

COVID-positive numbers in schools increase

Masks almost required in TRF schools

by David Hill
 Editor

Thief River Falls Superintendent of Schools Donita Stepan is asking parents and the community to work together to keep students in school.

School District 564, Thief River Falls, is in level 2 of its COVID Matrix or response. Friday, Stepan announced that the number of children who were sick with COVID-19 went from two to 27

cases. Stepan said those cases were spread out across buildings. She added that the numbers are likely much higher because not all cases get reported.

Stepan said cases are on the rise and rising fast. "We will continue to work hard to keep our students and staff from having to mask or move into a distance learning model."

Stepan added that cases have been low all year, so the District hasn't had to make any changes. "We're hoping this recent surge is short-lived, so we can stay in level 2. We will be watching closely over the next week or so."

If cases continue to rise, the District will bring its

COVID team back together and consider recommending a move to level 3, which would require students and staff to wear masks. There are five levels to the District's Matrix or plan. Distance learning would be required in level 5. The COVID-19 team looks at the District data, which includes the number of staff- and student-positive numbers, the 14-day county case rate, community transmission, and location of community cases.

The surge in cases among K-12 students is not limited to just Thief River Falls. New COVID cases in children under 12 have surpassed all previous weeks in Minnesota.

Minnesota physicians are also asking parents to get their children vaccinated. The surge in cases has put a tremendous strain on the healthcare system and staff.

As of Nov. 19, there were 10 students in Lincoln High School, five in Franklin Middle School, and 12 in Challenger Elementary School.

Parents are reminded that if there is a student/staff positive case, and students/staff are vaccinated or masked, then quarantining is not required (unless the person develops symptoms.)

Monday School Board
 During a meeting of the Board of Education Monday, Nov. 22, Stepan explained that last Tuesday the num-

bers started to rise. She contacted members of the District's COVID Team because the team hadn't met for such a long time. During the meeting, members recommended that the District move to level 3, which would require masks. Stepan said she did not anticipate that development, so she contacted the District's Leadership Team, which consists of principals and those individuals responsible for implementing changes in the schools. During the ensuing days, members of the COVID team changed their mind.

Stepan said part of the reason individuals changed their minds was because they realized that there is

still considerable reluctance to wear masks and requiring masks might result in more students not in school than are out of school now. (Currently, there are 147 students in quarantine.) They also looked more closely at the numbers.

Mondays typically inform educators the direction of the COVID cases in the District. Stepan said they were anticipating higher numbers, but the number of COVID cases went from 28 on Friday to 25 on Monday.

When the Leadership Team met on Monday, they recommended staying at level 2.

The normal process usually involves discussions (Continued on Page 9)

Repair the Huck



The Thief River Falls City Council has applied for a \$2 million grant to renovate the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center.

Grant sought to renovate the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center

Electric rates to increase every year over the next four years

by April Scheinoha
 Reporter

The Thief River Falls City Council is seeking a \$2 million grant to renovate the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center. At its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16, the council approved seeking a federal grant through the Economic Development Administration. The grant is being offered through the American Rescue Plan Act.

The city hopes to renovate the locker rooms, construct additional locker rooms and construct a new concessions area at the arena. Currently, the concessions area is located upstairs. City Administrator Angie Philipp said the proposed expansion would occur on the side of the HOMCC closest to the Pennington County Fairgrounds.

MJ Architects has estimated that the project will cost \$2.25 million due to the

recent spike in construction materials. The city has already set aside \$400,000 for the project.

Jim Retka, economic resiliency specialist with the Northwest Regional Development Commission, approached the city about potential projects that needed funding. Retka has written an executive project summary for the request.

"To make room for public restroom and concession on the main floor, it is proposed to renovate the existing locker rooms and construct a new expansion along the south wall to include six to eight locker rooms with support spaces (toilets, showers, mechanical room, corridors, office, Zamboni room, etc.)," wrote Retka. "The location of the new locker rooms should be planned to align with the existing players' boxes for direct access to the ice sheet from the locker rooms. This will require adjustments and modifications to the existing spectator seating to tie into the players' boxes."

Retka wrote that the HOMCC was forced to close in March 2020 due to public

safety concerns related to the pandemic. It remained closed for the remainder of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. VenuWorks laid off three full-time employees as a result of the pandemic.

"Combined, revenue from operations decreased by 57% in 2020 compared to 2019 and continues to lag through the first nine months of 2021 by 72% at the site," wrote Retka. "Overall, city lodging tax decreased by 28% in 2020 compared to 2019. Had it not been for a large construction project in the area for a majority of 2020, the results would have been much worse."

The council approved raising electric rates for 2022-25. The changes are effective with the Jan. 1 bill. Even though it approved these changes, the council reserves the right to change the rates at any point during that time frame.

The new rates include a \$0.50 per-month increase in customer usage charges for residential customers, and a \$5 per-month increase in customer usage charges for some commercial customers.

Currently, those parties pay anywhere from \$6.46 to \$90 per month in customer usage charges. Some commercial customers will see no increases in their customer usage charges.

Other electric rates – energy usage charges – will also increase. Those charges will increase between \$0.0005 and \$0.18 per kilowatt-hour per month. Energy usage rates will remain the same for commercial standby customers.

According to information provided to the council, the rates needed to increase for the following reasons:

- The Northern Municipal Power Agency bonds require "member cities to have rates that maintain an average coverage ratio that sufficiently covers the wholesale costs, and all department bonds and expenses."
- The bond payments on the city's Advanced Metering Infrastructure system
- Kilowatt-hour sales, which decreased 2.4% in 2017
- Building the city's electric reserves with a realistic

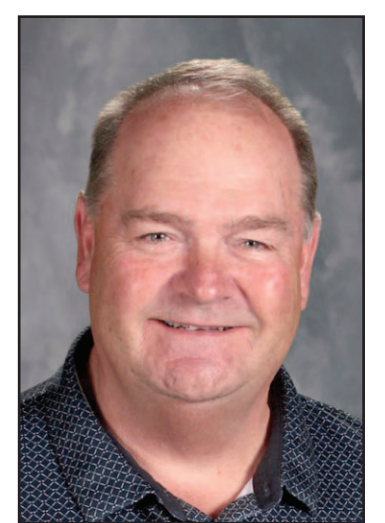
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Bob Wayne says goodbye

by April Scheinoha
 Reporter

If Mother Nature had relinquished control, Bob Wayne may have been retiring after a career as a full-time farmer. Instead, he marked the end of his school administrative career Friday, Nov. 19 as the principal of Franklin Middle School in Thief River Falls.

The Thief River Falls resident, who apparently isn't a fan of taking time off, had enough vacation available to leave Friday. However, his last day is technically Dec. 31.



Bob Wayne

Although he hasn't ruled out substitute teaching in his retirement, Wayne felt now was the time to say goodbye. He indicated that quality staff members are getting licensed to serve in administrative roles. "I can't say enough great things about the Franklin staff," said Wayne, who referred to them as his "ohana" or family. He said Assistant Principal Tony Greene will do a great job as interim principal.

Thirty-one years ago, Wayne began working at FMS. Back then, he was working as a day-to-day substitute teacher. At the time, he was also substitute teaching at Middle River School.

After a brief time, the Middle River and Greenbush school districts consolidated and FMS became the sole location of his substitute teaching rounds.

Wayne served as a long-term substitute teacher in special education, science, communications and social studies at FMS, the latter for which he is licensed to teach. Wayne, who has a sixth-year certificate in administration, then moved into administration at the school. He served as dean of students and assistant principal before being named principal in the late 1990s.

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National Guard called up to support healthcare facilities

Monday, Nov. 22, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard to serve as skilled-nursing "rapid response teams" to support healthcare facilities experiencing severe staffing shortages.

"Our force is highly adaptive and with training will assist Minnesota's healthcare community in responding to healthcare staffing shortages," said Army Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke, the Minnesota National Guard's adjutant general.

Over the next seven days, 400 citizen-soldiers and airmen will train as certified nursing assistants and temporary nursing aides to support this activation. The

Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota National Guard medical staff will provide the training.

"One of the Minnesota National Guard's pillars is people as they are our most valuable resource," said Manke. "We acknowledge that we share this resource with employers, and we know these activations can disrupt their businesses and organizations. We appreciate the employers of our citizen-soldiers and airmen, as we could not conduct our federal, state, and community missions without their support."

"We thank our military families for their service, too, as we know they have to

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One killed, two injured after crash

A St. Paul man was killed and two others were hurt early Monday morning after a head-on accident in rural Pennington County. Shawn Michael Valentine, 40, died at Sanford Medical Center, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report. Two others suffered non-life threatening injuries in

the crash. Glenn Allyn Struthers, 73, and Lynda Howe Struthers, 68, both of Red Lake Falls, went to Sanford Medical Center. At the time of the accident, Valentine was driving a 2007 Chevy Aveo eastbound on Center Street west of Highway 59. According to the report, he crossed the centerline, col-

liding head-on with a westbound 2001 Toyota Tundra driven by Glenn Struthers. Lynda Struthers was a passenger in the pickup truck. Neither of the Strutherses were wearing seat belts. Valentine was wearing a seat belt. The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 12:32 a.m. Monday. The

Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Thief River Falls Police Department, Thief River Falls Fire Department, Sanford Ambulance and St. Hilaire Fire Department also responded.

Car becomes airborne, comes to rest partially submerged

A Badger man was injured Thursday night after his car became airborne and then partially submerged in water in rural Roseau County. Joshua Robert Blazek, 25, suffered a non-life

threatening injury, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report. He went to LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau. At the time of the accident, Blazek was driving a 2006 Chevy Malibu eastbound on Highway 11 near the intersection with Roseau County Road 114.

According to the report, his car crossed the westbound lane and entered the north ditch. The car then hit an embankment, causing it to become airborne and roll. Blazek's car came to rest on the passenger side, becoming partially submerged in water. The report indicated that Blazek wasn't wearing

a seat belt. Alcohol was a factor in the crash. The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 11:18 p.m. Thursday. The Roseau County Sheriff's Office, Badger Fire Department and Roseau Ambulance also responded.

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Police nab barefoot burglar in TRF

Felony third degree burglary and misdemeanor theft: On Nov. 18 at 5:47 a.m., police received a report that an unknown man was inside an idling vehicle in a garage at 215 Maple Ave. S. James Daniel Bronson, 32, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony third degree burglary and misdemeanor theft. He was arrested. A woman reported that she found an unknown male, later allegedly determined to be Bronson, in the back seat of her car. According to the complaint, he smiled at her and she left her garage to call police. Upon arriving at the home, police observed barefoot footprints leading out of the garage. They followed the tracks, which traveled down an alley, through some yards and to Holiday. At the convenience store, they found Bronson. He reported foot pain, and Sanford Ambulance responded to provide medical attention to him. The woman later determined that about \$10 in cash had been stolen out of her vehicle.

Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - previous conviction: On Nov. 15, the sheriff's office went to Seven Clans Casino, Hotel and Water Park to confiscate a small baggie containing a white crystalline substance. Benjamin Francis Bren, 42, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - previous conviction. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. According to the complaint, surveillance video allegedly showed the baggie falling out of Bren's pants. The security supervisor confronted Bren, who tried to deny that the baggie belonged to him. The supervisor obtained Bren's ID, and security escorted him out of the building. Casino security tested the substance, which had a presumptive positive test result for meth. The sheriff's office also conducted a test with the same result. The baggie weighed 1.5 grams. The complaint indicated that Bren had been convicted of a prior controlled substance crime in

July 2018. A warrant was requested since he was out of jail on conditions of release after pleading guilty to three felony offenses that all involved prison sentences.

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

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

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

Tree Walk for Hospice to be held Dec. 4 in TRF

The seventh annual Tree Walk for Hospice will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thief River Falls Eagles Club, 305 Red Lake Boulevard. The event features beautifully decorated trees, food and a variety of activities throughout the day. See the schedule of events below.

All events are freewill donation except for a silent auction and bake sale. Net proceeds benefit Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Ornaments can be purchased at the event to decorate the Hospice Memorial Tree. Organizations will also have decorated trees. Visitors can vote for their favorite tree by placing money in the buckets at each tree. A plaque is awarded to the winning organization.

A silent auction will be held for all of the trees. Winners can have the tree shrink wrapped and get help with delivery, if needed.

If you are an organization interested in decorating a tree, contact Laurie Harger at 218-686-3696 or laurie.harger@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Pre-lit artificial trees will be provided to decorate as part of the \$100

registration. Tree set-up and decorating will be Dec. 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schedule of events
 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Tree Walk as well as the holiday bake sale. The bake sale runs until the items are gone, so get there early!
 • 10:30 a.m. - to 2 p.m. - Soup and breadstick feed. Freewill donations will be accepted.
 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photos may be taken, and each child will receive a bag of treats provided by the Eagles Arie 2368.
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Our Saviour's to hold Thanksgiving Eve service

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2075 Hwy. 59 S. in Thief River Falls, will hold a Thanksgiving eve service Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. The service will be brief and filled with favorite hymns, Scripture readings, testimonies of thankfulness to God, and a short sermon from Pastor Alex Amiot. The community is welcome.

Highway 32 reopens

Highway 32 south of Greenbush reopened to traffic Monday morning after a train derailed. The highway was closed between 190th and 200th streets over the weekend. Multiple railcars had derailed with one spilling grain. No information was provided as to why the train derailed.



Veterans Durlyn Rux, Navy, and Stephen Sorenson, Marine Corps and Army, recently received quilts from the Red, White and Blue Quilters in appreciation for their service. (Submitted)

Man sentenced for terroristic threats

A Red Lake man was sentenced Monday, Nov. 15 in Pennington County District Court for terroristic threats made to his ex and for assaulting a Pennington County Jail corrections officer.



George Wade Iceman

George Wade Iceman, 43, was sentenced for felony offenses of terroristic threats and fourth degree assault of a correctional officer. A misdemeanor charge of obstructing the legal process was dismissed.

For the former offense, Iceman was granted a five-year stay of imposition. As a condition of that sentence, he was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. Iceman was ordered to have no contact with the victim(s), and he was ordered to not enter the victim's residence. He was ordered to follow all Domestic Abuse – No Contact Orders and any other domestic abuse/harassment orders. Iceman was ordered to complete a chemical assessment. He was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Iceman was ordered to supply a DNA sample. He was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

For the assault charge, Iceman was granted a five-year stay of imposition. As a condition of that sentence, he was ordered to serve supervised probation for five years. Iceman was ordered to pay a \$50 fee. The same conditions apply.

The charges stemmed from a report to police at

about 7:57 p.m. July 4, according to the complaint. Iceman's ex reported that he had been texting her. The two of them have custody issues and he is only allowed to text her regarding their kids, according to the complaint. At about 4:37 p.m., the woman began receiving text messages from Iceman. She believed he was intoxicated and she was scared that he would show up at her home.

The texts featured choppy sentences and some didn't make any sense. Some of the texts were racist and some were threatening. The more notable texts included some sexual texts. After she received those texts, the woman texted Iceman to stop texting her. However, he continued texting her, which prompted her to tell him to leave her alone.

Iceman continued texting the woman, asking if she loved her mom. He also referred to giving the woman a happy birthday for the rest of her life. Another text said he was ready to die. The woman again told him to leave her alone. He didn't stop texting. Instead, Iceman texted that he wanted the woman to die with her mom and apparently another individual.

The woman told police that she holds a conceal and carry permit. She said she owns a gun, but she hoped the situation didn't evolve to the point that she had to use it. The woman felt threatened by the texts. The complaint indicated that Iceman had been charged with domestic assault for an

incident involving the woman in February 2020.

Police went to Iceman's home, which was then located in Thief River Falls. He admitted texting the woman and said something along the lines that he may have texted some "not so nice comments to her."

As police began to place Iceman under arrest, he started to resist and said he wanted to put on a pair of shorts. At the time, he was only wearing underwear. Police informed him that they would grab a pair of shorts for him later. They had to hold him against a wall in order to handcuff him.

Later, while an officer helped Iceman put on a pair of shorts, he asked the officer if he liked Iceman's penis and if he wanted Iceman to hit him in the face with Iceman's large penis.

While police were walking Iceman out of the apartment building, he tried several times to push the sergeant and officer into walls. He called the sergeant a fat expletive and called the officer a name and told him to have sex with a horse. Iceman also pretended to spit at the sergeant, but he only spat air. He later admitted doing so. On the way to the Law Enforcement Center, Iceman continued making the same comments to the sergeant and officer.

After Iceman arrived at the LEC, a corrections officer instructed Iceman to move in such a way to ensure he wasn't bringing anything into the jail in his buttocks. Iceman then displayed his middle finger to the corrections officer. He

didn't comply. The corrections officer reiterated the instruction and began walking toward Iceman, who then turned around and punched him in the face a few times. The corrections officer suffered a bloody nose and a bump under his right eye. Iceman was then handcuffed and placed in a restraint chair. While officers and deputies placed him in the restraint chair, Iceman tried to headbutt and kick them.

A dismissed felony drug charge is included in the latest edition of the Pennington County Citation Disposition Bulletin. The Times pays for copies of this public information. If it appears in an online forum other than The Times' website (www.trftimes.com), it has been copied.

