

Ponemah man sentenced after 2019 theft at Thief River Falls church

A Ponemah man was sentenced Monday, Sept. 20 in Pennington County District Court for receiving music equipment that had been stolen from a Thief River Falls church. **Justin Wayne French, 41,** was caught after he sold the equipment to a business.

French was granted a five-year stay of imposition for a felony charge of receiving stolen property. As a condition of the sentence, French was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. He was granted credit for 101 days served in jail. French was ordered to complete a chemical assessment. He was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. French was ordered to supply a DNA sample. He was also



Justin Wayne French

ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines, and \$225 in restitution to Kezar Music.

The charge stemmed from a Nov. 24, 2019, report to police from a parishioner at the Thief River Falls Evangelical Covenant Church, 1425 Third St. E. Five microphones, valued at \$500, and an acoustic Taylor guitar, valued between \$1,800 and \$2,000, were missing. According to the complaint, the church secretary noticed the musical equipment was missing three days earlier.

However, she thought the items had been moved. Later, it was confirmed that the items had been stolen. The parishioner believed the theft had occurred Nov.

19, 2019.

Later on Nov. 24, 2019, the church pastor reported that he had contacted Kezar Music and recovered the stolen items. The serial number of the guitar matched the stolen guitar. The Kezar Music owner said he had purchased the items from French on Nov. 23, 2019. He provided the receipt of the purchase to police. French told him that he had gotten the guitar from his dad and didn't know the location of the guitar case. If he were provided with a photo lineup, the owner said he would be able to identify French since French had been in the store in the past. A photo lineup was later provided to the owner, who identified French as the person who sold the musical equipment to him.

Brittney Ann Colleen Klinke, 30, Thief River

Falls, was sentenced for a felony charge of financial card transaction fraud. She was granted a five-year stay of imposition. Klinke was ordered to serve 180 days in jail stayed for five years. The probationary jail time is stayed pending successful completion of chemical dependency treatment and driving-while-impaired court. Klinke was ordered to complete a chemical assessment. She was ordered to have no contact with people associated with illegal drugs. Klinke was ordered to actively seek employment and a stable residence.

The charge stemmed from a report to police at about 11:37 a.m. Feb. 9 regarding financial transac-



Brittney Ann Colleen Klinke

tion card fraud. According to the complaint, a woman reported that someone had stolen a prepaid credit card out of her mailbox at 241 Markley Ave. N. The woman's employer had sent the card to the woman as a commission bonus. Someone had made four purchases totalling \$701.92 on the card at Walmart, T.J. Maxx, Sephora and Famous Footwear. The purchases and attempted purchases were made Jan. 29 and 30. The T.J. Maxx purchase was addressed to Klinke, who shared a common mailbox with the woman, who is the landlord of Klinke's stepmom.

No injuries after house fire Saturday

Fire damaged a McIntosh home Saturday morning. No injuries were reported.

The fire was reported at about 6:30 a.m. Saturday at 520 Cleveland Ave. S.W., according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The fire was contained to the

northwest corner of the house, which sustained minor structural and smoke damage. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division will investigate in an attempt to determine the cause.

Two people injured after accident Friday

Both drivers were taken to a hospital after a two-vehicle accident Friday night in rural Roseau County.

Lisa Marie Norman, 25, Roseau, and Joshua Cortez Wilson, 23, Pattison, Miss., were transported to LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau, according to the Minnesota State Patrol. Wilson suffered a non-life threatening injury. The extent of Wilson's injuries was unclear.

At the time of the accident, Wilson was driving a 2011 Ford Mustang eastbound in the westbound

lane of Highway 11. East of Roseau County Road 9 in Enstrom Township, his car collided with Norman's westbound 2017 Ford Edge. Wilson's car then came to rest in a ditch on the north side of the highway. Alcohol was detected on Wilson. It was unknown if he was wearing a seat belt. Norman was wearing a seat belt.

The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 8:42 p.m. Friday. The Roseau County Sheriff's Office, Roseau Fire Department and Roseau EMS also responded.

TRF man has charges pending for violating protection order

Violation of a protection order and obstruction of the legal process: On Sept. 20 at 9:43 p.m., police received a report of a disturbance near the intersection of Bauman Avenue and Mason Street. Roger Lee Passa, 36, Thief River Falls, has charges pending for violation of a protection order and obstruction of the legal process. He was arrested. Passa allegedly parked his vehicle in the driveway of a woman who has a protection order filed against him. When officers confronted him, Passa resisted.

Property damage: On Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., police received a report of property damage outside of Chimera Hobby & Games. Someone had damaged a vehicle belonging to a Thief River Falls woman.

Driving while impaired: On Sept. 18 at 7:57 p.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Zeh Street and Main Avenue. Amanda Marie Sjaasheim, 44, Thief River Falls, has been cited for DWI. She was arrested.

DWI: On Sept. 19 at 2:12 a.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Highway 32 and Greenwood Street. Judy Ann Champagne, 63, Oklee, has been cited for DWI. She was arrested.

Domestic assault: On Sept. 21 at 10:03 p.m., police received a report of a domestic assault in the 500 block of Arnold Ave. N. Ricardo Benjamin Paz

Mejia, 22, Kennewick, Wash., allegedly hit someone else, who didn't seek medical attention. Mejia has been cited for domestic assault.

DWI and refusal to submit to a chemical test: On Sept. 22 at 12:32 p.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of First Street and Main Avenue. Roger Lee Passa, 36, Thief River Falls, has charges pending for DWI and refusal to submit to a chemical test. He was arrested.

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

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

These reports include those charged, arrested or cited with various offenses. Depending upon the circumstances, charges can be, and sometimes are, changed or dropped 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.

Stephen woman injured after car collides with semi truck

A Stephen woman suffered a non-life threatening injury Sunday after her car collided with a semi truck in Mentor.

Yesenia Cantu, 26, went to RiverView Hospital in Crookston for treatment of her injuries, according to

the Minnesota State Patrol.

The semi truck driver, 60-year-old Clifford Edward LeClair of Braham, suffered no injuries.

At the time, both drivers were westbound on Highway 2 near Polk County Road 12. Cantu's

2013 Chevy Malibu and LeClair's 1994 Peterbilt semi truck then collided. Both drivers were belted.

The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 12:50 p.m. Sunday. The Polk County Sheriff's Office provided assistance.

Woman injured after car hits deer

A Halma woman was injured after her car hit a deer Friday in Kittson County.

Kristen Joy Anderson, 39, suffered a non-life threatening injury, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report. She went to Kittson Memorial Health-

care Center in Hallock.

Her passenger, 11-year-old Andrew James Anderson of Halma, suffered no injuries.

At the time, Kristen Anderson was driving a 2014 Toyota Camry westbound on Highway 175 in Thompson Township. Near

milepost 13, she struck a deer. Both Andersons were wearing their seat belts.

The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 6:19 a.m. Friday. The Kittson County Sheriff's Office provided assistance.

Adjudication stayed for felony offense

A stay of adjudication was granted for a felony drug offense 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.

Thief River Falls Police Department cases: Diana Lyn Nelson, 58, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a felony charge of storing methamphetamine paraphernalia in the presence of a child or vulnerable adult and continued, \$125, supervised probation for five years, enter and successfully complete Drug Court, complete chemical assessment within 30 days of sentencing, mental health evaluation, not to use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, felony charges of fifth degree controlled substance crime, meth crime involving children and fifth degree possession of a Schedule 1, 2 or 4 drug were dismissed.

Mitchell Ross Nelson, 20, Fosston, giving a peace officer a false name/date of birth/ID card, \$135, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, driving after revocation, \$50, 30 days in jail stayed for one year; Kyle John Franson, 38, Atlantic, Iowa, failure to drive in a single lane, \$135; Justin Wayne French, 41, Ponemah, theft, \$210, 90 days in jail stayed for one year, unsupervised probation for one year, \$530 in restitution; Levi Scott Lappegaard, 29, Lancaster, driving after suspension, \$285; Amanda Lea Drury, 28, Thief River Falls, obstruction of the legal process, \$210, one year in jail stayed for two years, supervised probation for two years, chemical assessment, no violations of an active civil/criminal No Contact Order, violation of a harassment/restraining order, \$50, 90 days in jail stayed for two years, supervised probation for two years, same conditions as count 1; Kimberly Nicole Elskoe, 47, Grand Forks, N.D., 55/45, \$125.

Haley Jo Torkelson, 39, Thief River Falls, fleeing an officer by means other than a motor vehicle, \$210, 30 days in jail to be served concurrently with another case;

Isaac William Unruh, 40, Wannaska, expired registration, \$115, driver who isn't owner must later produce proof of insurance if required, \$200; Heather Danielle Pruitt, 46, Thief River Falls, driver's license violation, \$185; Julia Nicole Qualls, 23, St. Hilaire, wireless communications device – initiate, compose, send, retrieve or read electronic message, \$135.

Elizabeth Alexandra Chervestad, 25, Thief River Falls, fourth degree driving while impaired, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for two years, probation to the court for two years, chemical assessment; David Henry Christianson, 66, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a charge of harassment and continued, \$50, unsupervised probation for two years, no contact with victim(s).

Pennington County Sheriff's Office cases: Theresa Lea Smith, 45, Red Lake, driving after revocation, \$285; Paul Steph Ankenman, 24, Lake Bluff, Ill., stay of adjudication for a charge of trespassing on critical infrastructure, utility or pipeline and continued, unsupervised probation for one year, pay \$100 to the DARE Program; Connie Suzanne Darco, 46, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a charge of issuance of a worthless check and continued, \$50, unsupervised probation for one year, \$108.57 in restitution; Mary Lynn Kuehn, 50, Newfolden, charge of issuance of a worthless check, \$135, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, \$216.41 in restitution.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Jordan Dale Nelson, 27, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-Free Law – access video content/images/games/software applications, \$135; Lisa Ann Olson, 20, Middle River, violation of Hands-Free Law – engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Brandon Travis Overlie, 25, Bemidji, no driver's license, \$185 Brookelynn Anna Redden, 24, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-Free Law – engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Steven Daniel Reed, 38, Chandler, Ariz., violation of Hands-Free Law – access video content/images/games/software applications, \$135; Jana Raye

Schmitt, 33, Toledo, Ohio, 70/60, \$125.

Duane Lee Smith, 37, Thief River Falls, requiring or permitting an offense by another, \$185, no insurance – owner, \$200; Matthew James Backlund, 29, Dilworth, 65/55, \$125; Kassandra Lyn Banasau, 36, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-Free Law – initiate/compose/send/retrieve electronic message, \$135; Gunnar Mark Aune, 19, Thief River Falls, marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50; Sasha Star Beaulieu, 38, Red Lake, possession/sale of marijuana, \$135.

Jessica Elaine Brummond, 27, Thief River Falls, no insurance – driver, \$285, driving after revocation, \$200, two offenses of child passenger restraint system improperly worn/used, \$50 each; Bethany Rae Derouin, 22, St. Hilaire, violation of Hands-Free Law – access video content/images/games/software applications, \$135; Jeremy David Dietsch, 28, Goodridge, 66/60, \$125, no seat belt worn, \$25.

Noah Tyrell Hawkins, 22, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Randall James Hoff, 67, Grand Forks, N.D., 70/60, \$125; James Elvin Edgren, 63, Nowthen, no seat belt worn, \$110; Tracy Lynn Halbakken, 48, Moorhead, marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135; Blake Allan Tanguist, 50, Detroit Lakes, no seat belt worn, \$110; Efrain Vasquez, 21, East Moline, Ill., marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135; Rosetta Ann Hruby, 63, Oklee, no seat belt worn, \$110; Shawn Ryan Inloes, 37, Trail, 65/60, \$125; Nicholas Cody Kezar, 22, Thief River Falls, 70/60, \$125; Jaris James Lane, 32, Plummer, no seat belt won, \$110.

Kody Roger Lubarski, 19, Thief River Falls, vehicle window tint violation, \$135; Jacob Kenneth John Malwitz, 29, Plummer, no seat belt worn, \$110; Jake Thomas Melby, 26, Karlstad, 70/60, \$125; Wilfred Scott Moser, 56, Roseau, 70/60, \$125; David Alan Widme, 59, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110.



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Parsing out who should get a booster shot/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) first responders) may receive a booster.

MDH officials stated that the data is clear that there is an added benefit to a booster. They cautioned that it is not conclusive how much it adds to immunity for younger individuals. Additional data, however, will come in and influence the recommendations.

The list of medical conditions categorized as high-risk by the CDC is available on its website. Minnesotans with an underlying medical condition or who are at increased risk because of occupational exposure are encouraged to speak with their health care provider about whether a booster is right for them.

Federal health experts are still reviewing data from Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, and will decide when recipients may be eligible for a booster. Minnesota will be ready to provide Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters when they are recommended.

Friday, officials estimated that upwards of 1 million Minnesotans could be eligible, but not all would be eligible at the same time. Officials also stated that there is plenty of vaccine available and that the infrastructure is in place to provide the booster shot. However, officials reminded residents that there are a lot of different ways of getting the vaccine - pharmacies, for example.

There is considerable concern that due to the continued growth of COVID cases, health care systems might not be able to stand up mass vaccine clinics. That's why MDH is emphasizing availability from a broader network.

Malcolm said the Delta variant spreads easily and it's not going to go away soon. All 87 counties in Minnesota are at the highest level of transmission at this point, and there's no indication, like there may be in other parts of the country, that the infection rate is slowing.

Malcolm added that cases and the hospitalization rates are still growing.

Kris Ehresmann, infectious diseases director, said it's hard to project what's happening or where or when a peak might occur. The most important thing people can do is get the vaccine rate where it needs to be. She added that the Delta variant is likely not the last variant the country will see. Minnesota and the country, she said, need to continue to prepare for what might come.

Waning Immunity

In a response to a question about overall waning immunity, Ehresmann explained that it's natural for antibodies from COVID-19 vaccines to weaken over time. She said the variants have had a part in that, but it has more to do with the body's immune system and the level of antibodies it's able to maintain. She added that the vaccines people have already received still mount a formidable response.

Influenza

Health officials are also urging residents to get vaccines against influenza. Last year, the number of influenza cases was down substantially. Officials believe it was due to the measures put in place to prevent the spread of

COVID-19. They expect this year will be different because people are doing a lot more interacting than they did last year. Again, officials are noting the broad network of providers that have influenza vaccines.

Pennington County

On Friday, Pennington County remained in the high transmission category, according to the CDC. There had been 52 cases in the last seven days, which was a decrease in the case rate of 14.75 percent. The positivity rate was 5.03 percent, a decrease of 2.56 percent from the prior seven days. The percentage of the population 18 years and older who had completed the vaccine series was at 52.5 percent.

Get a COVID-19 Booster shot?

Minnesotans who got the Pfizer vaccine can receive a booster shot at least six months after their initial series based on CDC guidance:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster;
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster;
- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster; and
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting (e.g. frontline medical workers, teachers, and first responders) may receive a booster.

The list of medical conditions categorized as high-risk can be found on the CDC website. Minnesotans with an underlying medical condition are encouraged to speak with their health care provider about whether a booster is right for them.

Driving home the dangers of driving/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) exit the vehicle under their own power with at least one individual – Coffman – needing to be transported by ambulance. Alcohol bottles fell out of the back door as a backseat passenger exited the car.

Occupants of the other car weren't as lucky. Brickson, a backseat passenger, exited the Honda Civic and fell to the ground a short time later. The driver and a backseat passenger remained in the vehicle.

Minutes passed and then a Thief River Falls police officer arrived at the scene. "What if all these people

were not standing? What if all these people were laying out in the ditch somewhere or out on a highway?" Norland asked.

In due time, a Pennington County sheriff's deputy, two Minnesota State Patrol troopers and two Sanford Area Ambulance rigs arrived at the scene.

As Brickson was placed onto a backboard, three Thief River Falls Fire Department trucks arrived. Before long, firefighters surrounded the Honda Civic. A firefighter climbed atop the hood and began using Jaws of Life equipment

and removed the windshield to facilitate the removal of the roof. Other firefighters used the Jaws of Life to open the back doors of the car to remove Langseth from the car. It was soon determined that Johnson Funeral Service needed to be called. Langseth was dead.

A short distance away, a trooper conducted field sobriety tests on Foss. She failed the tests and was arrested for criminal vehicular homicide. Other troopers continued interviewing passengers and documenting the scene.

Meanwhile, Coffman,

who was now wearing a neck brace, was moved onto a backboard and then a stretcher. Ambulances later transported him and other injured students to the hospital.

In midst of the chaos that was the accident scene, Langseth's mom arrived. The toughest part of the job is informing a family member that someone has died, Norland said.

As a trooper diverted the mother's attention, her child's dead body was loaded into the hearse.

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Using the Jaws of Life, Thief River Falls firefighters worked to remove doors from a Honda Civic to remove two people from the car. A mock crash was held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at

the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Thief River Falls. Video of the mock crash is online at www.trftimes.com.



Members of the Sanford Ambulance crew tended to Ellie Brickson, who was a passenger in a vehicle involved in a traffic crash. A mock crash was held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Thief River Falls. Video of the mock crash is online at www.trftimes.com.



