

Pennington County Fair July 17-21, 2024

Change is on the menu for 4-H Food Stand

by April Scheinoha Reporter

Some changes may be on the horizon for the 4-H Food Stand at the Pennington County Fairgrounds. At its meeting Tuesday, June 11, the Pennington County Board heard an update on that matter and a quarterly report from staff employed at the Extension Office in Thief River Falls.

Ashley Nerhus, Extension educator in 4-H development, said the Food Stand Committee has held a couple of meetings and is trying to determine the best options moving forward.

Commissioner Neil Peterson, who sits on that committee, said the Food Stand isn't aging well and something needs to happen.

Nerhus is already planning for the 2024 Pennington County Fair, which will be held July 17-21 in Thief River Falls. She said they have found a day manager for the 4-H Food Stand. A night manager is still needed.

4-Hers are also gearing up for the fair. The horse project is one of the largest project areas in Pennington County 4-H, according to Nerhus. She said horse project clinics are being held this summer.

While the horse project has been a mainstay, the dog project has seen a resurgence. Last year, the project returned into the Pennington

County 4-H fold. However, this fair marks the return of the 4-H Dog Show. Three volunteers are leading the dog project with participants meeting Wednesdays. The group will also lead an open class dog show, which has also been absent from the fair for years.

Shooting sports is another of the many projects offered through 4-H. Pennington County 4-H is partnering with Red Lake County 4-H for shooting sports. Nerhus said they are continuing to partner on archery and have expanded

Extension offers summer, school-year, adult programming

Increased summer programming is on tap this time of year with day camps and trips. Nerhus, assisted by 4-H summer intern Paige Burns, is working on the schedule. Two overnight 4-H camps are being held in the area this summer. Ashley Nerhus serves on the planning team for the overnight camp at Sand Hill Lake in Fosston. She and Burns were on-site at the camp for one of the days. Another overnight camp is located in Lake Bronson.

Besides helping Nerhus with camps and trips, Burns

to shotgun. Two youth and two adult instructors serve that group, which meets Saturdays in the summer.

Poultry Project Bowl is among the Project Bowl opportunities available for 4-Hers. The Pennington/Red Lake Senior Poultry Project Bowl Team placed first at the 4-H State Project Bowl. They have advanced to the national competition, which will be held in November. Nerhus explained that Project Bowl is similar to a Knowledge Bowl, but it involves knowledge about a specific project area.

plans to assist with additional programming in her areas of interest. Her interests include wildlife, the outdoors, shotgun sports and archery. Burns, a 2023 Goodridge High School graduate, is attending college in Missouri. She was a 4-Her for four years. Nerhus thanked the Pennington County Board for enabling Extension to host Burns as an intern this summer.

School-year programming
 Besides offering programming during the summer, (Continued on Page 9)



The Pennington County 4-H Food Stand may see some changes in the future. At its meeting Tuesday, June 11, the Pennington County Board heard an update on plans for the stand.

County Board:

Personnel matters dot agenda

by April Scheinoha Reporter

The Pennington County Board approved various personnel matters at its meeting Tuesday, June 11.

County Board accepted the resignation of Tiffany Tureson, full-time dispatcher. Tureson has been hired as a patrol officer for the Thief River Falls Po-

lice Department.

In a separate, related motion, commissioners approved internally posting for Tureson's former position. If no internal candidates choose to apply for the position, the position will then be opened to the public.

Commissioners approved hiring Stephanie Schwartz as a part-time

dispatcher. Her hiring is contingent on fingerprinting.

County Board approved equipment operator Brian Wellman's transfer to the position of sign technician, effective June 12. Both positions are located in the Highway Department.

In a separate, related (Continued on Page 9)

The glory of gardening will be on display in area



Staci Reay's garden features all types of pots. Her garden will be featured on the Pennington County Master Gardeners' annual garden tour Thursday, June 27. (Submitted)

The Pennington County Master Gardeners are sponsoring its annual garden tour Thursday, June 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. Six gardens are on the tour, including two gardens in the City of Thief River Falls and four in the southeast area of Pennington County. Tickets are \$5 to view all gardens, and attendees may start at whichever garden they want. Once there, they will receive their tickets and a map to the gardens.

The gardens belong to Chuck and Kathy Carlson, Barb Sorenson, Staci Reay, Kevin and Beth Ballard, Pam McMahon, and Jim and Diane Retka.

Chuck and Kathy Carlson
 21529 Center St. N.E.

One could say Kathy and Chuck Carlson have been enjoying working on an expansive garden encompassing their house and backyard over the years. As visitors drive up and take a stroll in the backyard, they will see a spectacular array of more than 250 varieties of hostas. New this year are "Tears in Heaven" and "Wind Beneath my Wings."

Surrounding the pond in the backyard is a large variety of sun perennials. Kathy's favorites are hydrangeas, roses, lilies and sedum.

Chuck and Kathy's granddaughters, Karleen and Remy, also enjoy gardening with their grandma and have their expansive garden with hostas, lilies and roses in the backyard.

From their deck, they have a stunning view of the backyard gardens from sunrise to sunset.

The gardens, water (Continued on Page 9)



This photo of Chuck and Kathy Carlson's property, upper left, highlights the garden around a water feature. A bike is a focal point on Barb Sorenson's property, upper right. Jim and Diane Retka's garden, bottom right,



is an oasis of color and greenery. These and other gardens will be featured on the Pennington County Master Gardeners' annual garden tour Thursday, June 27. (Submitted)



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Man charged with domestic assault by strangulation

Felony domestic assault by strangulation and misdemeanor domestic assault – bodily harm: On June 12 at about 12:33 a.m., police received a report of a domestic assault at an apartment in the 300 block of Knight Ave. N. Janier Antonio Rivera, 21, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony domestic assault by strangulation and misdemeanor domestic assault – bodily harm. He was arrested. According to the complaint, Rivera allegedly got into an argument with his girlfriend after she asked him why he was texting his ex even though a restraining order is in place. The woman then began packing, and Rivera allegedly hit her, grabbed her by the neck, bit the woman's lip and pushed her to the floor. The woman said she was unable to breathe and tried to defend herself. While on the floor, Rivera allegedly hugged the woman in a way that she was unable to move her arms and legs. He also bit her on the hand. An officer observed injuries on the woman's neck, lip and right hand. The injuries were

photographed. **Warrant apprehension, felony fifth degree controlled substance crime – previous conviction and misdemeanor obstructing the legal process:** Shortly after 10:30 p.m. June 10, a Minnesota State Patrol trooper learned from Pennington County dispatch that a woman with a felony Pennington County warrant was traveling on Highway 59 and was headed to Fargo, N.D. Samantha Erin Hutchinson, 32, Moorhead, has been charged with felony fifth degree controlled substance crime – previous conviction and misdemeanor obstructing the legal process. She was arrested on warrants out of Pennington, Todd and Clay counties as well as the newest charges. According to the complaint, the vehicle was stopped along Highway 32 in St. Hilaire. Hutchinson was a passenger in the vehicle. Hutchinson was placed under arrest for the warrants, and the trooper searched her twice before transporting her to jail. As he drove toward Thief River

Falls, the trooper heard the sound of cellophane packaging in the back seat. He was unable to see Hutchinson's hands in the camera feed and he again heard the same sound. He stopped the squad and soon opened Hutchinson's door. Plastic was protruding from her clenched fist and her mouth was closed. She then tried to eat the package. The trooper was able to keep Hutchinson's hand away from her mouth, and she released her hold somewhat after the trooper pointed his Taser at her. A deputy was then able to assist the trooper in gaining control of Hutchinson. In the process, a micro zip-top bag fell out of Hutchinson's hand and onto the door jamb. It allegedly contained a substance that had a presumptive positive test result for fentanyl. Hutchinson allegedly said she had eaten a package or bag. She was then taken to Sanford Medical Center and remained under the deputy's custody. Meanwhile, the trooper reviewed his rear seat squad video, allegedly observing that Hutchinson grabbed the

micro zip-top bag out of her bra and tried to shove it down her pants. As the trooper went to the back door, Hutchinson allegedly removed the package out of her pants and held onto it. She never consumed anything. The complaint indicated that Hutchinson has several prior controlled substance convictions. **Felony issuance of a dishonored check:** On Oct. 12, the sheriff's office received a report of a dishonored check. Brittney Renae Stengrim, 33, Thief River Falls, has been charged with felony issuance of a dishonored check. The complaint was filed June 14. Stengrim allegedly issued a \$795 check to L & B Apartments, and it was returned due to insufficient funds. The sheriff's office sent notice to Stengrim on that date and she hadn't paid as of June 7. **Burning without a permit:** On June 10 at 9:11 p.m., the sheriff's office received a report of a fire outside of 10760 140th Ave. N.E. Chad Mitchell Beito, 46, St. Hilaire, has been cited for burning without a permit. According to the

citation, a sheriff's deputy arrived to find a fire that was partially spreading into a wooded area. Junk, a freezer and an air compressor were allegedly on fire. **Third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test and driving after revocation:** On June 13, police performed a traffic stop in the 600 block of Greenwood St. E. Michael Gregory Mortenson, 38, Thief River Falls, has been charged with third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test and driving after revocation. He was arrested. According to the complaint, Mortenson allegedly displayed indicators of impairment due to the consumption of a controlled substance. A preliminary breath test had a result of 0.00 BAC. A search warrant was later obtained for a blood or urine sample. When an officer told him that refusing to comply would be a crime, Mortenson allegedly swore at him. After being asked a second time, he said he would and he had nothing to hide. Emergency Medical Services was dispatched to the scene to obtain a blood

sample. However, while they were waiting for EMS, he allegedly refused to provide a blood or urine sample. **Thief River Falls media receive these reports from law enforcement officials and online court documents. 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.**

New testing requirements for dairy cows before events

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has announced new testing requirements for lactating dairy cows. The requirements were effective starting Tuesday, June 18. All lactating (currently producing milk) dairy cows must have both a negative H5N1 test result and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection to attend any exhibition in Minnesota. The requirements are effective until

Dec. 31, 2024. "While H5N1 influenza in dairy cases are still being studied across the country, initial insights show milk and the udders are a hotspot for influenza virus on infected cows, which makes showing lactating dairy at events a higher risk," said Dr. Katie Cornille, senior veterinarian of cattle programs. "Requiring a negative test before an exhibition reduces

that risk." A veterinarian must oversee or collect samples from each animal traveling to the exhibition within seven days before arriving at the event. Samples must be sent to a National Animal Health Laboratory Network Laboratory like the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in St. Paul. Once a negative result is received for an animal, it

can move within Minnesota for 10 days from the sample collection date to locations specified on the CVI. If samples are positive for influenza, the VDL will notify the Board of the results and the Board will contact the producer to quarantine the cows and begin a disease investigation. While this is happening the samples are forwarded to the USDA's National Veterinary

Services Laboratories for official confirmation, which is necessary for the owner to apply for any federal financial reimbursement. All results are confidential, and the Board will only report the county where a case is detected. Lactating dairy cows on the premises are under a 30-day quarantine. The Board can release the quarantine after a minimum of 30 days and a negative H5N1 milk test.

Livestock owners can find additional biosecurity recommendations for attending exhibitions on the USDA's website (www.aphis.usda.gov). The Board has recommendations available for exhibition managers to prevent H5N1 in livestock. The full copy of the testing requirement can be reviewed on the Board's website (www.bah.state.mn.us).

FAIR DAYS



PENNINGTON COUNTY FAIR

July 17-21, 2024

Thief River Falls, MN





KICKOFF PARADE
Wednesday – 7 P.M.



TIGIRLILY GOLD & COLLIN RAYE
Thursday – 6 P.M.



BULLRIDING
Friday & Saturday – 7 P.M.



DEMO DERBY
Sunday – 4:30 P.M.



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FIREWORKS

Wednesday - Dusk

BANDSHELL SCHEDULE

TIME	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12:00					
1:00		The Snowmen	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	4-Wheel Drive	Cathy Erickson
2:00		Flattop (Shane Erickson)	Dirty Pazoodah's (Dale Price)	Don B! Comedy, Illusions, Fun!	Cathy Erickson
3:00		The Snowmen	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	4-Wheel Drive	Recognition Program
4:00	Mike Morse	Flattop (Shane Erickson)	Dirty Pazoodah's (Dale Price)	Don B! Comedy, Illusions, Fun!	The Roe Family Band
5:00	Mike Morse	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	4-Wheel Drive	The Roe Family Band
6:00	Mike Morse	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	Dirty Pazoodah's (Dale Price)	Don B! Comedy, Illusions, Fun!	The Roe Family Band
7:00	The Woodpicks	Steven Daniel (Steven Reed)	Your Alibi	Drive	Sean Wallin "Elvis"
8:00	The Woodpicks	Steven Daniel (Steven Reed)	Your Alibi	Drive	Sean Wallin "Elvis"
9:00	The Woodpicks	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	Your Alibi	Drive	Raffle Drawing
10:00	The Woodpicks	Tami Lee & Northern Lights	Your Alibi	Drive	

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Tickets Can Also Be Purchased Separately For Each Event At The Grandstand.

	Adult	Children (12 & Under)
Tigirlily & Collin Raye	\$25	\$10
Bullride (Fri.)	\$25	\$10
Bullride (Sat.)	\$25	\$10
Demo (Sun.)	\$20	\$10
Total	\$95	\$40

LIMITED NUMBER OF GRAND PASSES AVAILABLE



Accident injures two

Two people were injured after their vehicle left a roadway Sunday night in rural Roseau County.

Rocky Alison Hashey, 36, and Joseph Chester Stish, 58, both of Roseau, suffered non-life threatening injuries, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report. They both went to LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau.

At the time of the accident, Hashey was driving a 2012 Chevy Captiva east-bound on 340th Street in

Jadis Township. Near the intersection with 370th Avenue, she lost control of the vehicle, which then left the roadway. Hashey was wearing a seat belt. Stish, her passenger, wasn't wearing a seat belt. The State Patrol indicated alcohol was involved in the crash.

The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 7:33 p.m. Sunday. The Roseau County Sheriff's Office and Roseau Fire/EMS also responded.

Click it or Ticket yields over 1,900 seat belt citations

It's the single easiest thing motorists can do to protect themselves in a crash — buckle up. While most Minnesotans know the importance of wearing their seat belt, there are still too many people not buckling themselves or their children in the vehicle.

Click It or Ticket campaign results

Officers, deputies and troopers from 272 agencies issued 1,922 seat belt citations and 108 child restraint citations during the Click It or Ticket campaign Monday, May 20 through Sunday, June 2. That compares to 2,382 seat belt citations and 130 child seat citations in 2023. The campaign includes enforcement, education and awareness to influence smart seat belt choices.

Locally, Minnesota State Patrol District 3200 (Thief River Falls) cited 35 motorists for seat belt violations and two for child restraint violations during the campaign. The Polk County Sheriff's Office also participated in the campaign and cited two motorists for seat belt violations.

"Enforcing the seat belt law is not about writing tickets — it's about saving lives," said Mike Hanson, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety director, "If any of the more than 1,900 people cited had been in a crash, they may not be here

today. It's easy, it's smart and it's the law. Wear your seat belt and get home safe."

Examples of stops

- Hastings police pulled over a woman wearing her infant in a chest baby carrier. She was issued a child restraint citation.

- South Lake Minnetonka police pulled over a driver and asked why he wasn't wearing his seat belt. The driver said, "If I'm meant to die, I'll die."

Buckling up saves lives

Observational surveys in Minnesota consistently show more than 90% of front seat occupants wear seat belts. Troopers, deputies and officers want the small percentage of people who don't buckle up to stay safe by getting into the habit of wearing their seat belt.

Preliminary counts show 84 unbelted motorists died on Minnesota roads in 2023 compared with 87 in 2022 and 110 in 2021.

It's the law

Minnesota law requires all drivers and passengers to wear seat belts or be in the correct child restraint. Belts should be tight across the hips or thighs and should never be tucked under the arm or behind the back.

All children must be in a child safety seat until they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall or at least 8 years old, whichever comes first.

GVT awards scholarships

The Minnesota Telecom Alliance announced that it received 140 scholarship applications from across the state and five out of the seven winning students are from the Garden Valley Technologies service area.

Erin Michalski was selected to receive a \$3,000 Bud Morrow scholarship for being the top applicant. She graduated from Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School and plans to attend the University of Iowa. She is the daughter of Carrie and Jay Michalski.

Molly Cullen was selected for a \$3,000 Jon Tollefson Technology Award. To receive the award, the winner must have plans to major in either telecommunications or information technology at a university. Cullen graduated from Grygla High School and plans to attend the University of North Dakota and receive a degree in information technology. She is the daughter of Sarah Madison.

Jordan Wieland was selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Wieland graduated from Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls and plans to attend the University of North Dakota. She is the daughter of Todd and Jennifer Wieland.

Tori Erickson was selected for a \$2,000 scholarship. She graduated from Fertile-Beltrami High School and plans to attend Mayville State University. She is the daughter of Monte and Kristin Erickson.

Ava Lyn Grunhoyd was selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Grunhoyd graduated from Fertile-Beltrami High School and plans to attend North Dakota State University. She is the daughter of Alan and Brenda Grunhoyd.

To be eligible for the MTA scholarship, applicants must be attending

post-secondary education at either a university, college, or technical college, be a Minnesota resident, and the applicant's family must subscribe to at least one service from an MTA member company; in this case, Garden Valley Technologies. The panel reviewed each application and scored them based on the applicants' grades, academic achievements and extracurricular activities.

In awarding the scholarships to these students, Tim Brinkman, chief executive officer/general manager at GVT, said, "We are happy to have this chance to make an investment in the students' college education. Rural communities need educated and talented young people to be our leaders of the future. It makes us all proud at Garden Valley Technologies when five of the seven winners are from our local schools."

In addition to the MTA scholarships, Mateo Reynolds has received a \$2,500 scholarship through the Foundation for Rural Service. Founded in 1994, FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA — The Rural Broadband Association, of which GVT is a member. Reynolds graduated from Bagley High School. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the son of Troy and Mia Reynolds.

The FRS Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural communities for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company that also contributes a portion of the scholarship award. This year, FRS awarded 55 scholarships, totaling \$173,000, to students across the country.

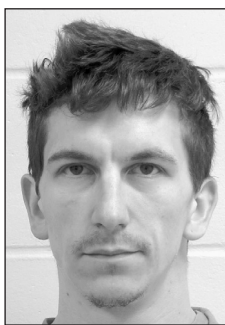
Out on bail for murder, man faces drug charges

by April Scheinoha Reporter

A Thief River Falls man has been charged in Pennington County District Court with possessing methamphetamine and fentanyl while out on bail for a felony murder charge.

Isaac Victor Kalinoski, 34, has been charged with two felony counts of fifth degree controlled substance crime — previous conviction and misdemeanor offenses of obstructing the legal process and fleeing an officer by means other than a motor vehicle. He was arrested.

At the time of his arrest, Kalinoski was out of jail on bail for felony charges of third degree murder and third degree controlled substance crime. Those charges stemmed from the Nov. 28 death of Hailey Ann Czapiewski, 28, Thief River Falls. According to the complaint in that case, an autopsy report found she had died from fentanyl and methamphetamine toxicity. In that case, Kalinoski is accused of distributing fentanyl to Czapiewski the day of her death. That case is still proceeding through the court system. After the latest charges were filed, the state sought to revoke Kalinoski's \$50,000 bail in the murder case. After hearing arguments Monday, June 17, Judge Tamara Yon ordered an additional \$30,000 cash or \$300,000 bond on top of the original \$50,000 amount.