Pennington County Sheriff's Office case: Shawna Rai Johnson, 41, Thief River Falls, felony charge of fifth degree possession of a controlled substance dismissed.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Noah Francis Zimmerman, 24, Red Lake Falls, marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135, 30 days in jail to be served concurrently with another case, it is anticipated that he will execute his probation violation sentence in Roseau County whereby he will receive a 60-day jail sentence under electronic home monitoring, each of the 30-day jail sentences in this file under each of the counts shall run concurrently with the 60 days of electronic home monitoring sentence he receives in his probationary file in Roseau County, home detention/electronic monitoring, no front plate of foreign state if state requires it, \$50, 30 days in jail to be served concurrently with the other counts and another case, home detention/electronic monitoring, failure to change address/name within 30 days, 30 days in jail to be served concurrently with the other counts and another case, home detention/electronic monitoring, charges of driving after suspension and failure to obey a lawful order were dismissed.

Dylan James Finstad, 23, Thief River Falls, violation of Hands-

Free Law – initiate/compose/send/retrieve/read electronic message, \$135; Tammy Prickett Gennaro, 46, Zephyrhills, Fla., 74/60, \$135; Shayla Marie Halvorson, 19, Thief River Falls, 75/60, \$145; Tyler Joseph Hebert, 21, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Martin Xavier Lara, 19, Thief River Falls, marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135; Kayla Miranda Nelson, 21, Goodridge, tires extending beyond fenders, \$135; Tiffany Ann Olson, 40, Fargo, N.D., no driver's license, \$185.

Scott Alan Workin, 33, Galesburg, N.D., violation of Hands-Free Law – engage in cell phone or video call, \$135; Daniel Ayala, 25, Thief River Falls, charges of driving after suspension, vehicle window tint violation and no proof of insurance were dismissed; Parker John Bayne, 19, Red Lake Falls, 65/55, \$125; Julie Krystal Bergman, 39, Mahanomen, 65/60, \$125; George Michael Brauchaud, 35, Red Lake, 73/60, \$135; Aaron Lopez Cortez, 26, Thief River Falls, no registration, \$185, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed; Ryan Anton Heinen, 31, Wannaska, 65/60, \$125; Tori Kristine Johnson, 24, Thief River Falls, no proof of insurance, \$285, no seat belt worn, \$25; Ashalon Rose Asmus, 23, Karlstad, no seat belt worn, \$110.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources case: Kent Wayne Dokkin, 56, Thief River Falls, transporting a loaded firearm, \$185.

Thief River Falls Police Department cases: Reynaldo Martinez, 28, Argyle, third degree driving while impaired, \$690, one year in jail stayed for two years, unsupervised probation for two years, chemical assessment; Andrew William Spears, 3, Thief River Falls, possession of a small amount marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$235; Chaz Bradley Abrahamson, 28, Thief River Falls, charges of second degree DWI and driving after revocation were dismissed; Shawn Dale Armstrong, 52, Thief River Falls, charge of theft of services dismissed; Gina Lee Benavidez, 40, Thief River Falls, stay of adjudication for a charge of disorderly conduct and continued, \$175, unsupervised probation for one year.

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Former superintendent sentenced for DWI on Tri-County School grounds

by April Scheinoha Reporter

A former Tri-County School superintendent was sentenced Wednesday, Nov. 17 after he was found drunk behind the wheel of a school van on district property.



Michael Rene Gadbois

Michael Rene Gadbois, 55, St. Augusta, was sentenced in Kittson County District Court for a gross misdemeanor charge of driving while impaired, according to online court records. Misdemeanor

charges of open bottle and possession of alcohol on school grounds were dismissed.

Gadbois was sentenced to 365 days in jail with 335 days stayed for two years.

He was ordered to serve 28 days on electronic home monitoring within 90 days at his own expense. Gadbois was allowed to serve 80 to 100 hours per week. He was given credit for 48 hours already served. Gadbois was also ordered to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation/treatment. He was ordered to attend a Mothers Against Drunk Driving Impact Panel. Gadbois was also ordered to pay \$1,120

in fees and fines.

Gadbois was placed on paid suspension after the incident. Former superintendent Ron Ruud has been hired to serve as interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year.

The charges stemmed from an incident on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 25, according to the complaint. A Kittson County sheriff's deputy observed a Tri-County school van parked in front of the school. The rear hatch was open, and he observed what appeared to be several cases of soda outside of the van in the parking lot. The school was open and lights were visible inside. He assumed someone was unloading

supplies at the school.

About half an hour later, the deputy returned and observed Gadbois behind the steering wheel. His head was resting between the steering wheel and door. Upon checking to see if Gadbois was suffering from medical distress, the deputy observed that Gadbois had bloodshot, watery eyes. He also smelled strongly like alcohol. Gadbois moved slowly, grabbed the wrong knob when attempting to turn down the radio and presented another card instead of his driver's license.

The deputy soon administered field sobriety tests, but they were stopped when it was determined Gadbois was too intoxicated to keep

his balance and began falling backwards. A preliminary breath test had a result of 0.21.

The head custodian was asked to secure the van. He later told the deputy that he found a "half full" bottle of vodka in the driver's door. It was found under a plastic bag.

The complaint indicated that Gadbois had two prior DWIs in the past 10 years – one in January 2015 and one in January 2017. Both were in Alaska.

The Times' review of Gadbois' Minnesota record also showed he has a 1988 conviction for a charge of DWI within the prior five years in Winona County.

Blood drive brings in 94 volunteers

A blood drive was held Monday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the National Guard Armory in Thief River Falls. The blood drive helped collect 110 units of blood products for patients in need.

Ninety-four people volunteered to donate blood and 90 were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive.

Twenty donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC), which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. Eight people volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed its gratitude to Jan Rabideaux, who coordinated the drive,

and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, which sponsored the blood drive.

Living through a pandemic can lead to many uncertainties. However, people can be assured that the need for blood never ceases. Blood is only use-

able for 42 days, so a constant supply is always needed, no matter the season. A

total of 250 volunteer blood donors are needed each day in this region to keep up with the blood needs of premature babies, surgery patients, accident victims and those battling cancer.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation,

donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in Vitalant's donor rewards program.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org/health.

Shareholders approve merger between farm credit associations

Shareholders have approved a merger proposal bringing together two Farm Credit organizations serving Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. AgCountry Farm Credit Services and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota will merge under the name AgCountry Farm Credit Services, beginning Jan. 1.

The merged organization will operate in 82 counties throughout parts of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin with 46 branch offices. Headquartered in Fargo, N.D., the Association will serve over 25,000 member-owners, and have over \$10 billion in assets.

"We want to first thank

our shareholders for exercising their right in helping shape the future of our cooperative," said Ed Hegland, board chairperson of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. "From the beginning, both boards felt a merger would provide our

member-owners with greater long-term benefits, and this vote further affirms that belief."

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota Board Chairperson Bryan Ankenbauer said, "Our commitment to serving agriculture

and rural America will only grow stronger with this merger. We look forward to the new opportunities that will be created while keeping the best interests of our members at the center of all that we do."

Spirit of Giving to be held Dec. 4 at Zion

Zion Lutheran Church of Thief River Falls is hosting its 12th Annual Spirit of Giving event Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Masks are required.

Spirit of Giving is intended to assist families in need

and brighten their Christmas. Clothing, household items, toys, Christmas decorations and décor are available without charge.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 505 Main Ave. N.

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Shop Local on Black Friday

How to help Main Street rebound from the pandemic

Main Street is the heart of many small communities. Small businesses have long been the drivers of both local and national economies.

The impact small businesses have on their communities may have been lost during the pandemic, when so many establishments were forced to close. The good news is that many small business owners were

hopeful that the effects of COVID-19 would soon be a thing of the past. Data from Bank of America, Data for Good and JPMorgan Chase indicate that 59 percent of entrepreneurs expect the impact of COVID-19 to affect their bottom line for two years or less. That's encouraging, but in the meantime, community leaders can take various steps to promote

everything Main Street has to offer.

• Create an inviting downtown atmosphere. Main Street America® is a grassroots network of small towns, mid-sized communities and urban commercial districts that work together to make downtown areas the heart of local communities. Ed McMahon, the chair of the National Main Street

Center Board of Directors, notes that a healthy downtown area is vital to having a healthy town. Towns that want to revitalize their downtowns should aspire to create an inviting, inclusive atmosphere that celebrates the character of the town, including its history. Main Street America® notes that people-centered, accessible public spaces can restore and revitalize downtowns, making them places locals and even non-locals want to visit.

• Make it a partnership. Business owners in community centers and downtown areas have a vested interest in revitalizing Main Street, but they can't go it alone. Local government officials, chambers of commerce, private sector businesses, and civic organizations all have

roles to play in making Main Street a place where people want to spend their time and money. Local leaders should make a concerted effort to hear every voice as they try to revitalize Main Street.

• Emphasize safety. COVID-19 changed how many people shop and dine, and those changes must be considered as Main Street is rebuilt. The Mayo Clinic notes that outdoor fresh air is constantly moving and dispersing the type of respiratory droplets that contain the COVID-19 virus. Because that air is constantly on the move, individuals are much less likely to get COVID-19 when spending time outdoors compared to indoors. Communities may be ready to get back to normal life, but it's important to do so safely. Many small

towns closed Main Street and downtown areas to automobiles during peak shopping and dining hours, such as weekend evenings and afternoons, so local businesses could bring their offerings outside. Communities can keep such rules in place after the pandemic, as more outdoor seating at restaurants and less crowded walking areas proved wildly popular among consumers. In addition, communities must make a concerted effort to create and maintain a Main Street where residents and shoppers feel safe at all times of the day and night.

Communities can work together to ensure Main Street thrives as the world slowly emerges from the pandemic.

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The Thief River Falls Lioness Lions Club celebrated becoming a lions club Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Legacy Events Center in Thief River Falls. Pictured are (front row) Olive Goldesberry, Shirley Swanson, Jeanette Walseth, Sharon Johnson, Sandy Parker, Dee Wollen-

zien, Lorraine Mathieu, Gloria Lee; (back row) Darlene Torstveit, Marlene Lund, Michelle Naplin, Bonnie Cota, Edie Brandli, Janice Jauhola, Pam Kwikla, Doreen Sigerud, Marie Wiseth, Phyllis Aarestad and Janice McAlpine. (Submitted)

TRF Lioness Club bridges to lions club

On Sunday, Oct. 17, a charter event was held at the Legacy Event Center to celebrate the Thief River Falls Lioness Club becoming a lions club.

Immediate Past District Gov. Kevin Reich, from Red Lake Falls, was master of

ceremonies. Super Lion and Past Council Chairperson Bert Nelson, from New York Mills, was the speaker. District Gov. Allen Bertilrud, Red Lake Falls, presented the new charter to Lion Jeanette Walseth, president of the Thief River Falls Lioness Lions Club.

The Thief River Falls Lions Club and members were recognized for sponsoring the new club and Lion Jan Strandlie, St. Hilaire Lions Club, was recognized

for her outstanding support through the Bridging process. District 5M11 clubs presented donations to the new lions club.

The new lions club, the Thief River Falls Lioness Lions Club, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 12 p.m. at the American Legion. New members are welcome. Its motto, "we serve," is not only a motto, but a definition and philosophy.

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Mason Iverson, a Northland Community and Technical College student in Thief River Falls, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from Northern Lodge 236 of Thief River Falls. Iverson is pictured with Masons Worshipful Master Mark Aune. (Submitted)



Jordyn Kasprick, a Northland Community and Technical College student in Thief River Falls, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from Northern Lodge 236 of Thief River Falls. Kasprick is pictured with Masons Worshipful Master Mark Aune. (Submitted)

TRF Masons elect officers

The annual election of officers for the Masons Northern Lodge 236 was conducted on Nov. 15. Re-elected were Mark Aune, worshipful master, Josh Iverson, senior warden, Curtis Zoller, junior warden, Rodger Ness, senior deacon, Kraig Kainz, junior deacon, James Goldesberry, secretary, Alan Swanson, treasurer, Kraig Kainz, education officer, and trustees Mark Aune, Kraig Kainz, Rodger Ness and Curtis Zoller. Northern Lodge 236 of Thief River Falls also awarded two scholarships. The first recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship was Mason Iverson. The second recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship was Jordyn Kasprick.

About 400 Guard members called up to help care facilities

Initially, 400 National Guard members in Minnesota will start training as certified nursing assistants and temporary nursing aides over the next seven days. Skilled-nursing facilities that face severe staffing shortfalls can request assistance from the Minnesota Department of Health, and selected facilities will receive a National Guard team to provide on-site staffing support for up to three weeks at a time.

MDH will work closely with the National Guard to direct the deployment of response teams to skilled-nursing facilities around the state.

Guard members continue to be deployed in alternative care facilities in Shakopee, Brainerd, and Saint Paul to provide transitional care to patients who no longer need to be hospitalized, allowing hospitals to treat those sick with COVID-19 and others requiring emergency support.

"One of the Minnesota National Guard's pillars is people, as they are our most valuable resource," said Major General Shawn Manke, the Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General. "Our force is highly adaptive and with training will assist Minnesota's health care community in responding to health care staffing shortages. We appreciate the employers of our citizen-soldiers and airmen, as we know these activations can disrupt their businesses and organizations. We ask that you continue to support the Guard members you employ as we all work to get through this challenging time. We thank our military families for their service, too, as we know they have to adjust their lives when activations occur."

Heritage Center to hold dance

Senior dancers may attend a dance Thursday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Heritage Center in Thief River Falls. The Cathy Erickson Band will perform. The event will also serve as a Christmas potluck party.

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Scooter's Coffee held a grand opening Friday, Nov. 19. On that day, the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the business and presented the business with its First Dollar of Clear Profit. Pictured are (from left) Sally Janssen, Scooter's director of operations; co-owner Brian Kading; manager Kelly Hicks; Chamber Executive Director Vanessa Ellefson; co-owner Mike Barry; Chamber ambassadors Angie Westling and Mark Schmitke; and Tammy Knebel, Scooter's

franchise business consultant. Co-owner Mike Wiebolt is not pictured. Scooter's Coffee is a drive-thru experience featuring a variety of specialty espresso beverages, single-origin coffee, fruit smoothies, cold brew and breakfast options. The business opened Oct. 18 near the intersection of Highway 59 and Greenwood Street. Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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A trip down memory lane ~ 1981



"PASSING BY" is the song being sung by these boys from the Goodridge High School chorus as they rehearse for the annual fall music concert. Left to right in the photo above are, front row, Rodney Haugen, Steve Dahlen, Jared Sjulestad, Roy Sundahl and Rory Austad; back row, Tim Bakken, Kenny Frazer, Brad Stenvik, Mike Scheef, Ross Parnow, Kurt Sigerud, Tim Wayne, Mike Cullen, Scott Groven and Brian Nelson.

Northland hosts VEX Robotics

50 teams from schools in region to attend tournament

Northland Community and Technical College will welcome nearly 50 teams of middle school and high school students from all over the region and state for

the Pioneer VEX Robotics Tournament on Dec. 4, 2021, in Northland's Thief River Falls campus gymnasium.

Andrew Dahlen, Northland Mechatronics instructor, said, "Each robotics team is similar to a small manufacturing company. Students are faced with competition, strict deadlines, numerous technical challenges, and finite resources. Successful teams push through these constraints with innovative solutions, teamwork, and perseverance." Dahlen continued, "The experience of being part of a robotics team is excellent preparation for students to enter the workforce."

Tournaments like the Pioneer VEX Robotics competition provide an exciting opportunity to get youth interested in manufactur-

ing, technology, and engineering fields and build awareness of Northland's technical program offerings such as electronics, welding, and a first of its kind, competency-based mechatronics program.

Northland is dedicated to serving manufacturers in Minnesota and North Dakota and utilizes a multi-faceted approach to highlight careers in manufacturing and help businesses grow their workforce. This fall, Northland partnered with Marvin in Warroad, to help provide career development and training and support the growing need for professionals with advanced manufacturing automation skill sets in the region. A new educational site will open in Warroad in 2022 as Northland brings the mechatronics program directly to that area.

VEX is the largest and fastest-growing elementary, middle, and high school robotics program worldwide, with more than 24,000 teams from 60 countries playing in over 1000 tournaments worldwide.

The Pioneer VEX Robotics Tournament will kick off at 9:45 a.m. with an opening ceremony. Qualifying rounds will follow at 10 a.m. with elimination rounds and finals at 3 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow the final rounds. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Andrew Dahlen at andrew.dahlen@northlandcollege.edu or 218-683-8673; or visit www.northlandcollege.edu/vex.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2022 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2021.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a child, grandchild, sibling or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2021.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2021 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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Agricultural property consisting of at least 40 acres shall be classified homestead, to the same extent as other agricultural property, if all the following criteria are met:

- 1- the owner, or the owner's spouse, or a son or daughter of the owner or owner's spouse either on the person's own behalf as an individual or on behalf of a qualified entity in which they are a partner, shareholder or member actively farms the agricultural property;
- 2- the owner of an agricultural property is a MN resident;
- 3- neither the owner or their spouse may claim another agricultural homestead in MN;
- 4- the owner does not live farther than four townships or cities, or a combination of four townships or cities, from the agricultural property; and
- 5- be listed as a farmer/operator by the Farm Service Agency (Form 156 EZ)
- 6- file a Schedule F with their federal income tax return.

The following definition constitutes "actively farming." Persons engaged in actively farming must participate in the day-to-day labor, administration and management of the farm. They must assume all or a portion of the financial risks and they must participate in any profits and losses.

Additionally:

- The farmland must be a minimum of 40 acres in size and;
- The farmland must meet the definition of agricultural property contained in MN Statutes 273.124, Subd. 14(b)
- Land enrolled in CRP or RIM does not qualify for the homestead classification, it will continue to be classified as agricultural.

