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Bluffton and Staples host town celebrations this weekend.



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Candidate filing period closes

Editor's note: Those who filed on Tuesday may not make it in this week's print version due to this newspaper's deadline. Final filings will be reported in the next issue.

Pioneer Journal staff
WADENA — The filing period for cities and school districts without a primary election and for townships with November elections ran through 5 p.m. Aug. 16.

Open seats and those who've filed as of Tuesday, Aug. 16, at noon, in our readership, according to the Minnesota Secretary of State website, include:

City
Wadena County
Wadena City Council - Two city council members (Bruce Uselman and Mark Lunde) and the mayor (George Deiss) are up for election.

Dan Sartell and Mark Lunde filed for council seats along with George Deiss for mayor. Uselman indicated he is not running for reelection.

Verndale City Council - Two city council members (Ardith Carr and Jim Runyan) and

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Michael Johnson / Pioneer Journal

Wadena Rotarians Don Niles, left, and Julie Bushinger work to shuck corn with a crowd of other volunteers leading up to the main event, the 55th annual Wadena Rotary Corn and Chicken Feed on Aug. 11. It's quite a process shucking more than 300 dozen ears of corn.

AH SHUCKS

Community shows up to support Wadena Rotary Corn & Chicken Feed

Pioneer Journal staff
Wadena

It's been a year of record breaking attendance for Wadena service clubs and the 55th annual Wadena Corn & Chicken Feed was no exception.

The phrase "we've never done that before," could be heard throughout the

Burlington Northern Park on Thursday, Aug. 11, as the Rotary club had to race to get more chicken and more corn to continue serving a hungry crowd. Despite their best guess at attendance, the crew ran out of chicken at about 6:35 p.m. Those coming in near the end of the event still had plenty of corn and

other sides to feast from on a beautiful sunny day.

Attendance totals are still being tallied, but early estimates suggest that the club served over 2,100 meals — the best year on record.

The club of over 40 members gathered up help from other community and youth volunteers to make the

event happen.

If you weren't among the record breaking crowd, don't miss out on the club's feed next year tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023.

All funds raised by the Rotary club after expenses go right back into community needs and youth scholarships.

'Wadena's Got Talent' show is coming

Variety event takes the stage on Friday

Michael Johnson
Wadena Pioneer Journal

WADENA — The Wadena Area Concert Association is presenting an exciting event that invites both entertainment from the public and for the public.

The "Wadena's Got Talent" event is set for a 6:30 p.m. start on Friday, Aug. 19, at the beautiful Wadena Memorial Auditorium. The public is invited to watch local entertainers perform.

It's a free-will donation event. So far, registered talent includes singers and instrumentalists.

If you've got some talent, there is still time to get involved. Registration is available at Wadena Area Concert Association's Facebook page or by contacting Matt Greenwaldt at 218-639-2897.

The talent show is made possible from a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council. It is

the brainchild of concert association member Jan Hillesland. Hillesland said in an effort to grow community interest in the concert association, she wanted to host a talent show that would bring together the entertainers of the community into one place.

She explained that the idea came after the group had time to refocus their energies and build back a group of volunteers that was

eager to see the concerts continue in Wadena. She couldn't imagine not having the concert association continue in the community after so many years of selling tickets to the annual concerts.

"It's a wonderful thing for Wadena," Hillesland said. "They come here and they have supper or shop first. It's wonderful entertainment right here in Wadena."

The concerts are a draw to Wadena in some of the cooler months of the year. A season pass

not only gets you into concerts in Wadena, but in Park Rapids, Alexandria, Fergus Falls, Sauk Centre or Melrose.

More people recently joined the efforts of the association with renewed energy.

"We're going strong," she said.

Former president of the association for the previous 15 years Bonnie Kingsley said she's hopeful this event and the concert season will be filled with those who

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Commissioners 'stir the pot'

Wadena county wants more counties to join fight to lower taxes

Michael Johnson
Wadena Pioneer Journal

WADENA — You may call it a circling of the wagons, a cry for help or an attempt to bring change, but the Wade-

na County Commission plans to ask other counties to join them in their desire to lower property tax rates.

