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## MEMORIES AND LAUGHS AT GORDY CELEBRATION



Hundreds gathered at Gordy's Hi-Hat Sunday for a celebration of life for Gordy Lundquist, who died in July. His son Dan, top, talked about the founder of the famous Cloquet eatery. There was also a service that honored Gordy's Navy experience. Plenty of memories were shared. For a story and more photos, see **Page 8**.

## Tradition holds at Cloquet's shoe store

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History repeated itself this week at Burger Shoes in Cloquet.

After closing on the sale of the longtime local shoe store Tuesday evening, Carmen LaPlant celebrated her first day as the new owner on Wednesday, exactly 54 years after Ludwig Burger held his grand opening at 1609 Carlton Avenue.

Ludwig's daughter, Maria Leyrer, took down the bell that hung over the front door of the store on



Carmen LaPlant is the new owner of Burger Shoes. In addition to running the longtime local business, LaPlant is doing many of the basic shoe repairs now, and has partnered with a larger repair business for other repairs. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

Tuesday — as a new family heirloom — and enjoyed her first day of retirement. "It's home," she said. "I grew

up here. I was 1 when we moved here."

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## Big doings in the West End Saturday

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They're closing down the streets in Cloquet's West End business district Saturday, and everyone is invited for a trip into an idealistic version of the future. It will be a place where children play, people enjoy yoga and dance, musicians jam, artists do their thing, businesses thrive and vendors sell their wares: think block party mixed with art fair, farmers market and business district.

Welcome to West End Flourish, a free community gathering. Avenues C and B and Vine Street will be closed from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday for this celebration

of the West End and the arts, and many other things that make Cloquet unique.

Vendors will line the streets, Wentworth Park will be a hub of activity, and the VFW parking lot will be transformed into an outdoor food court, featuring Carlton County food trucks. Many West End businesses are participating, including the Rock Place, the Pine Knot News and its art gallery — last chance for the bird show — and Common Ground and Wood City Nutrition, among others.

Bear in mind that parking could be tricky Saturday.

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**WEATHER**

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	EXTENDED
HIGH 60   LOW 45	HIGH 60   LOW 40	HIGH 65   LOW 40	MONDAY: Sunny. High 68. Low 45.

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## Enbridge to pay big fine for water mishap

**Kirsti Marohn**  
MPR News

Minnesota regulators have ordered Enbridge to pay up to \$3.32 million for allegedly violating state environmental law by piercing a groundwater aquifer during construction of the Line 3 oil pipeline.

Last Thursday, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources issued a restoration order and administrative penalty order against the Canadian-based company over the breach, which the agency says occurred in late January near the Clearbrook Terminal in Clearwater County.

The breach resulted in millions of gallons of groundwater flowing out of the aquifer, posing a risk to rare wetlands nearby, the DNR says. The agency also referred the matter to the Clearwater County attorney for possible misdemeanor criminal charges.

"Enbridge's actions are clear violations of state law and also of public trust," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said in a news release. "This never should

have happened, and we are holding the company fully accountable."

Enbridge said it is reviewing the DNR order and penalty. A spokesperson said the company is implementing a corrective action plan and shares a strong desire to protect Minnesota waters and the environment.

In construction plans Enbridge submitted during the permitting process for Line 3, the company indicated that it would dig a trench 8-10 feet deep for the pipeline near the Clearbrook Terminal, which is located near calcareous fens — a unique type of wetland that relies on mineral-rich groundwater, said Barb Naramore, deputy DNR commissioner.

"Based on those plans, we determined that there was no potential for adverse impacts to the fens because the excavation at that depth was not going to interfere with the groundwater flow to the fens," she said.

Instead, the company allegedly dug a trench about 18 feet deep and

drove sheet piling 28 feet down, Naramore said. That pierced the soil layer atop an artesian aquifer — one that contains groundwater

under pressure — resulting in a continuous flow of groundwater into the trench, she said.

The agency estimates

that the breach has resulted in the unauthorized release of about 24.2 million gallons of groundwater from the aquifer.

## SENIOR DINING

*Arrowhead Senior Nutrition menu:*

**Friday, Sept. 24**

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**Monday, Sept. 27**

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**Tuesday, Sept. 28**

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**Wednesday, Sept. 29**

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for completing his Bachelor of Science in chemistry, graduating *magna cum laude* with **Highest Honors** from the University of Rochester in New York. He will be continuing his education to earn his Ph.D. in marine science at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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The Cloquet Public Library opened its doors for a celebration of its new spaces last weekend, more than a year after major renovations. The bright, kid-friendly and future-focussed rooms at the library have been a hit with patrons. *Photos by Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

# It's a party at the library

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Cloquet Public Library staff literally kicked off Saturday's community celebration by demonstrating how they have survived construction, Covid and Covid, Part 2: by dancing in their chairs to "Can't Stop the Feeling!" in front of a roomful of people.

On a more serious note, library director Beth Sorrenson praised the community for its support, and for creating a building that is not only better for us, "but for our children and our grandchildren."

Although the more than \$2 million renovation/expansion was completed last year, because of the pandemic festivities were postponed until last week.

James Weikum, the director of the Arrowhead Library System, said he was "blown away" when he walked into the building. He noted that a library often mirrors the priorities of its community, and Cloquet already had a pretty good library. The addition is 7,000 square feet and nearly doubled the library's size.

"I would like to thank the community leaders who trusted the library staff's vision for what more the library could do in this community," Weikum said. "As you look around the facility, [notice] not just the new part, but the way that the existing structure and layout has been remodeled. You see that the staff saw something in the community that saw a need out there. And it's just spectacular." It was a word he used



Sisters Sofia and Erika Glesener, ages 4 and 2, ran circles around the rug in the children's area as their dad, Kris, watched. "We come here often because she loves books and she loves construction," he said. "It's so nice, and I really like the rooms they've got for the community to use."

repeatedly to describe the bigger and better library.

Visitors celebrated Saturday by making full use of the library's facilities. There were speeches and music in the large meeting room. Vern Northrup's meta-print photographs were on display in the small meeting room and in many of the display cases that line the hallway. It was the debut of the commercial kitchen, and the first time many visitors had seen all of the different spaces now available at the library. The open house also featured a scavenger hunt and story/



Children's librarian Keiko Satomi and youth services librarian Justin Dinger demonstrated some "de-stressing" techniques staff at the Cloquet library employed during renovations and the Covid-19 pandemic, including "chair dancing."

reading programs in the brightly illuminated children's area, teen computer activities, art demonstrations, local authors showcasing their most recent works and more.

Library Foundation

secretary/treasurer Larry Anderson was ecstatic before the open house kicked off, pointing out that the project was completed within budget.

"All kinds of groups use the library. We've had the



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city and the fire department, the blood bank, rock groups. The teens have their own area ("we can shut them off and not hear the noise," he said with a grin). The little kids have about three times the space they had before. And the Friends of the Library have their own room, and we have all these artists displaying all sorts of wonderful things around the building today."

Anderson ran down a long list of thank-yous during the speeches, including the businesses that sponsored the new circulation desk, the meeting room and the stage, and citizens who made substantial donations. He also thanked former director Mary Lukkarila for starting off the process with a "vision" seven years ago.

Bryce Class, 13, and Wesley Nelson, 16, met at the library Saturday to play Roblox on the computers in the teen room. "This is the only place like this to meet and do things," said one of the longtime friends.

It was all part of the plan.

## KNOT NOTES

### Pedestrian hit, badly injured

A man was in grave condition after being hit by a vehicle while crossing Doddridge Avenue near Eighth Street in Cloquet on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Cloquet Police responded to the accident just after 8 p.m. Thursday along with staff from the Cloquet Area Fire District. The man was transported to an area hospital. CPD commander Dave O'Connor said they didn't have an update on the condition of the pedestrian, whose name has not been released. Police interviewed witnesses at the scene and have not pursued any charges against the driver, O'Connor said Tuesday.

### Council adopts preliminary levy

At a short regular meeting Monday, the Cloquet city council officially adopted a 2022 budget and a proposed levy increase of \$109,400, or 3.49 percent. The levy can't go up from that percentage when the levy is set in December. A public hearing on the budget and levy will be held at the Dec. 7 regular meeting.

Running the numbers in the future will be new finance director Katie Bloom. She was approved by the board this week after the city's first choice, Joshua Bailey, decided to keep his auditing job with the city of Duluth. Longtime finance director Nancy Klassen will be retiring Sept. 30. Bloom has been the city administrator in Moose Lake since June 2020, replacing Tim Peterson, who took the job as Cloquet's city administrator. Before the top job, Bloom was Moose Lake's deputy clerk and finance director. She also has experience as an accountant at Black Bear Casino Resort.

As expected, the council approved a hockey facility lease with the Cloquet school district. The three-year deal, approved by school board members last week, will feature a 3-percent increase each year, or \$138,808 to \$147,261 in the third year. The city and school agreed to meet more regularly about operations of the facilities.



CRIME & COURTS

# Fight allegedly led to death, charges

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A Cloquet man faces manslaughter charges following a fight in his apartment.

Joel Jay Ammesmaki, 58, was charged with first-degree manslaughter Thursday in Sixth District Carlton County Court for “causing the death of another while committing assault in the fifth degree with such force and violence” that death or great harm was “reasonably foreseeable.”

Officers from the Cloquet and Fond du Lac police departments responded to a 9-1-1 call at around 2 a.m. Sept. 14 reporting an unwanted person in an apartment at the Fond du Lac Veterans Supportive Housing building.

According to the crimi-

nal complaint:

Ammesmaki reported that he got in a fight with another male and wanted him removed from his apartment. When officers arrived, they observed Ammesmaki standing near a couch and an unresponsive male, identified as Clyde Atwood, 60, lying face up on the ground with dried blood around his nostrils. Atwood was unresponsive, his eyes were partially open and he was not breathing, police reported. Officers began life-saving measures and called for medics. Paramedics attempted to provide care but said he was dead.

During this period, Ammesmaki allegedly became distraught and made statements that it wasn't supposed to go this way. While the officers were attempting medical care,

he made statements that he had punched the man in the face while they were fighting, police reported.

In the squad car and in an interview room at the police station, police said Ammesmaki made more unprompted statements about what happened. He allegedly said he and Atwood were drinking together and watched a football game and a movie. Ammesmaki said that at some point, Atwood called him by the name of another resident at the housing complex and attempted to punch him but did not make contact. Ammesmaki allegedly punched Atwood twice and the man fell down. Ammesmaki thought he was sleeping, according to the report.

Officers collected security footage from the complex showing Ammes-

maki and Atwood, also a Cloquet resident, entering Ammesmaki's apartment at 12:34 a.m. Ammesmaki then left his apartment and approached the security office at 1:29 a.m. before returning to his apartment at 1:40 a.m. The footage, according to the police report, shows Ammesmaki leaving his apartment and knocking on the door of another apartment at 1:42 a.m. before returning to his apartment.

Officers arrived on scene at 2:11 a.m. No one else was observed entering or exiting the apartment.

Adam Reed, investigations commander for the Cloquet Police Department, said autopsy findings will determine the cause of death but could take several weeks to be completed.

Ammesmaki's next hearing is set for Sept. 27.

## Thompson denied change of venue; charges upheld

A district judge on Monday denied a change of venue and dismissal of counts against a Cloquet man accused in the murder of a pregnant woman and her child.

Sheldon James Thompson, who is accused of killing Jackie Defoe, her unborn child and her 20-month-old son, faces two charges of murder in the first degree each for the deaths of Jackie Ann Defoe and her son Kevin Lee Shabaiash Jr., and one charge of murder in the first degree of an unborn child, premeditated.

In the order filed Monday, Judge Jill Eichenwald, denied his attorney's request to move Thompson's trial out of Sixth District Court in Carlton and to dismiss first-degree murder/domestic abuse charges.