This special homestead provision is only available to qualified individuals that make application by the filing deadline of December 31. To find out how to apply for the special agricultural homestead and receive the proper application form, contact:

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Grandstand act announced



Hairball will perform Thursday, July 14 as grandstand entertainment at the 2022 Pennington County Fair. Hairball, a Minnesota rock band, brings the glory of the 1980s to fans throughout the country. It

pays homage to the biggest arena rock and roll acts in the world. Floyd Erickson with the Pennington County Fair Board made the announcement. (Times file photo)

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Simplify Thanksgiving entertaining

Preparing Thanksgiving dinner for a household of close friends and relatives can be a tad overwhelming. Thanksgiving is a food- and tradition-centric holiday, and all eyes will be typically on the dinner table. Pulling off a feast of this magnitude - multiple courses, side dishes and desserts - takes considerable effort. These tips, tricks and timesavers can be a Thanksgiving host's saving grace.

Pick the menu early
Don't leave menu planning and shopping to the last minute. Decide what you'll be cooking in addition to turkey several weeks before the big day. Select two or three side dishes, preferably items that can be prepared in advance and then reheated on Thanksgiving. These can include a baked macaroni-and-cheese casserole, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, and a cornbread stuffing.

Brine your bird
Turkey is the centerpiece of the feast, so give it every opportunity to shine. No one wants a dry turkey, but un-

fortunately this lean poultry can dry out easily. Meats typically lose about 30 percent of their weight during cooking. However, by soaking the turkey in a brine prior to cooking it, you can reduce this moisture loss to as little as 15 percent, according to Dr. Estes Reynolds, a brining expert at the University of Georgia. Bringing the fowl for a day or more can infuse flavor and moisture. Food Network personality Alton Brown has a fan-favorite roast turkey recipe with an aromatic brine that has garnered five stars and was featured on his show "Good Eats" (www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/good-eats-roast-turkey-recipe-1950271). A simple salted water soak also can work.

Start prep work a few days before Thanksgiving
Take some stress out of Thanksgiving by cutting all vegetables and/or preparing some dishes a few days early. Label and organize prepared ingredients by recipe and store in the re-

frigerator. Make extra room in the fridge by removing nonessential items and placing them in a cooler with ice and cleaning out any old food or condiments. Plan your table settings and label which bowls and other serving dishes will be used for which items. This will make it much easier to set the table on Thanksgiving.

Serve batched cocktails
It can be challenging and expensive to have a full bar for guests. Mulled wine, hot cider and punches are ideal ways to service a crowd looking for delicious spirited drinks.

Create simple centerpieces
Use seasonal sights for your centerpieces or place settings. These can include small squashes, gourds, citrus fruits, nuts, or acorns. A hollowed-out pumpkin filled with fresh flowers also can be eye-catching.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate bounty. Treat guests to a great experience by learning some hosting tips to make the holiday easier to manage.

Positive Thoughts ... Thanks for reading my column



by Dan Bartsch

Well, tomorrow is Thanksgiving, or a day where some members of your family who love to cook go to the grocery store and spend half of their paycheck to buy food items and a turkey, only to have Grandpa Joe pour gravy on every food item. Grandma Tilly says that when she cooked the turkey it was not so dry, the kids at the children's table are having a food fight, and Uncle Oscar and Felix pile up all the food on their plates so that they can watch the Detroit Lions on the TV. Does this sound like your family on Thanksgiv-

ing?
As a single person, I don't go full throttle on Thanksgiving, but I do cook a turkey on that day. I usually look for a seven or eight pounder for my turkey day. That usually leaves me with leftovers for three to four days. Of course, the grocery stores here have a full supply of 15- to 20-pound turkeys, which is fine, but if I bought one of those, I would have leftovers until Valentine's Day 2023, so I get to be a scavenger hunter.

But since I am looking for the right turkey for me, I get a chance to work on my Bill Engvall comedy routine. If, for example, someone approaches me while I'm shopping and asks, "You buying that turkey for Thanksgiving?" I could say, "Nope, I am going bowling, and I don't

like the balls they have at the alley." Or, I could also say, "Nope, I got two great Danes and they want a little snack. Here's your sign." Feel free to use those next turkey day.

Needless to say, Thanksgiving is a great day to give thanks for what you have done this year and the wonderful family and friends who are in your life. And of course, I give thanks for my family and friends; but, next Wednesday I am giving thanks that I will be starting my fifth year of writing this column. So, tune in next week as I start my new year of Positive Thoughts. (Tune in? Sorry, I am a TV Land kid. How about 'Get ready to read?') Thank you for enjoying what I am writing. Have a happy Thanksgiving, and as always, God bless.



Times for Toddlers ... Strengthening family traditions

Traditions are those things that you do over and over again. Sometimes a tradition is a carefully planned event that you do each year. Sometimes it is something that you just happened to do once, and now your children say "we always do it." How it starts is not as important as the fact that it exists and that children and parents recognize it as an important part of their family's identity.

Traditions enhance a family's togetherness. Here are some hints for strengthening yours:

- Build traditions around your family history. Keeping photo albums, adding pictures to them as the family grows and looking them over on special occasions can give children a sense of stability.
- Listen to your children.

Because they know when things have "always been done that way," they may be more adept than their parents in identifying routines that can become family rituals.

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

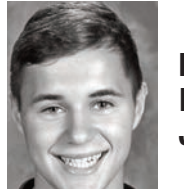
SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Talk about the last time you had the holiday or event. See what your children remember. Then build on those things, those ideas for traditions.

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

ACTIVITIES
Turkey Songs and Finger Plays
Turkey Walk
(Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

On the Other Hand ... Making the most of Thanksgiving



by Reece Janisch

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

You know that very short period of time that gets overshadowed by the thought of Christmas right after the ending of Halloween?

Ah yes, Thanksgiving: The time filled with perfectly roasted turkey set on the table, and the black charred one left in the oven too long that was thrown out before everyone arrived, never to be seen or talked about again, and fresh mashed potatoes with creamy gravy and butter on top of them. Don't forget that stuffing that everyone

Strut, strut, strut along (strut proudly)

Turkey strut today.

Pick and peck some yellow corn (bend head as if pecking)

This fine autumn day.

The Turkey
The turkey gobbles when he talks (open and close hand)

And waddles when he walks. (put hands under arms, move elbows)

He scratches the ground with his feet (scratch palm of hand)

When looking for food to eat.

Thanksgiving
On Thanksgiving we have a special treat.

Turkey and dressing are soooooo good to eat (pretend to eat)

Yummmmmmm! (rub stomach)

SCAVENGER HUNT
For next week's Activities Feature, you will need a large white paper plate, orange construction or tissue paper, black construction paper, and glue.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Q: Is turkey soup good for your health?

A: Not if you're the turkey.

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:

Devlin, Wende and Harry. **Cranberry Thanksgiving.** Grandmother almost loses

her secret recipe for cranberry bread to one of the guests she and Maggie invite for Thanksgiving dinner. Includes the secret recipe.

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo and the Thanksgiving Tree.** All the animals in the barnyard ask the cows Minnie and Moo to hide them so that they will not become Thanksgiving dinner.

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: **Free Birds.** Two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history, and get turkey off the holiday menu for good.

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: Seventeen Thanksgiving games your kids will enjoy. <http://www.womansday.com/relationships/family-friends/g1683/thanksgiving-games/>

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

Turning Back The Times ... First indoor band concert of the year to be held at the auditorium

1921 - One Hundred Years Ago
-The first indoor band concert of this season will be held Dec. 11 at the auditorium.

-A. Holzknicht, R. Hadrath, R. Kiland, Roy Brown, L. Hermanson, and Irvin Carlson are members of the city basketball team.

-Rev. R.L. Barackman, for six years pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, has resigned to accept a call from a church in Lincoln, Neb.

1971 - Fifty Years Ago
-William Fahey, Thief River Falls City Clerk for the past nine years, has resigned to accept a position as city administrator in Northfield.

-The Thief River Falls Board of Education will request \$191,119 less in local taxes for the 1971-72 school year than for the 1970-71 year.

-The new Annette's Fabrics store opened at 320 Main Ave. N.

1981 - Forty Years Ago
-Inga Geving has been named Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year.

-Republic Airlines has announced its intention to suspend air service to Thief River Falls.

-The second annual Christmas Flea Market will be held Dec. 5 at the Thief River Falls City Auditorium.

1991 - Thirty Years Ago
-Groundbreaking for the Thief River Falls Technical College hangar facility for the aviation program, expected to cost \$2.8 million, will take place Wednesday.

-Plans have been announced to expand the Thief River Golf Club to 18 holes.
-Net sales of Arctic Cat snowmobiles during the second quarter reached \$79,444,000, an increase of 15 percent over the second quarter of last year.

2001 - Twenty Years Ago
-The FAA is requiring a partial deer fence to be installed at the Thief River

Falls Regional Airport by September 2002.

-At a recent school board meeting, it was decided to cancel the annual "Close Up" trip for local students to go to Washington D.C., since the nation's capital "is not a place to be taking students right now."

-The Northern Pride Inc., a turkey processing plant in Thief River Falls, is among the top 25 plants in the nation, but is the only plant in that category to operate on a seasonal basis.

2011 - Ten Years Ago
-The Thief River Falls City Council has approved a zoning change for a proposed 60-unit apartment complex on the city's south side.

-Lincoln High School held a lockdown drill Nov. 17 for its students.

-The Lincoln High School Choral Department will present its first concert for the 2011-2012 school year on Dec. 10 and 12.

Social Security News ... Benefits increase in 2022

by Brian Rudolph and Rhonda Whitenack
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin

Approximately 70 million Americans will see a 5.9% increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2022. Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are a little more expensive, so the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) helps to offset these costs.

We will mail COLA notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees.

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January 2022 marks other changes that will happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2022 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2022 and you can view that at www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2022.pdf.

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Find more information about the 2022 COLA at www.ssa.gov/cola.

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HAPPY Thanksgiving



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we'd like to share our gratitude for all this community has done to help us through the difficult times and keep one another safe. As we return to gatherings and reconnect with friends and family, we're reminded of just how fortunate we are to be surrounded by kind, considerate and supportive folks like you. Thank you again for sticking with us, and for giving us so much to be grateful for at the holidays and all year.

With heartfelt wishes for a happy Thanksgiving, we wish you and yours good health and good fortune aplenty!

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Jean Beyer, 91

Red Lake Falls - Jean Beyer, of rural Red Lake Falls, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021 surrounded by her loving family.



Jean Huot was born on November 17, 1930 in Crookston, the fifth of nine children born to Ernest Isidore and Emma Rose (Benoit) Huot.

She grew up near Huot Park on the Red Lake River, living at the Huot store, which was a gathering place for friends and neighbors. Many a Sunday was spent at the Huot store playing cards and visiting after church. Jean attended the Huot country school. After graduating from Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls, Jean married Chester "Thane" Beyer on August 4, 1949. They lived with Thane's parents in Dorothy for the first years of their marriage; they purchased the former Nick and Minnie Drees farm in 1957 and finally got a home of their own for their growing family. Jean worked hard raising twelve children on the dairy farm and documenting their journey with many photographs.

She served as a Key leader for the Pembina Trail 4-H Club for over 30 years and was the treasurer for the Louisville Township Board for many years. (Louisville Township was named after Louis Huot, Jean's great-grandfather.) She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. As a member of Saint Dorothy's Catholic Church, Jean served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and member of the Ladies' Guild. After St. Dorothy's Church closed, she became a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls.

Jean loved to play games with friends and family; her door was always open. She was the happiest on the dance floor. She baked the best bread and her cooking will be missed by all.

She is survived by her children, Greg (Celeste) of Colorado Springs, CO; Debi

Forness (Rodney Sondrol) of Climax, Barb Aretz of St. Cloud, Curt (Laura), Chris (Steve Kruse), Neil (Polly), and Chester "Chip," all of Red Lake Falls, Tim (Ronald Frederick) of Los Angeles, CA, Lori Thomas (Ted) of Woodhull, NY, Robin (Tiffany Cross) of Red Lake Falls, and Sara Foster (Jason) of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Tani Escandell (David), Janel Peddy (Greg), Thana Nipper (Bob), Bethany Grant (Joe), Adam Forness (Kacie), Amy Powell, Kacy Slyt, Nyssa Renner (Jeffrey), Luke Forness (Jessie), Laney Paine (Thacher), Forrest Aretz, Brooke Houghton (Trevor), Ashley Aretz, Victoria Kraemer (Tim), Kristi Bruggeman (Joe), Stacy Plautz (Derek), Sara Derosier (Brad), Ryan Schultz (Jennifer), Katie Roth (Christian), Natalie Beyer, Jessica Savino (Mike), Connor, Erin, and Matthew Thomas, and Hewitt, Jackie, and Amira Foster. Jean is also survived by and will live on in the hearts of her 40+ great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; sister, Mae Darlene Gjerstad; brother, Tom Huot; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Hagl.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Thane; daughter, Vicki; her parents; granddaughters, Teja Beyer and Mercedes Rowley; great-granddaughter, Cora Roth; granddaughter-in-law, Michelle Forness; siblings, Lillian Grenier, Ernie "Junior" Huot, Pat Ruth, John B. "Jack" Huot, Dolores Glass, and Rita Hagl; brother-in-law, Irving Beyer (Adeline); and sister-in-law, Jean Weinberg.

Jean Beyer passed away at her home in Dorothy on November 19, 2021 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 91 years and 2 days.

May her memory be blessed.

Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls, with Father Bob Schreiner officiating.

Burial took place at St. Dorothy Catholic Cemetery, Dorothy. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

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Diane Jury, 69

Thief River Falls - Diane Jury, 69, of Thief River Falls, passed away on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at



Minnesota Greenleaf in Thief River Falls following a long battle with dementia, surrounded by her loving family. Diane Marie Hanson was born May 3, 1952 in Virginia, the daughter of Norman and Madonna (Lundeen) Hanson. She was baptized at Oak Park Lutheran Church, rural Oklee and confirmed at Glenwood Lutheran Church in Glenwood. Diane graduated from Glenwood High School with the class of 1970.

In 1971 Diane was married to Arne Rantanen from Middle River. To this union two children were born: Melissa and Arne Jr. They made their home in the Thief River Falls area.

Over the years she worked at various places including Johnnies Café, Arctic Cat, and the Elk's Club. In the fall of 1986 Diane married Michael Jury and the family moved to Warroad. In May of 1987 the family welcomed a daughter, Ashley. Diane worked at Marvin Windows until the family returned to Thief River Falls in 2000. She went to work at Digi-Key until her retirement in 2017.

Throughout her life, Diane was a very hard worker. She was a natural care-

giver and nurturer, caring for many family members including her children, mom, dad, and brother. Diane enjoyed her cats, crocheting, fishing, reading, gardening, cooking (she was famous for her stuffing & potato salad), playing video games, and was very competitive with her family playing croquet, whiffle ball and other games. She was a Minnesota Twins fan through and through. Diane dearly loved her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Jury; children, Missy (Gayland Jensen) Hodgson, Arne (Randi) Rantanen and Ashley (Sean) Ranum, all of Thief River Falls; grandchildren, Megan and Sydney Hodgson, Treyton Stomberg and Jax Rantanen, Owen, Noah and Leni Ranum; siblings, Roger (Linda) Hanson, Vanessa (Steve) Appel; nephew, Joe Appel; and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Barry; granddaughter, Karli Hodgson; and nephew, Matthew Appel.

A gathering time for family and friends was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. The service to celebrate Diane's life was also held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, with Pastor Eric Miller officiating.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com.

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Bob Wayne says goodbye/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) Over the years, Wayne has been asked to apply to serve as a principal at another school. However, he never applied because he wanted to remain at FMS. Wayne will miss the FMS students and staff. Some of his former students are now adults in their mid-30s and 40s, and they make a point of visiting with Wayne. They still remember him, but, as he noted, they look a little different than the pre-teens and teens he used to see on a daily basis. Wayne said he has also aged, but he's apparently still easily recognizable.

As Wayne's current students learned about his retirement, some said he couldn't leave and others asked why he was leaving. It was tough for him because he enjoys the relationships he has with the students. In particular, Wayne was fond of chaperoning the sixth grade trips because it al-

lowed the sixth graders to see him in a new light. However, Wayne won't miss bus duty even though it usually saved him some work the following day. The main reason he won't miss bus duty - Mother Nature. Mother Nature had a hand in Wayne's career as a school administrator. The 1980 Goodridge High School graduate farmed full-time for six years before Mother Nature won the war. Wayne's late mom, Dorothy, then suggested that he should go back to school. It's unknown if she was expecting him to remain in school for the next 30-plus years, but he did.

Wayne initially thought he could farm and teach. That didn't work out as planned, but he has dabbled for years in the world of agriculture. Wayne and his family raise chickens and goats. He also rents out his farmland.

Wayne will continue

working on his hobby farm alongside his wife, Lynell. They have two daughters, Erica (Jon) Hruby and Erin Wayne. Both Lynell and Erin work in the field of education. Lynell works at Northland Community and Technical College as an academic advisor and graduation coordinator. Erin is a science teacher at Lincoln High School.

The Waynes also have a 4-year-old granddaughter, Raelynn Hruby, who has

Papa wrapped around her little finger. Wayne said, "She's my everything."

In retirement, Wayne plans to spend more time with Raelynn and other family members. He plans to do some traveling and some volunteer work. Wayne also knows that Lynell has already begun creating a list of projects for her husband to complete.