It's no secret that Wadena County is in the top three for highest property tax rates in the state. A higher tax rate means property owners are taxed more on their property than someone in a different county with

the same or similar property value. Wadena County has a higher tax rate in order to cover costs of basic government services due to a smaller tax capacity.

Wadena County Commissioners know it and bring it up at almost every meeting, especially during their once a month

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Pioneer Journal file photo Marshall Hathaway, 3 years old, enjoys some ribs at the 2015 Pig 'N' Wing Challenge.

It's time for the Pig 'N' Wing Challenge

By Vicki Gerdes
Special to the Wadena Pioneer Journal

WADENA — Something will be smoking up the air at the Wadena County Fairgrounds this Saturday, Aug. 20 — and that's good news for those who love a good old-fashioned barbecue competition.

The Wadena Lions' Pig 'N' Wing Challenge will pit teams of grill masters against each other for the 12th time in 13 years (the 2020 competition was, like so many other events that year, a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic).

According to event chair Ryan Anderson, the "pig" part of the challenge is barbecued

French fries and corn on the cob, starting at 2 p.m., though the ribs and wings won't be available to the public until after the competition concludes at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.50 each; you get two chicken wings or one rib bone per ticket, while the corn is one ticket per cob and french fries cost two tickets.

The Wadena Ag Society will have their beer garden open throughout the event as well, with proceeds to benefit the annual county fair.

"We also have a car show that happens from 2 to 6 p.m.," Anderson said. "There's no fee to enter; registration is on site."

"After all of the ribs and wings are judged, we sell the rest to the public, who get to vote for their favorites."

RYAN ANDERSON,
EVENT CHAIR

ribs, while the "wing" part is chicken wings. The two categories are judged separately, with first, second and third place winners chosen for each.

"There's also a people's choice," said Anderson. "After all of the ribs and wings are judged, we sell the rest to the public, who get to vote for their favorites."

The Lions will also be serving up hand-cut

Just like the barbecue competition, the car show will have first, second and third place prizes, Anderson added, and spectators can also vote on their favorite cars.

"We try to present the awards around 6 p.m., though it sometimes ends up being a little later, or a little earlier," he said. "Everything's usually wrapped up by 7 p.m. at the latest."

Though they always hope for good weather, the event is held rain or shine, Anderson said, with all proceeds going to support local Lions projects. "It all goes right back into the Wadena community," he added.

Walz authorizes relief for fuel transportation to lower gas prices

News Staff
Gov. Tim Walz has renewed temporary relief for motor carriers and drivers transporting gasoline, diesel, and other fuels in Minnesota.



Walz

By suspending regulations and allowing for efficient movement of fuels, the executive action will ease supply bottlenecks and make fuel more accessible and affordable across the state.

Since Walz initially provided this relief in July, gas prices have fallen in Minnesota, but supply contin-

ues to be constrained. The extended relief is authorized via Emergency Executive Order 22-18.

"As families see the price of gas fall from their record highs, we continue to do what we can to drive prices down and make fuel as affordable and accessible as possible," Walz said

in a news release. "As drivers and suppliers struggle to keep up with demand, this action will provide relief from regulations and allow fuel to be efficiently transported across our state."

Data from the Minnesota Department of Commerce continue to show that inventories of certain fuels in Minne-

sota are at lower levels than last year and the three-year average. Fuel terminals across the state, including those in Sauk Centre, Alexandria, Wrenshall, and Roseville are reporting shortages or outages of products, and drivers have experienced long wait times due to increased demand at terminals

that do have available supply.

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Region looks to improve mental health services with help of coordinator

Michael Johnson
Wadena Pioneer Journal

WADENA — Wadena County Human Services Director Jennifer Westrum made it clear it's time to act to address the mental health crisis taking place in Wadena County and abroad when talking with the Wadena County Board on Tuesday Aug. 9.

"When I arrived in this position, I was struck by the lack of mental health resources in Wadena County," Westrum said "As a psychologist I am very concerned about the lack of resources for our county in general."