Isaac Victor Kalinoski

The latest charges stemmed from an investigation regarding another case involving Samantha Erin Hutchinson, 32, Moorhead. According to the complaint, the Pennington County sheriff's investigator was looking through Hutchinson's phone conversations as part of her case. He allegedly found a June 10 conversation between

Kalinoski and Hutchinson on Snapchat regarding the sale and price of one gram of an illegal controlled substance. The investigator found a second, related conversation between June 7 and 10 on Facebook Messenger. In that conversation, Kalinoski allegedly said he had another 100 and the two of them

appeared to be secretive about their upcoming meeting. Hutchinson asked Kalinoski "if he wants more or just what he paid for." She also told him to erase his messages. Hutchinson was arrested June 10 for outstanding warrants. She allegedly possessed fentanyl powder at that time. More information about her case can be found elsewhere in this newspaper.

As a result of those conversations, law enforcement believed that Kalinoski had allegedly violated the conditions of his release for the third degree murder charge. The investigator and a Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force officer located Kalinoski and informed him that they believed he had violated his conditions of release and he needed to come to the Law

Enforcement Center for a urine test. Upon hearing this news, Kalinoski's demeanor instantly changed, and he became shaky and appeared to be nervous. As he and law enforcement waited for a marked patrol unit, Kalinoski paced, constantly looked around and tried to get behind the law enforcement officers on scene. As a police officer arrived in a marked squad vehicle, Kalinoski allegedly attempted to flee on foot. The investigator was able to grab Kalinoski and took him down to the ground, where he continued to fight and resist law enforcement.

While searching Kalinoski, law enforcement allegedly found that he possessed a rolled up zip-top bag of a crystal-like substance and a folded-up piece of paper containing a white powder. The substance and white powder had presumptive positive test results for meth and fentanyl, respectively. With the packaging included, the bag weighed one gram.

Kalinoski was transported to the Pennington County Jail, where he agreed to provide a urine sample. However, he said he was unable to provide a sample at that time. Over a two-hour period, Kalinoski was given numerous opportunities to provide a urine sample. When given one last opportunity, Kalinoski said he wouldn't provide one.

The complaint indicated that Kalinoski had been convicted of fifth degree controlled substance crime in March 2016 and conspiracy to commit a third degree controlled substance crime in April 2019.

TRF man sentenced for possessing child porn

A Thief River Falls man was sentenced Monday, June 17 in Pennington County District Court for possessing an image of child pornography.

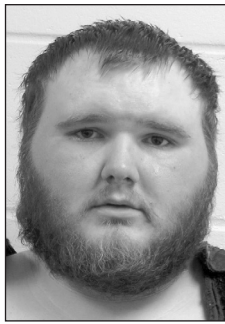
Jonathan Wyatt Hulst, 22, was sentenced to 72 months in prison for a felony charge of possession of pornographic work involving minors. Credit was given for 304 days served. His sentence is a downward durational departure. Another felony charge of possession of pornographic work involving minors was dismissed.

For the former offense, Hulst was also ordered to serve 15 years of conditional release. He was ordered to supply a DNA sample. Hulst was also ordered to pay \$135 in fees and fines.

Hulst had previously admitted three probation violations: accessing the internet without his probation agent's approval, possessing pornographic material and not successfully completing sex offender treatment. At the time of the latest incident, Hulst was on probation for five felony counts of possession of pornographic work involving minors. He was sentenced for those offenses in March 2021. On Monday, sentences were executed for those five prior charges, which ranged from 18 months in prison for one offense to 70 months in prison for one of the other offenses. Those sentences are to be served concurrently with one another and the new sentence. He was given credit for 394 days served

for each of those cases. He will no longer be on supervised probation after serving those sentences; however, a five-year conditional release will be in effect for each offense.

The latest charges stemmed from an Aug. 17 meeting between the Pennington County sheriff's investigator, a U.S. Border Patrol agent and other law enforcement officers. According to the complaint, Nasr Ullah, 19, was allegedly disseminating child pornography via



Jonathan Wyatt Hulst

Telegram and received payment through PayPal. Multiple people, including Hulst, allegedly sent payments to him. Law enforcement learned that Hulst had paid Ullah for two transactions, amounting to \$25 each, on Nov. 28, 2022.

Law enforcement and Hulst's probation agent then went to Hulst's home. His brother had hidden Hulst's two cell phones and an Xbox at his request after he knew law enforcement were there. His brother later showed where the items were hidden. One phone featured a phone number that Hulst's probation agent didn't have on file for him.

The probation agent searched a laptop computer seized at Hulst's home. It contained an image of a nude prepubescent boy holding a pistol while engaging in anal sex with a

nude woman. The image had been downloaded and saved Aug. 13.

The probation agent also found that Hulst had accessed multiple links to a particular website. The links were no longer available, but previews were. It appeared that the previews showed images of minors engaged in or performing sexual acts. The links were opened Aug. 11 and 14.

Prior to being arrested, he called his mom. Hulst told her, "I'm sorry, Mom. I did this to myself. This is on me, Mom. I should have asked for help when I started to relapse."

Law enforcement later executed a search warrant to complete a further search of Hulst's laptop computer. The sheriff's investigator saw more links to the particular website. When hovering over some of the links, he saw images of what appeared to be juvenile children engaging in sexual acts.

The sheriff's investigator also reviewed a download of the computer hard drive. He saw "multiple photos of what appeared to be juvenile children engaging in sexual acts or posing in sexually suggestive poses."

Hulst was charged with possessing two particular images. One image featured a prepubescent, completely naked female whose breasts were exposed. Hulst pled guilty to and was sentenced for possessing that image.

The dismissed charge stemmed from another image featuring a naked prepubescent girl in a suggestive pose. That image contained an attached zoomed-in snapshot of the girl's vagina and anus.



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The deck was poured Friday, June 7 for the new Kratka bridge in rural Pennington County. Pennington County Engineer Mike Flaagan told the Pennington County Board that the next steps include the approach panels on each side of the bridge, grading, and installing the rails. Redstone Construction LLC is replacing the County State

Aid Highway 22 bridge at a cost of about \$2.8 million. Its deadline to complete the project is July 15. The project is being covered by state bonding proceeds and state aid funds. (Photo courtesy of Pennington County Engineer Mike Flaagan)

Avian influenza: Take steps now to help protect your poultry

by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, Omaha

The Centers for Disease Control and Protection reports that H5N1 avian influenza (bird flu) "is widespread in wild birds worldwide and is causing outbreaks in poultry and US dairy cows with one recent human case in a US dairy worker."

Migratory waterfowl promote transmission of avian influenza. Spring's moist, cool days provide an ideal environment for avian influenza to spread through puddles and ponds.

Commercial poultry firms generally work with their veterinarian to monitor avian influenza conditions. Those desiring to protect small flocks will find online poultry biosecurity information and a program provided at no cost by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Don Reynolds, DVM, PhD, DACVM, UNL Professor and Poultry Veterinarian, said a biosecurity program is the best defense against production losses caused by diseases such as avian influenza.

"Once a disease begins to spread, it becomes difficult to control at best and impossible at worst," said Reynolds. "The best strategy is to prevent disease-causing organisms from reaching your flock. A strong biosecurity program helps accomplish that."

Biosecurity is a set of management practices designed to prevent diseases from spreading to animals. Because diseases like avian influenza can be carried onto a farm on visitors' shoes, by wildlife or through contaminated litter or feed, it's essential to identify areas of weakness throughout a farm and production system and create a plan that reduces the potential for spreading this disease through any unprotected area. Implementation of biosecurity practices is often overlooked by those raising small flocks.

Because small backyard flocks are often housed in open areas, they are easily exposed to wild birds and waterfowl. These small flocks may share the same ponds, puddles, and water sources as wild birds.

"One practice we stress for small flocks is placing feeders and waterers in places where wild birds can't access them," said Reynolds. "If possible, keep them inside or at least in an area where wild birds can't fly through fencing to get to them because wild waterfowl are primary hosts for AI. Be aware that simply monitoring your poultry for signs of AI isn't likely to be adequate. The first signs of the presence of this disease may be dead birds. Clinical signs exist, but not all poul-

try owners may detect the symptoms."

Clinical signs of avian influenza may include:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production or soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, comb, eyelid, wattles and hocks
- Purple discoloration of wattles, comb and legs
- Nasal discharge, coughing and sneezing
- Lack of coordination
- Diarrhea

Other diseases can cause some of these same or similar clinical signs of disease. Those include Newcastle disease and infectious bronchitis.

"A good biosecurity plan will consist of measures that create a barrier between potential exposure and animals," said Reynolds. "Results of a targeted biosecurity plan are healthier animals and a more profitable enterprise."

The program provides education about biosecurity specific to poultry, helping poultry producers evaluate the biosecurity risks specific to their operation and establish a biosecurity program to reduce risk and protect their flock against the introduction of disease and spread of disease.

UNL's Big Red Biosecurity Program was developed by a poultry veterinarian and professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UNL. The program covers all poultry: chickens, turkeys, gamebirds, etc. It is designed for use by all sizes of farms, including commercial, niche market, or backyard pro-

duction. Biosecurity templates and online training help in developing a site-specific plan.

"If a producer believes their birds may be infected with AI, they should contact their local veterinarian, state veterinarian office, the USDA, or if located in Nebraska, call me," Reynolds said.

The owner receives a report if testing results are negative and no further action is taken. The United States Department of Agriculture and state veterinarians are informed if the flock tests positive and take over the investigation. Samples are immediately sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory for confirmation. The premises where the flock is housed will be quarantined. Typically, birds are humanely euthanized and disposed of in a biosecure manner.

Following depopulation, owners receive indemnity payments, and owners and other personnel are monitored for influenza by the public health department.

"It's important to understand that there is a low probability of infecting humans," said Reynolds. "But AI is zoonotic. It can be transmitted to humans. Eggs and poultry products are not transmitters of the disease to people."

Steps to help reduce the potential for AI in your poultry include:

- Limit exposure of birds to the outdoors (at least until warm summer weather)
- Avoid poultry exposure to ponds, puddles, etc.
- Keep wild birds (especially waterfowl) away from your flock.
- Beware of wild birds

using your feeders and waterers and prevent it.

- Limit human visitors, especially those who also have poultry.

- Limit exposure to other birds at shows, meets, swaps, etc.

- Quarantine any newly acquired birds in a separate facility away from other birds for two weeks.

- Routinely correctly clean and disinfect waterers, feeders, coops, etc.

Big Red Biosecurity provides up-to-date biosecurity information online 24/7. Educational modules and a Biosecurity Training Certificate program are available online through the site. In addition, an NPIP Biosecurity Audit Preparation program is available, and a UNL poultry veterinarian is available to answer questions about biosecurity. Please direct veterinary care questions to your local veterinarian.

For information about the Big Red Biosecurity Program, visit <https://bigredbiosecurity.unl.edu>, call 402-472-8810, or email dreynolds2@unl.edu.

Huot graduates

Alexis Huot of Thief River Falls graduated Saturday, May 11 from Mayville State University in North Dakota. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Huot was also named to the spring semester 2024 dean's list for a grade point average of 4.0.



Logan Swenson, an Army and National Guard veteran, recently received a quilt from the Red, White and Blue Quilters in appreciation of his military service. Jan Rabideaux (left) and Dana Jenkins represented the quilters. (Submitted)



The Garms Family will perform Friday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Christian School gym in Karlstad. All are invited. (Submitted)

The Garms Family to perform in Karlstad

The Garms Family will bring “A Night of Encouragement” to the Heritage Christian School gym in Karlstad. The family’s performance will be held Friday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Tight-knit, top-notch and the real deal, The Garms Family bands together to love on people with live music, honest stories and God’s Word.

Since 2008, the family has brought Nights of Encouragement to churches and venues across America. The Garms Family features David and Kris Garms with their sons and daughters, Ben, Taylor, Leesha, Sam, Jayme and Caleb. None of the siblings have had instrument or vocal lessons. Ho-

wever, family hymn sings in the living room grew into over 15 instruments, 10 CDs and full-time touring.

“A Night of Encouragement” is a remarkable musical presentation. Fans of southern gospel, bluegrass, and inspirational love their acoustic Christian music. Guitars, piano, drums, fiddle, banjo, upright bass, dobro and mandolin make up the core band. All members are skilled vocalists—from soprano to deep bass – and they switch leads, trios and quartets. Audiences describe the experience as “Branson, but better.” From hymns to original songs, their music tells a clear message of God’s goodness when life is hard. People attend The Garms

Family’s concerts wanting good music and a fun time. Many walk away with the joy, comfort or encouragement they needed. The family’s teamwork, harmony and love inspire all ages, but the gospel of Jesus Christ leaves the impact.

When not on tour in their 45-foot bus “Bertie,” The Garms Family lives in Arkansas, Wis., renovating a retired school into a concert hall called The Gospel Gym, recording studio and residence. They also host a free livestream concert series, Sunday Nights of Encouragement, on Facebook and YouTube. Visit www.thegarmsfamily.com or join the family on social media to learn more.

Short to present program at Rivers & Rails

Rivers & Rails Brewing Company in Thief River Falls will host Linda Ruth Short, a three-time author, on Saturday, June 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. She will be available for special readings from her books as well as book signings and sales. At 3 p.m., Short will give a special presentation for all ages on how to write a book with focus upon her upcoming children’s book. All ages are invited.

The presentation will take the audience through the entire process of self-publishing a book. Those involved in art or art graphics, telling stories, or drawing



will not want to miss this talk. Short is gaining regional recognition for not only publishing three books but doing so in only 10 months. And there is more

to come.

Short, a Warren High School graduate, is originally from Angus. She went on for further degrees at Luther College, Decorah Iowa; Minnesota State University Moorhead; the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; and North Dakota State University in Fargo. She is presently working with a professional illustrator on her upcoming children’s book, “Fleas the Mystery Dog,” a fundraiser for her hometown elementary library. She resides in Moorhead.

Court cases include traffic offenses

Numerous traffic offenses are 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.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Danielle Lynn Olson, 48, Thief River Falls, second degree driving while impaired – two aggravating factors, \$915 with \$750 stayed, one year in jail stayed for four years, supervised probation for four years, complete DWI Court, comprehensive assessment within 60 days of sentencing, complete level of treatment and aftercare recommended; Brian John Pasca-vis, 58, St. Paul, 70/60, \$125.

Evan Seth Anderson, 18, Thief River Falls, 70/50, \$225, window tint violation, \$50, window restrictions – windshield tinted or glazed, \$50; Christopher Ryan Abrahamson, 39, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Brett James Anderson, 19, Thief River Falls, no insurance – driver, \$285; Adriaiah Marilayne Sayers, 21, Red Lake, driving after revocation, \$285,

driver/owner allowing open bottle, \$100; Timothy Fitts Provance, 29, Kansas City, Mo., 65/55, \$125; Randi M. Ringling, 45, Thief River Falls, charges of failure to drive with due care and no insurance – driver dismissed; Mathias Clayton Carlson, 19, Thief River Falls, 70/60, \$125.

Jamie Ryan Dewees, 42, Ottumwa, Iowa, 75/55, \$225; Dirk Cornelius Bezuidenhout, 25, Grygla, 69/55, \$125; Trenton Lawrence Biever, 17, Thief River Falls, 40/30, \$125; Jeremy Lucas Urman, 38, Bemidji, 70/60, \$125; Daniel Leslie Maurstad, 23, Warren, 65/60, \$125; Whitney Anne Marie Jaeger, 28, Holt, 70/60, \$125; Heidi Lanell Janku, 56, Foley, 65/60, \$125.

Pennington County Sheriff’s Office cases: Jameson Lee Jackson, 22, Moorhead, disorderly conduct, \$285, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, unsupervised probation for one year; Keaton Alec Jaeger, 20, Winger, 91/60, \$385; Joel Angel Gonzalez, 26, Grand Forks, N.D., 70/60, \$125; Lydia Jayne Nelson, 20, Goodridge, 65/55, \$125.

Thief River Falls Police Department cases: Roger Harlan Garfve, 52, Newfolden, giving a

peace officer a false name, \$135, 90 days in jail with 85 day stayed for one year, credit for five days served, unsupervised probation for one year, stay of adjudication for a charge of driving after cancellation – inimical to public safety and continued, \$125, probation to the court for one year; Arianna Jo Garner, 23, Thief River Falls, failure to yield, \$135; Pamela Ann Halvorson, 65, Thief River Falls, failure to yield, \$135; Mark Richard Petron, 65, Royalton, failure to stop for a traffic control signal, \$135.

Scott Allen Sheridan, 57, Thief River Falls, nine calendar parking violations – parking lots, \$52, calendar parking violation – streets/avenues, \$52; Ethan Douglas Srnsky, 21, Thief River Falls, calendar parking violation – parking lots, \$52; Riley Jacob McCloud, 21, Thief River Falls, two calendar parking violations – parking lots, \$52 each; Taran Jean Moen, 35, Newfolden, calendar parking violation – streets/avenues, \$52; Timothy Kenneth Carlson, 52, Thief River Falls, calendar parking violation – streets/avenues, \$52; Lisa Kathleen Foster, 44, Grand Forks, N.D., theft, \$210.

Paid Leave Division seeks public input on program rules

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed a new law, making paid family and medical leave coverage available to Minnesota employees beginning Jan 1, 2026. The law provides job protections and partial wage replacement paid by the state to individuals who are unable to work due to a qualifying condition.

The Paid Leave program is being implemented by a new division at the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The Paid Leave division is drafting rules needed to implement the program. The draft rules fall into the following categories: Opting In, Private Plans, Seasonal Hospitality Employment, Health Care Provider Certification, Safety Leave, Claims Administration, Role of the

Employer, Small Employer Assistance Grants, Covered Employment, and Job Protections.

Paid Leave has the potential to improve the health and well-being of every Minnesotan, and the division is seeking input on rules from a broad cross-section of workers, industries, service providers and advocates.

How to participate in Paid Leave rulemaking

The Paid Leave division is hosting virtual listening sessions around rulemaking this summer on a variety of topics. A full schedule of these listening sessions is published online at <https://mn.gov/deed/paidleave/about/rulemaking>. This website also includes instructions on how to register.

Note that Paid Leave lis-

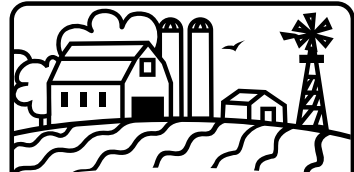
tening sessions are designed to gather public comments on a specific set of topics and draft rules. Those seeking general information about the Paid Leave program are encouraged to check out the FAQs on the DEED website and submit their questions at https://deedmn.formstack.com/forms/paid_family_and_medical_leave.

The public can comment directly at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>. Then click on Discussion 39758.

Comments received are public and will be available for review at the OAH Rulemaking eComments website.

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If you are interested in serving the MCC community as a school board member, please submit a letter of interest. Your letter should explain why you are interested in this role and highlight the attributes that make you a strong candidate.

Please submit letter by June 21 Deadline to:
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Mailed submissions may be sent to:
Marshall County Central Schools, ATTN: Superintendent Lund,
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For inquiries, please contact Superintendent Jeffrey Lund at (218) 874-8530.

The board aims to review letters from interested candidates and make appointments during the July School Board meeting.

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- Networking: Connect with project partners and fellow community members.
- Eats and Treats: Indulge in delicious fare for purchase (cash or check preferred) provided by the Middle River Disabled Veterans, with proceeds supporting their noble cause.
- Kid-friendly Activities: Let the little ones jump in the bounce house, fly drones, engage in a paper airplane contest, coloring, and more!

