, where it is used mainly for premature infants in neonatal intensive care. Lactation counselors at the above clinics and agencies are available to provide education and assistance for breastfeeding questions.

**Breastfeed Anytime Anywhere**

The Quin County CHS Breastfeeding Coalition encourages everyone to provide a welcoming environment where breastfeeding mothers are able to sit in any area open to the general public and enjoy a friend-

ly attitude while breastfeeding. 'Breastfeeding Welcome Here' window clings are available for interested businesses.

In Minnesota, it is a mother's right to breastfeed where and when their baby is hungry. The statute providing the law supporting mothers' rights to feed their child in public states the following:  
"A mother may breastfeed in any location, public or private, where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to be, irrespective of whether the nipple of the mother's breast is uncovered during or incidental to the breastfeeding." Minnesota Statute 145.905

**MN Law Amending Lactation Breaks and Pregnancy Accommodations**

Gov. Tim Walz has approved an amendment relating to pregnancy accommodations and barring reducing compensation for lactation breaks, among other changes. The amendment goes into effect on January 1, 2022.

Here is the amendment showing the changes from the current law: (a) An employer must provide reasonable unpaid break time times each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her infant child during the 12 months following the birth of the child. The break time times must, if possible, run concurrently with any break time times already provided to the employee. An employer is not required to provide break time times under this section if to do so would unduly disrupt the operations of the employer. An employer shall not reduce an employee's compensation for time used for the purpose of expressing milk. 2021 Minn. Laws ch. 10, Art. 3, § 3 (S.F. No. 9) Source: <https://www.felhaber.com/minnesota-legislature-expands-nursing-mother-breaks-and-wesapregnancy-accommodations/>

## Deadly week is a pattern that must change

Preliminary numbers show there have been 16 traffic fatalities on Minnesota roads since Saturday, July 24.

To date, there have been 254 traffic fatalities compared with 194 reported at this time last year. That's a 31% increase. The 254 deaths continue to be the highest year-to-date number in the last five years.

**Contributing factors**  
Speed-related traffic deaths continue to be the largest contributing factor in fatal traffic crashes.

The 91 speed-related deaths compare with 64 this time last year. That's a 42% increase from this time last year and nearly a 150% increase from this time in 2019.

Unbelted fatalities contributed to 52 deaths so far in 2021 compared with 54 this time last year.

Motorcycle fatalities have also spiked in recent weeks with 40 fatalities compared with 29 reported this time last year. That's a 38% increase.

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Back to school?

# Extracurricular activities can teach many important lessons

School offers much more than a top-notch education. Being an engaged student involves learning lessons in the classroom but also participating in the myriad activities that begin once the dismissal bell has rung.

Participation in extracurricular activities should be a consideration for every student because of the vast

array of benefits such pursuits provide. Information published in the Brandon University Journal of Graduate Studies in Education indicates that participation in extracurricular activities positively correlates with students' development both academically and personally. Research shows being involved in afterschool clubs

and sports promotes greater character development, improved academic success, good time-management techniques and leadership skills, and greater interest in community involvement.

Every school offers some type of extracurricular activity - from school bands to academic clubs to volunteer groups to sports. The National Center for Education Statistics says these activities offer students opportunities to learn many valuable lessons, including group responsibility and the value of competition. Students who participate in extracurricular activities also

can be exposed to a diverse array of people and cultures. Some activities also help students develop their mental and physical strength. The NCES notes that participation in extracurricular activities can foster a strong sense of connection between students and their schools, which can reduce the likelihood of school failures and dropout rates.

Extracurricular activities also are the gifts that keep on giving, particularly as they relate to future academic success. Crimson, an admissions support company specializing in increasing acceptance to highly

regarded institutions, says extracurriculars are a critical part of a student's university application. Involvement in clubs and more provides a clearer picture of who a student is outside of the classroom and offers an opportunity to showcase various skills and interests. Furthermore, diversifying one's interests through extracurricular activities broadens a person's world view and improves self-esteem. These are benefits that can ultimately help students become well-rounded persons and successful professionals.

While people are quick to

view extracurriculars for the academic advantages they provide, one often overlooked benefit is the social benefits of these pursuits. One of the best and easiest ways to make friends is through extracurricular activities. Fellow participants share the same interests and that can lay a solid foundation for lasting friendships.

Students who view extracurriculars as vital components of their school experiences can reap the rewards of being active members of their campus communities.

Did you know?

## Music can have a profound impact

Music courses can have a profound impact on students, potentially helping them perform better in other subjects. A recent study from the American Psychological Association found that high school students who take music courses score significantly better on exams in subjects like math and science than their nonmusical peers. The improved academic performance was more pronounced among students who learned to play an instrument rather than vocal music. The researchers behind the study examined

the records of more than 112,000 students in British Columbia. Among the students whose records were studied, 13 percent had participated in at least one music course in grade 10, 11 or 12. Researchers discovered that, on average, children who learned to play a musical instrument for many years and ultimately played in a high school band or orchestra were the equivalent of roughly one academic year ahead of their peers in regard to their English, mathematics and science skills.

Public Health Points ...

## Stress may turn your hair gray, but ...

Inter-County Nursing of Pennington County shared some surprising results of a study that shows that hair color can be regained as stress is relieved.

Now, researchers say they can measure what is happening when hair grays, and provide early evidence that it can sometimes be reversed.

Hair color is lost, and strands turn gray as melanin, a pigment found in the skin, eyes, and hair, declines.

Before hairs emerge from the scalp, they grow under the skin in follicles that receive chemical and electrical signals, including stress hormones, from the body. Once they emerge, hairs harden,

and their molecular structure is preserved and reflected in their pigmentation.

Using high-resolution scanners, scientists can detect small color changes in single strands of human hair.

Researchers measured color loss in single strands of human hair from 14 vol-

unteers who kept diaries to document the weekly levels of stress they experienced. The results were striking: As the volunteers experienced more stress, their hair lost pigment. But as the stress eased, their hair regained color, said Martin Picard, PhD, associate professor of behavioral medicine at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, who led the research.

Source: [https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/954379?src=WNL\\_mdpls\\_210709\\_mscpedit\\_nurs&uac=118550DK&spon=24&impID=3495341&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/954379?src=WNL_mdpls_210709_mscpedit_nurs&uac=118550DK&spon=24&impID=3495341&faf=1)

Times for Toddlers ...

# Navigating a child's good and bad moods

Preschoolers can sometimes be moody when things don't go their way. A child's mood can change quickly from joy to anger, for example, if someone doesn't pay attention to her or if she can't make a toy work the way she wants. Often you may not even know why she's upset. She may have some idea inside her head of what she expects. When her expectations aren't met, she might pout or stomp about without ever letting you know why.

Try to put yourself in her shoes. See if you can figure out the problem. "I'll bet you're mad because you got tired of waiting for me to get off the phone." Be sympathetic, even if you think her reason for being in a bad mood is not important. If she feels you understand, she'll get over her moodiness more quickly.

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

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Try to put into words what you think your child is feeling or thinking. A young child needs your help to understand his or her own emotions.

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

ACTIVITIES

Footprints in the Sand

The next time you are at the lake or beach with your child, go barefoot in wet sand and discuss the following: How does the sand feel? Does it feel different from bare feet on grass or cement? What are the differences?

Make footprints, toe prints, and heel prints. What size are the prints? Make a left footprint and a right footprint. Is there a difference between the left and right? Jump in the sand. How deep are the prints? How far is it between the footprints?

The following is a finger play to use when walking in the sand.

In the sand I shovel and dig. (pretend to dig)

I make two holes very big. (show two fingers)

I make a tunnel between the two. (make an arch with arms)

For my cars and trucks to travel through.

Varoom! (move hand swiftly)

SCAVENGER HUNT

For next week's Activities feature, you will need popsicle or craft sticks, marker pens, and a basin of water.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What day is the best day to go to the beach?

A: "Sun"day, of course!

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 classic children's book or two that your family might enjoy:

Broach, Elise. **Seashore Baby**. Celebrate baby's exciting day of fun in the sun with 7 sturdy lift-the-flaps!

Fleming, Candace. **Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Splash!** Fed up with the constant presence of rabbits in his house and yard, Mr. McGreely goes to the beach for some fun but the pesky puffedails will not give him a break.

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: **He's a Bully, Charlie Brown**. The compilation from Peanuts includes: **It Was A Short Summer Charlie Brown** and other Peanuts favorites.

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: Tips for taking your toddler to the beach. <http://serendipityandspice.com/taking-a-toddler-to-the-beach/>

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.)



Many children took the opportunity to paint pictures Saturday. The activity was offered by the Thief River Falls Education Foundation during Crazy Day. Pictured looking up is Milo Hesse, 8. Also pictured are (from left) Rylie Reiersen, 7-1/2, and Breckin Dondelinger, 9,



Lots of families gathered at Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village on Saturday for a celebration of Thief River Falls' 125th anniversary. There were lots of different activities, including minnow races, re-enactors, and music.

Turning Back The Times ...

# Lars H. Larson buys the TRF Music Co.

1921 - One Hundred Years Ago

-When the awning on the west side of the Oen Mercantile company broke loose in a windstorm, five large plate glass display windows were shattered.

-Miss Doris Halvorson, who recently completed a course of study at Oberlin Conservatory, presented a piano recital at the Lyceum Theatre.

-Lars H. Larson has purchased the Thief River Music Company and plans to sell his interest in the Larson Furniture store to his brother, Carl B. Larson.

-Dr. F.H. Gambell of Willows, Calif., former local physician, gave a lecture at the Presbyterian Church here recently.

1971 - Fifty Years Ago

-Exhibits were up in

nearly every department in the 70th Pennington County Fair.

-Roy Langevin has retired as chief of the Thief River Falls Fire Department after serving with the department for almost 30 years.

-The Ekelund Lutheran Church southeast of Goodridge is noting its 65th anniversary.

1981 - Forty Years Ago

-Edith Etter has been named to the board of the National Education Association.

-Laura Larson as "Big Bird" won first prize in the costume contest for Crazy Days.

-Northwestern Hospital will hold a benefit auction this Thursday for the hospital scholarship loan fund.

1991 - Thirty Years Ago

-Members of the Citizen

Support Committee for the National Guard from Thief River Falls and Crookston visited Camp Ripley recently to watch a demonstration of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

-Hail stones larger than golf balls damaged crops about 10 miles west of St. Hilaire Tuesday night.

-Rundell Electric won the water fight contest for the 14th year in a row at the Jaycee Summerfest in Thief River Falls Thursday.

2001 - Twenty Years Ago

-The new Thief River Falls Skate Park is ready to go after much cooperation from community and business organizations.

-The fourth annual National Night Out in Thief River Falls will be held Aug. 7.

-This weekend, the Thief

River Falls Archery Club will celebrate its first 50 years at its annual 3-D tournament.

2011 - Ten Years Ago

-Michelle Stahlecker was crowned Miss Thief River Falls 2011 by Miss Thief River Falls 2010, Meghan Kuznia, at a ceremony Sunday at Lincoln High School.

-During the coming two weeks, the host of activities in the Thief River Falls community will include Night to Unite, Movie in the Park Night, Crazy Days, the 10th Street Wizards Cruise-In Car Show, and Riverfest with many popular features.

-A Squeeze-Box Jamboree fundraiser for KSRQ Pioneer 90.1 FM Radio, will take place Thursday, featuring area accordion, concertina, and button-accordion musicians.

## Positive Thoughts ... The fun of kids in church

In this week's column, I want to talk about that time during a church service in which a pastor asks the kids to come up front so he or she could have time to talk with them about the day's lesson, or as it's better known - the children's sermon.

Now most kids are happy to be there. They get to be up front and see their mom and dad and all the folks in the pews. Others ... well, they need help to go up because they see Mom and Dad and all the folks in the pews and get nervous. But when they get up there, it is like they were in Sunday school and they make sure to say "Jesus" because three out of four questions are about him.

But some kids have their own agenda when they come up there and I want to share one moment from Zion Lutheran Church with you. A little boy brought up a book that he enjoyed reading about imaginary animals, and began to talk to our children's minister, Madison Crane, about how God was so wonderful to create animals like a octopus and elephant. Of course she let him speak about that because he was given the gift of imagination, but it was taking time from the rest of the worship service and Madison finished her message by going into overtime. So, I told Madison after church that when I was that boy's age, I did a 10-minute rant about how my parents took me to Grand Forks to buy yucky clothes and see the toy department at Kmart.

The great thing about church is seeing all the kids from the congregation. I think I am safe saying that all churches have this fascination with kids being in church, but some kids are just there to run. Now, the 2- and 3-year-old kids have just learned they have muscles in their legs, so they are going to use them. In my opinion, the other kids go to Sunday school and hear the good news of Christ rising from the dead to set them free. They are like the disciples, and didn't walk to tell everyone the good news - they ran. Just make sure you don't have a full cup of coffee in your hand to spill when they zoom around.

Well, I hope you have a wonderful day, and take time to attend church Sunday. When you do, I hope that you get that good feeling you had when you were young. And, as always, God bless.

### Judy Taylor, 74

**Thief River Falls** - Judy Taylor, of Thief River Falls, passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021 at Oakland Park Communities in Thief River Falls at the age of 74.



Judy was born Yvonne Berg on March 11, 1947 in Thief River Falls to Edward and Gertrude Berg of Viking. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Viking. She attended a country school and then attended Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

On July 2, 1966 she was united in marriage to Joseph Taylor at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in International Falls. Together they raised one son, Christopher.

Early in life Judy started her working career at Honeywell in Minneapolis. Then she went to Arctic Cat in Thief River Falls where she worked as the telephone operator. In 1980 Judy started work as a dispatcher for St. Cloud Trucking in St. Cloud. When Joe and Judy moved back to Thief River Falls Judy went to work at Valley Home Nursing Home. From 1989 until her retirement in 2015 Judy was employed by Arctic Cat.

Judy loved her four dogs and enjoyed taking them on daily walks. She enjoyed watching sports of all kinds. Some of Judy's hobbies were playing bingo, wildlife

watching, and playing cards. Judy was a very loving person and always had a smile on her face.

Judy is survived by her husband, Joe of Thief River Falls; brother, Raymond (Janet) Berg of Thief River Falls; brother-in-law, Bruce Ford of Nashville, TN; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Christopher Taylor; parents, Edward and Gertrude Berg; sisters, Sharon Brahosky and Alayne (Berg) Ford; niece, Rhonda Ford; great-nephew, Jason Miller; grandparents, Thomas and Winifred Edgar and Nels and Sophia Berg.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls, with Father Rick Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Hilaire Community Cemetery in St. Hilaire.

Visitation will take place from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. with a 5 p.m. Prayer Service on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday at the church.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers please make donations in Judy's name to: St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Thief River Falls.

Condolences may be sent to Judy's family at [www.johnsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralservice.com).

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### Leslie Renfroe, 43

**Thief River Falls** - Leslie Renfroe passed away July 28, 2021 at the age of 43.



Leslie is survived by fiancé, Eric Nelson; dear friend, Adam Dahl; 4 children, Tyler Renfroe of Fargo, ND, Madison Dahl of Thief River Falls, Owen Nelson of Devils Lake, ND, and Phoenix Nelson of Devils Lake, ND. Surviving par-

ents are Wendy Merck and Joe Merck of Thief River Falls; brother, Brandon Merck, Grand Forks, ND; two sisters, Kelly and Kris; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There will be a Celebration of Life on August 7, 2021 at the Black Cat in Thief River Falls from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. For all those who would like to come and celebrate her life with her family and friends, please do so. Let's laugh, have a couple drinks, and remember the good times because she will be there with us in spirit.

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### Rebekah Knapp, 41

Rebekah Joyce Knapp was born in Robbinsdale on November 9, 1979, and grew up in Karlstad. She was called home to glory on July 27, 2021. Her name was a reflection of how she lived: Joyfully (Joyce) Devoted (Rebekah). Her first devotion was to Christ Jesus, her Lord and



from that flowed her joyful devotion to family, friends, and over 1,000 birth moms and babies. Over her 23 years of serving, Rebekah travelled over 1,400,000 miles. She loved people, nature, gardening, canning, quilting, sewing, and serving others.

