

Construction projects come to a conclusion

Commissioners sign off on bridge and roundabout

by April Scheinoha Reporter

It's apparent that the construction season is coming to a close since the Pennington County Board finalized two of its summer construction projects at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Commissioners finalized the County State Aid Highway 8 bridge project. The bridge cost \$4,733,417.40. As part of that project, a bridge was constructed to connect CSAH 8 near Challenger Elementary School with a section of what was then known as Mark Boulevard.

Commissioners also finalized the Highway 32 roundabout near Sanford Health. That roundabout was built at a cost of \$2,661,800.96.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan said the entire CSAH 8 corridor, which includes the above projects and a related, separate roundabout near CES, has been entered for consideration of various awards.

The entire project was es-

timated at \$10 million with \$3 million covered by grants and the remainder by state aid and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Flaagan provided an update on the railroad crossing that runs through one leg of the Highway 32 roundabout. This month, Minnesota Northern will install signals and stop arms at the railroad crossing. That project is estimated to cost \$245,977.17, according to information presented to commissioners in July. The Minnesota Department of Transportation - Rails Division will cover \$50,000 of the project. The remainder will be split equally between Pennington County and MnDOT District 2. Pennington County's portion will be covered by state aid.

County Board announced that it is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Red Lake Watershed District Board as the county's representative. Dale Nelson currently serves in that position. His three-year term is set to expire Dec. 31.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Justice Center.



The Asp boys, including Andrew, Zeke and Gabriel, trick or treated Saturday, Oct. 30 outside of Fozzie's BBQ in Thief River Falls. They were escorted by their mom, Amanda. Their dad and sister were following close behind. They partici-

ipated in the Eighth Annual Thief River Falls Halloween Trick or Treating Event. The Kidz First Foundation and Ace Rent-All hosted the event.

The final victory goes to the one who endures

by David Hill Editor

He doesn't mind saying his rear was sore, and that he was a bit hesitant each morning when he knew that he would have to ride another eight hours.

"It was like riding a goat," said Dave Currier.

Currier, of Fargo, N.D., was the winner of the Motorcycle Cannonball Endurance Run. The race started on Sept. 10 in Sault Saint Marie, Mich, and ended 3,700 miles later at South Padre Island, Texas, after going through several states on the East Coast.

Erase any thoughts of this being like the movie "Cannonball Run" right now.

The Cannonball Endurance Run is for antique motorcycles. It's an endurance event, not a race. Even if he wanted to, it might not have been possible for Currier to break any speed limits on his 1911 Harley-Davidson, unless it was in a school zone. The average speed was 40 mph.

The 1911 Harley-Davidson motorcycle is a single cylinder, belt-driven (a 4hp motorized bike) that re-



Winning team

The Cannonball Endurance Run trophy was won by Dave Currier and his team. Currier, second from left, is pictured with his team from Northern Crankshaft: Eric Rouland, John Rouland, and Troy Friedrich.

quires the operator to pedal it - yes, pedal it - until the operator can engage the engine. It weighs about 230 pounds and has no suspension whatsoever - thus a sore rear if you're riding it between 200 and 300 miles per day for 16 days straight.

The Motorcycle Cannonball Run started in 2010 and is held every two years. It began when Lonnie Isam, Jr. conceptualized a race that celebrated vintage motorcycles. The name of the race comes from Erwin Cannon-

ball Baker, an early motorcycling pioneer who recorded dozens of cross-country records riding a variety of motorcycles and sidecars in the 1900s.

What's Currier's connection to Thief River Falls?

Currier participated in his first Cannonball Run in 2018. He bought and got ready a 1915 Harley-Davidson V-Twin, and finished second in his class and 13th overall. There are several different classes in the event, and Currier really

wanted to win, so he decided to search for a 1911 Harley. Such bikes don't arrive brand new out of box; they require some work. In 2017, he found Northern Crankshaft of Thief River Falls and came into the lives of John and his son Eric Rouland.

Currier described John as a snowmobile guy all the way, but he's someone who has a deep appreciation for antique motorcycles. "He's one of the nicest guys you'll

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10 minutes more to the school day?

COVID numbers remain low in TRF schools

by David Hill Editor

School District 564, Thief River Falls, is considering adding 10 minutes to each school day next year. Discussion about the additional 10 minutes came up during the meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, Oct. 25, and in conjunction with discussions about Lincoln High School's Vision Card goals, and the proposed school district calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

A broad overview of the additional 10 minutes to each day means that students would have more educational opportunities, and result in the calendar school year ending before Memorial Day. The additional 10 minutes added to each day has apparently been approved by the Teachers Association, and may have been part of negotiations that took place earlier this year.

No formal discussion about the additional 10 minutes has been conducted during school board meetings. Scott Brekke, principal at Lincoln High School, and Kelly Weets, vice principal

at Lincoln High School, noted that such an adjustment requires a tremendous amount of planning as one change effects many other things.

Donita Stepan, superintendent, explained later that "As part of our negotiations with Thief River Falls Education Association, they brought forth reducing the total number of student days by four days. However, this change will increase the length of each student day by 10 minutes. Over the course of the year, we will end up with more student contact minutes per school year. It is at the discretion of building administrators whether the additional 10 minutes will fall at the beginning or end of the day. The 2022-23 school calendar, which will be approved at an upcoming school board meeting, will reflect these changes."

Weets presented two calendar options for the 2022-2023 school year. Of particular note is that both options end the school year before Memorial Day. This would be possible because of the 10 minutes added to each day. There were some slight differences between the options, such as spring break and conferences.

Misty Hempel, a member of the Board of Education, (Continued on Page 11)



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TRF man charged with felony drug offense

Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - previous conviction: On Oct. 26 at about 10:10 p.m., police received a report of a drug-related disturbance at an apartment at 204 LaBree Ave. N. Donovan Lee Olson Jr., 60, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - previous conviction. He was arrested. Upon arriving, police encountered Olson, but an officer was unable to understand what Olson was saying. During their conversation, Olson looked at a metal tray behind him in his apartment, Apartment 4. The officer then allegedly saw three baggies on a tray - one containing suspected meth and two containing suspected marijuana. Two pills were also found. A search warrant was soon signed and executed for the apartment. Overall, police found two small baggies with each containing a crystal of suspected meth; two small baggies with crystal substances; and a glass meth pipe. All had a presumptive positive test for meth. They also found 6.5 Tramadol pills, a Clonazepam pill, a white pill, two baggies of marijuana; and four needles. The needles included a loaded, capped hypodermic needle on the living room floor; a hypodermic needle near a

living room chair; and an empty, capped hypodermic needle in a kitchen drawer. Another needle was found near a broken pipe and spoon. The complaint indicated that Olson has several prior convictions for controlled substance crimes.
Theft: On Oct. 26 at 3:16 p.m., the sheriff's office received a report of a theft out of a vehicle. Someone had stolen a Browning 22 handgun. It was unknown where the vehicle had been parked at the time of the gun theft.
Second degree driving while impaired: On Oct. 26 at 1:18 a.m., police received a traffic stop near the intersection of Tindolph Avenue and Mussey Street. Jarvis Paul Anthony Kuznia, 37, Thief River Falls, has charges pending for second degree DWI. He was arrested.
Accident: On Oct. 26 at 3:19 p.m., police received a report of an accident in the 1000 block of Tindolph Ave. S. At the time of the accident, Jase E. Nelson of Thief River Falls was driving a 2010 Dodge southbound on Tindolph Avenue South. He turned eastbound onto 158th Street, hitting an electrical box. No injuries were reported.
Second degree refusal to submit to a chemical test and third degree DWI: On Oct. 30 at 1:21 a.m., police performed a

traffic stop near the intersection of Dewey Avenue and Eighth Street. Mitchell David Scramstad, 47, Thief River Falls, has been charged with second degree refusal to submit to a chemical test and third degree DWI. He was arrested.
Third degree DWI: On Oct. 30 at 8:17 p.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Davis Avenue and Fifth Street. Justin Andrew Anderson, 21, Thief River Falls, has been charged with third degree DWI. He was arrested.
Thief River Falls media receive these reports from law enforcement. 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 crimes and offenses. Depending upon the circumstances, charges can be, and sometimes are, changed or dropped by law enforcement or attorneys even before the case reaches court.
Readers should also realize that under the American system of jurisprudence, those charged with crimes are innocent until proven guilty of those crimes in a court of law.

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TRF woman charged with three felony drug offenses

by April Scheinoha Reporter

A Thief River Falls woman has been charged in Pennington County District Court for three felony drug offenses stemming from incidents at the Pennington County Human Services office and the probation office.
Tanya Lynn Aery, 32, has been charged with felony counts of fourth degree sale of a Schedule 1, 2 or 3 drug; fifth degree possession of a schedule 1, 2, 3 or 4 drug; and second degree possession of 25 grams or more of cocaine or methamphetamine. The complaints were electronically signed Friday, Oct. 29 by Pennington County Attorney Seamus Duffy.
The first two charges

stemmed from an allegation that Aery possessed 2.2 grams of suspected meth at the Pennington County Human Services Department on Wednesday, Sept. 1. That complaint also alleges that she admitted selling one gram of meth to another woman.
The second complaint stems from a report that Aery allegedly possessed 27 grams of suspected meth Friday, Oct. 29 at the Minnesota Department of Corrections Field Office. That probation office is located in the Pennington County Justice Center.
First complaint
The Sept. 1 incident stemmed from a call from the Pennington County Human Services Department, which reported that someone had dropped a pouch containing suspected narcotics at the PCHS window. Employees allegedly said Aery had come to the window, slumped onto the counter and seemed a "little out of it." She obtained some paperwork and left a short time later. They soon observed the pouch near where Aery had been stand-

ing. The pouch contained about 2.2 grams of meth. No one else had gone to the front counter after Aery had left.
Later that afternoon, a police juvenile investigator spoke to Aery at the probation office. She said she had been to PCHS, but she didn't believe she had dropped any meth. Aery allegedly said she possessed meth there, but she thought she had left it in her car. Upon leaving PCHS, she said she had sold one gram of meth for \$50 to another woman.
Second complaint
The second incident stemmed from a call Friday related to an apprehend and detain hold order at the DOC field office. Prior to being arrested, police asked Aery if she possessed any contraband. Aery allegedly admitted that she possessed 14 grams of meth, which were inside a stuffed animal. The stuffed animal was located in a backpack she had been carrying.
Inside the stuffed animal, a police sergeant allegedly found four baggies of meth measuring 27 grams. A scale was also found inside.



Tanya Lynn Aery



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RehabAuthority to pay \$4 million

RehabAuthority LLC, a physical therapy company with operations in Minnesota, has agreed to pay \$4 million to resolve allegations that it submitted false claims for payment for outpatient physical therapy services in violation of the False Claims Act. Acting U.S. Attorney W. Anders Folk of the District of Minnesota made the announcement.
The settlement resolves allegations that, from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2018, RehabAuthority clinics submitted or caused to be submitted false claims for payment to the government for

outpatient physical therapy. The clinics, located in Minnesota, North Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming, improperly billed Medicare Part B, Minnesota Medicaid, TRICARE, and the Veterans Health Administration for one-on-one outpatient physical therapy, including therapeutic exercises, manual therapy, ultrasounds, therapeutic activities, and gait training. The resolution centered on allegations that the company billed the government for direct, one-on-one care with physical therapists, but did not provide it when it overbooked government beneficiaries for cer-

tain outpatient physical therapy services.
The civil settlement includes the resolution of claims brought under the qui tam or whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act against RehabAuthority. Under the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, a private party can file an action on behalf of the United States and receive a portion of the recovery. The qui tam case is captioned United States and the State of Minnesota ex rel. Cami Lane v. RehabAuthority, LLC, et al., No. 17-cv-5103 (DWF/ECW).

Minnesota Energy teams up with law enforcement to stop scams

Minnesota Energy Resources is partnering with police to protect its customers from con artists. Over the years, its customers have lost thousands of dollars in utility scams. It doesn't want anyone else to fall victim.
That's why it asked law enforcement to share the warning signs of utility scams on social media on Thursday, Oct. 21. Its goal was to flood newsfeeds with

this safety information. Scammers may:
• Pretend to be from Minnesota Energy Resources. They may even manipulate caller ID to make it look like Minnesota Energy is calling or leave a recorded message that sounds like it's from the company.
• Threaten to turn off your energy right away.
• Demand immediate payment - often by pre-

paid debit card or unusual payment methods like cryptocurrency or third-party apps.
If you think a scammer is targeting you, hang up! It's not rude; it's safe.
Call Minnesota Energy at 1-800-889-9508 if you have questions about a call you've received and contact local law enforcement if you've fallen victim to a scam.

TRF man sentenced for two felonies

A Thief River Falls man was sentenced Monday, Oct. 25 in Pennington County District Court for two separate felony offenses.

Matthew Peter Stengrim, 27, was sentenced for a felony charge of felon in possession of ammunition in one of the cases. A felony charge of felon in possession of a firearm was dismissed.



Matthew Peter Stengrim

For the ammunition charge, Stengrim was ordered to serve 27 months in prison. He was ordered to supply a DNA sample. Stengrim was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charges stemmed from an ongoing burglary investigation. According to the complaint, a Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force officer was assisting the Polk County Sheriff's Office with the investigation around Aug. 27, 2019. A woman implicated herself and her boyfriend, William Henderson, in a series of burglaries and other thefts. Henderson, who was incarcerated at the Pennington County Jail on an unrelated charge, said they had stolen several items, including a .45-caliber handgun, out of a parked vehicle in Erskine. They also stole a light, which could be mounted on the end of the gun.

Henderson said they had taken the gun and other stolen items to Stengrim's home. He believed that Stengrim still possessed the gun since Stengrim wanted to buy it and had shot the

gun with a friend the Saturday before Henderson had been arrested.

The complaint indicated that Stengrim was a convicted felon, who was ineligible to possess firearms and ammunition due to a felony second degree burglary conviction. At the time, Stengrim was wanted on a warrant for felony escape from custody and allegations that he had violated his probation.

Law enforcement later executed a search warrant at the home of Stengrim's grandmother. He was living with her at the time. Inside Stengrim's bedroom, law enforcement found a flashlight/laser that mounts on a pistol, 7 Winchester .45-caliber bullets, a gun cleaning kit, a shoulder holster for a pistol, a pistol case containing 14 Focochi 12-gauge shotgun shells, and a pistol case containing 14 Winchester .45-caliber bullets. In a detached garage, law enforcement found two boxes of Hornady ammunition, including 22-250 caliber rifle bullets and Valkyrie .224-caliber bullets.

At the time that the complaint was written, a warrant was requested for Stengrim's arrest due to his past criminal history; it was believed he may have possessed a firearm and his location was unknown. Henderson has since

been sentenced for his role in the crimes.

Stengrim was also sentenced for a felony charge of fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle. Misdemeanor charges of fleeing an officer by means other than a motor vehicle and driving after revocation were dismissed.

For the felony charge, Stengrim was sentenced to 19 months in prison. That sentence is to be served concurrently with another case. He was ordered to supply a DNA sample and pay \$210 in fees and fines.

Those charges stemmed from a report Sept. 20, 2019, that Stengrim and a woman were seen exiting Stengrim's home, 1219 Sunset St., according to the complaint. Two PTPDTF officers, the police investigator and a police officer soon conducted surveillance outside the home.

Sometime later, Stengrim and another male exited the home and went into the vehicle. A PTPDTF officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop. However, Stengrim drove 65 mph down Technology Street. He didn't stop for a stop sign and eventually traveled onto 150th Street, where speeds averaged 90 mph. Stengrim slowed down and then exited the vehicle near the intersection of 130th Avenue and 150th Street. He entered a wooded area, where he was apprehended after leading the PTPDTF officer and a deputy on a short foot chase.

With the passenger still inside, the vehicle slowly went into a ditch. The passenger identified Stengrim

as the driver. He said he had no idea why Stengrim was fleeing from law enforcement. He said Stengrim began swearing when they tried to stop him.

As part of the pre-bookings process, Stengrim was later asked a few questions regarding emergency contacts and his property. While being transported to the jail, he made utterances that the passenger had nothing to do with the pursuit and it was all him.

Jerod Erik Carlson, 37, Thief River Falls, was sentenced for a felony charge of domestic assault. He was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison stayed for five years. Carlson was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. He was ordered to comply with a Domestic Abuse - No Contact Order and follow



Jerod Erik Carlson

all existing no contact orders. Carlson was ordered to undergo a domestic abuse evaluation. He was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Carlson was ordered to provide a DNA sample. He was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines, and \$2,529.05 in restitution.

The charges stemmed from a 911 call at about 10:31 a.m. July 11, according to the complaint. En route to the home in the 900 block of Reserve Ave., police learned that the incident,

while initially reported as a verbal domestic disturbance, involved a physical assault.

A woman reported that Carlson had placed his hand on her neck. She said he had an active warrant out of Polk County and she believed he was inside the home. She told police to be careful since he knew they were coming to the home and he was ready for them. Police didn't find Carlson in the home; however, they observed damage to the floor and kitchen cabinets.

Police went to the home of Carlson's father, who said he hadn't seen his son in a week. He consented to a search of his yard, where police found Carlson in a garden shed.

Carlson told police that the woman was working the previous night and wouldn't answer his phone calls or Facebook messages. She returned home after 10 a.m. that day and the two of them argued. Carlson said there was no physical assault. He said he didn't want the woman drinking and driving and had unhooked her car battery. Carlson said he then left and went to his dad's home.

The complaint indicated that Carlson had been convicted of gross misdemeanor domestic assault in September 2017 and May 2019. Both convictions were in Pennington County.

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Stay of adjudication granted for felony domestic assault in TRF

A stay of adjudication was granted for a felony domestic assault charge 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: Matthew Brian Wavra, 40, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a felony charge of domestic assault and continued, pay \$300 to the Pennington County Crime Victim Advocacy Program, probation to the court for two years, no contact with victim or her family, not to enter victim's residence, complete Domestic Abuse Batterers' Intervention Program and file proof of completion with the court, Domestic Abuse - No Contact Order, follow all active no contact orders; Miranda Elizabeth Solem, 40, Thief River Falls, 50/40, \$125; Caleb Carl Wood, 36, Hawley, stay of adjudication for a charge of theft and continued, \$50, unsupervised probation for one year.

Wendy Sue Gustafson, 51, Thief River Falls, second degree driving while impaired, \$990 with \$750 stayed, one year in jail stayed for six years, supervised probation for six years, complete DWI Program, chemical assessment, complete treatment and aftercare, charge of driving after revocation dismissed; Kenneth Lynn Hagman, 63, Thief River Falls, charge of public nuisance - storage or accumulation dismissed; Joy Ilene Lasley, 35, Red Lake, driving after revocation, \$285, no insurance - driver, \$200; Jaylen James David Merrill, 22, Thief River Falls, disorderly conduct, \$135, 10 days in jail stayed for one year.