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Northern Pride Inc. is celebrating 35 years this year. It began in 1989 after 29 independent turkey growers took over ownership of a processing plant formerly owned by Land O'Lakes.

Northern Pride celebrates 35 years

Northern Pride Inc. is celebrating 35 years this year. It is planning to commemorate the anniversary with several celebrations throughout the year. An employee luncheon will be held Thursday, June 27.

Northern Pride is a grower-owned processing facility based in Thief River Falls. It specializes in whole-bodied turkeys for private and packer labels. According to its website, the current 19 turkey growers and owners produce turkeys for large and small retailers, distributors, exporters and foreign customers. At this time, Northern Pride employs 230 people (most are sea-

sonal employees) and about 10 temporary employees through a staff agency.

In 1989, Northern Pride purchased a processing plant from Land O'Lakes, which had decided to close. The facility that had been in existence for more than 60 years at that point. With a \$2.7 million financing package of grants and loans, the 29 independent turkey growers took over ownership on Jan. 3, 1989. The plant officially reopened June 1, 1989.

The plant is located along Pennington Avenue in Thief River Falls. In 2021, it acquired the former Northwest Beverage build-

ing adjacent to the Northern Pride parking lot. It purchased the building from Pomp's Tire Service and then extensively renovated and modified the building for its purposes. Northern Pride uses that building for further turkey processing, including deboning and preparing other packaged products.

According to its website, Northern Pride processes about 40 million live pounds of turkey each year. On an average processing day, Northern Pride will process about 20,000 turkeys.

Turkeys raised by Northern Pride growers have met the governors of Minnesota and North Dakota. One was even selected as the 2013 National Thanksgiving Day

Turkey and pardoned by President Barack Obama in 2013. He then retired to a Virginia farm. John and Joni Burkel of Badger raised "Popcorn." Their family escorted him to the pardoning ceremony. John Burkel served on the Northern Pride Board for many years and with other turkey-grower groups. According to "Popcorn's" biography, "Popcorn" was born July 8, 2013. At the time of his pardon, "Popcorn" weighed 37 pounds 6 ounces and measured 1 foot 11 inches tall. He had a proud strut, and his gobble was more garbled with longer notes. His favorite food was corn, and his favorite song was "Halo" by Beyonce.

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6				7				2	
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	6	7			9				
			9	6		8			
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Level: Intermediate

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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62				63				64	

CLUES ACROSS

- Breezed through
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Unruly group
- Backs away from
- Expression of understanding
- Have concern for
- Monetary units
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Iranian city
- Eating houses
- 2,000 lbs.
- Grandmother
- They include North, South and Central
- In an early way
- Foes
- Shattered British entertainment magazine
- One who unloads cages
- Another term for sesame
- Formally forbid
- Make clear
- Inaccessible
- Get through
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Decimeter
- Type of sword
- Actor Idris
- Affirmative (slang)
- Afflicted
- One point north of northeast
- Born of
- Arabic name
- Traditional Hong Kong street food: __ pai dong
- Termination point
- Email function

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Unable to hear
- More rapid
- An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- In a cagey way
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Algerian port
- Community in Ladakh
- Midway between south and southeast
- Town in Galilee
- Satisfy
- Italian impressionist painter
- Brass instrument
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- Records electric currents generated by the brain
- Woman (French)
- Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
- Baseball stat
- Pointed end of a pen
- Popular sports league
- Body part
- Unlikely to provoke dissent
- Yellowish cotton cloth
- Domesticated house pet
- Untruths
- Set out to attract
- Spiritual leader
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Repair
- Genus of flowering plants
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- River in central Europe
- Harness
- Father

Karlstad Senior Living receives AHCA/NCAL Bronze National Quality Award

Karlstad Senior Living has announced that it has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living. This recognition highlights Karlstad Senior Living's unwavering dedication to improving the quality of life and care for its residents.

"It is with great pride and excitement that we are able to announce Karlstad Senior Living as a recipient of the 2024 AHCA/NCAL Bronze National Quality Award," said Lisa Toti, president of Accura HealthCare. "This award is a testament to our purpose: to care for others. Karlstad Senior Living's commitment to continuously improving the quality of life of their residents is unwavering, and this recognition reaffirms their dedication to excellence."

Megan Kleinsasser, Accura HealthCare chief operating officer, said, "This award showcases our devout commitment to quality care, and the AHCA/NCAL Quality Award program highlights that commitment. We look forward to continuing our quality award journey with future success in the process."

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, a three-level process, is based on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. Recipients of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award must demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system, showing measur-

able progress in achieving organizational goals. Karlstad Senior Living has distinguished itself by showing a strong commitment to achieving the highest standards in healthcare through a rigorous application process.

Accura HealthCare Founder and Chief Executive Officer Ted LeNeave said, "This recognition is a testament to the unwavering dedication and devotion of our incredible team at Karlstad Senior Living. It reflects their commitment to providing the highest quality care and improving the lives of those we serve. At Accura HealthCare, we strive to deliver on our mission to be partners in care and family for life by enhancing the quality of life for those we serve through exceptional and compassionate care. We look forward to continuing our journey toward excellence and achieving even greater milestones in the future."

Providers begin the quality improvement journey at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile detailing among other elements, their vision, mission, key customers, and key strengths and challenges. Bronze applicants must demonstrate the use of a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if a center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality award, Karlstad Senior Living may now move forward to the Silver - Achievement in Quality award criteria.

Local students graduate from UMC

Area students were among those graduating from the University of Minnesota Crookston. They completed their degree requirements during spring semester 2024.

They included: from Middle River - Lexis

Area students named to UMC dean's list

Local students were among those named to the spring 2024 dean's list at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

They included: from Gatzke - Gracie Hamre Lunsetter; Grygla - Jennah Henrickson; Middle River - Katelyn Larson and Abigail Wagner; Red Lake Falls - Evan

Benke, Bachelor of Science degree in animal science; Red Lake Falls - Samantha Olek, who graduated with high distinction with a B.S. degree in software engineering; and Stephen - Jesse Clark, B.S. degree in accounting.

Girdler, Paige Schafer, Amanda Smith, Pacey Struthers and Hailey Violette; Thief River Falls - Hailee Eidelbes; and Warren - Kylie Nelson.

To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

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University of Minnesota

Keep kids engaged and learning over the summer

Keeping kids engaged and learning over the summer can help prevent learning loss over the extended break from school.

Lisa Von Drasek, curator of the Kerlan Collection of Children's Literature, and Lesa Clarkson, professor in the College of Education and Human Development, answer questions about different strategies to keep kids engaged in reading and math over the break.

Q: How much time should kids spend reading or practicing math?

Von Drasek: There is no set time for summer reading. The most important thing is making time in our busy schedules. We are building literacy skills by reading, writing, listening and speaking. Families need to model taking time to read every day and everything counts: listening to audiobooks, reciting nursery rhymes or poetry, singing, rapping, reading aloud sports knowledge and news of the day, looking up facts about the planets, selecting and making recipes, telling elephant jokes, etc.

Clarkson: Consider consistency and the quality of the time, rather than the amount of time. We often put away formal math lessons all summer and begin thinking about refreshing those skills in August, just before school starts. Summer is a great time to see math come to life — replace formal instruction with math that makes a difference. Practicing basic skills is often thought of as dull and boring but keep reading to learn about a more interesting strategy to sharpen basic skills. Summer is the ideal time for families to engage in recognizing patterns in the world around them and demonstrate how they use mathematics in their daily lives.

Q: How can families make reading and math fun?

Von Drasek: Think about what is fun about reading for us. Is it finding out about things we didn't know? Look for the series "Scientists in the Field" and learn about how actual scientists are saving animal species or adding to our knowledge of insects like in "The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe." Do we want to time travel? How about a big historical novel like Adam Gidwitz's "Max in the House of Spies." Or try a new series — I am loving Lisa Yee and Dan Santat's "The Misfits." Does your family have a silly streak? How about "Laugh-out-loud Jokes for Kids: the Big Book of Knock-knock Jokes." Have we been watching "Top Chef Junior?" I have been looking forward to trying the recipes in "Priya's Kitchen Adventures Cookbook for Kids: With Recipes That You (yes, You!) Can Make."

Clarkson: One way to remain engaged in mathematical thinking and problem solving is to play games. Several card games encourage strategic thinking and cards can also be used to build fact fluency. Fact fluency is knowing that 2+3 = 5 and 7 x 3 = 21. Games and puzzles can be fun ways to build skills and strategies, too. When using puzzles or games, start with "easy" levels, so your children first build confidence. Increasing the difficulty level helps them learn to persist when doing difficult things.

Another way to make math fun is to actually use it and include the family in those experiences. Make a budget for a trip. Include everyone in the kitchen when doubling or halving a recipe. Roll foam number cubes or dice to make more interesting fact fluency problems.

Q: What materials are useful to keep kids learning over the summer?

Von Drasek: A library card! Your local public youth librarians are geniuses in matching the right book with the right kid. Engaging, free and low-cost activities are also available at the library and community centers like parks and recreational centers. My favorite place near my home is The Raptor Center on the University of Minnesota campus where we can visit with Bubo, the great horned owl. Families could even prepare for a visit by reading "Greta the Great Horned Owl: A True Story of Rescue and Rehabilitation." If you are looking for a comprehensive list of new titles, I highly recommend Bank Street College of Education's Best Books of the Year. This list includes more than 600 titles sorted by age group and topics. Don't forget to finish the summer at the Minnesota State Fair visiting the Alphabet Forest and Math on a Stick.

Clarkson: Families don't need special materials for summer math activities. We are surrounded by opportunities to explore mathematical concepts — we just need to help each other recognize them. For early learners, a trip on the elevator can provide the opportunity to have them recognize and count the numbers on the buttons. Asking a child to place three red apples in a bag is an ideal one-to-one correspondence lesson. For 8- to 12-year-olds, fact fluency is an essential skill we don't want them to lose.

Families can practice arithmetic facts with a regular deck of playing cards. Sums is an easy-to-play card game that is usually played in pairs. Older children can play this same game with multiplication facts. Take this to the pre-algebra level by using spades and clubs as positive numbers and hearts and diamonds as negative numbers. Face cards can be left out or be assigned a number like 11 (jacks), 12 (queens) and 13 (kings).

Q: What are the benefits of incorporating reading and math over summer break?

Von Drasek: Summer reading is a crucial step in beating the summer slide. Research from the Children's Literacy Initiative suggests students who do not read during the summer months can fall two years behind by fifth grade. It is important to provide access to reading materials for each individual. School teachers, school librarians and public librarians can provide recommendations directly and from comprehensive reading lists sorted by grade level. Beware of a short list of recommendations that promote stale "classics." Don't forget your local, independent bookstores are staffed by experts in high-interest reading.

Clarkson: We often think summer reading and math literacy take a back seat or are given no thought at all, but summer is a good "no pressure" time to help children and young adults see math in their everyday lives

and the world around them. Playing board games and working on jigsaw puzzles or print and electronic games like sudoku and Number Sums helps children develop strategic thinking and cultivate tenacity.

Q: What resources does the U of M have for keeping kids engaged this summer?

Von Drasek: I am an advocate of real-life experiences as part of the reading adventure. Taking a road trip this summer? Let's read and make maps. U of M campuses across the state are abundant in experiential learning. University of Minnesota Extension can help a family start a garden, strengthening not only reading but science and math skills. I recommend Writing Boxes: The Reading/Writing Connection in Libraries for literacy-related writing activities. The recommended titles can all be found at Minnesota public libraries and the book can be downloaded for free. Ebooks Minnesota is a free service provided by Minitex, a program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and University Libraries, that covers a wide variety of subjects for readers of all ages.

Clarkson: Science, technology, engineering and math experiences are available at the U of M throughout the year, including summer experiences from the College of Science and Engineering, Bell Museum and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. During the school year, middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in Prepare2Nspire. This community program provides tiered tutoring and mentoring to increase mathematics proficiency and confidence among students who need it the most.

Lisa Von Drasek is the Miranker Family Curatorial Chair of the Kerlan Collection of Children's Literature in the University of Minnesota Libraries. The Kerlan, an internationally recognized resource in the field of children's literature, contains six core collections and several smaller collections. Von Drasek has lectured on the topics of reading/writing connection in libraries, emergent literacy, diversity in children's literature, comics and literacy, the new adult, what makes an award-winning book, and Children's Choice Awards. She also conducts community workshops on creative writing, reading aloud and selecting books for children and young adults.

Lesa Clarkson is a professor of mathematics education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and Human Development. Her research focuses on teaching and learning mathematics in the urban classroom, specifically identifying successful strategies that increase student achievement primarily among underrepresented student groups. Dr. Clarkson developed a community-engaged research program called Prepare2Nspire to increase mathematics proficiency and confidence among students. This research is aligned with her personal and professional mission to give a voice to the urgency of preparing teachers and schools for attracting and serving all students.

Turning Back The Times ...

August Langseth and Loyal Arnold paddle the Red Lake River

1924 - One Hundred Years Ago

-Recent heavy rains have helped the outlook for local crops.

-The Brage Male Chorus of Thief River Falls recently performed in a Minneapolis musical festival.

-No objection from local citizens has been raised to a City Council plan to pave several alleys.

-August Langseth and Loyal Arnold paddled in a canoe the entire distance up the Red Lake River from this city to the outlet.

1974 - Fifty Years Ago

-The Elks Lodge has announced plans to remodel its downtown building.

-Adolph Oseid, owner of Falls Red Owl, has been elected chairman of the Thief River Falls United Way board.

-Viking Covenant Church congregation celebrated the 85th anniversary of the church recently.

1984 - Forty Years Ago

-Flag Day ceremonies were observed at Elk's Park Thursday with Exalted Ruler David Olin addressing the crowd.

-The Pennington County 4-H general livestock judging team took first place at the Greenbush Sheep Days celebration recently.

-Centennial celebrations are being planned for New Solum and Excel townships in Marshall County.

1994 - Thirty Years Ago

-The Newfolden Youth Center officially opened its doors on May 23 and is now fully functional.

-Grand champion of the 45th Annual Northwest Dairy Day cattle show on June 14 was "Woodwillow Brisby," a 7-year-old registered Holstein cow, shown by Jason Kalt, 15, Angus.

-John Zins of Thief River Falls won the City Centennial Logo Contest and an award of \$100, chosen from a group of 30 entries to the competition.

-A successful Clean-Up Day in Thief River Falls yielded 173.73 tons of garbage during the three-day event.

2004 - Twenty Years Ago

-Concerns about the West Nile Virus are surfacing as mosquitoes are becoming a seasonal problem.

-Local students of Lincoln High School are now able to attend classes from Northland Community and Technical College through "College in the Classroom."

-Members of the Lincoln High School Choir have now returned from a trip to New York, where they performed at the Rosa Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts and the St. John the Divine Cathedral.

2014 - Ten Years Ago

-American Legion Post 117 and VFW Post 2793, both of Thief River Falls, led a Flag Day ceremony at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park on June 14.

-Pennington County has agreed to contribute \$30,000 and the City of Thief River Falls and Jobs, Inc. will each contribute \$35,000 per year toward a newly-created economic development position here.

-This week will showcase the 65th Annual Northwest Dairy Day in Thief River Falls.

-A grand opening ceremony will be held June 27 for the Greenwood Street railroad underpass.

Times for Toddlers ...

Enjoy a safe change of pace this summer with your children

Warm weather and sunshine are something we all want to take advantage of when we can. Children and adults both can enjoy the change of pace we find when we go to a lake or a pool. Here are some tips to keep in mind so that everyone can have a good time:

- Use a big sheet for children to sit on instead of a blanket or towel. It's cooler, sand will shake off easier and it will fold more neatly for storage.

- Carry beach toys in a laundry basket or mesh bag so that you can dunk it in the water for a quick rinse and drain at the end of the day.

- Mark your beach toys. Yours will probably look like everyone else's.

- Fill a child's pail with water when leaving the beach and have the children dip their feet in it before entering the car.

- Remove diapers when Baby swims. They absorb too much water and become very heavy so that Baby loses his/her natural buoyancy.

- Remember that more sun is reflected off the water, sand and cement, than off the grass and dirt. Therefore everyone is more susceptible to sunburn at the beach, but the children's skin always burns more easily than an adult's, so they should have extra protection against sunburn. Use a good sunblock and a sun hat.

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

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Talk about water and sand concepts: wet, dry, pour, fill, full, empty, heavy, light, etc.

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

ACTIVITIES Sandbox Golf

Set up a mini golf course in your sandbox. Collect a few coffee cans or other wide-mouthed containers. Bury the cans in the sandbox so that the rim of each can is level with the surface of the sand. To play the game, have your children kneel near the edge of the sandbox and try to roll a tennis ball into one of the coffee cans.

SCAVENGER HUNT

For next week's Activities feature, you will need pineapple juice, grape juice, cranberry juice, popsicle sticks, and small paper cups.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What's the difference between here and there?

A: The letter T.

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:

Adler, David. **Young Cam Jansen and the Double Beach Mystery.** Cam uses her photographic memory and her brain to solve two mysteries at the beach, involving a missing mother

and a missing set of papers. Kesselman, Wendy. **Sand in My Shoes.** A young girl says goodbye to her beach house, the sea shore and summer before she heads home to the city.

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: **The Berenstain Bears, Beach Bound.** When the Bear family arrives at their vacation beach house, they want to go swimming immediately. Seeing the opportunity to teach the cubs a lesson about family cooperation, Mama and Papa decide to join the cubs on the beach. When the cubs realize their swimsuits are hopelessly buried somewhere in the trunk of the car, they become more willing to help their parents.

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: Twenty-one games for kids to play at the beach. <http://activeforlife.com/21-active-beach-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.)

A day at the beach?



As the days begin to warm, the beach at LaFave Park become very attractive. Remember, there is no lifeguard on duty, and the current can sometimes be fairly strong, so keep an eye on the swimmers you bring with you.

Merton Hutchinson, 84

 **Thief River Falls** - Merton Hutchinson, 84, of Thief River Falls, died on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at his residence.

On September 12, 1939, Mert was born as a twin with his brother, Marvin Jay, to Otto Clyde and Beatrice Leora (Kuehn) Hutchinson in Thief River Falls. He attended school in Goodridge, and after leaving school, he helped his father on the family farm. At age 18, Mert did odd jobs in the region - farming, construction, and logging, alongside brother-in-law, Stanley Olson - before joining the Minnesota National Guard in 1962.

On April 6, 1967, Mert was united in marriage to Juanita Marie Burrell in Sisseton, SD, then residing in Thief River Falls. They met at Inga's Café, where Juanita waitressed, and she said that Mert was "a big tease." He then started working with Maynard Wedul Trucking, where he hauled livestock to Fargo, ND, and St. Paul. He would bring back freight on his way home. In 1969, Mert bought the trucking business from Maynard and named the business Thief River Trucking. On September 27, 1997, Juanita passed away peacefully at home.

In 2004, he sold Thief River Trucking to his son, Paul. Mert then continued to drive truck on short hauls for various companies. His son, Paul, died on March 19, 2015. Mert began driving school bus for the Thief River Falls School District part-time in 1997, transitioning to a full-time position in 2011. He did this until his passing. To fill his free time when the school closed during COVID, he began working with Thygeson Construction as an end dump driver, where he was also still working currently.

Mert had a hard work ethic and was fiscally responsible, which he instilled in his children and grandchildren. He was a great storyteller with a sarcastic wit, which could be a bit unfiltered - you never knew what was going to come out of his mouth. He loved socializing, chatting (flirting) with waitresses, and would always care for

others, frequently choosing to donate money or winnings, and helping his friends and family out when they were down on their luck.