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Message by Pastor Eric Miller from Trinity Lutheran Church

COVID numbers increase/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) with the Leadership Team first, and then the COVID Team. The recommendation is then brought before the Board of Education for a final decision.

Stepan said the Leadership Team and COVID Team looked closely at the numbers. The last time the District went into Distance Learning it was because there weren't enough staff to conduct classes for students. This time, there are many more students either sick or in quarantine, and very few staff. (Currently, 1 percent of the student population has tested positive for COVID.)

Stepan was also asked about evidence of student to student spread.

Stepan said there was very little evidence of that happening. She said they know they aren't being told of every case, and they are working on getting more solid information on that.

Stepan said they will continue to monitor the situation. She also noted that it's not a decision made by one person.

When asked what the District would do if students didn't comply with a decision to mask up, Stepan said the rules are clear, students would be sent home.

City Council: The Huck/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) goal of \$2.5 million to \$3 million over time

Council member Mike Lorenson said the city would move backwards if the council didn't approve these electric rate increases. He said it would eventually need to dip into its General Fund.

Mayor Brian Holmer noted that the city didn't want to be like Xcel Energy, which has some of its rates skyrocketing 12 and 18%.

The increases were recommended as part of a study commissioned by the council.

Bruce Brink, Venu-Works operations director in Thief River Falls,

announced the Ralph Engelstad Arena will host the Harlem Globetrotters on Thursday, March 17. Tickets are expected to go on sale in early December. Tickets will only be available through Ticketmaster.

Brink provided an update on other activities at REA and HOMCC. Ten hockey games will be played over Thanksgiving weekend at the arenas. He added that the Holiday Fair, which was sponsored Nov. 13 by The Times, went well.

The next council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

National Guard/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) adjust their lives when activations occur," said Manke. Since mid-October, more than 70 service members have supported COVID-19 community-based testing at locations in Stillwater, Crookston, Hutchinson,

Inver Grove Heights, Wadena, and Hibbing. Since the beginning of November, nearly 50 Guard members have supported transition care units at sites in Shakopee, Brainerd, and St. Paul.

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Friday, November 26: No service
Monday, November 29: No service

Tuesday, November 30: Warren City Wide 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Hallock City Wide 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Karlstad City Wide 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1: Bemidji

Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater Counties (800) 201-3432 Option 3
Thursday, November 25: No service
Friday, November 26: No service
Monday, November 29: Grand Forks
Tuesday, November 30: No service
Wednesday, December 1: Fargo/Moorhead

Steps taken to support MN long-term care facilities

Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard Monday to form skilled-nursing "response teams" that will provide support to long-term care facilities experiencing staffing shortages. He is also proposing providing \$50 million in federal funding to facilities to help with hiring and retention of staff.

Skilled-nursing facilities that are at risk of staffing shortages can access this new funding and staffing support in consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health.

More than 22,000 elderly and vulnerable Minnesotans receive care at roughly 365 skilled-nursing facilities across the state. The facilities are also a critical part of the care continuum, providing post-acute care and rehabilitation therapy to individuals who do not need hospital-level treatment. Staffing shortages in skilled-nursing facilities have made it difficult for many hospitals to find placements for hospital patients in long-term care settings, as well as for individuals who can no longer be cared for in their homes.

"Our long-term care facilities are facing an all-hands-on-deck moment, and that's why we are taking unprecedented action to support skilled nursing workers, residents, and patients," said Walz. "Financial support will help our skilled nursing facilities hire and retain talented staff to care for patients, and the Minnesota National Guard is preparing to fill any staffing gaps. I am deeply thankful to the skilled nursing personnel who work so hard to care for so many Minnesotans every day. I pledge to do whatever it takes to help Minnesota's long-term care community get through this challenging time."

The announcement comes after Walz secured emergency federal medical teams to support Minnesota hospitals and relieve doctors and nurses as they treat COVID-19 and other patients. The emergency staffing teams arrive this week and will support staff at HCMC in

Minneapolis and St. Cloud Hospital.

"This latest COVID-19 surge is a challenge for everyone, and it is especially difficult for long-term care providers who have been on the front lines of this pandemic for nearly two years," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "These actions provide vital support for this workforce at a time of need. We ask all Minnesotans to recognize that they have a role to play here as well. They can help reduce the pressure on our health care and long-term care workers by doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 through vaccination, masking, and other prevention measures."

"We need a strong, robust health care system working right now," said Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. "This plan gives providers resources to keep beds available to care for our families, friends, and neighbors."

"We are facing unprecedented, record-level workforce shortages in long-term care communities across our state," said Patti Cullen, president and chief executive officer of Care Providers of Minnesota. "The actions the governor is taking today will provide emergency staffing assistance to the exhausted professional caregivers who have been on the frontlines for over 20 months, and we are so appreciative for this much-needed good news."

"There are 23,000 open long-term caregiver positions across Minnesota. A crisis of this scope requires bold solutions, and we know we cannot fix this problem alone," said Gayle Kvenvold, president and chief executive officer of LeadingAge Minnesota. "We are grateful for these emergency actions and the collaborative efforts they represent. They provide critical support for weary caregivers and the seniors they serve and provide a bridge to more permanent solutions to address staffing shortages."

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Prowlers blank Lumberjacks, win second straight

Thief River Falls scored late in each period of Thursday night's game against Bemidji to turn an otherwise even game into a 3-0 shutout in favor of the Prowlers.

"I thought the girls played very well," said Thief River Falls Head Coach Brett Johnson. "They were able to move the puck to the open girls and created offensive opportunities from it."

All three of the Prowlers' goals occurred in the last four minutes of a period and the first two came in the final two minutes of a period.

Jenae Johnson broke a scoreless tie with her first goal of the year with 1:25 left to play in the opening period. Gretchen Cota made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal with 31 seconds left in the second stanza; and Daniella Niebuhr scored her first goal of the year with 3:43 left to play to conclude the scoring for the Prowlers.

Bella Amiot (2) and Johnson were credited with assists.

Thief River Falls goaltender Bell Hamre picked up her second win of the year. The junior goaltender saved all 32 shots that she faced.

"Bell played very well," Johnson said. "She was tracking the puck very well last night. Even when they had two and three chances at a rebound, she held her ground. Defensively, I thought as a whole it was one of our better games so far."

Johnson was also pleased with the defensive performance overall.

"Early in the year it is nice



Thief River Falls junior goaltender Bell Hamre was at the top of her game Thursday night, with a 32-save shutout win over Bemidji. The win gave the Prowlers a 2-1 record through three games.

to see the girls improving daily in our D-zone," Johnson said. "There are some things we need to clean up as far as giving up too many second and third chances by not tying up the girls in front of

the net, and making sure we are stopping and starting, and not making big circles. But overall, the effort was there and that is what we like to see. Girls are working hard for each other, blocking

shots, and playing together as a team."

Scoring				
	1	2	3	T
Bemidji.....	1	1	1	3
Thief River Falls.....	0	0	0	0

First period - Thief River Falls#2

Jenae Johnson (even strength) (Bella Amiot, Kali Knutson) 15:35
Second period - Thief River Falls#12 Gretchen Cota (even strength) 16:29
Third period - Thief River Falls#20 Daniella Niebuhr (even strength) (#2 Jenae Johnson, #11

Bella Amiot) 13:17
Shots - Bemidji 15-10-7 - 32; TRF 8-16-11 - 35.
Power plays - Bemidji 0/6; TRF 0/4.
Penalties - Bemidji 4 (8 minutes); TRF 6 (12 minutes)
Goalie saves - Bemidji, Ava Myhre 32; TRF, Bell Hamre 32.

Greater Minnesota		
Conf.	all	pts
Crookston.....	1-0	2
Roseau.....	1-0	2
East Grand Forks.....	1-1	2
Thief River Falls.....	1-1	2
Moorhead.....	0-0	0
Warroad.....	0-0	0
Bemidji.....	0-2	0

Section 8A		
Sect.	all	pts
Crookston.....	1-0	2
East Grand Forks.....	1-0	2
Thief River Falls.....	1-1	2
Warroad.....	0-0	0
International Falls.....	0-0	0
Detroit Lakes.....	0-2	0

Results
 Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Brainerd/Little Falls 1, Moorhead 0; Roseau 7, East Grand Forks 2; Grand Rapids 9, Bemidji 0; Thief River Falls 13, Detroit Lakes 4.
 Thursday, Nov. 18 - East Grand Forks 13, Detroit Lakes 3; Thief River Falls 3, Bemidji 0.
 Friday, Nov. 19 - Warroad 1, Bemidje-St. Margarets 1.
 Saturday, Nov. 20 - Warroad 2, Elk River/Zimmerman 1; Centennial/Spring Lake Park 5, Roseau 2; Moorhead 3, North Wright County 2.

TRF SPORTS

Friday, Nov. 26
 Hockey - LHS Boys vs. Delano noon; LHS Girls vs. Irondale 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 27
 Hockey - LHS Girls vs. West Fargo noon; LHS Boys vs. St. Cloud Cathedral 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 30
 Basketball - LHS Girls vs. Adarborp 7:30 p.m.
 Hockey - LHS Girls vs. Roseau 5:15 p.m.; LHS Boys vs. Roseau 7:30 p.m.



Kali Knutson celebrates seconds after teammate Jenae Johnson scored a first period goal to put the Prowlers in front 1-0 over the Bemidji Lumberjacks Thursday night. Knutson was credited with an assist on the play.

Norskies snap skid with overtime win

A Scott Bugarin goal 1:04 into overtime gave the Thief River Falls Norskies a 6-5 home win over the Thunder Bay North Stars Friday, Nov. 19 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls.

Making the overtime win even more improbable was the fact that it took three goals by the Norskies in the final 2:03 of regulation to force overtime.

The rally began with an R.J. Dickie goal during the waning seconds of a 5-on-3 power play with 2:03 left to play. The five on three advantage came about due to a delay of game penalty by Thunder Bay's Dawson Nelson at 15:59 and a tripping penalty by Kuzenko at 17:24.

Still down 5-3, the Norskies converted another power play goal with 1:14 left to play on Aaron Bertschinger's second goal of the season.

The rally was complete when JJ Martin scored his third goal of the season with just five seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game 5-5.

The Norskies and North Stars traded first period goals, with the Norskies scoring first on a Piercton Van Gorp goal at 2:45 in the opening period, with an assist by Brandon Kelley.

The North Stars answered with Drew Meloche's first goal of the season to make it a 1-1 game.

Bugarin scored the first of his two goals on the night 53 seconds into the second period to put the Norskies back in front.

The North Stars scored four unanswered goals late in the second period and early in the third period to go in front 5-2. Scoring goals for the North Stars were Hunter Foreshe, Anthony Kuzenko,

Raj Sangha and Kuzenko.

The win over the North Stars was the Norskies first since a 5-2 triumph over the Wisconsin Lumberjacks on Sept. 25. The Norskies did not play in October due to COVID-related Canadian border closures and they were 0-4 in their first four contests when SIJHL play resumed Nov. 5.

Picking up assists for the Norskies Friday night were Brandon Kelley, Ryle Oppede (3), Alan Yu (3), Aaron Bertschinger, Martin and Dickie.

The teams met again Saturday night with Thunder Bay goalie Jordan Smith earning a 28-save shutout as the North Stars blanked the Norskies 4-0.

Hunter Foreshe scored the first three goals of the night for the North Stars. He now has 10 goals on [Continued on page 11]

TRF girls hockey team set to compete in loaded Section 8A

Section 8A is tougher than ever but Thief River Falls' goals remain the same - get back to the section championship game, win the section and advance to state.

To accomplish the first part, the Prowlers will have to be one of the top two teams in a section that includes perennial powers Warroad Warriors and East Grand Forks Green Wave, and steadily improving Crookston Pirates.

The Prowlers advanced to last year's Section 8A championship game with a 5-4 win over the Pirates in the semifinal round, before falling 6-0 to the Warriors in the championship game. It was the third straight year that the Prowlers reached the section title game, with all three appearances resulting in a loss to the Warriors.

The Warriors are the favorite again this year as they seek their seventh straight section title.

The Pirates put the section on notice opening night with a 7-1 win over the Prowlers. The Prowlers have been impressive since, however, with a 13-4 win over Detroit Lakes and a 3-0 shutout over Bemidji.

Seniors Jenae Johnson, Bella Amiot, Daniella Niebuhr and Breanna Lee; juniors Jayden Breiland, Gretchen Cota, Carli Prickett; and freshman Kali Knutson all played consistent shifts at the varsity level last year. Amiot, Prickett, Niebuhr and Berzinski are

team captains for the 2021-22 season.

The Prowlers' line combinations are subject to change throughout the season, but through three weeks they include Knutson, Amiot and Johnson on the first line, sophomore Julia Rude/senior Jaymin Klosterman, Breiland and Cota on the second forward line; and Rude/Klosterman, junior Mandi Coltom and sophomore Kora Sorter on the third line.

The Prowler defense lines include sophomore Quinn Kenfield and Niebuhr on the first line; Lee and Prickett on the second line; and eighth grader Miley Cota and sophomore Camille Berra/junior Ava Budish on the third line.

The Prowlers have two experienced goalies vying for time in front of the net in

senior Bella Berzinski and junior Bell Hamre.

"Having two goalies that can both play at a varsity level is a good problem to have," Johnson said. "These two girls have been battling for the last four years and finally get their time to shine. For now, we are going to rotate. However, most nights they will both get to play as we only have two goalies. Whoever is not playing the varsity game will get the chance to play in the JV game, which is nice because I get to see them both play on a regular basis. It's a tough question to answer as you want to continue with whoever has the hot hand, but you also don't want your other goalie to get too cold, so finding that perfect fit can be tricky."

Rantanen competes at state swimming meet

Thief River Falls junior Kendal Rantanen swam to an 18th place finish in the backstroke at the 2021 MSHSL Girls Class A state swimming meet.

Rantanen swam the 100 yard backstroke preliminaries in 1:06.89, which was about a second slower than her seed time of 1:05.71.

Emma Kern of Delano set a new state record in the backstroke with a time of 53.40 in the preliminary round. Her finals time was

three tenths of a second slower at 53.77, which was still good enough to automatically qualify for All-American standing.

Visitation High School of Mendota Heights ran away with the team title, scoring 385 points. Hutchinson, 254, Delano, 189, and Orono, 150, rounded out the top four in the team standings. Perham/New York Mills finished 32nd with 7 team points as the top finisher from Section 8A.

Tough sledding for Northland wrestlers at Auggie Invite

Wins were hard to come by Saturday for the Northland wrestling team, which made its debut at the Auggie Invitational. The tournament, hosted by NCAA Division III power Augsburg, featured several top NCAA Division II and Division III programs.

Injuries and illness left the Pioneers with just four wrestlers competing on Saturday.

Competing at 133 pounds, Isaiah Arredondo pinned Johnny Thai of Rochester in the opening round. He lost by fall to Augsburg's Carson Murray in the quarterfinals and was eliminated from the

tournament with a 5-2 loss to Tristian Lang of Ridgewater.

Timothy Thurman also went 1-2 on the day while wrestling at 149 pounds. He lost by fall in the opening round to Trent Lytle of Luther College. He bounced back with an 18-4 win over Antonio Beltramea of Nebraska-Wesleyan and was eliminated from the tournament with a loss by fall to Travis Guzman of Nebraska-Wesleyan.

Also competing for the Pioneers were Brandon Zuniga at 157, and Anthony Widmer at 174. Zuniga was forced to default out of the tourna-

ment after suffering an elbow injury against Augsburg's Jacob Heiden.

Widmer lost by fall to Luis Cruces of Luther College in the opening round before falling by 18-3 technical fall to Owen Vike of Rochester.

Jake Davis, 149, and Mason Iverson, 197, both traveled with the team but were held out of competition due to injury.

The Pioneers are off for Thanksgiving break. They will return to the mat Sunday, Dec. 5 for the Dragon Open at Minnesota State University Moorhead. [Continued on page 11]

Tough sledding for Northland wrestlers at Auggie Invite/Continued

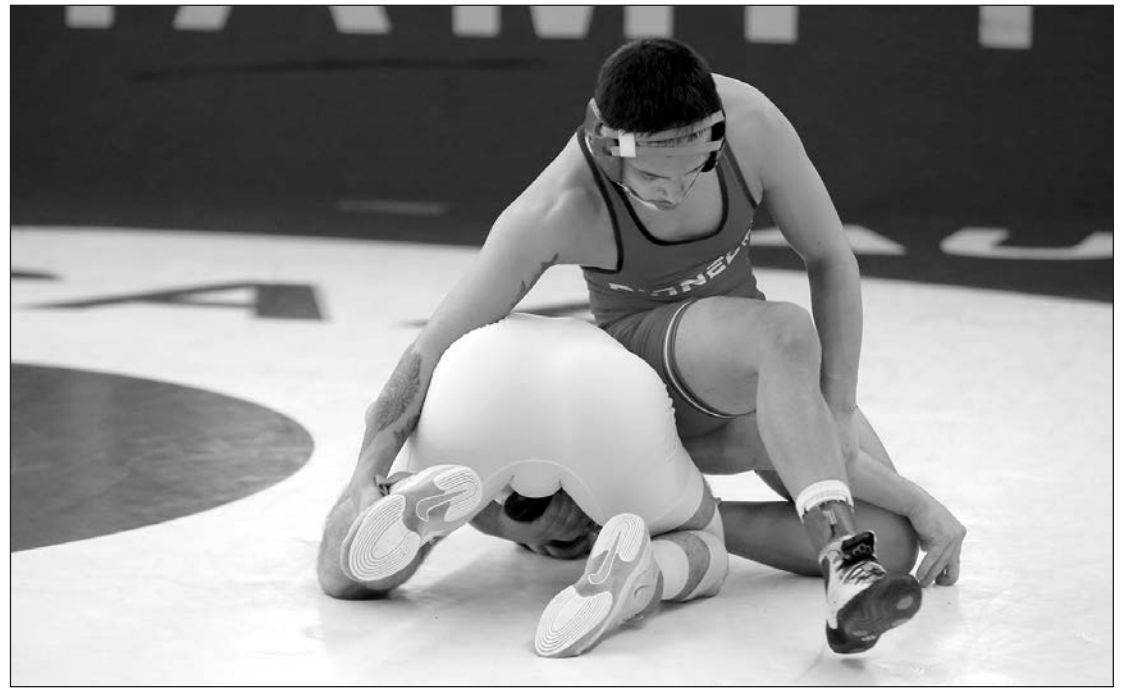
[Continued from page 10] The Pioneers' only home dual of the season is set for Wednesday, Dec. 8 against Itasca Community College.