Her concerns led her to take part in collaborative gatherings with leaders across Region 5. This particular cooperative includes Sourcewell, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd counties and The Region 5+ Adult Mental Health Initiative. The direction that this group is headed involves hiring a mental health coordinator that would take a broad look at services and come up with a plan of action for this region.

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JENNIFER WESTRUM,
WADENA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

our citizens," Westrum said. She said some needs include local mental health centers, substance use disorder treatment or services for children. "We do not have specialized services for the most part that focus just on children."

Regional directors have met for months and collaborated with Sourcewell to have a strategic approach to mental health needs. The mental health coordinator would lead this effort across the entire region.

"This coordinator will work with human services, with local hospitals, law enforcement, our school districts, county attorney offices in all five of the counties," Westrum said. "And we will look at where we have resources and where we don't and try to build on it."

The conversation on mental health needs led commissioners to talk further about needs such as mental health hospital beds in the area to

avoid putting those in mental health crisis in the emergency room or, worse, in jail. The amount of available beds has shrunk and there is little indication from the state that more are on the way. It brought up the idea that perhaps when the new hospital is in use in Wadena (spring 2023), the old Tri-County Health Care buildings could serve a need for the mentally ill. One thing was clear, commissioners agreed that this was an issue in need of action.

Westrum is hopeful that after the two year period, the position would not be needed, rather current staff would have the tools and steps to make positive change.

The hope is that the change seen would be getting ahead of the curve. Rather than getting to a point where those in need end up in the emergency room, services would be made available to them well in advance. In this way, the emergency rooms

would be left for those not dealing with mental crises. This is a significant issue in area hospitals at this time.

Related to this, Westrum shared that they have a mobile crisis team, but rather than going to homes or the jail to help, they are often going to the emergency department. The goal is to get to people before they reach an emergency situation.

"We have to change the way we do things," Westrum said.

Westrum explained that the group of collaborators have pulled the trigger and posted for this position. They would be an employee of Sourcewell, working for and with the counties and will begin in late 2022 or early 2023. Wadena County's 2023 contribution was covered through the funds directly provided by AMHI funds. This position is expected to be in place for a minimum of two years.

At this time, funding is coming in from those benefiting from the services including Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Region 5/AMHI.

At their Aug. 16 regular meeting, the county board approved the \$35,000 expense for the year 2024. It will come out of the MCIT dividend fund.

Hammond named new United Way executive director in Otter Tail and Wadena counties

News Staff
PERHAM — Summer Hammond has been named the new executive director of United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena Counties.



Hammond

Hammond has most recently served as the Perham and Wadena area coordinator for United Way and will assume the executive director role on Sept. 1. She takes the place of Jacklin Steege, who resigned from the position, according to a news release from United Way.

Hammond will work from the Fergus Falls office two days per week and will also have office time in Perham. Meghana Anderson, administrative assistant, will continue her full-time work in the Fergus Falls office, according to the press release.

Hammond is a Barnesville High School graduate and earned her associate degree in administration at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Her previous work experience in nonprofit organizations includes Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead, Sanford Health Foundation and North Dakota State University Foundation. She joined the United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena Counties team in September 2020.

She and her husband

Eric and their two children, Heath and Bailey, reside in New York Mills.

"Summer's passion for people and for the services provided by the United Way will help grow the United Way's impact throughout our two counties," according to UWOTW Board President Carolyn Glesne.

The fall fundraising campaign is the immediate focus for both the staff and UWOTW Board of Directors.

The news release asked for support for the fall fundraising campaign. Gifts will assure that UWOTW continues to meet needs and make a difference in people's lives throughout the two-county area.

The organization's focus on education, health and financial stability helps them assist thousands of county residents from preschool age to senior citizens, according to the press release.

United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena counties is served by an 18-member Board of Directors who represent all areas of the two counties.

To learn more about UWOTW or to become a volunteer, visit United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena Counties on their website at uwotw.org, or call the office at 1-877-457-2185 or 218-736-5147. The Otter Tail County office is located at 120 E. Washington Ave. in Fergus Falls.