Rebekah worked as a secretary at Natural Way Mills Trust (Middle River) for 15 years, while she became established as a midwife. Her dad was the foreman at the mill, and she enjoyed "giving him orders." She moved to Fertile in 2008, and then to rural Bejou in 2019. She was an EMT for the Karlstad and Fertile Volunteer Ambulance Departments. She practiced as a midwife in the area for 23 years, and held an annual baby birthday party for the families she served.

Left to mourn her passing are her parents: Charles and Joyce (Lindgren) Knapp,

Mason, WI; siblings: Rachel (Jordan) Dahl, Newfolden, Phillip (Megan Hendrickson, Lancaster) Knapp, Wasilla, AK, Peter (Brianna) Knapp, Kennedy, Ruth (Robert) Penebor, Mellen, WI, Paul (Tierney) Knapp, Donaldson and Rose (Tristan) Pankratz, Lancaster; and grandmother: Helen (Loucks) Knapp, Willmar; special friends: Nathanael Eisele, Williams, and Sara Waldorf, rural Warren. Also, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by infant brother, Philemon Knapp; grandparents, Harry and Verna (Johnson) Lindgren, and George Knapp; uncle, Carlos dos Santos; and cousin, David Delfosse.

The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. Job 1:21

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at New Journey Church, 505 9th Street, Fosston. The service will be live streamed at [www.newjourneyfosston.com](http://www.newjourneyfosston.com)

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, with an 8 p.m. prayer service, and 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the church.

Burial will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, August 8, 2021, at Hegland Lutheran Cemetery, rural Karlstad.

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### Janelle Tvedt

**East Grand Forks** - Janelle Tvedt passed away on July 23, 2021 at her home in East Grand Forks.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls, with Father Bob Schreiner offici-

ating. Burial will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Red Lake Falls. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Family condolences may be sent at [www.johnsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralservice.com).

## T.H.E. BUS ROUTES & SCHEDULES

Tri-Valley Heartland Express

**Please Read! All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. All Routes Are Now Guaranteed! Please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before to reserve your ride.**

All services will continue to be provided for the needs of grocery, pharmacy, etc. transportation.

**Pennington, Marshall & Kittson Counties (800) 201-4342 Option 3**  
**Thursday, August 5:** Fargo/Moorhead  
**Friday, August 6:** No service  
**Monday, August 9:** No service

**Tuesday, August 10:** Thief River Falls  
**Wednesday, August 11:** Warren City Wide 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Hallock City Wide 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Karlstad City Wide 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater Counties (800) 201-4342 Option 3**  
**Thursday, August 5:** No service  
**Friday, August 6:** No service  
**Monday, August 9:** Grand Forks  
**Tuesday, August 10:** Mahnomen  
**Wednesday, August 11:** No service

### Stuart Besserud

**Thief River Falls** - Stuart Besserud, Thief River Falls, passed away on July 29, 2021 on arrival at Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 12:00 at Epiphany

Station in Thief River Falls, with Pastor Pete officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Family condolences may be sent to [www.johnsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralservice.com).

### Norman VeVe, 90

**Karlstad** - Norman VeVe, Karlstad, 90, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at LifeCare Nursing Home, Roseau.



Norman VeVe was born February 9, 1931 at Crookston, the son of Clarence Alfred and Helga Marie (Larson) VeVe. He

was baptized into a Norwegian Lutheran Congregation, August 21, 1931, and confirmed at United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, on April 14, 1946. He attended Knox Elementary in Thief River Falls and Lincoln Junior High, Thief River Falls. He graduated Central High School, Grand Forks, in 1949, then attended Moorhead State Teachers College from 1955-1956 and the University of North Dakota from 1956-1957. His early employment began in Grand Forks, ND, in the warehouse of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and then Agsco Steel Building, where he labored on the cement crew.

Norman served his country with the United States Navy from 1951-1955. He was with ZP-1 while stationed in Weeksville, NC, and VP-28, stationed at NAS Barbers Point, Oahu, HI, and NAS Kodiak Island, AK. At the time of his honorable discharge, his rank was Aviation Electronics Tech (AT3).

On November 2, 1957 Norman was united in marriage to Betty Jane Kooyer. They were blessed with four daughters and one son. After military service, Norman worked at Russell-Miller Milling, Grand Forks as a sweeper; IBM Corporation, Madison, WI as Customer Engineer; Emmitts Tire Supply, Grand Forks as a bookkeeper; Coca-Cola Bottling Co, Grand Forks in sales and service and then Bell & Howell in sales and service.

In 1965, Norman had back surgery which led to rehab and a move to Minneapolis, MN. He attended Brown Institute in the Business Programming Course, which led to a career in the Electronic Data

Processing field. He then worked for Onan Inc. and Lindsey Bros. Plumbing and Farm Equipment, all in St. Paul. He also was employed with Western Oil/Conoco, Minneapolis. In 1968 it was back to North Dakota for Norman, where he worked at the University of North Dakota and United Hosptial. In 1978 he worked at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota. In 1975 he moved to Washington State and worked for the USPS Bulk Mail Center, Federal Way and PCMB Pierce County Medical Bureau, Tacoma, and then Northwestern Drug/Whitmire, Auburn.

Norman enjoyed music, gardening, and reading. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, and held membership with the American Legion and VFW Clubs, both in Thief River Falls.

He is survived by children: Charlene Rene Byng, Puyallup, WA, Janine Paula Davidson, Victor, ID, and Anita Frances Anderson, Elko; 6 grandchildren: Benjamin Davidson, Flagstaff, AZ, Jessica Davidson, Victor, ID, Lindsay Larsen, Puyallup, WA, Sean Larsen, Spokane Valley, WA, Kelsey Anderson, Elko and Zachary VeVe, Elko; 5 great-grandchildren: Jenna, Mason, Vivian, Aribella and Tatum; brother: Robin Lee VeVe, Mesa, AZ; 2 sisters: Darlene Marie Bibeau, Puyallup, WA and Bonne Kay VeVe-Smith, Redmond, WA.

Norman was preceded in death by spouse: Betty on April 24, 2018; a son: William Norman; daughter, Linda Marie Wilharm; parents; brother: Kenneth Lyle VeVe; and grandparents.

The funeral service to celebrate Norm's life will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, with Rev. Terri Cuppett officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Thief River Falls, with military honors provided by the Ecklund-Holmstrom American Legion Post 117 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2793.

Family condolences may be sent to [www.johnsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralservice.com).

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## Intersections to be closed near Marcoux Corner

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has announced the following intersections will be closed related to the road construction project on Highway 2 between Mentor and Marcoux Corner (Highway 32).

- On Wednesday, Aug. 4 - Highway 2 and Polk County Road 45 Southeast
- Thursday, Aug. 5 - Highway 2 and Polk County

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- Friday, Aug. 6 - LP Station east of Mentor and Highway 2
- Monday, Aug. 9 - Highway 2 and 180th Avenue Southeast
- Tuesday, Aug. 10 - Highway 2 and 190th Avenue Southeast

The intersections will be closed for only the day listed from 6:30 a.m. to about 6:30 p.m.

The Family of Bernice Sistad would like to thank everyone for the Love, Thoughts and Prayers given to us after the passing of mom. A Special Thank you to Vicar Marilyn Graftstrom for the beautiful service that captured mom perfectly, to the Grace Lutheran Church Ladies for the delicious lunch, to Johnson Funeral Home for the caring and professional help in planning the funeral and to Life Care Greenbush Manor for taking such good care of mom while she was a resident there. Mom was a sweet and caring lady who will be missed by all who knew her.

**The Family of Bernice Sistad**

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**Another gray hair for the 'ole Gare Bear!**

**Old Fart, Young Heart!**  
 Too fit, Too feisty, Too fabulous To be...50!  
 ~Love, Your "friends"

## A trip down memory lane ~ 1981

**HOST TEAM** for the 1981 Northwest League American Legion Sub District baseball tournament semifinals and finals. Members of the team include, front row left to right, Rod Harder, Jeff Cwikla, Brent Walton. Jeff Milender, Rob Blankenfeld, Mark Lundin, Jim Hallamek, Scott McKeever, Dave Kays and Greg Harder; back row left to right, Delray Ness, Steve Bengtson, Tim Bergland, Kerry Wollin, assistant coach Howard Dalager, head coach Nick Drees, assistant coach Harley Drees, Post 117 youth activities director Sam Genereux and Post 117 commander Greg Brekke.



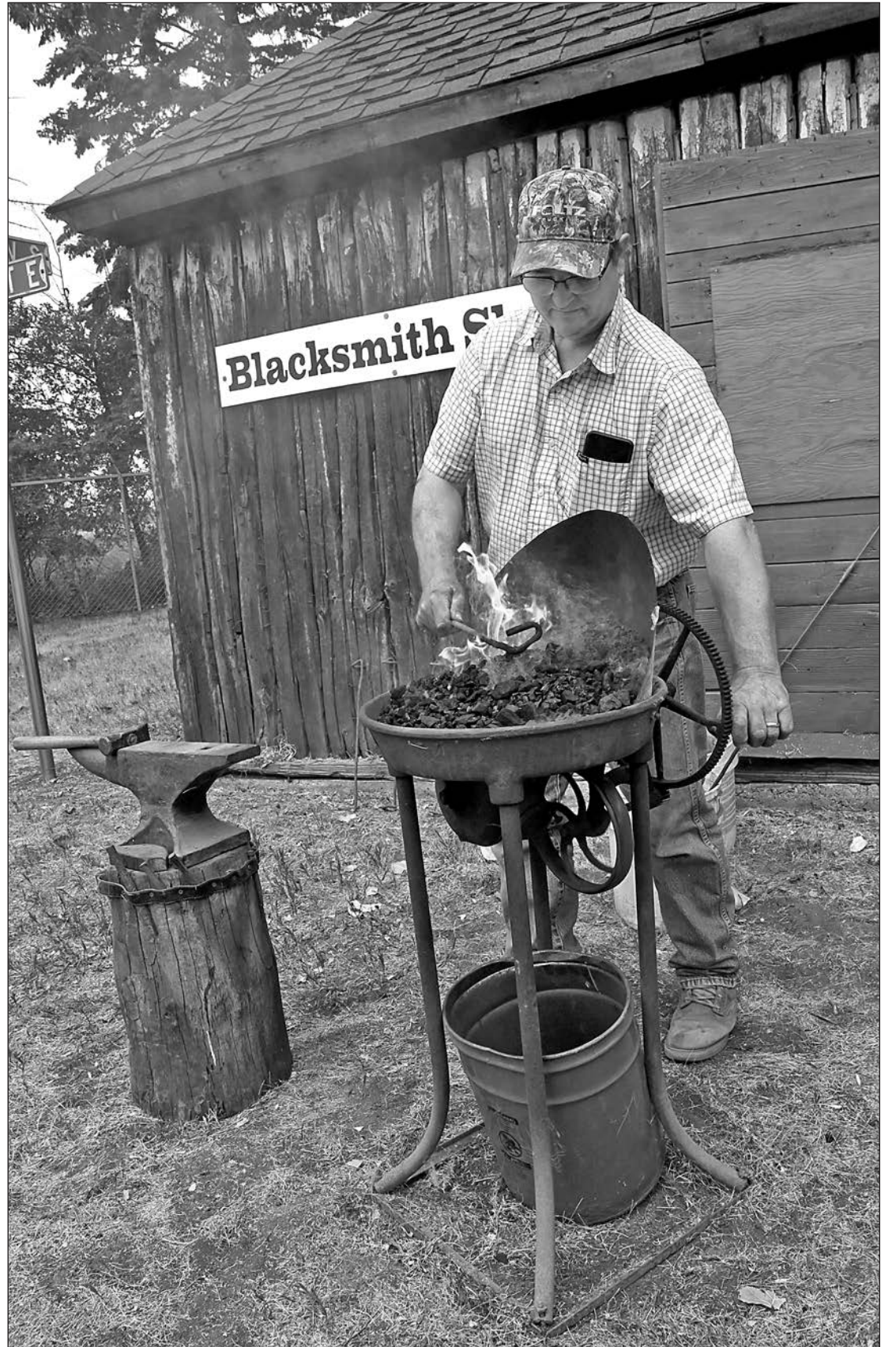
The 125th anniversary of Thief River Falls deserved at least a cake. Those who visited Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village Saturday enjoyed cake as well as re-enactors, a juggler, music by the Cathy Erickson Band, and more.



Janaya and Vienna Albers pose for a picture for their mother, Ammie Albers, during Crazy Day activities in downtown Thief River Falls Saturday. The Thief River Falls Education Foundation organized a number of activities, including painting, for visitors.



Desi Giffen, dressed as a clown, displayed her juggling skills during the 125th anniversary celebration for Thief River Falls at Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village.



Ryan Barth of Thief River Falls operated a small blacksmith forge at Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief River Falls on Saturday during the 125th anniversary celebration for the community. Barth received training at a ferrier's college in Oklahoma. He said it's a nice sideline job to have. Saturday, he demonstrated how the forge works to curious visitors.



The Cathy Erickson Band performed at Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village during the 125th anniversary celebration for Thief River Falls. Pictured from left are Mary Jo Sturman and Cathy Erickson.



Xpedition, a tribute band, performed chart topping music from the great bands in rock and roll history during River-Fest in Thief River Falls Saturday.



Blayne Johnson, 4, takes aim in a game available to children during Crazy Days in downtown Thief River Falls on Saturday. LaBree Avenue between Second and Third streets was closed off to traffic and businesses and other organizations set up booths. The weekly Farmer's Market was also moved to Second Street. Several games and activities were provided to children by the Thief River Falls Education Foundation.



100 Proof performed at RiverFest in Thief River Falls on Saturday. The band performs country music blended with classic rock.



Lots of fresh, locally grown produce was available at the Farmer's Market in Thief River Falls on Saturday. Last weekend, the Market was moved to Second Street for Crazy Day in Thief River Falls.



Glow putt? In the basement of the church at River Falls, children and adults were able to play a game of putt-putt golf. Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief



Jenni Eriksen read "I Wonder" to young visitors of Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village where on Saturday they were celebrating the 125th anniversary of Thief River Falls.

### Paycheck Protection Program direct forgiveness portal opens

New portal will streamline applications for loans \$150K or less for over 6.5 million businesses

\$101,000 in 2020)  
 • 96% of loans went to businesses with fewer than 20 employees (compared to just 87% in 2020.)  
 • 32% of loans went to businesses in LMI communities (compared to just 24% in 2020)

#### Direct Forgiveness Summary

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is launching a streamlined application portal to allow borrowers with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans \$150,000 or less through participating lenders to apply for forgiveness directly through the SBA.

"The SBA's new streamlined application portal will simplify forgiveness for millions of our smallest businesses - including many sole proprietors - who used funds from our Paycheck Protection Program loans to survive the pandemic," said Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman. "The vast majority of businesses waiting for forgiveness have loans under \$150,000. These entrepreneurs are busy running their businesses and are challenged by an overly complicated forgiveness process. We need to deliver forgiveness more efficiently so they can get back to enlivening our main streets, sustaining our neighborhoods and fueling our nation's economy."

This new change will help rush relief to over 6.5 million smallest of small businesses which has been the administrator's priority since day one. The new forgiveness platform will begin accepting applications from borrowers on Aug. 4, 2021. Lenders are required to opt-in to this program through <https://directforgiveness.sba.gov>. In addition to the technology platform, the SBA is standing up a PPP customer service team to answer questions and directly assist borrowers with their forgiveness applications. Borrowers that need assistance or have questions should call (877) 552-2692, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST.

"This initiative will allow PPP borrowers to put their concerns of achieving full forgiveness behind them and focus on operating and growing their businesses again," said Patrick Kelley, associate administrator for SBA's Office of Capital Access. "We are pleased to be able to assist financial institutions across the U.S. in processing forgiveness applications for small business owners."