Firefighters and Johnson Funeral Home staff loaded Sydney Langseth's dead body onto a stretcher during a mock crash Tuesday, Sept. 21.

City sets its levy/Continued

Oakland Park Road. The entire 2021 Street and Utilities Improvement Project is expected to cost \$941,312.94.

On a related note, the council scheduled a public hearing for the proposed assessments. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The council approved a conditional use permit for Kuepers Inc. The firm will install illuminated signs at the entrances outside of First Street Apartments, which are located at 1411 and 1611 First St. E.

Mayor Brian Holmer appointed a work group to consider the Strategic Plan proposals. Holmer, and council members Jason Aarestad and Anthony Bolduc will serve on the work group.

The next council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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Minnesota DNR orders Enbridge Energy to pay \$3.32 million

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has ordered Enbridge Energy to pay \$3.32 million for failure to follow environmental laws. Enbridge breached the confining layer of an artesian aquifer, resulting in an unauthorized groundwater appropriation during the construction of the Line 3 replacement project near Enbridge's Clearbrook Terminal.

DNR's civil enforcement orders require Enbridge to pay mitigation and penalty funds of \$3.32 million. This includes a restoration order requiring \$300,000 in initial mitigation funds to pay for the loss of groundwater resources, \$250,000 for DNR monitoring of calcareous fen wetlands near the area of the aquifer breach and a \$20,000 administrative penalty order (the maximum allowed under state law). The DNR has also ordered Enbridge to place \$2,750,000 in escrow for restoration and mitigation of any damage to the calcareous fen wetlands. DNR will determine what restoration and mitigation is required.

DNR's restoration order also requires Enbridge to implement a restoration plan to stop the unauthorized groundwater flow within 30 days. The order requires the company to conduct additional groundwater and site monitoring and report the results, as well as to develop a Calcareous Fen Management Plan. Additionally, to ensure that violations haven't occurred elsewhere, the DNR is requiring Enbridge to fund a re-inspection of any and all areas along the entire route where construction depths deviated from plans (as they did at the Clearbrook Terminal site).

Separately, the DNR has also referred this matter to the Clearwater County attorney for criminal prosecution. The DNR has determined that Enbridge Energy violated Minnesota Statute 103G.141, subdivision 1, which makes it a crime to appropriate "waters of the state without previously obtaining a permit from the commissioner."

The criminal referral and civil enforcement orders resulted from an investigation of Line 3 construction activities near Enbridge's Clearbrook Terminal. Should the company violate the DNR's restoration order, it would be subject to additional misdemeanor charges under state law.

"DNR is committed to its role as a regulator on this project and is taking seriously our responsibility to protect and manage natural resources within existing state law," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "Enbridge's actions are clear violations of state law and also of public trust. This never should have happened, and we are holding the company fully accountable."

Background

Enbridge began work at the Clearbrook Terminal site in early 2021 but did not follow the construction plans it had provided to DNR. The DNR relied upon these plans in determining that proposed work at the Clearbrook Terminal could proceed without effecting nearby calcareous fen wetlands. A calcareous fen is a unique type of wetland, with stringent statutory protections, that relies upon upwelling of mineral rich

groundwater to thrive. The company's plans called for the use of traditional trench construction methods at a depth of eight to 10 feet. The company instead constructed the trench at a depth of approximately 18 feet with sheet piling installed to a depth of 28 feet. This deviation led to a breach of the confining layer of an artesian aquifer, resulting in an uncontrolled flow of groundwater into the trench. Enbridge failed to notify DNR of the groundwater situation at the Clearbrook Terminal.

Independent Environmental Monitors (IEMs), working on behalf of DNR and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), first observed unusual amounts of water in the trench at the construction site in late January 2021. This and subsequent inspections over the next several months focused on managing the water in the trench. Under the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) route permit, the IEMs' role is to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the PUC, DNR, and MPCA permits. They do not monitor construction plans. Therefore, these inspections did not identify that Enbridge's construction activities had deviated from the company's plans, breaching the aquifer's confining layer.

On June 15, 2021, during discussions with the IEMs, the DNR identified that there was a potential breach of the aquifer's confining layer at the Clearbrook Terminal construction site. The DNR immediately commenced an investigation and informed Enbridge that it must suspend construction at the location until the DNR had approved a plan to stop the flow of groundwater. Resolving an uncontrolled flow from an artesian aquifer is technically complex and requires good data and a comprehensive plan. The DNR required Enbridge to investigate the groundwater conditions at the site and submit a plan to correct the unauthorized flow conditions. On July 8, Enbridge submitted a Groundwater Investigation Plan that the DNR approved in revised form on July 12. On Aug. 15, using the results of the groundwater investigation, Enbridge submitted a Remedial Action Plan outlining actions needed to stop the groundwater flow conditions. The DNR approved this plan on Aug. 18.

Through Sept. 5, 2021, this violation has resulted in an estimated release of approximately 24.2 million gallons of groundwater from the aquifer. This water has been pumped from the trench, treated to remove sediment and released to a nearby wetland.



Curt and Deb Quesnell of NCOR Fishing Guide Service on Lake of the Woods participated in the Middle River Goosefest Parade on Saturday.



The Mayor's Choice Award at the Middle River Goosefest Parade went to the Old (Pumpkin) Creamery in Middle River. The antique and gift shop is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minnesota counties receive \$36.3 million in Payment in Lieu of Taxes

PILT is one important way Minnesota's public lands contribute to the state's quality of life and natural resource-based economy

This year, Minnesota's 87 counties are the beneficiaries of \$36.3 million in aid that helps support public lands and provide critical links within the state's public recreation system.

National Public Lands Day was on Sept. 25, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources highlighted this important contribution of public lands to the state's economy.

Each year, the state's Department of Revenue distributes annual payments for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), a property tax relief program that offsets tax revenues not collected on public lands. Counties have received PILT payments annually since 1979 in place of property taxes on 5.6 million

acres of state-managed lands and 2.8 million acres of county-managed tax-forfeited lands. Money for the payments comes from the state's general fund.

Every county in Minnesota has public lands within its borders and receives an annual PILT payment. In 2021, counties received anywhere from \$21,443 in Red Lake County up to \$3,786,377 in St. Louis County.

"PILT is an important and consistent revenue source for counties, and the benefits of public lands go far beyond these annual payments," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "With Public Lands Day on Sept. 25, it's a good time to recognize how these lands support local economies, provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and tourism, create habitat for wildlife, and deliver important ecological benefits like clean air and water."

The state makes PILT payments on public lands in-

cluding state parks and forests, scientific and natural areas, wildlife management areas, school trust lands, and Consolidated-Conservation lands, as well as county-managed tax-forfeited lands. Payment rates vary according to land type and generally range from \$2 per acre, to three-quarters of 1% of appraised value.

A breakdown of PILT payments for each county is posted on the Minnesota Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2021-06/pilt_bycounty.pdf

More information about Minnesota's public land portfolio, PILT payments, and a brief history of major public land transactions is available on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov/publiclands. Follow DNR on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more on Public Lands Day.

Ian McKellen on Stage may benefit local theater

The Thief River Falls Area Community Theater has a unique opportunity to raise funds by offering people a view of Ian McKellen's 80th birthday show.

Tony Award-winning producer Hunter Arnold (Haddestown, Little Shop of Horrors) is thrilled to announce that his company, TBD Pictures, will release the North American streaming premiere of Sir Ian McKellen's one man show "Ian McKellen on Stage" Friday, Sept. 17 through Friday, Oct. 3, via the On The Stage streaming platform. Tickets can be purchased at www.ian80.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to community, amateur, educational and regional theaters affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

In this limited presentation exploring his greatest roles, experience Ian McKellen like never before. Captured live with stunning clarity, this must-watch streaming event will remind viewers why they fell in love with theater to begin with. Directed by Sean Mathais, Ian McKellen on Stage was conceived by McKellen in honor of his 80th birthday and in tribute to his illustrious 60-year career on-stage.

Called "heartfelt hilarity from a crusader of the stage" and "a love letter to theatre" by Michael Billington of London's The Guardian, Ian on Stage takes the viewer from Shakespeare to Pinter and even to Tolkein.

After touring 80 theaters in the UK with all proceeds, over 3 Million GBP, going to UK regional theaters, the production was filmed by National Theatre Live during its run on the West End at the Harold Pinter Theatre. The streaming production is now being released to benefit community, amateur, educational and regional theaters affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Hunter Arnold said, "While we are very fortunate that theater is coming back, local institutions have a long way to go before they will recover from the economic impact of COVID-19. Sir McKellen was so focused on supporting local theaters with this project in the UK, we thought it was only fitting that that support continues across the pond here in North America. These theaters, the work they produce, and the artists and workers they support are a crucial part of our culture. It's up to each of us to do as much as we can to bring them back stronger than they were before this crisis."

This show is recommended for ages 12 and up. The show runs two hours and 32 minutes. Tickets are \$29.99 at www.ian80.com. Pre-order now for a \$10 discount.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Annual Fall Dinner
Goodridge, MN
Sunday, October 3, 2021
Dinner will be served
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Prowler Proud ...

Keeping in touch with students and families

Student conferences, concerts and cold weather

by Bob Wayne
Principal
Franklin Middle School

We are so excited to have both students and staff back at Franklin Middle School! We also enjoy seeing the students back face to face with their teachers. So far this fall, masks are recommended, but not required, and quarantines have been minimal. Most of the staff and many students have masked up to avoid the possibility of quarantine, and that has been working for us to keep quarantine possibilities at a minimum.

Fall activities have begun and it is exciting to see so many of our students taking extra-curricular activities. It is also wonderful to share happenings at Franklin with our community. Be sure to check out our Facebook page, and Twitter as well, for all the current happenings at Franklin Middle School.

With school already four weeks in, conferences will be coming soon. Our district has scheduled conferences for Oct. 14 and 19, from 4 - 8 pm, and Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be no school for students Oct. 20, 21, and 22. Parents are invited to sign-up for conferences electronically in ParentVue. The sign up period will open at 8 a.m. on Oct. 4 and close Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. For Lincoln High

School and Franklin Middle School, the directions for signing up for conferences were sent out in a postcard.

You can access ParentVue by going to the Thief River Falls School District website. You also should have received a reminder for conference sign-up on School Messenger. Lincoln High School and Franklin Middle School will have conferences in person with parents. By request, at FMS, we can also have a phone conference during the time parents sign up if there are concerns about coming into the building. At Challenger Elementary School, conferences will take place via Zoom, and will not have parents come in face to face.

The first concert of the season starts with our band performing on the FMS

stage in the multi-purpose room on Nov. 16 at 7 pm. There is an admission fee at the door for all concerts. You will be amazed when you see our fine musicians in a concert setting!

In addition to MEA break, Oct. 20-22, students will be released from school at 1 p.m. for teacher/staff development on Oct. 13. There also will be no school on Nov. 1 due to teacher/staff development. Don't forget to set your clocks back for daylight saving time, which begins on Nov. 7 this year.

Cold weather is on the way. Be sure to listen to KTRF 1230 AM, KKAQ 1460 AM, or KKAQ 99.3 FM for school related announcements. Please be sure your student leaves home with a cap, gloves and a coat to protect them against the harsh

weather. We need our students to be as healthy as possible as flu season approaches, and it starts with dressing for the weather. If you are not getting messages from School Reach, be sure to call the office and see

if your phone numbers are up to date. The first quarter of school will come to an end on Nov. 5. Remember, you can check on your student's daily grades and attendance by checking out your ParentVue website.

Times for Toddlers ...

How to start teaching manners

The very best place to start teaching manners is in the home. When adults are respectful to each other and to children, they are modeling good manners and setting an example much louder than words. As important as a good model is, it is not enough. Children do not automatically pick up all the nuances of civilized behavior. Examples must be backed by explanation and instruction.

Children need to be told exactly what is expected of them. It is useless to expect them to act like miniature adults, but only by knowing the rules can they follow them. A fun way to learn rules is to play games, for example, a pretend tea party. Act out a proper greeting (Hello, Mrs. Bear. How are you?) and proper table manners ("Would you like some cookies? Please pass the milk. Thank you very much.") A child can "teach" her doll how a good guest acts and in the pretending, reinforce her own good habits.

One instruction is not enough. Reminders are necessary over and over again. Friendly reminders work better than hostile ones. Ask pleasantly: "What do you say?"

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

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Talk to your child about what you expect of him or her, but remember it must be something of which the child is capable. When children do remember their manners, praise them and let them know you appreciate it.

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

ACTIVITIES Fall Songs and Finger Plays

The following songs and finger plays can be used during the upcoming fall months.

The Leaves Are Falling Down (Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

The leaves are falling down
The leaves are falling down
Red, orange, yellow and brown

Mr. Pumpkin (Tune: "Frere Jacques")

Mr. Pumpkin,
Mr. Pumpkin,
Round and fat.
Round and fat.
Harvesttime is coming,
Harvesttime is coming,
Yum, yum, yum,
That is that!

Raking the Leaves

I rake and rake the leaves
into a great big heap. (pretend to rake)
Then into the leaves I take a great big leap. (jump and squat)
I cover myself with the leaves and hide from you.

Then I jump up and say, "Peek-a-boo!"

SCAVENGER HUNT

For next week's Activities feature, you will need a plastic bag, orange construction paper, glue, and scissors.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: How do you start a firefly race?

A: Ready, set...GLOW!

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:

Levin, Bridget. **Rules of the wild: an unruly book of manners.** Rhyming text explores how proper behavior for young animals is different from what is expected of young children.

Allen, Kathryn Madeline. **This Little Piggy's Book of Manners.** A cute story showing a polite pig and a not-so-polite pig and how differently their friends treat them.

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: **Fantastic Mr. Fox.** Mr. and Mrs. Fox live a happy home life underground with their eccentric son Ash. Mr. Fox works as a journalist, but against the advice of Badger, his attorney, he moves his family into a larger and finer home inside a tree on a hill. The treehouse has an excellent view of the nearby farms of Boggis, Bunce, and Bean. Ash becomes hostile when his cousin, Kristofferson, joins the family for an extended stay. Mr. Fox decides to raid the farms, but this leads the farmers to stakeout the treehouse. The farmers try to dig the Fox family out, but they dig even faster. Mr. Fox organizes a tunneling project to burrow under all three farms and steal all the chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.

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: Themed activities about good manners. <http://www.child-carelounge.com/general-themes/good-manners.php>

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.)

Galactic Scholastic Book Fair



How do dinosaurs say goodbye? That's a good question. The Galactic Scholastic Book Fair at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls is open for business this week.

This is a great opportunity to expose children to new books and to develop and improve their reading skills.

On the Other Hand ...

Turning around our football culture



by
Cody
Wienen

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

Beating Fergus Falls on Friday for our first win of the 2021 football season was well deserved. We earned it. From start to finish, we all played together. We, as a team, are looking to change the culture of Prowler Football. The coaches did their part by getting us out on the field and in the weight room in the summer. We all bought in as a team and have done our part: Believing in each other, playing together, and going 100% every play.

We can feel the brotherhood we are building also.

On and off the field, we are brothers, and would do anything for one another. That's a thing that I know is different from years past. Not that we had problems with our team in years past, but this year it's a true brotherhood. Even after our first three games, all close losses, we stayed focused and believed in each other. That's what I think was our biggest downfall in years past. Once we got down, we stayed down.

That was evident early against Fergus Falls. On their opening drive, we gave up a touchdown early to the Otters, but we stayed composed, and never lost our focus. We responded later in the half with a touchdown drive of our own, and everyone could feel the momentum change in our way.

One thing that hurt us in our previous losses was that we gave up touchdowns right before the half. Sure enough, Fergus Falls moved the ball inside our 10-yard line with under a minute left

of the first half. This time though, we flew to the ball and stopped them to force a field goal try. We knew that play could decide the game, and we came up big with a block to send it to halftime tied 7-7.

We all came into the shed at halftime pumped up and ready to go win that football game. After giving up that first touchdown early on their first drive, Fergus Falls didn't score the rest of the game. We ran the clock down the whole second half and controlled field position. We won on a field goal late in the fourth quarter. This win was so rewarding because we came in with an 0-3 record while Fergus Falls had a 3-0 record. Yet we showed our grit and determination and never gave up, which resulted in the Otters getting their first loss of the year 10-7.

One thing that has impressed me most about this team is how we have all embraced our roles on the team. For example, Coach

Reynolds came up to me during one of our Monday night summer install sessions. He asked me if I would like to try to help the team and play center. I was a little shocked, having never played center, let alone the offensive line before, but without any hesitation I was all in to play center for the team. Five minutes later, I was snapping the ball to the starting quarterback. Ever since that summer practice, I've been learning something new every day from our coaching staff.

Our offense is getting better and better each week. As a team, we make sure everyone gets their school work done, gets to class on time every day, gets to every lift on time, and gets to every practice on time. We hold each other accountable. Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going and change the culture of Prowler Football forever.

Positive Thoughts ...

Those ABC Afterschool Specials



by Dan
Bartsch

This week's column is about a "remember when" for those of my age.