Eichenwald ruled that there wasn't significant evidence produced or found that Thompson has received enough pre-trial publicity to sway any potential county jurors. The judge also dismissed claims that a grand jury received improper instructions in handing down eight charges against Thompson. His attorney wanted two first-degree charges dropped, citing the instructions that were based on vague state statute language. Eichenwald said the “heavy burden” of dismissing an indictment was not met.

His next court appearance will be Oct. 27.

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### THOMSON TOWNSHIP

# Snowmobile trail access process is clarified

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Following the approval of a revised snowmobile trail through the township at its last meeting — and subsequent complaints — the Thomson Township board invited people to discuss the action at the regular board meeting Sept. 16. Although the board already granted permission for a preliminary trail, residents were invited to give their input so that the board and the snowmobile club could answer questions and address concerns.

Wood City Riders president Chris Rokke gave a presentation to the more than 60 people in attendance about the volunteer snowmobile club and the approved trail. The club led efforts to create the new trail and maintains trails across northern Carlton County and southern St. Louis County. Although the state pays for snowmobile trail maintenance, the new trail construction is funded entirely by donations, he said.

Rokke described the process that the club went through in order to designate the Esko-area trail and why it is important. The Wood City Riders began working with Thomson Township and some residents to map out a snowmobile trail in mid-2019. Due to issues with getting permits from some property owners or other route considerations, the make-up of the map has changed various times over the last few years.

“When one landowner backs out, it changes the makeup of the map entirely,” Rokke said, describing how club members looked at possible routes and then started talking to private landowners to piece the puzzle together.

Public land is different. According to Minnesota State statutes and the Department of Natural Resources, snowmobiles are already allowed to run on right-of-ways, as long as it is not prohibited by the entity responsible for the road. The club seeks permission from local governmental bodies, including the township and Esko school board, which gave its OK this spring.

Rokke said the typical procedure is to finalize a map before reaching out to residents who own properties along the right-of-way. This is why some residents had not yet been contacted yet, Rokke said, because the board had just approved the route.

Many residents at the meeting talked about safety issues the trail might present.

“I'm afraid that by advertising this as a snowmobile route, there will now be hundreds of people driving by every day with no enforcement of speed limits,” said resident Larissa Donnelly, whose property is adjacent to the approved trail.

Other residents echoed her concern. Some added they felt the trail might be in an area of Esko that is too residential for the trail to ever be safe.



A lot of Esko area residents showed up at a Thomson Township meeting about snowmobile trails last week.  
Rebekah King / Pine Knot News

Changing the board's previous decision isn't likely. It could happen only if supervisors were to prohibit snowmobiles in the township entirely, township attorney Dave Pritchett said.

Still, the exact route is not set in stone, Rokke said. The next step for the Wood City Riders would be meeting with property owners. This is the stage where residents can make known their concerns about potential safety issues, Rokke said, and discuss the possibilities of the Wood City Riders needing to move things out of the way for the trail or cutting down trees or brush near properties. He said the installation of a trail would include proper safety measures and signage.

There were also residents in attendance to support the trail. Esko's Jana Kayser said her kids enjoy snowmobiling and she would like for them to have a safe trail nearby instead of having to put sleds on a trailer and travel.

Alan Anderson, a

member of the Wood City Riders and an Esko resident, said the trail “will not be as crowded as people think. People are conscious of kids and dogs while snowmobiling,” he said.

Following the meeting, Rokke invited community members to ask him questions that were more specific to their properties and assured residents that the club will work with them.

The current map of the trail includes parts of Maki Road, Harney Road and Church Road, along with a crossing over Canosia Road. The Wood City Riders and the board are not posting a map until the final route is confirmed.

In other matters Thursday, the board approved the hiring for a new truck driver/utility worker position. The board also approved a new member of the Esko Volunteer Fire Department.

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## AN A-MAZE-ING VIEW



A.J. Miller from Drone Grown Photography went out to the RuRidge Corn Maze last week. The maze, in its fifth year off Carlton County Road 1 between Carlton and Wrenshall, opened Sept. 10 and features an eight-acre corn maze, corn pits, hay rides, play area, straw bale maze, ninja course, petting zoo, horse and pony rides, pumpkin sales and painting, seasonal produce and a scavenger hunt. It is open Thursday through Sunday through Halloween night.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

## Covid numbers still rising

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The latest data for Carlton County show the number of Covid cases is still going up, but at a lower rate, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Cases in Carlton County increased by 84 from Sept. 15 to 22, but the CDC showed a decline in the rise of case numbers of nearly 7.6 percent on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The CDC also reported Carlton County's rate of tests coming back positive at 4.4 percent (compared to an average of 6 percent statewide), one new hospital admission and zero deaths from Covid over the past seven days.

At the same time, the most recent weekly case rate reported by the Minnesota Department of Health for Carlton County was at 15.2 for the week ending Sept. 4, up from 10.1 the week before. Earlier this week, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa reported that Fond du Lac's positivity rate had increased from 15.4 percent to 17.6 percent since last week. All after-school activities were canceled earlier in the week, including a Tuesday volleyball game against Wrenshall, which has faced its own struggles with Covid, leading to a canceled football game last week.

According to the CDC, because community transmission is high here, everyone in Carlton County should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Individual businesses and schools have different masking requirements.

## Student leaders ask about Covid

Youth from across the state joined a virtual town hall with medical professionals to engage with peers about Covid-19 Monday afternoon. The town hall was led by student leaders to give students an opportunity to discuss how the pandemic has impacted their school experience, how they can have a safe and meaningful school year and what actions youth can take to curb the spread.

This town hall is part of the Minnesota Department of Health's larger Community Conversation effort.

The event was recorded and is available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pR0oSIjSgvk>

## CARLTON SCHOOLS

## Carlton residents push for K-12 school

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Students and community members turned out for Monday's Carlton School Board meeting, and most of them had the future of the high school on their mind.

Out of nearly 20 people there, seven spoke, all of them against the idea of a tuition agreement with the Cloquet school district. Such an agreement would guarantee that Carlton students in grades 9-12 could enroll in the larger district — at a cost to the Carlton district — if and when Carlton closes its high school.

The current long-range plan for Carlton comes after years of debate considering consolidation with Wrenshall along with other possibilities in an effort to winnow options as the district continues to struggle with student numbers. In particular, the district can't make the budget numbers work with its small high school class sizes. After voting "no" 5-1 to consolidation with Wrenshall earlier this year, the board favored two options: either shoring up the South Terrace elementary to include three more grades, or creating an all-grades school at the site, something that hasn't been seriously considered recently based on cost and the community's overwhelming rejection of the last K-12 referendum.

Teacher Ryan Schmidt urged the board to reject the K-8 plan and continue educating kids through high school. "Our stu-

dents here go out into the world and they do great things," he said.

Schmidt, a former Carlton school board member, asked the board to fix up the high school.

"We don't need new and fancy and perfect to do what we need to do here, we just need functional and safe," he said. "And then these families at the elementary school can see ... a long-term plan."

Several students also spoke, giving first names only.

If Carlton closes its high school, Kayla said she would not go to Cloquet because it's too big. "I love it here. I have a really good education and I love having a small school."

Webster said he has 24 kids in his class. "I know there's some people that won't graduate if they don't graduate from here," he said.

He went on to point out the flaws in the promises of "more opportunities" in Cloquet, where class sizes range between 175 to more than 200.

"There might be more classes, better sports teams, but there are tryouts there. The people here won't make it into sports or student council even. The 20-some kids in our grade won't be competing with all the kids in their grade."

Carlton mayor Mike Soderstrom waded into the discussion, asserting that Carlton kids who want to attend high school in Cloquet are already there. He likened paying increased taxes to making a car payment: "Where do you

want the car parked? In our garage or in Cloquet's garage?" he said. "I think we need to talk about adding onto South Terrace."

Both Schmidt and Sally DeVriendt told board members they had supported the idea of consolidation with Wrenshall, but didn't like the tuition agreement.

Later in the meeting, superintendent John Engstrom addressed the reasons behind the Carlton board's pursuit of the tuition agreement idea: It's not because they want to shut down the high school, he said, and it's not because they don't think Carlton kids need a better education.

It's the budget. Carlton has been operating at an annual deficit of nearly \$1 million dollars a year, he said.

"It takes us about 20 or 21 kids per section to operate that section, essentially even," Engstrom said. If they have 34 or 38 kids in a grade, they won't squeeze them all into one class, they will put them in two sections and operate at a loss.

That would be OK for one grade, he said. "Our situation is such that we're doing that at almost every grade level. And so \$100,000 at one grade level becomes \$150,000 at another grade level, it adds up."

For now the district is not in the red, thanks to a fund balance that was built up after the Carlton School district climbed out of statutory operating deficit more than 10 years ago.

Regarding the idea of a referen-

dum, Engstrom said the Minnesota Department of Education had made it "very clear" to him that a district Carlton's size trying to go out for a \$40 million referendum (a K-12 estimate) would not even make it out of committee at MDE to even be given to the voters.

That's one of the reasons Carlton board members are not currently pushing for a referendum anytime soon.

"It has nothing to do with not wanting to continue with a K-12 personally, but that's why it's our duty to look around and say: is there another way? That's where the K-8 and tuition agreement come in. We wouldn't be talking about it if we weren't facing an annual million-dollar deficit."

No board members commented on the community questions and superintendent's explanation. Chair Julianne Emerson encouraged community members to continue to reach out with comments and ideas.

In other matters Monday, the board approved the maximum levy on a preliminary basis and set the Truth and Taxation hearing for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

The board also accepted the resignation of Dean of Students / Athletic Director Andrew Schmitz effective Aug. 25. Engstrom later said Schmitz took a position at Denfeld High School in Duluth. He said Schmitz did a great job in Carlton. They currently have a potential internal candidate, he said.



## OUR VIEW

# Join the Flourish fun in West End

Driving around town, you'll find remnants of long-forgotten commercial activity in many neighborhoods, such as corner groceries and other stores that have evolved into residential space, as most commercial activity moved downtown or to the Minnesota Highway 33 corridor over the years.

The West End of Cloquet is one of those sites. Once the thriving center of Cloquet, it held the City Hall, police station, and many of the most important businesses in town. The original town square was in the West End. So was the train station, and the town's movie theater. But after Highway 33 sliced through town, the West End morphed into empty storefronts and declining buildings.

But it never lost its charm, and in recent years the west end has seen some signs of revitalization. The Chief Theater has been converted into a coffee house and a busy ministry; a fancy restaurant opened in the First National Bank building that attracted huge crowds before closing down, proving the area can attract clientele; and there's been some storefront renovations and improvements. The neighborhood's old-world charm is one of the reasons we decided to open our newspaper office there, in the same building that housed the Pine Knot 70 years ago. And, we've seen other neighbors move in, too, in the past few years. You might say that the West End is ready to flourish.

This Saturday, there's a block-party-style celebration of the revitalization initiative called the West End Flourish. The festivities are the brainchild of our own Ivan Hohnstadt, advertising manager of the Pine Knot News, and will show off the neighborhood and showcase the artists, musicians, crafters and history of Cloquet's original downtown. The event runs 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. along Avenue C, and spills over into Wentworth Park and along Vine Street and Avenue B, which will all be closed to vehicle traffic. There will be plenty of booths, activities, music and food trucks offering a variety of fare.

We applaud this type of activity, even if our applause is somewhat self-congratulatory, because we believe in our neighborhood and we cherish the historical significance of the area. Major events like this West End Flourish gathering invite the entire town and region to celebrate a unique neighborhood and encourages redevelopment, which benefits the whole area. It's a truly family-friendly event and, from the feedback we've received so far, we expect big crowds.

It's going to be a great party, and we hope to see you there.

## CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 10 story, "Residents frosted by snowmobile trail vote," the Pine Knot reported that the Wood City Riders backed out of creating a snowmobile trail in May 2021. The story should have said the club had to reroute the proposed trail due to property owners backing out of agreements. The trail was fully funded by then and permits were granted for the majority of the route, according to president Chris Rokke. Read this week's update on Page 4 for more information.