#### Paycheck Protection Program Summary

Overall, the SBA and lenders have worked to originate over 11.7 million loans totaling nearly \$800 billion in relief to over 8.5 million small businesses. In 2021:  
 • SBA approved over 6.5 million loans totaling over \$275B  
 • The average loan size was ~ \$42,000 (compared to

Over 600 banks have opted in to direct forgiveness, enabling over 2.17 million borrowers to apply through the portal (This represents 30% of loans \$150,000 or less that have not yet submitted for forgiveness)

"As one of the leading PPP lenders in the nation, Customers Bank is proud to partner with SBA to deliver responsive digital loan forgiveness service to the small business borrowers," said Sam Sidhu, president and chief executive officer of the bank. "The streamlined and efficient SBA PPP loan forgiveness portal will help borrowers and lenders move forward with economic growth and job creation following the pandemic. We encourage other lenders to join Customers Bank and opt-in to the SBA portal."

Established by the CARES Act in 2020, the PPP was among the first COVID-19 small business economic aid programs and provided more than \$798 billion in economic relief to small businesses and non-profits across the nation, keeping employees working, and helping businesses come back stronger than ever.

Other programs include Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), EIDL Advance, Targeted EIDL Advance, Supplemental EIDL Advance, Restaurant Revitalization Fund, Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, and SBA Debt Relief program. To learn more about these programs, please visit [www.sba.gov/relief](http://www.sba.gov/relief).

#### Area students on dean's list at U of M Twin Cities

The following students have been named to the 2021 spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Students on the dean's list include:

- Gatzke - Crystal Kolden, senior, College of Liberal Arts;
- Oklee - Adrienne Jones, sophomore, College of Education/Human Development;
- Plummer - Calyssa Eskeli, junior, College of Education/Human Development;
- Red Lake Falls - Brandon Kolstoe, senior, College of Science and Engineering;
- Thief River Falls - YoungSi Li, junior, Carlson School of Management.

#### Local student graduates from UW-Eau Claire

Aaron Berzinski of Thief River Falls has graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

UW-Eau Claire awarded 1,462 degrees in May. Of the degrees awarded, 1,433 were received by students attending the Eau Claire campus and 29 were received by students attending UW-Eau Claire - Barron County.

Berzinski received a Bachelor of Business Administration in health care administration.



Luqis Moser, 12, who likes to read and ride a unicycle, visited with Desi Giffen, who was displaying her juggling skills at the 125th anniversary celebration for Thief River Falls at Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village.

# Eric Reinbold is formally charged with murder/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) dad around 9 or 10 p.m. a night earlier.

It was unclear when the girl had last seen her mom. However, she recalled her mom was crying after her dad accused her mom of cheating on him. She said her dad was mad.

A search warrant was soon executed for Eric Reinbold's phone. Messages between the couple indicated tension and attempts to reconcile going back to March. That month, Eric Reinbold had been released from federal prison.

From June 25 to July 7, Reinbold allegedly accused his wife of being unfaithful and demanded sex from her. They also fought over finances.

The day before Lissette Reinbold was found dead, Eric Reinbold allegedly asked whether she was being unfaithful to him. His wife responded that it was all in his head. He continued to pressure her for sex and accused her of lying to him "in various ways." She denied his accusations. During this exchange, Lissette Reinbold allegedly "reminded the defendant that he punched and choked her in 2015. The defendant continued to pressure her about sex, including claiming ownership of a part of her body." At one point, Lissette Reinbold texted that she was waiting to hear why he had punched and choked her. "Later in the exchange, the defendant

wanted her to quit her job, which she refused to do. She wrote that she cried on the drive home and could not go inside the house until she stopped crying, so the kids would not see her."

Eric Reinbold responded by asking his wife "if she called the police and he told her to not threaten him with probation." He continued to pressure her for sex.

There were no more text messages between the two of them even though he had gone to the house to take two of the children to the camper after those exchanges.

A friend told law enforcement that Lissette Reinbold had sent her and the friend's sister a video via Messenger at 6:36 a.m. July 9. The friend sent a message to Lissette Reinbold at 7:26 a.m., but she never opened the message.

### Past criminal charges

In March, Eric Reinbold was released from a federal prison in Oxford, Wis. In 2018, he was sentenced to five years in federal prison for illegally possessing unregistered pipe bombs. He is currently on parole related to that case after a federal judge granted him a compassionate release in March. Reinbold requested the release, citing family medical issues and COVID-19 concerns. Reinbold had five months left in his sentence at that time.

Reinbold had initially sought a sentence reduction

in April 2020, according to a motion filed by his attorney. However, his request wasn't granted at that time.

The federal charge stemmed from the discovery of a plastic tote containing pipe bombs, jugs of gunpowder, fuses and other bomb-making material as well as a receipt for the fuses containing Reinbold's name and address Oct. 22, 2017. The items were located on his family's hunting property in rural Red Lake County.

Eleven days later, authorities executed a search warrant for his home. At Reinbold's home, officers recovered materials similar to those found on the hunting land as well as handwritten notes related to manufacturing pipe bombs, making homemade explosives, how to use pipe bombs, and diagrams of bombs that matched the bombs found in the tote.

While investigating, law enforcement found a notebook in which Reinbold re-

ferred to starting a second American Revolution. That revolution was apparently the basis of a Hollywood script that he had created, according to court files.

During the execution of the search warrant at Reinbold's home, law enforcement found a notebook titled "How One Person Can Make a Difference: Instruction Booklet at the HCU (Homemade Commando University)." Featuring Reinbold's name, the notebook referred to starting and winning the second American Revolution. In several locations, he indicated that the notes were for a Hollywood movie script titled "The Revolt."

The notebook listed candidates for martyrdom, asking whether anyone in those 12 categories would be willing to start the revolution. It also listed reasons "why cops are garbage" and talked about "going Rambo" on the IRS when it says you owe \$10,000. The notebook further noted targets, allies,

plays, training and disguises.

Reinbold was arrested on a warrant Nov. 7, 2017, during a traffic stop in Hutchinson, Kan. His vehicle contained \$2,500 in \$100 bills, his passport, an atlas and camping gear.

### Prior domestic incident

Reinbold had also been sentenced in Pennington County District Court for a June 11, 2015, incident in which he blocked his wife and children's exit from their property while he was armed with a handgun. The incident led to a 12-1/2 hour standoff with law enforcement from three counties. A postal carrier witnessed Eric Reinbold ramming his wife's vehicle three to four times while she and two children were inside. He later saw Lissette Reinbold drive out of the driveway with her husband chasing her with his pickup truck. At a crossing, Eric Reinbold turned around and Lissette Reinbold continued on her way.

At a court hearing shortly after the incident, a no contact order was lifted between Reinbold and his wife and children at Lissette Reinbold's request.

For that case, Eric Reinbold received a five-year stay of adjudication for a felony charge of second degree assault. He was also sentenced for gross misdemeanor child endangerment in that case. He was ordered to serve a total of 60 days in jail or on electronic home monitoring. A charge of witness tampering was dismissed in which it was alleged Reinbold had tampered with the mail carrier during three separate incidents. He allegedly blocked the mail carrier's vehicle. During other incidents, he wrote "homerecker" on his own mailbox and wore camouflage while laying in a ditch near the mailbox.

# County begins receiving bills/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) culverts, install the new culverts and backfill the area. Other bidders were Davidson Construction, Wright Construction and R.J. Zavoral & Sons.

Commissioners approved a three-year agreement with the University of Minnesota for Extension programs and

staff. The agreement includes salary increases for Extension Educator Ashley Nerhus. Her salary will increase 2.25% for 2022, 2.25% for 2023 and 2.5% for 2024.

In separate motions, County Board approved hiring Stacy Anderson as the fiscal supervisor in the Human Services Department and approved

advertising for her current position. Anderson is currently employed as a deputy auditor-treasurer.

County Board approved reappointing Kermit Genereux to the board of the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Genereux's current term is set to

expire Oct. 10. With this resolution, he has been reappointed to a five-year term.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Justice Center.

## Crazy Day in TRF



Downtown Thief River Falls was a busy place on Saturday as businesses and shoppers celebrated Crazy Day deals.

## Local Government Lobbying Services Report released

Minnesota State Auditor Julie Blaha released the 2020 Local Government Lobbying Services Report, which showed local governments and their associations spending over \$10 million in 2020 to advocate for their communities.

"Over the past five years, local government expenditures have increased by 11 percent on staff and contract lobbyists," said Blaha. "When adjusted for inflation, the increase is approximately 4 percent."

"As the Minnesota Legislature makes changes based on what they learned from

operating remotely, they have the chance to impact the cost of local government's public policy work," said Blaha. "We owe it to those who struggled during the pandemic to learn all we can from our responses to COVID-19."

"Part of local government lobbying costs are driven by the logistics of engaging with the Legislature. Options to participate in hearings and committee meetings remotely may reduce travel costs, particularly for entities in Greater Minnesota," added Blaha.

### Highlights of the re-

### port include:

- Local governments spent a total of \$10 million on lobbying activities in 2020. This represents an increase of \$311,252, or three percent, over the amount spent on lobbying services in 2019. Of the \$10 million spent on lobbying in 2020, \$5.5 million was attributable to local governments using their own staff or hired contract lobbyists, while \$4.5 million was attributable to the lobbying activities of associations of local governments.
- In 2020, 115 local governments (five more than in

2019) reported that they directly employed staff or hired contract lobbyists. These local governments spent a total of \$5.5 million on staff and contract lobbyists. This was \$409,998, or eight percent, more than in 2019.

- Ten of the 115 local governments that directly employed lobbying staff and/or hired contract lobbyists reported over \$100,000 in lobbying services expenditures, for a total of \$2.2 million. These 10 local governments accounted for 41 percent of the total amount paid to contract and staff lobbyists in 2020.
- From 2016 to 2020, total expenditures on staff and contract lobbyists grew 11 percent. The amount spent by those using only contract lobbyists grew five percent; the amount spent on those using only staff rose nine percent; and the amount spent by those using both contract and staff lobbyists increased 20 percent.

- Local governments paid dues of \$12.9 million in 2020 to local government associations that also represented their interests before legislative, administrative, or other governmental bodies. These associations spent \$4.5 million on lobbyists and lobbying in 2020, a decrease of two percent from 2019.
- Among the 25 local government associations that lobbied the Legislature on behalf of their local government members, 12 associations reported expenditures on lobbying/lobbyists in excess of \$100,000 in 2020. These 12 associations accounted for \$3.9 million, or 86 percent, of the total lobbying expenditures of associations in 2020.

# Levy request explained/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) every eight years.

2. Implement the District's strategic plan, which identifies a path for district. The over-arching mission is to address any goal, any opportunity, anytime, anywhere for anyone. It also focuses on the six "C's" - creativity, character, citizenship, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. Some of the more concrete goals of the plan include providing real world authentic opportunities, voice and choice, equitable experiences, staff growth, and safety while providing strong fiscal management.

Part of the strategic plan boils down to making sure the District provides the education students need in this world and the world of work that they will enter, as well as making the school attractive to other students. (Government aid is largely dependent on the number of students attending the school. The more students, the more aid they receive.)

Part of the District's funding relies on state and federal aid. In general, 70 percent of the District's

funds come from the state, 10 percent from the federal government, and 20 percent comes from local taxpayers. In reality, Stepan noted that state and federal government aid hasn't been keeping up with inflation.

Stepan said that for the past several years, the District has been making budget cuts - over \$500,000 just last year alone. Its unassigned fund balance has also dropped from a high of about 17 percent to 11 percent.

(The District, and most school districts, have unassigned fund balances. It provides important cash flow coverage, allows flexibility to cover unexpected costs and opportunities, and impacts bond ratings. School District 564 has a goal of keeping its unassigned fund balance at between 10 and 25 percent.)

### What will happen if the levy request isn't approved by voters?

Stepan said the District will have to make another \$500,000 in cuts. This time, however, it would look a lot different as cuts would impact programs, activities and staff. The unassigned

fund balance would also drop below 10 percent.

If the levy is approved, the District won't see the new funding until 2023.

### How does the District compare to other Districts in the region?

Presently, the per pupil levy is among the smallest in the region. The request, if approved, would put the District per pupil funding between what Stephen-Argyle and Goodridge have.

### Find out more information about the levy

More information about the levy request can be found on the District's website. By going to the website, an individual can use their smart phone to scan in a QR code, which connects to information, and/or they can click on a quick link called "2021 Referendum Presentation."

Stepan also said she will be visiting with groups and organizations in the community to explain the levy request. A brochure has also been created. In the weeks leading up to the election in November, more information and presentations will be shared with the public and

# Drug bills would promote competition and lower costs

Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) announced that the Preserving Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act and the Stop Significant and Time-wasting Abuse Limiting Legitimate Innovation of New Generics (Stop STALLING) Act to reduce drug costs have passed the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"The skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs in our country is an urgent problem impacting millions of Americans, and there are solutions on the table to help them access the medications they need at prices they can afford. We must take action to put an end to industry practices that undermine competition in the pharmaceutical industry and delay the approval of more affordable drugs. Now that these bipartisan bills have passed the Judiciary Committee, we are one step closer to doing just that," Klobuchar said.

"At almost every county meeting, I hear from Iowans who are concerned about the rising cost of prescription drugs. Our constituents shouldn't be worried about buying their much-needed medication or putting food on the table," Grassley said. "These commonsense bills will make it easier for patients to access less costly generic prescription drugs. I'm glad my colleagues agreed with Senator Klobuchar and me to pass these bipartisan proposals out of committee."

The Preserving Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act would limit anticompetitive "pay-for-delay deals" that prevent or delay the introduction of affordable follow-on versions of branded pharmaceuticals. Pay-for-delay deals - the practice in which drug companies use pay-off agreements to delay the introduction of cheaper substitutes - increase the cost of prescriptions and impose significant costs on our health care system. The legislation covers pay-for-delay deals affecting biosimilar and interchangeable biologics in addition to generic drugs. Senators Dick Durbin (R-IL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Susan Collins (R-ME), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) are cosponsors of the bill.

The Stop STALLING Act would reduce the incentives for branded pharmaceutical companies to file sham petitions with the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to interfere with the regulatory approval of generics and biosimilars that would compete

with their own products, a tactic that delays patient access to more affordable medications. The bill would give the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) enhanced authority to take action against those who file sham petitions. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Joni Ernst (R-IA), and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) are cosponsors of this bill.

As chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, Klobuchar has championed efforts to protect consumers, promote competition, and fight consolidation in several industries.

In March, she introduced the Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act to allow Medicare to negotiate the best price of prescription drugs for seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D. Current law expressly bans Medicare from negotiating for better prices. By harnessing the bargaining power of the nearly 46 million seniors enrolled in the program, Medicare could negotiate bigger discounts from pharmaceutical companies. This bill is co-sponsored by 33 other senators.

In February, Klobuchar introduced the Competition and Antitrust Law Enforcement Reform Act - sweeping legislation to reinvigorate America's antitrust laws and restore competition to American markets. This legislation would give federal enforcers the resources they need to do their jobs, strengthen prohibitions on anticompetitive conduct and mergers, and make additional reforms to improve enforcement.

She has led the fight against anticompetitive conduct in the pharmaceutical industry, sponsoring multiple pieces of legislation. Last year, Klobuchar's Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples (CREATES) Act, which prevents abusive tactics that hinder affordable drugs from entering the market, was passed into law.

Additionally, Klobuchar has called for strong antitrust review and enforcement to protect consumers from mergers that raise prices or harm competition, including Comcast/Time Warner Cable, AT&T/Time Warner Inc., Anheuser-Busch/Miller-Coors, and T-Mobile/Sprint, and consolidation in the agricultural and online travel industries.



Eagle Creek performed during RiverFest in Thief River Falls Saturday evening. Band members include: Randy Larson, Dayle Larson, Tony Nordby, Geoffrey Larson and Andy Dally on drums.