John Anthony Monreal, 31, Thief River Falls, fourth degree DWI - Schedule I or II substance, \$690, 30 days in jail stayed for two years, that sentence is to be served concurrently with another count, supervised probation for two years, statutory stay of adjudication for a gross misdemeanor charge of fifth degree possession of a controlled substance and continued, supervised probation for one year, pay \$50 to Pennington County K-9 Fund, chemical assessment, not to use or possess firearms, ammuni-

tion or explosives, charges of second degree DWI, no insurance and fourth degree DWI were dismissed; Joann Louise Nelson, 63, Thief River Falls, failure to yield, \$135.

Ricardo Perez Pena, 37, Thief River Falls, driving after cancellation, \$285; Racheal Kimberly Pickle, 37, Thief River Falls, expired registration, \$815, no insurance - owner, \$200; Grant Wayne Reed, 67, Thief River Falls, driving after cancellation, \$135, collision with an unattended vehicle - failure to notify victim or police, \$50.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Todd Allan Boman, 39, Newfolden, third degree DWI, \$240, one year in jail stayed for four years, supervised probation for four years, chemical assessment, complete DWI Program in Marshall County; Reina Mae Almdendae, 17, Oklee, 65/60, \$125; Michael James Vanoverbeke, 34, Hanley Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Jeffrey Alan Wickham, 28, Kelliher, 81/60, \$225; Dante Viviani Steele, 48, Thief River Falls, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed; Cameron Michael Ulfferts, 41, Thief River Falls, no

seat belt worn, \$110; Austin D. Clenney, 24, East Moline, Ill., marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135.

Juan Miguel De La Fuente, 21, La Feria, Texas, 75/55, \$225; Roy James Broncheau, 38, Red Lake, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed; Jeffrey Paul Burkland, 51, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-Free Law - engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Jacob Allen Reiter, 46, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; James Jamison Rodriguez, 45, Alvarado, violation of Hands-Free Law - engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Laureano Omar Ruben, 32, Thief River Falls, no driver's license, \$185; Darcy Smith, 46, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; James Paul Lallier, 39, St. Hilaire, charge of driving after cancellation - inimical to public safety dismissed.

Alexandria Marie Maashio, 24, Grand Forks, N.D., 71/60, \$135; Hattie Marie Horse Looking, 53, Rosebud, S.D., 70/60, \$125; Haven Jade Kuehn, 26, Warren, 65/60, \$125; Patrick Leroy Harzke, 51, Goodridge, improperly worn seat belt, \$110; Jerry William Hlucny, 51, Fisher, charge of no proof of

insurance dismissed; Gregory Thomas Dyrdal, 59, Thief River Falls, expired registration, \$115; John Hershel Emery, 30, Leonard, no seat belt worn, \$110; Terhya Marie Nyegaard, 26, Strathcona, 65/55, \$125; Levi William Poxleitner, 27, Kelliher, 65/60, \$125; Rachel Elizabeth Moore, 28, Goodridge, no seat belt worn, \$110; Jase Ernest Nelson, 16, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Paul Jerome Wiggs, 20, Fargo, N.D., no seat belt worn, \$110, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed.

Pennington County Sheriff's Office cases: Matthew Brian Wavra, 40, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a charge of issuance of a worthless check and continued, \$100, unsupervised probation for one year, \$50 in restitution; Joshua Theodore Njaa, 31, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a charge of issuance of a worthless check and continued, unsupervised probation for one year, \$75.83 in restitution; Patricia Lynn Torgerson, 32, Thief River Falls, charge of issuance of a worthless check dismissed.

A matter of life and death: Handle grain properly

by **University of Nebraska Medical Center Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health**

Working with any kind of grain - especially when it's stored in a bin - poses life-threatening hazards.

Understanding those hazards and knowing how to protect yourself from harm helps prevent serious injury or death.

Becoming trapped in flowing grain is one of the most hazardous aspects of grain handling. "Getting caught in a grain auger as you move grain from a wagon to the bin or becoming entangled in a sweep auger on a bin floor are also involved in grain handling incidents. Lack of adequate guards on augers and failing to cut power to the sweep auger when you're inside the bin can lead to these kinds of accidents," said Bob Aherin with the University of Illinois Agricultural Safety and Health Program.

Additional risks related to working around grain bins include falling off a bin, either from the bin roof or from a ladder on the bin.

Because bins and ladders are typically made of steel, weather conditions, such as ice, rain or fog, can increase the risk of a slip, trip or fall from a ladder or bin roof.

Flowing grain produces dust, which includes mold spores and other organic particles that can trigger allergic reactions when they're inhaled. Potentially, inhaling this type of dust, whether it happens on a regular basis or over a long period of time, can lead to permanent lung damage and/or chronic lung disease. "Toxic dust particles can be less than one micron (one one-thousandth of a millimeter) in size," said Aherin. "You won't even see it. That's why it's critical to use appropriate respirators when working with grain."

Since 2018, grain bin deaths have been trending upward. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that, from 2018 to 2019, instances of grain entrapment rose by 27%. The number of grain-related deaths rose by 53% during that same period.

During harvest season, the number of grain bin deaths tends to increase. Aherin said understanding the hazards and taking

every precaution to avoid grain handling incidents are a life-and-death matter.

"One of the main issues related to grain entrapment occurs when the grain in the bin is out of conditions and it's bridged inside the bin," said Aherin. "A small percentage of farms have a grain storage system that features tools to break up the grain without entering the bin. But anytime a person enters a bin when the auger is running in an attempt to break up the grain, the risk of serious injury or death is high."

No one should ever enter a grain bin without having completed the following safety steps:

1. De-energize and disconnect, lockout and tag, or block off all mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic equipment, espe-

cially grain-moving equipment in the bin.

2. Do not empty or fill the bin while someone is inside it.

3. Put on a full-body safety harness.

4. Have a secure attachment to a lifeline that is positioned and of sufficient length to prevent a worker from sinking further than waist-deep in grain.

5. Have an observer outside the bin who is prepared to call for emergency help if necessary.

6. Ensure that communication between the person inside the bin and the observer is maintained.

7. Prior to entering the bin, test the oxygen content and the presence of hazardous gas.

8. Resolve any atmospheric conditions before entering the bin.

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455 new words and definitions added to Merriam-Webster

Merriam-Webster has announced the addition of 455 new words and meanings to its iconic dictionary. All have recently met the dictionary's entry criteria—some, such as vaccine passport, because of new prominence, and others, like dad bod, because they've demonstrated staying power. As always, these new additions offer a window into how the English language is changing and expanding.

Highlighting the connection between technology and daily life, digital nomad refers to someone who performs their occupation entirely over the internet while traveling. The threats of technology are also represented: zero-day describes a vulnerability that is discovered and exploited by cybercriminals before it is fixed, and bit rot refers to "the tendency for digital information to degrade or become unusable over time." From business and finance comes the term blank check company (also known as a SPAC, or special purpose acquisition company), which is "a corporate shell set up by investors for the sole purpose of raising money through an initial public offering to acquire another business yet to be determined."

"We are all encountering changes in work, public policy, and healthcare, as well as how we communicate online. It's not surprising that these changes are reflected in the dictionary," said Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster editor at large.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to shape our lives and our language, and this update includes a new medical sense of breakthrough,

defined as "infection occurring in someone who is fully vaccinated against an infectious agent"; vaccine passport, a document offering proof of vaccination; and long COVID, which refers to symptoms persisting for an extended period of time following an initial recovery from COVID-19. Fourth trimester, another new medical addition, is the three-month period in which a mother typically recovers from childbirth and adjusts to caring for her infant. Another parenting-related term, dad bod — "a physique regarded as typical of an average father, especially one that is slightly overweight and not extremely muscular" — now

lounges comfortably in the dictionary.

Social media has popularized amirite, informally used in writing for "am I right," and the abbreviation TBH, short for "to be honest." Deplatform has also found a place in the dictionary, where it's defined as "to prevent from having or providing a platform to communicate."

New food-related words include the whimsically named fluffernutter, a much-beloved sandwich made with peanut butter and marshmallow crème, and the increasingly popular air fryer, an appliance used for quick cooking. Ghost kitchen is defined as "a commercial cooking facil-

ity used for the preparation of food consumed off the premises."

Other notable additions include Oobleck, a goopy substance that kids love to experiment with (its name was inspired by a Dr. Seuss book); vote-a-rama, a legislative event involving an unusually large number of debates and votes that happen in one day; the related pair whataboutism and whataboutery (when one responds to an accusation by accusing the attacker of something worse); and an informal new use of one of the language's most common words: the word because—because language.



Fellow Lincoln High School students watched as Anastasia Anderson went airborne while she took a polar plunge Tuesday, Oct. 26 outside the school. She participated in the Polar Plunge, a joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS. One hundred percent of the funds directly supported inclusion.



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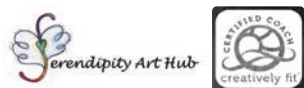
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These Lincoln High School students and coaches participated in the Polar Plunge, which was held Tuesday, Oct. 26 outside the school. They included (front row) Marek Rux, Maya Johnson, Jersey Johnson, Natalie Novak, Coach Kelsey McLean, Coach Karen Bakken; (back row) Adrian Conway, Kayla Stage, Gretta Grzadzielewski, Kailee

Larson, Carli Prickett, Brylee Lingen, lifeguard Ava Budish, Polar Bear Taylor Engebretson, Austin Fellman, Haley Davis, Anastasia Anderson and Cierra Senum. The Polar Plunge was a joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS.



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Coaches Kelsey McLean (left) and Karen Bakken began their polar plunge into four feet of water Tuesday, Oct. 26 as Lincoln High School students and staff looked on. They

participated in the Polar Plunge, a joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS. One hundred percent of the funds directly supported inclusion.



Pro Digi Team 3277 of Thief River Falls competed in the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship in an annual "off-season" competition recently. Team members include: (Back row, from left) Coach Tad Olsonawski and

Digi-Key Mentors Chris Kramer and Allen Aldinger; (middle row) Coach Natasha Olsonawski, Jackson Ingram, Nick Purcell, and Abrianna Hanson; (front row) Nick Svir, Megan Fuhrer, Aiden Warne, and Liam Martell. (Submitted)

TRF robotics competes in off-season competition

Pro Digi Team 3277 of Thief River Falls competed in the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship in its annual "off-season" competition on Friday.

Natasha Olsonawski, team coach and advisor, said that for this event the team used the robot that was created last spring. "This event is a wonderful opportunity to expose our new team members to our robotics competitions in a smaller venue and setting," said Olsonawski.

This was the fifth year the team competed in the

NMRC. "This year, our team is made up of 10 (not all could attend this event) students who are the programmers, robot builders, scouts, and social media/marketing leaders who help our team achieve all that we need to do at an event. Our pit crew of Nick Purcell, Nick Svir, and Jackson Ingram is in charge of fixing the robot after matches. We had several breakdowns such as our drive and intake chains breaking, but we NEVER missed a match. Our drive team of Abrianna Hanson, Aiden Warne and Liam Mar-

tell are in charge of driving the robot and positioning the robot at the beginning of each match. Finally, Megan Fuhrer is busy taking photos and video as well as scouting other teams to help us select the best possible alliance during the alliance selection."

After the qualification rounds, the team finished with a record of 4-2 and was sitting in sixth place out of 17 teams. The team was selected in the first round by 3294 - Backwoods Engineers from Pine River to play on their alliance along with Team 3275 - The Regulators from Cass Lake.

"We won both semi-final

matches, but lost both of the final matches, so we finished in second place," said Olsonawski.

Olsonawski said that on Saturday, they competed in the NMRC Open (teams outside of the conference could compete). The team finished 3-4-1 after qualification rounds in 10th place. The team was selected by Team 876 - Thunder Robotics from Hatton-Northwood in the first round, and together they selected Team 4238 - Resistance Robotics from Belgrade. Unfortunately, the combined team lost both of its semi-final matches and finished in fourth place.

TRF/Florida Gathering to be held in February

All Thief River Falls people, not just former classmates, are welcome to join Florida snowbirds for a Thief River Falls/Florida Gathering on Thursday, Feb. 3. The gathering will be held at 12 p.m. at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center,

3560 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, Fla. The gathering will be held in the Admiral Nimitz Room.

Lunch, water and coffee will be served at a nominal cost. Register at TRF.Florida.Gathering@gmail.com.

Area students to perform in NVYO performance

Northern Valley Youth Orchestras presents its season opening performance, "Fall Kaleidoscope" on Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chester Fritz Auditorium, UND campus.

The two NVYO student orchestras will present a variety of exciting symphonic music, including dances, marches, familiar favorites and lesser-known masterpieces. Tickets are available at the door, general admission with a suggested minimum contribution of \$5; audience members are invited to pay whatever they can. Masks are required by the venue. HB Sound and Light will provide lighting effects and record the performance for later viewing. As part of the NVYO Kaleidoscope theme, a welcome banner representing 26 of the languages spoken by students, coaches, conductors and community arts supporters will greet the audience at the venue.

Selections on the Nov. 14 performance include Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's "The Bamboula," Amy Beach's "Bal Masqué" ("Masquerade Ball"), Jaime Texidor's Spanish march "Amparito Roca" as well as well-known melodies from Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice and Jupiter,

from Holst's The Planets. Variations on the Irish Tune "The Minstrel Boy" by Concordia music professor Daniel Breedon and an overture by Baroque composer Georg Telemann are also on the program.

The Philharmonic, led by Kara Hartten, and Symphony, conducted by Dr. Kevin Sütterlin and assistant conductor Dr. Cody Hunter, are both comprised of string, wind, brass and percussion student musicians from over a dozen regional cities and schools in Minnesota and North Dakota.

NVYO programs provide challenging symphonic technique and performance opportunities for young musicians aged 9 to 21, within a supportive setting. NVYO participants make music, make friends, and use their talents to make a difference in their communities.

Student musicians come from nearly 20 schools in Grand Forks, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Thompson, Northwood, Cummings, Emerado, Minto, Forest River, N.D.; and East Grand Forks, Warren, Plummer, Fertile, Crookston and Lake Bronson.



Angie Westling has been chosen by her peers as the Northwest Minnesota Association of Realtors' 2021 Realtor of the Year. Westling is the broker/owner of Hometown Realty in Thief River Falls. She received the award for her commitment to the real estate industry and her active community involvement. Westling also volunteers her time serving as a director on the Northwest Minnesota Association of Realtor Board of Directors. She was presented the award Friday, Sept. 10 in Bemidji. (Submitted)

Organizations sought for Tree Walk

The Eagle Tree Walk is seeking organizations to sponsor various portions of its event scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Thief River Falls Eagles Club.

Organizations are encouraged to sponsor a tree; donate a wreath or a basket for the silent auction; or sponsor an angel in the "Celebration of Life Angels" for the memorial tree. Trees

may be decorated by work groups, church groups or family members. Trees may be decorated in a traditional way or with a theme. Pre-lit trees will be provided to decorate as part of the \$100 registration fee.

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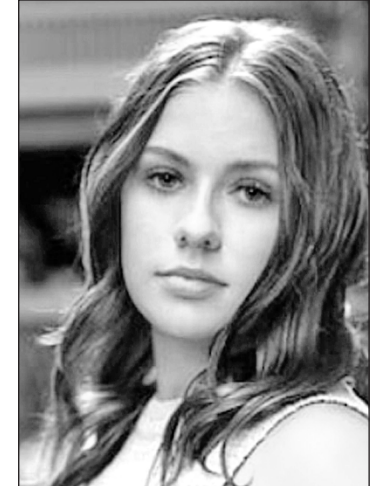
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Students chosen for Student Rotarians of the Month

Emma Christianson and Kaden Mostrom have been named Student Rotarians for the Month of November by the local chapter of Rotary International. The two Lincoln High School students will attend meetings of the Rotary Club and Lion's Club during the month of November.

community. Her volunteer activities include being a figure skating coach, teaching Sunday School, baking for the elderly and making quilts for veterans.



Emma Christianson
Emma Christianson is the daughter of Del and Sherri Christianson. She is active in figure skating, tennis, golf, trap, National Honor Society, Student Council and River Watch. Her interests include going to the lake and hanging out with her family, friends and her dog.

Emma's future plans include attending a four-year college to study engineering.

Her favorite part of Lincoln High School and being a Prowler is the atmosphere of the student body, and all of the opportunities students have to get involved in the



Kaden Mostrom
Kaden Mostrom is the son of Kris and Scott Mostrom. He has one sibling, Kassidy. He is active in Student Council, National Honor Society and River Watch. His interests include animals, geriatric care and political science.

Kaden's future plans include attending Northland Community and Technical College for nursing.

His favorite parts of Lincoln High School and being a Prowler include the small classes, which allow students to get to know each other, student involvement and the many extra-curricular activities. He volunteers as a School Board student representative and at the Pennington County Humane Society.

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Pennington County is seeking individuals interested in representing Pennington County on the Red Lake Watershed Board of Managers for a three-year term beginning in January 2022. Persons interested in being appointed to serve as a Red Lake Watershed District Manager may submit their name for consideration to the Pennington County Board of Commissioners, c/o County Auditor-Treasurer, PO Box 616, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 by 4:30 p.m. November 19th, 2021.

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Kari Conner as Karen Nash interacts with Ginger Kirkeby as Jean McCormack, and Jeffrey Willis as Sam Nash in the *Second Act of Plaza Suite*. *Plaza Suite*, a Neil Simon classic comedy, will be presented by the Thief River Falls Area Community Theater Nov. 4, 5 and 6, at the Eagles Club in Thief River Falls. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each evening, with the doors opening at 6 p.m.

Plaza Suite performed in TRF Nov. 4-6

Thief River Falls Area Community Theater will present Neil Simon's classic comedy, *Plaza Suite*, Nov. 4, 5, and 6, at the Eagles Club, 305 Red Lake Blvd in Thief River Falls. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Seating is general, and tickets are \$13 each and can be purchased online in advance at www.trfact.org or at the door each evening. This is not a dinner theater production, but there will be a cash bar and snacks.

Plaza Suite is composed of three acts all set in Suite 719 of New York City's Plaza Hotel. In the first act, Visitor from Mamoronek, the audience is introduced to the not-so blissfully wed-

ded couple Sam and Karen Nash, who are revisiting their honeymoon suite in an attempt to bring love back into their marriage. The second act, Visitor from Hollywood, involves a meeting between movie producer Jesse Kiplinger and his old flame, Muriel Tate. The third act, Visitor from Forest Hills, revolves around married couple Roy and Norma Hubley on their daughter Mimsey's wedding day.

The Thief River Falls cast in Visitor from Mamoronek are Kari Conner as Karen Nash, Jeffrey Willis as Sam Nash, Scott Fricke as Bellhop, and Ginger Kirkeby as Jean McCormack.

The Thief River Falls cast from Visitor from Hollywood are: Scott Fricke as the waiter, Rob Burkel as Jesse Kiplinger, and Michele Christensen as Muriel Tate.

The Thief River Falls cast for Visitor from Forest Hills are Leah Wattenphul as Norma Hubley, Scott Pream as Roy Hubley, Scott Fricke as Borden Eisler, and Ginger Kirkeby as Mimsey Hubley.

There will be a short intermission between each act.