When I was a kid and I had a long day of what was greater than or less than or how 3 x 3 = 9 (that always confused me), and also how to spell cinnamon or aluminum (really could have used spell check then), and why George Washington crossed

the Delaware (probably no Starbucks at that battlefield) at Washington Elementary School, I would walk home to let the dog out, make myself a peanut butter sandwich and turn on the TV.

Now kids today have Nickelodeon or Cartoon Network for them to enjoy and to get away from a long day at school. We just had two TV Land shows for us to enjoy. The first show was "The Flintstones," an animated show about a caveman and his family and friends living in Bedrock. I loved the show so much that

when I first saw "the Honey-mooners" I thought Hanna-Barbera had the right to sue them. Well, I was a smart aleck kid. The other show was "Gilligan's Island," or to be honest with you the original "Survivor."

But since this is Wednesday, ABC wanted us to keep learning, so they had ABC Afterschool Specials. They were an hour to an hour and a half long movies that kids could watch and hopefully enjoy. But really, the teacher told us about the shows and she would usually have a quiz on them the next day. There were two specials that

I still remember. One was called "The Wave," which was about how a history teacher taught about Nazi Germany by creating a fictitious youth movement; and the other, was "Stoned," which featured Scott Baio (Chachi from Happy Days), who played a kid who was ... you guess it. Why he didn't get an Emmy is beyond me. Well, I hope kids today aren't having to take quizzes on "Dr. Phil" or "Judge Judy."

Well, get ready for a bombardment of Halloween and Christmas in a couple of days. Have a wonderful day, and as always, God bless.

Two local residents recently died due to COVID-19.

Inter-County Nursing Service in Thief River Falls reported that a Red Lake County resident in their 90s died due to COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, eight Red Lake County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19.

North Valley Public Health in Warren reported that a Marshall County resident in their 80s died due to COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, 19 Marshall County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19.

Inter-County Nursing will hold a COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination clinic Friday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., at its office in the lower level of the Pennington County Government Center (formerly the courthouse) in Thief River Falls. COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines will be available for anyone 12 and older. Booster shots will be available. Pre-register by calling Inter-County Nursing at 681-0876 or via the agency's Facebook page.

Heritage Center to hold dance

Senior dancers may attend a dance Thursday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Heritage Center in Thief River Falls. Cathy Erickson will perform.

Glenn Johnson, 90

Warren - Glenn Johnson, 90, of Warren, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, September 22, 2021 at North Valley Health Center in Warren.

Glenn Everett Johnson was born January 28, 1931 in Grygla, the son of Axel and Ethel (Karlstrom) Johnson. He spent his early years in the Gatzke area before moving with his family to the "River Farm" near St. Hilaire when he was 13.

Glenn graduated from Thief River Falls High School in Thief River Falls in 1949, where he was in choir and lettered in track. He attended vocational school for two years in Thief River Falls.

Glenn served in the US Navy from 1952-1955 as an Electronic Technician. After his discharge, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead and North Dakota Agricultural College (NDSU).

Glenn married Doris Roley on October 2, 1960 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Warren. They made their home in Warren, where he worked at Federal Land Bank (started in 1959), which later became Farm Credit, until his retirement.

Over the years, Glenn also farmed with his brothers, Grant and Harlow, on the family farm. Doris died on March 4, 2007. Glenn married Ruth Ann Strandberg on October 9, 2011. They made their home in Warren.

He was very active in his community over the years.

Glenn was a member of Warren Lions, Warren Senior Citizens Club and the Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He was past Commander and member of the Warren American Legion Post #27, where he proudly served on the Rifle Squad and participated in many military funerals. Glenn was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and served and helped in many different capacities

over the years. The church was a very important part of his life.

Glenn loved traveling, taking drives to check on crops and gardening. He enjoyed gardening so much that after he retired he took a horticulture college class at UMC. Glenn thoroughly enjoyed going to Mt. Carmel Bible Camp by Alexandria with family over the years.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Ruth Ann; two daughters, Diane Bjorgaard of Grand Forks, ND and Emilie (John) Holland of Fargo, ND; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jacob Bjorgaard (Julie Schliinz) of Fargo, ND, Katie (Eric) Borns and daughter, Riley of Aberdeen, SD, Kristin (Michael) Weber and children, Landon and Claire of Fargo, ND and Laura (Tobias) Anheluk and children, Holland, Cecilia and Reese of Minnetonka; siblings, Grant (Dorothy) Johnson of Windom, Harlow Johnson of Thief River Falls, and Priscilla Jackson of Viroqua, WI; many nieces and nephews and special family friends, Jim and Belinda Polz and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Axel and Ethel; wife, Doris; sister-in-law, Gloria Johnson and brother-in-law, David Jackson.

A private family funeral service will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Warren.

There will be a walk through visitation from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Warren.

Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Warren. Military service by Warren American Legion Post #27 and Navy Honor Guard.

The online register book can be found at: www.dubore-funeralhome.com.

Arrangements with DuBore Funeral Home of Warren.

A video of Glenn's funeral service will be available on Our Savior's Lutheran Church youtube channel and his obituary page on the funeral home's website.

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Wallace J. Reierson, 93

Owatonna - Wallace James Reierson was born on December 21, 1927 in Thief River Falls. He was the son of Peander and Tillie (Nohre) Reierson.



Wally graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945. When Wally was 16 years old, he moved to a farm just south of Thief River Falls with his parents. On July 13, 1956 he married Ivadell Christensen. They made their home on that farm which they bought from his dad. They farmed there together until 1995 when they retired. After retirement, he continued to drive tractor for his neighbors. He was always a farmer at heart. He had a strong work ethic and high moral standard which he instilled in his children.

Wally was a man of strong faith. He lived what he believed and told those around him to always put God first in your life. He held leadership positions in the church and sang in many men's gospel quartets. He had a beautiful singing voice and sang in perfect harmony throughout his whole life.

He had a great sense of humor with a hearty laugh and infectious chuckle. He

loved animals and had many farm animals, dogs, and cats throughout his life. One of his favorite things to do was go for a drive in his old pickup with his dog. He also enjoyed snowmobiling and bowling until he was in his nineties.

Wally also had great love for his family. He is survived by his wife, Ivadell of Owatonna; children, Virginia (Mike) Shuka of Bemidji, Cynthia (Gregg) Swanson of Princeton, Tamara (Erik) Livingston of Owatonna; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Furst of Chippewa Falls, WI; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Corey) St. Peter, Brian Shuka, Dylan (Channy) Swanson, Kevin (Heather) Swanson, Taylor (Joy) Swanson, Andrew Reierson (Megan), Kelley Reierson, Jack (Kelly) Livingston, Ruth Livingston; great-grandchildren, Noah St. Peter, Lydia St. Peter, Toby St. Peter, Brooklyn Swanson, and Billy Reierson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings; and his son, William Reierson.

Wallace Reierson died in his sleep on Monday, September 20, 2021 at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 30 days. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 24 at 2 p.m. with a visitation at 1 p.m. at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna. The family asks that any memorials be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

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Maria Reopelle, 101

Thief River Falls - Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Maria Aldia Reopelle, formerly of Red Lake Falls, died at Oakland Park Communities on September 21, 2021, at the age of 101.



Maria was born Feb 7, 1920 in Gentilly, to parents Amie and Delia (Cota) Mercil. She attended school in

Gentilly. She worked for a while at St. Vincent's Hospital in Crookston as a Nurse's aide.

She was united in marriage to Maurice Reopelle on October 30, 1939 at St. Peter's Church in Gentilly. Maurice and Maria lived on the Reopelle family farm in Terrebonne Township south of Red Lake Falls, raising various animals and grains. Maria was a hardworking farm wife. She enjoyed cooking, baking, canning, and tending to her many flower beds and the always large family garden. She also loved to make crafts of all kinds, crocheted many afghans, and made many beautiful quilts for her family and friends.

After a time on the farm, she went to work at St. John's Hospital as a Nurse's Aide. Later she became the Central Supply Technician helping with surgery setup and cleanup. She retired after 23 years at St. John's.

She loved music, dancing, traveling and card playing with family. She was also an avid MN Twins fan and rarely missed watching a game. She would always say, "Oh they'll lose."

In September of 1996

Maurice and Maria moved to Thief River Falls. They lived in the Riverside Terrace high-rise. Maurice passed away on November 24, 2006. On November 26, 2016, Maria moved to Oakland Park Communities.

She was a member of St. Bernard's Church, Catholic Daughters, Order of Forrester's, St. Bernard's quilting, craft, and flowers clubs.

Survivors include: sons, Gary Reopelle, Oakland, CA, Dennis (Joan) Reopelle, Blaine; daughter, Deborah (Darryl) Tveitbakk, of Thief River Falls; seven grandchildren, Yvonne Reopelle, Brenda (Joseph) Kresky, Pam (Matt) Brown, Nathan (Joy) Reopelle, Christopher Tveitbakk, Nicholas Tveitbakk, Benjamin (Manuela) Tveitbakk; ten great-grandchildren; and a great-grandson due near the end of October.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings and their spouses.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Oakland Park Communities for the loving care and kindnesses shown to Maria. Also, many thanks to Fr. Rick Lambert and Fr. John Melkies for their love and prayers.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 12 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls, with Father Rick Lambert officiating.

Burial was held at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery at Terrebonne.

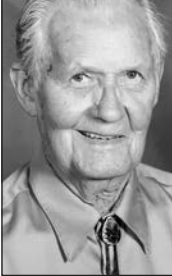
Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com.

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Charles "Chuck" Rustvold, 98

Fargo, ND - Charles "Chuck" Rustvold, age 98, passed away peacefully at Bethany on University on September 20, 2021.



Chuck was born September 17, 1923 in Beltrami County to John and Mary Rustvold. He grew up on their farm near Grygla.

Chuck served in the Army during WWII in the European theater. He was wounded in Germany during the Battle of the Huertgen Forest.

Upon his discharge he lived in Detroit, MI where he went to Barber School. After his graduation, he moved to Fargo where he barbered until his retirement.

In 1946 he was united in marriage to his forever soulmate Marion Thompson. They had two children, Diane and Jeffrey.

Chuck enjoyed spending his years at his lake home near Detroit Lakes. He loved fishing, hunting, and gathering with family for any occasion. He was a man who loved to dance, smile, and chat for hours over a hot cup of coffee.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Marion; daughter, Diane; and sister, Irene.

He will be forever loved and missed by his faithful son, Jeff; granddaughters, Melanie Beckman and Megan Zimmer; and his four precious great-grandchildren.

Family and friends of Chuck were invited to attend his memorial service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 613 16th St. S, Fargo, ND, on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Memories and online condolences can be shared by visiting www.hanson-runsvold.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home-Fargo, ND.

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Tuesday, October 5: 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.

Wednesday, October 6: Bemidji

Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater Counties (800) 201-3432 Option 3 Thursday, September 30: No service

Monday, October 4: Grand Forks

Wednesday, October 6: Fargo/Moorhead



It's thumbs up for Trash the Dress for MDS. Shelly Helm Guzek was in the Middle River Goosefest parade to promote the event and raffle. Funds raised through these

events support research into building awareness and fighting MDS or Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a type of leukemia.

A trip down memory lane ~ 1981



1981 HOMECOMING QUEEN, Robyn Dallmarm, was crowned during the ceremonies conducted in the Lincoln high school gymnasium in Thief River Falls Friday. Other members of royalty include, left to right, freshmen attendants, Carla Dick and Gus Miller; sophomores, Kristy Thompson and Leon Rogalla; juniors, Susie Waale and Jeff Ness; candidate Joleen Gibson, queen Robyn Dallmann and Susan Hanna; juniors Yvette Loehr and Randy Naeseth; sophomores, Shawn Fugleberg and Tim Bottem; freshmen, Leslie Wiegand and David Olson. Junior attendants were Wyatt Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, and Kelsie Steiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Steiger. Senior escorts, left to right were Kevin Leach, Steve Olson and Kent Kainz. Freshmen won first place for their skit featuring the three big mighty Lumberjacks, with announcer Howard Kosel; Juniors placed second and sophomores third. Sophomores won first place for their float design, freshmen, second and seniors, third.

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Northern Jazz performed prior to the start of the Middle River Goosefest parade on Saturday. Members of the jazz band come from throughout the region. It rehearses Monday

nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at Northland College in Thief River Falls. Its home concert will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19. The band has been in existence for well over 100 years.



The Middle River Goosefest was the place to be on Saturday. Young and old gathered to participate in the activities, and

watch the annual parade.



Second place among organizations participating in the Middle River Goosefest parade on Saturday was the Miss Thief River Falls Pageant Association. The 1994 Mustang GT, owned by Brent Fuller and driven in honor of his father, Raymond Fuller, carried members of the organization, including Sarah (Zak) Mickelson, Miss Thief River Falls form 2004-

2005, and Katrina Bugge, Miss Thief River Falls from 2017 to 2018. The award was presented by Miss North Star Tampang Brown, and Miss Middle River Bella Burkel. It was announced during the parade that there will be a Miss Thief River Falls pageant in November.

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Making organic certification more affordable

Rebates now available to Minnesota farms and handlers

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 50 percent of the cost of their organic certification. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Cost Share Program through Nov. 1, 2021. Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year. “The yearly cost of certification can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars,” MDA Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. “This program provides some relief and goes a long way to make organic certification more affordable.” Funds for the cost share

program come from a co-operative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA). Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between Oct. 1, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of certification-related expenses. The maximum rebate available is \$500 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). The MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning to organic. To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. The MDA has already mailed application packets to all certified organic operations in the state. Any certified organic farmer or processor who did not receive a packet can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program page of the MDA’s website or by calling 651-201-6134. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local USDA-FSA Office.

Discovery Place receives grant from Otto Bremer Trust

Discovery Place Early Learning Center, a non-profit child care center in Thief River Falls, was the recipient of an Otto Bremer Trust award. The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$9,451,963 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle. “The variety of grants awarded reflects the diverse needs of communities across the region,” said Charlotte Johnson, co-chief executive officer, and trustee, Otto Bremer Trust. “The recipients of these grants are committed to improving individual lives and helping communities move forward in positive and constructive ways.” Discovery Place was awarded \$60,091 to provide affordable, quality child care for families in Thief River Falls. “We’re definitely excited

to get the grant to address some of the safety upgrades that we need to make,” said Michelle Hutchinson, director at Discovery Place. Hutchinson said the funds will be used to replace back steps to the building, which are unsafe, replace flooring that’s over 20 years old, paint inside, and purchase a stroller and other items that will help get young children outside. The Otto Bremer Trust is a bank holding company and a private charitable trust based in Saint Paul that works at the intersection of finance and philanthropy. Created in 1944 by Otto Bremer, it is today one of the nation’s largest philanthropic organizations and is committed to supporting a better quality of life for residents of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Prior exposure to conflicting health information reduces receptivity to messages about widely recommended health behaviors

University of Minnesota researchers are finding that prior exposure to conflicting health information reduces receptivity to messages about widely-recommended health behaviors. Today’s public information environment is characterized by conflicting information about a wide range of health topics, including nutrition, cancer screening, e-cigarettes and, most recently, COVID-19. Research has shown exposure to conflicting information can negatively affect public understanding and trust in health recommendations. What is not known is whether such exposure might make people less receptive to other health messages, including those about widely recommended health behaviors for which there is little conflict, such as fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity. The possibility of such “carryover effects” from exposure to conflicting information was recently tested by an interdisciplinary team of University of Minnesota researchers.

Published in the journal Annals of Behavioral Medicine, the U of M study involved a three-wave, online survey experiment with a representative sample of nearly 3,000 U.S. adults during the summer of 2020. Participants were randomly assigned to view a series of health news stories and social media posts about six different health topics including mammography screening and carbohydrate consumption. These stories and posts, which were shown to participants twice over a month-long period, differed only in whether they featured conflict over scientific evidence or guidance. At least one week after their second viewing, participants were asked to evaluate ads from several recent health campaigns about behaviors for which there is broad scientific consensus: fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, and colorectal cancer screening. Results showed that prior exposure to conflicting health information rendered people less receptive to messages about these widely recommended health behaviors. • Those who were previously exposed to conflict reported greater resistance to the health campaign ads, as well as lower perceptions of the health behaviors featured in those ads. • Statistical analysis indicated that carryover effects largely operated through people’s feelings of backlash toward health recommendations and research in general, which was elicited by their prior exposure to conflict. “These results are worrisome, particularly given a COVID-19 information landscape that is increasingly fraught with seemingly conflicting science, as our team’s past research has shown,” said Rebekah Nagler, study lead and an associate professor in the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and a Masonic Cancer Center member. “Ultimately, people’s cumulative, routine exposure to conflicting information about COVID-19 and other health issues could threaten the success of media campaigns and other public health messaging strategies—strategies that we as a country invest in heavily year after year to prevent cancer and other chronic diseases.” Nagler and her colleagues are now thinking about how to intervene and interrupt the carryover phenomenon and better communicate with the public about evolving science.

This research was supported by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.



This year's Bee-utification Award from the One Vegetable/One Community organization was presented to the City of Thief River Falls. This year's vegetable was the garden bean, and all its varieties. Melissa Benoit, (second from left) working through the City of Thief River Falls, made sure to include beans in gardens throughout the city. Pictured from left are Jean Marquis, One Vegetable/One Community, Melissa Benoit, Travis Giffen, City of Thief River Falls, and Linda Helgeland, One Vegetable/One Community.