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A couple "greats" were left out in the Sept. 17 Pine Knot story, "Tribal farm grows souls as well." Kaitlyn Walsh was named after her great-grandmother, and her great-uncle, Leland Debe, started the garden program.

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# It's a puzzle why we don't have an animal shelter

When a new lawyer gets into town, they're often inundated with requests from local organizations, asking us to get involved and volunteer with their group. It's a great way to quickly become a part of the community and to show some dedication to the people who will, eventually, become your clients.

At least, that's how it happened to me. When I started working at the Newby law firm in 1999, it wasn't weeks before I had been "volunteered" for all sorts of local groups, from the Relay for Life to the CDIC, a local community economic development group. I was asked many times over the years to join the Friends of Animals, especially from "The Lindas": Linda Quarnstrom, who owned WKLK at the time, and her friend Linda Towne, a former nurse, chiropractor and current owner of the Vision Pro chain around here. Those two were hard to resist — and they were relentless in asking for help with their pet project, Friends of Animals.

That was an interesting group. It was started privately, by local do-gooders who saw a need that just couldn't be filled by the city or county governments. For years, they were very active in placing strays and caring for animals, and in prevention, education, and support for animal rights. Even though it wasn't really my cup of tea, I did volunteer a decent amount occasionally when a lawyer would be beneficial to them (and when the Lindas persuaded me to help). It was a shame when the organization folded a few years ago due to, in my opinion, growing too fast.

When Friends of Animals went away, it left a void that hasn't been filled. There's no

animal control in Cloquet anymore, and it shows. There are too many strays, and it's a burden on the police who get called all too often to deal with animal control issues. It's not really the cops' job to act as animal control, and their time is better spent on other police work. So, it would be nice to see some kind of revival of the Friends of Animals.

Recently, a concerned citizen asked Cloquet city administrator Tim Peterson about the lack of a pound in Cloquet. Tim shared his response with me and gave me permission to pass it along: "The City of Cloquet,

Carlton County, and most all other cities and townships in the area were supporters of the Friends of Animals. We all contributed both our vocal support, but also financially each year. However, that organization closed based on their own decision due to several different factors. I would also like to point out that representatives from each governmental entity met with the Friends of Animals organization on multiple occurrences to try and make it work; however, this proved unsuccessful.

"We would still surely be supportive of a shelter. In fact, the City of Cloquet continues to budget funds for animal control that could easily be sent to an organization that fulfills that shelter need. But the City of Cloquet does not have the resources to own and operate this shelter. That is why we have programs to spay, neuter, and microchip pets. These programs have been very successful and help return pets to their owners quickly and safely.

"The City would absolutely be interested in supporting a private organization that wants to start, own, and operate a shelter."

I think such an organization

could happen again, just like it did years ago with the Friends of Animals. They could even call themselves "Friends of Animals." I know a certain local lawyer who would be willing to help them organize, legally. But someone needs to step up and take the place of the original organizers. It takes a lot of work, and a lot of dedication to make such an organization work. But I'm certain there are plenty of people out here who can do it. All it takes is one strong leader to take charge.

And there's plenty of people left over from the Friends of Animal days who, I bet, would be willing to meet with the new team and help guide them in the right direction. Tim suggested that if a group did form, they should contact the city's Economic Development staff to help find a suitable location for a shelter. That office is terrific, and would certainly be a good resource for a new Friends of Animals. So would many other groups, I'd bet, from the Rotary Club to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to service organizations of all kinds.

Carlton County can certainly support an animal shelter. It has in the past, and should be able to do it again. Other small counties in our area can support a shelter, like the Lake County Humane Society in Two Harbors and Arrowhead Animal Rescue in Cook County, and those are both run by volunteers. With the right group, it can happen here, too.

I bet even the Lindas would be willing to meet with the new group.

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HARRY'S GANG



Pete Radosevich



# Farm stories show the value of local agriculture

For the past several months, I have had the privilege of interviewing and writing about a few of the farmers in Carlton County. Summer is an extremely busy time for them, but they graciously sat down, answered my questions and shared their stories. I regret that I could not include every farmer in the county, but I believe that by informing readers about the lives of a few of them, understanding and appreciation will spread to all of those who work the land in our county. My main goal was to honor our neighbors who labor tirelessly to provide us with wholesome, locally grown food.



Francy Chamming

A friend who read the stories said, "These people are so real," and continued to explain that their genuineness shines through in their words and stories. It's difficult to describe the sense of tranquility that surrounds these individuals. Perhaps they gain perspective by working the land, watching crops and animals grow, weathering storms and droughts and changing times, following the rhythm of the seasons. Sitting and talking with them slows the tempo of the moment. And for each of them, their love of farming radiates like the sweltering summer sun. Over and over I heard how much they relish seeing the results of their efforts. None of them said they're in it for the money. More than once, when asked



Search for "Francy" online at PineKnotNews.com to find her farm profiles.

about challenges, the sentiment was "I don't want to sound like I'm complaining." They briefly mentioned the reality of the difficult hurdles they face, but they all will much rather discuss positive aspects of their farms and show rather than tell how their farms operate. From the rows of produce in the fields, to cattle in a barn or pasture, coolers and hoop houses, they exhibit a humble satisfaction in their accomplishments.

My second reason for writing about local farmers was to encourage all of us to develop increased awareness about where and how our food is grown and what that means for the health of the planet. We are more than

fortunate to have a county full of dedicated people who are willing to work all day to provide us with locally raised meat, vegetables, fruit, eggs and dairy products and more.

The alternatives found in the grocery store may be grown hundreds of miles away and processed in huge factory-type facilities. The owners of these operations don't live in our communities, pay taxes here or support our local economy. We won't find them serving as our fire chief, our child's baseball coach or on the local school board.

Research is showing the damage mega-farms have caused to the environment and to water supplies. While local family

farms follow sustainable agricultural practices that will preserve the land for future generations, the same cannot be said for many of the practices followed by corporate farms.

Ghandi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." If we investigate the factory farms where animals are raised in this country, Ghandi would say our greatness and moral progress as a nation is in reverse. On the other hand, the care given to their animals by the farmers I visited show that in Carlton County our "greatness" and "moral progress" are in good hands.

I know many of us already

support our local farmers through the farmers market, CSA shares, and direct buying of products such as berries and eggs. The residents of Carlton County have the unique opportunity to keep the farming tradition alive if we support our local farmers.

There is the slogan: "If you enjoy your freedom, thank a veteran." I want to add: "If you enjoy good, healthy food, thank a farmer."

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## The STREAM Scene

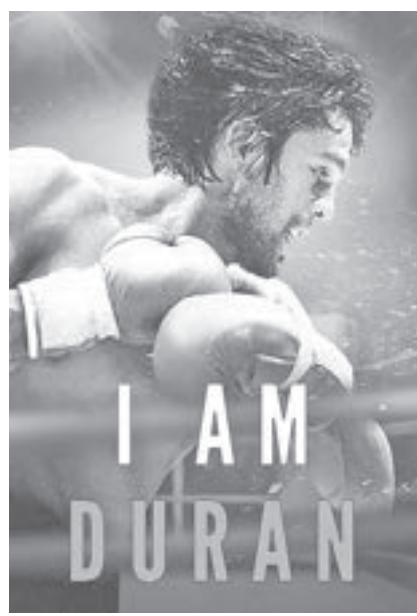
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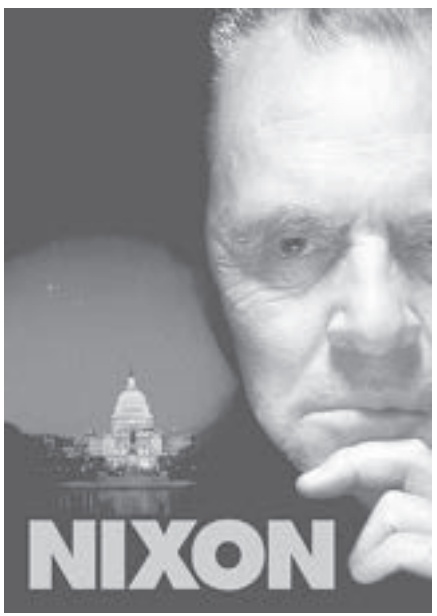
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UNDER THE RADAR



**"Movie: I Am Durán"**  
From director Mat Hodgson comes this 2019 documentary about the Panamanian boxer who held titles in four weight classes and helped inspire his homeland's people to rise up against its CIA-funded dictator to achieve independence. Fellow fighters Sugar Ray Leonard, Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis offer their observations, as do Robert De Niro, Sylvester Stallone and Larry Merchant.



**"Movie: Nixon"**  
Oliver Stone's controversial portrait of Richard Nixon stars Anthony Hopkins as the former president. The film covers Nixon's childhood in a Quaker home, his rise in politics and his fall from grace after the Watergate scandal of the '70s. Joan Allen stars as Pat Nixon, Ed Harris plays E. Howard Hunt, and David Hyde Pierce plays attorney John Dean.



**"The World's Most Amazing Vacation Rentals"**  
The unscripted series returns for its sophomore round, as seasoned travelers Jo Franco, Megan Batoon and Luis D. Ortiz visit incredible, over-the-top vacation properties around the world and share their expert tricks and tips as well as highlight the life-changing experiences these rentals have to offer. (ORIGINAL)



**"Disney's Magic Bake-Off" (Sept. 29)**  
Dara Reneé and Issac Ryan Brown host this competition series that combines the fun of baking and the impressive ingenuity of several young pastry chefs, who divide into three teams of two and race against the clock to create cakes inspired by a Disney TV or movie offering. Disneyland pastry chef Graciela Gomez guides the kid bakers.



## IN MEMORIAM



Community members, friends and past and present Gordy's Hi-Hat workers stand in silence and solidarity Sunday with family members during a short service for Gordy Lundquist, who didn't want a funeral. He got an ice cream social and celebration of life instead. Gordy Lundquist died at his Florida home in July. Photos by Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News

# Celebrating Gordy: 'He had a really good heart'

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Instead of a funeral, hundreds of coworkers and friends gathered with the family of Gordy Lundquist Sunday to remember the man they adored at the place that has become a Cloquet icon.

It was a celebration of life, complete with ice cream and conversation, a rifle salute and many memories shared in the parking lot of Gordy's Hi-Hat, now closed for the season.

Lundquist, who founded Gordy's Hi-Hat restaurant with his wife, Marilyn, passed away July 6 at the age of 93. He was at the couple's Florida home — where they'd stayed more often since the Covid-19 pandemic began — with Marilyn by his side. They were married for 71 years.

The two of them founded the famous restaurant, a favorite of residents and tourists, along Highway 33 in Cloquet in 1960. They still worked side by side at the Hi-Hat until just a couple of years ago. Gordy loved taking orders and shaking hands with customers, which became a special treat after Gordy and Marilyn's fame on the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives."

Their son, Dan, now runs the restaurant with his son, Sever. Dan eulogized his father Sunday from the back porch of the restaurant, photographs of Gordy lining the table behind him. He talked about what a good father he was to him and his brother, Rick, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather and a proud independent businessman. He was also a proud American and a Navy man, Dan said, adding that he was honored to have the honor guard there. Gordy served in the Navy during the final year of World War II.



"The thing I'm most proud of is he had a really good heart, which is probably why you're here," the normally stoic businessman told the crowd, pausing occasionally when his emotions bubbled over. "He touched lives in small ways and he did it every day. He made a big impact while selling hamburgers on the side of the road."

Following three rifle volleys by the Cloquet Area Honor Guard in the back parking lot, Navy personnel Alexandra Signorello and Tim Carlson folded a flag, and Signorello presented it to Marilyn: "May God bless you and may God bless your family," she said, following with a long salute.

Later, Cloquet's Chris Medich approached Marilyn and said her husband was a "class act."

"He enjoyed every day he was here," Marilyn said.

## Fond memories

Before and after the short ceremony, family members mingled

with the community, this time without the task of serving food. It was hugs and smiles all around.