The production staff in Thief River Falls include Wade Benson as the director; Scott Pream in charge of the set; Carl Dahlberg in charge of lights; Bruce

Elseth in charge of sound; and, Jane Anderson in charge of props and costumes.

Plaza Suite is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Auditions for the next Thief River Falls Area Community Theater performances, *Nunsense*: The Nunsense Vegas Revue, will be Nov. 15 and 16 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Thief River Falls. Individuals auditioning for parts in the show should be prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from the script.

Digi-Key promotes Pittman and Hall



Lisa Pittman



Missy Hall

Last week, Digi-Key announced the promotion of Lisa Pittman to vice president of accounting and finance operations, and Missy Hall to vice president, new market development.

Pittman has more than 30 years of experience in strategic initiatives to streamline processes at Digi-Key. As a finance leader, Pittman has been a catalyst for empowering the organization to pursue greater automation by adopting new technologies, systems updates, tax software solutions and an enhanced digital accounts payable process.

Hall has been with Digi-Key for 16 years. She leads

initiatives including the Digi-Key Marketplace, Fulfilled by Digi-Key, and other DK+ initiatives including PCB Builder and DKRed, and additional tools and configurators.

"Lisa and Missy's expertise and leadership have helped Digi-Key pursue its dedication to continuous improvement and success throughout the years," said Dave Doherty, president at Digi-Key. "We look forward to bringing their energy, innovative ideas, unique skillsets and wisdom to our leadership team and our customers as we continue on a path of significant growth. We congratulate both Lisa and Missy for this well-deserved recognition."

Turning Back The Times... Students think desks belong on the roof

1921 - One Hundred Years Ago

-J.A. Russell and son were injured when their car was struck by a Great Northern train at the Sixth Street crossing this week.

-City Attorney H.O. Chommie will give the Armistice Day address here.

-Mrs. A. Hovland is still harvesting strawberries from her large garden near the roundhouse.

-A group of high school boys admitted they had removed 350 seats from the school assembly room and then placed them on the roof of the school building.

1971 - Fifty Years Ago

-Incumbents were unopposed and reelected without serious challenge in the Thief River Falls city election, with only 439 persons making the effort to go to the polls.

-Arctic Enterprises, Inc., largest snowmobile manufacturer in the United States, was listed for the first time Nov. 2 on the New York Stock Exchange.

-A total of 92 people entered this year's Make-It-

Yourself-With-Wool contest.

1981 - Forty Years Ago
-The only contest in this year's city election was that of Bill Hogan and Ken Murphy for the council seat vacated by Alderman Ole Engelstad. The election was won by Murphy.

-A large crowd attended a forum at the National Guard Armory Monday evening to hear questions answered about the teachers' strike here.

-Colette and Susie Thune of Thief River Falls were winners in the junior and pre-teen divisions of the District I Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest at Northland Community College Saturday.

1991 - Thirty Years Ago
-Construction is rapidly progressing on the C'mon Inn on Highway 59 south.

-Christopher Tveitbakk, Jeffrey Cota, Brian Fogarty, and Kent Larson, members of Troop 57, all achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at a court of honor Sunday.

-Dawn Peterson is editor and Kelly Krause, assistant editor, of the 1992 Prowler yearbook at Lincoln High School.

2001 - Twenty Years Ago

-The Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce has announced that it supports the School District 564's efforts to adopt a new levy aimed at increasing the district's available income.

-Arctic Cat Inc. has reported its net sales of the 2002 second quarter showing an 11 percent increase over the previous same period last year, to \$218,948,000.

-The Thief River Falls City Council has approved the sale of property in the Oxbow First Addition to the Occupational Development Center, Inc., which will comprise 18 acres to be used for construction of a wood processing facility.

2011 - Ten Years Ago
-The Thief River Care Center is expected to be home to its first residents later this week.

-The Lincoln High School and Franklin Middle School orchestras will perform their fall concert Nov. 7 in the high school auditorium.

-Firefighters are making significant progress on the peat fire at the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, but there is still a threat, so the surrounding area has been closed to hunting this year.

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Times for Toddlers ...

Make time to play with children during the holidays

The holiday season will soon be here and many of you are already doing your Christmas shopping. The toy commercials are going full force trying to convince us to buy their products. In today's world, the choices are unlimited, making shopping for toys very confusing for parents.

Often we look at toys as something to entertain children, to keep them occupied. We forget the important meaning that play has for children. It is how they learn about the world around them. It shapes their perceptions of the world and of themselves. As you select toys for your children, consider their value from the point of view of what your child will learn about the world around him or her.

To the young child:

- play is learning how things work in the world.
- play answers the questions: "who am I and what can I do?"
- play is the opportunity for the child to carry out his/her own ideas.

You can help to encourage play by providing materials, activities and space to play. Many parents find that they have fewer guidance problems if they provide for the

child's need to have sensory experiences, to manipulate and learn, to practice muscle coordination, to use his/her imagination and have materials to carry out his/her ideas.

For example play dough will give a child sensory experiences, it is creative, it can release tension, it can be a prop for imaginative play, and it provides practice in small muscle coordination. As you see, one play item can provide a child with a lot of valuable play. Remember also that just because play dough provides a good play experience, this does not mean that children can use it anytime or any place. You, the parent, still can set limits: "Play dough stays on the table. You may leave, but the play dough may not."

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

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Describe and name the actions your child is using as he/she plays with play dough. For example, roll it, cut it, pat it, pound it, squeeze it.

(Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School Dis-

trict 564.)

ACTIVITIES

Shaving Cream Painting
Shaving cream is a wonderful sensory material. Be sure to use unscented shaving cream, because the perfume in the scented kind may irritate children's skin. Baking sheets provide children with a contained surface on which to work, reducing the mess. Another option is to let children fingerprint directly in the sink. The soapy residue leaves the sink sparkling clean. Hint: warm shaving cream feels especially good. To heat the shaving cream, simply set the can in hot water for a few minutes.

SCAVENGER HUNT
For next week's Activities feature, you will need an apple, toothpicks, stuffed olives, and cloves.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: Who can shave twenty-five times a day and still have a beard?

A: A barber.

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:

Park, Barbara. Boo! and I mean it! With Halloween approaching, Junie B. needs to find a costume that will scare off the real witches and ghosts that she believes will be out on the holiday.

Wan, Joyce. You Are My Pumpkin. Illustrations and brief text explore some of the Halloween-themed names that people use as terms of endearment.

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:

Curious Buddies: Let's Move! For babies, playing is learning. So let's get learning and moving with the Curious Buddies! Explore different types of movement, warm up with stretches, balance on one foot, jump up and down, clap, waddle, get loose, and move!

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: Halloween crafts and children's activities. <http://www.dltk-holidays.com/halloween/>

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: www.nwrlib.org.

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

On the Other Hand ...

The Eidelbes family's wild trip to Florida



by Hailee Eidelbes

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

So recently, I went on a Florida trip with my family. Sounds nice, right? Well, we're not your average family. There were 11 of us going to Florida: my parents, four brothers, one sister, my older brother's girlfriend, dad's parents, and me. We are not a normal family as you can tell, but that's what makes our trips so fun.

Just getting out to Florida and unpacking was wild. We had to catch a flight from Fargo to Chicago O'Hare. Then, we would be flying to Orlando. Here's the catch though: it was an early flight. I had made sure the night before we were leaving to look through my carry-on one last time. I had already had my clothes on for the next day. I wore a large light grey sweatshirt with a bright yellow-ish green shirt that said Family Vacation 2021 with some basic shape palm trees. I know, really original. I also wore a pair of high rise jeans with fake rips and a black belt. It doesn't sound very comfortable to sleep in jeans, but I had been working on homework for the last week to stay at least a little caught up when I got back.

Now my parents woke us all up at three ... THREE A.M.! I am barely alive at 8 a.m., let alone 3 a.m. We all walked out (looking alive as ever) and loaded up into our Suburban to pass out for two hours to get to Fargo.

We walked out from the cold into the airport and had to wait for the four other family members to arrive. Then, we went to check bags and pass through security ... all the normal stuff.

When we got on the plane they were announcing groups, and everyone that was on the plane were ninth graders on a trip to Florida. How cool would that be? But they also only had like 20 people, rather than 200. It was a lot of our family members' first plane rides, with my sister, three of the four brothers, and even my brother's girlfriend never having flown before, so it was going to be interesting.

When we got to the hotel, it was big. We walked in and saw a kitchen to the left and a big dining table! Straight ahead was a living room area, and beyond that was a sliding door that led to a patio. There were two bedrooms. One had two queen sized beds. That was where I slept with two of my brothers. And the other was a master bedroom where my parents slept. In the master bedroom, there was a huge bath tub that wasn't even in the bathroom! It was that big.

When we got all settled with our stuff, we watched a movie and ate pizza. It was pretty nice. Then it was time for bed. Of course, when you are in the same room as your younger brothers, you tend to get yelled at more and more, as nights pass. I don't think they went even one night without getting us in trouble for talking. They got the hint after a while ... if you can call 11 nights "a while."

When we woke up the next morning, it was time for the fun to begin!

On the Other Hand ...

Missing my sister during November



by Ava Budish

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

Since my sister, Ella, moved away to college at Bemidji State University in August, I have had to fill the spot of being the oldest sibling to my younger brother, Luke. During these last few months, I have noticed how much my sister added to the household and how much I would have to try and live up to.

While my sister has lived with me my whole life, I never truly noticed how many ways she influenced me. I never really appreciated her and all she did until I started to notice differences in my house. Not having someone to look up to all the time is hard. I always knew she'd be there, and though she is still always there when I need a FaceTime call, it will never be the same as going to her room whenever I am pleased to receive advice and talk.

Lately, being the "oldest sibling" has been hard. It is difficult to stay helpful and be so busy. It has made me respect my sister more. It's

weird to think she is getting older and more mature, and I'm not there to watch it or hear about and notice all the details. I've been so used to seeing her change and being able to copy what she has done while growing up. She is starting a new chapter in her life, and I am staying behind. Right when I got close to her, and very comfortable with her, she left.

This November, I am missing her even more. Even though she is only about 74 miles away, it's hard to find time to step out of my busy life and to visit hers. November is Ella's birthday month and is important to me because I've always been able to see her growth.

This year may be a bit different though because we may make fewer memories together. It's part of growing up and becoming who we're supposed to be. It's hard to celebrate someone getting older when it means they are moving on with their life.

I know my sister will always be there whenever I need her, and our memories will always be growing, but this makes me admire the times where she has been there for me so much more. I know that some of my other friends have been experiencing their siblings moving away as well, and I think we can all agree it is a bigger change than we all expected, and the memories we've made are much more valuable.

Plaza Suite comedy



Rob Burkell as Jesse Kiplinger, and Michele Christensen as Muriel Tate act their parts in the Visitor from Hollywood, the second act of Neil Simon's comedy, Plaza Suite. Plaza Suite will be presented by the Thief River Falls Area Community Theater Nov. 4, 5 and 6, at the Eagles Club in Thief River Falls. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each evening, with the doors opening at 6 p.m. This is not a dinner theater production. Tickets are \$13 each and can be purchased online at www.trfact.org in advance or at the door.

Plaza Suite performed in TRF



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Prowler Proud ...

A School-to-Work update

by Loren Leake
Director
Northwest Alternative Learning Center

The Textron/Northwest Alternative Learning Center School to Work program is approaching its first full year of implementation in Thief River Falls and so far so good. We have had our share of successes in the program, as well as a few bumps in the road. Some students are not quite yet ready to manage both classwork and a part-time job. Still for others, the program offers students a chance to leave the school and work with their hands. Not being able to do this is something a lot of students will tell you is why they do not like going to school in the first place. Lincoln High School is also working with Textron, and now they too are sending students from the high school to Textron to work in

various parts of the factory.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the concept, our School to Work program in Thief River Falls is a spin-off of Textron's Reaching Potential through Manufacturing Program, which was developed in Richmond County, Ga., with the help of the University of Georgia. The idea of the program is that high school students work at Textron during part of the school day, which provides the company with a source of much needed labor. While working in the program, Textron provides training in real world work-related skills, such as team building, task orientation, time management skills, and so on. Students learn these skills through a number of Textron employees who supervise the students and report back to the school on their progress. In return for their labor, students receive an hourly

wage from Textron of \$17 per hour while earning elective high school credits from the NwALC. It's a win/win for everyone involved, especially for the graduating seniors who are often offered full-time employment after high school.

The program is going well enough that I have now had two other employers approach me and ask if they can work with the NwALC to develop similar programs so that they too can have a source of labor in return for teaching important work-related skills that our students will need going forth into their careers. This fits right into the school's long range goals of providing a rigorous academic education while developing real world careers skills, which benefits both our students and the community of Thief River Falls.

Positive Thoughts ...

I hope you have a roll of duct tape



by Dan Bartsch

This week's column is about an editorial in the Northern Watch about two weeks ago about what I call the not-so-handy handyman's secret weapon - duct tape.

I got to know duct tape pretty well when I started to live by myself. The first apartment I had I furnished with second rate furniture I obtained from rummage sales, and at rock bottom prices. So, if I sat down on a chair and felt it start to wobble, I would go to my tool box - a tool box that contained

three items: a hammer, a regular screwdriver, and a roll of duct tape. Let me tell you, that roll of duct tape had helped me preserve my furniture for many years. And like the joke from Jeff Foxworthy, it was no big deal if my furniture got ruined because I was only out 15 bucks. And, my favorite shirt and socks lasted a little longer because when I got holes in them that same roll of duct tape filled in as needle and thread.

The other thing about duct tape is that it reminds me of the CBC TV show that was shown on PBS, "The Red Green Show." For those of you who don't know, "The Red Green Show" is about a guy who is the head of this lodge with his nephew and the members of Possum

Lake, Ontario. The show ran for 15 years and the basis of the show was that Red thought he could fix and do anything, and all he needed was the greatest gift of wannabe builders - a roll of duct tape. Sometimes Red's project worked fine, and sometimes it didn't go well. But Red always kept his head high, and brought a smile to my face. If you have a computer, you can see episodes of his show on YouTube.

Well, I hope you have a roll of duct tape at your place and that you can bond any patch you need mended. A good friend can do that as well. Well, to quote Red Green and myself, God bless, and "keep your stick on the ice."

David Klein, 53

Thief River Falls - David Klein, 53, of Thief River Falls, passed away at his home on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, as a result of a seizure related incident. David Lyle Klein was born on October 19, 1968 in Milwaukee, WI, the son of Laura Klein. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. David graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls in 1987. He attended Northland Community College for general studies and Computer Programming. Again in 2013, David attended NCTC, receiving his certificate as a massage therapist, which he was able to practice on a part-time basis.

David worked several jobs throughout his life, including Arctic Cat, Oakland Park Nursing Home, Northern Pride, the Seven Clans Casino, Valley Home, School District 564, and was most recently employed by Digi-Key. In 1996 a son, Steven Marshall Klein, was born to David and Heather Wheat. Although their relationship ended, they remained good friends. David was very proud of the man Steven has become.

David married his high school sweetheart, Jill Lindholm, on December 12, 1997. Although their marriage was dissolved, they were good friends who supported each other.

On July 4, 2008 David married Melanie Smith, and to this union was born a daughter, Elliana Marion-Esther Klein. His daughter

Ray McMillin, 92

Grygla - Ray McMillin, 92, of Grygla, passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 surrounded by his loving family at his rural residence.



Ray D. McMillin was born July 3, 1929 at the farm near Gatzke, son of Harold and Olga (Aune) McMillin. He was baptized and confirmed at United Lutheran Church in Gatzke. He attended school in Gatzke and Middle River.

Ray was united in marriage to Eleanor Ann Aamot on December 11, 1948 in Thief River Falls. The couple made their home on a farm in Rollis Township, rural Gatzke, and later made their home in Veldt Township, rural Grygla, where Ray farmed. Their sons, Gary and Duane, were born while they resided in Minnesota. The family moved to Goodland, FL in 1953, and in 1960 moved to Chokoloskee, FL where Ray made a living as a commercial fisherman. In 1962 their son, Randy, was born in Florida.

Ray played a large part in advancing the stone crabbing industry in southwest Florida. He put his farm knowledge to use on his boat and helped make the stone crab harvest much more efficient. He also trapped blue crabs until he was almost 80 years old.

In 1976 Ray built a log home on his farm in Minnesota and worked during the summers opening his farmland again. He also pursued his love of horses by raising Percheron draft horses for a few years. Ray and Eleanor spent their summer months in Minnesota and returned to Florida in the winters. After 58 years of marriage, Eleanor passed away on May 28, 2007.

After Eleanor's passing, Ray was united in marriage to Alethia "Midge" Weeks on July 25, 2015 at his farm near Grygla. Ray and Midge continued to travel between Minnesota and Florida until it became too difficult for them. They remained on the farm until his passing. Midge extended Ray's life many years with her love,

became the center of his life. From his teen years he pursued his passion for music, performing weekends as a guitarist and vocalist in several bands. Before his daughter was born, he stopped traveling weekends in order to be home with his new daughter. He later concentrated on home studio music production with other musicians.

David is survived by his son, Steven Klein; daughter, Elliana Klein; parents, Clyde and Laura Moen of Thief River Falls; siblings, Kelly Moen of Dodge Center, Jason (Shannon) Moen of Oklee and Daren Moen of Thief River Falls; many other relatives and friends; and his kitty family, Bear and Ruthie.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Esther Klein; uncles, Vern, Arlo and Carl Klein, Bruce Moen and Bjarne Kvasager; aunts, Roberta Klein, Viola Kvasager and Jeanette Klein; and very dear friends, Bubs Dargon and Kelly Monsrud.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Pastor Pete Lee officiating. Lunch will be served after the service. Interment will follow at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Oklee.

Visitation and prayer service took place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. Visitation will also take place one hour prior to the funeral service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

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care and companionship.

Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, horses, and raising a garden to share with everyone. He was also a loyal Barn Boy fan. Above all, he loved farming and passing on his wisdom and stories to his children, grandchildren, and anyone who would listen. He kept a close watch over the farm from the comfort of his chair up until the end.

Ray was a charter member of the Organized Fishermen of Florida, of which he was the 1st secretary/treasurer. He was also a member of United Lutheran Church in Gatzke and the Grygla Lions Club.

Ray is survived by his wife, Midge of Grygla; children, Gary (Lynn) McMillin of Chokoloskee, FL, Duane (Cecelia) McMillin of Chokoloskee, FL and Randy (Janelle) McMillin of Grygla; Stepchildren, Glenda (Daniel) Smith and Cliff Weeks; grandchildren, Corey McMillin, Mallory McMillin, Allen McMillin, Nicole Norris, Heather McMillin, Hailea (Trevor) Page, Hunter (Karlee) McMillin, Hudson McMillin, Jared (Ashley) Schaefer and Brenna (Isaac) Olson Schaefer; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Leonard (Avis) Aamot; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Harold (Olga) McMillin; wife of 58 years, Eleanor McMillin; granddaughter, Ashley McMillin; brother, Donald (Betty) McMillin; and sisters, Faye (Floyd) Brandt and Maxine (Kenny) Grondahl.