Roppe Farms always put together a great entry for parades. This year, the business won Best Goosefest theme at the Goosefest. The award was presented by Miss Middle River Bella Burkel and Miss North Star Topanga Brown.



Beans among the flowers? Yes, vegetables can do well when planted among flowers. Melissa Benoit, working through the City of Thief River Falls, included bean plants among plantings at Chief Red Robe Park. Because of her work, the City of Thief River Falls was awarded this year's Bee-utification Award from the One Vegetable/One Community organization.



Yes, that's a rolling pin. Lokstad Products won Best Overall at the Middle River Goosefest Parade on Saturday. The rolling pins were a big hit with kids.



Topanga Brown (left), pictured with Miss Minnesota Elle Mark, will represent northwest Minnesota as the new Miss North Star in the coming year and will compete in the 2022 Miss Minnesota Pageant next June. The pageant was held Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Legacy Center in Middle River. (Submitted)

Brown crowned Miss North Star

Topanga Brown was crowned Miss North Star at the pageant Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Legacy Center in Middle River. Brown will represent northwestern Minnesota and compete at the 2022 Miss Minnesota Pageant next June. Other contestants included Whitney McLain (talent winner and first runner-up) Emily Kautz, and Aubre Berg (Miss Congeniality.) Brown received the Interview Award.

The scholarship pageant provided more than \$2,900 in scholarships and a free semester to Northland Community and Technical College for this year's contestants. Brown is excited to be the representative for this area and would be happy to visit all towns in the area in the coming year. If anyone is interested in having her as a special guest, contact Kara Super-Peterson at 218-330-6316.

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TRF sweeps home tennis triangular

Refocused after a tough 4-3 loss to East Grand Forks, the Thief River Falls girls tennis team bounced back with a pair of wins over Roseau and Perham in a home triangular meet Saturday.

The Prowlers began the day with a 7-0 win against the Rams. Avery Skaar, Bell Hamre, Braylee Wienen and Ingrid Anderson picked up singles wins, while Abby Flaagan/Jacey Novak, Jenae Johnson/Paige Weets, and Emma Christianson/Stephanie Dagg were straight set winners in doubles.

"It was a great day to have a nice triangular," said Co-Head Coach Shawna Spears. "The girls came out really strong against Roseau taking all seven points. We hoped it

would help boost the girls' confidence back up after a tough loss against EGF."

The Prowlers ended the day with a 4-3 win against a Perham Yellowjackets squad that they had beaten 5-2 in last year's section championship and 5-2 again earlier this year.

The Prowlers were playing without their typical number one singles player, Brooklyn Broadwell, which meant adjustments throughout the Prowler lineup. In singles play, Avery Skaar moved up to the number one spot and lost a hard-fought battle against Perham's top singles player Mallory Belka (6-3, 2-6, 9-11). The Prowlers also dropped the number three and four singles matches as Braylee Wienen

fell to former Prowler Avery Malone in the number three spot and Ingrid Anderson fell to Kaia Anderson in three sets in the number four spot.

Bell Hamre picked up the only singles win for the Prowlers, beating LaVonne Lindberg 6-4, 7-6 in straight sets.

Picking up doubles wins for the Prowlers were Abby Flaagan and Jacey Novak over Maya Radniecki and June Gudmundsin 6-4, 6-2. Jenae Johnson and Paige Weets over Addisyn Zimmerman and Eva Vorderbraggen 6-1, 6-0, and Emma Christianson and Stephanie Dagg over Morgan Smith and Alyna Moe 6-4, 6-4.

"Perham came ready to compete, which, I think, "[Continued on page 3]



Thief River Falls senior Emma Christianson returns a serve during the Prowlers' home dual against East Grand Forks on Thursday, Sept. 23.

TRF Football Prowlers get first win of year against Otters

Thief River Falls used a late Brayden Spears field goal to break a 7-7 tie and lift the Prowlers into the win column for the first time in 2021 with a 10-7 win over Fergus Falls.

The win over Fergus Falls is also Head Coach Kurt Reynolds first victory as Thief River Falls' head coach and it comes against the same team that the Prowlers beat for their only win during the 2020 season.

The Prowlers leaned on their stout defense in both

wins. Last year, a Blake Biermaier pick-six and a Jake Friedrich extra point accounted for the only scoring in a 7-6 win in a game where the Prowlers were out-gained 237-27.

In this year's version of the game, the Prowler offense held up its end of the bargain a little more with 183 yards of offense.

"I was happy that we put together the kind of game we have been built for – keep the score close with a run oriented offense and give our

defense time to rest," said Reynolds. "Then make sure it's close in the fourth quarter to where if we make a play, which we did with the field goal, we can pull one out. We have been close in two of our first three. We just didn't make the plays late like we did against Fergus."

"Our game plan was to control the clock by running the ball, which we did. We knew our defense would play well. We switched it up and came out in a 5-3 front that "[Continued on page 3]



Avery Skaar goes to her backhand to return a serve against Bryn Hanson of East Grand Forks during the Prowlers' home dual against the Green Wave. Skaar won the match in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo emerges as Section 8 9-man frontrunner

First place in the District 9-West (North) and front-runner status in Section 8 9-Man were on the line Friday night when the Goodridge/Grygla Chargers traveled to Warren to face the undefeated Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies.

Trailing 8-6 at the half, the host Ponies scored a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns and held on for the 20-14 win to improve to 4-0 on the season.

The loss was the second six-point loss of the season for the Chargers, who fell to 2-2 at the season's halfway point.

"It was a very tough loss for the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers football team versus an undefeated, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies," said Goodridge/Grygla Head Coach John Wilebski. "The Chargers were manhandled on the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

WAO broke a scoreless tie with a Tyson Mortimer four-

yard run that accounted for the only scoring of the opening quarter.

While they didn't get the push up front that they are accustomed to getting, the Chargers did manage to put points on the board in the second quarter with Blake Rychlock scoring on a one-yard run. Kaylor Torgerson passed to Rychlock for two, to take an 8-6 lead into the locker room.

Trailing 8-6 in the fourth quarter, the Ponies regained the lead on a two-yard touchdown run by Mortimer. Jacob Rodriguez added the two-point run to put the Ponies up 14-8.

Mortimer struck again on a two-yard run late in the fourth quarter that appeared to put the game out of reach with the Ponies up 20-8. However, Lewis Jones returned the ensuing kickoff 61 yards to get the Chargers back to within six points.

The Chargers attempted an onside kick, but the

Ponies recovered the ball and went on to run out the clock.

"There were a few bright spots," Wilebski said. "Anthony Englund showed some good fight on defense at the noseguard position. Also, I was very proud how our football team didn't give up and kept battling back on special teams to make some key blocks to spring the kickoff return."

The Charger boys look to regroup this week at home in Goodridge, Thursday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. vs. the Northern Freeze.

Scoring

	1	2	3	4	T
GG	0	8	0	6	14
WAO	6	0	0	14	20

WAO - Tyson Mortimer 4-yard run (pass failed)
GG - Blake Rychlock 1-yard run (Tyler Torgerson pass to Rychlock)
WAO - Mortimer 2-yard run (pass failed)
WAO - Mortimer 2-yard run (Jacob Rodriguez run)
GG - Lewis Jones 61-yard kickoff return (pass failed)

Individuals

■ Rushing - (GG) Andrew Loken 8-13; Lewis Jones 11-53; Kayler Torgerson 5-11; Blake Rychlock 5-20.

■ Passing - (GG) Blake Rychlock 1-for-6, 1 yard, 2 interceptions.
■ Tackles - Andrew Loken 14, Eliot Philipp 12, Lewis Jones 12, Tre, Alten 12, Jordan Coan 6, Nolan Anderson 6, Reece Sundberg 5, Blake Rychlock 5, Anthony Englund 2, Matt Busse 1, Kaylor Torgerson 1.

■ Sacks - Anthony 1.
■ Interceptions - Andrew Loken 1.
■ Fumble recoveries - Andrew Loken 1.

Prowlers stunned by Green Wave in girls tennis dual

Thief River Falls may have moved back to Class AA in girls tennis, but the two-time defending Section 8A champion Prowlers are playing with a target on their back each time they take the court against a former section rival in 2021.

On Thursday afternoon (Sept. 23) it was the East Grand Forks Green Wave who took their shot at the champ. The Green Wave pulled off the upset by sweeping the doubles matches, while picking up a win at number two singles for a 4-3 victory.

Winning singles matches for the Prowlers were Brooklyn Broadwell over Maggie Detrich, Avery Skaar over Bryn Hanson and Braylee Wienen over Gabbi Troemner.

East Grand Forks' Ruby Leach defeated Bell Hamre in the number two singles spot, with doubles wins from Katelyn Farder and Brynn Havis over Abby Flaagan and Jacey Novak in the number one spot, Kenady Burris and Lila Rothenberger over Emma Christianson and Jenae Johnson at two doubles, and Erin Bowman and Emma Farder over Dani Neibuhr and Katheryn Melby in the number three spot.

"Unfortunately, East Grand Forks came to Thief ready to compete and show up. I'll admit, I was pleasantly surprised by how well those girls played," said Thief River Falls Co-Head Coach Shawna Spears. "We also were still not in the right

mindset. Since day one, our weakness has been our mental state of mind during a match, especially when we are down. We can compete and I will say again and again, we are a skilled and athletic team, we just need to stay mentally stable."

Prowlers recognize seniors

Abby Flaagan, Jacey Novak, Janae Johnson, Emma Christianson, Daniella Niebuhr and Katheryn Melby were recognized for their dedication to the Prowler girls tennis program prior to Thursday night's dual.

"Thursday night, we celebrated and honored our six seniors who have put endless hours and effort into our tennis program," Spears said. "We decided to have our seniors make up our doubles line-up. They have been playing for years and are leaving behind a team who loves them tremendously. It was so nice to not only celebrate them but finally have a home match. Because of rain cancellations, we haven't had the chance to really show up at home."

East Grand Forks 4, Thief River Falls 3

Singles - Brooklyn Broadwell (TRF) def. Maggie Detrich 6-3 6-0; Ruby Leach (EGF) def. Bell Hamre 6-2, 6-4; Avery Skaar (TRF) def. Bryn Hanson 6-0 6-0; Braylee Wienen (TRF) def. Gabbi Troemner 6-0 6-0.

Doubles - Katelyn Farder/Brynn Havis (EGF) def. Abby Flaagan/Jacey Novak 17-6 (7-5), 6-1; Kenady Burris/ Lila Rothenberger (EGF) def. Emma Christianson/Jenae Johnson 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Erin Bowman/Emma Farder (EGF) def. Dani Neibuhr/Katheryn Melby 6-2, 6-3.

TRF SPORTS

Wednesday, Sept. 29

■ Volleyball - NCTC at Rainy River 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

■ Cross Country - LHS Boys and Girls at East Grand Forks Invitational 4 p.m.

■ Swimming - LHS girls vs. Crookston 5:30 p.m.

■ Tennis - LHS Girls vs. Crookston (at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks, N.D.) 9 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

■ Football - LHS vs. East Grand

Forks 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

■ Volleyball - NCTC vs. Central Lakes noon; NCTC vs. Lake Region State College 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 4

■ Volleyball - LHS at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

■ Tennis - LHS Girls vs. TBD (Section 8AA north subsection at Courts Plus, Fargo, N.D.)

■ Volleyball - LHS vs. Detroit Lakes 7:30 p.m.

Norskies fall in series opener to Lumberjacks

by Christopher Larson
Media Relations Director
Thief River Falls Norskies

The Thief River Falls Norskies embarked on their first road trip of the 2021 season, traveling to Spooner, Wisconsin to take on the Wisconsin Lumberjacks in their weekend opener – and for the second straight game, the Norskies gave up a late goal. This time, it was Zach Carson scoring the game winner, giving Wisconsin a 2-1 victory in front of 232 fans at the Spooner Civic Center.

A penalty-marred, scoreless first period looked like it would set the tone, but the teams settled in for a battle coming out of the first intermission. Four penalties by Wisconsin and three by Thief River Falls in the first period, all on two separate plays, resulted in no scoring in the period.

With nearly five minutes gone in the second period, Wisconsin's Salvatore Poggiali found Jake McCall,

who sent the puck sailing past Matthew Loney. That gave Wisconsin the 1-0 lead – a lead that would stay until midway through the third period.

With Carson Teckenburg's penalty just expired, the Norskies evened the score after Chase Hapka found JJ Martin, who eventually found Scott Bugarin, who scored his fourth goal of the year. The goal, at 10:21 of the third period, tied the game at 1-1.

The Norskies would then find themselves in a tough position, after taking a too many men penalty at the 11:27 mark, setting up a powerplay advantage for the Lumberjacks. The penalty proved costly. McCall set up Zach Carson, who buried the puck in the net for the game-winning goal with 6:52 to go in the third period.

Tyler Swanson stopped 28 of the 29 shots he faced in the win for Wisconsin, while Loney stopped 23 of 25 shots he faced.

The Norskies wrapped up their two-game series

against Wisconsin on Saturday at the Spooner Civic Center.

Scoring
1 2 3 T
Thief River Falls.....0 0 1 1
Wisconsin.....0 1 1 2
First period - No
Scoring:Penalties-Hapka Trf (roughing), 7:10; Carson Wis (roughing), 7:10; Eckholm Wis (elbowing), 7:10; Rogen Trf (roughing, unsportsmanlike conduct), 16:56; McCall Wis (roughing, unsportsmanlike conduct), 16:56.
Second period - 1, Wisconsin, McCall 1 (Poggiali, Carson), 4:52. Penalties-Thompson Trf (slashing), 9:42; Rezac Wis (too many men), 17:20; Falkowski Wis (cross checking), 18:59.
**Third period - 2, Thief River Falls, Bugarin 4 (Martin, Hapka), 10:21. 3, Wisconsin, Carson 2 (McCall), 13:08 (PP). Penalties-Jouppi Wis (tripping), 2:44; Teckenburg Trf (roughing), 7:39; Tischer Trf (too many men), 11:27; Smith Wis (slashing), 14:11; Yu Trf (holding), 17:17; Teckenburg Trf (10-minute misconduct), 18:15; Teckenburg Trf (unsportsmanlike conduct), 20:00.
Shots - Thief River Falls 10-10-9-29. Wisconsin 7-11-7-25.
Power plays - Thief River Falls 0/5; Wisconsin 1/3.
Goalie saves - Thief River Falls, Loney 2-1-0-0 (25 shots-23 saves). Wisconsin, Swanson 1-0-0-0 (29 shots-28 saves).
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Norskies salvage series with 5-2 win

by Scott DCamp
Sports Editor

The Thief River Falls Norskies broke a 2-2 tie with second period goals by Chase Hapka and Jace Thompson en route to a 5-2 win over the Wisconsin Lumberjacks Saturday at the Spooner Civic Center.

The Lumberjacks opened the scoring at 5:16 of the first period with a McMillen goal.

The Norskies answered with Thompson's first goal of the night at 8:03 and took the lead on a goal by Yu at 15:53.

The Lumberjacks tied the contest at two goals apiece with Comstock finding the net with 3:45 remaining in the opening period.

Hapka's go-ahead goal was scored 18 seconds into

the second stanza, with Thompson scoring seven and a half minutes later to make it 4-2.

Rounding out the scoring for the Norskies was a third period goal by Martin, with his second goal of the season.

Picking up assists for the Norskies were Scott Bugarin, Alan Yu, Mitchell Nash (2), Thompson, Hapka (2), and Carson Teckenburg.

Matthew Loney saved 34 of 36 shots faced to pick up the win in the net for the Norskies. Tyler Swanson saved 32 of 37 shots and took the loss for the Lumberjacks.

The 5-2 win was the Norskies second of the season and it brought the team's record back to .500 at - 2-2-0-0. The Norskies are off until Oct. 8, when they

hit the road to face the first place Thunder Bay North Stars.

Scoring
1 2 3 T
Thief River Falls.....2 2 1 5
Wisconsin.....2 0 0 0
First period - 1, Wisconsin, McMillen 1 (Smith, Carson), 5:16. 2, Thief River Falls, Thompson 1 (Hapka, Mitchell), 8:03. 3, Thief River Falls, Yu 1 (Teckenburg, Thompson), 15:53. 4, Wisconsin, Comstock 1 (Hacker, Poggiali), 16:15. Penalties-Poggiali Wis (hooking), 5:24.
Second period - 5, Thief River Falls, Hapka 1 0:18. 6, Thief River Falls, Thompson 2 (Mitchell, Hapka), 7:48. Penalties-Opperude Trf (tripping), 5:02; Hacker Wis (hooking), 12:07; Carson Wis (high sticking), 14:43; Bugarin Trf (interference), 16:27.
Third period - 7, Thief River Falls, Martin 2 (Bugarin, Yu), 5:57 (PP). Penalties-Comstock Wis (cross checking), 5:30.
Shots - Thief River Falls 11-16-10-37. Wisconsin 17-10-9-36.
Power plays - Thief River Falls 1/4; Wisconsin 0/2.