Gabriel Jacobs, an internationally acclaimed vocalist, provided lead vocals for Xpedition, a tribute band that performed Rock and Roll hits during RiverFest in Thief River Falls Saturday evening.



Randy Larson and Geoffrey Larson perform for RiverFest attendees Saturday evening. The Larsons are members of the Eagle Creek band.



Marcus Padilla, Paige Peterson and their band, Street Talk, performed Friday, July 30 at RiverFest in Thief River Falls. The band performed some of the biggest hits from the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

# “It’s keeping our economy going.”

*What does the Line 3 replacement mean for Minnesota?*



**Anton**  
Chair, Thief River Falls Area Chamber

“Talking with Chamber members, they’re busy. They’re busy as they have even been. It’s great for us. It couldn’t have been better timing.”

“Our hotels are all full. Rental apartments, I mean they’re all full. It’s keeping our economy going. We’re busy right now, all the way across the board.”

> **Here are some of the ways Minnesota communities are benefiting from the Line 3 Replacement Project:**

**Local business boost**

During construction, Enbridge sources local businesses like hardware stores, supply stores and parts dealers for goods and services to support their operations.

**Thousands of construction jobs**

Private investment in Minnesota for the Line 3 Replacement Project created 5,200 construction jobs this winter, \$334 million in union wages is expected with a total economic impact of more than \$4 billion in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

**More than \$65 million in state taxes**

Currently, Enbridge pays more than \$30 million in property taxes each year across Minnesota. In the first year of service, that will increase incrementally by more than \$35 million, bringing our annual total to more than \$65 million—that’s tax dollars that will be used to fund schools, infrastructure, recreation and more.



To learn more about the benefits of our Line 3 Replacement Project, visit [enbridge.com/line3us](http://enbridge.com/line3us).

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# Mauch wins Run RiverFest 5K race



A mix of runners and walkers of all ages participated in the Run RiverFest 5K on Thursday, July 29. The event had 70 pre-registered entries, but only 48 showed up

to run or walk due to concerns over air quality from wildfires in Canada. Additional photos from the Run RiverFest 1K and 5K appear on page 3.



Conway Marvin, board member of the Max Foundation, gave a short presentation prior to the start of the 2021 Run RiverFest 1K and 5K races on Thursday, July 29.

Soon-to-be high school junior Isaac Mauch turned in the top overall time at the 2021 Run RiverFest 5K Thursday, July 29. The event was organized by Rehab Authority and Elite Athletix.

Seventy participants pre-registered for the event, with 48 participating in the 1K and 5K races. Smoke from Canadian wildfires was cited as the cause for several pre-registered runners and walkers withdrawing from the event.

- Age group winners**
- Male 19 and under - Isaac Mauch 18:12
  - Female 19 and under - Josie Peterson 23:18
  - Male 20-35 - Sean Sullivan 20:19
  - Female 20-35 - Angie Anderson 26:37
  - Male 36-49 - Luke Stavos 22:45
  - Female 36-49 - Shannon Nelson 25:45
  - Male 50 and over - Corey Herring 27:05
  - Female 50 and over - Amelia Sedra 31:32.

**Max Foundation**  
 Each year, proceeds from the Run RiverFest 5K benefit a local non-profit. This year's proceeds will go to the Max Foundation.

The Max Foundation is named in honor of Max Marvin, son of David and Kallie Marvin, who died by suicide in December 2018. The Max Foundation was founded in August 2019 with the mis-

sion: "To raise funds with the intent to support charitable programs, projects and activities that facilitate mental wellness amongst our youth."

Max Foundation Board member and Max's relative Conway Marvin spoke to runners and walkers prior to Thursday's Run RiverFest 1K and 5k races. Conway was recruited to the foundation by David and Kallie Marvin.

"We came to the conclusion that to do, nothing wasn't an option," Conway said of the formation of the foundation. "We didn't know where the journey was going to bring us or where we were going to end up, but we stood solid with to do nothing was not an option."

The Max Foundation aims to make it so that no other family has to go through the what Max's family had to go through.

"Our job is outreach. Our job is to break down those barriers," Conway said. "Our job is to have these conversations. Our job isn't fun. Who wants to talk about mental health? Who wants to talk about suicide? But if we don't talk about it and we don't work together, we can't fix it."

The Max Foundation works with schools, sports teams and any other area where it can influence mental wellness with kids. The foundation has worked with

children as young as age 3, all the way through young adults.

The Max Foundation is a frequent partner of the Winnipeg Jets and "Project 11," a foundation named in honor of Rick Rypien, a much loved and valued member of the Jets family who lost his battle with depression on Aug. 15, 2011.

Designed as an engaging cross-curricular prevention program, Project 11 delivers weekly lessons and daily activities that help students and teachers develop a greater understanding and awareness of mental health issues within their own lives, as well as their peers' lives, and teaches them positive coping skills.

"We started it in Warroad two years ago in September," Conway said. "We started it in kindergarten and it went through seventh grade. The curriculum is being built to go all the way through grade 12 ... or if you are in Canada, grade 13. It's a wonderful system."

Conway said the Jets have been very unselfish in sharing the curriculum.

"We've seen the benefits of it," Conway said. "We have two more schools coming online this fall. We'd love to see more schools in more communities involved in the Project 11 initiative."

# Street Wizards hold 2021 car show

Allen Aaseby, Ed Walseth, Steven Mould, Lanny Moore and Larry Hosaluk won Best in Show Awards, while Lewis Levafole took home the Mayor's Choice Award at the 20th Annual Street Wizards Car Show held Saturday, July 31 at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls.

Street Wizards President Gary Tvedt presented awards at the conclusion of the show.

First up was the crushed car award. Sheldon Braget of Cavailer, N.D., correctly guessed that the rusted and crushed pile of metal was a 1963 Chevy Corvair Convertible. For his efforts, Braget received a tool kit.

Up next were the Best in Show Awards. Tvedt said the five cars are in no particular order.

Aaseby entered won with a 1934 Dodge that featured a brand new Hemi engine with numerous modifications.

Walseth entered and won with a 1954 Plymouth Convertible.

Mould received a Best in Show award for his 1965 Cobra.

Moore entered a 1956 Buick that was selected as a Best in Show winner. Tvedt

noted that "the car was totally rebuilt a few years back and it is one of Lanny's favorites."

Hosaluk of Roseau received a Best in Show award for his 1937 Ford Pickup.

The Street Wizards continued the tradition of presenting Wahoo Awards.

"The idea behind it is to give somebody a trophy that might not get a trophy at a car show, but we think they deserve something," Tvedt said.

As usual, the 2021 Wahoo trophies were handmade by Tvedt. This year, they were color-coded so that cars were only eligible for the trophy that corresponded with their primary paint color.

Winning the red Wahoo trophy was Rick Myrom for his 1935 Chevy Pickup.

The white Wahoo trophy went to Georgette Philipp for her 1973 Plymouth Barracuda.

Sheldon Braget, who previously came up with the correct answer in the crushed car contest, received the yellow Wahoo trophy for his 1956 Apache Pickup.

The orange Wahoo trophy went to Brian Fortier with a [Continued on page 2]



Pictured from left to right are Best in Show winners at the 2021 Street Wizards Car Show: Al Aaseby, 1934 Dodge; Ed Walseth, 1954 Plymouth Convertible; Steven Mould, 1965 Cobra; Lanny Moore, 1956 Buick; and Larry Hosaluk, 1937 Ford Pickup.

# Copp, Olson, Aberle and Weleski get GRP checkers

by Keith Cumming

For the first time in nine years, this announcer/writer missed a race at the Greenbush Race Park, as I was attending my postponed 40-year high school reunion. So, this will be short and sweet.

Brandon Copp made the tow all the way from Brule, Wis., and made his first ever visit to the Park pay off with a sweep in the Wissota Modifieds. Jordan Duray finished second and Aaron Holtan third.

The Wissota Midwest Mod feature came right down to the wire as Justin Olson beat Aaron BlackLance. Taylor Jacobson finished third. Heat wins went to Jacobson and BlackLance.

I heard the Wissota Street feature was another close race as Daniel Aberle beat BlackLance and Tucker Pederson. The heat wins went to Aberle and BlackLance.

The Wissota Pure Stock feature win went to Deryk Weleski with Tra Ewalt finishing second and Michael Roth third. Macey Anderson got the lone heat win.

Dexter Dvergsten remained undefeated at the Park in the MinnKota POWRI Lightning Sprints. Dvergsten is also the first-time winner of the Olson cup named in honor of Chad & Corey Olson, former Lightning Sprint drivers that have passed away.

The 4 Cylinder feature went to John Current, with Kalin Honer finishing second and Brandon Hunter finishing third. Honer picked up the lone heat win.

Up next for the Greenbush Race Park, the NLRA Late Models will make their last visit of the season, and will be joined by the regular Wissota classes of Modifieds, Streets,

Midwest Mods and Pure Stocks, along with the Outlaw Mini Mods. Pit Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Grandstands open at 5:30, cutoff for the draw is at 6 p.m., with the green flag dropping at 7 p.m. sharp. For more info follow us on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park or on the web at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>, and we hope to see you at the Park.

### Results

■ Lightning Sprints (18 entries) - A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 11-Dexter Dvergsten[3]; 2. 26-Chris Crowder[6]; 3. 10-Alex Truscinski[9]; 4. 19S-Travis Sururus[12]; 5. 100-Jason Berg[5]; 6. 93-Kelsi Pederson[18]; 7. 13-Alan Truscinski[1]; 8. 5G-Garrison Miller[4]; 9. 60X-Patrick Brejcha[11]; 10. 4-Dylan Langevin[16]; 11. 72-Kate Taves[8]; 12. 16C-Kyle Cole[14]; 13. 2-Michael Truscinski[13]; 14. (DNF) 1W-Mark Williams[2]; 15. (DNF) 27-Weston Olson[10]; 16. (DNF) 7-Dan Wiskow[15]; 17. (DNF) 22-Bryce Haugeberg[7]; 18. (DNF) 24-Jake Haugeberg[17]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 26-Chris Crowder[5]; 2. 13-Alan Truscinski[1]; 3. 22-Bryce Haugeberg[3]; 4. 27-Weston Olson[4]; 5. 2-Michael Truscinski[2]; 6. (DNF) 93-Kelsi Pederson[6]; Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 1W-Mark Williams[1]; 2. 100-Jason Berg[5]; 3. 72-Kate Taves[3]; 4. 60X-Patrick Brejcha[2]; 5. 16C-Kyle Cole[6]; 6. 4-Dylan Langevin[4]; Heat 3 (8 Laps): 1. 11-Dexter Dvergsten[2]; 2. 5G-Garrison Miller[1]; 3. 10-Alex Truscinski[5]; 4. 19S-Travis Sururus[4]; 5. 7-Dan Wiskow[3]; 6. 24-Jake Haugeberg[6]; ■ Wissota Modifieds (8 entries) - A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 22-Brandon Copp[5]; 2. 81-Jordan Duray[6]; 3. 2-Aaron Holtan[7]; 4. 64-Shane Wahl[2]; 5. 74-Dustin Wahl[3]; 6. 22B-Josh Beaulieu[4]; 7. 57-Michael Tiani[8]; 8. (DNF) 33-Ryan Hagen[1]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 22-Brandon Copp[2]; 2. 64-Shane Wahl[3]; 3. 74-Dustin Wahl[8]; 4. 33-Ryan Hagen[4]; 5. 22B-Josh Beaulieu[6]; 6. 81-Jordan Duray[7]; 7. 2-Aaron Holtan[5]; 8. (DNF) 57-Michael Tiani[1]; ■ Wissota Midwest Mods (16 entries) - A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 169-Justin Olson[2]; 2. 5BA-Aaron BlackLance[8]; 3. 46J-Taylor Jacobson[7]; 4. 40-Patrick Sobolik[6]; 5. 15C-Chris Edmonds[4]; 6. 33G-Connor

Graff[10]; 7. 64-Shane Wahl[16]; 8. 180-Scott Kamli[1]; 9. 88-Chad Puschinsky[5]; 10. 47W-Tony Wensloff[9]; 11. 54-Terry Nelson[15]; 12. 21-Joel Olson[3]; 13. 5W-Jacob Wilde[14]; 14. 007-Alex Johnson[12]; 15. 77-Ryan Anderson[13]; 16. 06-Chris Vargason[11]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 46J-Taylor Jacobson[3]; 2. 15C-Chris Edmonds[6]; 3. 88-Chad Puschinsky[1]; 4. 21-Joel Olson[5]; 5. 47W-Tony Wensloff[4]; 6. 06-Chris Vargason[7]; 7. 77-Ryan Anderson[8]; 8. (DNF) 54-Terry Nelson[2]; Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 5BA-Aaron BlackLance[4]; 2. 40-Patrick Sobolik[7]; 3. 180-Scott Kamli[1]; 4. 169-Justin Olson[3]; 5. 33G-Connor Graff[2]; 6. 007-Alex Johnson[8]; 7. 5W-Jacob Wilde[5]; 8. (DNF) 64-Shane Wahl[6]; ■ Wissota Pure Stock (9 entries) - A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 39-Deryk Weleski[4]; 2. 77E-Tra Ewalt[3]; 3. 66-Michael Roth[5]; 4. 74-Steve Nordhagen[6]; 5. 88-Macey Anderson[2]; 6. (DNF) 5-Dusty Caspers[9]; 7. (DNF) 88B-Brandon Puschinsky[7]; 8. (DNF) 42-Jace Gust[1]; 9. (DNF) 17N-Faith Novacek[8]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 88-Macey Anderson[2]; 2. 66-Michael Roth[4]; 3. 42-Jace Gust[9]; 4. 77E-Tra Ewalt[5]; 5. 39-Deryk Weleski[7]; 6. 74-Steve Nordhagen[1]; 7. 88B-Brandon Puschinsky[6]; 8. (DNF) 17N-Faith Novacek[3]; 9. (DNF) 5-Dusty Caspers[8]; ■ Wissota Street Stock (12 entries) - A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 33-Daniel Aberle[8]; 2. 539-Aaron BlackLance[6]; 3. 27P-Tucker Pederson[5]; 4. 87M-Dave Meyer[4]; 5. 48-Chase Boen[3]; 6. 7-James Meagher[2]; 7. 29-Dan McNamee[9]; 8. 25-Ryan Johnson[7]; 9. 21-Cadin Brekkestran[1]; 10. 0-Chad Hagen[12]; 11. 34-Bill Gustafson[10]; 12. (DNF) 87-Alan Lane[11]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 539-Aaron BlackLance[2]; 2. 25-Ryan Johnson[4]; 3. 48-Chase Boen[1]; 4. 27P-Tucker Pederson[3]; 5. 29-Dan McNamee[6]; 6. 87-Alan Lane[5]; Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 33-Daniel Aberle[1]; 2. 87M-Dave Meyer[2]; 3. 21-Cadin Brekkestran[4]; 4. 7-James Meagher[5]; 5. 34-Bill Gustafson[6]; 6. (DNF) 0-Chad Hagen[3]; ■ 4-Cylinders (5 entries) - A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 28-John Current[4]; 2. 115-Kalin Honer[3]; 3. 5-Brandon Hunter[2]; 4. 3-Justin Honer[1]; 5. (DNS) 15-Gordon Hunter[2]; Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 115-Kalin Honer[3]; 2. 28-John Current[5]; 3. 5-Brandon Hunter[2]; 4. 3-Justin Honer[1]; 5. (DNF) 15-Gordon Hunter[4].