Ray will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Public visitation will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Private family service will be held at 1 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Reverend Timothy Lundeen officiating.

Public graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. at Landstad Cemetery near Gatzke.

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Larry Haugen, 79

Dilworth - Larry D. Haugen, 79, of Dilworth, formerly of Moorhead, passed away Monday, October 25, 2021 at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Larry was born August 13, 1942 in Thief River Falls, to Conrad and Corrine (Thompson) Haugen. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls in 1960. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1960-1963. He lived in California for a short time following his discharge and moved back to Thief River Falls, and spent time in Trinidad before moving back to Minneapolis.

He worked at Singer Corporation as the Store Manager and moved back to Thief River Falls, where he worked for Old Peoria Wine and Spirits before opening The Club (Billiards Poolhall) in Thief River Falls, where he also operated the Catering Plus business as well.

He married Marie Hvidsten on April 18, 1986 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls. They made their home in Thief River Falls before moving to Moorhead in 2002.

Spending time with his family, children and grandchildren was his favorite thing. He enjoyed spending time at the lake, was an avid wine connoisseur, and enjoyed reading, playing cards, writing, where he was a published author. He also liked to be in the outdoors. He was a talented chef and enjoyed cooking for all of his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marie of Dilworth; children, Teri (Carl) Olsefsky of California, Tara (Thomas) Anderson of Prior Lake, Trevor (Sarah) Haugen of West Fargo, ND, Chris (fiancé Steph Haan) Roadfeldt of Plymouth, Alicia Roadfeldt of Moorhead; 12 grandchildren, Tory Bang, Tamara (Nick) Price, Tina Abbene, Tristan Abbene, Carisa (Austen) Browne, Vinny Anderson, Kyler Haugen, Alex Haugen, Ethan Roadfeldt, Carter Roadfeldt, Andrew Haan, Megan Haan; 6 great-grandchildren; and brother, Glen (Ann) Haugen of Thief River Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister; brothers, Ronnie Haugen, Dick Haugen and Dennis "Bucky" Haugen.

A Celebration of Larry's Life was held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at Boulger Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center, Fargo.

Interment: Fargo National Cemetery. A00003B2021NV03

Lewis Westlake, 69

Moorhead - Lewis A. Westlake, 69, of Moorhead, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND, after an unexpected cardiac event.

Lewis (Lew) Westlake was born April 16, 1952, the youngest of 10 children, to John and Ruby (Wright) Westlake. He grew up in Plummer, where he attended and graduated from Pershing High School. Lew continued his education at Concordia College, where he graduated with a major in accounting and a minor in religion.

On August 21, 1976 Lew married his best friend, Diane Delage. The two of them settled in Moorhead, and have built a beautiful life together with their two daughters, Erin and Amy.

He spent 36 years working for American Crystal and United Sugars. He retired from United Sugars in April of 2014, a career he enjoyed where he worked with people he cared a lot about. After retirement, he started a new journey as the financial manager at The Lutheran Church of Christ the King, where he again worked with some great friends.

Family was Lew's biggest passion in life. He was the coolest "girl-dad" ever. His love for his family was so evident in everything he did. His grandchildren meant the world to him; being their papa was something he embraced and cherished as his greatest blessing.

In Lew's spare time, he

Douglas Hoverson, 60

Strathcona - Douglas Hoverson, 60, of Strathcona, passed away on Monday, November 1, 2021 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Grace Evangelical Church in Strathcona, with Pastor Curt Johnson and Pastor Tate Stephens officiating. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Visitation will take place from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service on Friday, November 5, 2021 at the Grace Evangelical Church in Strathcona. Visitation will also take place one hour prior to the funeral service on Saturday at the church.

children was his favorite thing. He enjoyed spending time at the lake, was an avid wine connoisseur, and enjoyed reading, playing cards, writing, where he was a published author. He also liked to be in the outdoors. He was a talented chef and enjoyed cooking for all of his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marie of Dilworth; children, Teri (Carl) Olsefsky of California, Tara (Thomas) Anderson of Prior Lake, Trevor (Sarah) Haugen of West Fargo, ND, Chris (fiancé Steph Haan) Roadfeldt of Plymouth, Alicia Roadfeldt of Moorhead; 12 grandchildren, Tory Bang, Tamara (Nick) Price, Tina Abbene, Tristan Abbene, Carisa (Austen) Browne, Vinny Anderson, Kyler Haugen, Alex Haugen, Ethan Roadfeldt, Carter Roadfeldt, Andrew Haan, Megan Haan; 6 great-grandchildren; and brother, Glen (Ann) Haugen of Thief River Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

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loved taking care of his award-winning yard, fishing, hunting, and shooting the breeze with anyone who wanted to visit and listen to his silly jokes. Lew will be remembered for his kind heart, sense of humor, faith, and his willingness to put others first. He will be greatly missed.

Lew is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane; daughters, Erin Clasmann (Daryl) and Amy Arel (Fiancé Andy Glynn); grandchildren, Brenna, Molly, Aubrey, and Brady and 2 bonus grandchildren, Ali and Jacob Glynn; siblings, Charlie Westlake of Manitowoc, WI, Ruthella (Vince) Austad of Nashauk, Phyllis Rystad of Oklee; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruby; mother- and father-in-law, Nora and Willie Delage; siblings, George Westlake Sr., Ole (Betty) Westlake, Roy Westlake, Nellie (Wayne) Galley, Annie (Roy) Van Den Einde; infant sister, Little Nell; brother-in-law, Ordean Rystad; nephews, Jimmy Bruggeman, George (Ike) Westlake Jr., Dave Westlake; niece, Jane Van Den Einde; and many special members of the Delage family.

Memorials will be shared with The Lutheran Church of Christ the King and charities that Lew was passionate about.

Visitation and funeral service was held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Lutheran Church of Christ the King in Moorhead, at 1900 14th Street South.

Video tribute and online guestbook at www.wrightfuneral.com. A00003B2021NV03

Sandra Nelson, 66

Thief River Falls - Sandra Nelson, 66, of Thief River Falls, passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Friday, October 29, 2021 at her daughter Kristie's home near Grygla.

Sandra Kay Olson was born September 24, 1955 in Thief River Falls, the daughter of Harley Erdman and Delores Jean (Wynne) Olson. She was baptized into the Catholic faith. She attended school in Thief River Falls.

On February 1, 1974 Sandra was united in marriage to Elmer Carl Nelson in St. Hilaire. They made their home in Thief River Falls. To this union five children were born: Kristie, Karen, Kari, Michael and Matthew.

Sandra worked at various places in the Thief River Falls area including The Covered Wagon, Crestview Nursing Home, Northwest Medical Center, and most recently she worked in housekeeping at the Thief River Care Center. Sandra was a very hard worker her entire life, she rarely missed a day of work.

Sandra enjoyed family get-togethers at Maple Lake, birthday celebrations, and she enjoyed her grandchildren the most! Sandra loved all holiday celebrations with Christmas being her favorite.

She also collected knick-knacks and crosses. She listened to Christmas music year-round, but she loved her oldies, especially Chubby Checker's "The Twist," and who can forget her unique Twist Dance? Sandra was a wonderful cook and was famous for her ham gravy. Her family was never allowed to leave without a full belly.

Sandy was one who could not keep a secret in her family; she always knew how to start a fire but also found a

way to put it out again. She was very protective of her family and straightforward. She always made sure that her kids and grandkids came first and never went without.

She loved sitting in the yard, suntanning, mowing lawn and enjoyed having "a coldie." She was lovingly known as "Ms. Old Mil" by many of her family and friends. Sandra collected movies and had her own video vault; there was always a movie playing. A few of her favorites include: *Christmas Vacation*, *Home Alone*, any Hallmark Christmas movies or horror movies.

She loved her animals very much, including Scruffy, Molly Mae, Mea Dog, Fat Kitty, Lucky, Skinny Mini, Tiny, Harley May, Sam, Chucky and Spooks; they all enjoyed the home cooked meals.

Survivors include her loving five children, Kristie (Jared) Moe, Karen (Jason) Hepsak, Kari (TJ Rux) Nelson, Mike Nelson and Matt Nelson; eight grandchildren, Alexis Moe, Ashley Moe, Avery Moe, Mercedes Sistad, Brandon Hepsak, Payden Nelson, Kaidence Nelson and Theron Nelson; siblings, Kenny Olson, Pattie (Rodney) Carlson, Norman (Cheryl) Olson, Debra (Glen) Limesand and Steve Olson; brother-in-law, Fred Zinter; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer in 2012; parents; and siblings, Cindy Zinter, Jeff Olson and Darryl Olson.

The service to celebrate Sandra's life will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Vicar Rev. Marilyn Grafstrom officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Private family burial will be at Silverton Cemetery, rural Thief River Falls.

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Friday, November 5: No service
Monday, November 8: No service

Tuesday, November 9: Thief River Falls
Wednesday, November 10: 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.

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Friday, November 5: No service
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Tuesday, November 9: Mahanomen
Wednesday, November 10: No service

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A trip down memory lane ~ 1981



NEW CLUB award was presented to the Sanders 4-H Club during annual 4-H awards night conducted Thursday at City Auditorium in Thief River Falls. Sanders 4-H Club members pictured are, standing, Michelle Lord, Connie Kazmierczak, Jeff Moe, Larry Moe, Peter Nygard, Troy Peterson, Todd Peterson, Doretta Mosloff, Edna Johnson, Tracy Lord, Ron Koop, Steve Mosloff and Jon Jagol; kneeling left to right, Jodi Jagol, Lezlie Engen, Kerry Helle and Jenny Lane.

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Brylee Lingen (left) and Carli Prickett were excited to jump into cold water Tuesday, Oct. 26 outside of Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls. They participated in the Polar Plunge, joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS. One hundred percent of the funds directly supported inclusion.



It may have been a windy Tuesday, Oct. 26, and it may have only involved four feet of water, but participants Natalie Novak (far left), Kayla Stage (center) and Gretta Grzadziewski reacted after their polar plunge. The Polar Plunge, a joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS, was held outside the school. One hundred percent of the funds directly supported inclusion.



Wired Bean Coffee House was recently awarded a More Progress Award from the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce for its continued progress and contributions to the economy and community. The Thief River Falls location has an expanded backroom available for private parties or meetings. In June, it opened a new location in East Grand Forks. The Wired Bean currently has 45 employees with 10 being at the new East Grand Forks location. Pictured are (from left) employee Jordan Cordts, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vanessa Ellefson, owner Derek Mogen and manager Melanie Warne. (Submitted)



Lincoln High School students Ben Poole (left) and Christian Linder were happy to have their photo taken with the polar bear (fellow LHS student Taylor Engebretson). The polar bear was in attendance Tuesday, Oct. 26 as LHS students participated in the Polar Plunge, a joint fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota and LHS.



Kailee Larson (left) and Gretta Grzadziewski were among the Lincoln High School students who handed out candy Saturday, Oct. 30. The LHS Student Council, National Honor Society and Key Club hosted an indoor trick or treating event, which was a fundraiser for two families affected by cancer. More than \$3,100 was raised.



Lincoln High School students Olivia Hempel (left) and Johanna Mattson stepped back in time for their costumes Saturday, Oct. 30. The LHS Student Council, National Honor Society and Key Club hosted the indoor trick or treating event, which was a fundraiser for two families affected by cancer. More than \$3,100 was raised.



Even the Grinch celebrated Halloween as part of the indoor trick or treating event Saturday, Oct. 30 at Lincoln High School. Shauna MacLean (left) assisted the Grinch (Bella Berzinski) in handing out candy to the kids. The LHS Student Council, National Honor Society and Key Club hosted the event, which was a fundraiser for two families affected by cancer. More than \$3,100 was raised.

10 minutes added to school day?/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) said she thought families would like both options.

The Board of Education is expected to vote on which option to choose at the next meeting of the Board of Education, which is set for 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8.

Multi-Events Center Safety Net?

Stepan reported on a meeting of the Multi-Events Center operations board of which the District is a member. Stepan said the MEC applied for a grant from Enbridge to help cover the cost of safety netting at the ball fields. Unfortunately, the request was not a qualifying grant request. Stepan said Mike Biermaier, activities director, is reaching out to another individual to help write a grant request. Stepan said that because it poses a significant safety threat, it is a top priority.

The total cost of safety netting was estimated at \$160,000.

COVID numbers are down

COVID numbers in schools are trending in the right direction. Stepan said that as of last week, there were only a few students out with COVID-19. She offered a shout out to the cleaners for all their hard work making sure students have a clean and safe learning environment.

Vaccines required to travel

Students who wish to participate in overseas school-related trips are now expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Stepan said the risk of someone getting COVID while on a trip and being put in quarantine was too high. She said the District did not want to put staff in a position to manage such a situation.

Ryan Walseth, school board director and travel agent business owner, said that when people traveling abroad get sick and are put in quarantine for two weeks, it's not a good situation. Paying for a hotel and change of flight, he said, can be very expensive.

Overseas travelers are required to have a negative test before they get on a plane to return home.

Right now, there are two trips being planned - one to Germany and another to Costa Rica.

Wrestling

Monday, the Board of Education also approved a request to add Red Lake County Central to the current Wrestling Cooperative. Stepan said it would mean adding two to four kids, and that the request went through all the appropriate channels.



Dave Currier, winner of the 2021 Cannonball Endurance Run, holds the checkered flag at the finish line in South Padre Island, Texas. (Submitted)

LHS Halloween



Coby Skjerven (left) and Kathryn Melby greeted a young trick or treater Saturday, Oct. 30 at Lincoln High School. The LHS Student Council, National Honor Society and Key Club hosted an indoor trick or treating event, which was a fundraiser for two families affected by cancer. More than \$3,100 was raised.

Currier wins endurance race with a little help from friends in TRF/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) ever meet."

Currier and the Roulands spent years preparing the 1911 for the scheduled 2020 race, but because of COVID-19, the 2020 race was postponed until 2021. And, the Roulands and Troy Friedrich wouldn't have let him go it alone. They were in it 100 percent.

Each racer can have a team and support vehicles, but racers start alone, can't be followed by support vehicles, must navigate the route given to them each morning (no GPS allowed), and must agree to let spectators look at the motorcycle for an hour every evening after that day's run is over. Only after that are teams allowed to work on their motorcycles.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, Currier, the winning 1911 Harley, and his team from Northern Crankshaft in

Thief River Falls held a bit of a celebration with friends and family at Northern Crankshaft.

What was Currier's toughest day?

Currier said it had to be the three days of torrential rain he had to ride through. Currier said they were riding through the backside of a hurricane. One day, he said he got to mile 161 and drove through a low spot on the road and past floating logs and other debris. Because he was in the first class to leave every morning, he got through it and to mile 212 before event organizers suspended the race for the day. About 50 riders were stuck on the opposite side of that flooded area.

But Currier said the most frustrating part was going up hills on those rainy days. The 1911 Harley is belt driven, which means that when it gets wet, it slips and



This 1911 Harley-Davidson, and its winning ride in the 2021 Cannonball Endurance Run for antique motorcycles was dedicated to the racer's father, Dick Currier.

expands. On one hill, he said he had to stop and change the belt four times just so he could get to the top of the hill.

One of the most rewarding days, however, was the day he crossed the finish line. Currier said he was well in the lead and received a police escort to the finish line.

What does it take to win? Currier said winning takes three things: 1. Being well prepared; 2. Focus, and 3. A bit of Lady Luck.

Yes, Currier is thinking

about riding in the next Cannonball. He guesses it's in his blood. His dad was a dealer of Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and used to race Harleys and Indians. Currier has also shared his father's passion for motorcycles.

Currier lives in Fargo, N.D., and is the founder of Dakota Fence Co. Currier dedicated his ride to the memory of his father, Dick Currier.

Railroad crossing update



Signals and stop arms will be installed this month at this railroad crossing, which runs through one leg of the Highway 32 roundabout. The project is estimated to cost \$245,977.17.

A Goodridge Halloween



The Goodridge Area Historical Society hosted the Goodridge Elementary School students at the Country Museum and Store on Friday, Oct. 29 for Halloween. The kids enjoyed the walk downtown for tricks and treats as well as the decorations. A story was read to them about ghosts ending with "see you next year." GAHS thanked the teachers and para-professionals for the fun time. (Submitted)

University of Minnesota:

Caregiving is a public health concern

There are an estimated 53 million caregivers in the U.S. Additionally, the number of Minnesotans turning 65 in this decade (about 285,000) will be greater than the past four decades combined.

November is National Family Caregivers Month and Joseph Gaugler, with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, answers questions about who family caregivers are, what they do and common challenges they face.

Q: Who can be a family caregiver?

Prof. Gaugler: Caregivers of older persons are most often spouses/partners or adult daughters. According to a recent report, over 60% of caregivers are women. Close to 9 in 10 caregivers provide help to a relative, with half of caregivers providing help to a parent or parent-in-law.

Q: What do family caregivers do?

Prof. Gaugler: On average, caregivers spend nearly 24 hours per week providing assistance. Six in 10 caregivers provide help for at least one activity of daily living (e.g., getting in and out of bed or chairs, getting dressed, bathing/showering). Family caregivers also perform tasks that healthcare professionals do. Fifty-eight percent of caregivers indicate they assist with wound care, tube feeding, or similar medical/nursing tasks.

Q: What are common challenges family caregivers face?

Prof. Gaugler: Nearly 1 in 4 caregivers report that caregiving has made their health worse. Nearly 4 in 10

caregivers indicate that their caregiving situation is highly stressful, and 1 in 5 caregivers feel alone in addition to feeling a high financial strain due to care provision. Over 60% of caregivers also indicate that caregiving has influenced their employment due to reductions in hours, leaves of absence, going in late, and leaving early. It is important to note that not all of the feelings associated with caregiving are negative; half of caregivers report that providing help gives them a sense of purpose.

Q: What should a family caregiver do if they're feeling overwhelmed?

Prof. Gaugler: It is important for family caregivers to realize that they are not alone, and that there are a number of resources to help them navigate their caregiving journeys. The Family Caregiving Alliance has a number of important resources, including education, tip sheets, webinars and videos, online support groups, and the Family Care Navigator, which lists caregiving resources by state. For more local resources, caregivers can contact their local Area Agency on Aging, which offers family caregiving support through a number of programs. The AARP also maintains a Caregiver Resource Center, which offers a wealth of information, guidance, and opportunities to connect with other caregivers and professionals. If a family caregiver needs a break, I would recommend seeking out respite services in their local area; for example, the ARCH Na-

tional Respite and Resource Network offers a respite locator and caregivers can also use the National Adult Day Services Association's search tool to find a nearby adult day program. Many national organizations also provide family caregiving education and resources that are specific to the care recipient's condition, such as the Alzheimer's Association and the National Institute on Aging for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute for various types of cancer.

Q: What are you doing to advance research on family caregivers?