Thief River Falls senior Jacey Novak charges toward the net during the number one doubles match of the Prowlers' home dual against East Grand Forks. Novak is one of six senior tennis players to be honored prior to the Sept. 23 home dual against the Green Wave.

Goalie saves - Thief River Falls, Loney 2-1-0-0 (36 shots-34 saves). Wisconsin, Lowden 0-1-1-0 (37 shots-32 saves).
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SIJHL Standings					
	w	l	otl	sol	pts
Thunder Bay	3	1	0	0	6
Dryden	2	1	1	0	5
Wisconsin	2	1	1	0	5
Thief River Falls ..	2	2	0	0	4
Kam River	1	0	0	0	2
Red Lake	1	2	0	0	2
Fort Frances	0	2	0	0	0

- Results**
■ Thursday, Sept. 23 - Thunder Bay 5, Red Lake 4.
■ Friday, Sept. 24 - Wisconsin 2, Thief River Falls 1; Thunder Bay 6, Red Lake 4.
■ Saturday, Sept. 25 - Fort Frances at Kam River postponed; Thief River Falls 5, Wisconsin 2; Thunder Bay 2, Dryden 1 (OT).
Schedule
■ Friday, Oct. 1 - Red Lake at Dryden; Thunder Bay at Fort Frances.
■ Saturday, Oct. 2 - Red Lake at Dryden; Thunder Bay at Fort Frances.



Thief River Falls junior Bell Hamre won a pair of matches in straight sets Saturday, defeating Madison Verbout of Roseau 6-1, 6-3 and LaVonne Lindberg of Perham 6-4 7-6. The Prowlers wrap up the regular season this week at the Northwest Quad Tuesday in Crookston, before playing Crookston Thursday morning in a neutral site dual at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks.

Girls Swimming

Prowlers take third at Otter Invite

Thief River Falls swam to a third place finish in the Otter Invitational Saturday at Fergus Falls High School. The three-team competition featured the 11 standard high school swimming events, plus one-meter diving, and added events like the 100-yard individual medley, the 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard backstroke and 50-yard breaststroke.

Kendal Rantanen secured the only wins for the Prowlers with first place swims in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

The lone runner-up finish for the Prowlers came from the 200 freestyle relay team of Maren Espe, Brianna Berg, Ava Budish and Rantanen.

The Prowlers have been dominant in the 200 medley relay during the 2021 season. Heading into the Otter Invitational, the Prowlers had won the event six times in seven tries.

Saturday, the Prowlers changed their lineup, moving Ava Budish from the freestyle anchor leg to the leadoff leg (backstroke). Espe and Rantanen stayed in their same spots, with Berg replacing Budish in the freestyle leg. The result was a time that was three seconds faster than the team's

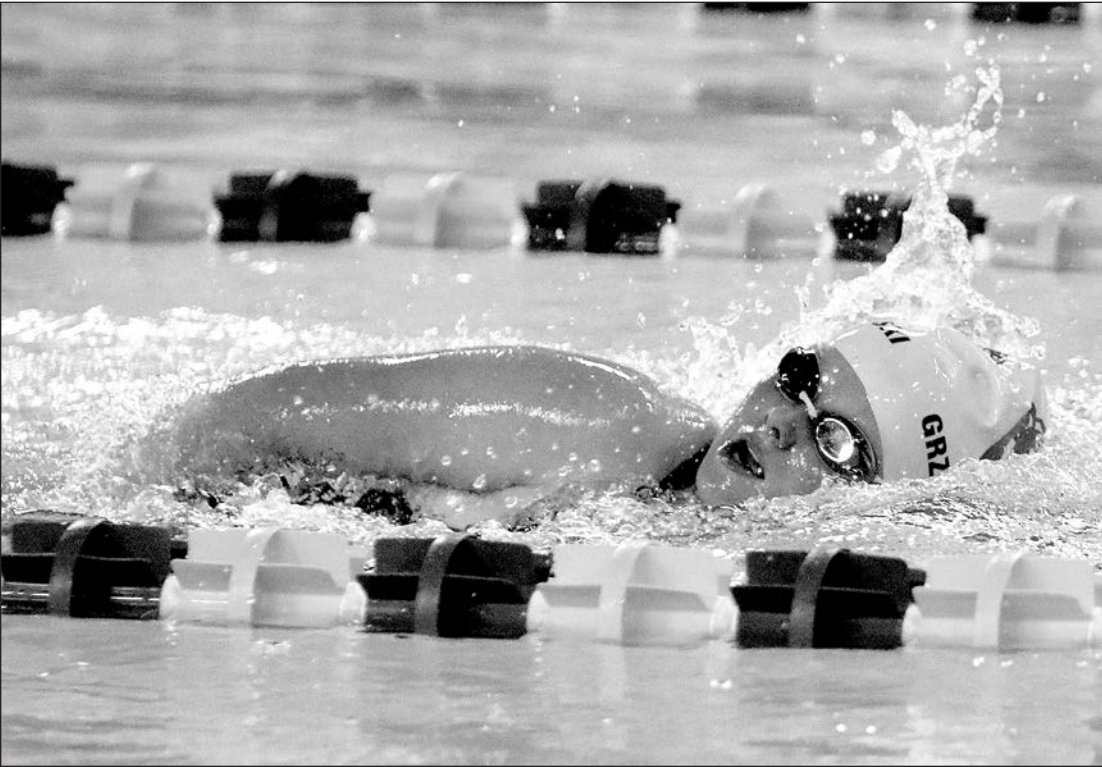
previous fastest this year at 2:05.21 – but only good enough for third place Saturday.

The Prowlers' other third place finish came from Budish in the 50 freestyle.

Detroit Lakes won 10 of the 16 events to take first in the team competition with 569 points. The Prowlers finished third with 388 points.

- Otter Invite**
■ Team scores - 1. Detroit Lakes 569; 2. Fergus Falls 523; 3. Thief River Falls 388.
■ 200 Medley Relay - 1. Fergus Falls A 2:01.53; 3. TRF A (Ava Budish, Maren Espe, Kendal Rantanen, Brianna Berg) 2:05.21; 7. TRF B (Vanessa Thibert, Breanna Lee, Olivia Schmidt, Anyah Fields) 2:30.56.
■ 200 Freestyle - 1. Rylie Wendt, DL 2:22.25; 4. Olivia Schmidt 2:36.26; 5. Gretta Grzadzielewski 2:37.42; 6. Shelby Holthusen 2:54.06; 15. Kailee Larson 3:03.87.
■ 100 IM - 1. Lexi Gerdes, DL 1:08.39; 10. Livia Thibert 1:24.15; 11. Elise Schneider 1:28.96; 13. Brystal Breiland 1:37.62; 14. Faith Hartmann 1:47.30.
■ 200 IM - 1. Faith Hamm 2:29.08; 4. Caitlynn Ellison 2:52.20; 5. Breanna Lee 3:07.16.
■ 50 Freestyle - 1. Alexis Wellman 26.85; 3. Ava Budish 28.02; 4. Brianna Berg 28.43; 6. Anyah Fields 29.55; 10. Tiera Bugge 34.22; 14. Milly Ortega 48.65.
■ 50 Butterfly - 1. Cora Martin, DL 30.69; 8. Brystal Breiland 44.43; 10. Tiera Bugge 44.89; 11. Adrienne Moran 46.48; 12. Kailee

- Larson 47.14.
■ 100 Butterfly - 1. Kendal Rantanen, TRF, 1:08.49; 5. Caitlynn Ellison 1:25.14.
■ 100 Freestyle - 1. Faith Hamm, Detroit Lakes, 59.69; 3. Ava Budish 1:03.07; 6. Gretta Grzadzielewski 1:09.50; 7. Vanessa Thibert 1:09.96; 10. Faith Hartmann 1:13.28.
■ 500 Freestyle - 1. Alexis Wellman, Fergus Falls, 6:00.97; 4. Shelby Holthusen 7:50.82; 5. Alora Holthusen 8:22.10.
■ 200 Freestyle Relay - 1. Fergus Falls A 1:47.49; 2. TRF A (Maren Espe, Brianna Berg, Ava Budish, Kendal Rantanen) 1:51.90; 6. TRF B (Gretta Grzadzielewski, Faith Hartmann, Caitlynn Ellison, Olivia Schmidt) 2:12.58; 7. TRF C (Elise Schneider, Carlie Casavan, Tiera Bugge, Livia Thibert) 2:19.75; 9. TRF D (Milly Ortega, Adrienne Moran, Alora Holthusen, Brystal Breiland) 2:39.57.
■ 50 Backstroke - 1. Rylie Wendt, DL, 34.21.
■ 100 Backstroke - 1. Kendal Rantanen, TRF, 1:09.56; 4. Jaymin Klosterman 1:14.59; 8. Vanessa Thibert 1:22.30; 10. Elise Schneider 1:30.29.
■ 50 Breaststroke - 1. Madi Gerdes, DL, 34.00.
■ 100 Breaststroke - 1. Madi Gerdes, DL, 1:12.99; 4. Maren Espe 1:25.01; 9. Breanna Lee 1:33.55; 10. Adrienne Moran 1:34.60; 11. Livia Thibert 1:35.05.
■ 400 Freestyle Relay - 1. Detroit Lakes A 4:05.00; 4. TRF A (Vanessa Thibert, Breanna Lee, Anyah Fields, Brianna Berg) 4:38.66; 8. TRF B (Gretta Grzadzielewski, Elise Schneider, Caitlynn Ellison, Faith Hartmann) 5:04.35; 9. TRF C (Livia Thibert, Tiera Bugge, Carlie Casavan, Shelby Holthusen) 5:24.25.



Gretta Grzadzielewski swam the lead leg of the Prowlers' third place-finishing 200 freestyle relay against the Fosston/Bagley Seals Thursday, Sept. 23. The Prowlers defeated the Seals 62-32.

Thief River Falls won eight of 11 events in a 62-32 swimming dual meet win over Fosston/Bagley Thursday night at Fosston High School.

The Prowlers were unbeaten in relay competition on the night, starting with the 200 medley relay team that won for the sixth time in seven tries during the 2021 season. The Prowlers' 200 medley relay team includes Jaymin Klosterman swimming backstroke, Maren Espe swimming breaststroke, Kendal Rantanen swimming butterfly and Ava Budish swimming freestyle. Thursday night, they were 16 seconds better than the second place medley relay team, which also belonged to Thief River Falls (Vanessa Thibert, Livia Thibert, Gretta Grzadzielewski and Anyah Fields).

Also winning relays for the Prowlers were the 200 freestyle relay team of Espe, Brianna Berg, Budish and Rantanen; and the 400

freestyle relay team of Vanessa Thibert, Grzadzielewski, Fields and Berg.

The Prowlers also got individual race wins from Olivia Schmidt in the 200 and 500 freestyle, Caitlynn Ellison in the 200-yard individual medley, Rantanen in the 100 backstroke, and Espe in the 100 breaststroke.

Prowlers with runner-up finishes include Budish in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Vanessa Thibert in the 100 backstroke, and Livia Thibert in the 100 breaststroke.

- Thief River Falls 62, Fosston/Bagley 32 Winner/TRF places**
■ 200 Medley Relay - 1. TRF A (Jaymin Klosterman, Maren Espe, Kendal Rantanen, Ava Budish) 2:09.87; 2. TRF B (Vanessa Thibert, Livia Thibert, Gretta Grzadzielewski, Anyah Fields) 2:25.85.
■ 200 Freestyle - 1. Olivia Schmidt, Thief River Falls, 2:32.71; 3. Gretta Grzadzielewski 2:36.12; 4. Vanessa Thibert 2:40.20.
■ 200 IM - 1. Caitlynn Ellison, Thief River Falls, 2:49.09.

- 50 Freestyle - 1. Ashten Wolfe, Fosston/Bagley, 27.31; 2. Ava Budish 28.02; 3. Brianna Berg 29.03; 4. Maren Espe 29.51.
■ 100 Butterfly - Haidyn Friberg, Fosston/Bagley, 1:15.38; 2. Kendal Rantanen 1:22.27; 3. Caitlynn Ellison 1:22.69; 5. Livia Thibert 1:30.40.
■ 100 Freestyle - 1. Ashten Wolfe, Fosston/Bagley, 1:00.31; 2. Ava Budish 1:02.75; 3. Brianna Berg 1:06.34; 4. Anyah Fields 1:08.50.
■ 500 Freestyle - 1. Olivia Schmidt, Thief River Falls, 6:52.28; 5. Samantha Zoller 8:01.13.
■ 200 Freestyle Relay - 1. TRF A (Maren Espe, Brianna Berg, Ava Budish, Kendal Rantanen) 1:55.87; 3. TRF B (Gretta Grzadzielewski, Olivia Schmidt, Caitlynn Ellison, Jaymin Klosterman) 2:04.81.
■ 100 Backstroke - 1. Kendal Rantanen, Thief River Falls, 1:11.28; 2. Vanessa Thibert 1:22.01.
■ 100 Breaststroke - 1. Maren Espe, Thief River Falls, 1:23.46; 2. Livia Thibert 1:34.22.
■ 400 Freestyle relay - 1. TRF A (Vanessa Thibert, Gretta Grzadzielewski, Anyah Fields, Briann Berg) 4:38.94; 4. TRF B (Samantha Zoller, Caitlynn Ellison, Faith Hartmann, Olivia Schmidt) 4:59.33.
Thief River Falls JV 45, Fosston/Bagley JV 10 Winner/TRF places
■ 200 Freestyle - 1. Samantha Zoller, TRF, 2:55.96; 2. Kailee

TRF sweeps home girls tennis triangular/Continued

[Continued from page 1] threw the girls for a little loop,” Spears said. “Michael said our girls played really well but Perham came much stronger than they did last time.

“I think what our girls need to realize is that moving back into double-A and being section champions in single-A, we have a large target on our back. We cannot take chance and just hang back or come into a match with the wiggles. We have to compete and stay determined through every point.

“We cannot underestimate any team as we don’t know what they are going to bring forward – especially when they are really hungry to win against us. EGF did just that and Perham was pretty close this time. I still believe we can take these challenging teams and play

well but the girls just need to have the right mindset before and during the matches.”

The Prowlers (12-4) have another challenging slate this week starting with the Northwest Quad at Crookston on Tuesday.

“This upcoming week is going to be really challenging play-wise and mindset-wise as we have a quad against Moorhead, EGF, and Crookston,” Spears said. “All I can say is I hope our girls come hungry.

“Also want to give a shout-out to our JV girls. They have been getting in tons of matches which is what our goal is for them at that level. They get out and take care of business getting in lots of sets. This is a great sign for the future of Prowler Tennis.”

TRF 7, Roseau 0

Singles - Avery Skaar (TRF) def. Erin Brandt 6-0, 6-4; Bell Hamre (TRF) def. Madison Verbout 6-1, 6-3; Braylee Wiene (TRF) def. Hope Grafstrom 6-0, 6-1; Ingrid Anderson (TRF) def. Karli Wensloff 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles - Abby Flaagan/Jacey Novak (TRF) def. Jessie Danielson/Emma Johnson 6-1, 6-4; Jenae Johnson/Paige Weets (TRF) def. Ava Hass and Kylie Winkler 6-2, 6-0; Emma Christianson/Stephanie Dagg (TRF) def. Mckenzie Reed/Kali Wibbels 6-1, 6-0.

TRF 4, Perham 3

Singles - to Malloy Belka (P) def. Avery Skaar 3-6, 6-2, 11-9; Bell Hamre (TRF) def. LaVonne Lindberg 6-4 7-6; Avery Malone def. Braylee Wiene 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Kaia Anderson (P) def. Ingrid Anderson 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles - Abby Flaagan/Jacey Novak (TRF) def. Maya Radniecki/June Gudmundsin 6-4, 6-2; Jenae Johnson /Paige Weets (TRF) def. Addisyn Zimmerman/Eva Vorderbraggen 6-1, 6-0; Emma Christianson/Stephanie Dagg (TRF) def. Morgan Smith and Alyna Moe 6-4 6-4.



Thief River Falls Head Coach Shawna Spears exchanges a fist bump with Jenae Johnson at the conclusion of a timeout. Also pictured is Johnson’s doubles partner, Emma Christianson.

Prowlers get first win of year against Otters/Continued

[Continued from page 1] really gave Fergus fits. It helped that Jace Erickson was a force on the corner for us. He constantly knocked away passes or tackled the receiver as soon as he caught the ball. Then we knew we had a strong kicker in Spears, who has been nailing long field goals in practice all year.”

Fergus Falls came into the game with a 3-0 record, with wins over Detroit Lakes, 29-15, Park Rapids, 28-9, and Pequot Lakes, 13-6.

Unbeaten and motivated by last year’s loss to the Prowlers, the Otters struck first on a 71-yard touchdown pass from Carter Thielke to Cole Zierden. Jaydon Manteufel added the extra point to make it 7-0 in favor of the Otters. It would turn out to be the only score of the game for the Otters.

“I was really pleased with how the guys performed as we told them Fergus – who was sitting at 3-0, which included a huge win week one over DL – would be out for revenge after we upset them last year,” Reynolds said. “But the guys didn’t flinch when Fergus hit that seam pass for their only TD.”