Besides his passion for trucks and machinery, he also enjoyed cruising the backroads, Dairy Queen ice cream, chocolate, and history and genealogy. He especially loved spending time with his family, always making time to visit with his siblings, children, and grandchildren. Over the years, Mert developed a strong attachment to all the bus kids, always looking out for their well-being, and always handing out sweets. Mert had a deep sense of responsibility for family, friends, community, and country. He had the great opportunity to attend the Veterans' Honor Flight with his brothers this past May, an experience he was very proud and grateful for.

Mert is survived by children: Cindy (Scott) Brandon, Middle River; Boni (Todd) Fossell, Karlstad; Michele Hutchinson, Thief River Falls; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; siblings: Marvin (Eileen) Hutchinson, Thief River Falls; James Hutchinson, Thief River Falls; Virginia Wells, Goodridge, and Lorraine Olson, Big Lake; dear friend, Mary Bruggeman, Thief River Falls; brother-in-law, Conrad (Jean) Burrell, Middle River; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mert is preceded in death by his wife, Juanita; son, Paul Hutchinson; grandson, Cody Brandon; parents, Clyde and Bea Hutchinson; grandson-in-law, Lars Sundberg; great-grandson, Ethan Block; sister, Shirley Ann Russell; parents-in-law, Carl and Adeline Burrell; brothers-in-law, Ronald Burrell, Bernard Wells, Stanley Olson, Morris Russell; sisters-in-law, Norma Hutchinson and Beverly Burrell; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

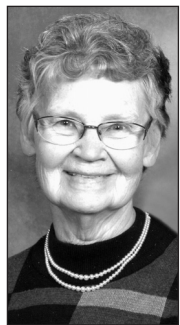
Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls.

Burial was at EV German Cemetery, Middle River.

Condolences may be sent at johnsonfuneralservice.com. A00003B2024JN19

Darlene Roseland, 87

 **Newfolden** - Darlene Maxine Roseland, 87, of Newfolden, died on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Thief River Falls Care Center.

Darlene was born September 19, 1936 to Ernest and Agnes (Bagaas) Klopp at home on a farm west of Newfolden. She was the oldest of seven children. She attended country school through 8th grade, and then high school in Argyle, graduating in 1954.

Darlene was united in marriage to John Roseland on October 7, 1956. After marriage, they lived in Junction City, KS, and Chicago, IL, while John was in the service. In 1958, they purchased a farm south of Newfolden where they lived for 26 years. Then, they built a home on the Roseland home place where they lived the rest of their lives. The early years of marriage were spent at home raising their four children and helping with the farm. Later she also worked at Arctic Cat and then several years at Northwest Medical Center in the dietary department.

Darlene joined the Evangelical Free Church in Newfolden in 1960 where she served in various capacities over the years and attended until her death.

Darlene enjoyed sewing and embroidery, gifting all of her children and grandchildren with quilts and sets of dishtowels. She also enjoyed entertaining family and loved a house full of guests. Her freezer was always stocked with her famous meatballs and special baked goods and she could quickly prepare a meal for anyone who stopped by. Christmas was an extra special time with a Christ-centered family program and an abun-

dance of homemade goodies including lefse, krumkake, flatbread and rosettes. Some of her grandchildren's favorite memories are waffles in the mornings, and popcorn and chocolate malts in the evenings.

Darlene is survived by three of her four children: Robin (Larry) Langevin, Rhonda (Carl) Wotowis, Rolland (Mary) Roseland; 15 grandchildren: Shane (Stacy), Carisa (JR), Matthew (Anna), Marcus, Miranda, Keegan (Greg), Rylee (Keith), Brennan, Caleb (Rebecca), Hannah (Alex), Elizabeth, Katherine (Julio), Roshan (Trentyn), Raina, and Regan (Autumn); 21 great-grandchildren: Tyler, Collin, Jacey, Jaclyn, Wyatt, Wayne, Bridger, Brinlee, Theodora, Joseph, Ren, Olive, Clayton, Autumn, Pippa, Emry, Tasiana, Mateo, Abram, Waylon, and one due in July; siblings: Jean (Leonard) Mathews, Bonnye (Richard) Renz, Dennis (Sharon) Klopp, Karen (Ken Hanson) Mumm, and Patty (Rick Hruby) Klopp; sisters-in-law: Pauline Bondy and Diann Sewald; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents, Ernest and Agnes Klopp; daughter, Rochelle Pederson; grandson, Kendrick Fincher; and sister, JoAnn Weekley.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at the Evangelical Free Church in Newfolden, with Pastor Gary Barrett officiating.

Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery of New Solum, Newfolden.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial to the Newfolden Evangelical Free Church, New Solum Cemetery, or the charity of your choice.

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Fundraiser to be held for Becky Barry

A fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 22 for Thief River Falls resident Becky Barry, who is battling acute myeloid leukemia. The Saturday burgers fundraiser for Becky will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 117 in Thief River Falls.

On April 23, Becky woke up from a nap in excruciating pain, and her life was instantly changed. She and her husband, Jim, rushed to Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls and then to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D., where she was diagnosed. The next day, she was airlifted to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Becky has received extensive treatments and will have four more rounds of inpatient and outpatient

chemotherapy. The Barrys will remain in Rochester for a few more months.

Those who are unable to attend the Saturday burgers fundraiser for Becky may place donations in the tip jars at the American Legion this week or donate by mail to American Legion, P.O. Box 7, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

Pershing High School class reunions to be held

The Pershing High School Classes of 1962, 1963 and 1964 will hold class reunions Saturday, July 6 at 3 p.m. at the Plummer American Legion Club. Food will be available for purchase.

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.

Suggested donation for over 60 is \$6.00. Under 60 will pay \$9.50. No one over 60 will be denied a meal for inability to donate. Menu is subject to change upon availability of product.

All meals are served with milk and bread.

Monday: Chicken, broccoli and rice, carrots, dinner roll/margarine

Tuesday: Pork carnitas, rice pilaf, green peas, dinner roll/margarine

Wednesday: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, bread/margarine, fresh fruit

Thursday: Ginger pot roast, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll/margarine

Friday: Tuna noodle casserole with peas, broccoli florets, dinner roll/margarine, fruited gelatin parfait

LSS Senior Meals Viking and Holt

Senior meals are served every weekday. To make a Viking or Holt meal reservation or to receive a menu, please call 218-874-7137. Viking meals available as home delivery only.

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: Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll, wheat bread/margarine, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cooked vegetables, wheat bread/margarine, dessert

Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, cooked vegetables, wheat bread/margarine, dessert

Thursday: Chicken parmesan, cooked vegetables, garlic breadstick, fruit, dessert

Friday: Cold pasta salad with meat, garlic breadstick, cooked vegetables, dessert

Discovery Place

Milk is served with all meals.

Lunch

Monday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, bologna sandwich, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Whole wheat cheese pizza, corn, peaches

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, bread/butter, pears

Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, beans, chips, applesauce

Friday: Chili, crackers, cheese sandwich, pineapple

Breakfast

Monday: Kix, whole wheat toast, apple juice

Tuesday: Rice Krispies, whole wheat toast, grape juice

Wednesday: Oatmeal, whole wheat toast, orange juice

Thursday: Crispix, whole wheat toast, apple juice

Friday: Pancakes, syrup, orange juice

T.H.E. BUS ROUTES & SCHEDULES

Tri-Valley Heartland Express

Ride reservations must be scheduled by 3 p.m. the day prior to the trip. Call 800-201-3432.

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Grand Forks: 1st, 3rd, 5th - Tuesday

Thief River Falls: 3rd - Wednesday

RED LAKE COUNTY

Crookston: 1st, 5th - Wednesday

Bemidji: 2nd, 4th - Friday

Thief River Falls: Tuesday and Thursday

Countywide: Monday and Wednesday

POLK COUNTY

Grand Forks: 1st, 3rd, 5th - Monday

Fargo: 2nd, 4th - Monday

Crookston: 1st, 5th - Wednesday

Bemidji: 2nd, 4th - Friday

KITTSON COUNTY

Countywide: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - 2nd, 4th - Wednesday

Thief River Falls: 3rd - Wednesday

MARSHALL COUNTY

Countywide: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Tuesday

Grand Forks: 1st, 3rd, 5th - Tuesday



Strategic farming: Field Notes talked a tale of two springs and weed management

After a dry winter and early growing season start, rain has turned this into a tale of two springs. In west central and northwestern Minnesota, early-seeded small grains and corn were planted before the frequent, heavy rains started in mid-May. Since then, planting soybeans and other crops has been a challenge, according to Dr. Joe Ikley, Extension weed specialist at North Dakota State University.

Although corn and soybean planting is on track with the five-year state averages, cool weather, rain and a lack of sunshine have limited crop and weed growth in the entire region. When sunshine and warm temperatures return, weeds like waterhemp can grow an inch every day. It won't take long for them to exceed recommended treatment heights, so fields need to be watched closely.

"Weeds will continue to emerge because we have so much soil moisture," said Dr. Debalin Sarangi, University of Minnesota Extension weed specialist, "so adding a Group 15 residual herbicide like Warrant, Dual or Outlook to the postemergence herbicide tank mix will help with control."

Where growers had an opportunity to apply pre-emergence (PRE) herbicides they have been working very well. In contrast, where only early postemer-

gence herbicides were applied, herbicide activity has been slow and fields tend to be weedy.

With a contact herbicide, you should have a sense of how well it's working within three to four days. Weeds may not be dead, but producers can still gauge effectiveness. Systemic herbicides work best when weeds are actively growing, so conditions that delay growth also delay translocation and control. If they normally expect activity within five days, they may need seven to 10 days or more to gauge how well it's working.

Herbicide drift is a concern with wind speeds trending upward, especially in this tale of two springs where crops are at varying stages of development. There are still relatively good, although small, application windows at either end of the day when wind speeds are low enough. When spraying near sunrise or sunset, it is important to pay attention to low level temperature inversion conditions as they increase your risk of herbicide drift.

While end-of-day applications minimize drift, herbicide activity is less effective. If wind speeds allow, it's best to apply herbicides near midday when it's sunny and weeds are growing fast. Check a weather app to find the best time for postemergence applications.

Where PRE application

windows were limited in corn, growers will be relying on early POST applications. While many products recommend application at V2 or 12-inch corn, height restrictions vary depending on the premix. Read the label for growth stage cut-offs.

Many corn herbicide products can be applied either as a PRE or POST application. Because of this, growers can likely stick with their weed control program. In contrast, if PREs didn't get applied in soybeans and the field was rained out, herbicides may need to be switched.

Sarangi's team surveyed waterhemp populations for herbicide resistance and what they found was alarming. Multiple herbicide resistance is spreading in Minnesota, with some waterhemp populations surviving six different sites of action. Liberty is the only postemergence herbicide that waterhemp is not resistant to, so it's important to preserve its effectiveness: Spray smaller weeds, use multiple herbicide sites of action, rotate crops and herbicide traits, and consider using cover crops and tillage.

"Most kochia populations have glyphosate resistance and there are increasing pockets of dicamba resistance," said Ikley. He also focuses on Group 14 resistance, since these herbicides are important for burndown

in no-till and kochia control in dry beans and sugar beets. They still have good activity, but kochia control decreases rapidly when weeds exceed two inches. "For the best control, at least three effective active ingredients should be applied," he added.

Neither weed scientist is a fan of rescue treatments. The herbicide application will kill off the most susceptible of the tall weeds, but given their size, there will likely be survivors. They would at least be more herbicide-tolerant, which can become problematic long term as populations shift toward resistance. For more information from Extension, visit extension.umn.edu/crop-production.

The Soybean Research and Promotion Council and the Corn Research and Promotion Council supports this program.

Yuska named to Iowa State dean's list

Ava Yuska of Thief River Falls has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Iowa State University.

Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

A trip down memory lane ~ 1984



POSTED SCORES were checked by Lincoln High School students (from left) Robbie Hogan, John Kinsman and Jeff Ross Rosetta, who competed in District 10 Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) conference events at the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC). Areas of competition for students from northwestern Minnesota included advertising, apparel and accessories, finance and credit, food marketing, general merchandising, restaurant management and marketing.

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Master gardeners offer tour of local gardens/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) features and ideas are truly a Carlson family affair, which they are more than willing to share with visitors during the tour.

Barb Sorenson
11379 250th Ave. N.E.
As visitors turn into the driveway of Barb Sorenson's home, they are greeted by flower beds of massive plantings of irises and peonies along with other varieties of perennials. She has accomplished bursts of colors in her flower beds throughout the summer season. There is also a vegetable garden where she enjoys growing pumpkins and a raspberry patch.

As visitors proceed to the house, they will see a second vegetable garden and a collection of majestic oak trees. The house is bordered by many perennial plants, such as hostas, hydrangeas and other perennials nestled in stone mulch. Last year, Sorenson added the hydrangea tree. She also enjoys starting annuals in the spring and potting them around the house and deck to add color all season.

One of Sorenson's favorite places is the deck, where she can sit and look at the many colorful plantings in her pots and landscape. Many of the pots and plantings originated from family, friends and neighbors, and have special memories for the family.

Staci Reay
11420 170th Ave. N.E.
To weed or not to weed? That is the question Staci Reay has answered by using all pots for her garden – big pots, little pots, tall pots, short pots and hanging pots. A recurring color scheme is purple and orange with accent splashes of white, yellow and greens. Her spacious deck and backyard feature unique sitting areas to enjoy the colors and textures of her yard. A semi-shade garden for pollinators, squirrel-defying bird feeders, peacocks and chickens make this a memorable garden to visit.

Kevin and Beth Ballard
10947 140th Ave. N.E.
Nineteen years of turning a farmstead into a stunning country yard has been the passion of Beth and Kevin

Ballard. The ability to recycle and reuse from existing farmstead items creates unique and creative features such as planter boxes and backdrops for several gardens. The pond and waterfall surrounded by irises, grasses and garden art are as beautiful to the eyes as the ears. Losing several big pine trees has left open spaces for new challenges and for Beth to develop new ideas and plant combinations. Beth's favorites include any plant that can be split, ideas from friends and family, and blue bikes.

Pam McMahon
206 Merriam Ave. S.
What started as a short fence to keep in a short dog has become the architectural backbone of this garden. It defines the space and provides a backdrop for the tiger lilies, hostas, peonies, clematis, delphiniums and more. This lush and unique garden has packed a lot into what some would call a small garden space. Her eye for color contrast and texture is evident by the careful placement of her plants for size and compatibility. Raised vegetable gardens and a surplus garden, where "extras" and newbies get planted, complete this engaging garden.

Jim and Diane Retka
704 LaBree Ave. N.
Jim Retka is the one with masterful garden ideas and his wife, Diane, likes it that way. He said his love of gardening came from his grandpa and dad as he helped them in the Cities with their vegetable and fruit stand. Here in Thief River Falls, he has taken a house built in 1922 and turned it into an oasis of color and greenery. From peonies, ferns, various ground covers, Alpine current, heirloom beans, lilacs and potted flowers to a raised vegetable garden with peas, corn, cukes, peppers, beets and carrots, he has shown what can be done on a corner lot in the city. To complete the space, Jim has had many rocks hauled in to complete the space. Visitors won't be disappointed in this beautiful yard with so much serene appeal.



Kevin and Beth Ballard's garden features a pond and waterfall surrounded by irises, grasses and garden art. Their garden will be featured on the Pennington County Master Gardeners' annual garden tour Thursday, June 27 (Submitted)



Pam McMahon's dog led her to add a fence that has become the architectural backbone of one of her gardens. Her gardens will be featured on the Pennington County Master Gardeners' annual garden tour Thursday, June 27 (Submitted)

Erickson family celebrates 135 years of farming

Music, of course, will be part of the celebration

The family of Virgil and Cathy Erickson will gather on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Cathy Erickson farm in East Valley Township, Marshall County, to celebrate 135 years since Virgil's grandparents, Hendrik and his wife Kerstin, came from Spikebol, Sweden and settled in what is now Section 18 of East Valley Township. They came with two sons, Hilmer and Per. Eight more children were born in East Valley Township including Theodore (Ted), Julius, Ida, Cornelius, Eneas, Andrew, Hilda, and Walter. Several family members are buried in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Ringbo, located in Holt Township.

The family had been in Minnesota for two years before homesteading among friends from Sweden who settled in this area where there was an abundance of woods, wild game and good drinking water. Hendrik filed a claim in the winter of 1889 for 160 acres next to John and Marie Hanson, friends from Sweden who were homesteading on the north side. Swedish was spoken at home, however, Hendrik could speak Finnish because he worked in the woods in Finland for the government doing enforcement work.

The succession of Erickson farmers include Hen-

drik; his son Eneas and Olga; their son, Virgil and Cathy, and Cathy and sons: Tim, Pat and Andy. Virgil and Cathy's son Paul, who passed away in 2011, was also farming.

Check our "Suitcase Farmers" on Youtube.com, a special feature story by great-great-granddaughter Sara Hand.

In 1895, Hendrik's younger brother, Erik, homesteaded two miles east along the Thief River. He went by the name of Ekvold, and he and his wife Christina had three children, Emma, Willie and Oscar. Grandchildren of Oscar and Myrtle still live in East Valley Township.

Activities for Saturday, June 22, include polka music at 1 p.m., provided by the Wendenger Polka Band from New Ulm. Also providing music will be Jake Bastyr and Frank Olson, as well as Cathy and Mary Jo. There will be activities for the children, and cake and coffee served at 2:30 p.m. plus a potluck hog roast scheduled for 5 p.m. Relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to come and visit, listen to the music and celebrate. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Directions
For more information, call 218-689-4824. The address is 17555 320th St. N.E., Middle River or from Thief River Falls: East on #1, and 16 miles north on Rangeline Road (#20) and ½ miles east of Co. 121.



University of Minnesota researchers have successfully mapped the complete genome of the endangered Przewalski's horse. (Submitted by Minnesota Zoo)

Summer, school-year programs/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) 4-H offers programming during other parts of the year. This past school year, Pennington County 4-H hosted Cloverbuds for kids in kindergarten through second grade after school at four locations. Nerhus said a new focus has been Explore 4-H for third through fifth graders. Through Explore 4-H this school year, kids were able to make birdhouses, make tie blankets for the Pennington County Humane Society, and learn more about 4-H projects. Nerhus said the hope is that Explore 4-H will spark an interest and further involvement in 4-H.

Again this school year, Extension offered the BIO Girls program in Goodridge. The 12-week program offers lessons for second through sixth grade girls on self-esteem, emotional well-being and physical well-being. It culminates with a non-competitive 5K.

Programs for adults
In addition to 4-H, Extension hosts other programs like Home Council Learning Circles. Cindi Kilen, office manager, said more than 70 women are served by the six Learning Circles in Pennington County and a portion of Marshall County. The Learning Circles meet monthly. Their topics come from prepared lesson plans.

About two counselors per Learning Circle also take part in Home Council meetings five times a year. At the Home Council meetings, attendees hear from guest speakers about an educational topic. Then they share the information they learned with their Learning Circles. Recently, a speaker provided information about recycling.

Besides those activities, the Learning Circles gather once a year for their Spring Fling where food and entertainment are on the agenda.

The Learning Circles welcome new members. Interested individuals may contact Cindi Kilen at 218-683-7030 or kile0017@umn.edu.

Kilen also provided an update on the Master Gardeners program. The group will host its annual garden tour Thursday, June 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. Six gardens – two in Thief River Falls and four elsewhere in Pennington County – will be featured. The cost is \$5.

The Master Gardeners recently planted flowers outside of the Justice Center and Government Center. Prepare to see some rainbow carrots growing outside of the Justice Center since the Pennington County One Vegetable, One Community group has chosen rainbow carrots as this year's vegetable.