Auggie Invite Results from Trackwrestling

Freshmen 133 - Isaiah Arredondo's place is unknown and has scored 3.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Isaiah Arredondo (Northland CC) won by fall over Johnny Thai (RCTC) (Fall 5:53); Quarterfinal - Carson Murray (Augsburg) won by fall over Isaiah Arredondo (Northland CC) (Fall 1:56); Cons. Round 2 - Tristian Lang (Ridgewater

CC) won by decision over Isaiah Arredondo (Northland CC) (Dec 5-2). **Freshmen 149** - Timothy Thurman's place is unknown and has scored 1.5 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Timothy Thurman (Northland CC) received a bye; Champ. Round 2 - Trent Lytle (Luther) won by fall over Timothy Thurman (Northland CC) (Fall 3:00); Cons. Round 2 - Timothy Thurman (Northland CC) won by major decision over Antonio Beltramea (Nebraska Wesleyan) (Maj 18-4) Cons. Round 3 - Travis Guzman (Nebraska Wesleyan) won by fall over Timothy Thurman (Northland CC) (Fall 2:00). **Freshmen 157** - Brandon Zuniga's place is unknown and has

scored 0.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Jacob Heiden (Augsburg) won by injury default over Brandon Zuniga (Northland CC) (Fall 5:18); Cons. Round 1 - Brandon Zuniga (Northland CC) received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Ben Foelske (Upper Iowa) won by medical forfeit over Brandon Zuniga (Northland CC) (FF). **Freshmen 174** - Anthony Widmer's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Luis Cruces (Luther) won by fall over Anthony Widmer (Northland CC) (Fall 2:17); Cons. Round 1 - Owen Vike (RCTC) won by tech fall over Anthony Widmer (Northland CC) (TF 18-3).



Northland sophomore Isaiah Arredondo scrambles to avoid giving up a takedown against Ridgewater's Tristian Lang. Lang defeated Arredondo 5-2.

Norskies snap skid with overtime win/Continued

[Continued from page 11] season. Lou Vesperini added his eighth goal of the season to round out the scoring. Collecting assists for the North Stars were Vesperini (3), Nolan Desjardins (3) and Raj Sangha.

One night after picking up the win on a 43-save, five goals allowed night, Thief River Falls goaltender Matthew Loney took the loss despite 31 saves.

The Norskies are back in action Friday and Saturday at Dryden.

Scoring

	1	2	3	O	T
Thunder Bay	1	2	2	0	5
Thief River Falls	1	1	3	1	6

First period -1, Thief River Falls, Van Gorp 1 (Kelley), 2:45. 2, Thunder Bay, Meloche 1 (Cattani), 13:12. Penalties-Yu Trf (roughing), 16:45. Second period -3, Thief River Falls, Bugarin 5 (Opperude), 0:53. 4, Thunder Bay, Foreshow 7 (Sangha, Vesperini), 13:22 (PP). 5, Thunder Bay, Kuzenko 4 (Caddo, Sangha), 15:30 (PP). Penalties-Yu Trf (holding), 4:08; Young Tbn (roughing), 7:19; Bugarin Trf (tripping), 11:41; Van Gorp Trf (cross checking), 14:26; Caddo Tbn (unsportsmanlike conduct), 16:56; Sunderland Trf (roughing), 16:56. Third period -6, Thunder Bay, Sangha 10 (Desjardins, Foreshow), 0:46. 7, Thunder Bay, Kuzenko 5 (Davis, Trahiotis), 8:39 (PP). 8, Thief

River Falls, Dickie 2 (Yu, Bertschinger), 17:57 (PP). 9, Thief River Falls, Bertschinger 2 (Martin, Yu), 18:46 (PP). 10, Thief River Falls, Martin 3 (Opperude, Dickie), 19:55. Penalties-Kuzenko Tbn (slashing), 3:36; Van Gorp Trf (interference), 4:00; Bugarin Trf (cross checking), 8:16; Davis Tbn (head contact - minor, 10-minute misconduct), 9:03; Kelley Trf (unsportsmanlike conduct), 9:03; Broughton Tbn (roughing after the whistle), 10:06; Van Gorp Trf (roughing after the whistle), 10:06; Regina Trf (tripping), 11:51; Nelson Tbn (delay of game), 15:59; Kuzenko Tbn (tripping), 17:24. Shots -11, Thief River Falls, Bugarin 6 (Opperude, Yu), 1:04 (PP). Penalties-Desjardins Tbn (too many men), 0:46. Power plays -Thunder Bay 3/7; Thief River Falls 3/5. Goalie saves -Thunder Bay, Lemieux 6-2-1-0 (26 shots-20 saves). Thief River Falls, Loney 3-4-0-0 (48 shots-43 saves).

Scoring

	1	2	3	T
Thunder Bay	1	2	2	5
Thief River Falls	0	0	0	0

First period -1, Thunder Bay, Foreshow 8 (Vesperini), 16:48. 2, Thunder Bay, Foreshow 9 (Vesperini, Desjardins), 18:48. Penalties-Regina Trf (tripping), 4:17; Davis Tbn (roughing), 10:02; Yu Trf (holding), 11:01; Regina Trf (interference), 12:50; Bertrand Tbn (roughing after the whistle), 16:23; Bugarin Trf (roughing after the whistle), 16:23. Second period -3, Thunder Bay, Foreshow 10 (Desjardins, Vesperini), 8:25. 4, Thunder Bay, Vesperini 8 (Desjardins, Sangha), 14:09. Penalties-Broughton Tbn (cross checking), 10:27.

Third period -No Scoring. Penalties-Meloche Tbn (cross checking), 2:29; Glockner Trf (roughing), 7:36; Dickie Trf (tripping), 14:47; Bertrand Tbn (roughing), 15:58; Young Tbn (roughing), 17:11; Bugarin Trf (roughing), 17:11. Shots - Thunder Bay 13-14-8-35. Thief River Falls 7-8-13-28. Power plays - Thunder Bay 0/3; Thief River Falls 0/4. Goalie saves - Thunder Bay, Smith 5-3-0-0 (28 shots-28 saves). Thief River Falls, Loney 3-4-0-0 (35 shots-31 saves).

SIJHL Standings

	W	L	OT	Sol	Pts
Kam River	12	3	1	0	25
Thunder Bay	11	7	1	0	23
Red Lake	10	3	2	0	22
Dryden	10	8	1	0	21
Wisconsin	6	11	1	0	13
Thief River Falls	3	7	0	0	6
Fort Frances	2	9	0	0	4

Results

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Thunder Bay 2, Kam River 0. Friday, Nov. 19 - Kam River 6, Red Lake 2; Dryden 9, Wisconsin 0; Thief River Falls 6, Thunder Bay 5 (OT). Saturday, Nov. 20 - Kam River 5, Red Lake 4 (OT); Dryden 5, Wisconsin 3; Thunder Bay 4, Thief River Falls 0.

Schedule

Friday, Nov. 26 - Thunder Bay at Kam River 7:30 p.m.; Fort Frances at Red Lake 7:30 p.m.; Dryden at Thief River Falls 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 - Thunder Bay at Kam River 7:30 p.m.; Fort Frances at Red Lake 7:30 p.m.; Dryden at Thief River Falls 7:30 p.m.

TRF YOUTH HOCKEY

Squirt B Black

Saturday, Nov. 20 - Grafton Park River Black 12, TRF 4. TRF goals - Reece Koland, Odin Anderson, Chase St. Germain, Landon Brown; TRF assists - Chase St. Germain, Landon Brown; TRF goalie saves - Landon Snoozy 29. Bemidji White 12, TRF 0. TRF goalie saves - Landon Snoozy 36. Record: 0-2-0.

Pee Wee B

Sunday, Nov. 21 - TRF 7, Roseau 5. TRF goals - Henry Kahlhauer, Michael Rowe (2), Logan Weets (2), Brody Arlt, Luke Budish; TRF assists - Connor Hart, Brody Arlt (2), Gres Hruby (2), Anthony Larson, Michael Rowe; TRF goalie saves - Austin Lawrence 36. Record 1-4.

Bantam A

Tuesday, Nov. 16 - TRF 6, Roseau 2. TRF goals - Hams (2), Lundgren, Dalager, Kelly, Kriel; TRF assists - Kriel (2), Dalager, Kelly, Bushy, Anderson, Leake; TRF goalie

saves - Gonzales 24.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - TRF 4, Grand Forks Blue 2. TRF goals - Boyer (2), Anderson, Hurst; TRF assists - Kelly, Leake, Hurst; TRF goalie saves - Roff 19.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - TRF 14, Grafton/Park River 0. TRF goals - Anderson (5), Hams (3), Leake, Boyer, Kelly, Hurst, Rogalla, Bushy; TRF assists - Bushy (4), Hurst (3), Lundgren (2), Kriel, Rogalla, Kelly, Boyer, Leake, Anderson; TRF goalie saves - Gonzales 4. Record: 4-1.

Bantam B

Thursday, Nov. 18 - TRF 7, Crookston 1. TRF goals - Carl Sandahl, Cole Johnson, Spencer Hempel (2), Connor Cleven (2), Chase Hanson; TRF Assists - Ryan Flaagan (2), Blake Bakke, Jace Maslowski, Connor Cleven, Cayden Cullen, Cole Johnson (2); TRF goalie saves - Carson Wappula 17.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - TRF 10, Lake of the Woods 4. TRF goals - Bodhi Mossestad (4), Cole Johnson (2), Ryan Flaagan, Jace Maslowski, Blake Bakke, Cayden Cullen; TRF assists - Connor Cleven (3), Bodhi Mossestad, Jaxson Tanner; TRF goalie saves - Carson Wappula 40.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - TRF 4, Warroad 3. TRF goals - Spencer Hempel, Alex Hanson, Zeb Hermreck, Bodhi Mossestad; TRF assists - Bodhi Mossestad, Brody Olson, Connor Cleven; TRF goalie saves - Carson Wappula 21.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - Grand Forks B1 4, TRF 2. TRF goals - Keegan Lund, Cayden Cullen; TRF assists - Connor Cleven; TRF goalie saves -

Carson Wappula 29.

Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Roseau 6, TRF 3. TRF goals - Ella DeFrang (2), Chloe Barrett; TRF assists - Jillian LaRoque; TRF goalie saves - Liesel Kahlhauer 21.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - Fargo 8, TRF 1. TRF goals - Charleigh Hamre; TRF goalie saves - Liesel Kahlhauer 27.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - Fargo 7, TRF 0. TRF goalie saves - Liesel Kahlhauer 40.

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Friday, Nov. 19 - TRF 9, Roseau 6. TRF goals - Tegan Pray (3), Alexis Sawatzke (3), Grace Knutson (2), Addison Lindgren; TRF assists - Alexis Sawatzke (2), Addison Lindgren, Ava Niebuhr, Grace Knutson; TRF goalie saves - McKenna Carr 22.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - West Fargo 3, TRF 2 (Shoot Out). TRF goals - Alexis Sawatzke, Grace Knutson; TRF assists - Emmy Eickman; TRF goalie saves - McKenna Carr 9.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - Rosemount 6, TRF 2. TRF goals - Alexis Sawatzke, Grace Knutson; TRF assists - Addison Lindgren; TRF goalie saves - McKenna Carr 18.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - TRF 9, West Fargo 2. TRF goals - Alexis Sawatzke (2), Grace Knutson (2), Tegan Pray, Cora Jensen, Avalon Hesby, Addison Lindgren, Ava Niebuhr; TRF assists - Alexis Sawatzke (3), Avalon Hesby (2), Tegan Pray, Addison Lindgren, Grace Knutson, Kennedy Bakke; TRF goalie saves - McKenna Carr (10).

TRF BOWLING

Service League

	W	L
TRF Times	17	4
Mo Town	15	6
Zutz Farms	13	8
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Demolition	6	15
Lords of Pinterfell	4	17
High Game - Darren Wagner 258, Steve Westlund 241, Ron Zutz 226.		
High Series - Darren Wagner 689, Ron Zutz 644, Jason Olson 579.		

Red Lake, Ontario to host 2022 Dudley-Hewitt Cup

Red Lake Miners, SIJHL champion to compete in four-team event

The Superior International Junior Hockey League in conjunction with the Canadian Junior Hockey League is excited to announce that the Red Lake Miners will play host the 2022 Dudley-Hewitt Cup Central Canada Junior A Championships.

The tournament will feature the SIJHL, NOJHL and OJHL playoff champions, along with the host Red Lake Miners, and will be held May 10-14, 2022 at the Cochenour Arena, home of the Red Lake Miners.

SIJHL Commissioner Darrin Nicholas knows it will be a memorable event. "Over my years of playing, coaching and as a hockey dad, I've been fortunate to have been able to attend many regional, provincial and national championship tournaments. It's been my experience almost exclusively that the best atmospheres have been in the smaller communities. The event really becomes the talk of the town, the focus of everyone's attention for the duration of the tournament, and the locals really go out of

their way to ensure all involved are treated to a first-class event that showcases the host town and surrounding area."

Jason Vinet, president of the Red Lake Miners, knows the work is just starting, both for his hockey team and the tournament organizing committee.

"The Red Lake Miners organization is extremely grateful and excited to host the 2022 Dudley-Hewitt Cup. We would like to thank commissioner Darrin Nicholas, the entire SIJHL Board of Governors and the 2022 Dudley-Hewitt Cup site selection committee for their hard work and confidence in choosing Red Lake as the host venue. We look forward to a great week of hockey and showcasing the Red Lake area in all its beauty."

Municipality of Red Lake CAO Mark Vermette is happy to lend the support of the municipal government.

"On behalf of the Municipality of Red Lake, we are pleased and very excited to be awarded the host community for the 2022 Dudley-Hewitt Cup. This is a great opportunity to further showcase our naturally beautiful and resourcefully gifted community. We look forward to hosting the players, coaches and representatives from the

NOJHL, OJHL and SIJHL including families, friends, scouts and others wanting to enjoy the talents of the young athletes that will compete for the title."

Vermette continued, "Congratulations to the Red Lake Miners and its leadership on this achievement. The Miners' organization continues to be a solid community partner and invariably demonstrates its commitment to being an excellent ambassador for Red Lake."

Superior International Junior Hockey League will mark the return of the Dudley-Hewitt Cup tournament, which was last held in 2019 when the tournament was played in Cochrane, ON (Cochrane Crunch, NOJHL). The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the 2020 tournament, scheduled to be played in Fort Frances, ON (Fort Frances Lakers, SIJHL) and there was no host named for the 2021 tournament with all three participating leagues unable to get a season off the ground due to public health restrictions in effect at the time.

Stay tuned for further announcements, including ticketing details, to be released shortly.