The teams traded possessions for the remainder of the first quarter and most of the second quarter before the Prowlers responded with a 61-yard game-tying scoring drive. Caleb Rosendahl, who only completed one of two passes on the day, connected with running back Braedon Potucek on a 21-yard touchdown pass to make the score 7-6. Brayden Spears added the extra point to tie the game 7-7.

Both teams missed go-ahead field goals. Manteufel’s attempt to give the Otters the lead just

before the end of the first half was blocked, while Spears’ first attempt at a go-ahead field goal for the Prowlers came up short to keep the game tied at 7-7.

“Each week we have found a new dimension of our team,” Reynolds said. “Week one was our defense. Week 2 versus Perham was our offense, which had the long touchdown drive to open the game. Against DL in week three, we won the turnover battle. This week, we put all of those things together and added great special teams plays. We had our defense come up with a key field goal block right before half time, so we didn’t give up points right before the end of the half for the fourth straight week. Then Jake Friedrich had a great game punting. Late in the game gunner Nolan Lubarski made an excellent play, downing a punt at the two. Then Brayden Spears came through with the field goal late to put us on top for good.”

Up next for the Prowlers (1-3) is the 2021 Homecoming game against the East Grand Forks Green Wave, who are 2-2 with wins over Pequot Lakes and Park Rapids, and losses to Detroit Lakes and Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. The Green Wave defeated the Prowlers 15-14 in last year’s meeting.

Scoring					
	1	2	3	4	T
TRF	0	7	0	3	10
Fergus Falls	7	0	0	0	7
Fergus Falls - Cole Zierden 71-yard pass from Carter Thielke (Jaydon Manteufel kick).					
TRF - Camden Potucek 21-yard pass from Caleb Rosendahl (Brayden Spears kick)					
TRF - Spears 29-yard field goal.					
Team Statistics					
■ Rushing (attempts-yards) - TRF 40-162; FF 14-46.					
■ Passing - TRF 1-for-2, 21 yards, touchdown; FF 15-for-26, 230 yards, 1 touchdown.					

■ Total yards - TRF 183; Fergus Falls 276.				
Individuals				
■ Rushing - (TRF) Griff Lundeen 9-22; Kadin Grindeland 13-70; Braedon Potucek 18-70; (FF) Cole Zierden 3-17; Landon Thacker 8-16.				
■ Passing - (TRF) Caleb Rosendahl 1-for-2, 21 yards, touchdown; (FF) Carter Thielke 15-for-26, 230, touchdown.				
■ Receiving - (TRF) Braedon Potucek 1-21 touchdown; (FF) N/A .				
Midwest District Red				
	Division		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
DGF	4	0	4	0
Fergus Falls	3	1	3	1
Perham	3	1	3	1
Detroit Lakes	2	2	2	2
East Grand Forks	2	2	2	2
Park Rapids	1	3	1	3
Thief River Falls	1	3	1	3
Pequot Lakes	0	4	0	4
■ Scores - Week 4 (Sept. 24) Park Rapids 28, Pequot Lakes 15; Perham 30, Detroit Lakes 28; Thief River Falls 10, Fergus Falls 7; Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 22, East Grand Forks 7.				
■ Upcoming games - East Grand Forks at Thief River Falls; Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton at Park Rapids Area; Fergus Falls at Perham; Pequot Lakes at Detroit Lakes.				

Reierson, Hellie, Onkka and Williams win Nasty Pin Placement Tournament

The second annual Nasty Pin Placement Golf Tournament was held Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Thief River Golf Club.

First place went to the team of Rick Reierson, Jim Hellie, Dave Onkka and Tom Williams with a 14 under par score of 58.

Second place at 12 under par went to the threesome of Kjelsey Stueber, Bailee Kolden and Emily Hallie.

Third place went to the team of Mike Dowers, Scott Stueber, Ben Pauly and Tom Pauly with an 11 under par score of 61.

DNR certifies Northern Pike, Muskie records

The DNR certified a new state catch-and-release record northern pike, a 46 1/4 inch fish caught June 19 on Basswood Lake by Brecken Kobylecky, a 15-year-old from Geneva, Illinois. The previous record was a 45 1/4 inch northern pike caught on the Rainy River in 2018.

The record pike was the biggest fish Kobylecky had ever caught. He was fishing with an Ely-based fishing guide and with about 10 minutes left of their final day fishing, they were trolling for pike.

“We hooked onto a huge pike that was barely hooked, and could hardly land it due to the sheer size and weight of the fish,” Kobylecky said.

Once the fish was in the boat, they carefully took a few photos and measured the pike before releasing the fish back to the open water.

“The whole experience went by in a flash, but it was an experience of a lifetime I’ll never forget,” Kobylecky said.

Angler ties state record for catch-and-release muskie

The DNR certified a 57 1/4 inch muskie caught July 23 on Lake Vermilion by Todd Kirby of Hudson, Wis., as tied with a 2019 muskie also caught on Lake Vermilion.

With two Vermilion Lake muskies now tied for the state record, this well-known water body continues to prove itself as a top muskie fishing destination. Kirby had fished the lake a handful of times and was familiar with small pockets that muskie seem to inhabit.

“That Friday night, we were up against the weather. There was a huge storm front moving through creat-

ing extremely unstable conditions. The humidity was high, and storm clouds were building. It was one of those nights that the fish seemed to be super active, our boat had multiple chases, one resulting in a 48 inch fish in the net — at that time my personal best,” Kirby said.

They continued fishing into the night and around 10:30 p.m., he had a large “thud” hit his line hard when his bait was no more than 15 yards from the boat.

“I compared it to reeling in a large moving ‘log’ and after a few dark splashes, she was in the net. Everything just happened so fast,” Kirby said.

Kirby and fishing partners John and Will Gavic thought the fish looked 50 inches and were amazed seeing they caught a fish even longer, and one that would earn state record status.

“My bait just so happened to be the one that she ate, but that whole night couldn’t have been possible without the help of John Gavic and Will Gavic. Muskie fishing is a team effort, and when you have a good team on your side, landing a fish of that caliber creates a memory of a lifetime,” Kirby said.

Perch: disappearing or getting smaller? Research underway

Yellow perch are more than great table fare. They’re an important Minnesota fish species as forage for predators such as walleye and as a targeted sport fish.

The DNR has survey yellow perch for decades. The data shows a statewide decrease in catch over time.

Perch are very adaptable to different environmental

conditions and populations can look very different from lake to lake, with some containing mostly smaller fish and others having destination trophy fisheries.

Standard nets used during population sampling only collect yellow perch larger than five inches so it is unknown if overall populations are decreasing or if populations are shifting to smaller individuals. Interestingly, research has shown that in some Minnesota lakes, yellow perch can live out their entire life cycle without reaching five inches in length.

A collaborative research project is underway to develop methods for more effectively sampling of yellow perch two inches long and larger and describe the range of population types that exist in lakes throughout Minnesota. These results will be used in future research to understand the fish community and environmental factors that shape yellow perch populations.

TRF chapter of Minnesota Deer Hunters Assn. to meet Thursday

The TRF Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association will be having its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m., at the Eagles Club.

There will be discussion on the upcoming events, which will include the Hides and the Middle River Round-up.

Gators rally in second half to defeat Freeze

The Northern Freeze built a 14-0 first half lead, but Badger/Greenbush-Middle River rallied in the second half for a 28-14 win for the Gators in a Friday, Sept. 24 nine-man football game at Badger field.

The Freeze built a 14-0 on scores by Nolan Bakke with 2:39 left to play in the first quarter and a Brady Skeim to Carson Moen 36-yard touchdown pass with 10:36 remaining in the half. Moen added the two-point conversion on the second score to put the Freeze in front 14-0.

The Gators rallied to take the lead with three third quarter touchdown passes by quarterback Kobey Dallager. Dallager completed touchdown passes to Dylan VonEnde for 45 yards, Aven Augustson for 24 yards and 20 yards to give the Gators a 20-14 lead through three, and he added a 44-yard touchdown pass to Zac Blawat to round out the scoring in the fourth quarter.

Dallager called his own

number and successfully converted two point conversions following the final two BGMR touchdowns. Dallager complete 5-of-12 passes for 149 yard and four touchdowns. He also ran the ball five times for 34 yards.

Freeze quarterback Brady Skeim was also 5-for-12 on the day, throwing for 78 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Blake Sillanpaa was the Freeze’s leading rusher, carrying 12 times for 79 yards.

Up next for the Freeze is a trip to Goodridge to face the Goodridge/Grygla Chargers.

Scoring					
	1	2	3	4	T
Freeze	6	8	0	0	14
BGMR	0	0	20	8	28
Freeze - Nolan Bakke 3-yard run (run failed)					
Freeze - Carson Moen 36-yard pass from Brady Skeim (Moen run)					
BGMR - Dylan VonEnde 45-yard pass from Kobey Dallager (pass failed)					
BGMR - Aven Auguston 24-yard pass from Dallager (run failed)					
BGMR - Auguston 20-yard pass from Dallager (Dallager run)					
BGMR - Zac Blawat 44-yard pass					

from Dallager (Dallager run)				
Team Statistics				
■ First downs - Freeze 14; BGMR 13.				
■ Fumbles (total-lost) - Freeze 0-0; BGMR 0-0.				
■ Penalties (number-yards) - Freeze 4-20; BGMR 6-55.				
■ Punts (number-average) - Away 5-23.0; Home 6-30.7.				
■ Rushing (attempts-yards) - Freeze 41-156; BGMR 28-128.				
■ Passing - Freeze 5-for-12, 78 yards, touchdown, interception; BGMR 5-for-12, 149 yards, 4 touchdowns.				
■ Total yards - Freeze 234; BGMR 277.				
Individuals				
■ Rushing - (Freeze) Blake Sillanpaa 12-79; Nolan Bakke 12-47; Brady Skeim 9-19; (BGMR) Dylan VonEnde 13-61; Ethan Waage 7-34; Kobey Dallager 5-34.				
■ Passing - (Freeze) Brady Skeim 5-for-12, 78 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 interception; (BGMR) Kobey Dallager, 5-for-12, 149 yards, 4 touchdowns.				
■ Receiving - (Freeze) Carson Moen 2-44, 1 touchdown; Everett Nelson 1-22; Gavin Hockstedler 1-17; (BGMR) Dylan VonEnde 2-61, 1 touchdown; Aven Augustson 2-44, 2 touchdowns; Zac Blawat 1-44, 1 touchdown.				
■ Tackles - (Freeze) Brady Skeim 5, Nolan Bakke 4, Everett Nelson 3, Carson Moen 3, Eli Grove 3, Jaxon Klegstad 3.				

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Current Sport: Girls Tennis
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Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota Wild
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Favorite Movie/TV show: The Office
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Going on bus rides and overnight trips
Other Sports/Activities: Figure skating, golf
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Plans After High School: Go to college and major in something involving finance.

Jenae Johnson

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Position: Doubles
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota Wild
Favorite Food: Mexican food
Favorite Movie/TV show: Riverdale
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Going on the overnighiter every year.
Other Sports/Activities: Hockey
Hobbies outside of athletics: Hanging out with friends.
Plans After High School: Go to a four-year college.



Wyatt Harbott
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Position: Guard/Defensive End
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Sports Team: Vikings
Favorite Food: Crab
Favorite Movie/TV show: Step Brothers
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Beating Fergus
Other Sports/Activities: Hockey
Hobbies outside of athletics: Motocross
Plans After High School: College

Brady Olson

Current Sport: Football
Position: Defensive End/Tackle
Favorite Subject: History
Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State Buckeyes
Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo
Favorite Movie/TV show: Talladega Nights
Career Highlight/favorite memory: East Side game in the snow last year.
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(Left) Hogan Ahlf utilized a sensory table with his grandparents Ricky and Brenda Peterson at Grandparents and Me Day. Thief River Falls Early Childhood Family Education hosted the event Saturday, Sept. 25 on the Challenger Preschool playground. (Submitted)



(Right) Bryan Pierson and his grandson Emery Bergerson posed for a photo Saturday, Sept. 25 at Grandparents and Me Day. Thief River Falls Early Childhood Family Education hosted the event Saturday, Sept. 25 on the Challenger Preschool playground. (Submitted)

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Pie and coffee caused the mess

The cooler morning temperatures this past week served as a reminder that it's time to begin spending more time inside. Outside the house, it's time to tend to those autumn chores - cleaning and storing patio furniture, raking up leaves, putting away the garden hoses, checking gutters and downspouts, checking vents, smoke detectors and on and on.

How about we go out for some pie and coffee?

For several months, we've been cleaning up the residence of a deceased relative. When we began, there was a certain - I don't know if excitement is the correct word - but there was a certain effortless eagerness and anticipation about the task. I think I said it would be "easy." Months later the task has become a much more necessary, as well as unrelenting chore that borders on drudgery. Cooler weather and a couple of offers to buy the house have put everything into high gear, and we're feeling the pressure.

This feeling of it becoming a burden isn't because of procrastination. For months now, we've been chipping away at it every weekend. To be honest, it was that way before we started, and I think pie and coffee may have been at fault.

As I think back on our visits, I wonder if we should have insisted on tackling those chores. They wouldn't be so burdensome today if we'd been more insistent then. We did offer. We would offer to help clean or get rid of stuff, but then we were always bribed by pie and coffee. By the time we were done with pie and coffee at the local restaurant,

it was time to go back home.

It was definitely easier to put off to tomorrow what should be done today because of pie and coffee. Pumpkin, pecan, apple (with or without a slice of cheddar), and sour cream raisin pie ... there were just so many choices. It's kind of amazing that someone can take a pile of fruit and turn it into pie. Look at sour cream raisin pie, for example. Someone looked at a lowly, shrivelled raisin and said, "Hey, let's make a pie using the raisin as the main ingredient." The result has to be part imagination and part magic. I guess I would prefer banana cream, but you have to admit that creating sour cream raisin pie was something like figuring out how to make broccoli taste good.

Did I ever tell you about the time my mom asked me to make pumpkin pie and I forgot to add the sugar? Oh, well I guess that's a story for another time.

Pie is just so distracting. This coffee shop also had cake and cookies, which compounded the problem when I wasn't in the mood for pie and coffee. You see, it's all the fault of pie and coffee. What were we talking about? Oh, that's right fall chores. I suspect that less than a month from now, the leaves will have dropped and we'll have to rake them up. Be sure to get them up to the curb for the city to come by and vacuum. We'll probably hear from the city about the schedule for the leaf vacuum within the next few weeks, and we'll also have to start doing all those bothersome fall chores. So, pie and coffee?

Driving us mad

It has been ages since I addressed the topic of using handheld cell phones while driving. I actually got tired of it, and I suspect people got tired of hearing it.

It doesn't work, right? We all understand by now that it's physically impossible to

operate a vehicle and a cell phone (text) at the same time.

I still see people doing it. Should I then say that it's OK as long as you understand that you'll get a ticket if caught or could be the cause of serious harm if you're in an accident? Just a thought.

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Letter: Look how far Line 3 has come

To the Editor:

As we near the end of 2021, it is easy to forget how far we have come in the past year.

This time last year, we were more than six months into the depths of a pandemic. We had endured numerous shutdowns, and restrictions changing our daily lives. Businesses closed, restaurants had reduced hours (if open at all), and our state - especially in rural parts - was hurting.

Thankfully, as the pandemic began to be a bit more under control, northern Minnesota got a kick-start to our recovery due to the Line 3 pipeline project. Work on this project started in December of 2020, and the incredible benefits it brought helped breathe life back into our communities.

Over the duration of construction, nearly 6,000 workers have been hired to work on this project across northern Minnesota. Due to the vast scope of the project,

many workers had to travel and stay away from home at times, bringing great economic boost to our towns.

While 2020 brought unemployment and reduced hours, the Line 3 pipeline brought increased revenue, more employees, and longer work shifts benefitting thousands of Minnesota families. In fact, based on some conversations that I've had, I would bet the Line 3 project is solely responsible for keeping many hotels, restaurants, and supply

shops up and running following 2020.

Additionally, this project will benefit Minnesota's budget by adding \$19.5 million each year in property taxes.

The list of benefits from the Line 3 pipeline project is far longer than this letter allows, but each and every benefit of this project will better our state and region for years to come.

James DuChamp
Mayor of Plummer

Drought relief package for producers

Friday, Gov. Tim Walz announced a \$10 million drought relief package to support Minnesota farmers and livestock producers impacted by severe drought conditions during the 2021 growing season.

"Historic drought conditions have created extreme stress and financial hardship for our farmers and livestock producers during an already difficult time for the agricultural industry," said Walz. "As governor, and as someone who grew up on a family farm, I stand with our farmers. This funding will provide much-needed relief to Minnesota's agricultural community and help ensure our farmers can keep feeding Minnesota and the world."

"Minnesota's farmers are essential to our economy and to our communities," said Lt. Gov. Peggy

Flanagan. "As we've traveled the state and heard directly from farmers, small and large, we know how critical relief is for families across Minnesota. This proposal provides meaningful support for our farmers and producers who have been hit hard by this year's severe drought."

"Thanks to the governor's drought relief package, Minnesota's livestock and specialty crop farmers will have an opportunity to recoup some of their losses," said Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "I encourage farmers and producers to apply for these grants and loans while they're available."