Gordy is survived by Marilyn, sons Rick (Patty), Dan (Kelly), grandchildren Riki (Nick), Hallie, Danny (Jenna), Anna (Eric), Sever (Kaitlyn), Sadie, and Rose and great-grandchildren Harper, August and Wilk.

Recently back from Florida, Marilyn chatted with old friends and co-workers, like Jodi Ward, who's been a cook at the Hi-Hat for 22 years.

Ward wasn't the only past or present coworker there Sunday. The memories flowed from all corners of the parking lot.

"He's going to be missed. He was a great guy: good to work for and a personal friend," said Bob Vajdl, who worked at Gordy's from 1966 to 1968, and again when he got out of the Army. "I'll miss him."

Those early days were when customers had to walk up to the front porch and order, then



**Above:** Casey Essler worked in the dining room and behind the counter with Gordy. He said he was a great boss.

**Left:** Marilyn Lundquist greets longtime kitchen co-worker Jodi Ward outside the Gordy's Hi-Hat restaurant Sunday.

take their food and go, Vajdl said. When guys drove street rods there to hang out, and Vajdl would often take Gordy's latest car to Duluth to fetch supplies.

Debbie (Krueger) Buczynski worked at the Hi-Hat around the same time, starting when she was 14 or 15 until she graduated from high school.

"Gordy and Marilyn were always so very nice. They were hard workers. I learned a lot from them," she said. When she and her husband married, Gordy ordered the food for their reception. They moved away, but they always went to Gordy's when they came home.

"He always remembered us, always, always," she said.

Brett Port just finished his 11th season at the drive-in. He worked alongside Gordy almost every day of his career, pre-pandemic. "It is special to work here," Port said. "This place just has something."

"Love," said his fiance, Abby

LaFlash.

Casey Essler worked in the dining room, then one year behind the counter with Gordy. His handwriting could be tough to read, he said, but he was a happy boss. "He never yelled," Essler said, recalling when a coworker dropped a giant ketchup container that splashed onto Gordy and himself. "Gordy just laughed."

Paul Cameron was one of the Gordy's parking lot "controllers" last summer, waving and gesturing with their flashlights, pointing the way to a parking spot, often making people smile in the midst of the pandemic.

"Gordy looked out for the community and his family, and he passed down something so great, and he brought a smile to so many faces," Cameron said. "When you tell people you're from Cloquet, it's Gordy's they think of. He definitely put his thumbprint on this place."

Sever Lundquist said he was happy he came back home six years ago after pursuing a career in the Twin Cities area. Coming back was always part of the plan, he said, but when his company was relocating to Boulder, he decided it was time to move back up north and get into the family business. He and his wife, Kaitlyn, have a toddler, Wilk, and they're expecting another baby in a month.

Sever said it's been really nice hearing all the stories and feeling the outpouring of support since his grandfather passed away. "People telling us about different interactions with Gordy over the last six decades ... we really appreciate the community sharing those memories," he said. "Gordy started a lot of relationships. We hope we can continue to honor him by upholding those relationships."



# OBITUARIES

## Donald A. Anderson

Donald A. Anderson, 91, of Cloquet passed away from a stroke on Sept. 16, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospice. He was born to Alver and Lillian (Erickson) Anderson on June 2, 1930, in Cloquet.

Don was a lifelong resident of Cloquet. He married Rosemary Bodie on May 1, 1954, and together they raised six children. Don was employed for many years at Bodie's Grocery. It was often joked that he hated to leave Carlton County, the exception being fishing trips with family and his fishing partner Ernie Vestin. Don enjoyed working with wood, completing many projects from scratch, as well as refinishing furniture purchased from auctions and estate sales. He was known for his quick wit and easy demeanor.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lois Senarighi and Dorothy Burton; and brother, Dennis Anderson.

He will be greatly missed by his wife



of 67 years, Rosemary; his children, Brad (Carol) Anderson, Beth (Chris) Chartier, Lee (Beth) Anderson, Gwen (Terry) Sunnarborg, Jan (Kevin) Richardson, and Jason (Megan) Anderson; his grandchildren, Sara, Kimberly, Jill, Marley, Kayla, Holly, Cassie, Kaitlyn, Logan, Noelle, Luke, Ahna, Nathan, Kyle and Aubrey; 20 great-grandchildren and one on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends he made during his 91 years on Earth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cloquet, St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth or the Cloquet Educational Foundation are preferred.

Due to Covid-19 numbers increasing in the area, a private graveside service will be held. To leave an online condolence, visit the guestbook at [www.nelsonfuneralcare.net](http://www.nelsonfuneralcare.net)

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## Joel T. Trevis

Joel T. Trevis, 71, of Crosslake, passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 13, 2021. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel and there will be a small private service for the family held at a later date.

Joel was born March 28, 1950, to Jerome and Ethel (Mueller) Trevis in West St. Paul. He married his love, JoAnn Hill, on Aug. 31, 1991.

Joel loved the outdoors and northern Minnesota. He loved to hunt and share his many stories of hunting deer, elk and bear. Joel had the ability to see the light in the darkest of moments. He showed patience, kindness and unconditional love to everyone he met. Even in his final days, Joel found the strength to smile and spread some laughter with his infectious sense of humor. He was adored by his grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all.



He was preceded in death by his father Jerome Trevis, mother Ethel Gardner, brother Jack Trevis, stepfather Earl Gardner and stepbrother Randy Bassie.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Trevis; children Lee Trevis, Lori Scott, Tara Lahti (Mark) and Rae Ann Hill; grandchildren Tyson, Alissandra, Derek, Devyn, Tom, Ella, Hanna and Brooke; siblings Judie Cerar (Rod), Jane White (Ed), Cathy Mohlis (Bob), Chris Walch (Tom), Bernadette Doyle (Don), Mark Trevis (Ann), Tony Trevis (Cindy), Jennifer Kidd (Charles); sister-in-law Sue Kohlmeyer (Peter); stepmother Katy Trevis; stepsisters Brenda Kujawa (Pete), Theresa Thompson (Tony), Julie Pratt (Wayne); many nieces and nephews; and dear friend Dave Vickery.

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## Kenneth E. "Kenny" Beck

Kenneth E. "Kenny" Beck, 78, of Carlton passed away peacefully Sept. 15, 2021, at Solvay House in Duluth after a 2½ year battle with pancreatic cancer. Kenny was born Oct. 17, 1942, in Two Harbors to Frank and Elna Beck.

After graduating from Clover Valley High School in 1960, he spent four years in the U.S. Navy with his brother Bob, of whom he was very proud. Upon his return, he worked for Reserve Mining, and later for USG Corporation.

Kenny was married to Debby Beck, whom he called "the love of his life," in 1989 in Lake Tahoe, California. They loved traveling and cruising the Caribbean. Kenny was an avid Vikings and Gophers fan and enjoyed watching his grandchildren play in their many sports.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Elna; brothers Pete, Allen, Bob and Dan; and sisters Irene and



Mary Ann.

He is survived by his wife, Debby; sons, Lonny (Ann) and Larry; stepsons, Brock Carlson (Lisa) and Torrey Carlson (Beth); grandchildren, Lindsey Beck, Tristan, Gavin and Annika Carlson, and Elle and Avery Carlson; brothers Ted (Sue) and Roger (Julie); sisters Kathy Oberg and Bernice Souder; and many nieces and nephews.

At Kenny's request, a private graveside service will be held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery-Duluth in Saginaw.

Military honors will be accorded. The family would like to thank Dr. Kuross and the oncology staff at Essentia and Solvay House for their special care of Kenny. To leave condolences for the family, visit the online guestbook at [www.nelsonfuneralcare.net](http://www.nelsonfuneralcare.net).

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## John "Danny" Van McFatridge

John "Danny" Van McFatridge, 83, of Cloquet, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He was born on Dec. 31, 1937, to Van Thomas McFatridge and Anna-belle Dare.

Danny married Elaine DeFoe on July 18, 1973.

He enjoyed doing yard work and working on family vehicles. Danny and Elaine were avid bingo players. They enjoyed traveling, going out for dinner, and spending time with their great-grandchildren. He was a Green Bay Packer fan and he watched most of their games.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Thomas McFatridge.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; sons, Guy (Jodi) McFatridge and Gary



(Charlie Rose) Miskwaa Bineshii; his grandchildren, Shawn Randall, Katrina (Jeremy) Compton, Samantha-Jo McFatridge, Dana (Derrick) Houle-McFatridge, Gye Houle-McFatridge, Derek (Cherokee) McFatridge, Brandi (James) Fisher, Greg LaCroix, Tiffani LaCroix, Tommi Weiland, Carissa Diver, and Skyler Komanetz; many great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until a 1 p.m. funeral service on Sept. 25 at Nelson Funeral Care in Cloquet. Interment will be in New Holy Family Cemetery in Cloquet.

To leave on online condolence, visit the guest book at [www.nelsonfuneralcare.net](http://www.nelsonfuneralcare.net).

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## Obituary policy

The cost for obituaries in the Pine Knot News is \$75 and can include up to two photos. Death notices with just name, date of birth and death, city of residence and service information are printed at no cost. Email death notices and obituaries with attachments to:

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## CROSS COUNTRY



The Cloquet girls cross country team gets ready to start the Dan Conway Classic race at Nemadji Golf Course on Sept. 9. Elise Sertich (212) led the Lumberbacks team with a time of 21:39.8. Photos by Dave Harwig / Pine Knot News

# Pack mentality runs Lumberjacks

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The word “improvement” is the word of the day for Cloquet cross country coach Chandra Allen. “The boys team has been improving each week. They have been working on closing the gap between the top four and each week they are a little closer to one another,” Allen said. “The girl’s team has also been improving each week.”

On the boys side, the Lumberjacks have relied on Miles Fischer and a host of others to lead the way.

“Miles Fischer has been running especially strong each week, leading the boys team,” Allen said. “Sam Buytaert also put in a strong performance at Eveleth this past week.”

The boys squad has a ton of depth this season.

“Jake Mertz and Cale Prosen are continuing to improve each week and are reliable for the team,” Allen said. “A surprise is ninth-grader Ian Berube. At Eveleth he was our No. 5 runner on the boys team, but with more experience racing the 5K each week, I think that he will continue to be a scoring runner.”

When it comes to sectionals, Allen feels the boys could make some noise. “I think that we are in a good position this year,” Allen said. “We have a young team with only Miles, Sam, and Cale returning from the varsity squad two years ago. Jake last year improved a lot and ran varsity for us, but this is his first year as a varsity runner in some of our bigger meets.”



Cloquet’s Karl Thompson (left) and Ben Sanders (right) run with a pack during the Dan Conway Classic cross country race at Nemadji Golf Course.

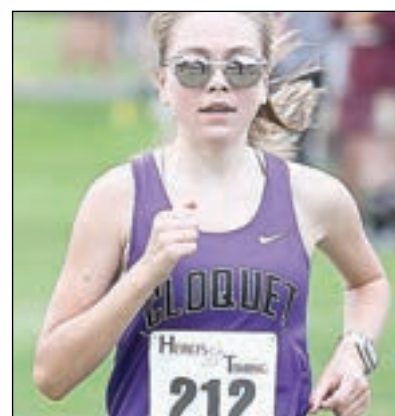
## Girls

Charlotte Ripp is the only returning varsity runner and “she is leading the team nicely,” Allen said. Her daughter, senior Amelia Allen, is out for the season with a tibial stress fracture that she suffered at the meet in Nemadji. “Amelia felt something pop in her shin right before the mile in the race and continued through to the finish,” she said.

Despite losing a talented runner, the Cloquet girls have some depth. “Elise Sertich has also been running strong for our team this year,”

Allen said. “Two eighth-graders, Bri LaCore and Adrianna Nelson, have each been scoring for us on varsity.” Other varsity runners have been 10th-graders Keanna Simmulla, Victoria Nelson, Lily Summar and Maddyson Waters. “Each week the girls are running in a tighter pack,” Allen said.