Prof. Gaugler: Our research team, the Families and Long Term Care Projects, is conducting a number of studies aimed at enhancing the support family caregivers receive, particularly family members of people with dementia. One study is evaluating a support program for family caregivers of cognitively impaired relatives living in nursing homes or similar residential settings. We also recently received supplemental funding to examine the impact of COVID-19 on our program as well as the lives of caregivers and residents. A second study is examining the integration of dementia family caregiver support and training in adult day services across the U.S. that is delivered by staff. We were recently named the BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The main objective of

this Center is to disseminate tools and evidence-based support to local, tribal, and other public health departments across the U.S. that support family caregivers of people with dementia. Finally, the Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation as well as the Minnesota Northstar Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program feature robust community engagement and educational efforts so that families themselves are kept aware of available resources and new knowledge related to caregiving.

Caregiving for older people in the U.S. is not just a personal issue; it is a public health concern. Earlier this year, a book that I edited, Bridging the Family Care Gap, was published. Bridging the Family Care Gap features some of the foremost researchers and advocates in the field and outlines a series of policy, practice, and scientific innovations that can help to support families and communities that assist older people with health needs.

Joseph Gaugler is the Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging, professor and director of the Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. His research interests include the sources and effectiveness of long-term care for older adults with dementia and the effectiveness of community-based and psychosocial services for older adults with memory concerns and their caregiving families.

Fall Band Booster Burger Dinner Nov. 8

The Thief River Falls Band Boosters will host a Burger Dinner on Monday, Nov. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Lincoln High School Commons. This year's dinner features a juicy burger with fresh buns from Evergreen Catering, chips, cookies, and lemonade.

Dinner music will include selections from the Franklin Middle School "Morning Darkness" Jazz Band and the Lincoln High School Jazz Band. The two groups will feature student soloists on both improvised and written solos throughout their performance, and have been working diligently on a wide variety of genres for guests' listening pleasure.

This year's Burger Dinner proceeds from advance ticket sales will directly impact band students as they begin fundraising for future trips. The Morning Darkness Jazz Band is looking forward to their spring performance tour to Minneapolis, and the

Lincoln High School band members are beginning to make plans for their 2023 performance tour. All students in the Thief River Falls band program are looking forward to continued opportunities to return to community performances after many months of performing only for their families.

While tickets sold in advance directly benefit the students who sell, any tickets purchased at the door will go toward raising money that is used to supplement the school budgets for both Lincoln High School and Franklin Middle School bands. Recent purchases funded by Band Boosters include a bass clarinet, a tenor saxophone, and a set of rifles for a color guard.

Tickets for the Burger Dinner are available in advance from band members, and are available at the door the night of the Burger Dinner. The cost to attend is \$8 per person.



On Monday, Nov. 1, the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA) Club, comprised of 20 Aviation Maintenance Technology students from Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, went to the community park in St. Hilaire for their annual park clean up activity. (Submitted)

FMS Math League teams compete in Bemidji

The Franklin Middle School Math League teams competed Monday, Oct. 25 at St. Philip's Catholic School in Bemidji.

The two teams are in third and fourth place in the division. Individually, Casey Nelson leads the league, and Aiyella

Hensrud is in fifth place. Ryan Flaagan and Tucker Knott are tied in 11th place. Hensrud was the team's leading scorer at the second

meet. FMS will host the next meet Monday, Nov. 15.

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Prowlers rally for 5-set win over Rams

TRF volleyball team advances to Section 8AA North Championship

Thief River Falls rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat Roseau in a five-set match where there were no easy points.

The Prowlers won three of the first four points in the fifth and deciding set, which forced the Rams to burn an early timeout. The Prowlers continued their run with Carlie Rogalla serving and eventually took a 5-1 lead in the deciding set.

The Rams got a much needed sideout and cut the lead to 5-3, before the Prowlers added to their lead by winning six of the next nine points to make it an 11-6 advantage and force the Rams to use their final timeout.

Following the timeout, the Rams went on an improbable 8-2 run to take a 14-13 lead and get the first of several match-point opportunities.

The Prowlers kept battling, however, and tied the set at 14-14. The Rams continued to take the lead and get another opportunity to close out the match, and the Prowlers continued to answer the call.

Trailing 16-17, the Prowlers won the final three points of the match on kills by Mattea Erickson and Brylee Lingen, and a block by Giselle Cole to win the set 19-17.

It was an emotional win for the Prowlers, who truly



Lincoln High School students stormed the court to celebrate a big five-set win with members of the Prowler volleyball team seconds after they rallied to defeat Roseau in five sets Friday night. With the win, the Prowlers advanced to the Section 8AA North Subsection Championship/Section 8AA final four for the first time since 2015.

left everything they had on the court and battled back from three match-point situations in the final set.

"I told them, 'I'm so sleeping proud of you,'" said Thief River Falls Head Coach Hannah Lund following the

Prowlers' five-set win. "They fought their butts off. I told them that they all broke at one point and they all lifted each other up. If that's not mental toughness, I don't know what is."

The fifth set was a micro-

cosm of the entire match. Thief River Falls led by as many as seven points in the opening set before the Rams rallied to cut the deficit to two points, 22-20. The Rams wouldn't get any closer, however, and the Prowlers took

the opener 25-23.

The Prowlers led 2-0 early in the second set before the Rams took the lead for good with a 6-0 run. The Rams led by as many as seven points (17-10), but the Prowlers rallied to tie the set 22-22.

The teams traded sideouts, with the Rams maintaining the upper hand and eventually holding serve for a 27-25 win.

The Rams won six of the first seven points to open the third set. The Prowlers answered with a 7-0 run that included a sideout and six consecutive Kendal Martell service points, to take a 9-6 lead in the set.

The Rams battled back like they had all night and eventually took a 14-13 lead. The Prowlers led 20-19 after 39 points were contested in the third set. The Rams went on to win six of the final seven points to take the set 25-21 and take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Set number four played out a lot like the opening set. Both teams went on small runs, but they found themselves tied 11-11 around the mid-point of the set.

The Rams led by as many as four (16-12) at one point, before the Prowlers went on a 10-2 run that included a pair of service points from Erickson and five service points by Brookie Bakke, and produced a 22-18 lead for the Prowlers. The Rams never got closer than two points for the remainder of the set, as the Prowlers claimed a 25-21 win to force a fifth and final set.

"Our seniors weren't ready to be done," Lund said of the Prowlers' comeback win. "They were going to do every single thing to get it done."

Seniors Josie Johnson and Erickson played every single point during the five-set [Continued on page 3]



Thief River Falls senior Morgan Rude prepares to tackle DGF running back McKale Pierson during the first quarter of Saturday's Section 8AAA semifinal game. Also pursuing Pierson on the play are Kale Geiser (9) and Jaxon Brouse (3). The Rebels defeated the Prowlers 28-7 to advance to the section championship game and end the season for the Prowlers.

Prowler football season ends with loss to Rebels

Thief River Falls' football season ended Saturday with a 28-7 loss at the hands of top-seeded Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

The Rebels exemplify the type of team that the Prowlers are hoping to become. They won the battle at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and outrushed the Prowlers 238-139.

"We knew they were going to be incredibly physical," said Thief River Falls Head Coach Kurt Reynolds. "My hope was that we'd shut down their run game better, but their line had their way with us for a good part of the afternoon. Even though they put the ball on the ground several times, we were only able to come up with one of them. I was hoping to see us be able to get more momentum on offense and move the ball, but they just put big number 52 over our center and made life heck for us try-

ing to do anything inside. Then when we tried to get outside, their fast and physical linebackers just ate us up."

"We saw what a commitment to a program really looks like," Reynolds added. "What I mean by that is they are a program and we are a team right now in the process of building our program. Coach Hennings commented during the game, 'You can tell these guys have been lifting since sixth grade.' I replied, 'Exactly. And we've been lifting since February.' So we had a long way to go, but we know how to get there too. It's all about getting into the weight room and then getting into speed and agility camps so we can get faster."

The Prowlers and Rebels met week one with the Rebels claiming a 16-0 win on a rain-soaked Swenson Field. Wet footballs were re-

placed with cold footballs for Saturday's rematch in Glyndon. Like the opener, both teams struggled with ball security in Saturday's Section 8AAA semifinal.

McKale Pierson, the Rebels' leading rusher, coughed up the ball on the third play from scrimmage and the Prowlers recovered at the DGF 30 yard line.

The Prowlers' golden opportunity fizzled fast, however, with an incomplete pass on first down, followed by a pair of two-yard runs by Jake Friedrich and Kadin Grindel on second and third down. Facing a fourth and six at the DGF 26, the Prowlers sent Brayden Spears into the game to attempt a 43-yard field goal. Spears' kick was a bit short and it hooked left to keep the game scoreless.

Starting at their own 20 after the touchback, the Rebels answered with an 11-

yard drive that ended with a one-yard run by Pierson.

The Rebels were on the move again following a three and out by the Prowlers. A drive that started with 2:40 left to play in the first quarter ended with a Jordan Summers 8-yard touchdown run with 6:03 left in the half. The Rebels' second scoring drive covered 80 yards over 17 plays, with three fourth down conversions. DGF quarterback Owen Leach completed the two-point conversion pass to Pierson to give the Rebels a 14-0 lead.

Things went from bad to worse on the Prowlers' ensuing possession. On a third and six at the 40 yard line, TRF running back Braedon Potucek was hit in the backfield and coughed up the football. The loose ball bounced into the waiting arms of Pierson, who returned it 38 yards [Continued on page 3]

TRF cross country season ends at Section 8AA meet

A 15th place run by Isaac Mauch in the boys race and a 21st place finish by Livia Harbott on the girls side were the top-two finishes turned in by Thief River Falls runners at the 2021 Section 8AA meet on Thursday, Oct. 28 in Alexandria.

The top two teams and top six individuals who are not part of the top two teams qualified for the Nov. 6 Class AA state meet.

"The kids all had a great meet to end the season," said Thief River Falls Head Coach Natasha Reieron. "Half of both the boys and girls had PR's and that is what we strive for at each meet. It gets harder and harder each week, but we are getting better each week and each year."

Mauch finished 15th with a time of 18:05.60 - six places and about 28 seconds behind the final individual state qualifying spot.

"Isaac Mauch ran a great Section Race. Isaac's first two miles were a little fast but he looked good. He ended the meet with a time of 18:05 and 2 places from going to the State Meet. This year, Isaac has been a very consistent runner and next year, his senior year, will be his best yet."

Willmar and Pequot Lakes earned the top-two spots in the boys competition, while Willmar and Alexandria

earned the top two spots in the girls race.

Other finishers for the Prowler boys included William MacLean in 50th; Zachary Wikert in 65th; 19:58.90; Lincoln Davis, 77th; Briley Olsonawski, 78th; Korben Coffman, 81st; and Jack Krein, 82nd.

"Zach Wikert has been a part of Prowler Cross Country for the last seven years and has been such a great captain and role-model for the rest of the team," Reieron said. "He started by running an 8-minute per mile in sixth grade and now is running a 6:17 minute per mile race. We will miss him and his leadership next season."

Girls section champion Willmar and runner-up Alexandria earned the two automatic qualifying spots for the state meet.

Livia Harbott was about a minute behind Cassie Wellman of Fergus Falls for the final individual state qualifying spot.

"Livia Harbott ran great with a 20:48 and a PR by 10 seconds," Reieron said. "She has really run great this season behind her sister, Dru. With Dru's leg hurting and not being able to run her normal great race, Livia really stepped up and ran her best race of the year. Dru will be our leader next year with her sister next to her." [Continued on page 3]

Broadwell and Flaagan compete at state tennis

The Thief River Falls doubles duo of Brooklyn Broadwell and Abby Flaagan went 0-2 at the 2021 Class AA State Tennis Tournament. The individual portion of the tournament was held Thursday and Friday at the Baseline Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

Broadwell and Flaagan fell in straight sets to the team of Emma Anderson and Mya Nelson of Elk River in Thursday morning's opening round and exited the tournament Thursday afternoon with a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Allyson Jay/Nana Vang of the Blake School.

TRF SPORTS

Thursday, Nov. 4
 ■ Volleyball - LHS vs. Menahga - Section 8AA semifinal at Fosston 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5
 ■ Basketball - NCTC Women at GCC Classic - vs. Milwaukee Area Technical College 5 p.m.;
Saturday, Nov. 6
 ■ Basketball - NCTC Women at

GCC Classic vs. Western Tech noon; NCTC Men vs. Mayville State JV.
 ■ Wrestling - NCTC at Cobber Invite 9 a.m.
 ■ Volleyball - Section 8AA championship TBD.
Monday, Nov. 8
 ■ Basketball - NCTC Women vs. Jamestown JV 5:30 p.m.; NCTC Men vs. Jamestown JV 7:30 p.m.

Catching up with Mike Lundgren

by Mike Lundgren
Sports Editor Emeritus

During the course of a 47-year career covering sports for The Times and Northern Watch, taking a trip would mean drives to Crookston, Detroit Lakes, East Grand Forks, Park Rapids, Bagley, Fergus Falls, etc. to follow the Prowlers, Pioneers and area schools. If not on the road, weekends were often spent writing stories and producing pictures in an effort to meet the next deadline.

Personal time away from the duties of collecting and assimilating information for publication required extra time prior to and after returning from any extended break.

Then came retirement. Time became available. Still busy, but in flexible fashion. And vacations – if retired people can still use that term – turned into get-aways that did not include worrying about the pile of work awaiting you upon your return.

Under that scenario, this retired sports editor recently experienced one of his most enjoyable ventures. My wife Shirley and I took an early October flight to visit our son Jeff and daughter-in-law Lorrie. They live in the heart of the New York City metro area. Their Jersey City brownstone is right across the Hudson River from Manhattan. But we began our week-long stay by leaving that busy scene behind

in favor of a drive to the Catskills. In a couple of hours, we were in the picture postcard-like mountains and woods of Upstate New York.

Our first stop was the quaint community of Woodstock – yes, the Woodstock of rock and roll fame. A couple of pictures and souvenirs cemented our legacy that we were actually there, albeit some 52 years after the fact.

A hillside cabin was our home for the next three days. Hiking trails, waterfalls, scenic drives and more fast-moving rock-strewn creeks, streams and rivers that you can ever imagine, along with a tinge of fall color, made it an almost surreal experience.

Making it even more special for this 70-year-old was an opportunity to try his hand at fly fishing for the first time. Jeff booked the trip for the two of us through Oleh's Catskills Guide Service. It was a great choice. Oleh, whose Ukrainian heritage explained his first name spelling as opposed to the Scandinavian Ole, was amazingly patient as he introduced a pair of rookies to the techniques of fly rod fishing. After 90 minutes of intriguing and fascinating step-by-step instructions, he said it was time to "hit the water."

Outfitted in waders and rain coats, we ventured down the banks and into the middle of the Esopus River. Walking on the rock-

covered river bottom in swift thigh-deep water was an interesting test of balance.

Once positioned, we tried, with various degrees of success, to execute the instructions given to us earlier. Plop the fly up river, let it float with the current, then repeat. The trout were hitting the surface around us in somewhat regular fashion. We both had strikes, but were unable to set the hook.

To be honest, it would have been great to get a picture or two holding a fish before putting it back into the river. But the fact we failed to net a rainbow or brown did not diminish the pure enjoyment, tranquility and beauty of the experience. It was the most fun I've ever had fishing.

A light rain that turned into a downpour failed to curb our enthusiasm. After all, we were dressed for the occasion. The gear kept us reasonably dry until, after nearly two hours of casting, we began our hike back to the car. That's when an old sports editor slipped, stumbled, and ended up on his backside in the middle of the rushing water. It was a bit of a struggle holding onto the rod and getting back to an upright position, but Oleh happened to be close by and he extended a hand to fish his protégé from the river.

It was another unforgettable moment during a great day. Cross it off the Bucket List!



Mike Lundgren (right) and son Jeff are pictured during a recent fly fishing adventure in the Catskills of Upstate New York. (Submitted)

Chargers drop heartbreaker

BGMR scores touchdown on final play to eliminate Goodridge/Grygla in Section 8 9-Man semifinal

The Goodridge/Grygla football team has suffered its share of heartbreaking losses in 2021. There was the 26-20 overtime loss to Clearbrook-Gonvick on opening night; a 20-14 setback at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo on Sept. 24; and a 28-22 loss at Kittson County Central in the Oct. 19 season finale.

None of those losses stung like the one the Chargers suffered Saturday in Badger. The Chargers led the Badger/Greenbush-Middle River Gators 18-16 with time for just one play. Facing a fourth and 23 from his own 42-yard line, BGMR quarterback Kobey Dallager fired a 58-yard Hail Mary pass that bounced off the hands of wide receiver Zach Blawat and landed in the hands of Jaxon Janousek for the game winning touchdown.

"Our boys did everything we could ask of them," said Goodridge/Grygla Head Coach John Wilebski. "I am very proud of how we battled and controlled the game except for three plays. How heartbreaking for all of us. The football gods were not with us this, on this Hallow Eve night."

The Chargers defeated the Gators 34-6 in a week two game in Grygla. The Gators, who were without Dallager that night, fell to 0-2 with the loss. Since then, the Gators won their final

six regular season games to earn the number one seed in Section 8 9-Man and have added two playoff wins to reach the section championship game.

Saturday's game was all Chargers for most of the first three quarters.

Andrew Loken scored the only points of the first quarter on a seven-yard run, and Matt Busse scored on a 42-yard run in the second quarter to put the Chargers up 12-0. Both two-point conversion attempts failed.

Loken scored again, this time on a two-yard run in the third quarter, to cap another long drive for the Chargers.

The Gator rally started late in the third quarter with Janousek scoring on a 76-yard pass from Dallager.

The Gators got the ball back early in fourth quarter and made it a one score game on a 20-yard run by Dylan Von Ende. Dallager completed passes to Blawat and Janousek on the two-point plays to cut the Charger lead to two points.

The Chargers moved the ball deep into Gator territory but couldn't run the clock out.

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GG Chargers	6	6	6	0	18
BGMR Gators	0	0	8	14	22

GG - Andrew Loken 7-yard run (pass failed)
GG - Matt Busse 42-yard run (pass failed)
GG - Loken 2-yard run (kick

failed)
BGMR - Janousek 76-yard pass from Dallager (Dallager pass to Blawat)
BGMR - Von Ende 20-yard run (Dallager pass to Janousek)
BGMR - Janousek 58-yard pass from Dallager.