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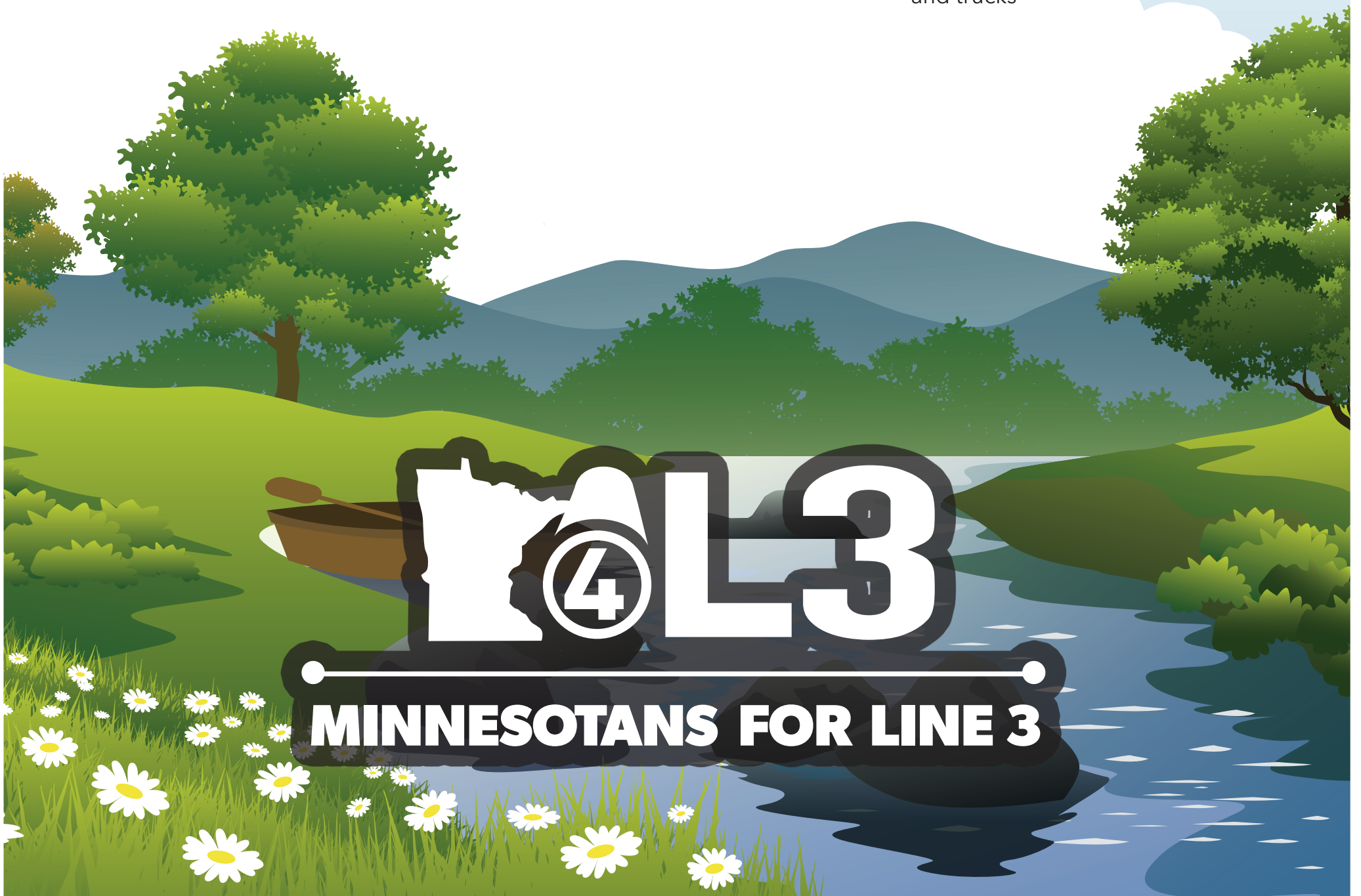
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I hope I help this holiday

My second grade brain was able to intuit that my mother needed a helping hand. Maybe it was something I had been taught, but it may have simply been instinct. In any event, I jotted down a simple message in a card that offered my help. Of course, my scrawl only made it more humorous. Forty, fifty years later, I found the card and offer among the treasures my mother had kept over the years. It was indeed a treasure. It must have been because it had gone from the refrigerator door to her scrapbooks.

This time of year, in particular, we're often thinking of how to help individuals who are experiencing instability. We choose this time because we are celebrating an abundance of ... material possessions, food, clothing and good fortune. We seek to give because we've felt the cold winds that blow across the plains; we recognize when want or need is keenly felt. Some of us may have even felt that biting wind.

It is great news that there are a few endeavoring to raise funds for individuals experiencing the sting of instability. I'd like to ask you to give generously.

Unfortunately, there are some among us who think it's the job of someone else.

I believe that's symptomatic of a lot of problems. It's almost as if a traveler came across the victim of a robbery along an empty road, and passed him by because

"It's not my job."

Let me finish that sentence: "It's not my job ... to care for my fellow man."

To be fair, that cold or miserly response may, in part, be the consequence of victims taking out their aggression on those who seek to aid. There are well-documented lawsuits over inadequate or well-meaning assistance that caused more harm than good. To me, it's almost as if the victim alongside the road suddenly decided to complain about the slow and uncomfortable donkey they were offered a ride upon. "What, you couldn't have brought a horse?"

Am I being too dramatic? Am I exaggerating?

What was said, and what lessons are found in the "Christmas Carol"?

"...it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time. Many thousands are in want of common necessities; hundreds of thousands are in want of common comforts, sir."

But, to paraphrase, Scrooge asked, Are there no prisons, or union workhouses? "Since you ask me what I wish, gentlemen, that is my answer. I don't make merry myself at Christmas and I can't afford to make idle people merry."

As Scrooge learned, however, our deeds do direct our future.

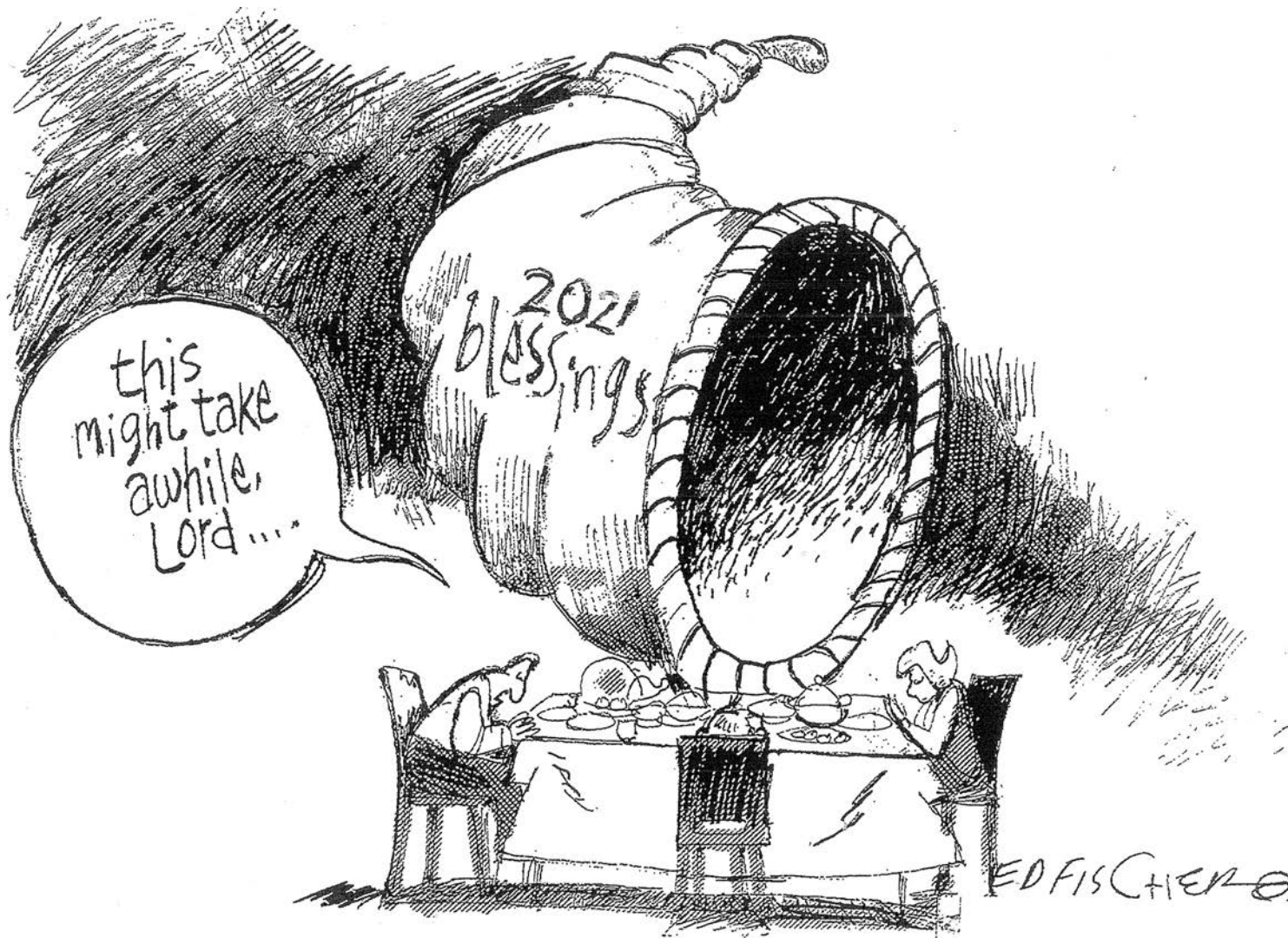
Chaos and clutter

Lately, I've become more focused on de-cluttering my life. I've come to the conclusion that you never really know what you have until you ... or someone else, has to put it away or take it to the landfill. I've learned that there's a problem with really putting things away - you forget where you put it.

I was looking for something just the other day and couldn't find it. I was absolutely sure I had purchased one in

the past, but no matter where I looked I couldn't find it. So, I went to the store, bought what I wanted and when I got home, I decided to put in a place where I would never, ever forget I had placed it. I opened the drawer, and ... discovered two more of the same object in that drawer.

In my never-ending battle against clutter, chaos and clutter wins again.



Chamber of Commerce

Business Benchmarks Report released

The Minnesota Chamber released the seventh annual Business Benchmarks report on Nov. 18. The report is a compilation of key indicators that define the state's business climate - where Minnesota ranks compared with other states - to identify the state's strengths as well as areas for improvement to ensure Minnesota's competitiveness in the global economy. Comprehensive, objective data were compiled from sources such as state and federal agencies.

"Minnesota's economy, much like its people, is resilient," said Minnesota Chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Doug Loon. "Minnesota can

be a good place to do business, with bright spots in innovation and infrastructure, and progress on lowering taxes. But challenges also exist, including the high cost of doing business, a historic worker shortage and startup challenges for entrepreneurs."

The 2022 Business Benchmarks report will be formally released Thursday at the Minnesota Chamber's Economic Summit (previously known as the Annual Meeting).

This seventh annual report identifies positive, troubling and mixed trends in the state's business climate:

- Minnesota's economy is resilient but underper-

forming. GDP growth continues to lag the national average - although it isn't among the worst in the nation, but considering the diverse economy, the state is outpaced by those it should surpass.

- Despite incremental progress on lowering taxes, such as providing relief on business property taxes and to those who accepted Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, Minnesota remains among the highest taxed states in the nation, hindering economic growth.

- Many businesses illustrated the state's legacy of innovation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but more can be done to foster

entrepreneurship, especially among immigrants and people of color.

- Each element of Minnesota's infrastructure - air, water, roads and digital connectivity - remains strong and helps move commerce through to every corner of the state, and beyond.

- The cost of doing business continues to vacillate, but specific costs continue to rise, such as electricity.

- Minnesota employers face new heights of the historic worker shortage. This is the result of a complicated set of factors, including eroding labor participation, lags in migration and the worst achievement gap in the nation.

MNSure

ARP funds help make health insurance more affordable to Minnesotans

Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.), together with MNSure Chief Executive Officer Nate Clark, said the American Rescue Plan COVID relief package signed into law in March is increasing health insurance affordability for thousands of Minnesotans.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and health care access and affordability are important issues for Minnesotans," said Smith. "Passing the ARP has ensured that all eligible Minnesotans can find a health plan that costs no more than 8.5% of their household income. By providing expanded tax credits to more families, we are helping more Minnesotans sign up for and maintain health care coverage at a crucial time."

Smith, who strongly backed the ARP, said it represents a historic invest-

ment in Minnesota's families and well-being by reducing the cost of monthly premiums for health insurance and expanding eligibility for these benefits to more middle-income Minnesotans. The benefits are available to Minnesotans who enroll in private health insurance through MNSure, Minnesota's health insurance marketplace.

"In 2021, the ARP helped drive down premiums by an additional \$161 per month, on average, on top of what families enrolled through MNSure were already saving, and some Minnesotans will see even bigger savings on health plans for 2022," said Clark. "Since larger tax credits are available and more families are eligible to receive them, this is the best year yet for all Minnesotans to check their options with MNSure dur-

ing open enrollment and see how much they can save."

Open enrollment refers to the once-a-year opportunity when Minnesotans can enroll in affordable, comprehensive private health and dental coverage through MNSure. This year, Minnesota's open enrollment period began on Nov. 1 and will run until Jan. 15, 2022. To ensure a full year of coverage starting Jan. 1, 2022, Minnesotans must enroll by Dec. 15, 2021. Minnesotans have until Jan. 15, 2022, the last day of open enrollment, to sign up for coverage starting Feb. 1, 2022.

MNSure's statewide network of certified brokers and navigators are ready and able to assist Minnesotans during open enrollment. Minnesotans can access this help - completely free of cost - through virtual meetings, phone

appointments or in-person meetings. Appointments will fill quickly, so MNSure encourages Minnesotans to find an assister near them and schedule a free help session right away.

Minnesotans also can contact MNSure representatives directly at 651-539-2099 or 855-366-7873. More information about MNSure's Contact Center is available on the MNSure website.

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National Farmers Union

NFU calls for fairness

The farmer's share of every dollar that consumers spend on food has fallen from 50 percent in 1952 to less than 16 percent today.

In a news release issued Nov. 20, the National Farmers Union also noted that four companies control 85 percent of beef packing, 85 percent of seed corn production and 84 percent of the pesticide market.

And, that in the past five decades, 40 percent of flour mills and 88 percent of meat processing facilities have gone out of business.

That's why National Farmers Union said it launched Fairness for Farmers, a campaign to fight for a fair market and against corporate monopolies. This includes advocacy for four solutions:

- Packers and Stockyards Act reform,
- Improving price discovery and ensuring fair and accurate market infor-

mation,

- Facilitating competition and more diverse market opportunities, and

- Reinvigorating antitrust enforcement.

Speaking at the 80th annual Minnesota Farmers Union State Convention recently, Larew said it's time to fight for an economy that rewards hard work and ensures fair agricultural markets.

"Mergers and acquisitions over several decades have resulted in agriculture and food supply chains that are uncompetitive, fragile and underpay farmers while overcharging consumers," Larew said. "The giants who dominate our food and agriculture industries are not going to be toppled without a struggle. We are ready to stand up for fairness for family farmers."

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish participated

in the campaign announcement in September.

"Farmers Union was formed by farmers who weren't getting a fair price for their products," Wertish said. "Today, Farmers Union is leading the way not only in fighting for fair prices for family farmers, but also in establishing relationships to create new markets through Minnesota Foodshed, biofuels advocacy and rebuilding small and mid-sized meat processors."

About Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. MFU is a nonprofit membership-based organization. Membership is open to everyone. Learn more and join at www.mfu.org and follow MFU on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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State invests in child care assistance

Starting this week, Minnesotans across the state will experience lower costs and increased access to child care thanks to a \$160 million investment in the Child Care Assistance Program that Gov. Walz signed into law this summer. Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program helps families pay for child care so parents can work or pursue employment or education leading to employment and children are cared for and prepared to enter school.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) sets the maximum reimbursement rates paid to child care providers that serve income-qualifying families in the Child Care Assistance Program. Starting this week, utilizing the \$160 million investment, DHS will increase those maximum rates. The increased

reimbursement rates will expand access to affordable, quality child care; support providers; and reduce out-of-pocket costs for families.

"I am proud that our bipartisan budget includes historic investments to support our essential workers and working families," said Walz. "As we continue to take bold action to expand Minnesota's economy, today's increase to the Child Care Assistance Program helps ensure that our hard-working families have the resources they need, our small businesses are supported, and our youngest Minnesotans receive the care and love they deserve."

"Since we took office, the governor and I have been committed to supporting access to child care," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "Every Minnesota family deserves affordable and quality child care, and I'm proud that our historic

investment in the Child Care Assistance Program gets us close to that goal."

"This investment supports Minnesota's economy in critical ways," said Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. "Child care providers will see more of their real costs covered, while parents will have an easier time accessing reliable child care so they can work or go to school."

All types of child care providers—including licensed family child care homes, child care centers, and informal caregivers—will benefit from the higher rates. Based on a market rate survey conducted earlier this year, weekly maximum rates will go up an average of 16% for centers and 12% for licensed family child care. While rates for care for all ages will increase, an extra boost to the infant and toddler rates

aims to help families access the kind of child care that is hardest to find.

The Child Care Assistance Program serves more than 30,000 children each month, paying approximately 3,200 child care providers providing child care for approximately 15,000 low-income families. Before a modest increase last year, the program's reimbursement rates had not changed since 2014 and were well below what families paid in the market. The current increase, funded by the federal Child Care Development Block Grant, will bring Minnesota into compliance with federal requirements requiring maximum rates to reflect the most recent market rate survey.

Rates for child care vary, depending on the child's age, the type of provider and the provider's location, credentials, and rating. In

most cases, DHS pays the child care provider on behalf of the family. Not all families in the Child Care Assistance Program must pay the difference between the provider's price and the state reimbursement rate.

In total, Minnesota's COVID-19 Recovery Budget includes \$597 million to strengthen Minnesota's child care industry. In addition to the ongoing Child Care Assistance Program rate increase, the budget includes over \$304 million for direct payments to child care providers to help stabilize their businesses and \$22.5 million for revitalization grants for child care facilities. \$6 million in the budget will be used for technical assistance to help providers reopen or start up, as well as business training to help providers retool after the pandemic. Innovation grants totaling \$200,000 will test strategies

to help family child care providers collectively achieve economies of scale. The governor's budget also includes \$6 million for training, higher education, and retention grants to help individuals obtain the professional development they need to enter and stay in the child care field. The budget also includes \$8 million in child care investments through the Department of Employment and Economic Development Local Community Child Care Grant Program, including \$5 million for the existing program and an additional \$3 million for the Minnesota Investment Foundations to use for its regional work in developing additional child care options.

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Lead Pastor Kevin MacLean, Associate Pastor Kent Hudson
211 Arnold Ave. N., Thief River Falls
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Sundays: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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601 Dewey Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Sundays: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Strathcona, MN
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Saturdays: Services at 10 a.m.