“I am really pleased with how they are coming along with their training,” said Allen. “Again, they are a really young team, with little varsity experience in our larger meets.”



Elise Sertich was the top Cloquet girls runner at Nemadji.

## The ticker

A quick look at area teams in action

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

#### FOOTBALL

Grand Rapids-20  
Cloquet-13

Barnum-24  
Braham-0

Esko-54  
Proctor-0

South Ridge-38  
Cook County-0

Hill City/Northland-32  
Cromwell-Wright/  
Floodwood-7

ML/WR-36  
Greenway/Nashauk-  
Keewatin-0

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

#### VOLLEYBALL

(tournaments)

#### Minnetonka

- Minnetonka-2, Cloquet-0
- Rochester Mayo-2, Cloquet-0
- Cloquet-2, Cretin Derham Hall-0
- Benilde-SM-2, Cloquet-0

#### Crosby-Ironton

- Ada-Borup-2, ML/WR-0
- Deer River-2, ML/WR-0
- ML/WR-2, East Central-0
- Barnum-2, Mille Lacs-0
- Pine River-Backus-2, Barnum-0

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Esko-3  
Proctor-0

#### BOYS SOCCER

Grand Rapids-2  
CEC-1

### MONDAY, SEPT. 20

#### VOLLEYBALL

Hinckley-Finlayson-3  
Wrenshall-1

Esko-3  
ML/WR-0

N’East Range-3  
South Ridge-2

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

#### VOLLEYBALL

Cloquet-3  
Virginia-1

Barnum-3  
Carlton-0

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Esko-4  
Two Harbors-0

#### BOYS SOCCER

CEC-4  
Superior-1

#### GIRLS TENNIS

CEC-5  
Grand Rapids/  
Greenway-2



## SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24  
FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted  
 Carlton/Wrenshall vs Kelliher/Northome  
 Cloquet vs Duluth East  
 Cromwell-Wright/Floodwood at South  
 Ridge  
 Esko at Pine City  
 Moose Lake/Willow River  
 vs Crosby-Ironton  
 Barnum at North Woods, 3:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25  
GIRLS SOCCER

Esko vs Benilde-St. Margaret's, 4 p.m.

## BOYS SOCCER

CEC at Princeton, 1 p.m.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

CEC at Lincoln Park Middle School,  
 1 p.m.

## GIRLS TENNIS

CEC at Saint Francis, 9 a.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

Cloquet, South Ridge and Crom-  
 well-Wright at Virginia, 9 a.m.  
 Esko at Duluth East, 9 a.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cloquet, Cromwell-Wright, Esko, Moose  
 Lake/Willow River/Barnum at Milaca  
 Mega Meet, 10 a.m.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 27

## GIRLS TENNIS

CEC at Superior, 4:15 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

Carlton at Cherry, 7 p.m.  
 Cromwell-Wright at Onamia, 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

## Girls soccer

Cloquet vs Grand Rapids, 4:45 p.m.  
 Esko at Mesabi East Schools, 5 p.m.



A Lumberjacks fumble late in the game sealed a 20-13 win for Grand Rapids last week when it played in Cloquet. Photo by Parker Sickmann

## GIRLS TENNIS

CEC at Crosby-Ironton, 4 p.m.

## BOYS SOCCER

CEC at Duluth Denfeld, 6 p.m.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

CEC at Superior, 5 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

All matches at 7 p.m.  
 Carlton vs Moose Lake/Willow River  
 Cloquet vs Esko  
 Barnum vs Moose Lake/Willow  
 South Ridge at Mountain Iron-Buhl

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cloquet, Cromwell-Wright, Esko at Her-  
 mantown, 4 p.m.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

## VOLLEYBALL

All matches at 7 p.m.  
 Carlton vs Cromwell-Wright, 7 p.m.  
 Cloquet vs Duluth Denfeld, 7 p.m.  
 Barnum vs Moose Lake/Willow River  
 Esko at Hibbing  
 South Ridge at Two Harbors  
 Wrenshall vs Floodwood

## GIRLS SOCCER

Cloquet at Marshall, 4:30 p.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Carlton/Wrenshall at Hibbing, 4 p.m.

## GOLF

## Golf season winds down

With the turning of the leaves and calendar to September, many golf aficionados start planning where to store their clubs for the winter season. But a group of seniors maximize the remaining daylight and try to prolong the golf schedule with a condensed tournament that features six local course sites played over four days.

The annual event, founded by the late Lee Samuelson of Lee's Pro Shop in Pine City, has a maximum — and it is always full — of 18 foursomes playing in a four-person-team scramble. This year's tourney started on Sept. 8 at Proctor Golf Club with nine holes of play in the morning and moved to Grandview Golf Club on Midway Road for the afternoon and second nine holes. The next day featured nine holes at the Pine Hill Golf Club in Carlton followed by Rugged Spruce Golf Club in Mahtowa for lunch and nine more holes.

On Sept. 10, all 72 golfers played 18 holes at the beautiful Moose Lake Golf Club, and on Sept. 13, they played 18 holes at the Retreat Golf Club in Floodwood. A total of 72 holes for seniors (over age 50) over four days.

Teams are composed of men and women, mostly retirees, from Pine City, Moose Lake, Cromwell, Brookston, The Lost Tavern in Scanlon, Mahtowa, Esko, Carlton, Sawyer, Floodwood, Cloquet, Proctor, and Twig, near Duluth.

Players get to meet many others in "the field" and also get acquainted with new friends and golf advocates. There are a lot of smiling faces; it doesn't take long, with golf, to get familiar and comfortable.

It's a great way to close out the fading season.

## Personal reviews

I couldn't resist a few comments and, as a participant, observations of these local

host tourney courses.

**Proctor Golf Club:** Established in 1927, this is undoubtedly the only golf course in America with a full-size train and Air Force fighter jet on its property. Considering the drought of 2021, the course was in great shape. Greens putted true. A very walkable course.

**Grandview Golf Club:** Spectacular view from the eighth- and ninth-hole tees overlooking the valley behind Spirit Mountain. New hole No. 1 is a challenging, stiff dogleg, par 4. Course is showing steady major investments, improvements, and playability. Very nice greens.

**Pine Hill Golf Club (Carlton):** The greens were perfect. Per owner Jim Barry, "Frankly, I didn't know what to expect businesswise in 2021 with Black Bear and Big Lake reopening after being shut down for the pandemic ... and we've had a record year." Course easily handled 72 golf tournament participants.

**Rugged Spruce Golf Club (Mahtowa):** New owners Jim and Colleen Myhre couldn't be more pleased with 2021 course and clubhouse business. Their new outdoor patio, attached to the clubhouse, was perfect for serving food and seating for 72 hungry and thirsty golfers. Course in overall great shape.

**Moose Lake Golf Club:** Tracing its roots to 1929, this course overlooking Sand Lake was plush and beautiful. With an expansive clubhouse, there was plenty of room to serve 72 golfers lunch and beverages. Marina attached to the clubhouse is an impressive feature.

**The Retreat Golf Club (Floodwood/Gowan):** Owner Dan Donofrio said 2021 business has been great, even surpassing 2020. Recent rains have made already nice greens simply perfect. The nine-hole layout has some unique holes with two challenging par threes.

## KORBY'S CONNECTIONS



Steve Korby

## HOCKEY

## Former Lumberjack is looking west for a chance

Former Cloquet-Esko-Carlton hockey player Westin Michaud is hoping a move west will give him a chance to realize his dream of playing in the NHL.

After playing professionally for the Manitoba Moose last season, the 2014 Cloquet graduate has signed a contract to play for the Stockton Heat — a minor league affiliate of the NHL's Calgary Flames.

"I think making the move to Stockton will give me more of a chance to showcase what I can do," Michaud said. "I feel very fortunate to get a chance to [do that]."

While Michaud is — and has been — a great player, he has never been known as the go-to during his playing years. He has been a grinder and a guy who puts in extra work and never quits. He is a person you root for, a player who has to work for everything he gets and never quits.

"That's just my nature to work hard and never give up," Michaud said. "You need to persevere. I know I can play in the NHL and I just need the opportunity."

After graduating from Cloquet and playing junior hockey for a

year, Michaud went on to star at Colorado College from 2015 to 2019. He was granted an extra year of eligibility in college due to a torn ACL his freshman season.

He used that extra season to play for the University of North Dakota in 2019.

One of the unique things about Michaud is his ability to relate to kids. After every warm-up session, he throws a puck to a youngster in the stands. He said it's his way to say "thank you" to kids for coming to the game.

"I started doing that when I was in junior hockey," Michaud said. "I just look at those kids and it reminds me of myself when I was their age. I even did it last year when there were no kids in the stands, just to keep that tradition going."

One of the many ways Michaud gives back to the community is by hosting youth camps through his business called Northland Hockey Development Academy. Michaud said the camps will continue next summer and fall after his return from his professional season in California.

He is a year away from a

degree in educational leadership. His Northland Hockey Academy is an extension of his career, academics and life goals.

"It is just great to see kids have fun and be a part of something," Michaud said. "I enjoy putting on the camps, and to see kids improve and adding an educational part to the camps is unique. I've always had to work hard for everything I have and I want the kids to learn that same work ethic, so they can achieve something great in their lives."

Michaud is a perfect example for youth players. He is someone who needed to work for everything he has. He took care of business in the classroom and he is giving back to the town he grew up in, but perhaps the most important thing is his attitude toward life.

"It is too easy to go through life and not give back," Michaud said. "I was one of those kids and I want them to go to school and get their education and maybe realize a dream as well."

Michaud shares his phone number with all the kids he coaches. If they ever need anything, he answers the phone and offers advice.

Now, Michaud will try and show an NHL team just how

good he is and how he can help their franchise while also using his intelligence on the ice.

"I think my main strength is my hockey IQ level and the fact that I am a 300-foot player," Michaud said. "I play hard on offense and defense. I am an average skater, and I am smaller in size for an NHL player. But I think my advantage is I can out-smart players with my reads and be more elusive and agile and use that to my advantage."

As Michaud gets ready for camp in just a month, he is working on his game at home.

"I skate a lot in Cloquet, Superior and Duluth and I work out at Park Avenue Fitness Center in Cloquet," Michaud said. "I have a skill session, work on power skating and I work on finite details that can make me better."

Regardless of whether Michaud makes the NHL or not, the one thing he has proven already is he is someone who cares about kids and people, works on his craft and has his priorities in order. His work ethic and his attitude assure that he will make his mark on any community he decides to live in once his playing career is over.

"My agenda in life is how can I make someone's life better every

## RODD'S RAMBLINGS



Kerry Rodd



Former Cloquet-Esko-Carlton hockey player Westin Michaud has moved from the Manitoba Moose to an NHL affiliate. Contributed photo

day," Michaud said. "I want to do the little things that make life awesome and help make people's lives better."

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**BOYS SOCCER**



CEC's Jordan Aultman looks to control a ball during CEC's 1-0 loss to East last Thursday, a rain-shortened game that had the Lumberjacks surging before the match was called. *Photos by Jack Slater / Pine Knot News*

# Rain clips 'Jacks surge against East

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In a stormy bout between the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton and Duluth East boys soccer teams last Thursday, the Lumberjacks were left with a 1-0 loss and an early exit as the weather prevented a full second half.

CEC head coach John Sundquist felt his team got unlucky when it came to which half of the field they defended first.

"That 30 mph wind was like an added player for them," he said.

The game at East started windy, warm and sunny but storm clouds soon crept in.

Throughout much of the first half, the two sides showed strong midfield presence but East had the upper hand. The Greyhounds' lone goal came after a rebounded free-kick and a scrum in the box.

The time played in the second half showed what could've been for CEC. Chances and shots began to favor the 'Jacks, but the weather decided the outcome.

Sundquist had no hard feelings. "East played tough and credit to them to put one by Lucas (Rauner). It hasn't happened often this season."

Senior captain Ryan Tomsche said he feels good about the season up to this point and that improvement is constant across the team. When playoffs come he thinks they'll be prepared to win. Regarding the East game, he thought that if they were given the full second half that the

outcome would've been in CEC's favor. He felt a shift.