- Team Statistics**
- First downs - GG 17; BGMR 9.
 - Fumbles (total-lost) - Away 2-0; Home 2-1.
 - Penalties (number-yards) - Away 2-20; Home 8-75.
 - Punts (number-average) - Away 5-23.0; Home 6-30.7.
 - Rushing (attempts-yards) - GG 246; Home 59-184; BGMR 8-19; Dylan Von Ende 5-42, touchdown; Jaxon Janousek 1-(-8).
 - Passing - GG 60; BGMR 1.
 - Total yards - GG 306; BGMR 198, 2 touchdowns.
- Receiving - (GG) Andrew Loken 1-4; Lewis Jones 2-27; Matt Busse 3-28; (BGMR) Janousek 3-150, 2 touchdowns; Ethan Waage 2-19; Zach Blawat 2-15.**
- Tackles - (GG) Elliot Philipp 9, Matt Busse 6, Andrew Loken 5, Lewis Jones 4, Nolan Anderson 3, Reece Sundberg 3, Kaylor Torgerson 3, Tre Alten 2, Jordan Coan 2, Jolson Sargent 2.**
- Sacks - Andrew Loken 2, Interceptions - Matt Busse 1.**

- Section 8 9-Man results**
- Quarterfinals (Oct. 26) - Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 42, Lake of the Woods 20; Goodridge/Grygla 35, Northern Freeze 26; Win-E-Mac 28, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo 22; Kittson County Central 42, Stephen-Argyle 14.
 - Semifinals - Saturday, Oct. 30 - Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 22, Goodridge/Grygla 18; Kittson County Central 42, Win-E-Mac 22.
 - Championship - Thursday, Nov. 4 at Fargo dome 12:30 p.m. - #1 Kittson County Central vs. #1 Badger/Greenbush-Middle River.



Goodridge/Grygla running back Andrew Loken runs through tackles during the Chargers' quarterfinal win over the Northern Freeze last week. The Chargers were back in action Saturday, dropping a heart-breaking 22-18 decision to Badger/Greenbush-Middle River in the Section 8 9-Man semifinals.

Girls Swimming TRF wins fifth straight North Border Conference championship

Thief River Falls won six events and added five more top three finishes to claim the North Border Conference Championship for the fifth consecutive season in which the meet was held.

The Prowlers claimed both the 200 medley relay behind the foursome of Ava Budish, Maren Espe, Kendal Rantanen and Brianna Berg, and the 200 freestyle relay behind Berg, Espe, Ava Budish and Kendal Rantanen.

Individual event winners for the Prowlers included Caitlynn Ellison in the 200 IM; Rantanen in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke; and Espe in the 100 breaststroke.

Espe added a runner-up finish in the 100 freestyle race.

Prowlers earning third place finishes included Olivia Schmidt in the 200

and 500 freestyle races; Berg in the 50 freestyle; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Vanessa Thibert, Gretta Grzadziewski, Faith Hartmann and Breanna Lee.

- North Border Conference Meet**
- Scores - 1. Thief River Falls 576; 2. Warroad/Roseau/Greenbush-Middle River 559; 3. Fosston/Bagley 418; 4. Crookston 312.
 - 200 Medley Relay - 1. TRF A (Ava Budish, Maren Espe, Kendal Rantanen, Brianna Berg) 2:06.11; (TRF B was disqualified)
 - 200 Freestyle - 1. Kayla Dahl, Warroad/Roseau/GMR, 2:17.42; 3. Olivia Schmidt 2:27.77; 4. Gretta Grzadziewski 2:29.06; 10. Kailie Larson 2:55.60; 11. Alora Holthusen 3:06.06.
 - 200 IM - 1. Caitlynn Ellison, Thief River Falls, 2:42.74; 6. Breanna Lee 2:57.58; 8. Faith Hartmann 3:07.35.
 - 50 Freestyle - 1. Ashten Wolfe, Fosston, 27.60; 3. Brianna Berg 28.26; 4. Ava Budish 28.55; 6. Aniyah Fields 28.88; 9. Vanessa Thibert 30.15.
 - 100 Butterfly - 1. Kendal Rantanen, Thief River Falls, 1:09.32; 4. Caitlynn Ellison 1:18.31;

- 5. Vanessa Thibert 1:21.60.
- 100 Freestyle - 1. Ashten Wolfe, Fosston/Bagley, 59.82; 2. Maren Espe 1:01.19; 4. Ava Budish 1:03.88; 5. Brianna Berg 1:04.90; 8. Faith Hartmann 1:09.20.
- 500 Freestyle - 1. Kayla Dahl, Warroad/Roseau/GMR, 6:30.84; 3. Olivia Schmidt 6:49.17; 5. Shelby Holthusen 7:37.73; 10. Carlie Casavan 7:49.25; 11. Alora Holthusen 8:31.51.
- 200 Freestyle - 1. TRF A (Brianna Berg, Maren Espe, Ava Budish, Kendal Rantanen) 1:52.81; 4. TRF B (Faith Hartmann, Jaymin Klosterman, Gretta Grzadziewski, Aniyah Fields) 2:00.55;
- 100 Backstroke - 1. Kendal Rantanen, Thief River Falls, 1:09.50; 4. Jaymin Klosterman 1:16.58; 6. Elise Schneider 1:19.66; 7. Vanessa Thibert 1:20.34.
- 100 Breaststroke - 1. Maren Espe, Thief River Falls, 1:17.03; 4. Breanna Lee 1:30.62; 5. Livia Thibert 1:30.78; 7. Adrienne Moran 1:32.32.
- 400 Freestyle relay - 1. Warroad/Roseau/GMR A 4:19.59; 3. TRF A (Vanessa Thibert, Gretta Grzadziewski, Faith Hartmann, Breanna Lee) 4:29.76; 5. TRF B (Olivia Schmidt, Jaymin Klosterman, Caitlynn Ellison, Aniyah Fields) 4:50.40.



TRF Kubb held its 11th Annual Indoor Championship Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Rusty Nail in Thief River Falls. Pictured from left to right are the top-four finishers from this year's event: runner-up Bob Parker, fourth place finisher Kevin Nelson, champion Ryan Kolden, and third place finisher Danny Behm. (Submitted)



Roger Cota

Cota receives MSHSCA Distinguished Service Award

Roger Cota of Saint Hilaire was presented with Minnesota State High School Coaches Association, Officials Distinguished Service Award at the Hall of Fame Banquet held on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at the Sheraton Minneapolis West-Ridgedale.

Cota was one of four officials to receive the DSA award from the MSHSCA. Cota is a longtime football, baseball and softball official. He retired from high school and junior college baseball

at the end of the 2019 season and he retired from high school softball at the end of the 2021 season. He continues to officiate junior college softball and high school football, and he recently added four-year college softball to his officiating plate.

Flying in for the weekend to celebrate this honor with their father were Cristi Cota-Smith of Aurora, CO and Kelly Cota of Casa Grande, Ariz. Also joining them was Roger's wife, Bonnie.



Longtime football, softball and baseball official Roger Cota, far right, was a recent recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association. Pictured with Cota, from left to right are Kelly Cota, Cristi Cota-Smith, Bonnie Cota and Roger Cota. (Submitted)

Prowler football season ends with loss to Rebels/Continued

[Continued from page 1] for the Rebels' second touchdown of the quarter. Leach added the two-point conversion to make it 22-0 in favor of the Rebels.

Potucek made amends for the fumble on the Prowlers' next play from scrimmage as he broke loose on a 30-yard run to get the Prowlers into Rebel territory for the first time in the game. Unfortunately, that drive stalled at the DGF 23 yard line.

The Prowlers and Rebels traded possessions to open the second half, with the Rebels, gradually getting the better of the exchange due in large part to the wind being at their backs. The Rebels started their second possession of the half at the Prowler 30 yard line and they scored four plays later on a one-yard run by Leach to effectively put the game away.

After being held in check for most of the game, the Prowler offensive unit pieced together an 11-play, 46-yard drive late in the fourth quarter. Jaxon Brouse, who played fullback at times early in the season, returned to that role on the final drive and scored on a four-yard run with four seconds left to avoid the shutout. Spears added the extra point to conclude the scoring.

The loss dropped the Prowlers' season record to 5-5.

"At one point, we were 0-3," Reynolds said. "To claw back and be 5-4 after the first round of playoffs speaks volumes about our kids and my coaching staff and their vision for this program. In the past - due to the losing records - our guys would look for an excuse or just expect things to go wrong, and they often did. This year, though, we learned how to win in close games. Instead of wilting, the guys found a way to rally and find a way to win. I couldn't be more proud of them for that."

Saturday's game was the final high school game for 14 seniors and there was hardly a dry eye among them.

"I'm just so proud of how far this group of seniors have come," Reynolds said. "They went from not winning much until last year when we beat Fergus Falls and then had two close contests. Those seeds that were begun under Coach Lingen really came to fruition this year. I recall in 2020 our guys buying into the new defensive scheme and that totally changed our team chemistry and culture. Suddenly, guys felt like we were in games - and we were for the first time in a long

while. That was vital in helping our guys rally from that 0-3 start.

"This group simply bought into the weight room. Being physical and strong were hallmarks of Coach Mumm's teams of the past, and that's where I wanted us to go again. So Coach Mumm and Coach Hennings were vital in putting together an offseason program that held kids accountable and challenged them. Of course, the seniors who decided to stick with football all bought into that program and helped us establish our straight T offense, which was the difference in the turnaround this year."

The future is bright
While the Prowlers lose several starters on both sides of the ball, they return a lot next season.

"We are trending in the right direction," Reynolds said. "We have a great young quarterback, Caleb Rosendahl, who is only going to get better. He improved so much since he took over at halftime of our first game. I can't wait to see how much he improves after a strong offseason. Our backfield is going to be loaded with two juniors - Gabe Winter and Griff Lundeen - and three talented seniors - Friedrich, Potucek, and Grindeland. We have play-makers at the tight end position - Max Peterson, Jace Erickson, and Jack Rosendahl. Plus, we have the best kicker in the conference, Brayden Spears, who is only going to become more lethal for us."

The main offensive question mark going into the 2022 season will be on the offensive line. The Prowlers are losing Issac Dakken, Taylor Engebretson, Austin Tabbat, Cody Wienen and Brady Olson.

"We have some young guys, especially in the group that will be sophomores next year, that we are looking forward to seeing in the weight room bulking up and taking over next year. We will rely on our returning starters - Carter Engebretson, Kennet Kezar and Trian Petrescue to mentor and lead these young guys."

On the defensive side, the Prowlers lose defensive backs Morgan Rude, Trevor Rose, Ethan Osowski and Nolan Lubarski.

"We have an excellent corner in Jace Erickson coming up as well and young guys like Jack Rosendahl and Brayden Spears who will get their shots, along with some freshmen who got some game time versus Frazee, and then a lot of practice time this fall with the varsity at the end of the season."

"Our defensive line is

going to lose some very talented players in Jaxon Brouse and Brady Olson. We also lose size on the defensive line too in Colin Bruggeman who really came on at the DE position the past few weeks of the season and Richard Philipp, Wyatt Harbott, and Aidan Koop too. Losing Dakken in the middle of the defense is going to be a huge void to fill, but we are looking at Kale Geiser with his brains and wrestling background to take over there. Having Jake Friedrich back at one LB will help too. Plus it's going to be fun to see the young guys step up and take over there too."

Scoring					
	1	2	3	4	T
TRF	0	0	0	7	7
DGF	6	16	6	0	28
DGF - McKale Pierson 1-yard run (run failed)					
DGF - Jordan Summers 8-yard run (Owen Leach pass to Pierson)					
DGF - Pierson 38-yard fumble return (Leach run)					
DGF - Leach 1-yard run (pass failed)					
TRF - Jaxon Brouse 4-yard run (Brayden Spears kick)					

Team Statistics	
■ First downs - TRF 6; DGF 22.	
■ Fumbles (total-lost) - TRF 2-2; DGF 4-2.	
■ Penalties (number-yards) - TRF 4-20; DGF 1-5.	
■ Punts (number-average) - TRF 4-40; DGF 1-43.	
■ Rushing (attempts-yards) - TRF 35-139; DGF 48-238.	
■ Passing - TRF 1-for-4, 16 yards; DGF 4-for-11, 53 yards.	
■ Total yards - TRF 155; DGF 291.	

Individuals	
■ Rushing - (TRF) Braedon Potucek 5-41; Jaxon Brouse 5-27, touchdown; (DGF) McKale Pierson 28-160, touchdown; Jordan Summers 6-37, touchdown; Owen Leach 4-14, touchdown.	
■ Passing - (TRF) Caleb Rosendahl 1-for-4, 16 yards; (DGF) Owen Leach 4-for-10, 53 yards.	
■ Receiving - (TRF) Kadin Grindeland 1-16; (DGF) Jordan Summers 2-34; McKale Pierson 1-10.	

Section 8AAA Results	
■ Section 8AAA Quarterfinals (Tuesday, Oct. 26) - Thief River Falls 30, East Grand Forks 14; Perham 28, Park Rapids 0; Fergus Falls 28, Roseau 6.	
■ Semifinals - Saturday, Oct. 30 - Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 28, Thief River Falls 7; Fergus Falls 35, Perham 14.	
■ Championship - Thursday, Nov. 4 at Fargodome 5:30 p.m. - #2 Fergus Falls vs. #1 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.	

Section 8AA Results	
■ Section 8AA Quarterfinals (Tuesday, Oct. 26) - Warroad 42, Crookston 18; Hawley 26, Frazee 0.	
■ Semifinals - Saturday, Oct. 30 - Barnesville 48, Warroad 14; Pelican Rapids 24, Hawley 13.	
■ Championship - Friday, Nov. 5 at Fargodome 8 p.m. - #2 Pelican Rapids vs. #1 Barnesville.	

Section 8A Results	
■ Section 8A Quarterfinals (Tuesday, Oct. 26) - Red Lake County 40, Bagley 28; Polk County West 43, Fosston 14.	
■ Semifinals - Saturday, Oct. 30 - Ada-Borup 42, Red Lake County 14; Mahnomen/Waubun 12, Polk County West 3.	
■ Championship - Thursday, Nov. 4 at Fargodome 8 p.m. - #2 Mahnomen/Waubun vs. #1 Ada-Borup West	



Running room was hard to come by for the Prowlers during their Section 8AAA semifinal game at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Saturday. Thief River Falls junior Jake Friedrich found the open field on this play in the fourth quarter. The Rebels defeated the Prowlers 28-7.

TRF cross country season ends at section meet/Continued

[Continued from page 1] Brooke Olson finished second on the Prowler girls team with a 35th place finish.

After finishing one spot short of the state meet in 2019 and coming close again in 2020, Dru Harbott battled injuries down the stretch to finish 48th at the section meet.

Also competing for the Prowler girls team were Kelsey Baltes, 70th; Ashlyn Nelson, 71st; and Sophia Eidsmoe, 80th.

"Brooke Olson and Kelsey Baltes had PRs, with Ashlyn Nelson and Sophia Eidsmoe running great races also," Reiersen said. "Brooke Olson has been such a great asset to our girls program, running in the number two and number three spot all year. She is a very good runner and we were fortunate to have her join the team this year. We are so thankful for our co-ops with Newfolden and Goodridge Schools."

"Kjerstin Nelson was the other senior on our girls team this year and she ran great for our Prowlers team," Reiersen added. "She

was hurt for the section meet but was a great asset to our Prowler Cross Country Team."

"With only Zach, Brooke and Kjerstin graduating, the next few years look great for Prowler Cross Country. We have great younger kids coming up and a majority of our varsity teams are made up of 7th-9th graders. Our program looks solid for next year with Isaac Mauch and Dru Harbott leading the way."

"Next year, our leaders on the boys team will be Isaac, Will Maclean, Lincoln Davis and Briley Olsonawski. The girls Cross Country Team looks to be lead next year by Dru, Livia, Ruby Geiser, Kelsey Baltes, Ashlyn Nelson, and Sophia Eidsmoe."

Section 8AA Boys Varsity	
■ Top 5/state qualifiers - 1. Sully Anez, Willmar, 16:23.80; 2. Vincent Kaluza, Rocori, 16:50.90; 3. Colin O'Farrell, Willmar, 16:56.80; 4. Jonathan Krueger, East Grand Forks, 16:59.30; 5. Eli Hall, Pequot Lakes, 17:09.30; 6. Joel Brault, Alexandria, 17:16.70; 7. Jaden Miller, Fergus Falls, 17:25.20; 8. Wyatt Baum, Little Falls, 17:26.60;	

9. Landon Runge, Alexandria, 17:37.7; entire team from Willmar and Rocori qualified.

■ TRF places - 15. Isaac Mauch 18:05.60; 50. William Maclean 19:21.80; 65. Zachary Wikert 19:58.90; 77. Lincoln Davis 21:27.10; 78. Briley Olsonawski 21:38.40; 81. Korben Coffman 22:56.20; 82. Jack Krein 23:08.00.

■ Team Scores - 1. Willmar 71; 2. Pequot Lakes 90; 3. Alexandria 95; 4. Fergus Falls 96; 5. Rocori 127; 6. Little Falls 132; 7. East Grand Forks 140; 8. Albany 219; 9. New London-Spicer 234; 10. Melrose Area 277; 11. Thief River Falls 285; 12. Detroit Lakes 306.

Girls Varsity
■ Top 5/state qualifiers - 1. Olivia Goebel, Albany 18:25.1; 2. Lauren Eilers, Willmar 18:40.30; 3. Calia Chaney, Pequot Lakes 18:42.2; 4. Aleah Miller, Alexandria 18:50.9; 5. Emma Ecker, Alexandria 19:08.50; 6. Erin Eilers, Willmar 19:11.8; 7. Elise Hofer, Rocori 19:15.4; 8. Laina Viere, Rocori 19:24.30; 9. Nina Dawson, Willmar, 19:35.6; 10. Ava Larsen, Rocori, 19:37.20; 11. Cassie Wellman, Fergus Falls, 19:46.40.

■ TRF places - 21. Livia Harbott 20:48.10; 35. Brooke Olson 21:57.30; 48. Dru Harbott 22:38.40; 70. Kelsey Baltes 23:57.8; 10. Ashlyn Nelson 24:01.80; 80. Sophia Eidsmoe 25:59.50.

■ Team Scores - 1. Willmar 45; 2. Alexandria 55; 3. Rocori 62; 4. Pequot Lakes 134; 5. Little Falls 160; 6. Albany 185; 7. Fergus Falls 187; 8. Detroit Lakes 208; 9. New London-Spicer 232; 10. Thief River Falls 245; 11. Melrose Area 269; 12. East Grand Forks 314.



Thief River Falls outside hitter Aliyah Alby receives a pass from setter Josie Johnson during the Prowlers' Section 8AA quarterfinal match against Roseau held Friday night at Lincoln High School. Alby finished the match with six kills.

Prowlers rally for 5-set win over Rams/Continued

[Continued from page 1] match, while libero Kendal Martell missed just a handful of points during the match. Their conditioning was put to the test.

"Josie and Mattea played every point and Kendal gets her quick in and out," Lund said. "This is only our second time going five sets - DL was the other. If anything, their blocks got better, they adjusted, and we played every single point of every single set."

"We've been focusing on mental toughness, being intentional, playing together as a team and communicat-

ing," Lund added. "We definitely saw some weakness in communicating as a team, but they stayed so focused on lifting each other up, that they found success."

Erickson finished with 59 assists on the night and coordinated an attack that produced a total of 62 kills. Erickson was the top Prowler hitter with 24 kills. Lingen and Cole also finished in double figures with 14 and 12, respectively.

Top-seeded Menahga defeated fifth-seeded East Grand Forks in five sets Friday night to set up a battle between the Prowlers

and the Braves for the Section 8AA North subsection title. That match is slated for Thursday, Nov. 4 at a neutral site to be determined.