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Sundays: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Phone: (218) 681-3571
No Worship services until further notice.

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Red Lake Falls: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., Sundays at 10 a.m. and Noon.
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Justin Dietel, Pastor
116 Horace Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-4388
Web: www.umctfr.org
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Facebook: Thief River Falls United Methodist Church
Sundays: Worship services at 9 a.m. (only 50% capacity allowed), service is recorded and posted on Facebook.

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202 Marshall Avenue, Holt
Box 39, Newfolden
Bethlehem Office: (218) 874-7115
Nazareth Office: (218) 449-3856
Office Hours: Bethlehem - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesdays; Nazareth 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays.
web: <https://www.bethlehem-nazareth.org>
www.facebook.com/BethlehemNazareth-Lutheran-Churches-194233180617551
YouTube: Bethlehem and Nazareth Lutheran Church
Wednesday, November 24: Bible Study - Bethlehem at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 27: WELCA decorating for Advent - 9 a.m. at Nazareth
Sunday, November 28: 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 Bethlehem 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 30: Bethlehem Basement Angels meet at 9 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
Pastors: Curtis Jacobson, Tom and Jennifer Ramsey
Highway 1 East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-2285
Saturdays: Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
Sundays: Worship at 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.
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Sundays: Sunday school/Bible study at 3 p.m., meeting at 4 p.m.

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Kristin Ostercamp, Pastor
P.O. Box 157, Goodridge
Phone: (218) 378-4191
glparish@gvtel.com
Sunday School Times: Faith at 9 a.m.; Bethany at 10:30 a.m.; Ekelund at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, November 24: Release Times: 12:30-1:10 - 4th, 1:10-1:50 - 5th, 1:50-2:30 - 6th
Sunday, November 28: Faith Worship at 8 a.m.; Bethany Worship at 9:30 a.m.; Ekelund Worship at 11 a.m.; Psalm Readers - 7th and 8th graders

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Jonathan Dodson, Pastor
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Sundays: KTRF Radio broadcast at 8 a.m., Worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.
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Sundays: Worship at 11:30 a.m.

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www.stbernardscc.org
Saturdays: Worship services 5 p.m.
Sundays: Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Missouri Synod
Pastor: Thomas L. Puffe
101 Pine Ave. S., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-4488
Fridays: Bible study at 2 p.m.
Sundays: Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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Clark Hjelte, Pastor
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Cell: (218) 202-1056
Sundays: Worship services at 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
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VIKING LUTHERAN PARISH ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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218-523-4995
P.O. Box 37, Viking
Sundays: Worship at 10:15 a.m.

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Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. - Kids' Club, Youth and Colossians Bible Study
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BLACK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sundays: Worship at 8:30 a.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH MT. OLIVE, NAZARETH, OAK PARK, ST. PETRI
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<http://clparish.com>
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Wednesday, November 24: Thanksgiving Eve Services: 5 p.m. at Mt. Olive; 7 p.m. at Oak Park
Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving Day: 8 a.m. service at St. Petri; 9:45 a.m. service at Nazareth
Saturday, November 27: Mt. Olive Worship with Communion at 9 a.m.
Sunday, November 28: Advent Season begins: St. Petri: Worship with Communion at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; Nazareth: Worship with Communion at 9:45 a.m., Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.; Oak Park: Worship at 11 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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Web: www.epiphanystation.com
E-Mail: admin@epiphanystation.com
Wednesdays: Prayer works at 6:30 a.m.
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Tuesdays: Celebrate recovery from 6 to 8 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Pastor
Radium
Phone: (218) 681-9992 or 745-5604
Sundays: Worship at 1 p.m., Bible Study at 2:15 p.m.

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Gary Barrett, Pastor
P.O. Box 86, Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-8785
Web: newfoldenefrc.org
E-mail: nfrc@wiktel.com
Wednesday, November 24: No activities
Saturdays: Men's Prayer at 7 a.m.
Sunday, November 28: 3yr-6th grade Sunday School Christmas program practice at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; Worship service at 10:30 a.m.
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Darrel Cory, Pastor
1300 Nora Street East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-3390
E-mail: redemer@mncable.net
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Carl Hansen, Pastor
P.O. Box 944, County Road 20 S. Thief River Falls
Web: <http://historicstpauli.org>
Wednesday, November 24: 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class; Joint Thanksgiving Service - Redeemer Church, TRF at 7 p.m.
Sunday, November 28: No Sunday School; Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 30: 7-9 p.m. Needle Night

THRIVING LIFE CHURCH
Jim Binder, Pastor
22722 350th St. South, Erskine
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
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505 Main Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-3296
Web: www.ziontrf.org
Staff available for phone calls only - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. weekdays, (9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday) Zion office - 681-3296 Appointments with pastor made by phone or email only.
Wednesday, November 24: No Confirmation; 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Redeemer
Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent Zion Worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; ED Hour/coffee fellowship at 10 a.m.
Monday, November 29: SAIL at 9 a.m.
Worship broadcasts: Cable channel 3/KTRF at 9 a.m.; 12 p.m. - Zion broadcast on cable channel 37

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Bryan Dickson, Interim Pastor
1425 Third Street East, Thief River Falls
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Office E-Mail: nikki@trfcovchurch.org
Sundays: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- FDNY's union
- Hideout
- Trent Reznor's band
- Old World tropics plants
- Places to stay
- Group of organisms from a common ancestor
- TV character Goodman
- Not around
- Title of respect
- Ceramic jars
- British legal authority (abbr.)
- A companion (archaic)
- Where groups of people live
- Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- Red-brown sea bream
- Ridge of jagged rock
- Meat from a pig (French)
- A way to save for the future
- Opposite of bottom
- A term of endearment
- Weight used in China
- You need it to hear
- Frighten
- Basics
- Computer data collection (abbr.)
- The best point of something
- Jewelled headdress
- Spoke
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Midway between north and north
- Defunct European economic group
- Foul-mouthed Hollywood bear

CLUES DOWN

- In tune
- Ending
- Ring-shaped objects
- Equal to 10 liters (abbr.)
- Removes from record
- The lowest point
- Plant cultivated for its tubers
- Dry or withered
- Stony waste matter
- Speedometer reading
- Each of two or more forms of the same element
- A baseball stat
- Corporate PR exec (abbr.)
- Insures bank's depositors
- Made dim
- Uncultured person
- Paddle
- Currency of Cambodia
- Pitching stat
- A place to put mail
- God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 10 years
- Resinous substance secreted by insects
- Losses
- S. American plants
- Void of thought or knowledge
- Stout-bodied moth
- Transferred property
- Russian pop act
- Accept
- A retrospective military analysis (abbr.)
- A type of center

School Lunch - Week of Nov. 29 - Dec. 3

Challenger Elementary School
Thief River Falls
 Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

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

Menu unavailable.
Lunch
 Milk choices available daily. Fruit options change daily.

Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, tator tots
 Tuesday: Super nachos: taco meat, zippy refried beans, nacho cheese, taco fixings, salsa
 Wednesday: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit
 Thursday: Spaghetti with hearty meat sauce, broccoli buds, breadstick
 Friday: Pizza, green beans

Franklin Middle School
Thief River Falls
 Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

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

Menu unavailable.
Lunch
Pizza options: Big Daddy Primo pizza, 5" round pizza, French bread pizza, cheesy pull-aparts, pepperoni and cheese Bosco stick, stuffed crust pepperoni.

Other entree options: Uncrustable, Italian sub sandwich, turkey, ham and cheese sub sandwich, chicken wrap. **Salad bar fruit options:** Gala apple, kiwi, diced pears, diced peaches, bananas. **Salad bar veggie options:** Spinach salad, romaine lettuce, cucumbers, Carrot tennies, fresh cauliflower, green pepper sticks, edamame
 Monday: Hot dog, seasoned potato wedges
 Tuesday: Softshell taco: taco meat, shredded cheese, potato roundabouts, nacho cheese, black bean fiesta
 Wednesday: unavailable
 Thursday: unavailable
 Friday: unavailable

Lincoln High School
Thief River Falls
 Weekly menus are posted on social media. See school website for daily updates.

Grill Line changes daily:
 Hamburger patty on a bun, chicken patty on a bun.
 Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, sidewinder fries, baked beans
 Tuesday: Softshell taco: chicken fajita strips, shredded cheese, taco fixings, roasted corn and black beans, brown rice
 Wednesday: unavailable
 Thursday: unavailable
 Friday: unavailable

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

Breakfast
Menu unavailable.
Lunch
Menu unavailable.

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

Breakfast
 Monday: Toast, cereal
 Tuesday: Granola bar, yogurt
 Wednesday: Breakfast roll, hard boiled egg
 Thursday: Cereal, toast
 Friday: PopTart and granola bar, yogurt

Lunch
 Monday: Italian dunkers, meat sauce, green beans
 Tuesday: Chef salad, diced ham/turkey, dinner roll
 Wednesday: Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips
 Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, chips
 Friday: Pizza, corn

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

Breakfast
 Monday: Cereal, toast
 Tuesday: Muffins, string cheese
 Wednesday: Granola bar, beef stick
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Cereal, toast

Lunch
 Monday: Shrimp poppers, hashbrown patty
 Tuesday: Baked potato, cheese, ham, broccoli
 Wednesday: Softshell tacos, green beans
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes
 Friday: Corn dog, baked beans

Thursday: Eggs and sausage
 Friday: PopTart or Nutri-Grain bar
Lunch
 Monday: Lasagna rolls, breadstick, green beans
 Tuesday: Hotdog on a bun, baked beans, triangle taters
 Wednesday: Sub sandwich, chips, carrots
 Thursday: Hamburger macaroni hotdish, corn, dinner roll
 Friday: Pizza, salad

Red Lake County Central High School
 Milk and fruit are served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice are served with breakfast.

Breakfast
 Monday: Apple turnover
 Tuesday: French toast with syrup
 Wednesday: Toast
 Thursday: Pancake with syrup
 Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch
 Monday: Chicken, bacon, ranch hotdish, breadsticks, vegetables, yogurt or string cheese
 Tuesday: BBQ, baked beans, chips
 Wednesday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, dinner roll
 Thursday: Chicken patty on a whole grain bun, cheesy baked potatoes, vegetables
 Friday: Taco in a bag or soft-shell, refried beans, Spanish rice

Lafayette High School
Red Lake Falls
 All meals are served with fruit and milk. All breakfasts are served with fruit and juice. All lunches are served with fresh vegetables and fruit choice.

Breakfast
 Monday: Cereal, toast with PB&J
 Tuesday: Mini pancakes (K-

6); Pancake (7-12); yogurt or Greek yogurt
 Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
 Thursday: French toast with syrup, sausage
 Friday: Mini bagel
Lunch
 Monday: Softshell taco, baked beans
 Tuesday: Chili, shredded cheese, breadstick
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy
 Thursday: Spaghetti hotdish, green beans, garlic toast
 Friday: Cheeseburger, oven fries

St. Bernard's
Thief River Falls
 Milk and fruit are served with all meals. Juice is served with breakfast.

Breakfast
 Monday: French toast sticks
 Tuesday: Cereal choice, toast
 Wednesday: Egg patty, toast
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Cereal choice, toast

Lunch
 Monday: Chicken drumsticks, seasoned rice, baked beans, celery sticks, pineapple tidbits
 Tuesday: Beef stew, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, bananas
 Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, oranges
 Thursday: Tater tot hotdish, carrots/broccoli, red peppers, cinnamon apple slices
 Friday: Sub sandwiches, cucumbers/tomatoes, cheese slices/pickles, diced peaches

St. John Lutheran School
Thief River Falls
 Milk & fruit are served with all meals.

Lunch
Menu unavailable.

Senior Meals

Heritage Center
Thief River Falls
 On site meals are served at 11:45 a.m. Meals must be ordered at least one day in advance by calling 218-681-2793.
 Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread, pineapple, dessert
 Tuesday: Chicken stir fry, brown rice, oriental vegetables, Mandarin oranges
 Wednesday: Pork loin, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, dessert
 Thursday: Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit crisp
 Friday: Meatloaf, squash, stewed tomatoes, dessert

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Meals on Wheels
Thief River Falls
 Meals on Wheels will deliver meals Monday through Friday, including holidays. For more information, call (218) 681-6861. Low fat milk served with all meals.
 Monday: Cream of potato soup, saltine crackers, meat salad on a bun, canned fruit
 Tuesday: Kielbasa on a bun, boiled potatoes, cooked cabbage, frosted cake
 Wednesday: Tator tot casserole, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie
 Thursday: Hearty meat gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, frosted bar
 Friday: Spaghetti with Italian meat sauce, broccoli, garlic dinner roll, canned fruit

RLCC High School releases honor roll

Red Lake County Central High School has announced its first quarter honor roll for the 2021-22 school year. Forty-eight students were named to the A honor roll.

Seventh grade: Benjamin Bramer, Natalee Hendrickson, Graceyn Kvasager, Jackson Morinville, Gavin Roisland, Arlo Svendsen and Violet Tvedt

Eighth grade: Jacob Cater, Connor Duden, Will Gieseke, Gunnar Halverson, Hailey Hanson, Emma Hendrickson, Nickolas Suchy, Colin Taggart and Dylan Wichterman

Ninth grade: Kendra Christianson, Hannah Dudycha and Luke Peterson
Tenth grade: Jamie Flatgard, Sydney Fougner, Jennifer Johnson, Ella Moen, Keira Morinville, Kya Morinville and Bryn Vettleson

Eleventh grade: Kaleb Fougner, Natalie Lindemoen, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner, Cael Nelson, Aurimy Olson, Marin Peterson, Gunnar Sandeen, Lucille Svendsen and Natalie Vettleson

Twelfth grade: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Peyton Fish, Madeline Inda Valdez, Taya Morinville,

Leah Peterson, Jeremiah Rathsack, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, Erin Sundquist and Halie Thompson

B
Seventh grade: Alexa Chervestad, Olin Eskeli, Ethan Lee, Xavier Sams and Thor Thompson
Eighth grade: Leif Hofstad, Keenan Hopper, Ethan Johnson, Lillie Lundeen, Nolan Lundeen, Kendra Morinville, Masen Pahlen, Mckenzie Tofstad, Kassidy Torgerson, Atley Vettleson, Logan Vettleson and Peyton Williams

Ninth grade: Guy Bergeson, Owen Chervestad, Dylan Dahle, Quinn Graves, Evelyn Klam, Ciara Mitzner, Kane Nelson, Oliver Russillo, Shelby Sherman and Ryan Tvedt

Tenth grade: Devin Davidson, Lilian Hager, Isabelle Morinville, Peyton O'Neill and Carly Vettleson
Eleventh grade: Damon Ferguson, Caleb Nymann, Arielle Rude, Payton Rystad, Molly Smith, Izaiah Stordahl, Marissa Thomas and Carlee Whalen

Twelfth grade: Jeremiah Baker, Jedidiah Duden, Tyler Eskeli and Marissa Schiebe

Discovery Place

Milk is served with all meals.

Breakfast
 Monday: Cheerios, whole wheat toast, apple juice
 Tuesday: Crispex, whole wheat toast, orange juice
 Wednesday: Cinnamon French toast sticks, grape juice
 Thursday: Rice Krispies, whole wheat toast, orange juice
 Friday: Oatmeal, whole wheat toast, apple juice

Lunch
 Monday: Veggie beef soup, crackers, cheese sandwich, pears
 Tuesday: Spaghetti hotdish, green beans, bread/butter, peaches
 Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, corn, bread/butter, fruit cocktail
 Thursday: Creamed chicken gravy over a bun, carrots, pineapple
 Friday: Tuna noodle hotdish, peas, bread/butter, applesauce

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Return application to the Northwest Regional Library Headquarters Office
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210 Labree Ave N.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701



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Violence Intervention Project, serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in Red Lake, Pennington, Marshall, Kittson and Roseau Counties, is seeking a full-time Executive Director with both proven management and leadership experience. The Executive Director will: supervise 15 to 18 employees, prepare and monitor an annual organizational budget, secure grant funding to serve VIP's clients, lead local fund-raising efforts in support of VIP's mission, conduct regular staff meetings promoting professional development and teamwork. Starting salary commensurate with experience.

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LEGALS

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 24, December 1, 2021
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF PENNINGTON, IN DISTRICT COURT, PROBATE DIVISION, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 57-PR-21-793

In Re: Estate of:
Kenneth Leroy Poole,
Decedent.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

IT IS ORDERED and notice is hereby given that a petition was filed with this Court for the formal probate of an

instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated July 27, 2017 and for the appointment of David J. Poole, whose address is 1824 Hollow View Court NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised by written statement before December 21, 2021. Such objection should be filed with the Court at 141 Main Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. If the petition is proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

If written objections are received, a Court date will be scheduled.

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

Dated this day of November, 2021.