Fungus and waste
Staff, like Grant Nelson, also provide their expertise in other areas. Nelson, ag services/solid waste coordinator, has been busy checking trees for fungus. He said the fungus is appearing

Personnel changes on agenda/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) motion, commissioners approved posting Wellman's former position internally for five days. After that time, the position will be advertised to the public.

County Board approved changing its agent of record to Integrity Employment Benefits LLC for long-term disability, life and dental insurance offered through the county, effective July 1. County Coordinator Kevin Erickson said county employees, not the county, pay for those supplemental benefits. The change won't affect employees' insurance rates.

since the temperatures have ranged from 58 to 68 degrees, and the area has encountered a lot of rain. Green ash trees are primarily affected along with grapevines. Nelson noted that the fungus eventually disappears due to sunlight and wind. He also encouraged residents to remove litter around their trees and clip tree branches once the branches have died.

Waste removal is another portion of Nelson's job. He reported the results of the county's Cleanup Day, which was held in May. Results were similar with 27 tons of garbage dropped off by residents. However, more vehicles made the trek to Les's Sanitation for the event. There were 297 vehicles compared to 262 in 2023. The county collaborates with the City of Thief River Falls for the annual event.

Now on Nelson's radar is the collection of ag waste pesticides. The pesticides will be collected Thursday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at CHS Ag Services' Hazel location, 17273

Center St. E., Thief River Falls. If such waste crests 300 pounds, Nelson encouraged producers to contact him at 218-683-7030 at ganelson@co.pennington.mn.us as the pesticides may need to be picked up at their farms.

Nelson is also preparing for the county's new 10-year Solid Waste Plan, which needs to be completed by December 2026. He anticipated that the Northwest Regional Development Commission may help him prepare the plan on the county's behalf. NWRDC may be completing plans on behalf of other area counties as well. Most plans are being done by regional development commissions, Nelson said.

The completed plans need to be sent to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, which has also encouraged counties to more readily share information about recycling with residents. Nelson anticipated that many northwest Minnesota counties may utilize a common website to share recycling information.

ings and grounds supervisor, said Dakota Fire Protection expected that the water would be shut off between four and five hours to facilitate the repair. The older part of the LEC, including the kitchen and holding cells, will be impacted. To minimize the impact, the repair will happen after 5 p.m. sometime within the next couple of weeks. Bernier expected to coordinate the repair with jail staff and the City of Thief River Falls.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at the Justice Center.

Morgan Bernier, build-

University of Minnesota Researchers map genome of horse once extinct in the wild

University of Minnesota researchers have successfully mapped the complete genome of the endangered Przewalski's horse. Once extinct in the wild, the species now has a population of around 2,000 animals thanks to conservation efforts.

The study, published in the journal G3, was led by Nicole Flack and Lauren Hughes, researchers at the College of Veterinary Medicine, along with Christopher Faulk, a professor in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. U of M students contributed to the genome sequencing through Faulk's animal science course.

"The genome is the basic blueprint for an animal and tells us what makes a species unique and also tells us about the health of a population," said Faulk. "My students worked together to produce the highest quality Przewalski's horse genome in the world."

Researchers can now use this as a tool to make accurate predictions about what gene mutations mean for Przewalski's horse health and conservation.

"Studying genes without a good reference is like doing a 3 billion-piece puzzle without the picture on the box," said Flack. "Przewalski's horse researchers studying mutations in an important gene need a good reference picture to compare their puzzle with."

Researchers used a blood sample from Varuschka, a 10-year-old Przewalski's mare at the Minnesota Zoo,

to construct a representative map of genes for the species. The Zoo has long been active in Przewalski's horse breeding and management, with over 50 foals born since the 1970s.

"We were excited to partner with the University of Minnesota to preserve the genetic health of the species as their populations continue to recover, both in zoos and in the wild," said Anne Rivas, doctor of veterinary medicine at the Minnesota Zoo. "We are thrilled to offer our community the opportunity to see the horse as the results of our conservation efforts."

The cutting-edge technology sequencing used to construct the genome uses a small machine about the size of a soda can. Its portability means this method could be adapted for further study of wild Przewalski's horses in remote locations.

Future applications of the reference genome may include studying genes that help the horse adapt to environmental changes, identifying mutations associated with specific traits or diseases, and informing future breeding decisions to help improve upon genetic diversity. Given the extreme population bottleneck that occurred during the near-extinction of Przewalski's horse, such understanding is crucial for continued breeding efforts.

This work was supported by the NIH Office of the Director, the National Institute on Aging, the Norn Group, and USDA-NIFA.

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Junior Olympic Volleyball



Thief River Falls Spikedown Club's 18U Junior Olympic volleyball team won five of six sets during pool play in its home tournament at Northland Community & Technical College. TRF 18U lost in the semifinal round and went on to finish third. Top photo - Taylor Berg drives the ball over the net. Bottom photo - Kenzie Reynolds and Avah Waldal attempt to block at the net, with Sophia Tougas, far left, ready for the back row return.



14U National Duals

Motta and Berg compete for Team Minnesota

Frontier Wrestling Club athletes Elias Motta and Brian Berg competed for Team Minnesota at the 2024 Greco-Roman and Freestyle National Duals held June 11-15 at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center & Fairgrounds in Oaks, Penn.

Motta went 3-2 in Greco-Roman and 3-2 in Freestyle competing for Minnesota Blue. Minnesota Blue won its qualifying pool in both styles and went on to finish seventh in the Gold/Silver Pool in both tournaments.

Berg went 3-3 in Greco-Roman and 3-1 in Freestyle competing for Minnesota Red. Minnesota Red went 1-2 on day one of Greco-Roman competition and went on to finish seventh in the Red/Blue Pool. Minnesota Red went 0-2 on day one of the Freestyle tournament, but bounced back with a 4-0 showing on day two to win the Purple Pool.

Greco-Roman

■ Minnesota Blue - Pool A Match

#1 Quarterfinal: Minnesota Blue defeated Oklahoma Blue 56-26; Match #2 Semifinal: Minnesota Blue defeated Texas Gold 63-17; Match #3 1st Place Match: Minnesota Blue defeated Wisconsin 49-34; Gold/Silver Pool Match #1 Round 1: Minnesota Blue defeated Illinois 48-36; Match #2 Round 2: Ohio Red defeated Minnesota Blue 44-38; Match #3 Round 3: Michigan Blue defeated Minnesota Blue 42-39; Match #4 7th Place Match: Minnesota Blue defeated Utah 50-29.

■ Elias Motta - 149 - Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) over Abraham Gonzales (Texas Gold) TF 8-0; 149 - Josiah Beltran (Wisconsin) over Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) TF 12-1; 149 - Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) over Luke Banas (Illinois) Dec 7-2; 149 - Gavin Brown (Michigan Blue) over Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) Fall 1:57; 149 - Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) over Jack Burdick (Utah) DQ

■ Minnesota Red - Pool C Match #1 Quarterfinal: Iowa defeated Minnesota Red 60-18; Match #2 Cons. Round 1: Minnesota Red defeated Missouri 53-29; Match #3 Cons. Semi: Colorado defeated Minnesota Red 46-33; Red/Blue Pool - Match #1 Round 1: Georgia defeated Minnesota Red 63-15; Match #2 Round 2: Texas Gold defeated Minnesota Red 43-38; Match #3 Round 3: Washington defeated Minnesota Red 53-24; Match #4 7th Place Match: Minnesota Red defeated Tennessee 46-39;

■ Brian Berg - 125 - Adam Carey (Iowa) over Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) TF 10-2; 125 - Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) over Nicky Giacalone (Missouri) Fall 0:43; 125 - Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) over Josiah Fernandez (Colorado) Dec 12-10; 125 - Alex Choo (Texas Gold) over Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) TF 11-0; 125 - Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) over Waylon Hoyt (Washington) TF 10-0; 125 - Ryan Jones-Camp (Tennessee) over Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) TF 8-0.

Freestyle

■ Minnesota Blue - Pool A Match #1 Champ. Round 1: Minnesota Blue defeated Idaho 65-16; Match #2 Quarterfinal: Minnesota Blue defeated Connecticut 56-27; Match #3 Semifinal: Minnesota Blue defeated Oklahoma Blue 45-34; Match #4 1st Place Match: Ohio Scarlet defeated Minnesota Blue 47-31; Gold/Silver Pool Match #1 Round 1: California defeated Minnesota Blue 52-26; Match #2 Round 2: Illinois defeated Minnesota Blue 45-34; Match #3 Round 3: Wisconsin defeated Minnesota Blue 42-37; Match #4 7th Place Match: Minnesota Blue defeated Ohio Grey 44-36.

■ Elias Motta - 149 - Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) over Trysten Kibble (Oklahoma Blue) Fall 0:36; 149 - Tommy Rowlands (Ohio Scarlet) over Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) TF 12-1; 149 - Jayden Ramirez (California) over Elias Motta (Minnesota Blue) TF 10-0; 149 - Elias Motta [Continued on page 2]

TRF beats Warroad for first Senior Legion win

Thief River Falls American Legion Post 117 picked up its first win of the 2024 season in the form of a 6-5 win over Warroad Post 25 under the lights Friday night at the Multi-Events Center in Thief River Falls.

A single nine-inning game was played rather than a double header with two seven-inning games.

The Warriors got on the board in the top of the first. Leadoff hitter Kaison Petercheski singled. He advanced to second on a groundout to short by Ryan Chamernick and stayed put at second on a groundout by Liam Grover. Cleanup hitter Sam Hard was hit by a pitch from Post 117 starter Gannon Zutz to extend the inning, and Petercheski came around to score on an RBI-single by Kannon Hoffman.

Post 117 got on the board and took the lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. After reaching on an error in a scoreless at-bat for the Prowlers in the bottom of the first, Noah Gonzales reached base for the second time in the ballgame when he was hit by a pitch from Warroad starter Brock Thompson.

Gonzales was forced out at second when Bodhi Mossesstad hit into a fielder's choice for the scored out of the inning. Mossesstad advanced to third on a Warroad throwing error that also allowed Jameson Hurst to reach base successfully, and both baserunners moved into scor-

ing position when Wade Nelson drew a four-pitch walk.

Thompson struggled to find the zone again on the next batter as Landon Wikert drew a five pitch walk to score Mossesstad from third tie the game.

Cole Johnson, the seventh batter of the inning for Post 117, hit a hard ground ball to short to reach on an error and score Hurst from third to give Post 117 a 2-1 advantage.

Post 25 regained the lead with three runs on one hit in the top of the fifth. Chamernick and Grover were hit by pitches and Hard reached on an error that allowed Chamernick to score and tie the game. Grover scored on an RBI-single by Kannon Hoffman that gave Warroad a 3-2 lead, and Hard scored on a one-out sacrifice fly to left by Barrett Hunveit to give Post 25 a 4-2 lead.

Post 117 cut the deficit to one run after scoring a run on one hit in the bottom of the fifth. Jaxon Hams led off the inning and was hit by a pitch. He advanced to second two batters later when Bridger Wilcox reached on an error, and eventually scored on an RBI single by Hurst.

Post 117 took the lead for good in the bottom of the sixth inning. Wikert hit a one-out single. He moved to second when Johnson was hit by a pitch and scored on a one-out single by Cooper Lawrence. Hams lined out to left field but he drove the ball [Continued on page 2]

MSHSL Prep Championship Series re-scheduled for June 21

Field conditions and the weather forecast for Target Field in downtown Minneapolis led the Minnesota State High School League's Baseball State Tournament Championship games originally scheduled for Monday, June 17 to be postponed.

A news release on Monday, June 17 stated: "The weather models for today are worse than anticipated, and the remainder of the week is fore-

casted for continued inclement weather.

"Because of field conditions at alternative sites, and the availability of Target Field, the four Prep Championship Series games will be played at Target Field on Friday, June 21.

"The League is greatly appreciative of the partnership with the Minnesota Twins for making Target Field [Continued on page 2]



Frontier Wrestling Club wrestlers Brian Berg, left, and Elias Motta, center, along with Brody Ray, East Grand Forks, were participants in the 2024 14U USA Wrestling National Duals. (Submitted)

Motta and Berg compete for Team Minnesota/Continued

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■ Brian Berg - 125 - Howard Hill (Florida) over Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) TF 19-8; 125 - Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf: 125 - Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) over Mason Hopkins (Rhode Island White) TF 10-0; 125 - Howard Hill (Florida) over Brian Berg (Minnesota Red) TF 19-8.

TRF beats Warroad for first Senior Legion win/Continued

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 deep enough to allow Johnson to tag-up and score from third to put the Post 117 in front 5-4.

Post 117 added to its lead with an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth. Johnson led off the inning with a single up the middle. He advanced to second on a single by Hams, moved to third on an error and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Gonzales to make the score 6-4.

The insurance run would prove to be beneficial, with Post 25 plating an unearned run in top of the ninth.

Dylan Osowski picked up the win for Post 117. The lefty pitched one and two-thirds scoreless innings. He did not allow a hit while pitching around a pair of walks.

Osowski entered the game with one out in the

fifth inning in relief of Zutz, who allowed four runs (two earned) on three hits.

Mossestad pitched the final three innings for Post 117 to earn the save. He allowed one unearned run on one hit, with two walks and six strikeouts.

Post 117 improved to 1-2 with the win.

Scoring												
WAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
WAR.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	5	4	7	
TRF.....	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	6	7

Batting											
WARROAD POST 25	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO					
K. Petercheski	5	1	1	0	0	0					
R. Chamernick 2B, P2	2	0	0	2	0	0					
L. Grover 3B	4	1	0	0	2						
S. Hard LF	2	1	0	0	0	0					
Z. Rose LF	1	0	0	0	1						
K. Hoffman RF	5	0	2	2	0	3					
B. Hunveit DH	4	0	0	1	1	3					
B. Thompson P, 1B	5	0	1	0	0	0					
H. Sprouls CF	5	0	0	0	0	0					
Ben Norris C	3	0	0	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	4	3	4	9					

Highlights - TB: Kaison 1, Kannon 2, Brock 1; HBP: Ryan, Liam, Sam 2;

SB: Kannon; CS: Ben; E: Kaison, Ryan 3, Liam, Kannon, Jacob.

TRF Post 117											
C. Lawrence RF	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO					
J. Hams 3B	4	0	1	1	0	0					
N. Gonzales C	4	0	1	1	0	0					
B. Wilcox CF	5	1	1	0	0	1					
B. Mossestad DH, P	4	1	0	0	1						
J. Hurst LF	3	1	1	1	1						
W. Nelson 1B	1	0	0	0	3	1					
L. Wikert 1B	2	1	1	2	1						
L. Kriel 2B	0	0	0	0	0	0					
C. Johnson SS	2	2	1	0	0	0					
Totals	29	6	7	5	7	5					

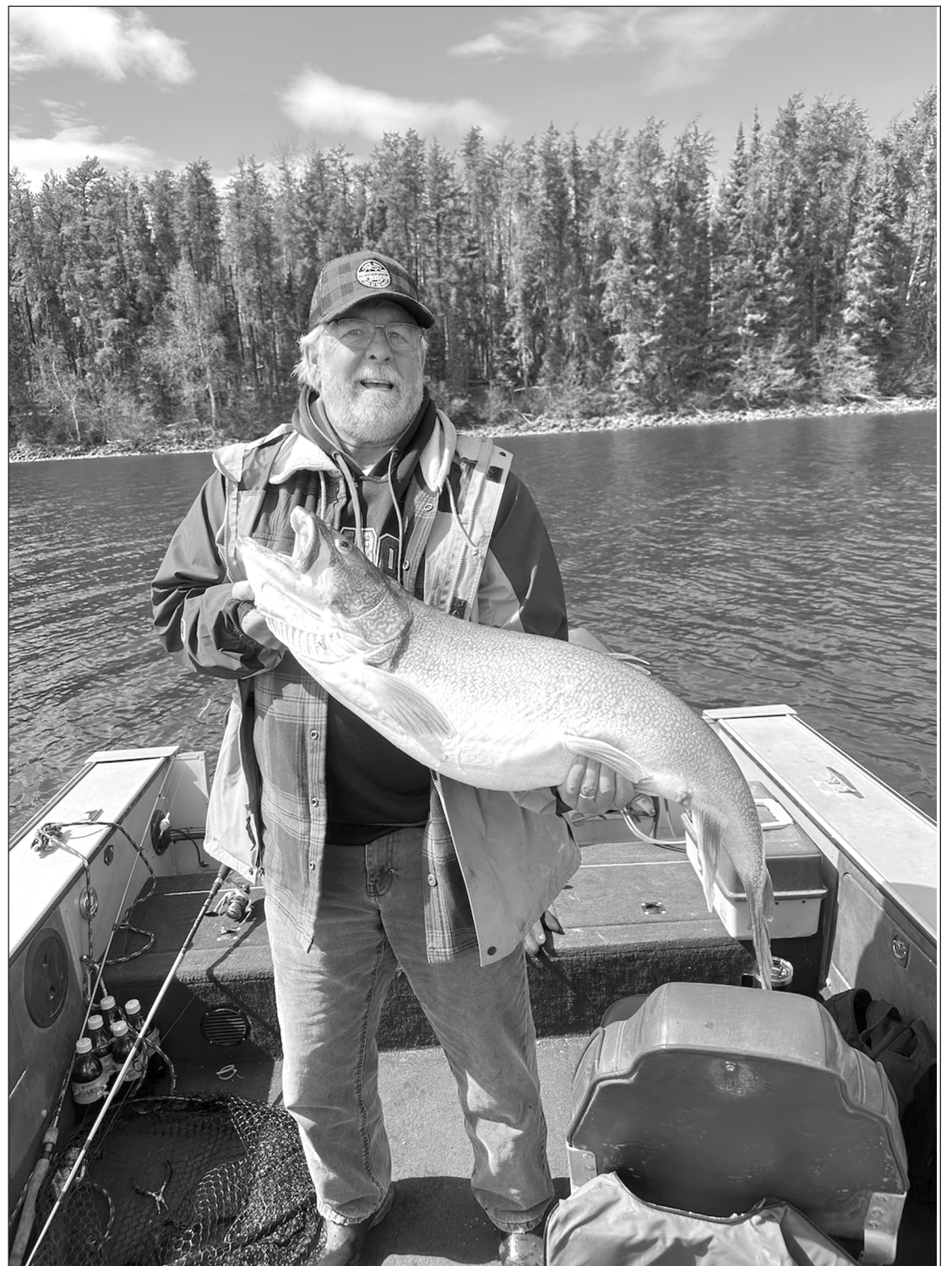
Highlights - TB: C. Johnson 1, N. Gonzales 1, L. Wikert 1, J. Hurst 1, J. Hams 1, B. Wilcox 1, C. Lawrence 1; HBP: C. Johnson, N. Gonzales, J. Hams; CS: N. Gonzales, J. Hurst; E: C. Johnson 2, J. Hurst, J. Hams 2.

Pitching											
WARROAD POST 25	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO					
B. Thompson	5.1	2	5	2	5	3					
J. McFarlane - L	1.2	3	1	0	2	2					
R. Chamernick	1.0	1	0	0	0	0					

TRF Post 117											
G. Zutz	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO					
D. Osowski - W	4.1	3	4	2	0	3					
B. Mossestad - S	3.0	1	1	0	2	6					

Highlights - TB: Kaison 1, Kannon 2, Brock 1; HBP: Ryan, Liam, Sam 2;

Loe's Lunger



Jeff Loe, Thief River Falls, reeled in this 43-inch lake trout during a fishing trip to Lake Kissinging in Manitoba in late May. Loe caught the fish in seven feet of water, fishing for walleye, using a lure that was given to him by Glen Peters (Coach Pete). The lure, pictured on the right, was one of many given to participants several years ago in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the annual English River fishing trip organized by Coach Pete. (Submitted)



MSHSL Prep Championship Series re-scheduled for June 21/Continued

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 available. The League appreciates our teams, schools and their communities' understanding and flexibility as the League works to provide teams with the best experience possible.