# Oh, the Places you'll Go!



Blake Biermaier signed a National Letter of Intent on March 10 to continue his athletic career as a member of the University of Jamestown football team. Pictured from left to right are Meleah, Blake, Ronda and Mike Biermaier. (Submitted)



Jonah Kalsnes committed to continuing his track and field, and cross country careers at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter during a ceremony on March 31. Pictured from left to right are Roberta, Jonah and Jarrod Kalsnes. (Submitted)



Members of the Thief River Falls Bombers amateur baseball team gathered for a photo prior to their region play-in game Tuesday, July 27. Pictured from left to right are: front row - Jake Huwe, Gibby Rodriguez, Steve Wiseth, Fred Landman, Aaron Bruggeman, Jarad Nelson, Izaak Keefe; back row - Chanc Keefe, Brandon Monroe, Dillon Lundin, Grant Hartmann, Zach Praska, Keaden Kempert and Jason Kempert. Not pictured are Brandon Bruggeman, Owen Ellefson and Adam Berg. The Bombers won the play-in game over the Warroad Muskies by a score of 7-2. Their time in the playoffs was short lived, however, after the team was unable to get the minimum of nine players needed to compete in the opening round of the region tournament on Saturday.

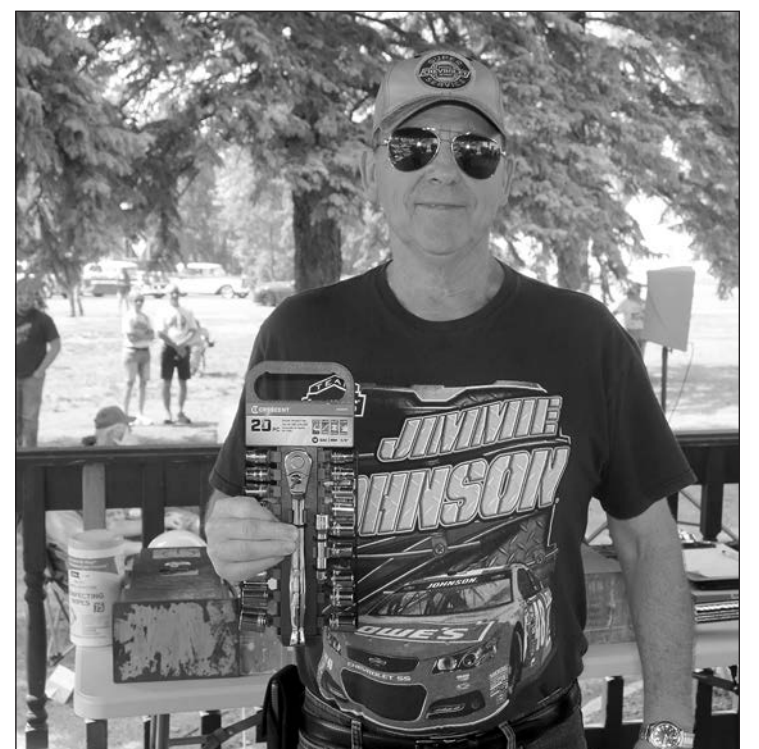


Top: Wahoo award winners and the Mayor's Choice Award winner at the 19th Annual Street Wizards Car Show gathered for this photo at the conclusion of the show. Pictured from left to right are Wahoo winners Rick Myrom, Darren Philipp (who accepted on behalf of winner Georgette Philipp), Sheldon Braget, Brian Fortier and Dale Foss; and Mayor's Choice Award winner Lewis Levafold.

Right: Here is a closer look at this year's Wahoo trophies, which were designed by Street Wizards President Gary Tvedt.

# Street Wizards hold 19th Annual Car Show/Continued

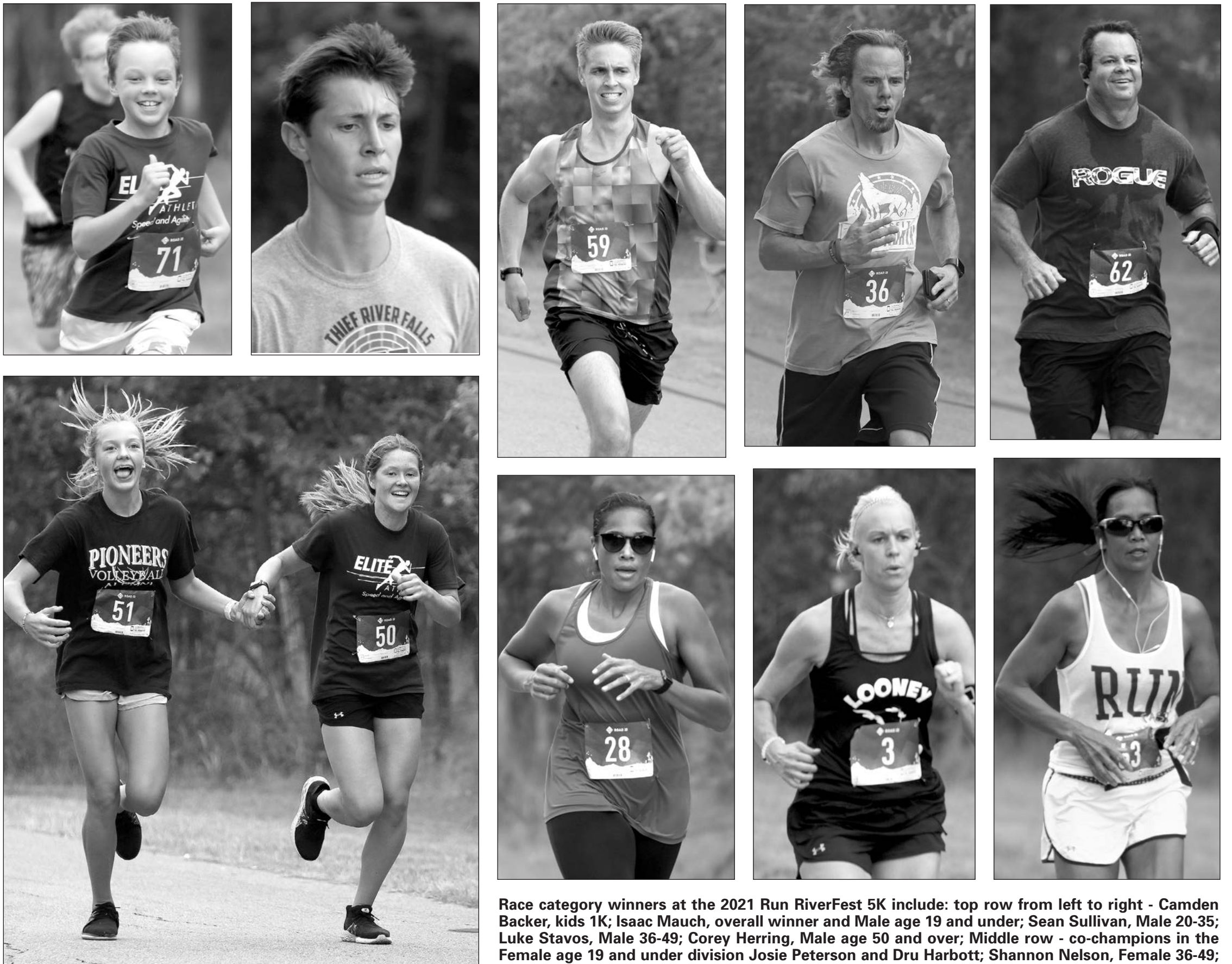
[Continued from page 1] was the Mayor's Choice Award, which is selected by Mayor Brian Holmer. This year's recipient was Lewis Levafold for his 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner. Rounding out the awards



Sheldon Braget of Cavalier, N.D., correctly guessed the identity of the crushed car, a 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Convertible, at the Street Wizards Car Show Saturday afternoon. His reward was this ratchet set.



# Fast feet, fast cars showcased at RiverFest



Race category winners at the 2021 Run RiverFest 5K include: top row from left to right - Camden Backer, kids 1K; Isaac Mauch, overall winner and Male age 19 and under; Sean Sullivan, Male 20-35; Luke Stavos, Male 36-49; Corey Herring, Male age 50 and over; Middle row - co-champions in the Female age 19 and under division Josie Peterson and Dru Harbott; Shannon Nelson, Female 36-49; Angie Anderson, Female 20-35; Amelia Sedra, Female age 50 and over. Bottom row left - Event organizer Kim Rosendahl of RehabAuthority and Elite Athletix gives athletes instructions prior to the start of the Run RiverFest 1K and 5K races. Bottom row right - Each entrant in the Run RiverFest 5K was entered into a drawing for an inflatable kayak. This year's kayak winner was Spencer Skaar.



A trio of Dodge Vipers, a 1997 model owned by Peter Mosbeck of Red Lake Falls, and 2015 and 2016 models owned by Marna Kobe of Grand Forks, N.D., were on display at the 2021 Street Wizards Car Show.



Sheldon Braget of Cavalier, N.D., won a Wahoo Award for his 1956 Chevy Apache Pickup Truck during the 2021 Street Wizards Car Show.



This 1972 El Camino, owned by David Foss of Greenbush, won a Wahoo Award for top silver vehicle at the 2021 Street Wizards Car Show.



Ed Walseth of Thief River Falls won a Best in Show award for his 1954 Plymouth Convertible at the 2021 Street Wizards Car Show.

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# SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Pictured from left to right are members of the Thief River Falls Girls Golf Team: front row - Breanna Lee, Emma Christianson; middle row - Hayden Comstock, Jordan Larson, Chloe Lundeen, Kassidy Fremling, Gretta Grzadzielewski; back row - Coach Johnson, Sophia Vidal, Olivia Wojahn, Sophia Stavos, Coach Johnson. (Photo by Thoele Photography)

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The Devon Worley Band performed Friday, July 30 at RiverFest in Thief River Falls. The band kicked off the event, which returned after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19.



Paige Peterson and her band, Street Talk, were the headliners Friday, July 30 at RiverFest in Thief River Falls.

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## Summer hum

I've always enjoyed this time of year in northwestern Minnesota. The end of July and beginning of August always has a different "feel" to it, a different hum. It's almost a murmur.

It's definitely hard to explain, but this time of year nature just seems to slow down and relax. People too seem to relax. They seem to settle into the acceptance of warm summer days like they're settling into their favorite chair - it's soft, worn, but comfortable in a familiar way. I hope that explains what I mean when I say this time of year has a different hum about it.

I found myself sitting on my patio the other day. I had turned off my computer, television and radio. I was just enjoying the warmth of being outside, a cooling breeze off the river, and watching -

watching nature, watching cars and people go by. Everything seemed to have slowed down.

There's a lot to admire of northwestern Minnesota this time of year. It is, in my opinion, a great time to invite relatives for a visit.

There are nice activities to enjoy too. RiverFest in Thief River Falls, for example, seemed well suited, well matched or in harmony with the time of year.

It's such a good time of year to visit, your visitors might decide to give up the hectic life of a big city and put down roots. We've been running pages of help wanted advertisements for weeks, so they'll find a job. That's not a problem. In addition to our beautiful community, and great amenities, they might also just like being needed.

## New guidance

"Is this ever going to end?"

Many of us, myself included, were of a mindset that COVID-19 was over. Recent news that the delta variant of COVID-19 is increasing infections, hospitalizations and deaths is definitely unwelcome. Life was returning to "normal," and many of us had settled back into a routine that did not include any mention of the pandemic.

This past week, the CDC changed its guidance regarding masks.

According to the new guidance, "if you are fully vaccinated, you can participate in many of the activities that you did before the pandemic.

"To maximize protection from the delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

"Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune sys-

tem, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. If this applies to you or your household, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission in your area.

"You should continue to wear a mask where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance."

What is this new guidance going to mean for schools and businesses? I have no idea.

The recent increase in infections is due to the delta variant, and, of course, people not heeding the advice of experts to get vaccinated. The evidence that the vaccines work is very clear, so it's hard to not to jump on the bandwagon and say that this is a "pandemic of the unvaccinated." I won't because I don't believe it's helpful. Expressing that kind of vitriol or cruel sentiment is not going to encourage anyone who hasn't been vaccinated to get a vaccination. I remain hopeful that those who haven't been vaccinated do get a vaccination. It's for their health and the health of others in our community.

## Letter: Frustration and anger over County Fair photo

To the Editor,

The Times staff should have interviewed all parties involved in their story regarding the photo that caused so much controversy at the Fair before publishing the story.

On Thursday of the Pennington County Fair, a professional photographer brought it to the attention of our Pennington County Republicans organization that there was a 4-H photography exhibit that they felt was derogatory and disrespectful and had no place at a family event like a county fair or as a 4-H exhibit.

On Friday, our organization decided to file a complaint with the fair board as we agreed with the photographer. That afternoon, we

spoke with several fair board members, including Miranda Carlson, the president. The first board member we spoke with said there was actually a fair rule that exhibits could not be political in any way. Later, we received a call from Ashley Nerhus, the leader of the 4-H program, who told us she had conferred with Karen Santl from Roseau who is the regional 4-H coordinator. While they didn't exactly agree with the appropriateness of the exhibit, they also said they were not going to do anything about it as they claimed it was freedom of expression.

On Saturday, our organization decided to urge fair attendees to also file complaints with the fair board.

Later, the fair board posted a disclaimer beneath the derogatory exhibit. It stated they did not support the content or appropriateness. However, they also did not remove it. Perhaps we need to elect new fair board members.

Freedom of expression works both ways. We expressed our opinion and continue to express our opinion that the exhibit was disrespectful, derogatory and distasteful. It had no place at a family event like a county fair or as a 4-H exhibit.

Response to our position was almost overwhelmingly positive. That included both fair attendees and visitors to our booth.

We recently received a note from a 4-H leader in

southwestern Minnesota who said that their county had a hay bale decorating contest last fall and their entry was banned because it had stars and stripe painted on it and a slogan that read "4-H Keeps Kids Great." That person also said that Minnesota 4-H seems to be making up rules as they go.

The derogatory 4-H exhibit in Pennington County was a prime example of what is wrong with our country now. No longer are children taught respect, but they are certainly being taught hate.

As to the person who sent me the anonymous hate letter - that was very childish. Greg Hallstrom  
Red Lake Falls

## Rules in 4-H not being applied consistently?

To the Editor,

I am a co-leader of Amiret Busy Bees, a 4-H Club in Lyon County located in southwestern Minnesota. I am writing in response to the article "4-H photo courts controversy" in the Northern Watch on July 24.

I was surprised that a Pennington County 4-Her, Ms. Zaviska, earned a blue ribbon on a photography exhibit of a political sign being burned. I'm not convinced that it was an innocent picture for Elements of Photography since Zaviska was quoted as saying "It was meant to invoke a reaction."

According to the 4-H Code of Conduct for youth that is sent to each participant of county fairs, 4-H members agree that "I will refrain from communication that is negative, offensive, destructive or hurtful to others. I will not engage in tolerant slander, put-downs, insults, taunting, name-calling, yelling, profane language...likely to offend, hurt, or set a bad example."

Based on the code of conduct, Zaviska's photography project should not have even been allowed to be exhibited at the Pennington County Fair.

I believe this is a classic example of how Minnesota 4-H has not been fair in its treatment of political issues. Every fall, our county 4-H runs a competition to see which 4-H club puts together the best hay bale display to promote 4-H. Last October, the kids in

our club decorated a hay bale as an American flag and had a sign that said "Busy Bees 4-H - Keep Kids Great." We were asked by Minnesota 4-H to take down our sign because it was too similar to a political candidate's sign and "The University of Minnesota prohibits the support of specific candidates." They censored the picture of our hay bale display online.

Zaviska's photography project should not have

been allowed at the Pennington County Fair. The University of Minnesota and 4-H does not explain why creativity is allowed in one situation but not the other. I have asked for clarification so we, as leaders, have a clear path going forward so all kids are allowed to express their creativity without censorship.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Knott  
Amiret

## Tolerance is a two-way street

To the Editor:

The article "4-H photo courts controversy" has certainly achieved the blue ribbon recipient's desired effect not only by burning a Trump sign, but also her statements: "I honestly thought it looked cool," and "It was meant to invoke a reaction."