"We're grateful to see the governor take action toward providing swift, targeted relief to farmers who've been devastated by this his-

toric drought," said Gary Wertish, president of the Minnesota Farmers Union. "Many livestock and specialty crop producers are struggling to plan for winter and upcoming season. Any relief we can get out now will help keep families on the farm."

The proposal includes \$5 million in rapid response grants to provide drought relief for livestock producers and specialty crop producers. Examples of eligible costs include water handling equipment such as water tanks, pipeline, and water wagons, water hauling, wells, and irrigation equipment.

The funding proposal also includes \$5 million for the Rural Finance Authority's Disaster Recovery Loan Program. The Rural Finance Authority's Disaster

Recovery Loan Program makes zero-interest loans available immediately for Minnesota farmers whose operations are suffering from lack of rain. The Disaster Recovery Loan Program can be used to help cover lost revenue or expenses not covered by insurance.

More details on the drought relief package will be announced soon.

This summer, Walz met with agricultural leaders across the state to hear how the drought has impacted them. Walz also met with President Joe Biden and USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to ask that all levels of government work together to address the impacts of this drought on Minnesota's farmers.

Workforce crisis exists in nearly every nursing and assisted living facility

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) released a survey of nursing home and assisted living providers across the U.S. Results from the survey highlight an urgent need for Congress to address the workforce crisis facing the long term care industry.

Key findings include:

- 86 percent of nursing homes and 77 percent of assisted living providers said their workforce situation has gotten worse over the last three months.
- Nearly every nursing home (99 percent) and assisted living facility (96 percent) in the U.S. is facing a staffing shortage. 59 percent of nursing homes and nearly one-third of assisted living providers are experiencing a high level of staffing shortages.
- More than 7 out of 10 nursing homes and assisted living communities said a lack of qualified candidates and unemployment benefits have been the biggest obstacles in hiring new staff.
- Due to these shortages, nearly every nursing home and assisted living community is asking staff to work overtime or extra shifts. Nearly 70 percent of nursing homes are having

to hire expensive agency staff. 58 percent of nursing homes are limiting new admissions.

- 78 percent of nursing homes and 61 percent of assisted living facilities are concerned workforce challenges might force them to close. More than one-third of nursing homes are very concerned about having to shut down their facility(ies).

The survey underscores the severity of the crisis and the need for immediate action from Congress. Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows nursing homes and other residential care facilities have lost 380,000 employees since February 2020. As many caregivers are getting burned out by the pandemic, many providers don't have the financial means to offer competitive wages, resulting in workers leaving the field for jobs in other health care settings or other industries altogether.

The consequences of letting this crisis go unsolved are significant. Stories of nursing homes restricting new patients or shutting down completely because there aren't enough workers have made headlines in recent weeks. The long-term care labor crisis ultimately limits access to care for vulnerable seniors.

Without help from lawmakers, more workforce-related closures could occur, uprooting frail residents and their family members.

The reconciliation package under consideration in Congress is an appropriate vehicle to address chronic staffing challenges. AHCA and LeadingAge have proposed several solutions to strengthen the long term care workforce in the Care for Our Seniors Act, including assistance programs for caregivers through tax credits, loan forgiveness and childcare, as well as incentives for higher learning institutions to train the next generation of health care heroes. Federal resources for these long-term solutions as well as proper funding for Medicaid could go a long way to lifting up our frontline caregivers while preparing for a growing elderly population.

Lawmakers cannot miss this opportunity to invest in the long term care workforce and give providers the resources they need to attract and retain staff. A strong workforce will help prevent closures and ensure current and future long term care residents have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

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Please see our website at www.oaklandparktrf.com or call 218-681-1675 for more information.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Highway Maintenance

Crookston & Thief River Falls

Full Time w/Benefits

Salary Range: \$20.85 - \$26.20

Come join our team! Looking for qualified candidates to perform roadside maintenance and snow and ice responsibilities. Must have commercial driver's license! The state of MN offers a strong benefit package that includes: Health, Dental, Short-Term, Long-Term and Life Insurance as well as Retirement Benefits. MnDOT is a great, family-friendly, place to work. For complete job details and to apply, go to <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/> and search Job ID 49016. Deadline: October 12, 2021.

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We are seeking a full-time Loan Officer to join our AgCountry team in Northwest Minnesota. Office location is flexible to our Warren, Thief River Falls, Hallock and Roseau offices. In this position, you will work to build customer relationships and provide customer-focused financial solutions tailored to their specific customer needs in one or more AgCountry offices, with local travel required. If you are a team player, have a Bachelor's degree in agriculture, business, finance or related field and/or experience equivalent to the degree; possess strong analytical and communication skills; have knowledge of finance, economics, and agriculture; and are self-motivated, apply today!

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City Of Thief River Falls

Mechanic

The City of Thief River Falls, MN is accepting applications for a full-time Mechanic in the Public Works Department.

Employee will perform mechanic/technical activities involved in the maintenance and repair of various mechanical equipment and vehicles including both small and large engines.

Additional information and application available at www.citytrf.net or at the City Administrator's Office.

Applications accepted until Noon on October 14, 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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Red Lake Falls Housing & Redevelopment Authority is accepting applications for the Executive Director position. Red Lake Falls Housing & Redevelopment Authority is accepting applications for the Executive Director position. This 35 hour position is responsible for the proper administration and management of the RLF Housing Authority's two properties. Position includes responsibility for staff, procurement, overseeing maintenance, administering capital funds, developing budgets, managing finances, and meeting all HUD and MHFA compliance and reporting requirements. Qualified candidates preferred to have experience with HUD and/or MHFA and will possess at least 2 years business or financial management experience, a Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicants must possess effective communication skills, strong office management skills, the ability to work with senior and disabled residents, be computer literate and possess a valid Driver's license.

Please contact the HRA office at 218-253-2022 for an application.

Applications received until position is filled. Salary commensurate with experience.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

\$20.12 - \$24.57/hour

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is looking for motivated individuals with excellent communication skills to serve as Corrections Officers. Candidates must be committed to our mission, energetic, observant, and have good decision-making skills. In addition, they must have a positive attitude and be a role model to others. Good computer skills and ability to multi-task are essential.

Pennington County offers excellent health and life insurance benefits along with paid vacation and sick leave, and early retirement! This position is based on 12-hour rotational shifts and features a \$1.00 per hour night differential pay. Paid on-site training is provided.

Applications and a complete job description are available at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, 102 1st St W, Thief River Falls, MN or on our website at <http://co.pennington.mn.us>.

Application deadline: October 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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Quality Technician

Altoz, Inc. / Central Boiler, Inc. / WoodMaster, Inc. is looking for a self-motivated person to become an integral part of a fast growing company. The person in this position will perform various quality control related tasks pertaining to a manufacturing setting such as auditing, quality improvements, and nonconformance process controls.

This position will be working at our Red Lake Falls facility. On-the-job training provided for this position.

Qualified applicants can visit CentralBoiler.com to fill out an application and mail, fax or e-mail resumes to: Altoz, Inc. / Central Boiler, Inc. / WoodMaster, Inc. 20502 160th St., Greenbush, MN 56726 Phone: 218-782-2575 Fax: 218-782-3998 Email: employment@centralboiler.com

CentralBoiler.com Altoz.com WoodMaster.com

Oakland Park is looking to add dedicated, reliable and compassionate caregivers to our team!

We are currently seeking an Infection Preventionist to join our Long-Term Care/Transitional Care team to direct the infection prevention and control program of a 35-bed skilled nursing facility

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Establish a system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services in the facility.
- Develop and implement written standards, policies, and procedures for the infection prevention and control program.
- Collaborate with facility leadership and medical director to develop, implement, and evaluate infection prevention goals and action plans annually.
- Maintain a system for reporting possible incidents of communicable diseases to local, state, or national agencies as required.
- Oversee antibiotic stewardship program and monitor residents' antibiotic use.
- Assess the need for and help develop and present in-service education for all departments during general orientation, annual in-services, and as needed on an ongoing basis.
- Maintain current knowledge of federal, state, and local regulations and ensure that facility leaders are informed of appropriate issues; understand and comply with infection control, safety, and OSHA procedures and regulations.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current MN RN License
- 1-year long-term care experience preferred
- Have primary professional training in nursing, medical technology, microbiology, epidemiology, or other related field
- Specialized training in infection prevention and control preferred
- Infection Prevention Certification preferred
- Must be able to work effectively with minimal supervision
- Must have strong communication skills
- Ability to handle confidential information discreetly and appropriately
- Ability to provide resident care if needed

We offer flexible scheduling, competitive wages, and great benefits including 401k, and affordable health, vision, dental and life insurance.

Please see our website at www.oaklandparktrf.com or call 218-681-1675 for more information.

Apply online or in person at 123 Baken St., Thief River Falls, MN

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OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

TRF CAMPUS

- Job Title: Office & Administrative Specialist
- Location: Thief River Falls, Aerospace Site
- Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, Days

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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 48903

Review of Applications Begins: 9/29/21

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Center Director

Position Title: Center Director

Report to: Board of Directors

Discovery Place is a non-profit early childhood learning center and we are looking to hire a full-time center director who has a passion for children and learning and is a talented leader that will help Discovery Place continue to provide exceptional childcare experiences for the families that we serve.

Position Summary: The director is responsible for planning, implementing and coordinating services of the childcare and developmentally-based, educational program. The director focuses on quality standards to provide a safe developmental learning environment for children in our care. The director oversees the day-to-day operations of Discovery Place, including managing the curriculum, overseeing physical facilities, hiring, training, supervising and leading staff, oversees financial stability, and managing the overall health of the facility. The director is responsible to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal laws governing child care and non-profit centers.

Required Knowledge, Qualifications, and Education/Experience:

- Director monitors and is responsible for the day to day financial obligations within the established budget. Must be able to provide input to the board for budgeting purposes.
- Works well in a leadership position to motivate and inspire staff. They also must have good attention to details, enforce rules and regulations.
- Responsible for the recruitment and retention of qualified staff within the center.
- Responsible for the recruitment of children to the center and working with the prospective parents to answer questions and address any concerns.
- Must develop positive, courteous and professional relationships and communication with parents, children, staff and the board of directors. Be available for parental meetings where needed.
- Ensures all staff maintain a positive environment conducive to development for all children including safety and emotional development.
- Keep staff up to date on required and other valuable training.
- Maintain records on children enrolled in the program to include their development, attendance, immunizations, and general health; conduct program registration and maintain appropriate files and waiting lists.

Education / Experience: Meet both the director and teacher qualifications under MN Rule #3

- o Have 6 months of staff supervision or human resource experience either paid or unpaid, AND
- o A bachelor's degree in any field with at least one year of childcare experience, OR
- o Elementary Education or Early Childhood Teaching license, OR
- o AAS in Early Childhood Education or Child Development with 6 months of childcare experience.

- Pass a criminal background check.
- Possess excellent leadership qualities with experience in human relations or staff supervision. Strong understanding of financial budgets.
- Highly motivated, self-directed with a positive attitude. Works well and is empathetic with children.
- Strong customer service and organizational skills with the ability to meet deadlines, problem solve and multi-task.
- The ability to think strategically and futuristic thinking to help the center grow and become more efficient where needed.
- Professional appearance and demeanor both in and out of the Center.
- Current SUIDS, First Aid/CPR certification required or the ability to obtain these requirements.
- Regular to frequent requirement, and as needed, to lift children (up to 45 lbs.), including bending, stooping, stretching, squatting, pushing and pulling, and sitting and walking.

Benefits:

- Competitive pay based on experience and qualifications
- Paid time off
- Discounted child-care rates for own children

Interested applicants should send resume to discoveryplace1971@gmail.com

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Submit resume or fill out an application at:

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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN I

Pennington County is seeking applicants for the position of **Full-Time Custodian I**. No previous cleaning experience is required but applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED. This position will perform general cleaning duties and work Monday through Friday beginning 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 competitive wage and 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>. Click on 'Employment'.

Application deadline: Open until position is filled.

PENNINGTON COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Accounting Officer

Red Lake Watershed District is seeking applicants for a **full-time** position as an **Accounting Officer**.

General Function: Coordinates and maintains the finances of the Red Lake Watershed District. To include but not limited to accounts payable/receivable, financial statements, budgets, payroll, and associated report filings, coordinate annual audit, grant financial reporting, annual county levies, coordinate employee benefits, insurances, and assist with other office duties.

Requirements: Two-year degree in business, accounting fields or experience of equal value with extensive experience in using project or fund accounting such as Quickbooks and a variety of software packages (Microsoft Office) to produce correspondence and documents, maintain presentations, spreadsheets, and databases.

Application and a complete job description are available at the Red Lake Watershed District office at 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 or visit our website at redlakewatershed.org

Please submit application, cover letter, resume and references to the Red Lake Watershed District office.

Application deadline: Open until filled

Red Lake Watershed District is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Oakland Park is looking to add dedicated, reliable and compassionate caregivers to our team!

We are currently seeking a Director of Nursing to join our Long-Term Care/Transitional Care team leading clinical operations of a 35-bed skilled nursing facility.

Our perfect candidate has a passion for helping patients, improving staff performance, and delivering consistent patient care at our facility.

JOB SUMMARY:
To lead the daily coordination of nursing services and oversee all nursing operations of the facility; and to create a collaborative and efficient workplace with attention to quality standards and policies.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supervise nursing team to deliver quality patient care
- Interview, hire, and train employees and monitor their performance
- Manage nursing staff schedules and workloads
- Monitor and maintain nursing programs and activities in compliance with current policies and regulations
- Use nursing skills and knowledge to advise in all situations
- Complete reporting and auditing requirements in a timely manner
- Set and track departmental goals and objectives
- Provides direct resident care when necessary
- Investigates resident complaints
- Collaborates with physicians
- Oversees department budget
- Maintains stocked inventory of nursing supplies
- Develop, implement, and monitor a Quality Assurance program within nursing department
- Keep informed of new developments, current practices, and trends in medical science so that changes can be affected when and where applicable

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current MN RN License required
- CPR certification required
- 3 years' experience working in long-term care setting preferred
- Experience in managing staff, administration, or has been a Director of Nursing in a geriatric setting preferred
- Must be able to work effectively with minimal supervision, have strong communication skills, and ability to lead a group of people in completing tasks
- Ability to handle confidential information discreetly and appropriately
- Ability to develop and implement plans for program/department operations
- Knowledge of current federal and state regulations.
- Ability to provide patient care if needed.
- Knowledge of general nursing theories and practices.
- Knowledge of new developments in the field of geriatric care.

Please see our website at www.oaklandparktrf.com or call 218-681-1675 for more information. Apply online or in person at 123 Baken St., Thief River Falls, MN



Paraprofessional

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee has an immediate opening for a Paraprofessional for the school year 2021-22.

Position is open until filled.

Contact the school for an application or with questions at 218-796-5136

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Thief River Glass is looking for hard working individuals to fill the following positions:

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DISPATCHER/CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

\$20.91 - \$25.55/hour

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is looking for motivated individuals with excellent communication skills. The primary role of this position is to take calls for service and dispatch Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS. This position is based on 12-hour rotational shifts and features a \$1.00 per hour night differential pay. Applicants must have good communications skills, be able to multi-task, and prioritize workload. Basic computer skills working with Microsoft applications are required.

Pennington County offers excellent health and life insurance benefits, paid vacation and sick leave, and a retirement pension.

Applications and a complete job description are available at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, 102 1st St W, Thief River Falls, MN or on our website at <http://co.pennington.mn.us>.

Application deadline: October 5, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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DELIVERY DRIVER

Northwest Beverage Inc. is seeking a full-time, M-F, delivery/sales driver. CDL preferred, but we're willing to train the right person. Forklift experience helpful.

We offer competitive wages, commissions, paid health insurance, holidays, vacation and sick pay.

Email resumes to: nwbev6@mncable.net or in person, 1320 Greenwood St. West Thief River Falls.

Full-Time Employment Opportunity Service Writer/ Warranty Administrator

Thibert Chevrolet is seeking an individual to join their General Motors Service team. The job would consist of submission of warranty claims and assisting our valued customers in explaining their vehicle maintenance. Other duties would be to work with the Service Manager on the day-to-day operations of the dealership.

To request an application, please contact Thibert Chevrolet & Buick.