The Prep Championship series will feature four state championship games, beginning with second-seeded Parkers Prairie vs. fourth-seeded Springfield at 10 a.m. in the Class A Championship game.

The Class AA championship follows at 1 p.m., with number two Rockford against number four Foley.

Third-seeded Mahtomedi faces fourth-seeded Totino-Grace in the AAA championship game at 4:30 p.m.

The fourth and final championship game, the AAAA title game, features third-seeded East Ridge against fifth-seeded Mounds View at 7:30 p.m.

Class A State Tournament
 ■ Seeds - 1. Cherry 23-2; 2. Parkers Prairie 23-1; 3. Lyle-Pacelli 22-2; 4. Springfield 22-2; 5. New York Mills 18-6; Unseeded: Sacred Heart 19-3; Heritage Christian Academy 17-4; La qui Parle Valley 16-6.
 ■ Quarterfinals, Thursday, June 13, Joe Faber Field, St. Cloud - Parkers Prairie 3, Heritage Christian Academy 0; Sacred Heart 7, Lyle-Pacelli 5; Cherry 6, Lac qui Parle Valley 3; Springfield 4, New

York Mills 0.
 ■ Consolation semifinals, Friday, June 14 - Lyle-Pacelli 13, Heritage Christian Academy 3; New York Mills 14, Lac qui Parle Valley 8.

■ Consolation championship, Friday, June 14 - New York Mills 7, Lyle-Pacelli 3.

■ Semifinals, Friday, June 1 - Parkers Prairie 7, Sacred Heart 1; Springfield 4, Cherry 1.

■ Third place game, Friday, June 14 - Sacred Heart 5, Cherry 3

■ Championship, Friday, June 21, Target Field, 10 a.m. - Parkers Prairie vs. Springfield.

Class AA State Tournament
 ■ Seeds - 1. Esko 24-3; 2. Rockford 23-5; 3. Perham 22-2; 4. Foley 21-4; 5. Zumbrot-Mazeppa 17-7; Unseeded: Montevideo 21-4; Le Seuer-Henderson 19-5; Blake 14-10.

■ Quarterfinals, Thursday, June 13, Dick Putz Field, St. Cloud - Rockford 2, Blake 1; Le Seuer-Henderson 9, Perham 1; Esko 3, Montevideo 2; Foley 6, Zumbrot-Mazeppa 5.

■ Consolation semifinals, Friday, June 14 - Perham 6, Blake 5; Zumbrot-Mazeppa 8, Montevideo 5.

■ Consolation championship, Friday, June 14 - Perham 8, Zumbrot-Mazeppa 4

■ Semifinals, Friday, June 14 - Rockford 7, Le Seuer-Henderson 3; Foley 4, Esko 0.

■ Third place game, Friday, June 14 - Esko 4, Le Seuer-Henderson 1.

■ Championship, Friday, June 21, Target Field, 1 p.m. - Rockford vs. Foley.

Class AAA
 ■ Seeds - 1. Benilde-St. Margaret's 20-3; 2. Mankato East 20-5; 3. Mahtomedi 20-4; 4. Totino-Grace 16-8; 5. Little Falls 18-6; Unseeded - Grand Rapids 16-8, Northfield 14-9, St. Thomas

Academy 12-12.
 ■ Quarterfinals, Thursday, June 13 at Chaska Athletic Park - Grand Rapids 4, Mankato East 3; Mahtomedi 8, Northfield 1; Benilde-St. Margaret's 6, St. Thomas Academy 5; Totino-Grace 4, Little Falls 0.

■ Consolation semifinals, Friday, June 14 - Mankato East 4, Northfield 3; St. Thomas Academy 6, Little Falls 0.

■ Semifinals, Friday, June 14 - Mahtomedi 5, Grand Rapids 3; Totino-Grace 2, Benilde-St. Margaret's 0.

■ Consolation championship, Friday, June 14 - Mankato East 7, St. Thomas Academy 4.

■ Third place game, Friday, June 14 - Grand Rapids 5, Benilde-St. Margaret's 1.

■ Championship, Friday, March 21, Target Field, 4:30 p.m. - Mahtomedi vs. Totino-Grace.

Class AAAA
 ■ Seeds: 1. Wayzata 24-0; 2. Farmington 23-3; 3. East Ridge 18-6; 4. Minnetonka 17-7; 5. Mounds View 18-8; Unseeded - St. Cloud Crush 19-5, Forest Lake 13-11, East View 14-13.

■ Quarterfinals, Thursday, June 13 at CHS Field - Forest Lake 1, Farmington 0; East Ridge 7, Eat View 1; Wayzata 6, St. Cloud Crush 5; Mounds View 11, Minnetonka 1.

■ Consolation Semifinals, Friday, June 14 - East View 3, Farmington 1; Minnetonka 6, St. Cloud Crush 5.

■ Semifinals, Friday, June 14 - East Ridge 10, Forest Lake 1; Mounds View 5, Wayzata 4.

■ Consolation Championship, Friday, June 14 - Minnetonka 13, East View 3.

■ Third place game, Friday, June 14 - Wayzata 3, Forest Lake 0.

■ Championship, Friday, June 21, Target Field, 7:30 p.m.

1-5 start for TRF Post 117 Junior Legion team

The Thief River Falls American Legion Post 117 Junior Legion team went 1-5 in games played between Saturday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 12.

The TRF Junior Legion Prowlers opened the 2024 season with a doubleheader at Perham June 10 and dropped both games, falling by scores of 8-6 and 13-5.

Two days later, Post 117 led Red Lake Falls 6-0 through three innings in game one, but couldn't hold onto the lead in a 10-7 loss. Red Lake Falls started fast in game two, scoring nine runs in the bottom of the first, en route to a 10-4 win to complete the sweep over Thief River Falls.

Post 117 picked up its first win of the season Wednesday (June 12) in game one of a home double header against East Grand Forks. Post 117 led 5-1 through three innings in game two, but EGF scored five runs in the final three innings to steal a 6-5 win.

Game 1 - June 8												
TRF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TRF.....	0	0	0	2	2	0	6	7	4			
Per.....	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	1			

Batting											
TRF POST 117	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO					
L. Wikert 2B	4	2	2	0	0	0					
C. Johnson SS	4	1	1	0	0	1					
D. Osowski	4	1	2	3	0	1					
B. Wilcox CF	3	1	1	0	1	1					
K. Hams 1B	4	0	0	1	0	1					
C. Nelson LF	3	0	0	1	0	0					
R. Flaagan C	1	0	0	0	1	1					
C. Pream 3B	3	0	0	0	0	0					
U. Fox RF	3	1	1	0	1	1					
Totals	29	6	7	5	7	5					

Highlights - 2B: D. Osowski; HBP: R. Flaagan; SB: C. Johnson, D. Osowski, R. Flaagan; E: C. Johnson, L. Wikert; K. Hams, C. Pream.

Pitching											
TRF POST 117	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO					
C. Johnson - L	0.1	5	8	7	4	1					
J. Kelly	5.2	3	0	0	1	3					

Game 2 - June 8

TRF Post 117												
Per.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Per.....	4	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	X	-	13	11

Batting											
TRF POST 117	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO					
L. Wikert 2B	3	1	0	0	1	1					
C. Johnson SS	4	0	0	0	1	1					
B. Wilcox CF	2	1	1	0	2	0					
K. Hams 3B	1	0	0	0	0	0					
C. Pream 3B	1	1	1	0	2	0					
C. Nelson LF	3	1	1	1	0	0					
R. Flaagan DH	3	1	1	2	1	1					
C. Skjervan 1B	4	0	1	1	0	0					
G. Haugen C	3	0	2	0	0	0					
J. Kelly RF	3	0	1	0	0	0					
D. Osowski P	1	0	0	0	0	0					
Totals	28	5	8	4	7	3					

Highlights - 2B: C. Nelson, R. Flaagan; SB: L. Wikert; E: B. Wilcox, G. Haugen, C. Pream.

Pitching											
TRF POST 117	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO					
D. Osowski - L	1.1	3	7	6	3						
U. Fox	4.2	8	4	3	4						

Game 1 - June 10												
TRF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TRF.....	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	7	8	1		
RLF.....	0	0	4	3	1	2	X	-	10	14	0	

Batting											
TRF POST 117	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO					
C. Johnson SS	3	0	0	0	1	0					
D. Osowski LF	2	2	0	0	1	1					
K. Mehrkens CF, P	1	2	0	3	1						
K. Hams 3B	4	1	3	1	0	0					
C. Nelson 2B, P	2	2	1	2	0						
R. Flaagan C	1	0	0	2	1	0					
C. Skjervan 1B	4	0	2	2	0	0					
U. Fox RF	2	0	1	0	0	0					
J. Kelly RF	2	0	0	0	0	0					
C. Pream P, 2B	2	0	1	0	1	0					
Totals	23	7	8	7	9	2					

Highlights - 2B: K. Hams, U. Fox; C. Pream; SB: D. Osowski; SF: R. Flaagan; E: C. Skjervan.

Pitching									
TRF POST 117	IP								



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Sera Johnson

Current Sport: Track
Events: Shot and Disc
Favorite Subject: Gym
Favorite Sports Team: Mankato
Favorite Food: Cheese bun
Favorite Movie/TV show: Outer Banks
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Indoor Season
Other Sports/Activities: Volleyball
Hobbies outside of athletics: Hanging out with friends.
Plans After High School: Attending Mankato for health and physical education.

Kennett Kezar

Current Sport: Baseball
Position: First base/pitcher
Favorite Subject: Shop
Favorite Sports Team: Timberwolves
Favorite Food: Brisket
Favorite Movie/TV show: The Office
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Menahga playoff game/any playoff games.
Other Sports/Activities: Football, hockey
Hobbies outside of athletics: Hunting, fishing going to the lake.
Plans After High School: Got to Northland for criminal justice.



Jace Erickson

Current Sport: Baseball
Position: Center field
Favorite Subject: History
Favorite Sports Team: Minnesota Wild
Favorite Food: Steak and potatoes
Favorite Movie/TV show: Friday Night Lights
Career Highlight/favorite memory: The bus rides
Other Sports/Activities: Hockey
Hobbies outside of athletics: Lifting, golf, gaming, pickleball
Plans After High School: Junior hockey

Chase Manderud

Current Sport: Baseball
Position: First base
Favorite Subject: Wood shop
Favorite Sports Team: Twins
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Movie/TV show: Trailer Park Boys
Career Highlight/favorite memory: Summer tournaments
Other Sports/Activities: Football, basketball
Hobbies outside of athletics: Hanging out with friends
Plans After High School: Become an electrician



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Time to reflect on fathers



"You know I'll always be there when you need me, right?"

Forget what you've seen in the movies, particularly the National Treasure: Book of Secrets movie with Nicolas Cage, Sylvan Lake, located in Custer State Park, S.D., is far more scenic, far more stunning. A mixture of slender and blunt granite rock formations seem to burst forth from the clear lake toward an azure blue sky. It's surrounded by beautiful walking trails, and visitors can rent kayaks and canoes. The scene before you will make you want to sit and gather in the view for future reflection.

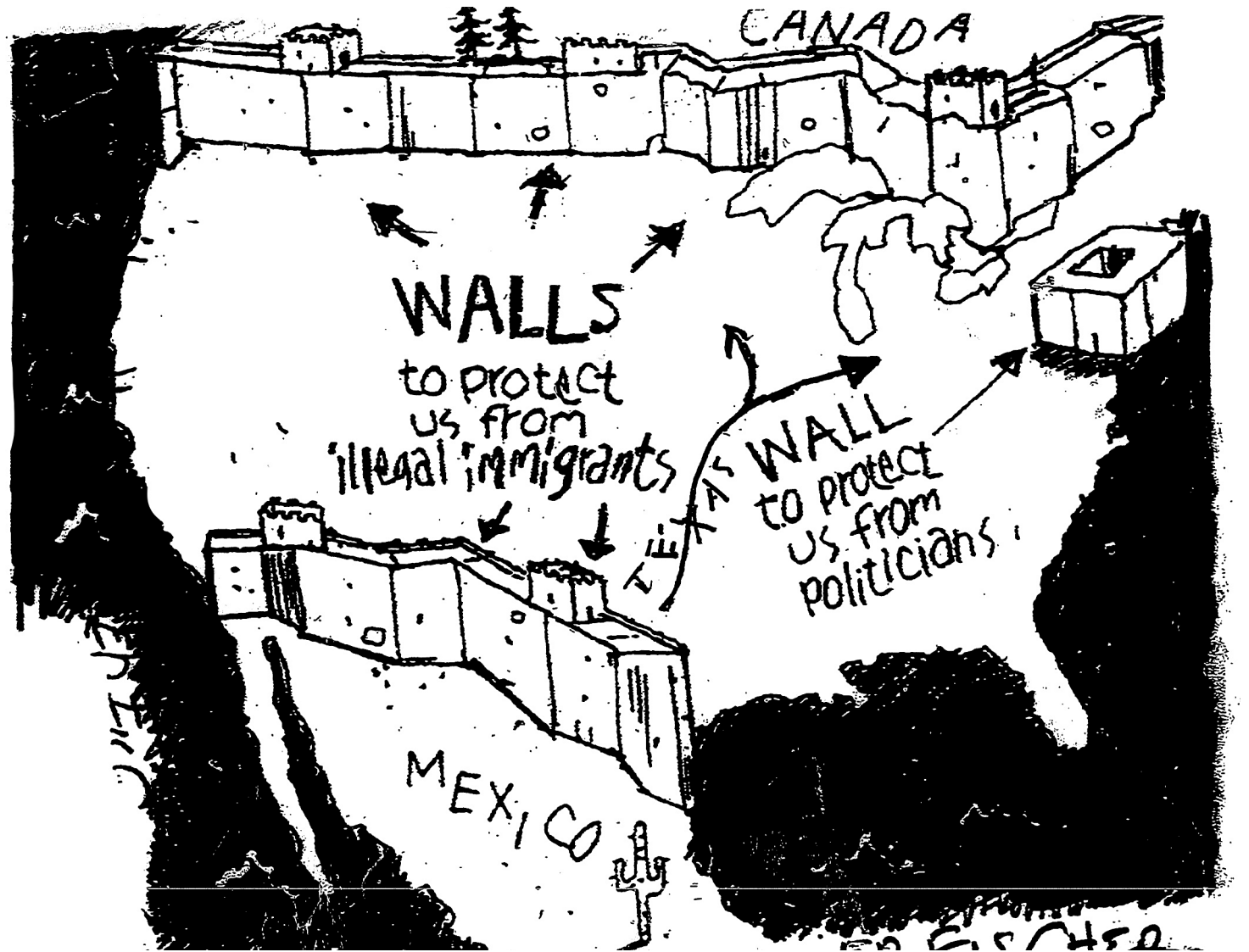
Last week, I visited my dad in Rapid City, S.D., and, of course, we reflected on stories from the past. We also made some new memories while visiting some sights in the Black Hills. Sylvan Lake was on our list. It had been years since I had visited Sylvan Lake, and driven the winding and narrow Needles Highway. I shared with Dad that on one of our last trips down Needles Highway, he drove a large RV filled with visitors on the highway and wildlife loop of Custer State Park ... with abandon. If you're familiar at all with the road, it's a very narrow and sometimes one-laned affair. It's a tight squeeze for buses and large RVs, and has lots of tight switchbacks. We weren't in a rush, but we zipped through the tunnels, switchbacks and narrow roads as if we were on a downhill slalom course. I think my mom noticed that our guests were white-knuckling it. All she said was "Dennis!" He just smiled.

I think that sometimes we become so experienced or bored with our well-worn paths that we take them for granted - don't appreciate the efforts that came before or changes that affect us as we age.

This particular day, we decided to walk the path around Sylvan Lake. The first quarter-mile or so is gentle and flat, but the area behind and below the dam is not so gentle. It's up-and-down steep, the path is rocky, steps uneven, and there are exposed roots to trip over. I was busy wrangling our one-year-old puppy. She wasn't bad. In fact, I have to admit she was an angel, which pleased me. But, I chastised myself as I looked behind me and saw my 88-year-old father scrambling over the rocks and paths. "Stupid," I said of myself. "I should have known better." At the moment, my dad was crab crawling up a granite escarpment. But then, he just stood up. He wasn't even winded. "You OK?," he asked.

Life isn't slow. It may seem to drag by because of our frenetic schedules, but in the blink of an eye, it all changes. As I sat next to my dad on a bench at the end of the trail and gazed upon the beauty of Sylvan Lake, I was reminded how important it is to set aside time to reflect, even deliberately create opportunities to pause during our busy lives. It helps give us proper perspective, and time to decompress.

My dad turned to me and said, "The first time I took you here I carried you in my arms."



Sea Turtle Conservation: How a small town community can make an impact

To the Editor:

In 2017, a Loggerhead Turtle named Yoshi was released and traveled 22,000 miles to return to its nesting site in Japan. They found this out by putting a satellite tag on her back shell. Yoshi lived in a rehabilitation center and aquarium for 20 years in South Africa before being released. Researchers were astonished after finding out how far sea turtles will travel to return home.

Did you know, only about 1 in 1,000 sea turtles survive to adulthood? They typically die early from nesting sites being disturbed, being eaten by predators, being caught in fishing nets, and eating plastic by mistake. Plastic bags in the water look just like sea turtle's

favorite food, jellyfish!

Why is this important? All sea turtles in the U.S. are endangered, and even though they are thousands of miles away from us, there is so much we can do to help protect these precious creatures. What can you do in Thief River Falls to be a sea defender?

1. Not using plastic bags when possible. Did you know at Walmart you can request not to have your groceries put in plastic bags when you get a pick-up order? You can also make or purchase reusable bags to bring to stores instead of using the store's plastic bags.

2. When possible, less plastic packaging is best. Use a refillable water bottle from home instead of buy-

ing plastic water bottles. Look for packaging that is compost friendly, so it will decompose on its own and won't make its way back to the oceans.

3. Reuse and recycle when you do need to buy plastic.

4. Picking up trash anywhere and everywhere. All rivers lead to the ocean, so keeping our community clean will help all creatures including sea turtles!

5. Biking, walking, running, or even riding your scooter instead of driving in milder months helps with climate change. These small changes make a big difference to animals and humans everywhere!

I love nature, and I want to protect it. I want to spread awareness now, so

these endangered turtles do not go extinct before I get older and am able to do something about it. I am just a kid, but I want to try to do as much as I can to make a difference for endangered animals and the earth. I have adopted a Hawksbill turtle from the Sea Turtle Conservation. Her name is Bella and she is currently near the Bahamas. We check on her every day on the Sea Turtle Conservancy Turtle Tracker App. You can also adopt and track a sea turtle by visiting conserveturtles.org.

If you want to learn more, check out these books at the library; Yoshi's Big Swim One Turtle's Epic Journey Home, Go Wild! Sea Turtles National Geographic Kids, Adelita A Turtle's Journey.

Thank you,
Emmett Knodel

Thanks from the Class of 1979

To The Times,

The Lincoln High School Class of 1979 had a wonderful 45th class reunion this past weekend. We gathered and reconnected by telling stories of when we were in school and catching up on what is new in our lives. Always a good time with these "brothers and sisters."