Yes, Zaviska has freedom of expression as do I; yet, had the photo been a Biden-

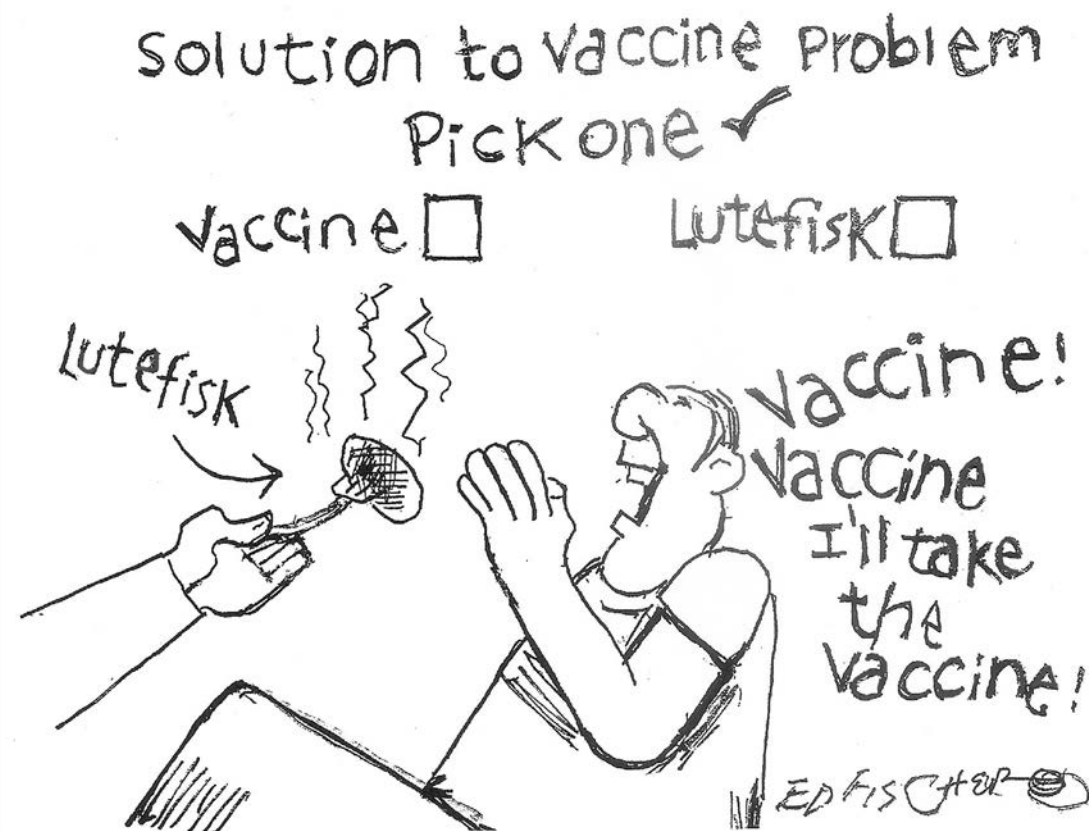
Harris sign, the photographer would have been labeled bigoted, racist and intolerant. Lest we forget, tolerance is a two-way street!

As an individual who has spent time in a communist country where I was detained, I am aware of the price of freedom. I have witnessed intolerance in action and am grateful that I was reared in an environment

that demanded respect regardless of another's views.

Before it is too late, all Americans need to study and practice with understanding and respect our constitutional rights. Unless we do, the erosion and compromise of these rights will bring collapse.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Bubolz  
Thief River Falls



## Governor of Minnesota celebrates bipartisan landmark ECO Act

Believes the legislation will strengthen energy conservation programs, and create jobs

Tuesday, Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan held a ceremonial bill signing to celebrate the landmark Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2021 (ECO Act). The ECO Act will strengthen Minnesota's energy conservation programs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create local jobs across the state through electrical, heating and cooling, ventilation, and insulation installation projects in Minnesota homes and businesses.

"The ECO Act will ensure that Minnesota continues to be leader in energy policy," said Walz. "This nation-leading energy conservation legislation will help Minnesota families and small businesses save money, create good-paying jobs, and, most importantly, protect Minnesota's environment for generations to come."

"Through the ECO Act, with investments in conservation, and through Minnesota's Energy and Weatherization Assistance

Programs, we are reducing the energy burden for Minnesotans who have been spending too much of their incomes to keep their homes cool in the summer and warm in the winter," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "The ECO Act expands our commitment to low-income consumers and puts Minnesota at the forefront of the Green Energy economy, helping to ensure that all Minnesotans benefit from our state's energy policies."

"We know that when we make conservation investments in a home or business, it saves the home or business owner money. It reduces overall energy demands across the entire state," said Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold. "We also know that investing in energy conservation boosts the economy. For every \$1 invested in energy conservation, there is a \$3.75 return on investment for Minnesotans."

The ECO Act updates and expands Minnesota's Conservation Improvement

Program (CIP). CIP helps Minnesota households and businesses use electricity and natural gas more efficiently conserving energy, reducing carbon dioxide emissions, and lessening the need for new utility infrastructure. The changes to CIP include expanding eligibility for low-income households, requiring energy efficiency improvements for public schools in utility plans, increasing conservation goals for investor-owned utilities, and providing additional flexibility for cooperatives in meeting their conservation requirements and reducing paper-work requirements.

Through CIP, the ECO Act creates local jobs through electrical, heating and cooling, ventilation, and insulation installation projects across the state. These projects are typically designed and carried out by local businesses and installed by state licensed contractors, using locally sourced products.

## Air quality support is needed

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture highlighting the urgent need for assistance, noting that "Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has indicated that unhealthy air quality to very unhealthy conditions are expected to persist and continue to threaten public health.

Klobuchar wrote that while Air Resource Advisors are currently deployed across several western states, the extraordinary air quality conditions in Minnesota require additional technical support.

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Pennington Health Services is accepting applications for the Social Services Director position. Pennington Health Services is a 70-bed skilled nursing facility located in Thief River Falls, MN. We are deeply committed to our mission to provide care that expresses Christ's love of all people. Starting salary will be dependent on previous work experience. We offer a competitive benefit package.  
The Social Services Director's primary purpose is to plan, develop, organize, implement, evaluate, and direct the Social Service Department in accordance with current existing federal, state, and local standards, as well as our established policies and procedures, and as may be directed by the Administrator, to ensure that the medically related emotional and social needs of the individual receiving services are met/maintained on an individual basis. Planning for pre-admissions, attending care conferences, counseling residents and their families, and serving as a linkage to facility and community resources.  
**Education and Experience:** Must have a BA degree from an accredited school of Social Work or be licensed as a social worker by the State of Minnesota and a minimum of two years supervisory experience in a health care center preferred.  
We support our employees with competitive pay and free health insurance, quality leadership and a positive team environment.  
E/o/E  
*If interested, please complete the online application at [www.phs.sfhs.org](http://www.phs.sfhs.org) and behavioral assessment.*  
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**City of Thief River Falls**  
**GIS/MAPPING TECHNICIAN POSITION**  
The City of Thief River Falls, MN is accepting applications for a full-time GIS/Mapping Technician in the Public Works Department.  
Employee will assist in the City's engineering, planning and zoning needs. Proficiencies in GIS and AutoCAD to create/update maps, drawings, and databases are required. Experience in drafting, civil engineering or closely related field is preferred. Valid MN Class B Driver's License may be required.  
Additional information and application available at [www.citytrf.net](http://www.citytrf.net) or at the City Administrator's Office. Applications accepted until 12:00 Noon on August 12, 2021 at the City Administrator's Office, PO Box 528, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.  
*The City of Thief River Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

**Northern Motors**  
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1112 3rd St W, Thief River Falls

**Goodridge Public School District**  
**Position Open: Part-Time Custodian**  
**beginning on August 9th**

For information and application, contact Russ Bode, Custodial Supervisor, Goodridge Public School, PO Box 195, Goodridge, MN 56725.  
 Phone: 218-378-4134  
 email: russell.bode@goodridgeisd561.org  
 Open until filled.

*The Goodridge Public School is an equal opportunity employer.*

The following positions are available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

**Effective:** Fall 2021  
**Hours:** Variable – Student Days.  
**Duties:** Safely and efficiently transport students.  
**Requirements:** Candidates must have a valid Minnesota driver's license with (or eligible to obtain) school bus and air brake endorsement and a good driving record to be eligible. District will provide training assistance with endorsement requirements. Up to full-time hours available for those willing to perform additional duties.  
**Salary and benefits:** Per negotiated contract.  
**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.

**Online Application available on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment

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The following position is available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, MN:

**HEAD COOK**

**Effective:** Fall 2021  
**Location:** Challenger Elementary School  
**Hours per day:** 7.75 hours per day – student days  
**Duties:** Supervises main dish and coordinates tasks of other food service staff preparing and serving meals according to MN Dept. of Health and National School Lunch Program standards. Keeps daily production records, HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) records, and performs other similar tasks of cooking – including cleaning, ordering, inventory, receiving food and supplies, supervising the meal accounting program and preparing meals for special events.  
**Requirements:** Minimum of High School Diploma, and must have successfully completed the Serve Safe Class. Strong management and organizational skills. Experience in quantity cooking, ability to operate a computerized meal accounting system and good public relations skills are a must. Must have a commitment to the highest possible customer satisfaction. Employee will be standing and/or walking for most of the work shift. Work involves heavy lifting.  
**Wage and Benefits:** Per negotiated contract  
**Application Deadline:** Open until filled  
**Online Application available on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment

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**PENNINGTON HEALTH SERVICES**  
 DBA Thief River Care Center

**FT RN Manager**  
**with a \$3,000 Sign-on Bonus!**

Pennington Health Services is seeking a highly motivated **FT RN Manager**. A successful candidate will need to possess excellent communication skills, ability to problem solve, and work well as a team. LTC & MDS knowledge helpful. Pennington Health Services is a 70-bed long term care center. We offer a competitive benefits package with employer paid health insurance.

The primary purpose of the Registered Nurse Manager is to provide direct nursing care to the residents and to monitor the day-to-day nursing activities performed by nursing assistants. Must possess a current, unencumbered, active license in Minnesota as a Registered Nurse, and maintain current CPR certification.

**We have great benefits:**

- 100% paid single health insurance premium
- HSA with \$150/mo employer contribution
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- Voluntary 403(b) and ROTH retirement plans
- Personal Leave Time
- Employer paid life insurance
- Dental, Vision, Critical Illness/Cancer
- 5% 401(a) retirement plan
- Flexible spending accounts
- Nursing Scholarship

**Apply online at [www.phs.sfh.org](http://www.phs.sfh.org)**  
**or call Human Resources at 218-683-8103**

**OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST – TRF CAMPUS**

Northland Community and Technical College seeks a full-time unlimited Administrative Specialist to assist Northland's National Center for Autonomous Technologies staff and faculty in the daily operations of NSF grant work.

- Job Title: Office & Administrative Specialist
- Location: Thief River Falls
- Work Schedule: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

At Northland Community and Technical College, we have a GREAT BENEFITS PACKAGE! Our generous benefits include sick leave, personal leave, Paid Parental Leave, low cost medical and dental insurance with low deductibles, a Pension Plan, 457(b) and 403(b) retirement plans and other retirement investment options, pre-tax medical and dental expense (with roll-over option) and dependent care accounts, employer paid life insurance, short- and long-term disability, as well as professional development and a tuition waiver program for employees and their dependents, etc. We promote the health and well-being of our employees and take work/life balance seriously.

**Application Procedure:** Submit your cover letter and resume on-line at <http://mn.gov/mmb/careers>, as paper applications will not be accepted. Apply for this position on-line using the following Job ID 46371

**Application Deadline: Open until filled.**  
**Screening of applications begins 6/14/2021.**

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 Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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**Full Time Pharmacy Tech in TRF**

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**DEPENDABLE HELP WANTED**

**DUTIES INCLUDE:** Working On The Automatic Inserter, Bagging, Mailing Newspapers and Various Other Duties Around Busy Newspaper Shop. Opportunities for Advancement.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Ability To Lift 60 Lbs. Repetitively; Willingness to Learn. Must Be 18 Yrs. Or Older. Criminal Background Check a Valid Driver's License required.

**STOP IN AND FILL OUT AN APPLICATION AT**

**Thief River Falls Times and Northern Watch**  
 324 Main Avenue North • Thief River Falls, MN • (218) 681-4450

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**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST**

Thief River Falls Public Schools has an opening for a District Technology Specialist beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. **This is a two year only position (2021-22 and 2022-23 school years).** Come join our team, where you will work with other talented faculty and staff. TRF Schools values employees who display a willingness to grow professionally, to be active members of our learning community, and to build positive relationships.

**Job Summary:**  
 The District Technology Specialist supports staff & students with their technology needs including coaching, integration, training, troubleshooting, and basic repair, while collaborating with the district technology team in planning and implementing the department and district goals. This position seeks out and shares innovative learning opportunities in the role of coach and integrator, including an emphasis on first year teacher support. A majority of time is spent at the elementary level.

**Qualifications:**

- 3-5 years of experience in a similar role
- Experience delivering and integrating technology in instructional programs preferred

**Salary and benefits:** Commensurate with experience and qualifications

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled

**Online Application and other available opportunities can be found on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment

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The **Marshall County Highway Department** is currently accepting applications for the following full-time position:

**Administrative Assistant**

This position provides administrative and clerical support to the County Highway Department involving creating, inputting, and accessing information in the computer system to maintain complete and accurate records; also performs accounting tasks under the direction of the Highway Accountant. This position requires a high school diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.) and five years of related office experience. Work experience in a County or other public sector environment is highly desirable. General responsibilities include phone, reception, scanning, and data entry/bookkeeping. Experience with MS Outlook, Word, and Excel are required. Candidates should possess the ability to work efficiently and accurately to meet deadlines. Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, are required.

Applications and job description are available at the Marshall County Highway Department website (<http://www.highway.co.marshall.mn.us/>) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762.

**The closing date is August 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**  
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The **Marshall County Highway Department** is currently accepting applications for the following full-time position:

**TRAFFIC CONTROL TECHNICIAN/  
 PLOW TRUCK DRIVER & MAINTENANCE**

The Traffic Control Technician/Maintenance Worker is responsible for the management of all traffic control devices and traffic signs within the County Road and County State Aid Highway System, as well as providing services to City and Township Road authorities. Plow truck driving and general highway and bridge maintenance work is also required to be performed under this position. A Class A CDL is required. Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience from \$20.84 to \$27.19 per hour.

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**SERVICE WRITER**

Chev-Buick dealership looking for person to communicate with customers to schedule service work, provide estimates and to process repair orders after repair work is completed in the service department. Our customer satisfaction is our top priority. Keyboarding, phone skills and auto repair knowledge preferred.

**GREAT WAGE & FULL BENEFIT PACKAGE**

See or Call Tom at 218-681-4820

**NORTHERN motors, inc.**  
**THIEF RIVER FALLS**  
 1112 3rd St W, Thief River Falls

The following positions are available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:

**KITCHEN HELPERS**

**Effective:** Fall 2021  
 4 - 4.5 hours/day – Student Days  
 Building to be determined.

**Duties:** Assist with food preparation, serving, clean-up and other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** Must relate well with students and staff and adhere to Minnesota Department of Health Regulations. Position requires standing and walking for most of the work shift and may involve heavy lifting. This is a fast-paced environment.

**Salary and benefits:** Per negotiated contract.

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.

