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Hinckley Knights advance to region tournament

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The Hinckley Knights town ball team advanced to the Region 1C Tournament with a win in the final round of the league division playoffs last Sunday, over the Braham Snappers by a final score of 8-4.

Hinckley enters the double-elimination region tournament as the seventh seed from the Eastern Minny League,

and will face the second-seeded Princeton Panthers Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at Solheim Veterans Field in Princeton. Nine teams will take part in the event over two weekends, and the top two teams will advance to the Minnesota Baseball Association state tournament, held in Waconia, Chaska and Hamburg later in August.

To reach regions, Hinckley needed to win twice in the league division playoffs last weekend, and got there beating

Braham Saturday afternoon, losing to Quamba Saturday evening, and defeating Braham Sunday afternoon.

In Game 1, the Knights got an 18-5 victory over the Braham Snappers. Leadoff batter and catcher Trevor Johnson walked, moved up on a single by first baseman Shawn Ausmus and came home on a wild pitch, for an early 1-0 lead. Johnson scored again in the second on a wild pitch, and RBIs from Johnson and Ausmus made it

4-0. A string of walks and wild pitches brought in 3 more runs in the third, before the Snappers changed pitchers. A walk to center fielder TJ Johnson with the bases loaded and a single by second baseman Cory Schmidt made in 9-0. Braham got on the board in the fourth, with a string of singles and an error, but the Knights got all three back in the fifth, with a TJ Johnson RBI double

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Rebecca Lange poses for a photo in front of her backdrop for her back to school mini sessions Monday, Aug. 2. Lange recently opened her studio Rebecca Lange Photography in downtown Hinckley.

Local business stays focused

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Colorful stuffed animals and furniture displaying a vintage camera sit in the windows framed in purple in downtown Hinckley. A display of photos featuring children hangs on a brick wall inside, as do several large pieces of material with a variety of designs. A bed is near

a wall in a back room. A make-up vanity with pretty, sparkly tiaras is against another wall, while black feathered angel wings hang on a different wall.

Rebecca Lange, 45, is set up and ready to take portraits of people and pets. She celebrated the grand opening of Rebecca Lange Photography on Sunday, August 1.

The self-taught photographer said

she is happy to move the business out of her Sandstone home and into the studio. She said her husband of 23 years, Merlin, was eager to help her with the move.

Her daughter, Destiny, helps with both the photography as a second shooter at events and as a receptionist at the studio.

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Pine County meth dealer sentenced, trafficking suspects arrested

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The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force reports that a Pine County meth dealer has been sentenced and two suspected drug traffickers from the area have been arrested and found with cocaine and fentanyl.

METH DEALER SENTENCED

In July, Gerald Allen Jensen, a Pine County resident was sentenced in federal court to 112 months in prison on drug-related charges. Following release from prison, Jensen will be obligated to seven years of supervised release.

The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force reports that it investigated a group involved in the trafficking and distribution of methamphetamine from Mexico to Minnesota. In September, multiple warrants were executed in Pine County resulting in the recovery of firearms, 23 pounds of meth, \$20,455 in illicit proceeds, four arrests, and a five-party federal indictment.

According to a task force press release, the Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case, and sentencing is imminent for three others. An Isanti County resident is facing 100-262 months, a drug runner from St. Paul is facing 57-108 months, one of the two drug sources from California is facing 51-210 months.

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