Thief River Falls 3, Roseau 2	
■ Scores - TRF wins 25-23, 25-27, 21-25, 25-21, 19-17.	
■ Assists - Josie Johnson 59, Carlie Rogalla 1, Mattea Erickson 1	
■ Kills - Mattea Erickson 24, Brylee Lingen 14, Giselle Cole 12, Aliyah Alby 6, Carlie Rogalla 6,	
■ Service Aces - Brylee Lingen 3, Mattea Erickson 3, Kendal Martell 1.	
■ Blocks - Brylee Lingen 10, Giselle Cole 6, Mattea Erickson 3, Josie Johnson 1.	



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Aliyah Alby

Current Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside hitter
Favorite Subject: Gym
Favorite Sports Team: Gophers
Favorite Food: Chicken Wings
Favorite Movie/TV show: Last Song
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Building relationships with all my teammates
Other Sports/Activities: Dance
Hobbies outside of athletics: Hanging out with friends and playing basketball
Plans After High School: Go to a four-year college for business.

Mattea Erickson

Current Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter/right side hitter
Favorite Subject: Art
Favorite Sports Team: Gophers
Favorite Food: Pickles
Favorite Movie/TV show: New Girl
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Hitting a few girls in the head.
Other Sports/Activities: None
Hobbies outside of athletics: Painting, reading and sleeping.
Plans After High School: Attend a four-year college.



Jaymin Klosterman

Current Sport: Swimming
Events: 200 Medley relay, 200 IM, 200 free relay, 100 backstroke, 400 free relay.
Favorite Subject: Choir
Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota Wild
Favorite Food: Spaghetti
Favorite Movie/TV show: Stranger Things
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Warroad sections three years ago in creepy cabins with Ava, Paige and Dakota, our door didn't lock or close, and Paige brought enough food for an entire town.
Other Sports/Activities: Hockey, choir, All-State Choir, yearbook.
Hobbies outside of athletics: Singing, being with friends and family, working at Scooters.
Plans After High School: I hope to be in Concordia's choir and study social work there.

Breanna Lee

Current Sport: Swimming
Position: Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 400 freestyle relay.
Favorite Subject: Psychology
Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota Wild
Favorite Food: Sushi
Favorite Movie/TV show: The 100
Career Highlight/favorite memory: When Paige made a "test" cake, she brought it on the bus and Jaymin, Ava, Chloe and I all ate it on the way to a meet.
Other Sports/Activities: Hockey, golf
Hobbies outside of athletics: Going on trips with family, wakeboarding.
Plans After High School: Attend the University of St. Thomas for undecided major.



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Sunday, November 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends - 9 a.m. service at Bethlehem; 11 a.m. service at Nazareth; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. at Nazareth; Sunday School 10 a.m. at Bethlehem; Confirmation at Nazareth 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, November 4: 9 a.m. SAIL; 9-1 LSS Repite Care in lounge; 1 p.m. Quilting
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It's important to continue to make music

Other than food, one of the main topics of conversation in the office at The Times is music. Several members of our staff have taken time off to go to concerts now that music performers can be on stage again. One staff member recently attended the Rolling Stones concert. It's hard to imagine a 78-year old Mick Jagger dancing across the stage, but he was doing it. How does he do it?

I don't get out much. I attended my alma mater's homecoming concert this fall, and though you may think that concert pales in comparison to a big rock concert, it really felt great to be able to attend a concert in person. I loved every minute of it. The music was beautiful and performed well, and it transported me someplace else, firing off my imagination. I'm sure it erased weeks and maybe months of the stress I've experienced over the past two years.

I believe music can do a great many things. It can make us happy or sad. It can fire off our imagination in such a way that we feel instantly transported to different places; it can improve our memories; it can inspire us to work together; and, among other things, it can encourage us to take on new adventures and challenges. Several members of my own family and extended family credit music for the personal relationships they enjoy today.

The number of students participating in music in our community appears to be declining. Local school officials don't know why, but are seeking answers. Maybe it's just the natural ebb and flow of interest. I see it all the time in different adult organizations and activities. Maybe it has something to do with the pandemic. It can be hard to make music when disease, fear and anger is sucking the life out of you. No matter what the reason, I hope it's only tem-

porary and that every adult will encourage their child to participate in music in one fashion or another.

Some of you might not think music is as important as core subjects, but research has shown that music education enhances overall educational goals and improves academic success. Studies have shown that musical training

- physically develops the part of the left side of the brain known to be involved with processing language;

- that students who are involved with a high-quality music education program perform better on tests than students who don't engage in music;

- that while performing, students are working toward a common goal, and they develop a better appreciation of their voice and others, and it helps build their self esteem;
- that music training requires participants to listen to themselves and the rest of their ensemble, which helps auditory development in the brain and encourages cooperation and understanding;

- that many music concepts have mathematical counterparts that benefit math skills;

- that the brain of a musician works differently than a non-musician and that they are using more of their brain;

- that it gives kids a great stress release by allowing them to immerse themselves in something that is fulfilling and calming;

- that it boosts creativity; and,
- that schools with music programs are found to have higher graduation rates.

Music exerts a powerful influence on us in many different ways. Don't let the opportunities and benefits of music pass you by. Maybe it improves energy levels and extends life itself. That could help explain how Mick Jagger does it.

It's National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

To the Editor,
November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a time to recognize and celebrate this specialized type of care—care for the whole person, including medical, emotional, personal and spiritual care, as well as grief support for the person's loved ones.

Hospice care impacts the lives of so many, from those who are facing a terminal illness and their families and caregivers to our community members who are dealing with grief and loss.

Experiencing end of life and grief are two absolutes in each of our lives—and there is support available to people during these tender times in life. Hospice care is a benefit our community members are entitled to receive, and it's about living the best quality of life possible, comfortably in wherever you call home.

2021 marks Hospice of

the Red River Valley's 40th year of providing comfort and care through life's journey. We're proud to be the region's longest-serving hospice as we reflect on our roots as a community-based, nonprofit hospice. We're also humbled to say our values and work still reflect the same excitement, passion and purpose they did four decades ago.

Our co-founder, Dr. Joy Query, and a host of volunteers first brought hospice services to our region with the belief that everyone, including those who face end of life, deserves dignity and quality of life. They could see a better future for our communities—just as you and countless individuals have by investing in our care.

We express our deepest gratitude to the region, communities, families and individuals who have entrusted us with the

sacred gift of helping families and friends create more meaningful moments together.

This includes those whom we've cared for, volunteers, donors and staff; you all make this work matter. Thank you for the incredible support and care you have given to ensure our mission continues well into the future—and beyond our founders' original hopes and dreams.

Choosing hospice gives people the peace of mind and the care they need, while also providing them with moments of joy, peace and comfort. If you're unfamiliar with the benefits of hospice care, please visit our website or call (800) 237-4629 to learn more.

With gratitude,
Tracee Capron
Executive Director
Hospice of the Red River Valley

The amazing Heidi Nelson

To the Editor:

I just wanted to bring to everyone's attention a wonderful person in our community. My mother lives in the Skylite Apartments and they have an amazing person running their facility. She always has the best interest of the residents at heart. She makes the place shine inside and out. She

cares about them, makes it fun at coffee time, bingo, movies, crafts; and, she makes many other activities so much fun. I'm so thankful my mom is living in a loving, warm environment.

Thank you Heidi Nelson.
Amy Nelson
Thief River Falls



The future of American farming demands high-speed internet solutions

New report recommends steps for farm office and field

A new report, funded by the United Soybean Board (USB) and conducted by the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, revealed that providing U.S. farmers and ranchers access to fast, affordable and reliable broadband will increase sustainability. It will also allow more reliable and efficient food production for a growing population and strengthen America's rural communities.

"Data is the most valuable tool in our farm's toolbox. Without a reliable connection to the internet, data collection and its subsequent use is severely limited," said Meagan Kaiser, USB treasurer, soil scientist and Missouri farmer. "Data gives us the ability to identify plant nutrient requirements and target those nutrients only where they are needed, which leads to increased yields without expanding acreage. It all begins with connectivity."

Interviews with farmers, rural internet service providers, equipment manufacturers, and agricultural leaders and experts revealed consensus around several key outcomes for rural broadband, such as the need for robust upload speeds, accurate network deployment data and scalable technologies.

The report, *The Future of American Farming: Broadband Solutions for the Farm Office, Field, and Community*, lays out 15 actionable recommendations for delivering the high-speed internet that farmers and rural communities need. Categorized by

the farm operations center, wireless needs in the field, and how reliable broadband can support the interdependent relationship between farmers and their rural communities, some of the actionable recommendations include:

- Establish future-proof performance standards: To meet the growing demand among farmers for both upstream and downstream speeds, networks must be capable of 100/100 Mbps service.

- Adopt high-performance standards: Performance standards for upload speeds and latency should reflect the changing needs of the farmers for precision agriculture.

- Encourage deep fiber build-out: Fiber build-out in rural America, even if not directly to the farm, will be needed to support capable wireless connections for higher-bandwidth applications in the field.

- Address gaps in mapping on farmland: Broadband maps should include mobile coverage on agricultural lands. The underlying data that informs these maps must be available to the public.

- Support equity digital programs at the state and local levels: Digital equity programs can work with communities to help people make full use of broadband connections.

"To many farmers, sustainability incorporates the economic, environmental

and social impacts of agriculture — a triple bottom line," said Jordan Arnold, research associate for the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society and the report's author. "Now it's time to deploy the broadband networks and adoption strategies they need."

The recommendations are a direct response to the problems revealed in a 2019 rural broadband study from USB. This initial study showed 60% of U.S. farmers and ranchers do not believe they have adequate internet connectivity to run their businesses, and that plans to incorporate data into day-to-day decisions are often thwarted by slow internet speeds, high costs and unreliable service. The study also noted that many farmers do not have another viable option to change internet service providers.

Even hampered by these issues, farmers know that broadband is a necessary tool to implement innovative agricultural practices and allow for more targeted and efficient resource use. Broadband access lets farmers measure their inputs and outputs more efficiently, which creates smarter, more sustainable resource management.

"Connectivity of land, equipment and infrastructure drives the ability to proactively manage digital data at the farm and ranch level. Managing digital data drives precision agriculture, and precision agriculture

drives many foundational aspects of measurable sustainability," said Mace Thornton, vice president of communications and marketing strategy for USB. "That is why this issue is so vital to soy."

To read the full report, visit <https://www.benton.org/publications/future-american-farming>.

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POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current MN RN License required
- CPR certification required
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- 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
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Interested candidates can submit their resume to Charlie Vogel, MN Wheat Executive Director, at cvogel@mnwheat.com. MAWG/MWRPC is an equal opportunity employer.



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LEGALS

October 27, November 3, 2021
NOTICE OF HEARING ON A PETITION TO IMPOUND, REROUTE, AND DIVERT JUDICIAL DITCH #21
DRAINAGE SYSTEM WATERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th day of November 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District located in Warren, Minnesota, a public hearing will be held regarding a pending petition which was filed with the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District requesting approval to impound, reroute and divert drainage system water on the Judicial Ditch #21 system for beneficial use.
Said petition and other documents concerning this matter are available for inspection at the office of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, at 453 North McKinley Street, in Warren, Minnesota.
All parties interested in the petition or who are affected by said petition are invited to appear before the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Board of Managers at said time and place to present their objections, if any, and show cause why an order should not be made by the Board of Managers of the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to approve the impoundment, rerouting, and diversion of Judicial Ditch #21 drainage system waters.
Any interested person may also

submit unlimited written comments which must be received at the District office prior to the hearing. Written comments should be directed to: MSTRW, PO Box 154, Warren, MN 56762 or info@mstrw.org.

The following is a list of lands which appear to be affected by these proceedings:
In Marshall County, Minnesota
All or parts of section 36 East Park Township (T -158N R -44W) All or parts of section 31 in Huntley Township (T -158N R 43W)
All or parts of sections 1,2,3,10,11,12,13,14,15,21,22,2,3,24,25,26,27,28,33,34,35,36 in New Maine Township (T -157N R -44W)
All or parts of sections 4, and 5 in New Folds Township (T -156N R -44W)
Dated this 20th day of September 2021.
MIDDLE SNAKE TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT
/s/ Brad Blawat
Secretary

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA

The City Council for the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, shall receive sealed bids for water treatment chemicals. Bids will be received by the City of Thief River Falls, at the City Administrator Office, P.O. Box 528, 405 East Third Street, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 until 2:00 PM, November 30, 2021 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications covering the materials to be furnished are on file at the office of the Superintendent of Water Systems, 305 Pennington Avenue South, P.O. Box 528, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701, (218-681-3809) and may be obtained from that office upon request.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond acceptable to the City of Thief River Falls in an amount equal to at least five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, payable without condition to the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

In case the successful bidder fails to enter into and complete a contract as required by law, within the specified number of days after the award of the contract, such check or bond will be forfeited to the City of Thief River Falls as liquidated damages.

The City Council of the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of opening the bids and may reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities, and to award the contract as it deems to be for the best interest of the City of Thief River Falls.

Dated the 26th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Angie Philipp
City Administrator
CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS

November 3, 10, 17, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING County Ditch #16 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PENNINGTON

In the Matter of the Order of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners for action on the partial abandonment of a public ditch designated as follows and named as County Ditch No. 16, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103E.806.

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners, acting as the drainage authority, has received a petition dated September 24, 2021 requesting partial abandonment of the following legally described portions of the County Ditch #16 legal drainage system:

Commencing at or near the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 10 in Township 152 North, of Range 42 West, then running northwesterly through the northwest quarter of said Section 10, to the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 10.

The names of the owners of the lands that are affected in Pennington County by said drainage system are as follows, to-wit: Michelle & Lynn Baker, Robert Baune, Randy & Brenda Brekkestran, Daniel & Ashley Christenson, CHS Inc, Thelma Culkins Life Estate, Jeffrey & Stacy Davidson, Myles & Kathryn Alberg, Kevin & Beth Ballard, Chad Beito, Andrew & Willow Brekke, Garrett Casey, Leslie & Donna Cote, Renay Anderson, Brian Barth, Jason & Cori Bregier, Joshua & Randy Brekkestran, Cenex Harvest States Coop, Wade & Jamie Cota, Nathan & Darcie Dalager, Delphen & Cynthia Determan, Paul & Marc Donarski, Thomas & Ann Fernholz Trustees, Dana Flesche Trustees, Kenneth Geske, Nicolle Ellison, Murray Engelstad, Robby & Jill Farbo, Benjamin & Jeannie Fisher, Jerima & Sarah Glanzer, Frederick & Violet Grant Life Estate, David & Kerri Flatland, James Grant, Eunice Grove Life Estate, Jeremiah & Ann Hasnedl, Jerry & Ruth Hasnedl, Hinrichs LLC, Harlow C. Johnson Trustees, Colleen & Garth Kaste Trustees, Bryan & Victoria Grove, Earl & Eileen Hoefler Trustees, Rawlins & Marlene Houske Life Estate, Glenn E Johnson, Heather & Andrew Harbott, Helle Bros Farms LLC, Gary Holmgren, Grant W & Dorothy E Johnson Trustees, Todd M & Tammy L Johnson, KBS Properties LLC, Linda Kolseth, Raymond & Katherine Kvalvog, Gary Johnsrud, Roger & Denise Johnsrud, Garth & Colleen Kaste, Dale & Carol Kolseth, Duane & Judith Koltra, Norman & Linda Lindemoen, Mitchell Loe, Robert & Debbie Martell, Merritt's Driveline Service & Leasing LLC, Timothy & Deborah Molstad, Dianne Nelson & Van Odegaard, Shirley Odegaard Life

Estate, Mavrick Ottesen, Maynard & Connie Manke, Debra McCarthy & Duane Wiskow Trustees, Daniel Meyers, Lonnie & Patricia Mott, Laura L Nelson, John Palmquist, Ruth Pederson, Kevin Malwitz & Brandi Asleson, Evan & Gloria Mapes, Minnkota Power Coop, Bradley & Darcy Nelson, Chelsey Olson, Carl Peterson Jr, David A Peterson, Neil D & Nicole E Peterson, Ruth A Peterson, Pribyl Hay & Straw LLP, Thomas Pribyl, Kailin & Nicholas Radeke, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Arlene Peterson, Robert & Jennifer Proulx, Timothy Raiter, Raymond A Peterson, Stuart & Margaret Peterson, Michael Pribyl, William Puppe, Ricky & Sharon Reese, Robert & Kristine Robson, Ruby Schroeder, Larry & Dianne Seurer, Alan & Carol Spilde, Ariene & Robert Strom Trustees, Dwight Sverson, Herbert Torstveit, Lynell & Robert Wayne, James & Roxanne Rondorf, Jim & Renae Seibel, Michael Shnyder, Marlene Snetting, Merle Sorteberg, James & Patricia Srnsky, Wayne & Adair Swanson, Douglas & Diane Torblaa, Jeremy & Laura Williams, Wallace Rondorf, Gary & Marita Senum, Bruce & Delrae Skalsky, Jeffrey Spiering & Tina Langevin, Justin Steinbrink, Darren & Cassandra Torkelson, John & Lori Waldal, Kevin & Vicki Yaggie.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Pennington County Justice Center, County Boardroom, 141 Main Avenue South, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701.** Said public hearing will be held in person and via Zoom. If you desire to attend the public hearing in person, you will be required to adhere to all policies issued by the Pennington County Board of Commissioners that are effective as of November 23rd, 2021 as it relates to in-person gatherings (i.e. wearing of a mask and/or social distancing, etc.). If you desire to attend the public hearing via Zoom, you should contact Pennington County Coordinator, Kevin Erickson, at 218-683-7000 or via email at kwrickson@co.pennington.mn.us and request the Zoom attendee information.

Jennifer Herzberg
Auditor/Treasurer

November 3, 10, 17, 2021
NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT HEARING

The Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will be making a final payment for the construction of the Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 178 to R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. of East Grand forks, MN.

Any parties that have an objection to the final payment to R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., for the construction of Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 178 should be present at the hearing on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 9:30a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

Signed:
Myron Jesme, Administrator

November 3, 2021
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

ed, 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 mortgagor(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) 209-9760
(21-0341-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 04, 2022 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.

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 January 4, 2023.