We want to thank you and the supporting area businesses for the full-page expose in last week's edition of The Times. It feels so

good to be welcomed back to our hometown. What a generous and heartfelt tribute to our beloved class.

When in school, we were always supported by local businesses and individuals in all that we did—especially the Times (who could forget Marv Lundin at nearly every event with his camera and a smile) – whether it was sports, musical activities or other, the town supported and nourished us. It made us feel special then,

and it does now.

Many of us are now retired or in the process. But when we look at those photos from our days in high school, we feel like we are young and just starting out again.

Thank you for supporting us for so many decades. We are truly grateful.

With gratitude,
Members of the LHS Class of 1979

(Editor's note: Emmett Knodel is the 7-year-old second grade son of Caitie Joppru-Knodel. He currently lives in West Fargo, but previously lived in Thief River Falls. Sea turtle conservation is very important to him. His mom wrote to say he did the research, and told her what he wanted to write, and she guided, typed, and put it together for him. She said he sat with her for hours reading, writing, and researching.)

Feeding Our Children fraud

Johnson blasts Administration

Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) held a press conference to respond to a devastating report from the nonpartisan Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) reviewing Minnesota Department of Education's (MDE) oversight of the non-profit Feeding Our Future. The report found MDE's oversight of Feeding Our Future to be inadequate and that "MDE's actions and inactions created opportunities for fraud."

The OLA report had three themes:

- MDE failed to act on warning signs known to the department prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and prior to the start of the alleged fraud
- MDE did not effectively exercise its authority to hold Feeding Our Future accountable to program requirements
- MDE was ill-prepared to respond to the issues it encountered with Feeding Our Future

"In 2022, Senate Republicans held three hearings to get to the bottom of the Feeding our Future scheme that was rocking headlines and eroding the trust of Minnesotans," Johnson said. "Today, the OLA report demonstrates we are completely vindicated with our concerns and assessment that MDE failed to do even the most basic of accountability measures to protect

taxpayers' dollars and ensure food meant to feed children reached the children who needed it."

A 2022 Senate Education Committee issued a report after several hearings with MDE staff and commissioners that had essentially the same three findings as the OLA:

- MDE did not follow related state and federal law
- MDE practiced questionable business practices that would seldom survive in a work environment that provided real accountability
- MDE lacked administrative direction and seems divorced from reality and what was demanded of it

Earlier this week, a separate audit report showed the OLA could not verify about 41% of Frontline Worker Pay bonuses made

in 2023, resulting in about \$205 million in unverified payments. Previous OLA reports found \$3.5 million in overpayments through the RentHelp program, and millions of fraudulent dollars through DHS programs for child care assistance, adult day care centers, opioid treatment, and more.

"Nothing changes, if nothing changes," Johnson said. "Either Gov. Walz starts to hold his politically-appointed commissioners and their staff accountable, or the waste, fraud, and abuse of the taxpayers' dollars will continue. In the meantime, government spending will go up, services will be wasted, and Minnesotans will be left wondering just whether or not the high taxes they pay are being put to their best use."

Sen. Smith: Medical debt rule

Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) celebrated a new proposed rule from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) shielding consumers' credit scores from being impacted by medical debt. The announcement came after Smith, along with nine of her colleagues, urged the agency to take action. According to the CFPB's own report, there is over \$88 billion in medical debt on consumer credit records.

"You can't choose when you get sick – it happens

whether we like it or not. You shouldn't be punished with a lower credit score just because you needed medical care," said Smith. "This move by the Biden Administration puts the American people first, and I'm glad they listened to me and my colleagues who pushed for this new rule."

The move by the CFPB compliments actions by the Minnesota State Legislature, which passed the Debt Fairness Act as part of a large omnibus bill signed by Gov. Walz in May.

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Silver Creek Lutheran to celebrate 125 years

by Connie Stock

Silver Creek Lutheran Church of rural Thief River Falls is celebrating its 125th anniversary Sunday, June 23. The celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a church service, followed by dinner and a 1:30 p.m. program. The celebration will end with dessert and yard games. Everyone is invited to join all or part of the day's activities. Cookbooks, embroidered dish towels, a history/directory, a quilt raffle, and memorabilia will be available during the day.

A group of stalwart pioneers met March 12, 1899, to organize a new church congregation. The fledging congregation first met in homes, and by 1906, a church building had been erected on the present site of Silver Creek Lutheran Church, located 3 miles east of Thief River Falls on Highway 1, and 5.7 miles north on County Road 20/12. The church was



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named for a nearby creek and was served by a circuit pastor, Halvor Bjornson. A new church was built in 1949, and after a Palm Sunday fire destroyed that

building in 1961, the present church was built.

Silver Creek has a rich heritage of a committed congregation who has worked to keep its doors open when other rural churches are closing their doors. Beginning in alliance with the Norwegian Synod Church of America, then the American Lutheran Church, Silver Creek is now a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Throughout the years, activities have included choirs; Bible studies; men's, women's, and family groups; youth groups; Lutheran Daughters of America; Sunday School; Vacation Bible School; confirmation; and special programs. Although youth groups have been consolidated with Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, and ministry services shared with Zion, the people of Silver Creek are still actively involved in support of their church.

WELCA continues to thrive. Quilting fills the winter months. The trustees continue to maintain the building, yard and cemetery, which is a testament to care, and there is never a need to ask twice for volunteers to do whatever needs to be done.

This is still a home for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and family celebrations, and every Christmas Eve, lights beckon through the darkness to welcome friends and strangers alike to join in the celebration of Jesus' birth and know, for a moment, the feeling of peace on earth.

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Sunday, June 23: Pastor Ron Pederson - 8 a.m. St. Petri Divine Service; 9:30 a.m. Oak Park Fundraiser Brunch Buffet; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth Divine Service with Communion; 11 a.m. Oak Park Divine Service

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Sunday, June 23: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship; 10 a.m. Faith Worship; 7 p.m. Bethany Worship (7 p.m. services - come as you are - outdoors, weather permitting)

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218-416-0178
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Saturdays: Bible Study at 10:20 a.m., Worship at 11:30 a.m.

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Saturdays: Services at 10 a.m.

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Pastor Kristin Ostercamp
22379 170th Ave. NE, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-7079

Sunday, June 23: Silver Creek 125th Anniversary ~ Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Linda Kaushagen, Lay Visitation and Senior Outreach
325 Horace Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-1310
www.trinitylutherantrif.org

Sundays: Worship Service at 9 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship following the service; Sunday School 10 a.m.

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web: <https://www.bethlehem-nazareth.org>
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YouTube: Bethlehem and Nazareth Lutheran Church

Wednesday, June 19: Nazareth Church Clean-Up at 5 p.m.

Sundays: Worship Services - Bethlehem at 9 a.m. and Nazareth at 11 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.

Fellowship dinner 2nd Sunday of each month.

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Rural Strandquist
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service

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Jonathan Dodson, Pastor
P.O. Box 98, Plummer
Phone: (218) 465-4525
1315 6th St. NE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Phone: 218-253-2589

Sunday, June 23: 9 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer; 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel (Pr Jonathan); 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen)

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Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Kids' Klub, Youth, and Adult Bible Study

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Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Video Bible Study; 3 p.m. Bible Study

Thursdays: 10 a.m. Chit Chat

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Clark Hjelle, Pastor
P.O. Box 96, 111 Third Ave. W., Viking, MN
Cell: (218) 202-1056

Sundays: Worship services at 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

Special events as announced.

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Sheila Michaels, Pastor
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Sundays: Worship at 9 a.m.

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Gary Barrett, Pastor
P.O. Box 86, Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-8785
Web: newfoldenefc.org
E-mail: nefc@wiktel.com

Wednesday, June 19: 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, June 20: 5:30 p.m. CE Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

Saturday, June 22: 7 a.m. Men's Prayer; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ark in the Park - VBS Day Camp at Lake Bronson State Park

Sunday, June 23: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Rev. Stephanie White
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Phone: (218) 681-3390
E-mail: redemertf@gvtel.com
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Phone: (218) 681-4716

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Plummer, MN

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Missouri Synod
Pastor: Jeffrey S. Lytle
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Phone: 218-253-2987

Sundays: Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.; Divine Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Kevin Hall, Pastor
321 Minnesota Ave. E., Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-7925
Web: westakerfree.lutheran.360unite.com
Facebook: Westaker Free Lutheran Church
Email: westakerflc@wiktel.com

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. - Kids' Club, Youth and Colossians Bible Study

Sundays: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; Trumpet of Truth at 7 p.m. on KTRF.

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Phone: (218) 289-1735
Email: gnoel@gmail.com

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157 West Iowa Ave., Newfolden
P.O. Box 185, Newfolden
Phone: (218) 523-3932

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Rev. Timothy Lundeen, Pastor
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Phone: (218) 689-0042 • (218) 378-4499
E-mail: prtim@gvtel.com

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Timothy Self, Pastor
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Phone: (218) 681-1469
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218-556-1545
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4th Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; In-Person Service at 5 p.m.; Potluck at 6 p.m.

Tuesdays: Men's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 19: 5:30 p.m. Supper; 6:15 p.m. Worship

Sunday, June 23: Worship at 9 a.m.; 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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LEGALS

June 19, 26, 2024
**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT**

Court File No.: 57-PR-24-374
In Re: Estate of
Mark Rindahl,
Decedent.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

IT IS ORDERED and notice is hereby given that on the **16th day of July, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.,** a hearing will be held in the above named Court via Zoom (instructions available upon request), for adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of LuAnn Rindahl whose address is 39080 130th Street Northeast, Goodridge, MN 56725 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if 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 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.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required 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 14th day of June, 2024.
/s/ Tamara Yon
Judge of District Court
/s/ Michael L. Jorgenson
Michael L. Jorgenson
CHARLSON & JORGENSEN, P.A.
119 West Second Street
P. O. Box 506
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218) 681-4002
Atty. Reg. No. 186144

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HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Pennington County is searching for a motivated individual interested in being a Highway Equipment Operator for the Highway Department. Be a part of our team in shaping the future of the County and providing the public with a safe and dependable road system.

Applications will be received until 10:00 AM July 8, 2024 for the position of Highway Equipment Operator. High School diploma or equivalent desirable. Minimum of three years operating light to heavy construction and maintenance equipment and vehicles. Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class "A" Commercial Driver's License required. May be required to obtain endorsements as delegated after employment. May be required to obtain commercial applicator's license as assigned.

A detailed job description and application can be obtained at the Office of the County Engineer at 250 125th Avenue NE (behind Westside Motors) in Thief River Falls, MN, via email ljmarquis@co.pennington.mn.us or online at: <https://co.pennington.mn.us>: click on "Employment."

Pennington County offers 12 paid holidays, excellent health insurance, vacation and sick leave.

The 2024 Pay Range for the position is \$23.49 to \$30.13.
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CITY CLERK**

The City of Stephen is seeking applications for a full-time City Clerk. Position reports to the mayor and four councilmembers and is responsible for all statutory functions and legal requirements of the Office of City Clerk. Candidates should demonstrate leadership skills as well as strong interpersonal, public relations, and computer skills. Accounting degree or equivalent work experience preferred. Benefits package includes health insurance, public retirement, vacation, and sick leave. Starting salary range is \$60,000-\$80,000 depending on qualifications. Full job description can be obtained by e-mailing cityclerk@stephenmn.com. Position open until filled. Send cover letter, resume, and references to:

**City Of Stephen
PO Box 630
Stephen, MN 56757
218-478-3614
cityclerk@stephenmn.com**

PENNINGTON HEALTH SERVICES

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FT RN Manager - Days**

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**7-12 Special Education Teacher
Title I Teacher**

Interested applicants should submit completed resume, transcript, licensure, and 3 letters of reference to Superintendent Drew Kjono.

Drew Kjono
Stephen-Argyle Central Schools
PO Box 68
Stephen, MN 56757
dkjono@sac.k12.mn.us



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Northwest Regional Development Commission
Attn: Heather Pender
109 South Minnesota Street
Warren, MN 56762
heather@nwrdc.org



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Full-time Registered Nurse

McIntosh Senior Living (MSL) is currently accepting applications for a Full-time Registered Nurse to work the med cart and RN Charge shifts.

Responsibilities: capable of doing admissions, discharges, resident assessments, weekly skin charting, obtaining Dr's orders and assessing resident conditions. The RN will need to provide direct directions and supervision to the direct care staff. Also requires good communication and documentation skills and positive interaction with residents, families and co-workers.

MSL offers Free single health insurance, family health insurance, HSA (facility contributes \$1,500 yearly) Sign on bonus, PTO, 401k, dental, vision, life and short-term disability, holiday pay, retention/incentive bonus, competitive wages and scholarship program/loan payments. Credit is given for experience.

Interested people should send resume to McIntosh Senior Living 600 Riverside Ave NE, McIntosh, MN 56556, attention Tricia Brua, Director of Nursing or call 218-563-2715.

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Early Childhood Positions Available

Would you like an opportunity to work with our youngest learners? Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Would you like to work in a family-friendly environment? Are you looking for a career with great benefits?

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start program to begin mid-August 2024.

Home Visitor: Position works with one-on-one with families of children, providing in home child & parent education visits on a weekly basis. Office location TBD – potentially Oklee, Bagley, or McIntosh, based on the caseload. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires minimum of Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. **OPEN UNTIL FILLED.**
2 openings in our Head Start program – 10 months a year with a summer layoff. Works primarily with families ages 3-5 years.
1 opening in our Early Head Start program – year round position. Works primarily with families of children ages birth-3 years.

Classroom Assistant Teacher: 40 hours a week, 10 month position – with a summer layoff, classroom located in Bagley, MN. Work with a team to provide care and education to children ages 3-4 years in a classroom setting; primary duties include assisting the teacher in the classroom with group activities, cleaning, assisting children with handwashing/toothbrushing, and transporting meals. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. **OPEN UNTIL FILLED.**

Classroom Assistant Teacher – Long Term Substitute: 30-40 hours a week, potentially 3 month position – classroom located in Thief River Falls, MN. Work with a team to provide care and education to children ages 3-4 years in a classroom setting; primary duties include assisting the teacher in the classroom with group activities, cleaning, assisting children with handwashing/toothbrushing, and transporting meals. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. **Applications due June 20, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

For much more information on the position duties, qualifications and benefits visit our website at:
www.intercountycc.org/careers/

Application is available on the website. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycc.org. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.
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June 12, 19, 2024
**STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
 NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 DISTRICT COURT
 (PROBATE DIVISION)**
 Court File No.: 57-PR-24-263
**In Re: Estate of
 Mark H. Hagen,**
 Decedent.
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING
 ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
 OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
 AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at, Minnesota and via Zoom, on a petition for the appointment of Catherine Hagen, whose address is 14105 185th Avenue NE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.
 Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.
 Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
 Dated: 4/19/2024

BY THE COURT
 /s/ Tamara Von
 Judge of District Court
 Dated: 4/19/2024
 /s/ Joanie Simpson
 Court Administrator

Nathan Haase
 Ihie Sparby & Haase PA
 Attorney for Petitioner
 312 North Main Ave.
 Thief River Falls, MN 56701
 (218) 681-7373

June 19, 26, 2024
**NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR
 ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL
 BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
 DISTRICT NO. 561
 GOODRIDGE**

STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 561 shall begin on July 30th, 2024, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13th, 2024.
 The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.
 Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 201 Osmund Ave, Goodridge, MN 56725. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.
 The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13th, 2024.
 Dated: June 10, 2024
**BY ORDER OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD**
 /s/ Leah Bothum
 School District Clerk

June 19, 26, July 3, 2024
**STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
 NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 DISTRICT COURT**
 Court File No.: 57-CV-24-369
TITLE QUETING SUMMONS
 Marilyn R. Swanson,
 Plaintiff,
 Francis E. Regnier, a/k/a Frank E. Regnier; the unknown heirs of Francis E. Regnier, a/k/a Frank E. Regnier, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein,
 Defendants.
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney an Answer to the Complaint which is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court, within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Pennington, State of Minnesota, described as follows:
 Lots 23 and 24, Block 53, Townsite of Thief River Falls, commonly referred to as the Original Townsite of Thief River Falls.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the above described real property and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the defendants.
 Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.
 Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024.
IHLE SPARBY & HAASE PA
 By: /s/ Delray Sparby
 Delray Sparby, #183398
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 312 North Main Avenue
 P.O. Box 574
 Thief River Falls, MN 56701
 (218)-681-7373

June 19, 2024
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS
 COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
 STATE OF MINNESOTA**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Thief River Falls, County of Pennington, State of Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on July 2, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the Thief River Falls City Council Chambers in City Hall, 405 Third Street East, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, for the consideration of adoption of an interim ordinance imposing a moratorium on the commercial cultivation and retail sales of cannabis within the city limits of Thief River Falls until January 1, 2025, for the purpose to study and adopt an ordinance regulating the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business.