"We were having chance after chance and eventually I do think we would've scored. But there's nothing we can do about it now and we're back to preparing for playoffs," Tomsche said.

Sundquist also said they've already put the game behind them.

"They are a non-section, non-conference opponent," he said. "Would it have been nice to finish that game and win? You bet. Does it effect our overall goals this season? No."

The CEC boys have lost just three games out of the last 10 played. The losses were against Mounds View, Duluth East and Grand Rapids. The wins came against Proctor, Mesabi East, Marshall, Hermantown, Superior and Hibbing/Chisolm. CEC has one tie this season, a scoreless game against Rosemount. The 'Jacks have scored 31 goals while allowing just 6.

Sundquist said his team continues to raise the bar. He has experimented with some position changes, especially with players like Jordan Aultman and Sam Bailey, who add versatility.

The Lumberjacks mindset has remained the same, he said, and the team is changing. "There are growing pains with every season and it's how you deal with things that makes all the difference," Sundquist said. "We have a lot of 'team first' players and that makes everything easier."

Spencer Teitelbaum, one of



CEC goalie Lucas Rauner clears a ball during last Thursday's game at Duluth East.

three senior captains, believes the strength and chemistry of the team will separate them from their opponents. He said that a lot of the older players have been teammates since elementary

school so they know each other and their capabilities.

"Our new teammates this year have filled in some major gaps from our departing seniors from last year," Teitelbaum said. Be-

yond the chemistry of the older players, he said the role of new players and old will find a way to mesh.

CEC plays Saturday, Sept. 25, at Princeton.

## High School Sports Broadcasts

Friday, Sept. 24 7 PM	Football	Esko @ Pine City .....	WKLK 96.5 FM
Friday, Sept. 24 7 PM	Football	Cloquet vs East .....	WKLK 1230 AM
Friday, Sept. 24 7 PM	Football	MLWR vs Crosby .....	WMOZ 106.9 FM
Friday, Oct. 1 7 PM	Football	Ely @ Cromwell .....	WKLK 96.5 FM
Friday, Oct. 1 7 PM	Football	Cloquet @ Hermantown .....	WKLK 1230 AM
Friday, Oct. 1 7 PM	Football	MLWR @ Mesabi East.....	WMOZ 106.9 FM

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- Oct. 1 7:10 pm vs Royals**
- Oct. 2 6:10 pm vs Royals**



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**GIRLS SOCCER**

Cloquet's Macava Smith kicks the game-winning goal during Monday's home soccer match with Duluth Denfeld. Smith's goal secured a 3-2 win for the 7-2 Lumberjacks. *Photos by Dave Harwig / Pine Knot News*

# Cloquet aims to stay on top in section

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After two section titles in a row, the Cloquet girls soccer team remains a favorite for a three-peat in Section 7.

Last week the Lumberjacks split a pair of games, beating Hibbing 8-0 Tuesday, then losing Saturday 2-0 to Two Rivers (formerly Henry Sibley). Playing at home in the pouring rain on Monday, they defeated Duluth Denfeld 3-2 to improve to 7-2 on the season.

Coach Dustin Randall sees room for improvement. "I think we have had our ups and downs," Randall said. "Saturday was a good reality check and we didn't meet our standards of play."

Randall was referring to the fact that Cloquet was probably a favorite against Two Rivers, a school located in Mendota

Heights. The Warriors came into the game with a record of 2-4-1, while the 'Jacks had a 6-1 record. Despite that setback, Cloquet has still been impressive far more often than not in the early going this season.

"I am not surprised by the good start," Randall said. "We do a lot of work together preparing for our season, and we expect to compete in every game we play."

Despite the impressive start to the season, the coaching staff feels there is still more to come from this squad especially on offense.

"Offensively I think we can do more," Randall said. "We have had some good games and some good moments, but I don't think I have seen the sharpness that our offensive front is capable of."

Cloquet's key to winning this season is their defensive abilities. The team has a combination of

strength and speed that most high school teams don't have, Randall said. "Defensively we are very fast and strong," he said. "Most teams have not even had real scoring chances, let alone goals against us, and that gives us the chance to win any game we play."

When asked to single out leaders, Randall said it's a tough thing to do. "We have no shortage of leaders, because we have a big senior class. We have a lot of girls that have leadership roles, so it's hard to really pick one as a default leader."

Continuity and a sense of team unity have been another big key to what coach Randall hopes will be another state tournament run.

"Overall, I am having a lot of fun with this group," Randall said. "There are so many great people on it and I feel very lucky to share the moments with them."



Cloquet's Maddie Young moves the ball past Duluth Denfeld's Brooke Thompson during Monday's soccer match, played in a driving rain on Bromberg Field.

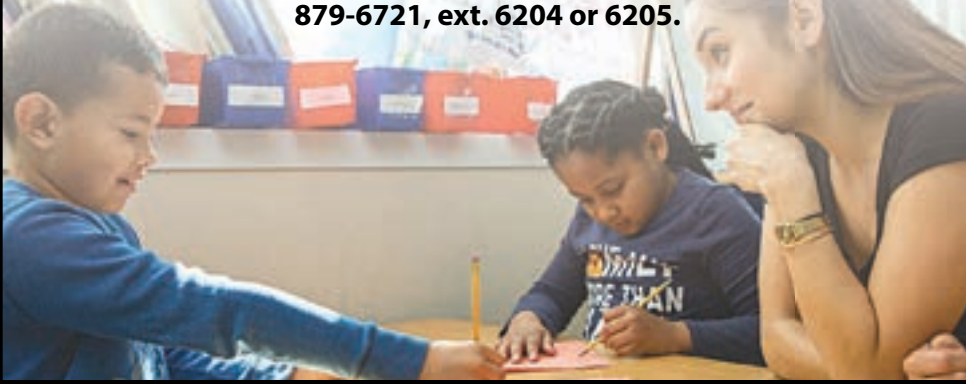
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# COMMUNITIES

## AREA EVENTS

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

“Akinomaage: Teaching from the Earth” photography exhibit by Vern Northrup, at the Cloquet library through Sept. 30.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

West End Flourish 12-6 p.m. Free, family-friendly block party complete with shopping, kids’ activities, food trucks and more. Visit the Pine Knot at 122 Avenue C and check out the “For the Birds” art show and West End Flourish art projects.

Music with Jerry & Joyce at the Cloquet VFW 1-4 p.m. Cover charge waived for the West End Flourish celebration, all welcome. No parking in city lot (VFW lot).

Carlton County Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Premiere Theatres, Cloquet.

Goodwill donation drive 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at B&B Market, 506 Big Lake Road in Cloquet; also Saturday, Oct. 2 & 9. Donors are entered to win a \$50 B&B meat bundle each week.

Car seat safety clinic 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Cloquet Area Fire District Station 1, 508 Cloquet Ave. Parents/caregivers are invited to the station where a certified car seat safety technician will inspect their child’s car seat at no charge. Masks required.

Ruby’s Pantry visits Mission Creek Church, 521 131st Ave. West in the Fond du Lac neighborhood of Duluth, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the fourth Saturday of the month. Donation: \$20 per share. 218-626-3309

### MONDAY, SEPT. 27

Yoga for All, 10-10:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, led by Carolyn Ripp of The Nest Wellness Studio. Sponsored by the Cloquet Public Library. For children age 3 and up and adults, and caregivers

with young children are encouraged to participate. Rain site: Cloquet library. Bring a mat or a towel.

Smear League meets 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Cloquet VFW. \$5.

Teen Reads 4-5 p.m. , with youth services librarian Justin Dinger, Cloquet library teen room.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

A Nesting Place meets virtually 1-2 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays for those in the third semester of pregnancy, and mothers and their infants up to one year. To join the group: 218-499-6702, bgraden@cmhmn.org.

Dungeons & Dragons meets 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Cloquet library.

Carlton County farmers market 4-6 p.m. , McFarland Park, on Grand Avenue just off Highway 210.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

September Story Time 10-10:30 a.m., Cloquet library lawn. For kids through age 5 and their caregivers.

Senior dance at the Cloquet VFW 1-4 p.m. with the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Potluck, \$8 cover.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Story Stroll 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, featuring Breanna J. McDaniel’s picture book, “Hands Up!” Presented by the Cloquet Public Library.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 2

Country Western show and dance 2-5 p.m. the first Saturday of the month, Solway Town Hall, corner of Hwy 2 and Munger Shaw Road. All welcome, freewill offering. 218-729-8139, 591-7721

## WRIGHT/CROMWELL NEWS

School is now underway and most of our kids and grandkids are back in the classroom. Let’s hope all goes well this year and they stay safe and well.

Yoga has resumed on Mondays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Cromwell Pavilion. \$3, gear provided. Questions, call Ann Markusen 218-428-3300.

The Bethany Lutheran rummage and plant sale is 3-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 and 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Donations can be brought in a couple of days ahead of time.

The community is invited to attend a graveside service for Reino Walli at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Lakeside Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m.

There are two upcoming events at the Star Club Hall, 6350 Highway 27 in Kettle River. First, there is a steak fry 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 (\$20 at the door or \$18 in advance, contact Karen Youngberg, 218-658-4384, to preregister). After the steak fry there will be a dance 8-11 p.m. with Kenny Halverson and Mike from Mostly Cash. Then, on Oct. 9, the Star Club’s 100-year celebration will be held 2-11 p.m.

Cromwell-Wright school has developed a Safe Return to In-Person Learning plan in response to Covid-19 in our school community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Minnesota Department of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics all strongly

recommend the use of face masks by all persons, regardless of vaccination status, inside the building. At Cromwell-Wright, masks are optional and will not be required on the school grounds either inside or outside during the instructional

day. All sports-related workouts and/or practices or competitions are subject to the rules designated by the Minnesota State High School League. There is a full list of safe protocols on the school website if you want complete information. Questions and concerns can be directed to Superintendent/Principal Nathan Libbon at nlibbon@isd95.org.

Yearbooks are on sale now. Save \$5 and purchase yours for \$45 at www.isd95.org before Nov. 24.

Place your Butter Braid fundraising order by Oct. 20. Delivery is Oct. 27. Proceeds benefit the Cromwell-Wright junior class prom.

The County Seat Theater Company presents “Beer for Breakfast” at 7 p.m. Sept. 24, 25 and 30 and Oct. 1, and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 26 and Oct. 2 and 3. On-demand performances are Oct. 1-3. Purchase tickets at countyseattheater.com or by calling 878-0071.

That’s all the news from the Edge of Wright. Drive safely and watch out for children.

Send any news to [jkh4president@hotmail.com](mailto:jkh4president@hotmail.com) or call 218-357-2385.

### COMMUNITY COLUMNIST



Jennie Hanson

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- Mideast alphabet opener
- Have dinner
- Four-sided figure
- Bird enthusiast
- Ending for para or ortho
- ‘20s and ‘30s art style
- Pilotless aircraft
- \_\_\_ nitrite (heart medicine)
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- Greek promenade
- Fulminated
- Hershey bar with a Nordic name
- Cobbler’s tool
- Disney’s 1970 feline film
- Pilot who gets frozen in carbonite
- Sch. attended by Romney and Obama
- Investigate, kitten-style
- Tibet University locale

- YouTube upload
- Amateurs
- Three-lined poem
- \_\_\_ retentive
- Orator’s skill: Abbr.
- Icy rain
- Semester, e.g.
- Printing goof

### Down

- “\_\_\_ Bowl of Tea” (Louis Chu novel)
- What the suspicious may smell?
- \_\_\_-call (automated solicitation)
- Displaying a higher quality
- Neck, in France
- Beatles nonsense syllables
- Rod attachment
- “You’re a lifesaver!”
- Boy’s future
- Blood classification system
- “Proud Mary” band, for short
- Bank machine
- Penn. neighbor
- Warner of “The Jazz Singer”
- PA airport code
- Knots
- Baseball VIPs
- Regions’ accumulations of life
- “Nothing’s Gonna Stop \_\_\_” (Starship song)
- Make off with

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- Vintage film channel
- Lifting device
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- Grazing grounds
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- Quit school
- Good news for investors
- Dockworkers’ gp.
- Apathetic remark
- Concert purchase, perhaps
- Tops
- Skier’s ride
- Pale and wan
- Dance bit
- Vis-à-vis

- Outdated recording format
- End for den or cord
- Monopoly cube
- Barely make, with “out”
- Dept. of the Interior agcy.