**Online Application available on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us>

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**Management Positions in TRF:**  
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL**

**Location:** Challenger Pre-school  
**Effective:** Fall 2021  
**Hours:** approximately 25 hours per week (subject to change based on enrollment) up to but not to exceed 900 hours/year. This position requires evening hours with schedule to vary throughout year dependent on program needs.  
**Duties:** Assist in the classroom under the direction of the instructor(s) to provide educational instruction and supervision for the ECFE Program. Duties may range from classroom and/or individual student and other duties as assigned.  
**Requirements:** Must enjoy working with and being with preschool children; must be able to work cooperatively with several early childhood programs; must have ability to respond to students in a positive and consistent manner; must be able to receive direction and follow through with minimal supervision; must maintain the highest level of confidentiality; must have positive attitude and must be able to interact positively with students, staff, parents and community; bending and lifting required; early childhood experience preferred. Current First Aid and CPR certification preferred. Position requires standing and/or walking for most of the work shift.  
**Application Deadline:** Open until filled  
**Pay and Benefits:** Per negotiated contract

**Online Application available on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment

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 • 2-3 Days a Week  
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 Pick up application at Falls Stay N Play or Petro Pumper Thief River Falls

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 Apply at **PETRO PUMPER**  
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**Full-time and Part-time Teachers and Aides**  
 If you enjoy working with children ages infant to school age...We are hiring!  
 Must be able to pass a background check.  
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**Discovery Place**  
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**HELP WANTED**  
**Janitorial Cleaning**  
 - Part-Time/Evenings  
 - 3 Days/Week  
 - Set Hours  
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**Help Wanted**

**HELP WANTED**  
**Production Workers at TRF Pallet, making wood pallets and crates.**  
 Call Dan at 218-689-0508

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 TIRE SERVICE, INC.  
**TIRE TECHNICIAN**  
 Responsibilities include:  
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**Help Wanted**  
**Janitor/Car Washer**  
 Northern Motors is looking for a reliable individual to:  
 • Clean Service Dept.  
 • Light-Duty Vehicle Cleaning  
 • Deliver Vehicles  
 Valid Driver's License Required  
 Afternoons Monday-Friday  
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**NORTHERN motors, inc.**  
 THIEF RIVER FALLS  
 Hwy. 1 & 59 W.

**SUNDANCE DINING AND BAR**  
**NOW HIRING**  
**Cook, Dishwashers & Servers/Bartenders**  
 Part-time or full-time available  
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 Thief River Falls  
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**Now Hiring for all positions with a starting pay of \$14.00 per hour**  
 Days, evenings and weekends - flexible schedule for students.  
**Competitive Starting Pay**  
**All Positions Offer:**  
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**Help Wanted**

**CDL DRIVER WANTED.** Must have clean driving record, reliable and willing to learn. Local hauls, home every night, mainly pulling hopper and flat bed. Wage depending on experience and drive. **Based out of Karlstad, MN.** Call or text Brandon at 218-689-5656

**MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**  
 Northern Pride is growing! We are now accepting applications for Maintenance Technician positions. Must be mechanically inclined. Pay based on experience, additional pay for boiler and refrigeration experience. Full-time, competitive pay and benefits.  
 Please go to [www.northernprideinc.com](http://www.northernprideinc.com) to apply or send your resume to [diane@northernpride.com](mailto:diane@northernpride.com)

**HELP WANTED**  
**TRUCK DRIVER DAY TRIPS ONLY**  
 CURRENT CLASS A CDL NEEDED  
 COMPETITIVE WAGE  
 HEALTH INSURANCE  
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**218-681-3488 or 218-686-9453**  
**Ask for Tom**  
**EVANS SCRAP AND STEEL, INC.**  
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The following position is available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:  
**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT**  
 Effective: Fall 2021  
**Hours:** Variable - Student Days  
**Duties:** Ride bus route to assist with students, assist driver with discipline and other duties as assigned.  
**Requirements:** Position requires lifting. Must submit to a criminal history background check.  
**Salary & Benefits:** Per negotiated contract.  
**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.  
**Online Application available on the School District Website:** <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment  
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The following position is available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:  
**SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE COORDINATOR**  
**Location:** Challenger Elementary  
**Effective:** Fall 2021  
**Hours:** Approximately 2:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - On school days  
 Approximately 8 hours/day on non-school days & summer (June - mid August)  
**Duties:** Responsible for the overall School Age Child Care (Latchkey) Program implementation. Plans daily and seasonal program activities, manage and expand program resources, direct supervision of staff members, supervision of children, communication with parents, and other related duties.  
**Requirements:** Minimum of 21 years of age and current first aid/CPR certification preferred. Degree in Elementary Education, Therapeutic Recreation, Physical Education or related field preferred. Experience working with diverse groups of individuals and recreational program development beneficial.  
**Wage:** \$20.30/hr  
**Application Deadline:** Open until filled  
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**Help Wanted**

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**Household**

**FUEL BARREL:** 265 gallon residential, oblong style, empty... \$150. **Greenbush: 406-214-9045 (cell) before 8 p.m.** 41tfe

**Hay, Feed & Seed**

**HAY AND STRAW FOR SALE:** Call or text LeRoy Ose 218-689-6675. 12P481103p

**Rummage Sales**

**MOVING SALE:** Furniture, Lots Of Kitchen And Household Items, Small Appliances, Sporting Goods, Large Hockey Goalie Pads, Deck Furniture, Planters, Bedding, Tools, Longaberger Baskets, Many Terry Redlin And Other Wildlife Prints, And Many More Items. Everything Must Go! **Friday, August 6, 5pm-8pm** And **Saturday, August 7, 9am-Noon.** 14321 185th Ave NE, TRF 1162p

**A SALE FOR GOOD!!!** Estate Sale After 60 Years Of Collecting! Way Too Many Items To List. Everything From Furniture And Electrical Appliances To Books, Housewares, Glassware, etc. You Price Any Item And Make A Fair Offer. **All Sale Proceeds Will Be Donated To Area Nonprofit Organizations.** Friday, August 6 Noon-6 And Saturday, August 7 9am-3pm. 707 Duluth Ave N, TRF 3t63p

**Miscellaneous**

**Honda 1300c VTX Motorcycle.** Low Miles, One Owner, Extras. Also, Queen Size Sofa Bed. **218-686-2950.** P4t65p

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Pennington County is seeking candidates for one full-time Custodian. No previous cleaning experience is required but applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED. This position will work Monday-Friday and hours will begin at 2:30 p.m. each day.

Pennington County offers a competitive wage and benefits package, including health and life insurance, retirement pension, paid vacation and sick leave, and eleven paid holidays. This position features a wage range of \$16.07 to \$20.36 per hour (includes a shift differential).

**Applications and a complete job description are available in the Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 101 Main Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 or online at: <http://co.pennington.mn.us>.**  
**Application deadline: August 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

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**ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL MANAGER**

Pennington County is seeking candidates for a Full-Time Accounting/Payroll Manager. Major responsibilities include account receivables and payables, financial reporting and reconciliation, budgets, bi-weekly processing of payroll, payroll expenses, and employee benefits. This position will also assist with administering elections, passport applications, collection of property taxes, and general assistance to the public.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or a related field and 1+ years of related experience. The successful applicant will also be organized, able to multi-task, prioritize workload, and communicate well with both employees and the public. IT knowledge and troubleshooting experience is preferred.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 412.851, that adjacent property owners have submitted a request to vacate street right-of-way along the east side of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in Greendale Manufactured Home Park legally described below. Said request will be submitted for review and approval by the City of Thief River Falls.

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July 28, August 4, 2021
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, DISTRICT COURT, PROBATE DIVISION, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 57-PR-21-418
Estate of Lyle Chesley Pederson, Decedent.

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedents Will, dated May 30, 2018, (Will), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Michelle D. MacMillan, whose mailing address is 9386 185th Ave. SE, Becker, Minnesota 55308 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representatives. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

August 4, 2021
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 564 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 12, 2021
6:00 P.M.
DSC BOARD ROOM

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, July 12, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Mike Spears, Wayne Nomeland, Craig Mattson, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseath and Chris Melbye. Absent: Misty Hempel.

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Donita Stepan, Jason Hruby, and Mary Fran Twistel.

Also present were: Gabbi Yoon, Jillian Neibaur, Randy Twistel, Marlene Anderson and Dave Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Wayne Nomeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Clerk Mike Spears confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Ryan Westerman to approve the July 12, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the bills as submitted and on file in the School District Business Office. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None. Superintendent's Report: Exciting news - CES will be developing a STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math) Center with an emphasis on Space Exploration, led by two science teachers at CES, Sherry Miller and Margaret Bartz. Developing more community partnerships is also part of our Strategic Plan, therefore we will be partnering with Digi-Key as we develop this program. FMS is looking to provide more hands-on, innovative courses for students that align with our Strategic Plan. LHS is looking at some entrepreneurial experiences for our students - finding partnerships to make this happen - perhaps something like "Shark Tank".

As we talked last year about our goal of bringing more consistency to the language we use across the district and ensuring that our processes are solid in the event of an emergency, our safety team has decided to move forward with a program developed by the "I love you guys foundation". In August we will begin training our Administrative team, as well as our area crisis team.

Supt. Stepan talked about one of the priorities we have is to find opportunities to increase revenue to better serve our students. One of the ways we plan to do that, this school year, is to ask the voters to approve an operating levy to help increase funding for our schools. We have so many cool and innovative things we'd like to do, but need more money to do those things. The school board will be voting on a resolution tonight (July 12) to move forward with an operating referendum. This referendum will increase our revenue by \$2M. This \$2M is only 8% of our total budget, but will help us do three things: maintain our 1:1 technology program and infrastructure, implement our strategic plan, maintain and attract high quality staff. If the resolution is approved tonight, we'll be reviewing the full presentation at the next school board meeting on July 26. In addition, we'll start getting the word out in a variety of ways over the next several months.

Committee Reports: Chris Melbye gave a recap from the June 30 Negotiations meeting.

Student Reports: Recognition Reports: A. Congratulations to LHS student, Austin Tabatt, as he competes at the USA High School Clay Target League National Tournament in Mason, MI.

Presentations: A. Jason Hruby, Buildings and Grounds Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed land purchase near Challenger Elementary School.

Real World Authentic Opportunities: Voice and Choice: Equitable Experiences: Safety (Strategic Direction D): Staff Growth:

A. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the Consent Agenda and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Motion carried. Personnel: 1. Accept the rescindment of resignation from Waylon Tarvestad, Cleaner, originally effective July 7, 2021. 2. Approve the assignment of Jessica Snoozy, Food Service Manager, effective July 1, 2021. 3. Approve the employment of Jesse

Lunak, Cleaner, effective July 1, 2021. 4. Approve the employment of Andrea Volk, Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 31, 2021. 5. Approve the leave of absence for Owen Mission, Cleaner, effective June 5, 2021 - July 16, 2021. B. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the 2021-23 Labor Agreements with the following Teamster Units as negotiated. Motion carried. 1. Food Service 2. Mechanics 3. Paraprofessionals

Strong Fiscal Management: A. A motion was made by Ryan Walseath and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the purchase agreement with Abundant Life Lutheran Church for the sale and purchase of property as indicated in the attached agreement (Appendix). Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the Resolution relating to the Referendum as follows. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Mattson, Spears, Westerman, Melbye, Nomeland, and Walseath. Absent: Hempel. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF RENEWING AN EXPIRING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVING A NEW AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 564 (Thief River Falls), Minnesota (the School District) as follows: It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$90.04 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2021, and increase the School District's general education revenue by \$987.53 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization of \$1,077.57 would be first levied in 2021 for taxes payable in 2022 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

2. The question on renewing the expiring referendum revenue authorization and approving a new referendum revenue authorization of the School District shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

3. The School District's combined polling place and the precincts served by the polling place, as established and designated by resolution of the Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, are hereby designated for the special election.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of the special election to be: (a) provided to each County Auditor at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (b) provided to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (c) mailed to every taxpayer in the School District, at least fifteen (15) days but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election; (d) posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; and (e) published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week before the date of the special election. The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 564
(THIEF RIVER FALLS), MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 564 (Thief River Falls), Minnesota, on November 2, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

School District Question
Renewal of Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization;
Approval of New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 564 (Thief River Falls), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$90.04 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2021, and increase the School District's general education revenue by \$987.53 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization of \$1,077.57 would be first levied in 2021 for taxes payable in 2022 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum and the increase in the general education revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 564 (Thief River Falls) be approved?

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES.

For the ballot question, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.218837% for taxes payable in 2022 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing. The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. For seasonal recreational residential property (e.g., cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

LEGAL NOTICES

The figures in the table below are based on taxes for the voter approved referendum levy only, and do not include taxes for other purposes: SEE TABLE BELOW

The polling place and precincts served by the polling place for the special election will be as follows: Combined Polling Place: Ralph Engelstad Area 525 Brooks Avenue North Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701 Precincts: All School District precincts

All qualified electors residing in the School District may cast their ballots at the polling place designated above during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: July 12, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

5. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

6. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the question to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 564
(Thief River Falls), Minnesota
November 2, 2021
Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: [ ] To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

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Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum authorization and the increase in the general education revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 564 (Thief River Falls), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

(Reverse side of ballot) OFFICIAL BALLOT November 2, 2021

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ (The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

7. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond,

letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase. /s/

8. The Clerk shall prepare and have ready for use absentee ballots at least forty-six (46) days before the special election in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.35, Subdivision 4.

9. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include deputy county auditors and deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day.

10. The Board shall appoint election judges and alternates in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.21. The appointments will be made at least twenty-five (25) days before the special election.

11. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 206.83, the Clerk shall provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within the fourteen (14) day period before the special election and shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be published in the School District's official newspaper at least two (2) days before the test.

12. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 206.85, Subdivision 1(6), the Clerk shall cause notice of the location of the counting center or the places where the ballots will be counted to be published in the School District's official newspaper at least once within the week before the special election and in the daily newspaper of widest circulation, if any, once on the day before the special election.

13. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 5, 2021, and the tenth day, November 12, 2021, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

14. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

15. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof and the following voted against the same: whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Other Items:

A. Policies: 1. A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Ryan Walseath to approve the renewal of MSBA 525 Violence Prevention policy with changes. Motion carried. 2. MSBA 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse policy was reviewed. This policy will be presented for approval with changes at the July 26, 2021 board meeting. 3. A motion was made by Ryan Walseath and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the following policies with no changes. Motion carried. A. MSBA 410 Family Medical Leave policy B. MSBA 413 Harassment and Violence policy C. MSBA 506 Student Discipline policy

Wayne Nomeland, Chair /s/ Mike Spears, Clerk

August 4, 2021 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON IN DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: CHIPS Court File No. 57-JV-21-407

In the Matter of: In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Lissette Reinbold and Eric Reinbold

Summons and Notice
Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter

NOTICE TO: Eric Reinbold 1. A Child In Need of Protection or Services Petition has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court located at 141 Main Avenue South Thief River Falls MN 56701, alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services.

2. Notice is hereby given that the matter of said Child In Need of Protection or Services Petition will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 141 Main Avenue South Thief River Falls MN 56701, on August 24, 2021 at 3:00pm or as soon after as the Matter can be heard.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. 4. You have a right to be represented by counsel. 5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child/ren named in the Petition.