Judge of District Court
Kathy Narlock
Court Administrator

/s/ Michael L. Jorgenson
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November 24, 2021
Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
11/18/2021

STATE OF MINNESOTA PENNINGTON COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 57-FA-18-36

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY ORDER FOR PROTECTION BY PUBLICATION (Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 8)

In the Matter of Ashley Marie Seaverson and on behalf of Minor Child vs JOSHUA GUTIERREZ

To Respondent: JOSHUA GUTIERREZ

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a request to extend the current Order for Protection has been issued in this case. You may request a hearing if you contact the court administrator's office within 12 days of the date of publication of this notice. You may obtain a copy of the Order for Protection and the form to request a hearing from the court administrator's office at the following address:

Pennington County District Court
141 Main Avenue South
Thief River Falls MN 56701

Failure to request a hearing or to obtain a copy of the Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Dated: November 18, 2021

Kathy Narlock
Court Administrator

November 24, December 1, 2021
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAIL - BELLEVILLE COURT CONNECTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Thief River Falls will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 405 East Third Street, Thief River Falls, MN to consider making the following improvements, located within the City of Thief River Falls:

2021 Safe Routes to School Trail - Belleville Court Connection

In early 2019 the city was awarded a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant to construct a 10 feet wide multi-use trail in the former County Ditch 1 easement from Greenwood Street to Edgewood Drive, with a connection to Belleville Court, and from Edgewood

Drive through a pedestrian easement to the east side of Franklin Middle School. A second trail is being constructed from Edgewood Drive to Spruce Avenue along the south side of Gulf Street.

The improvements include common excavation, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing, and ADA handicap ramp construction.

The total estimate project cost is \$251,000.

Funding for these improvements would come from a \$148,000 SRTS grant and \$103,000 in internal financing. There are no assessments for this work.

OAKVILLE ADDITION
Block 1 Lots 1 - 26

OAKVILLE SECOND ADDITION
Block 1 Lot 1

LOBERGS FIRST ADDITION
Block 1 Lots 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B

Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this hearing. Contact the City Administrator if you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to attend the hearing as soon as possible or at least three working days in advance of the hearing, telephone (218) 681-2943.

Dated this 19th day of November 2021

Angie Philipp, City Administrator

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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
2015 Chevy Crew Cab LT Brown, 147k.....\$26,500
CARS
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2017 Mazda 3 Sport Sedan Black, 36k.....\$19,000
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SUVS / VANS
2020 GMC Yukon XL Denali Black, 60k.....\$66,000
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2020 Chevy Blazer 2LT AWD Midnight Black, 23k.....\$41,000
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2015 Ford Explorer Limited 4WD Gray, 81k.....\$23,500
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November 24, 2021
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NO 561
 OCTOBER 19, 2021
 COMMUNITY CENTER**
 The school board of Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, October 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Tim Hruby, Stacy Anderson, Joe Rubischko, Neil Jensen and Leah Bothum. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Principal Carlson, Business Manager Kelsie Steiger-Krein, and GEA representatives Amy Reznicek and Andrea Halvorson.
 The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Lovly, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Anderson to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Bothum to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Lovly to approve the payment checks #43261-43356 and wire payments as listed in report #3.1 & #3.2. Motion carried unanimously.
 Financial reports were reviewed. Superintendent Loberg reported the district shows an investment balance of \$1,884,215.14 on September 30, 2021. (see reports #3.6 attached to the official board minutes).
Patron Concerns: None.
Student Council Report: Principal Carlson reported they are planning Halloween activities for the upcoming week. The Student Council will also be attending an upcoming Student Council Summit.
Goodridge Education Association Report: Ms. Reznicek provided an update on RTI, a DonorsChoose project has been awarded to Mrs. Olson's English Classroom, and the MHS students will be doing a pie in the face fundraiser to raise money for the Witcherman/Gullingsrud families.
Classified Staff Report: None.
Instructional Reports: Principal Carlson reported that there are currently 12 kids taking college courses and they are working on getting signed up for the next semester.
Old Business: A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Hruby to approve the MSBA Policies: 102 - Equal Educational Opportunity (revised); 406 - Public and Private Personnel Data (revised); 501- School Weapons Policy (revised); 515- Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records (revised); 524-Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (revised). Motion carried unanimously.
New Business: A motion was made by Lovly, seconded by Rubischko to approve the fiscal year 2021 school district audit. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Joe Rubischko to waive the 2% staff development set aside rule for 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Hruby to approve the bid

for the installation of a school-wide intercom/bell system from Garden Valley Technologies for the approximate amount of \$39,654.25 (see report #8.3 attached to the official board minutes) Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Hruby to approve the quote for choir risers from Wenger Corporation for the amount of \$8,281.28 (see report #8.4 attached to the official board minutes). Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rubischko to approve the dissolution of wrestling cooperative to add Red Lake County Central (see report #8.5). Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION APPROVING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WHEREAS, a proposed Agreement has been negotiated and drafted regarding the cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Wrestling program.
 WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed draft is attached and incorporated by reference.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 561, as follows:
 1. That the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement be and hereby is approved;
 2. That the Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement and to make the required application to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League; and
 3. That this resolution shall be effective only upon the adoption of a similar resolution by the Governing Board or School Board of the cooperating schools or school districts.
 Member Hruby made a motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution and was duly seconded by Member Anderson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: 6 (Lovly, Jensen, Hruby, Anderson, Bothum, and Rubischko) and the following voted against the same: 0
 whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted (see report #8.6 attached to the official board minutes). Motion carried unanimously.
Personnel: A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Anderson to approve the hire of Kaylani Kiesow, ECDF aide, with wage and benefits as per the classified staff agreement. Motion carried. Donations: None.
Trustee Reports: Member Hruby was unable to make the NWRC meeting.
Open Forum: Jensen thanked the staff/students for the baskets donated to the benefit in Grygla. Lovly commented on the great job Ms. Halvorson has done with the use of historical pictures as visuals in the History Room.
Administrative Reports: Principal Carlson reported on the need for an extra Para Position and an RTI position. The Veterans program will be on Nov. 11 and Parent Teacher Conferences will be in-person with the option for phone/email conferences as well.

Superintendent Loberg provided an update on the bus mechanic position and our bus shop, future projects and upcoming Community Education activities.
 The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
 Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson
 Stacy Anderson, Clerk

November 24, December 1, 2021
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SIGNED BY: Sam Mosbeck
MAILING ADDRESS: 17755 110th St SW Red Lake Falls MN 56750
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November 24, 2021
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Strandquist City Council has adopted the following ordinances. The titles, summaries of the subject matter, and dates of adoption are set forth below:
 Ord #2021SGW Regulating Use of Sump Pumps & Discharge of Storm Wtr. Ground Wtr & Surface Wtr into Sanitary Sewer System. The subject is set forth in the title, 2/17/21.
 Ord #2021NJ Nuisances, Abandoned & Junk Vehicles. The subject is set forth in the title, 3/11/21.
 Ord #2021G Grass. Declares tall grass and weeds as a public nuisance. 4/8/21.
 Ord #2021NO Noise. Declares excessive noise as a public nuisance. 4/8/21.
 Ord #2021U Delinquent Utility Bills. Defines city policy & procedures regarding. 4/8/21.
 Ord #2021ESC Relating to Ext Storage & Conditions on Private Prop.

The subject is set forth in the title, 5/13/21.
 Ord #2021UA Amendment to Delinquent Utility Bills. Clarifies Ord #2021U. 7/8/21.
 Ord #DT2021 Est City Trash Violations & Fines. The subject is set forth in the title, 9/9/21.
 Ord #2021BCO MN Building Code. Formally adopts the code in its entirety. 11/12/21.
 Ord #2021CC Community Center. Extends monthly resident fee. 11/12/21.
 Ord #2021TF Trespass on Critical Public Svc Facility & Utility. Locally codifies MN Stat 609.6055. 11/12/21.
 Ord #2021UDRS Utility Deposit & Rate Schedule. Est amts effective 1/1/22. 11/12/21.
 Full copies of the Ordinances are available for inspection at the Strandquist Post Office located at 108 Main St, Strandquist, MN 56758.

Federal government accepts request for emergency staffing

Third alternative care center opened for patients

Gov. Tim Walz announced Wednesday, Nov. 17 that the federal government has accepted his urgent request for emergency staffing assistance at Minnesota hospitals and will be sending two Department of Defense medical teams to hospitals to relieve doctors and nurses as they treat COVID-19 and other patients.
 The emergency staffing teams, with 22 medical personnel each, will support staff at HCMC in Minneapolis and St. Cloud Hospital. They will arrive this week and begin treating patients immediately.
 "Hospitals around the state need urgent support, and my Administration is using every tool at our disposal to help them," Walz said. "The emergency staffing teams coming to HCMC and St. Cloud Hospital over the next few days will provide an important measure of relief to the healthcare personnel who remain on the frontline of this crisis. Every day, our doctors and nurses are

treating Minnesotans sick with COVID-19 or suffering other emergencies. But they are under water, and they need all the help we can give them. I'm grateful the Biden Administration heeded our request and is sending in reinforcements."
 "Our doctors and nurses deserve all the support we can provide them, which is why I'm relieved and thankful these federal medical teams are coming to their aid," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "Everyone has a role to play as we weather this COVID-19 surge. Our frontline heroes are working around the clock to care for those who need it. Our Administration is providing whatever assistance we can. Minnesotans everywhere can help out by getting their COVID-19 vaccine if they are eligible. We are not done with this pandemic. Please do your part."
 "The only way to successfully respond to this historic pandemic is for all of us to work together at the state and federal level," said Joe Kelly, director of the Homeland Security Emergency Management division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. "Our ongoing partnership with FEMA is ensuring Minnesota receives the federal resources we need now as we work through this latest surge. Thank you to the military members who are coming to help us once again, just like the U.S. Air Force teams that supported the State Fair community vaccination site last spring."
 "Hospital capacity is extremely tight in the metro and in Greater Minnesota, and this high level of activity is taking a tremendous toll on our health care workers," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "We are working hard to give them support, but they also need each and every Minnesotan to do their part by reducing the rate at which COVID-19 is spreading. That means getting vaccinated, wearing a mask in public indoor set-

tings, testing as appropriate, and using all the tools we know help limit transmission."
 "Minnesota is known for our partnerships that work successfully to care for our community when times are tough," said Jennifer DeCubellis, chief executive officer at Hennepin Healthcare. "As the state's largest Level 1 trauma center for adult and pediatric care, it's essential that our doors remain open and staffed to meet the needs of our community. We are grateful to the governor and MDH for their advocacy in bringing in federal support to augment our essential healthcare teams, ensuring we can continue to respond to trauma and health emergencies when Minnesotans need us most."
 "On behalf of our staff and the people in our region who we serve, we are grateful for this support in a time of dire need," said Dr. Ken Holmen, president and chief executive officer of CentraCare. "We are grateful for these much-needed resources, and we look forward to integrating these professionals with our teams."
 "Minnesota's hospitals and health systems appreciate that the state is continuing to take action to address our severely stressed statewide health care system," said Dr. Rahul Koranne, president and chief executive officer of the Minnesota Hospital Association. "We are hopeful that bringing in Department of Defense care teams, coupled with the opening of new skilled nursing capacity, will provide some relief to our increasing volumes and care capacity issues being felt across the state. Minnesotans should continue to do their part to address this ongoing pandemic as it stresses our system even as our health care heroes continue to do everything humanly possible to provide them care when and where they need it."
 The federal staffing teams come as Minnesota hospitals strain under a

dramatic influx of COVID-19 patients, the vast majority of whom are unvaccinated. As of Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1,382 Minnesotans are hospitalized for COVID-19, the highest figure this year. Only 47 ICU beds statewide are open to accept Minnesota patients.
Third Alternative Care Site to Open for Non-Emergency Patients
 In addition to requesting federal staffing support, Walz has taken decisive action to assist Minnesota hospitals by opening up bed space in Minnesota's long-term care facilities.
 Hospitals report that a number of their patients should instead be treated at long-term care facilities, including those who have recently had surgery and no longer need hospital-level care but cannot yet go home. Due to staffing and bed shortages, hospitals are not able to transfer these patients to long-term care settings.
 Walz announced that a third skilled-nursing facility will make additional beds available on Monday to act as an alternative care site to accept and treat certain patients from Twin Cities hospitals.
 Cerenity Senior Care-Marian of Saint Paul will be able to accept up to 27 patients as a hospital decompression site. A team of 25 - 10 nurses from federal partners and 15 nursing assistants from the Minnesota National Guard and private vendors - will provide transitional care to patients who are currently hospitalized, allowing hospitals to treat those sick with COVID-19 and others requiring emergency support.
 Cerenity Senior Care-Marian will join Good Samaritan Society-Bethany in Brainerd (34 beds) and Benedictine St. Gertrude's in Shakopee (27 beds) in providing transitional care to patients.
 "Cerenity Senior Care-Marian of Saint Paul is another of our Benedictine Communities that is uniquely positioned to assist with Minnesota's hospital decompression program," said Benedictine President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Carley. "Benedictine Communities are called to serve in this critical time where COVID-19 is challenging area hospitals. We are thankful that we can use our available capacity and the staff of the National Guard and COVID-19 emergency staffing pool to fulfill this call."
 Walz has enacted a series of measures to free up space at long-term care facilities for non-critical hospital patients, including:
 • expanding the Emergency Staffing Pool so that short-term emergency temporary staff could be used to open up additional beds for patients ready to be discharged from a hospital;
 • putting the National Guard on notice to provide staffing support at decompression facilities;
 • and directing the Department of Human Services to free up capacity at state-operated long-term care facilities.

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		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266	District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY 2022	ED-00110-44			
General Information: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.							
District Name: Thief River Falls Public Schools		District Number: 0564-01					
Fund	FY 2021 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2021 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2022 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2022 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2022 Projected Fund Balances
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 1,244,309	\$ 1,516,581	\$ 1,516,965	\$ 1,243,925	\$ 2,495,118	\$ 2,925,124	\$ 813,919
General Fund/Other	\$ 4,623,151	\$ 22,022,107	\$ 21,816,987	\$ 4,828,271	\$ 21,146,598	\$ 21,639,949	\$ 4,334,920
Food Service Fund	\$ 419,013	\$ 995,462	\$ 1,050,710	\$ 363,765	\$ 943,000	\$ 981,765	\$ 325,000
Community Service Fund	\$ 285,034	\$ 741,894	\$ 723,905	\$ 303,023	\$ 744,512	\$ 857,834	\$ 189,701
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Fund	\$ 20,153,527	\$ 17,872,694	\$ 9,305,428	\$ 28,720,793	\$ 3,706,306	\$ 22,940,283	\$ 9,486,816
Trust Fund	\$ 32,467	\$ 274	\$ 500	\$ 32,241	\$ 100	\$ 400	\$ 31,941
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ 1,141,100	\$ 41,636	\$ 90,046	\$ 1,092,690	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,007,690
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ 49,984	\$ 233,137	\$ 230,755	\$ 52,366	\$ 232,448	\$ 232,500	\$ 52,314
Total - All Funds	\$ 27,948,585	\$ 43,423,785	\$ 34,735,296	\$ 36,637,074	\$ 29,283,082	\$ 49,677,855	\$ 16,242,301
Long-Term Debt					Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81		
Outstanding July 1, 2020	\$ 64,191,791	Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2021		\$ -			
Plus: New Issues	\$ 13,622,174						
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 8,354,930						
Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$ 69,459,035						
Short-Term Debt					Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2021		
Certificates of Indebtedness	none	Total Operating Expenditures		\$ 22,736,890.22			
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	none	FY 2021 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM		1,881.36			
The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.					FY 2021 Operating Cost per ADM		
Comments:					\$ 12,085.35		

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On Nov. 18, Gov. Tim Walz joined White House officials to discuss plans to protect American families from rising winter energy costs and encourage Minnesotans to sign up for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program this winter.

"Every Minnesotan deserves a warm and safe home, and as we prepare for our harsh winter months, I am grateful for the unprecedented level of partnership from the federal government to help Minnesotans afford their heating bills," said Walz. "This year, President Biden's American Rescue Plan is delivering direct financial support to help Minnesotans save money in the face of rising heating fuel prices. I encourage all Minnesotans to find out if they're eligible for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program. Help is available."

"We know that some Minnesota households pay as much as 30% of their income just on their heating bill, and families are struggling to warm their homes," said Minnesota Department of

Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold. "Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, more Minnesotans than ever qualify for financial assistance to pay their heating bills. As the weather turns colder, it's important for Minnesotans to apply for assistance now to stay warm and safe in the coming months."

In May, Minnesota received \$167 million from the American Rescue Plan for energy assistance and \$15 million for water assistance. Earlier this month, the Minnesota Department of Commerce announced that Minnesota was awarded an additional \$106 million in federal funds for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program for the 2021-2022 season.

The Energy Assistance Program helps people who own or rent their homes pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, biofuel and propane, emergency fuel delivery, and repair or replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems. The Energy Assis-

tance Program can also cover water and sewer bills. This year, the Department of Commerce expanded eligibility and benefits, paying up to \$3,200 to cover energy bills for income-eligible Minnesotans. With this expanded eligibility, a family of four could have income of almost \$68,000 and still qualify.

The Energy Assistance Program Dashboard published by the Department of Commerce shows more than \$32.5 million has already been paid to more than 28,000 Minnesota households in the past 45 days. The dashboard, which is updated weekly, shows county-by-county info for household average Energy Assistance Program benefits for the thousands of Minnesotans who have applied and qualified for this winter season.

Minnesotans can request an Energy Assistance Program application by visiting mn.gov/energyassistance or by calling 800-657-3710 and pressing 1.



The Red, White and Blue Quilters distributed quilts, on behalf of our community, to the following veterans at the American Legion Veterans Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 13. The veterans (not in order) are Curtis Bruzek, Wallace Torkelson, Paul Lauren, Dale Dillon, and Ira Johnson; (standing) Arlo Rude,

American Legion Commander, Esther Johnson, Red, White and Blue Quilter, and Lynn Carr, American Legion Auxiliary president. Including these five quilts, the RWB Quilters have distributed 330 quilts to veterans to thank them for their service to our country. (Submitted)



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