Puzzle answers on Page 15



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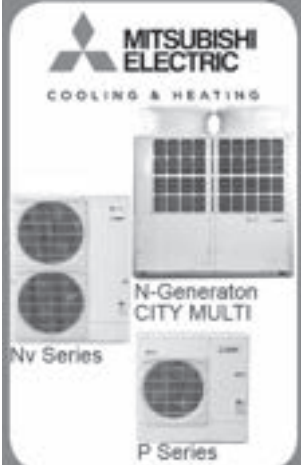
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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Answers to Sudoku, Crossword on Page 14

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARLTON DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.09-PR-21-1515

Estate of:  
Jonathon Dane Keller  
a/k/a Jonathon D. Keller,  
Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and notice is given that on October 28, 2021, at 8:55 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Carlton County Courthouse, Carlton, Minnesota for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Joshua Ryan Keller, whose address is: 910 158th Ave NW, Andover, MN 55304 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3 801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. If you have an objection to this case, please contact Court Administration at (218) 221-7560 option # 8 for further instructions as these hearings are currently held remotely due to the pandemic.

Dated: September 7, 2021

BY THE COURT  
Rebekka Stumme  
Judge of District Court  
Amy Turnquist  
Court Administrator

Chelsea Opdahl, Deputy Attorney for Petitioner:  
Keith M. Carlson #15040  
Keith M. Carlson Law Firm  
807 Cloquet Avenue  
PO Box 770  
Cloquet, MN 55720  
Telephone: (218) 879-1373  
Fax: (218) 879-1458  
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PKN Sept. 17, 24, 2021

## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARLTON DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.09-PR-21-1538

Estate of:  
Robert Michael Venier Jr.,  
a/k/a Robert M. Venier,  
a/k/a Robert M. Venier,  
Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and notice is given that on October 28, 2021, at 8:55 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Carlton County Courthouse, Carlton, Minnesota for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Yvonne Marie Venier, whose address is: 738 Hantz Road, Cloquet MN 55720 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four

months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. If you have an objection to this case, please contact Court Administration at (218) 221-7560 option #8 for further instructions as these hearings are currently held remotely due to the pandemic.  
Dated: September 10, 2021  
Rebekka Stumme  
Judge of District Court  
Amy Turnquist  
Court Administrator  
Chelsea Opdahl, Deputy Keith M. Carlson #15040  
Keith M. Carlson Law Firm  
807 Cloquet Avenue  
PO Box 770  
Cloquet, MN 55720  
Telephone: (218) 879-1373  
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Email: keithmcarlsonlaw@hotmail.com

PKN Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 2021

## NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: Default has occurred in the conditions of the following mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 9, 2011  
MORTGAGORS: Kenneth C. Lindemood and Janice I. Lindemood, husband and wife, as joint tenants.  
MORTGAGEE: Northern Communities Credit Union, a Minnesota corporation  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Mortgage recorded on June 21, 2011, as Document No. A000438038, in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Carlton County, and modified by Mortgage Amendment dated July 30, 2020, and recorded on August 25, 2020, as Document No. A000493522.  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: South Half of North Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 49 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, EXCEPT the South 225 feet of the West 524.0 feet thereof, Carlton County, Minnesota, AND

The East 780.0 feet of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter Section 4, Township 49 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, EXCEPT the South 558.6 feet thereof, Carlton County, Minnesota.  
TAX PARCEL NO.: 78-020-0742  
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 313 Smith Road, Esko, MN 55733  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Carlton County, Minnesota  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$86,072.34  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$89,931.86.

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by such Mortgage or any part thereof. PURSUANT to the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the Voluntary Mortgage Foreclosure Agreement between the parties, the above-described Property will be foreclosed and sold by the Sheriff of said County as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE OF SALE: Carlton County Sheriff's Office, 317 Walnut Avenue, Carlton, MN 55718.  
To pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage and taxes, if any paid by mortgagee on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor, its personal representatives or assigns is two (2) months after the date of the sale, except in the case where the real estate is subject to a federal tax lien and then the mortgagor and the United States are entitled to a 120-day redemption period pursuant to Minn. Stat. 582.32, subd. 5(d). Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 582.32, Mortgagor and Mortgagee have entered into a Voluntary Mortgage Foreclosure Agreement dated July 28, 2021, and

recorded on August 2, 2021, as Document No. A000500656 in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Carlton County, Minnesota.  
Junior lienholders may redeem in the order and manner provided in Minn. Stat. 582.32, subdivision 9, beginning after the expiration of the mortgagors' redemption period.  
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.  
MORTGAGORS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF MORTGAGE: None. Transaction Agent; residential mortgage servicer; lender or broker: Not applicable.  
Transaction Agents mortgage ID number (MERS number): Not applicable.  
Dated: September 13, 2021  
Northern Communities Credit Union, Mortgagee  
Gilbert Law Office  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Greg C. Gilbert, #0167320  
1831 E. 8th St. Ste 103  
Duluth, MN 55812  
(218) 625-8777  
PKN Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CARLTON COUNTY REZONING**  
Notice is hereby given that at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, 2021, the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Carlton County Transportation Building at 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, Minnesota to consider the Application of Petition for Rezoning #521003 by Michael Anderson to amend the Zoning Map by changing the property described as the Eastern 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast

1/4 in Section 4, Township 46 North, Range 19 West in Barnum Township (PIN 39-026-0510 and 39-026-0530) from the A-1 Agriculture/Forest Management to the A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential Zoning District.  
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter.  
/s/ Jack Ezell  
Planning Commission Chair  
PKN Sept. 24, 2021

## OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333  
The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.  
ASSUMED NAME: REACH Program  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1001 StanleyAve. Ste 200, Cloquet MN 55720  
NAMEHOLDER: Recreational Experience Achieving Community Harmony, 1001 Stanley Ave. Ste 200, Cloquet MN 55720  
I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  
Date: June 21, 2021  
Signed by: Dakota Koski  
Email for official notices: dakota@reachmentoringprogram.com  
Phone: 218-499-4293  
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VETERANS DAY | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11



# Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## HONOR YOUR VETERAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL THIS VETERANS DAY!

THE PINE KNOT NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHING A SPECIAL SECTION RECOGNIZING LOCAL VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ON FRIDAY, NOV. 5.

## THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO OUR READERS.

Please send photos of your veterans and military personnel along with their name, branch of service, rank, years of service and any wars they fought in to the Pine Knot News by mail, email or in person. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like your picture returned.

Mail or drop off your photo and information to: Pine Knot News, 122 Avenue C, Cloquet MN 55720 or email news@pineknotnews.com.

If you are a veteran or current military personnel and would like to share your story, please contact us at 218-878-9332 or news@pineknotnews.com.

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## VETERANS DAY SPECIAL SECTION

Submission deadline - Wednesday, October 27

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## Shoe store ...

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Leyrer leaves the business on a high note. Last year Burger's had its highest-grossing year ever at \$384,000 ... 10 times the amount that Leyrer made the first year after her dad died and she took over the business.

Although Leyrer had worked in the business growing up, she was busy leading her own life when her father passed away, and had to decide quickly what to do about the store. She and her husband didn't pay themselves for at least the first five years as they — with Mike as support but Maria at the helm — built the business back up.

LaPlant is probably a little better prepared than even Ludwig's daughter was. She has been working at Burger Shoes for the past seven years and actively training to take over the business for at least five years.

"We knew we had to make it work so this legacy could go on and support another person," Leyrer said. "She's taking on a big endeavor, but she's young and amazing. It's a win-win, for sure."

Leyrer said it was meant to be, from the moment LaPlant moved into their rental property and Maria saw that her first job growing up in Grand Rapids was at a shoe store. From then on, she kept asking when LaPlant was going to come work with her and eventually — two years later — she said OK.

"Things don't happen like this often," LaPlant said. "I'm very close to my family and this is a family-owned business and I feel like I'm a member of the family. It's a cool thing that's happening here."

LaPlant said it's been an amazing journey with Leyrer.

"We joke that I'm the younger version of her, as far as work ethic and fire and knowledge," she said. "And it's really cool to have this partnership, this mentorship."

### History

The seeds of Burger Shoes were planted in former Yugoslavia — Slovenia, to be exact — where Ludwig Burger learned how to make and repair shoes before moving to the United States



Maria Leyrer had her last day as owner of Burger Shoes on Tuesday. She sold the store to her protege and store manager, Carmen LaPlant. Leyrer's father, Ludwig Burger, started the business 54 years ago. Photos by Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News

to live with an uncle on the Iron Range. "It was the typical two weeks on a boat with a dollar in his pocket story," Leyrer said.

He worked in the mines there for 10 years, then moved to Cloquet and set up a tiny shoe repair shop on 10th Street in 1958. Leyrer said John Buskala walked her to the exact location in what is now a parking lot for Nelson Funeral Home.

He met and fell in love with her mother, then Bernice Ost-off. They opened up their first Burger shoe store at 1609 Carlton Avenue in 1967 — in a former grocery store building — moving into a home. Business was good, and pretty soon they opened a second store, Fashion by Burger's, in downtown Cloquet. Bernice ran that store.

"This store was always the flagship store, and carried work boots, comfort casual, men's, women's and children's shoes," Leyrer said. "The downtown store was fashion, things like go-go boots. I remember my mom waited on Jessica Lange there once. She said she had such colorful clothes."

For a brief period there was a third store in the new Lumberjack mall, called Hex and Castles, but her dad closed it down after six months. The fashion shoe store lasted about 10 years. But the flagship store remained, with Ludwig at its helm.

"He was the shoe repairman, that was his craft and trade," she said. "There were usually a couple part-time employees who sold, and I'd work there every Saturday growing up."

After her teen years, Leyrer left for about five years, and worked at other jobs. Then her dad died in October 1995.

"If it wasn't for my husband, I probably wouldn't have come back because losing my dad was really hard on me," she said. "Going back to your childhood home and taking over the business, it was tough." Slowly but surely, they built the business up to what it is today with the help of a long list of past employees, which she rattles off.

Last week Leyrer was mostly done cleaning out the office, finally taking home the leather vest that had hung there for the



New Burger Shoes owner Carmen LaPlant helps a customer with a pair of shoes last week. LaPlant said she doesn't plan to make any major changes at the store, but hopes people will stop in and say hello.

past five decades and photos of Burger's relatives in Slovenia.

She plans to go live there for three months, in a house she's rented, and get to know those relatives even better. Mike retired last year and now she's excited to join him.

"I never would have done it differently, but I'm going to retire now and explore life," she said.

### New owner, same model

LaPlant said she's gone through every emotion over the past few months as they prepared to close on the sale: nervous, scared, super-excited.

"But I also know that I can do this," she said. "I've been doing shoes for 12 years, so I know my stuff. And I pride myself on customer service."

LaPlant started her shoe career at Benders in Grand Rapids, then ended up running the Younkers shoe department when she was a University of Minnesota-Duluth communications and Spanish student.

"For [Younkers] to close and then to go to a small business, when small businesses weren't even supposed to make it, and now to buy one ... I think that's the scariest thing," LaPlant said. "But I grew up in a small town and that's part of the reason I stayed here. I think each community really wants everybody, every local business, to make it, especially now."

She gives Leyrer a lot of credit for building up the business, for

working with the local mills to grow their workboot business — employees get vouchers to buy boots — to targeting quality "comfort casual" shoes that customers can wear for years.