WITNESS, the Honorable Tamara Yon Judge of District Court BY: Kathy Narlock/ /s/Audra Walseath Court Administrator/ Deputy Dated: July 28, 2021

August 4, 2021 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JULY 13TH, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Members Present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, David Sorenson, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: None. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Peterson asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. County Coordinator Kevin Erickson stated that Chief Deputy Sheriff Seth Vetteson will be in attendance for Sheriff Kuznia and the County Engineer will not be in attendance. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Board agenda with the changes requested. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the County Board minutes of June 22nd, 2021 as written. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried. County Revenue \$174,274.82 Road & Bridge \$173,795.14 Ditch Funds \$200.00 Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$4,006.96 were also approved. Constituent Dennis Seaverson met with the Board and questioned if the Board had initiated any investigations into the issues he brought forth at the June 22nd, 2021 County Board meeting. Chairman Peterson stated they had not and noted that the County Board has no jurisdiction over the state court system. Mr. Seaverson disagreed and began to present a 2011 article from The Times regarding an incident where an individual was slandering him. County Attorney Seamus Duffy stated that Mr. Seaverson has no pending files in his office and that in regard to a past case only Mr. Seaverson can request a hearing in that matter. Mr. Seaverson argued that he had done so and the court refused to schedule a hearing. Mr. Seaverson then made claims that the county was protecting a pedophile and that a sex trafficker was working for the county but provided no substantiating information regarding either claim. Chief Deputy Seth Vetteson then informed Mr. Seaverson that his concerns have been noted by the Board and he was then escorted out of the meeting. Chief Deputy Sheriff Seth Vetteson presented several personnel items for the Board's consideration: Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the resignation of Full-Time Corrections Officer Julie Bolduc effective July 9th, 2021. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the resignation of Full-Time Corrections Officer Theodore Rodrigo III effective July 2nd, 2021. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the transfer and promotion of Sarah Kalash from Part-Time Corrections Officer to Full-Time Corrections Sergeant effective July 14th, 2021. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the transfer of Tyler Scott Ellefson from Part-Time Corrections Officer to Full-Time Corrections Officer effective July 14th, 2021. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the transfer of Part-Time Corrections Officer Cassidy Jaz Vandehoven from Part-Time Corrections Officer to Full-Time Corrections Officer effective July 14th, 2021. Motion carried. Chief Deputy Vetteson wished to thank the public for their assistance and donations of items such as bug spray to aid in the search for murder suspect Eric Reinbold. Mr. Vetteson also wished to thank all of the outside agencies that have aided in the search for Mr. Reinbold. Committee Reports / Commissioner Updates: Commissioner Lawrence presented an update on behalf of the Solid Waste

Committee regarding used oil and oil filter recycling in the County. There is no written contract or agreement with Rainy Lake Oil for the recycling services they have been providing, and Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the County contract with Safety-Kleen for used oil recycling for the three locations in the County. Safety-Kleen has stated they may be able to take used oil filters also but there would be a charge for that service. The County will continue to research recycling options for the used oil filters. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to no longer utilize the services of Rainy Lake Oil for the recycling of oil and oil filters at the three County locations. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to contract with Safety-Kleen for the recycling of used oil at all three locations in Pennington County. Discussion was held with Commissioner Tveitbakk questioning the financial implications of the change in services, and it was noted that Safety-Kleen will pick up the used oil at no charge. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was carried. Commissioners Lawrence and Nelson stated that they toured the Goodridge oil and filter recycling location and they recommended that a canopy be installed over the oil tank to keep rain and other elements from entering the tank and the oil. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to authorize the installation of a canopy over the used oil container at the Goodridge recycling location. Motion carried. Commissioner Lawrence discussed administration of the County's website. Dispatch Supervisor Shadron Cooper created the current website but is unable to maintain and update the website due to his Dispatch duties. Mr. Lawrence stated that he has approached Ag Services/Solid Waste Coordinator Kyle Jore regarding website administration due to his IT experience, and Mr. Jore was willing to do so but would need additional work hours to do so. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to assign the duties of web administration to Ag Services / Solid Waste Coordinator Kyle Jore and to increase his scheduled hours from 25 to 29 per week. Motion carried. Commissioner Tveitbakk noted that he recently represented Pennington County at the summer AMC virtual meeting. He noted that Mary Jo McGuire from Minnesota was elected to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board as 2nd Vice President. Commissioner Tveitbakk stated that AMC will be hosting a Zoom meeting with the MN Attorney General's office regarding a recent opioid drug settlement and he would like to attend to see if / what settlement funds might be available to Pennington County. The Board approved his attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Tveitbakk informed the Board that the TRF Regional Airport has requested \$7.5M in funding for the hangar project and the request is in the subcommittee report. County Auditor-Treasurer Items: None

Chairman Peterson briefly discussed the State decision to fund the Enbridge tax settlement, noting that if the State had voted against such funding it would have resulted in a 10-12% increase to the Pennington County levy. It was noted there may be some shortfalls in the settlement due to interest calculations and so forth. Commissioner Tveitbakk stated that he recently attended an AMC district meeting and discussion included the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. It was noted that a calculated loss in county revenue can possibly remove most or all restrictions on usage of the funds. He said it would be worthwhile to have our audit firm or another qualified entity calculate our county revenue loss.

Commissioner Lawrence informed the Board that the fall AMC district meeting will be hosted by Pennington County in October 2021. County Coordinator Items: Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the resignation of Sherri Melvie as Full-Time Deputy Assessor-Appraiser effective July 12th, 2021. Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve advertising for the position of Full-Time Deputy Assessor-Appraiser. Motion carried. County Attorney Items: County Attorney Seamus Duffy presented an update on the changes to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law that were signed into law on May 6th, 2021 and how they affect the County Board meetings and Board member attendance.

Commissioner Lawrence noted that he met with a local amateur radio group regarding a lease of the radio tower and related property in Smiley Township. The Board requested that the County Attorney draft a lease agreement for the tower and property. Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to adjourn the Board meeting to July 27th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried. ATTEST: Kevin Erickson, County Coordinator Neil Peterson, Chairman Pennington County Board of Commissioners

PENNINGTON COUNTY'S WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants approved on July 13, 2021 for payment on July 16, 2021

Vendor Amount Agassiz Asphalt, LLC .....\$95,060.45 American Solutions for Business .....\$5,584.53 Avenu Insight & Analytics, LLC .....\$6,224.20 Brodin Comfort Systems .....\$10,734.00 Cragun's .....\$3,134.40 Election Systems & Software .....\$3,850.00 H&L Mesabi .....\$3,941.60 Hetty Seed Company .....\$17,851.54 Houston Engineering, INC .....\$3,227.30 Inter County Nursing .....\$13,100.25 Knife River Materials .....\$68,858.32 Lee Plumbing & Heating .....\$4,100.00 Mend Correctional Care, PLLC .....\$7,650.00 Minnesota State Treasurer .....\$4,583.00 MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension .....\$2,175.00 Northdale Oil, INC .....\$17,429.31 ReadITech IT Solutions .....\$2,061.67 Sanford Patient Financial Services .....\$2,479.38 Summit Food Service Management, LLC .....\$10,636.82 The Times .....\$3,919.44 True North Steel .....\$37,570.26 Tyler Technologies, INC .....\$3,208.21 59 Payments less than \$2000 .....\$25,890.28 Final Total: .....\$353,269.96

August 4, 11, 2021  
**NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION  
 Court File No.: 57-PR-21-472  
 Estate of **Donovan D. Dyrdal, Decedent.**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 31st day of August, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Pennington County Justice Center, 141 Main Avenue South, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated January 6, 2012 and for the appointment of Gregory T. Dyrdal, whose address is 12744 180th Street Northwest, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed 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; 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 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.

**BY THE COURT**  
 Dated: July 28, 2021  
 /s/Tamara Yon  
**Judge of District Court**  
 Dated: July 28, 2021  
 /s/Kathy Narlock  
**Court Administrator**  
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 ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT

August 4, 11, 2021  
**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION**  
 Court File No.: 57-PR-21-475  
 Estate of **Ronald L. Meekma, Decedent.**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated N/A, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

**IT IS ORDERED** and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on August 31, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., by this Court at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.  
 2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:  
 Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

**BY THE COURT**  
 Dated: July 28, 2021  
 /s/Tamara Yon  
**Judge of District Court**  
 Dated: July 28, 2021  
 /s/Kathy Narlock /s/Mindy Piersol  
**Court Administrator**  
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 Telephone: 218-745-4321  
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 Email: daandal@ralawoffice.com

## Senior Meals

### 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: Cream of potato soup, saltine crackers, ham salad on a bun, frosted bar

Tuesday: Kielbasa, boiled potatoes, cooked cabbage, wheat bread/margarine, frosted cake

Wednesday: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned mixed vegetables, wheat bread/margarine, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday: Tator tot casserole, peas, dinner roll/margarine, canned fruit, cookie bar with white frosting

Friday: Italian meat sauce, creamy pasta salad, corn, wheat bread/margarine, canned fruit, chocolate chip cookie

### Heritage Center

**Thief River Falls**  
 Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, dessert

Tuesday: Pasta salad with ham, creamy cukes, fresh fruit, dessert

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli salad, baked beans, dessert

Thursday: Chicken fettucini Alfredo, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, dessert

Friday: Sub sandwich, pea and cheese salad, fruit, dessert

### 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.

## Discovery Place

Milk is served with all meals.

**Breakfast**  
 Monday: Cheerios, whole wheat toast, apple juice

Tuesday: Crispex, whole wheat toast, orange juice

Wednesday: Cinnamon French toast sticks, grape juice

Thursday: Rice Krispies, whole wheat toast, orange juice

Friday: Oatmeal, whole wheat toast, apple juice

**Lunch**  
 Monday: Veggie beef soup,

crackers, cheese sandwich, pears

Tuesday: Spaghetti hotdish, bread/butter, green beans, peaches

Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, bread/butter, corn, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Creamed chicken gravy over a bun, carrots, pineapple

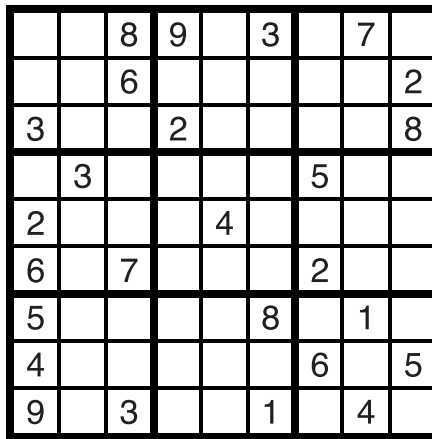
Friday: Tuna noodle hotdish, bread/butter, peas, applesauce

## TRF Summer Lunch

Summer Meal Locations:  
 Northrop Park - 11:15 to 11:45,  
 Lion's Park - 11:45 to 12:15,  
 Northwest Alternative Learning Center - (Pick up only) 11:00 to 11:25, Challenger Elementary - (Pick up only) 12:00 to 12:30.  
 Free lunch for kids 18 and under. Available June 14

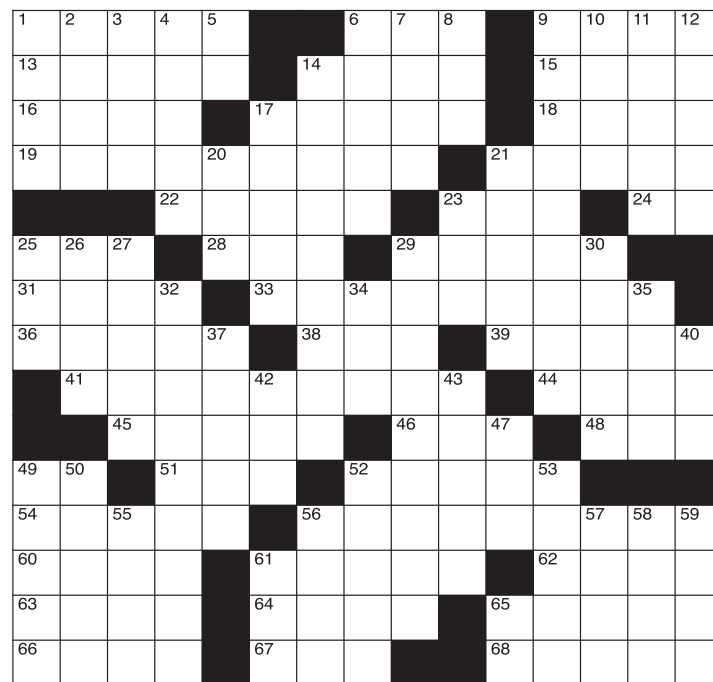
through August 13 (closed July 2-5), rain or shine. Adults can eat with their child for only \$4.35.

For menus and updates follow Food Service District 564 on Facebook. Call 218-681-6851 with questions.



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!



### CLUES ACROSS

- Ponds
- "Unbelievable" musicians
- Invests in little enterprises
- Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- Small sailboat
- "Luther" actor
- Round Dutch cheese
- Detects underwater objects
- Harsh, grating noise
- Steward
- Fencing sword
- Painful places on the body
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- Sodium
- Engineering degree (abbr.)
- Small lump
- African antelope
- Electronic point of sale
- Carefully chooses
- Ringworm

- Unrefined
- Drenches
- Type of pants
- Son of Noah
- Spiritual being
- Upton Sinclair novel
- Journalist Tarbell
- Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- Born of
- Rich tapestry
- S. China seaport
- Being without clothes
- Surrounded by
- Remains
- Away from wind
- Dried-up
- One who can see the future
- A very large body of water
- Digs up earth
- Type of screen
- Old Norse poet

### CLUES DOWN

- Millisecond
- Spanish city
- Sudden, very loud sound
- Type of chair
- Tin
- Sea eagles
- Broad volcanic crater
- Some animals have it
- Ottoman palaces
- Divulge a secret
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Poisonous perennial
- Gulf in the Aegean
- Clothes
- Chairs
- Family of regulator genes
- NY ballplayer
- Impressive in size or scope
- Jacques \_\_, Fr. biologist
- Manhattanite
- Genus of lemurs
- Sings to
- River in southern Italy
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Farewell
- Senior officer
- Utah resident
- Begets
- Boy
- Violently break
- Brief appearance
- Expressed pleasure
- A light informal meal
- Fabric with smooth finish
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Ancient Greek City
- Close tightly
- Commit
- A way to communicate (abbr.)
- Heavy metal

# Vax to School campaign begins

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz announced Minnesota's 'Vax to School' campaign Thursday. The campaign encourages students and families to get fully vaccinated by the beginning of the school year. Minnesotans 12 years of age and older are authorized to receive the two-dose Pfizer vaccine, which takes five weeks to go from first dose to fully vaccinated.

"Our kids deserve to be kids again," said Walz. "In-person learning is critical to a child's well-being and academic success. Getting vaccinated is the best way to keep our students healthy, keep our educators and families safe, and prevent the virus from spreading in our communities."

"Our students deserve a worry-free and fun year back in the classroom, and we are doing everything we can to make that a reality," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "We know our kids do best when they're in the classroom learning from their teachers, playing with their friends, and engaging in sports and activities — and getting them vaccinated is the best way to keep them safe while they do so."

Over the next month, the campaign will highlight voices from educators, pediatricians, and parents on the safety, efficacy, and critical need to get students 12 years of age and older vaccinated against this deadly virus.

Currently only one-third of Minnesotans 12 to 15 years old and less than half of Minnesotans 16 to 17 years old are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Unvaccinated kids remain vulnerable to life-threatening symptoms and long-

term health consequences from virus exposure.

"COVID-19 has taken so much from us over the past year and a half, but we have the power to help our children and our schools get back in the classroom with vaccination," said MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for those 12 and older. We know this disease can be severe even in younger people. Even if it is mild, we don't want to see our kids miss any more school or social activities due to a disease that can be prevented."

"Throughout the pandemic, we have prioritized safe in-person learning because we know that's what our students need," said Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Heather Mueller. "Vaccines continue to be a critical part of our strategy to ensure our students have the kind of school year they deserve, while keeping everyone in our school communities healthy and safe."

Every Minnesotan 12 years of age and older is eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. All available COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective — in Minnesota 99.9 percent of people who have been fully vaccinated have not gotten COVID-19.

Minnesotans 12 and older can get vaccinated wherever the Pfizer vaccine is being administered. Minnesotans can visit Vaccines.gov to filter by vaccine type and find a provider offering the Pfizer vaccine in their area, call their pediatrician to make an appointment, walk into a local pharmacy, or visit the Community Vaccination

Program site at the Mall of America.

Now is also the perfect time to ensure children are caught up on other recommended vaccinations they need to stay healthy. Adolescents can get all the shots they need on the same day, including the COVID-19 vaccine. Minnesota parents should talk to their health care provider about

what vaccinations their children need.

"These vaccines work — we're preventing severe illness and reducing the spread of the virus with every vaccine we administer," said Walz. "Our students, educators, and school staff deserve this level of protection as they head back to the classroom this fall."



Jan Rabideaux (left), representing the Red, White and Blue Quilters, presented a quilt to Dwight Bruggeman, U.S. Army veteran. Also pictured is Bruggeman's sister Linda Johnson. (Submitted)

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