Phone: 218-253-2171
Email: sara@thiberts.com or mandi@thiberts.com

301 Main Ave S, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750



THIEF RIVER FALLS SEVENCLANS® CASINOS

HOTEL MANAGER

RATE OF PAY: Depending upon experience
LOCATION: Seven Clans Casino - Thief River Falls
OPENS: September 8, 2021
CLOSES: October 8, 2021

POSITION OBJECTIVES:
Under the general supervision of the General Manager the Hotel Manager is responsible to oversee the hotel operations for Seven Clans Casinos.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ Responsible for supervision of all hotel staff including: supervisors, front desk, reservations, guest services, auditors, porters and, housekeeping department.
- ❖ Responsible for smooth operations of hotel at all times, ensures guest services are provided and all areas are staffed; handles customer grievances as they arise.
- ❖ Responsible for training of personnel, evaluating, correcting deviations and praising. Participates in the performance review processes.
- ❖ Reviews financial information to optimize business revenues.
- ❖ Coordinates efforts between affected departments for promoting the smooth operations of the business.
- ❖ Reviews inventory to ensure proper quantities are maintained; places orders when necessary.
- ❖ Inspects and evaluates property for maintenance repairs and ensures compliance with appropriate regulations.
- ❖ Recommends policy and/or procedural changes; develops and maintains procedures within department.
- ❖ Reviews paperwork of department and ensures completeness and accuracy, including performance evaluations and reporting requirements.
- ❖ Ensures regulations, policies and procedures are adhered to and maintained.
- ❖ Analyzes and recognizes deficiencies or problem areas and provides solutions to achieve desired results.
- ❖ Participates in the review of associates and completes necessary paperwork as required by established policies and procedures. Maintains training program for departmental new hires.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
It is required the Hotel Manager have a Bachelor's Degree in the Hospitality Industry and GED, experience preferred

SEND COMPLETE RESUME/TRANSFER REQUEST TO:
victoria.mostrom@7clans.com Human Resources Office,
20595 Center St. E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
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- High School Custodian

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- Kindergarten Long-Term-Substitute

Position starts January 17 through remainder of the school year. Prefer candidate with elementary teaching license. December college graduates with elementary education degree would also be considered. Pay and Benefits based on Master Teacher Agreement.

For more information about each position go to:
<https://bit.ly/2XF1SX2>

For questions please contact Superintendent Jeffrey Lund - jlund@mccfreeze.org or 218-874-8530.

Please apply promptly, positions open until filled.
Marshall County Central Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

ACCOUNTING OFFICER INTERMEDIATE - GRANT & SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR - TRF CAMPUS

- Job Title: Accounting Officer Intermediate – Grants & Special Projects Coordinator
- Location: Thief River Falls
- Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, Days

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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 48772

Review of Applications Begins: 9/28/21

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20502 160th St., Greenbush, MN 56726
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Email: employment@centralboiler.com

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Music Teacher

Red Lake County Central High School is seeking a .5 to 1.0 FTE teacher for any combination of vocal music, general music, music media production and/or some instrumental instruction for the school year 2021-22.

Position open until filled.

Interested candidates should contact Randy Pederson, Principal, at 218-796-5136.

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HELP WANTED

GAMING MANAGER

Ecklund-Holmstrom Post 117 American Legion has an opening for Gaming Manager. The Manager must be a member of Post 117 for 90 days prior to hiring and continuing during employment. This position is responsible for the day-to-day supervision and operation of the State regulated gaming of Post 117. The Manager reports to the Post Commander and provides written reports as required by State and the Executive Committee. Completing and submitting all reports required by the State. Licensing by the State of Minnesota as a Gaming Manager is required. The Licensing procedure will be assisted by Post 117. A background check is required.

Contact Arlo Rude, Commander, at 218-689-2707 for more information and application.

Applications will be received until October 6, 2021.

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Duties include: Oil Changes, Tire Installation, Balancing & Alignment, and General Maintenance

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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.

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

PAYROLL & BENEFITS SPECIALIST

Effective: As soon as possible

Location: School District Service Center

Duties: Work directly with the District's outsourced payroll processor to ensure payroll is completed timely, efficiently and accurately along with being responsible for benefits administration.

Qualifications: Associate Degree in accounting or a finance related degree preferred plus three years of demonstrated successful payroll experience preferred.

Skills and knowledge: – must possess excellent computer skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, discretion, and a high level of attention to detail and accuracy. Strong organizational skills, ability to work under pressure, prioritize multiple tasks and meet deadlines. Work schedule must be flexible.

Salary and benefits: to be negotiated commensurate with successful candidate's qualifications and experience.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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

Providing a community partnership focused on quality learning, Independent School District 564 is an equal opportunity educator and employer.



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- ❖ Develops plans and determines the methods that will be used to ensure the operation achieves expected goals and objectives.
- ❖ Prepares and submits for approval to the property General Manager the annual business plan, departmental operating budget, and capital expense proposal.
- ❖ Performs all functions in accordance with applicable federal/state/local laws and gaming regulations, the mission and objectives of the Red Lake Nation, as well as established policies, procedures and controls.
- ❖ Responsible to ensure smooth operations exist in assigned area, including: staffing, inventory, profitability, quality assurance and customer service.
- ❖ Assigns employees, supervises, and participates in the serving of customers and preparation of meals, ensuring established guidelines are met.
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- ❖ Investigates and resolves food quality, employee, and service complaints.
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- ❖ Analyzes and recognizes deficiencies or problem areas and provides solutions to achieve desired results.
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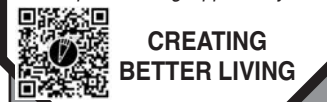
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September 29, October 6, 2021
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, IN DISTRICT COURT, PROBATE DIVISION, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 57-PR-21-676
In Re: Elaine L. Austinson, Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 18, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the decedent dated September 14, 2001, under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of **Tawnya Rae Sorenson**, whose address is 2624 – 250th Avenue, Hallock, MN 56728; and **Troy Allen Larson**, whose address is PO Box 58, Hallock, MN 56728, as co-personal representatives of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with this Court prior to or at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed, the co-personal representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 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.

Dated September 23, 2021
/s/ Kathy Narlock,
Court Administrator

Robert M. Albrecht,
Atty. License 138630
Brink Lawyers, P.A.
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 790
Hallock, MN 56728
(218) 843-3686

September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 25, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$442,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Sherman C. Johnson, surviving spouse

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Advisors Group

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 5, 2017 as Document Number 210983 in the Office of the County Recorder of Pennington County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: American Advisors Group by assignment recorded on June 3, 2021 as Document Number 220418 in the Office of the County Recorder of Pennington County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Real Property in Pennington County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot Eight (8), Block One (1), Knight's First Addition to the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota
APN: 25-07900700
Being the same property conveyed to Sherman C. Johnson, surviving spouse by deed from the estate of Mona M. Johnson recorded 04/28/2017 in Deed Book Page 210138 in the Office of the County Recorder, Pennington County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1241 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pennington County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$271,771.61
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Advisors Group
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Celink
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 25.07900700
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1009400-0005061136-8

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 02, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Pennington County Sheriff's Office, County Law Enforcement Center Lobby, 102 West First Street, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgageor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 2, 2022.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: August 31, 2021

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/ "N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq." Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9780
(21-0341-FC01)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT 2021 STREET AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, will meet on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 405 East Third Street, Thief River Falls, MN to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessments for the 2021 Street and Utilities Improvements Project, 3042021.00. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing. The properties proposed to be assessed are as follows:

ROBSON FIRST ADDITION
Block 1 Lot 4
Block 1 Lot 7
Block 1 Lots 11 - 14

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Section 33, Township 154, Range 43 1.50 AC 1.50 A. IN SE1/4SW1/4
Section 33, Township 154, Range 43 3.39 AC 3.39 A. IN SE1/4SW1/4

The amount to be specially assessed against your particular lot, piece, or parcel of land is \$_____. Such assessment will be added to your property tax statement over a period of 12 years and will bear interest at the rate of 2.50 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the entire assessment on such property to the City Administrator. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by December 31st, 2021. You may at any time thereafter, pay to the County Auditor the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is 2.50 percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Administrator's Office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$220,463.94. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Administrator prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners, as it deems advisable.

If an assessment is contested or there is an adjourned hearing, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The City will present its case first by calling witnesses who may testify by narrative or by examination, and by the introduction of exhibits. After each witness has testified, the contesting party will be allowed to ask questions. This procedure will be repeated with each witness until neither side has further questions.
2. After the City has presented all its evidence, the objector may call witnesses or present such testimony as the objector desires. The same procedure for questioning of the City's witnesses will be followed with the objector's witnesses.
3. The objector may be represented by counsel.
4. Minnesota rules of evidence will not be strictly applied; however, they may be considered and argued to the Council as to the weight of items of evidence or testimony presented to the Council.
5. The entire proceedings will be tape-recorded.
6. At the close of presentation of evidence, the objector may make a final presentation to the Council based on the evidence and the law. No new evidence may be presented at this point.
7. The Council may adopt the proposed assessment at the hearing and will prepare written findings concerning the amount of the assessment.

An owner may appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Administrator of the City within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within 10 days after service upon the Mayor or City Administrator.

Angela Philipp, City Administrator
Dated this 24th day of September 2021
Published in The TIMES newspaper on September 29, 2021.

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON IN DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 57-CV-21-617
TITLE QUIETING SUMMONS

Janel K. Engelstad, Plaintiff, vs.

Robert Niemi and Sandra Niemi, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney an Answer to the Complaint which is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court, within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Pennington, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE¼NW¼), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North of Range Forty-three (43) West of the Fifth Principal

Meridian; thence North along the one-eight line a distance of 812 feet; thence East at right angles to said one-eighth line, up to the point of intersection with the West line of the Great Northern Railway right of way; thence in a southerly direction along the right of way to the quarter line between the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28; thence West to the point of beginning, LESS Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE¼NW¼), Section 28, Township 154 North of Range 43 West; thence North along the one-eighth line a distance of 621 feet; thence East at right angles to said one-eighth line up to the Great Northern Railway right of way a distance of 313.5 feet; thence in a southerly direction along the right of way to the quarter line between the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28; thence West to the point of beginning.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the above described real property and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the defendants.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2021.

IHLE SPARBY & HAASE PA
By: /s/ Delray Sparby
Delray Sparby, #183398
Attorneys for Plaintiff
312 North Main Avenue
P.O. Box 574
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218)-681-7373

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Tuesday: Beef goulash, peas, garlic bread, tropical fruit

Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito bake with lettuce, tomato, sour cream, pears, dessert

Thursday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend, dessert

Friday: Fish patty on a bun with tartar sauce, cheesy hash-browns, baked beans, peaches

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Wednesday: Tator tot casserole, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday: Hearty meat gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, frosted bar

Friday: Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic dinner roll, canned fruit

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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, green beans, bread/butter, 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

School Lunch - Week of October 4-8

Challenger Elementary Thief River Falls

Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

Breakfast

Daily cereal options are available. Milk and juice available every day. Fruit options change daily.

Monday: Sausage breakfast pizza or cereal of choice, Trix yogurt

Tuesday: Blueberry muffin or cereal of choice, cheese omelet, roasted rosemary red potatoes

Wednesday: French toast sticks or cereal of choice, sausage patty

Thursday: Turkey bacon scramble pizza or cereal of choice, tri-tators, protein option: hard boiled egg

Friday: Cinnamon roll or cereal of choice, Trix yogurt

Lunch

Milk choices available daily. Fruit options change daily.

Monday: Hamburger patty on a bun, cheese slice, tator tots, sliced pickles

Tuesday: Super nachos: taco meat, refried beans, taco fixings, nacho cheese

Wednesday: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick, broccoli buds

Friday: Cheesy pull-aparts, corn

Franklin Middle School Thief River Falls

Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

Breakfast

Daily cereal options are available. Milk and juice available every day.

Daily menu unavailable.

Lunch

Pizza options: Big Daddy Primo pizza, 5" round pizza, French bread pizza, cheesy pull-aparts, pepperoni and cheese Bosco stick. **Other entree options:** Uncrustable, Italian sub sandwich, turkey, ham and cheese sub sandwich. **Salad bar fruit options:** Gala apple, kiwi, diced pears, diced peaches, bananas. **Salad bar veggie options:** Spinach salad, romaine lettuce, cucumbers, Carrot teenies, fresh cauliflower, green pepper sticks, edamame

Daily menu unavailable.

Lincoln High School Thief River Falls

Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

Lunch

Daily menu unavailable.
Grill Line changes daily: Hamburger, chicken patty.

Goodridge Schools Goodridge

All breakfasts are served with 1%, skim milk and juice. Fruit bar offered daily. All lunches are served with 1%, skim and chocolate skim milk. Salad bar offered daily. Menu is subject to change.

Daily menu unavailable.

Marshall County Central School Newfolden

All breakfasts and lunches served with juice, low fat/fat-free milk and fruit. All bread products served are whole grains. An alternative of cereal is available every breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Muffin, yogurt
Tuesday: PopTart, yogurt
Wednesday: Breakfast donut, cheese stick

Thursday: Cereal, toast
Friday: French toast, syrup

Lunch

Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fruit

Tuesday: BBQ on a bun, baked beans, chips, fruit

Wednesday: Brat on a bun, coleslaw, chips, fruit

Thursday: Shrimp poppers, curly fries, fruit

Friday: Quesadilla, corn, fruit, churro

Viking Elementary School

All breakfasts and lunches served with juice, low fat/free milk, and fruit. All bread products served are whole grains. An alternative of cereal is available at every breakfast.

Daily menu unavailable.

Red Lake County Central Elementary School Plummer

Milk and fruit are served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice are served with breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Donut
Wednesday: Toast with PB&J
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Egg wrap

Lunch

Monday: Ham and cheese bun, green beans, chips
Tuesday: Soft shell taco, top-

plings, cucumber cup
Wednesday: Hot dog on a bun, carrots, beans, chips

Thursday: Breakfast for lunch: Eggs and sausage, cereal, yogurt, green beans

Friday: Chicken nuggets, corn, au gratin potatoes

Red Lake County Central High School

Milk and fruit are served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice are served with breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Bagel with cream cheese

Tuesday: French toast with syrup

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Cereal, muffins

Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Lunch

Monday: Polish sausage or hot dog on a whole grain bun, baked beans, chips

Tuesday: Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, vegetable

Wednesday: Cheesy bread, dipping sauce, lettuce salad, carrot sticks, celery sticks

Thursday: Hamburger patty on a whole grain bun, tots, vegetable

Friday: Chef salad, breadsticks, fresh vegetable, cottage cheese, yogurt

Lafayette High School Red Lake Falls

All meals are served with fruit and milk. All breakfasts are served with fruit and juice. All lunches are served with fresh vegetables and fruit choice.

Breakfast

Monday: Cereal, toast with PB&J

Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Long John, yogurt or Greek yogurt

Thursday: Waffle with syrup, hard boiled egg

Friday: Cereal, muffin

Lunch

Monday: Chicken or cheese quesadilla, sour cream/salsa

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Level: Intermediate

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Numbers cruncher
4. Creator
10. A type of center
11. About spring
12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
14. Precursor to the EU
15. Something that can be

Townships reminded to apply for American Rescue funding

The Minnesota Association of Townships reminds and urges every township and township official to apply for their share of the American Rescue Plan Act funding, which is due by Monday, Oct. 4. Townships then will have around three years (until Dec. 31, 2024) to make spending decisions on the allocation of funds.

ARPA was signed into law March 21 by President Joe Biden to provide stimulus and funding for COVID-19 responses for individuals, businesses, and government entities. Minnesota's

townships will receive a portion of the \$350 million provided to the state's towns and cities with a population under 50,000, but not more than 75% of their 2019 budget.

Minnesota Association of Townships Executive Director Jeff Krueger said, "Every township should make sure to apply for these funds ASAP - and the Minnesota Association of Townships is here to help. These dollars are meant to help your community and it is wise to apply now, as spending decisions can then be determined in the com-

ing years."

Permitted spending categories include responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, premium pay to essential employees, lost revenue replacement, and infrastructure investment.

For more information and to apply, townships officials should visit the Minnesota Association of Townships website at www.mntownships.org for the special "ARPA" page with details, call the MAT office at 1-800-228-0296, or email info@mntownships.org.



Baker Street Sales has joined the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce. Baker Street Sales is an event rental company offering shuttle bus, margarita machines, popcorn machines, tents, tables, a portable bar and more to rent for events. Pictured are (from left) Chamber Executive Director Vanessa Ellefson, Owners Ladora and Steve Dahlen, and son/employee Elliot Dahlen. (Submitted)

Drive-up temporarily closed at NSB Walk-in Branch

The drive-up at the Northern State Bank Walk-in Teller Branch will be temporarily closed beginning Monday, Oct. 4 due to curb and gutter work in front of the branch.

The Walk-in Teller Branch will remain accessible from the street. The Walk-in Teller Branch is located at the corner of Horace Avenue and Third Street.

The main Northern State Bank lobby and drive-up, and Hugo's branch won't be affected and will be open normal hours.

Deadline extended for Manufacturers' Luncheon

The Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce has extended the deadline for the Manufacturers' Luncheon, which will be held Thursday, Oct. 7, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Quality Inn in Thief River Falls. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 1.

RSVP to the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce by calling 681-3720 or emailing contact@trfchamber.com.





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As part of the Line 3 replacement, we've committed \$100 million for Tribal-affiliated work opportunities, and we're engaging with Minnesota Tribes on training, contracting, procurement and hiring.

A Tribal-led Cultural Resources Survey was completed along the project route. With representatives of nine Tribes doing direct survey work, and more than 30 Tribes involved via government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this has been the largest such survey ever attempted in the energy industry.

Most importantly, we've been listening. From the start, we respected the wishes of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to route the new Line 3 around their reservation. We've also signed a 20-year easement renewal with the Fond du Lac Band and made further route changes based on the Tribal Cultural Resources Survey results.

Learn more at enbridge.com/tribalinclusion.