All persons wishing to comment on this interim ordinance will have the option to be heard at that time. Persons who wish to submit written comments prior to the hearing or who have questions should address them to the office of Economic/Community Development, City Hall, P.O. Box 528, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, or telephone 218-681-8506.
 If you have a disability and need accommodation in order to attend this hearing, please contact the Economic/Community Development Director at the above address or phone number.
 Dated this 14th day of June 2024
 CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS
 /s/ Richard L. Baker
 Economic/Community Development
 Director

June 19, 2024
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
 PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
 COMMISSIONERS
 JUSTICE CENTER BOARD ROOM
 MAY 28, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.**

Pursuant to M.S. 375.07, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Members Present: Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, Roy Sourdif, David Sorenson, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: None.
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 The Chairman asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. The County Coordinator stated that the County Sheriff can be removed from the agenda. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sourdif, to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.
Recognition of Citizens: None.
 Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Sourdif, to approve the County Board minutes of May 14th, 2024, as written. Motion carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Sourdif, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$285,151.11, payment to ReadTech IT Solutions for April/May email and archiving services totaling \$1,700.38, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.
**County Revenue.....\$113,510.56
 Road & Bridge.....\$85,723.45
 Solid Waste Facility\$3,350.11
 Ditch Funds\$1,800.00**
 Meal reimbursements and per diems in the amount of \$25.81 were also approved.
 Advance TR Executive Director Michelle Landsverk presented an update and activity report to the County Board. They were awarded \$100k from MN DEED through the Small Business Assistance Partnership Grant and have launched several activities including Money Smart for Small Business, Accelerator, Next Generation Coaching, and Business Navigator. \$45k was also received from the NW MN Foundation to implement a "Welcoming Communities" project for recruitment/retention of employees. They assisted with the expansion project of Discovery Place and established a charitable fund for childcare projects with a goal to raise \$100k to help daycare providers meet and maintain their licensing. Commissioner Peterson commented that he believes the county's \$25k in financial support has been well worth it and thanked her for her work. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon vote was unanimously carried. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
 ADVANCE THIEF RIVER - FISCAL
 AGENT**
WHEREAS, it has been requested that the County of Pennington agrees to act as the fiscal agent regarding receipt and distribution of grant funds received by Advance Thief River for the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Welcoming Communities Grant.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Pennington agrees to act as the fiscal agent for the receipt and distribution of the Advance Thief River's grant award from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Welcoming Communities Grant.
 Human Services Director Julie Sjostrand presented the consent agenda from the May 21, 2024, Human Service Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for May 21st, 2024 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:
SECTION A
 I. To approve the April 16, 2024, Human Service Committee Meeting minutes.
 II. To approve the agency's personnel action as presented.
 III. A. To approve the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) Service Agreement between Thief River Falls Public Schools and Pennington County Human Services as presented.
SECTION B
 I. To approve payment of the Agency's bills.
 Ms. Sjostrand then expressed her appreciation to County Attorney Seamus Duffy for his assistance to the Human Services Department during his tenure with the county, and she wished him well in his new position.
 The Engineer was not yet present so the Auditor-Treasurer was asked to present their Board items.
County Auditor-Treasurer Items:
 Auditor-Treasurer Jennifer Herzberg presented a quote from Garden Valley Technologies for county IT services including firewall management, help desk support, server and desktop maintenance, etc. in the amount of \$6,957.50/month (pricing may fluctuate based on number of workstations). She noted that the LEC will continue to receive IT services from ABM Technology. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve a quote by Garden Valley Technologies for county IT services in the amount of \$6,957.50/month (price may vary) effective June 1st, 2024. Motion carried. It was noted that the conversion of IT services will cause overlap with ABM Technology for the month of June, 2024.
 Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to discontinue an agreement with ABM Technology Group for county IT services, with the exception of the Law Enforcement Center, effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried.
County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the following Highway department items:
 Engineer Flaagan noted that bids for CSAH#17, CSAH#3, and CR#52 were opened on May 15th, 2024, as duly

advertised. The following four bids were received:
Quality Spray Foam, LLC.....
.....\$232,299.20
Rigid Excavating, LLCs264,114.00
Taggart Excavating & Septic Service.....\$282,863.00
Lytle Wilkens, Inc.....\$286,159.00
 The Engineer's estimate for the projects was \$251,653.00. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sourdif, to accept and approve the low bid of Quality Spray Foam, LLC (DBA Anderson Excavating) in the amount of \$232,299.20. Following discussion, the motion was carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to hold a Public Hearing in the Justice Center Board Room on July 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. regarding a petition by the City of TRF and the RLWD to outlet a portion of the City's municipal stormwater system to CD#70. Motion carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to adopt the Findings and Order Accepting Petition and Directing Further Proceedings as related to the petition by the City of TRF and RLWD to outlet municipal stormwater to CD#70. Motion carried.
 Engineer Flaagan discussed a petition by Kevin Tharaldson for partial abandonment of CD#39, noting that the landowner is concerned about related costs, which are estimated to be over \$600. Mr. Flaagan recommended that the petitioner be responsible for the costs of the abandonment. The Engineer will talk to Mr. Tharaldson regarding the petition, which the Board took under advisement.
 The Engineer stated that the contractor for the Kratka bridge has experienced some delays with testing, but they are still on track to complete the project in July, 2024, as scheduled.
County Coordinator Items:
 Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sourdif, to approve the hire of Angela Marie Larson as Crime Victim Services Advocate effective May 29th, 2024. Motion carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sourdif, to approve a quote by Brodin Comfort Systems in the amount of \$13,752.00 for the purchase and installation of a Mitsubishi 3-ton air conditioner for the server room in the Justice Center. Motion carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve a quote by TRF Lock & Key in the amount of \$4,989.00 for the purchase and installation of 12 new door locks and related materials for the Government Center. Motion carried.
 Motioned by Commissioner Sourdif, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve an application for a fire-works permit for Red Lake Gaming / Seven Clans Casino for a display to be held on July 4, 2024. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports /
 Commissioner Updates:**
 Commissioner Nelson reminded the Board members of the AMC District 3 meeting that will be held on June 6 from 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. in Brooks, MN.
 Motioned by Commissioner Sourdif, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to June 11th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.
ATTEST:
 Kevin Erickson, County Coordinator
 Pennington County
 Seth Nelson, Chairman
 Board of Commissioners
**PENNINGTON COUNTY'S
 WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION**
**Warrants approved on May 28, 2024
 For Payment on May 31, 2024**

Vendor	Amount
BKV GROUP INC.....	\$8,000.18
CENTEX CAST METAL PRODUCTS\$3,536.55
DACOTAH PAPER.....	\$5,087.04
DEERE CREDIT INC.....	\$71,875.65
LES'S SANITATION SERVICE.....\$2,110.11
NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.....	\$3,488.72
NORTHDALE OIL INC.....	\$7,205.83
PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.....	\$25,483.65
PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC.....\$2,012.24
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TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS.....\$24,254.89
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42 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2000.....	\$20,768.85
Final Total:	\$204,384.12

June 12, 19, 26, 2024
**PUBLIC HEARING
 COUNTY DITCH #70
 STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF PENNINGTON**
**In the Matter of the Order of the
 Pennington County Board of
 Commissioners for action on the
 petition for Authority to use a public
 ditch designated as follows and
 named as County Ditch No. 70, as an
 Outlet, pursuant to Minnesota
 Statutes §103E.401 and §103E.411.**
 The Pennington County Board of Commissioners, acting as the drainage authority, has received a petition dated May 8th, 2024 requesting authority for the petitioners to use Pennington County Ditch System 70 as an outlet for drainage.
 The names of the owners of the lands that are affected in Pennington County by said drainage system are as follows, to-wit: A P LLC, Shurleen Adams, James Amundgaard, Arianna M Anderson, Lowell Anderson, Allen Anderson, Robby J Anderson, Angela M Anderson, Rochelle Kim Anderson, Vernon Anerson, Patricia Anerson, Arctic Inc, Arctic Cat Inc, Estela Ashman, Ashton's Mowing Service LLC, Jason Aubol, Lynette (Eng) Aune, Mark Aune, Christopher J Baird, Danielle M Baird, James A Baron, Clinton E Bauer, Jody Beauchane, Stacy Beauchane, Mitchell Beito, Michelle Beito, Shon Beito, Kristal Beito, Dale Bentow, Glenda Bentow, Gary E Berard, Dawn L Berard Life Estate, Bergee Rentals LLC, Brice D Bergerson, Wade M Bergerson, Trudi A Bergerson, Christopher Bernard, Katie Bernard, Andrea D (Wenzlaff) Bexell, Michael Lee Biel, Wayne Bjornrud, Carol Bjornrud, Richard J Botner, Braf Farmland Holdings GP, Bray-Gentilly Mutual Insur Co, Bryce Bray Trustee Of BBRLT, Bryson Wes-Paul Bray, Kayla Joy Bray, David Bray, Sarah Bray, Gregory L Brosseau, Linda L Brown, BT Property LLC, Michael A Burkel, Chester V Camp, Yvonne E Camp, Pete C Carlson Trustees Pctd, Debra M Carlson Trustees Dmct, Betty A Carpenter, Curtis C Carpenter, Christian Holdings LLC, Daniel C Christianson, Donna M Christianson, Mary Jo Christianson, City Of Thief River Falls, Peggy Clow, Esther Collins, Andres Cortez, Aaron Cortez, John H Cullen, Geneva Cullen

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pennington County Justice Center, County Boardroom, 141 Main Avenue South, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701.** If you desire to attend the public hearing via Zoom, you should contact Pennington County Coordinator, Kevin Erickson, at 218-683-7000 or via email at kwerickson@co.pennington.mn.us and request the Zoom attendee information.

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June 19, 2024
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NO 561
 APRIL 16TH, 2024
 COMMUNITY CENTER**
 The school board Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Tim Hruby, Neil Jensen, Rozlynn Johnson, Joe Rubischko and Leah Bothum. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Business Manager Kelsie Steiger-Krein, GEA member Miss Amy Halvorson and Mrs. Stephanie Olson along with ICS members Austin May and Damien Williams. Absent: Principal Carlson.
 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Lovly. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 A motion was made by Rubischko, seconded by Johnson, to approve the April 16th, 2024, meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 ICS members Austin May and Damien Williams, provided the board with the approval matrix and schematic design presentation.
 A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Hruby, to approve the March 19th, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Lovly, to approve payments for checks # 46173-46256 and wire payments as listed in report #3.1 A & B, as listed in report 3.1.1. Motion was carried unanimously.
 Financial reports were reviewed. Superintendent Loberg reported the district shows an investment balance of \$1,441,490.28 on March 31st, 2024. (See reports #3.0 attached to the official board minutes).
Patron Concerns: None
Student Council Reports: None
Goodridge Education Association Report:
 Ms. Amy Halvorson and Mrs. Stephanie Olson reported on field trips the students have attended and will attend before the end of the school year. Ms. Halvorson also reported on the MSHSL Visual Art Competition and that the student who had competed did very well. Senior Carter Lee Johnson received the highest recognition in one of the categories.
Classified Staff Report: None
Instructional Reports:
 A motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the school year 2024-2025 master schedule as presented in report #6.1, with authority given to administration to make changes in the best interest of the district. Motion carried unanimously.
Old Business:
 Superintendent Loberg gave an update on Summer projects and reviewed the annual walkthrough by the Building and Ground Committee.
New Business:
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Jensen, to approve the Approval Matrix as presented in report #8.1. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Rubischko, seconded by Hruby, to approve the Schematic Design Process as presented in report #8.2. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Rubischko, to approve the list of graduates, as listed in report #8.3, contingent upon completion of graduation

requirements. Motion carried unanimously.
Donations:
 A motion was made by Hruby, seconded by Jensen, to accept the donations as listed in report #10.1. Motion carried unanimously.
Trustee Reports: None
Open Forum:
 Member Lovly commended the ICS Project Management Team on their efforts and expertise in the Schematic Design Phase of the future building project.
Administrative Reports:
 Superintendent Loberg gave an update on the upcoming 6th grade trip, Prom, Graduation and Baccalaureate. Superintendent Loberg reported the bond sale went very well and has been fully initiated.
 Superintendent Loberg reported there will be upcoming negotiations for classified staff and administration. Superintendent Loberg reported that spring activities are going well, and all activities have great student participation.
 The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
 Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson
 Leah Bothum, Clerk

June 19, 2024
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NO 561
 MAY 21, 2024
 COMMUNITY CENTER**
 The school board Independent School District #561 met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the community center. The following members were present: John Lovly, Tim Hruby, Neil Jensen, Joe Rubischko and Leah Bothum. Absent: Rozlynn Johnson. Also present: Superintendent Loberg, Principal Carlson, Business Manager Kelsie Steiger-Krein, GEA member Mrs. Leah Hruby and Mrs. Lindsay Rystad.
 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 Hruby, to approve the May 21st, 2024, meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Lovly, seconded by Hruby, to approve the April 16th, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Hruby to approve payments for checks # 46090-46344 and wire payments as listed in report #3.1 A & B, as listed in report 3.1.1. Motion was carried unanimously.
 Financial reports were reviewed. Superintendent Loberg reported the district shows an investment balance of \$1,711,725.49 on April 30th, 2024. (See reports #3.0 attached to the official board minutes).
Patron Concerns: None
Student Council Reports:
 Principal Carlson reported the Student Council and Honor Society participated in their annual ditch cleaning last week. Afterwards the Student Council kids went to Pizza Hut to celebrate a great year.
 Principal Carlson reported on May 22nd there will be a Student Council Presidential Debate.
Goodridge Education Association Report:
 Mrs. Lindsay Rystad reported the Elementary has been busy lately with var-

ious end of the year classroom activities and the annual Play Day was held earlier this week. Mrs Rystad reported on behalf of Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Jen Sargent that Kindergarten Round-Up went well. Mrs. Rystad reported the 6th grade trip went very well and was a lot of fun. The 6th graders and 7th graders also did their annual switch day this spring as well, which went well. Mrs. Lindsay Rystad reported awards day will be held on May 23rd in the morning.
Classified Staff Report: None
Instructional Reports:
 Principal Carlson reported she received material for the Read Act and training will start in the fall.
 Principal Carlson reported that staff members are currently reviewing the material for next year.
Old Business: None
New Business:
 A motion was made by Rubischko, seconded by Jensen, to approve the Lead Water Plan presented in #8.1. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Lovly, seconded by Hruby, to approve the hire of the following volleyball coaches as recommended by the Paired Sports Committee: Brenna Bakken, Head Coach, Caitlyn Jacobson, JV Coach, Madi Paulson, C/JH Coach, and Tiffany Anderson, JH Coach. Motion carried unanimously.
 A motion was made by Bothum, seconded by Jensen, to approve the resignation of Jason Grandstrand and Andrew Sundberg, Summer Rec Baseball Coaches. Motion carried unanimously.
Donations: None
Trustee Reports: None
Open Forum:
 Member Lovly mentioned he attended graduation practice and wanted to say "Thank you" to everyone who helped with graduation as it was a team effort.
Administrative Reports:
 Principal Carlson wanted to thank everyone for all their help with the preparation for Graduation.
 Principal Carlson stated she is so grateful to be able to chaperone on the 6th grade trip. Principal Carlson also wanted to thank everyone for a great school year.
 Superintendent Loberg wanted to thank parents, grandparents, guardians, staff and students for all the hard work this school year. Superintendent Loberg gave the summer sports update and summer rec baseball is looking for a coach and a student assistant. Superintendent Loberg reported that a calendar has been created for all summer sports and activities, which was shared with all students and parents and on the District Facebook Page. Superintendent Loberg gave an update on the 2024-2025 sports schedules.
 Superintendent Loberg gave an update on the building project, a legislative update and an update on the FY24 and FY25 budget and student enrollment projections.
 The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.
 At 8:47 p.m the Board went into closed sessions to discuss Classified and Administrative Negotiations.
 At 8:55 p.m the meeting was reopened.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.
 Attest: John Lovly, Chairperson
 Leah Bothum, Clerk



The cast of "Quilters" performed Thursday, June 13 as part of Thief River Falls' free summer Thursday night concert series at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls. The Thief River Falls Area Community Theater musical recently ended its run on

the Northland Community and Technical College stage. Pioneer 90.1 is presenting the concert series, thanks to a grant from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.



"Finding Nemo KIDS" will be performed next week on the Northland Community and Technical College stage. On Thursday, June 13, the cast performed as part of Thief River Falls' free summer Thursday night concert series at Floyd B. Olson Park in

Thief River Falls. "Finding Nemo KIDS" is a Thief River Falls Area Community Theater production. Pioneer 90.1 is presenting the concert series, thanks to a grant from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.

Survey finds about half of Minnesota districts go without a school nurse

The state's first comprehensive scan of school nurses shows many schools, particularly those with more low-income families, lack access to a school nurse.
 The Minnesota School Nurse Workforce: A 2022 Snapshot report focused on the school nurse workforce in 2022 in response to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on the health and well-being of students, families, school nurses and educators. Through emails, calls and website scans, the Minnesota departments of health and education and partners set about collecting school nurse and health services staffing data from 94% of public and charter schools in Minnesota.
 "This is the first time we've had such a comprehensive data picture about school nurses and health services staff in Minnesota," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. "What we've learned is students in smaller districts, charter schools, and schools that serve more families with lower incomes just aren't getting that same access to a school nurse as other students in Minnesota."
 The survey found concerning differences between districts. For example, in the 162 school districts where 40% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, data showed students were three times less likely to have access to nursing or health services than other schools.
 The report also found that students in the smallest school districts (less than 500 students), as well as charter schools, had lower access to a professional nurse. Approximately two-thirds of schools in this dataset were public school districts and one-third were charter schools. Almost half of public-school districts (150 of 322, or 47%) served more than 1,000 students whereas the vast majority (73%) of charter schools served fewer than 500 students. Overall, two in five school districts (public and charter) served 500 students or fewer.
 Additional key findings:

- Overall, less than half (49%) of Minnesota school districts employed a licensed school nurse.
- Due to their enrollment of more than 1,000 students, only 34% of Minnesota school districts are required, per Minnesota Statute 121A.21, to employ a licensed school nurse. Of these large schools, 93% employed a licensed school nurse, but only 26% of districts below that threshold did.
- About one in four school districts (26%) did not provide any staff dedicated solely to the role of providing health services for students.
- Staffing levels and roles varied greatly by district size. Students in the smallest school districts had lower access to a professional nurse.
- "Access to quality health care is critical for students in Minnesota, no matter their ZIP code," said Minnesota Education Commissioner Willie Jett. "School nurses play an important role in the overall health and well-being of our young people."
- Research has shown that school nurses are a critical bridge between health and learning within and beyond the walls of schools. School nurses empower students to

be well through teaching, treating, counseling and supporting students to increase classroom seat time and decrease trips to the health office and absences from school, according to a 2021 study by University of Washington researchers in The Journal of School Nursing.
 During the past two legislative sessions, Gov. Tim Walz and the Minnesota Legislature made significant investments in school support personnel – including school nurses. Investments included \$74 million in the 2024-25 biennium and \$127 million in the 2026-27 biennium to support hiring new or increasing current school counselors, psychologists, social workers and licensed school nurses.
 The school nurse workforce report also included recommendations for next steps. These recommendations included examining the impact of the current state statute, exploring how school health services are funded and considering new, creative funding strategies for smaller schools or those with higher school needs.



The summer Thursday night concert series continues at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls. On Thursday, June 13, the "Finding Nemo KIDS" cast performed. "Finding Nemo KIDS" is a Thief River Falls

Area Community Theater production. Pioneer 90.1 is presenting the concert series, thanks to a grant from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.

Local students graduate from M State

Area students are among the 605 spring semester 2024 graduates of Minnesota State Community and Technical College.
 They included: from Argyle – Annika Carlson, Associate of Applied Science degree in dental hygiene;

Grygla – Kobey Dallager, AAS degree in electrical line worker technology; Stephen – Jorge Montemayor, diploma in diesel equipment technology; and Thief River Falls – Marina Jordahl, AAS degree in human resources,

and Jayce Lizakowski, AAS degree in diesel equipment technology.
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JUNETEENTH *June 19*



What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth stands for June 19, and commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, General Order No. 3 was issued by Major General Gordon Granger at Galveston, Texas, proclaiming, "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

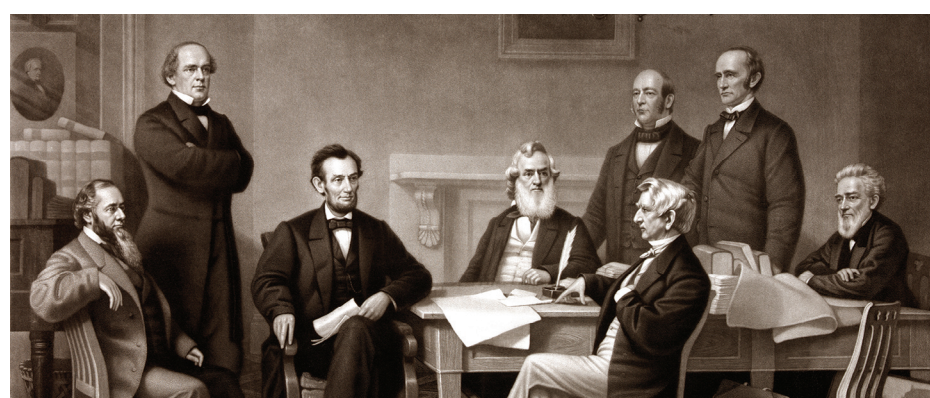


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Why didn't the Emancipation Proclamation end slavery?

Although the Emancipation Proclamation declared all enslaved people in "rebellious" states legally free in 1863, it was not implemented in some southern states. The enslaved people of Texas were not effectively freed until federal troops took control of the state in 1865 and announced that enslaved people were emancipated by executive decree. This day came to be known as Juneteenth.



How is Juneteenth celebrated?

Juneteenth is often celebrated with cookouts, picnics, parades, family reunions, church services, concerts and other community festivities.

Many people observe Juneteenth as a day of service. It's also a time to reflect on history, recognize the wrongs of the past, build community, promote cultural awareness and focus on social justice.

DID YOU KNOW?

Juneteenth was signed into law as a federal holiday by President Joe Biden on June 17, 2021. Teacher and activist Opal Lee, known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth" was instrumental in this effort. The holiday is also known as Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day and Emancipation Day.

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