"They're the premium brands, not the knockoffs," she said. "You're not getting the ... cheapy shoes. You get what you pay for with what you find here at Burger Shoes, for sure. I think people are understanding that more and more: you get what you pay for."

LaPlant knows all the repeat customers, she knows the mill employees, she even knows how to do shoe repairs now. She thanked community members for supporting the hometown business, and she thanked her "bar family" at the Jack — where she also works part-time — for all the support they've given her.

The new owner said she doesn't plan to make any big changes. A couple of updates and a couple of new brands, she said, that's it. She hopes people will stop in and say hello, whether they're current customers or new to Burger's.

"It's going to be the same friendly faces, the same customer service. We're here to keep people's feet comfortable. That's what it's about. This business is established and nothing's broken, so why would I do anything to 'fix it?'" she said.

Look for more historic and transition photos online at [PineKnotNews.com](http://PineKnotNews.com)

## West End ...

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There are parking lots down the road on Dunlap Island and at Veterans Park, along with on-street parking, but be prepared to do some walking.

As part of the festivities, Krista Gardner will debut her West End Flourish "Ivory Garden" project. The Ivory Garden provides a space for citizens of Cloquet to perform and share music in a spontaneous fashion. The piano will be outside of Wood City Nutrition until the first snow.

"We're throwing a party to showcase the West End Flourish efforts and encouraging people to imagine what Cloquet's Historic West End could be," said organizer Ivan Hohnstadt, Pine Knot News advertising director. "This is the Pine Knot's neighborhood. Why wouldn't we champion it

and encourage others to help us revitalize the area?"

Many of the food trucks (think egg rolls, smashburgers, mini donuts and more) will be parked in the parking lot behind the VFW, with tables and chairs for diners. Holy Smokes will be parked on Avenue C near Common Ground. There will also be organizations offering services, information and demonstrations.

Any activities that require green space will be located in Wentworth Park, at the corner of Avenue B and Arch Street. Nest Yoga studio owner and teacher Caroline Ripp will hold two free "yoga for everyone" classes, 1-1:30 p.m. and 2-2:30 p.m. Bring a yoga mat or a beach towel. All ages welcome. Music Together of Cloquet plans to have 20-minute sample sessions of their music classes at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 in Wentworth Park. Cloquet's Boy Scouts of America Troop 171 will be set up adjacent

to the park and plans to offer archery and Dutch oven cooking demonstrations, games for kids and to sell popcorn and pea soup supper tickets.

While dozens of vendors and food trucks will be there all day, musical acts and activities are more fleeting. Rather than a central stage, music will be scattered throughout the five-block area, at the following times:

**Noon-1:30 p.m.:** Brooke & Caleb Anderson bring tight vocal harmonies, super cute banter, and toe-tapping music rooted in Americana. Near Wood City Nutrition.

**1-4 p.m.:** Jerry & Joyce. Senior dance inside the VFW.

**1-3 p.m.:** Dylanesque performer James Wiita will be bringing his guitar and harmonica and performing a wide variety of styles. Near Pine Knot News.

**2:45-3:15 p.m.:** Dan & Jeanne Doty on guitar and fiddle at the Agate Encores booth. Near Wood

City Nutrition.

**2-4 p.m.:** Maintenance Free members Mark Levings and Hewitt Station describe their style as acoustic Americana folk rock. Near Pine Knot News

**3:45-4:15 p.m.:** Dan & Jeanne Doty on guitar and fiddle at the Agate Encores booth. Near Wood City Nutrition.

**4-6 p.m.:** The Ted Eastman Trio. Ted Eastman on accordion, Terry Cibulka on drums and Rose Kuhlman on clarinet play a wide range of styles including big band, jazz, rock country and, of course, polkas. Near the VFW food court.

Additionally, Bridges Customs will host a car show on Avenue B and Vine Street and a car "drifting" demonstration at 4 p.m., pending city approval.

Finally, meet the new owners of the former Roberts Furniture building and learn about their plans for the space. The set of the YouTube channel "Rise of

the Podcast" (a weekly Star Wars and pop culture podcast) will be on display. You're invited to be an audience member for the live podcast at 7 p.m.

This West End Flourish event is part of an Artists on Main Street grant program that aims to kickstart revitalizing the West End. Grant coordinator Emily Fuerster Swanson shared her own long-range vision for the West End. "We imagine pedestrians, hikers, bikers, canoeists and kayakers enjoying the district," said Swanson. "We see all kinds of events taking place in this restored area, with new and expanded businesses, galleries, eateries, performance spaces and a craft brewery. We envision murals, sculpture, exhibits, and recreational amenities throughout the district."

Come down and decide what you think the future holds for the West End. Find the entire list of vendors with this story online.



CULTURE



The boys (from left, Jeff Anderson, Sean Biskey and Jeff Ross) “cowboy up” and accept Jessie’s extreme dare to go jump into a frozen lake in the County Seat Theater Company’s production of “Beer For Breakfast,” which opens today. *Contributed photo*

# Stage show takes on relationship follies

Pine Knot News

Get ready to laugh at the County Seat Theater Company’s fall season opener, the comedy “Beer for Breakfast,” which begins its run at the Encore Performing Arts Center starting tonight, Friday, Sept. 24.

Cast members Sean Biskey, Jeff Anderson and Jeff Ross portray a group of middle-aged buddies who reunite for a “guys’ weekend” in a snowed-in cabin to eat chili, drink beer and relive the good old days.

These guys are out to prove they’ve still got it, so they are going to party like it’s 1979. Despite divorce, unemployment, and a stroke, spirits are high until Jessie (Christy Wolver) — the wife of absent friend Adrian — shows up in his place.

“This cast has blended well together, I have believed their relationships from early on in our rehearsal process,” said director Joel Soukkala. “This show is a perfect blend of fast-paced silliness and heart.”

Will the men win their right to an all-out guffest, or will woman be crowned the stronger sex after all?

The County Seat Theater will be offering live shows as well as on-demand

performances that patrons can stream at home. Live performances run Friday through Sunday the next two weekends (Sept. 24-26, Oct. 1-3), with a mix of evening and afternoon performances. “We are still offering on-demand performances for those still not comfortable coming back into the theater or for those that just live too far away,” Soukkala said. On-demand performances will be available for viewing October 1-3.

The theater will still have safety precautions in place regarding Covid.

“We plan to only add as many seats as needed and keep as much distance between patrons as possible,” Soukkala said. “We will also be requiring guests to wear masks when entering and while in common areas.”

Tickets for live or virtual performances can be reserved by calling the box office at 218-878-0071 or online at [www.countyseattheater.com](http://www.countyseattheater.com).

The County Seat Theater Company offers a full season of local performances, musical acts and has an art gallery featuring work by local artists to go along with the theme of each show.

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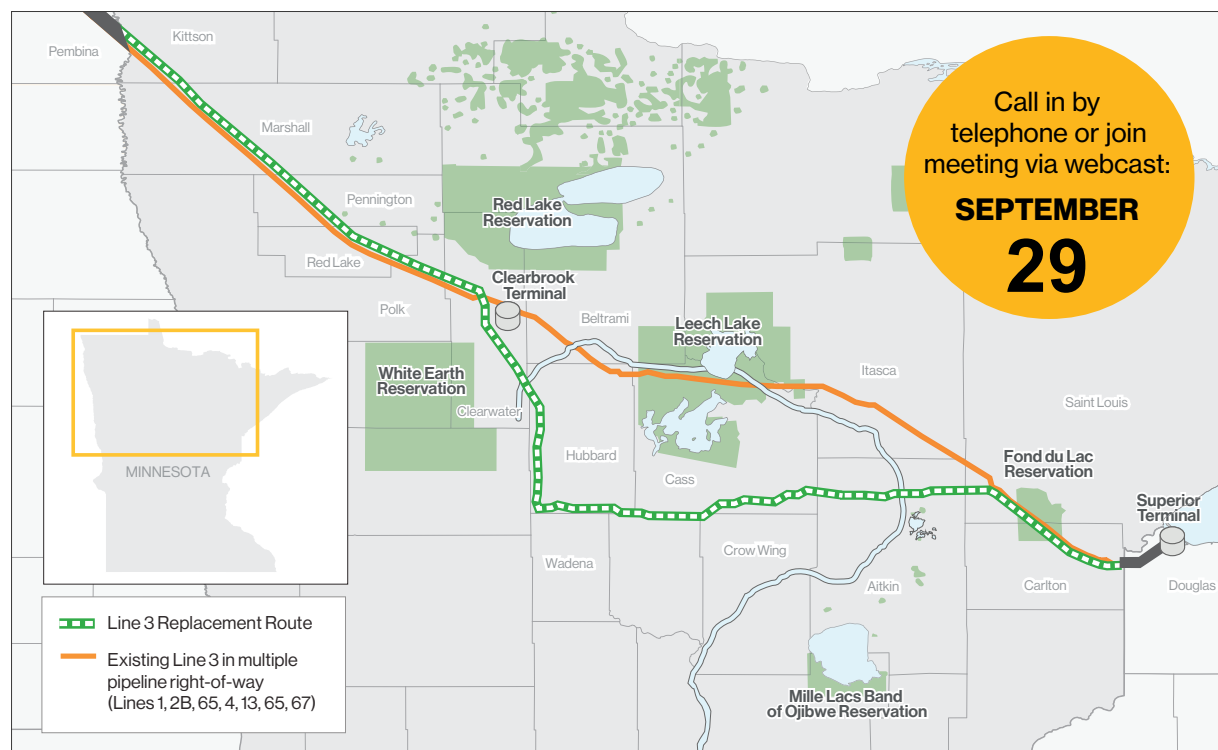
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### Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota

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Enbridge is hosting a virtual open house that will have telephone or webcast options. Once you register at [enbridgeopenhouse.com/SeptOH](http://enbridgeopenhouse.com/SeptOH), you will receive a link providing you with meeting details.

Meeting date: **Wednesday, September 29 at 5 p.m.**

You can also visit our virtual open house any time at: [enbridgeopenhouse.com/line3](http://enbridgeopenhouse.com/line3).



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# CLOQUET'S HOMECOMING COURT



There has been plenty of activity at Cloquet High School this week with homecoming events. Today, the homecoming court took part in fun and games as part of a pep fest before the football game. A king and queen will be crowned at halftime. The court includes, from left to right, front row: Katie Turner, Emerson Rock, Olivia Macaulay, Lydia Stone, Dana Jones, Olivia Jameson, Ilel Benson, Addie Loeb, Rylee Burkhart, Amelia Allen; back row: Carson Essler, Cale Prosen, Jack Liang, Reese Turnbull, Alec Turnbull, Will Turnbull, Jack Sorenson, Jonah Nikko-Bryant, Sam Buytaert, Spencer Teitelbaum. *Contributed photo*

# READER CONTRIBUTIONS: FALL COLOR



Reader Dana Malkovich has sent us another gorgeous fall color shot from Jay Cooke State Park. He took it on Tuesday, which held some significance for him aside from the harvest moon. "Today is the last full day of summer in this year. Tomorrow afternoon the equinox occurs. Autumn is my favorite time of year.

Ours, too. And that's why we seek reader photo contributions depicting the vibrancy of the season as winter peeks around the corner.

Send your shots to [news@PineKnotNews.com](mailto:news@PineKnotNews.com)



Annette Christian of Cloquet was out in her backyard looking at fallen leaves and came across three large puffball mushrooms. "Never seen anything like it in our 45 years of living in the same place," she said.



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# Details of interstate project coming

Pine Knot

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 to discuss work along northbound Interstate 35 at Barnum in 2022. The project may include a

detour due to closure of the northbound exit ramp into town.

The meeting will include a presentation and time for questions. More information and a link to the virtual meeting can be found on the project webpage at [www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/i35-barnum/index.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/i35-barnum/index.html).

For those unable to watch the meeting live, a recording will be posted on the webpage to be viewed when convenient. To call into the meeting, call 855-282-6330. The meeting access code is 146 637 7412.

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We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For more information, visit [enbridge.com/line3US](http://enbridge.com/line3US).