Dated: November 1, 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
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- 2017 Chevy Crew Cab LTZ Gray, 59k\$37,500
- 2019 Chevy Crew Cab LT Satin Steel, 82k\$36,500
- 2017 Chevy Crew Cab High Country Gray, 102k\$35,000
- 2017 GMC Double Cab SLE Red, 36k\$34,000
- 2018 Chevy Double Cab LT Red, 51k\$33,000
- 2011 Chevy Crew Cab LT Red, 90k\$19,500
- 2012 Chevy Crew Cab LT White, 174k\$16,000
- 2009 Chevy 2500 Double Cab LT Gray, 160k\$15,000
- 2008 Chevy Extended Cab 2LT White, 176k.....\$11,500
- 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Regular Cab Red, 127k\$4,900
- 2003 Dodge Dakota Crew Cab Gray, 181k.....\$3,500

CARS

- 2016 Chevy Impala LT LTD Silver, 77k.....\$13,000

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- 2019 Buick Enclave AWD Essence Gray, 40k.....\$39,000
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- 2019 Chevy Equinox AWD LT Gray, 33k\$26,000
- 2018 Chevy Equinox AWD LT Gray, 39k\$24,000
- 2017 Chevy Equinox AWD LS White, 54k.....\$20,000
- 2017 Chevy Equinox AWD LS Gray, 77k\$19,000
- 2017 Chevy Equinox AWD LS Black, 84k\$18,500
- 2016 Chevy Traverse AWD 2LT Silver, 78k\$23,500
- 2018 Chevy Equinox AWD LT Silver, 60k\$22,500
- 2017 GMC Terrain AWD SLE2 White, 59k.....\$20,500
- 2016 Toyota RAV4 LE AWD Gray, 108k.....\$19,000
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November 3, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Members Present: Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, Dave Sorenson, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: Darryl Tveitbakk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Peterson asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. County Coordinator Kevin Erickson noted that County Extension has been added at 11:00 a.m. and the Dept. of Motor Vehicle at 11:15 a.m. Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Board agenda with the additions presented. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the County Board minutes of September 28th, 2021, as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the Auditor/Manual warrants for September 2021 totaling \$1,205,919.51 and the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue \$ 85,161.28
 Road & Bridge \$300,549.22
 Ditch Funds \$ 15,245.02

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$6.52 were also approved.

MN Department of Corrections District Supervisor Marc Bloomquist and Drug Court Agent Jessica Aarestad presented an update on existing and new DOC programming. Mr. Bloomquist discussed the men's domestic violence group, cognitive behavioral group, and the sex offender programs, noting that recidivism rates are down from years past. Ms. Aarestad then discussed the 'Moving On' program, a female-specific program that is new to Pennington County. Mr. Bloomquist noted that the local DOC consists of 9 staff and that 2021 costs to Pennington County are at \$32,217, down from \$50,983 in 2020. The Board thanked them for their reports.

County Assessor Carl Bruzek presented a Local Option to Disaster for Jerima and Sarah Glanzler for parcel #R21.01806900, property address 18615 120th St SE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. A fire on May 7th, 2021, destroyed the house on the property and the abatement reflects the 126 days prior to the fire and a reduced value of \$66,900. Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Local Option to Disaster for Jerima and Sarah Glanzler for Parcel R21.01806900 as detailed above. Motion carried.

Pennington County SWCD Water Resource Specialist Bryanna Grethen presented the MPCA Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan for 2022-2023. She noted that online feedlot registration began in 2021 and the SWCD must inspect 7% of county feedlots each year. There currently 38 registered feedlots in the county so they are planning to inspect 4 per year in 2022 and 2023. She discussed the process taken if feedlots are found out of compliance and noted that they communicate with feedlot owners often via social media, flyers, etc. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the MN Pollution Control Agency County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan as presented. Motion carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented a petition for partial abandonment of County Ditch #16 in Section 10 of Wyandotte Township. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to hold a Public Hearing regarding the petition for CD#16 partial abandonment on November 23rd, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Justice Center Board room. Motion carried.

Engineer Flaagan noted that Roseau County has hired a County Engineer effective November 1st, 2021. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to terminate the contract for engineering services between Pennington County and Roseau County effective October 31st, 2021. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the American flag that was painted on CSAH#23 north of the city of Oklee. Mr. Flaagan said the flag has been painted over and is no longer a concern.

Commissioner Nelson stated that constituents are pleased with the ditch cleaning that has been done in the county this year.

Engineer Flaagan said that due to the production of vehicles being way behind, possibly up to one year, he would like to order the truck budgeted for 2022 as soon as possible. He is expecting the quote for the new vehicle. He stated we may have to extend a current motor grader lease if a new one isn't available as scheduled.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented the following LEC items:

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the hire of Sean William O'Connor for the position of Part-Time Corrections Officer effective October 13th, 2021, contingent upon a successful background check. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the hire of Preston Dean Altendorf for the position of Part-Time Corrections Officer effective October 13th, 2021, contingent upon a successful background check. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the hire of Tiffany Tureson as Full-Time Dispatcher-Correctional Officer at the step 3 wage of the Union contract effective 10/13/21, contingent upon a successful background check. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to accept the resignation of Full-Time Corrections Officer Alexander Yorba effective October 30th, 2021. Motion carried.

County Auditor-Treasurer Items: Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to set the date of the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 14th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to change the time of the December 14th, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to change the date and time of the December 28th, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting to December 30th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Ashley Nerhus and Extension Office Manager Cindi Kilen presented a report for 3rd quarter, 2021. Ms. Nerhus discussed the 2021 County Fair and related activities and noted that 30 local youth also participated in the State fair. Other activities held include 4-H day camps, an after-school Lego Club at CES, a BIO Girls program, Outdoor Adventure Camp, aerospace exploration tour, shooting sports and wildlife program, a day trip to Itasca State Park, and a back to school event at CES. Ms. Kilen noted that last week was national 4-H week and stated they are preparing for the 4-H awards banquet. She discussed the Home Counsel program which has 7 groups and 80 members. This senior group hosts guest speakers and discusses topics such as senior fraud, estate planning, and gardening. Also discussed was the Cloverbuds Program for kindergarten through 2nd grade. It begins in November and serves as a great introduction to 4-H. The Board thanked Ms. Kilen and Ms. Nerhus for their quarterly report.

DMV License Office Manager Kristi Rood and Deputy Registrar-Prorate Asst. Danielle Miller discussed the credit card service options in their office. Their current system is State-owned and replacement would cost the county \$1,197.00. LexisNexis has offered a no-cost alternative and would provide all equipment, including pin pads and supplies. Their only fee would be the current 2.49% transaction charge. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to enter into a contract with LexisNexis for credit card services in the Department of Motor Vehicle office. Discussion was held with Ms. Rood stating that LexisNexis has a good business reputation and they have been in business for 30+ years. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was carried.

Discussion was held on the possibility of other county offices, such as the Auditor-Treasurer, using the credit card services of LexisNexis.

Committee Reports / Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Lawrence discussed the county website and its administration, noting that the Technology Committee is recommending the transfer of county website administration duties from Ag Services/Solid Waste Coordinator Kyle Jore to Accounting/Payroll Manager Jessie Dybedahl effective November 1st, 2021. Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to transfer county website administration duties to Accounting/Payroll Manager Jessie Dybedahl effective November 1st, 2021. Motion carried.

County Auditor-Treasurer Items: Auditor-Treasurer Jennifer Herzberg discussed a proposal for administration of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received by the County. Services can be contracted on a monthly, as-needed basis at the rate of \$250/hour and ¼ hour increments and services can be canceled by either party at any time. Discussion was held on the extensive reporting responsibilities of ARP funding and possible liability if users were later determined ineligible. ARP funding can and would be used to fund such services if approved. Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the proposal by Ehlers for administration of Pennington County's American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding effective October 12th, 2021, as detailed above. Motion carried.

County Coordinator Items: Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the hire of Keith Iverson as Custodian I effective 10/25/21. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve renewal of a lease between Pennington County and the Thief River falls Rifle Club for space in the upper level of the Old Arena effective September 1st, 2021 - August 31st, 2026. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence noted that a meeting was held between the County, TRAFHA and the TRF Rifle Club to discuss an idea to re-open the arena viewing area in the space leased by the TRF Rifle Club. TRFAHA would incur all costs for the project and the viewing area would be used during hockey tournaments and in consideration of the TRF Rifle Club's schedule.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve issuance of a duplicate warrant to Alexander Henningsen in the amount of \$267.77 to replace lost warrant numbered 190263 dated November 25th, 2020, without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve renewal of the County health insurance plans for 2022 with the addition of an alternate HSA/VEBA plan. Motion carried.

County Attorney Items:

County Attorney Seamus Duffy noted that there are no changes to face covering/masking requirements in Court Administration and the courtrooms at this time.

Commissioner Lawrence noted that the Technology Committee has discussed security cameras for the County Attorney's office and other buildings. ReadTech IT Solutions will provide a quote for security cameras for the County Attorney's office, Human Services, and the Government Center. It was noted that other quotes will be sought once approximate costs are known. It is believed that ARP funding could be used for the project.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to adjourn the Board meeting to October 26th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
 Kevin Erickson,
 County Coordinator
 Neil Peterson, Chairman
 Pennington County
 Board of Commissioners

PENNINGTON COUNTY'S WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION
Warrants approved on
Warrants approved on
October 12, 2021 for payment
on October 15, 2021

Vendor	Amount
Builders First Source	\$4,866.74
Commissioner of Transportation	\$3,293.74
Farmers Union Oil	\$3,773.61
Flaagan/Jodi	\$2,502.50
Frontier Precision, INC.	\$32,161.36
Houston Engineering, INC.	\$6,984.70
Inter County Nursing	\$13,100.25

Jeff Olson Construction	\$28,172.00
KM Transmission & Repair	\$4,376.96
Lake Superior College	\$3,975.00
Minnesota State Treasurer	\$4,557.50
Northdale Oil, INC.	\$21,748.26
Pennington Historical Society	\$14,500.00
Regents of the University of MN	\$18,814.00
Sundry Cleaning, LLC.	\$3,100.00
Terracon	\$8,728.75
Thygeson Construction	\$66,462.50
TriTech Software Systems	\$2,799.96
True North Steel	\$84,876.72
Zavoral & Sons, INC/RJ	\$36,130.08
67 Payments less than \$2000	\$36,030.89
Final Total:	\$400,955.52

November 3, 2021
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 564 – BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 12, 2021
6:00 P.M.
DSC BOARD ROOM

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

Staff members present were: Melissa Bushy, Bob Wayne, Tony Greene, Scott Brekke, Patrick Marolt, Sara Olson, Tanya Monson-Ek and Danielle Schantz.

Also present were: Kaden Mostrom, Daniella Niebuhr, Marlene Anderson, Dave Hill, Scott Hickerson and Jillian Neibaur.

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

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the October 12, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment: None.
Superintendent's Report:
 Shout out to Mr. Bob Wayne who is retiring after 31 years in our district. He started as a substitute teacher and spent the past 26 years as FMS principal. His dedication to our students, his staff and to our families is impressive. Thank you, Bob, for the positive influence you have had on so many of our students. Mr. Tony Greene will serve as interim principal and we'll open up his position and interview for an interim dean. Both positions will be posted again in the spring. Congratulations Tony.

Referendum - Just a reminder that voting takes place on November 2 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. We are asking for an additional \$987.53 per pupil for a total of \$1077.57. This equates to an additional \$2 million per year, as part of our 24 million dollar budget. As you know, there are only 3 ways that school districts get funded - we get state money, federal money, and local tax payer money. When the state and federal government don't keep up with inflation, then we have two choices - we either ask the taxpayers to fill the gap or we make cuts to staff and programs. It will be more difficult the next time around. We've already cut over \$1 million dollars in the past five years. We did a great job keeping those cuts away from staff and programs. But next time will have to look differently. Remember to vote on November 2nd.

Absentee ballots can be picked up at the Pennington County Auditor's office - right as you walk into the Government Center, 2nd floor.

There have been a few questions around the Special Election notice that went out to our community last week in the mail. I understand there was some concern that the resolution was signed July 12th, yet didn't go out to the community until October. This is why - we are required by law to send the "notice of special election" resolution to voters 15 days before the election. We chose to wait until October to ensure our voters were well informed. If we would have sent the notice in July, we feel like people would have forgotten. We wanted it to be fresh in the minds of our voters.

Committee Reports:
 Misty Hempel gave a recap from the September 30, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting.

Student Reports:
 LHS Seniors, Daniella Niebuhr and Kaden Mostrom were in attendance and provided an update on what's new at and up and coming at Lincoln High School.

Recognitions:
 A. Recognize the anonymous donation to the Robotics program totaling \$8,000.
 B. Recognize the donation from Black River Lutheran Church to the Prowler Pantry totaling \$500.

Presentations:
 Bob Wayne and Tony Greene gave a presentation on their FMS Fall Building Vision Cards. Real World Authentic Opportunities:

Voice and Choice:
 A. A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the E-Learning Plan and MOU for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried.
 B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the contract for services with ASEC (Area Special Education Cooperative) to provide Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried.
 C. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Misty Hempel to approve the contract for services with Pediatric Partners to provide Occupational Therapy services for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried.
 D. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Michelle Westerman to approve the contract for services with NWRIC (Northwest Regional Inter-District Council) to provide Special Education services from September 21, 2021 - December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Equitable Experiences:
Safety (Strategic Direction D):
Staff Growth:

A. A motion was made by Chris Melbye and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the Consent Agenda and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Motion carried.

Personnel:

1. Approve the assignment of **Anthony Greene**, Interim Principal, FMS, effective November 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.
 2. Approve the assignment of **Mary Bruggeman**, Bus Driver, increase duty day from 4 to 6 hours/day - student days, effective September 7, 2021.
 3. Approve the assignment of **Nels Brown**, Bus Driver, effective October 7, 2021.
 4. Approve the assignment of **Terence Blacklance**, Bus Driver, decrease duty day from 4 to 2 hours/day - student days, effective September 7, 2021.
 5. Approve the assignment of **Tracy Pueringer**, Bus Driver, decrease duty day from 6 to 4 hours/day - student days, effective September 7, 2021.
 6. Approve the employment of **Kelly Bohl**, Transportation Assistant, effective October 4, 2021.
 7. Accept the resignation of **Nikki Lee**, Kitchen Helper, CES, effective September 29, 2021.
 8. Accept the resignation of **Zachary Guillemette**, Transportation Assistant, effective September 27, 2021.
- B. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve to establish and post for the following position: Motion carried.

Interim Dean of Students
 Effective Date: November 15, 2021 - June 6, 2022.

- a. Franklin Middle School
- C. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Michelle Westerman to accept the retirement of Bob Wayne after 26 years as FMS principal, effective December 31, 2021. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Misty Hempel and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the following 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments: Motion carried.

1. Tawnya Stroot-Spelling Bee-MS
2. Tawnya Stroot-Yearbook-MS
3. Tony Greene-Fall Supervisor-MS
4. Tony Greene-Winter Supervisor-MS
5. Tony Greene-Spring Supervisor-MS
6. Dalia Englund-Student Council-MS
7. Robert Fay-Robotics-MS
8. Amanda Grzadziewlewska-School Store-MS
9. Heidi Carlson-Advisor-Prom-HS
10. Kenny Geiser-Fall Weight Room Supv-HS
11. Christine Bjornstad-Knowledge Bowl-MS
12. Brenda Leier-Math League-MS
13. Michaela Meunier-Volleyball-HS-C Squad
14. Tyler Hennings-Spring Weight Room Supv-HS
15. Brett Johnson-Girls Hockey-HS-Head
16. Shawna Spears-GBB-7th gr
17. Rick Johnson-Boys Hockey-HS-JV
18. Scott Bergland-Boys Hockey-HS-Asst
19. Lilly Kainz-GBB-HS-JV
20. Jeff Mumm-Winter Weight Room Supv-HS
21. Brian Kasprick-Wrestling-HS-Asst-Level 1
22. Derek Druse-Starlight Strings-MS-Orchestra
23. Danielle Spiten-Boys Swim-HS-Head
24. Jon Hams-BBB-HS-Head
25. Alan Samuelson-BBB-HS-9th gr
26. Josh Watne-BBB-HS-Asst
27. Kenny Geiser-Wrestling-HS-Head
28. Dale Rystad-Wrestling-HS-Asst-Level 1
29. Tim Bergland-Boys Hockey-Head
30. Jake Rantanen-GBB-HS Asst
31. Tim Cutler-Boys Swim-HS-Asst
32. Bob Huot-Girls Hockey-HS-Asst
33. Jeff Loe-GBB-HS-Asst
34. Sarah Matthews-Girls Hockey-HS-JV

Strong Fiscal Management:

A. A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the Resolution to accept the donations received for the benefit of the district as designated. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor of: Nomeland, Hempel, Spears, Mattson, Melbye, and Westerman. Absent: Walseth. Motion carried.

Other Items:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Anonymous	\$8,000	Robotics
Black River Lutheran Church	\$500	Prowler Pantry
Grzadzys Inc. (dba: Black Cat Sports Bar & Grill)	\$500 (previously recognized at the 9/27/21 SB mtg)	Girls Swimming
TRF Sports Boosters	\$1,000 (previously recognized at the 9/27/21 SB mtg)	Girls Hockey
TRF Lioness Club	\$100 (previously recognized at the 9/27/21 SB mtg)	Prowler Pantry

- A. Policies:**
1. First reading of **MSBA 102 Equal Education Opportunity** policy w/ changes. The policy will be presented for approval at the October 25, 2021 board meeting.
 2. First reading of **MSBA 406 Public and Private Personnel Data** policy w/ changes. The policy will be presented for approval at the October 25, 2021 board meeting.

Adjournment:
 Board Chair Nomeland adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Wayne Nomeland, Chair
Mike Spears, Clerk

October 20, 27, November 3, 2021
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Court File No. 57-CV-21-694
OTHER/QUIET TITLE ACTION

Debra L. Lunke, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Janet D. Fessler, Jana Ulrey, their spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs, and assigns of the above-named defendants if deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, encumbrance, or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,
 Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS IF DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: **Stephen D. Larson, Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson & Larson, P.L.L.P., 201 North Broadway, Ste. 2, P.O. Box 457, Crookston, MN 56716.**

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiffs everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal

assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. This lawsuit may affect or bring into questions title to real property located in Pennington County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot One (1), Block Five (5), Green Acres Addition to Thief River Falls, including Owner's Re-arrangement of Outlot "A" of First Southeast Addition, according to the official plat thereof on record, EXCEPT the North 26.5 feet thereof measured at right angles to line common to Lots 1 and 2.

The object of this action is to determine the Plaintiff's title and all their adverse claims to the above-described real property; adjudging that the Plaintiff owns said real property subject to no other interest; adjudging that Plaintiff is entitled to exclusive possession of said real property; and adjudging that each of the Defendants in said action have no right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property. The Plaintiff asserts no personal claims.

Dated September 28, 2021.
 REYNOLDS, HARBOTT, KNUTSON & LARSON, P.L.L.P.
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November 3, 10, 2021
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, IN DISTRICT COURT, PROBATE DIVISION, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Court File No.: 57-PR-21-752
In Re: Suzanne J. Meekma, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 30, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at via zoom - instructions available from Court administration, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Debra L. Brothers, whose address is 317 Sherwood Ave N Apt 103 Thief River Falls, MN 56701 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative 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 Minnesota Statutes 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.

BY THE COURT
 Dated October 26, 2021
 /s/ Tamara Yon
 Judge of District Court
 /s/ Kathy Narlock,
 Court Administrator

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October 20, 27, November 3, 2021
MOTOR VEHICLE POSSESSORY LIEN NOTICE OF SALE

Sale of 2006 Jeep Commander, VIN# 1J8HG48N26C338974 will take place November 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at Westside Motors to collect repair charges, towing charges and storage charges owed of \$805.36 due from Antonio Locke, 405 Riverside Ave., Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Westside Motors
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