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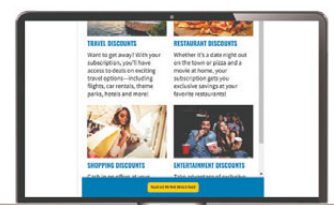
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OBITUARY

Jerry Wayne Horn



Jerry Wayne Horn, 54, of Enderlin, ND passed away at home August 11, 2022.

He was born April 23, of 1968 in Wesley Hospital, Wadena, MN to Henry and Patricia Horn. As the first born, 12 minutes before his twin brother (a fact that he never let him forget), Jerry loved to say as the oldest, he was the masterpiece and his twin was the cheap imitation. To which Terry always replied that first comes only a rough draft.

He grew up in the Hewitt, MN area on a dairy farm and loved horses, John Wayne movies and Louis La'Mour books. He graduated from Bertha Hewitt High School in May of 1986. He worked various jobs around Wadena mostly as a bartender and spent a lot of his free time playing softball for various leagues in the area. Jerry moved to Enderlin in 2008 where he worked at some construction and janitorial jobs. He was a stubbornly proud MN Viking fan and loved collecting team memorabilia.

He was married to Andrea Rinkel in 2003 and they later divorced. They had one daughter, Kallia Nicole Rinkel. She was his whole world and he loved her dearly. His daughter will always remember her dad as one who would make a 5 minute trip into a 30 minute one, because everyone wanted to stop and talk with him.

He is survived by his daughter Kallia of Grand Forks, ND; his mother, Patricia of Little Falls, MN; three brothers, Terry (Lynnetta) Horn of Enderlin, ND, Jon (Sarah) Horn of Little Falls, MN and Eric (Caitlyn) Horn of Manchester, IA; and one sister, Alicia of Bertha, MN. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews whom he adored. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Hewitt Community Center in Hewitt, MN with lunch to follow. Online guestbook signing at www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com

Magdalene "Mag" Wallgren

Aug. 25, 1929 - Aug. 7, 2022

PERHAM, Minn. - Magdalene "Mag" Wallgren, 92, Perham, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Perham Living. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 26, at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Perham. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Bluffton, Minn. Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Darlene Uselman

Feb. 9, 1946 - Aug. 11, 2022

FRAZEE, Minn. - Darlene Uselman, 76, Perham, Minn., formerly Wadena, Minn., died Thursday, Aug. 11, in Frazee Care Center.

A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, at Furey Funeral Home in Frazee. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frazee. Arrangements by Furey Funeral Home.

Judy Paju

Dec. 5, 1958 - Aug. 8, 2022

PERHAM, Minn. - Judy Paju, 63, Perham, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 8, in her home.

Services were previously held. Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

DEATHS

ANNIVERSARY

50th Wedding Anniversary

Jim & Vickie Thompson Celebrate with us August 27, 2022 Open House 3:00-6:00pm Verndale Community Center 109 1st Ave SE Verndale, MN **No Gifts Please**



Tractor destroyed in fire Saturday in Wadena Township

WADENA — A tractor was destroyed and its owner received minor burns in a fire Saturday, Aug. 13.

The fire was reported to the Wadena County Sheriff's Office at 4:16 a.m. It was located in Section 22 of Wadena Township, southeast of Wadena.

The Verndale Fire Department arrived on scene and quickly extinguished the fire. The

tractor appeared to be a total loss. No other buildings or equipment were damaged by the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown, according to a Wadena County Sheriff's Office news release.

The owner of the tractor had small burns to his hand due to unhooking a chopper from the tractor. He was assessed by Verndale Fire on scene and cleared.

POLICE BLOTTER

Wadena Police Department

July 11
9:24 p.m.: Received a report of vandalism at the Wadena School 512 Building.

July 13
9:57 a.m.: Received a report that about a dozen cats were not being fed at a residence on the 500 block of Ash Avenue.

July 14
1:13 a.m.: Received a report of a theft from a residence on the 1000 block of King Avenue Southwest.

8:04 a.m. Received a report of a burglary at a residence on the 1000 block of King Avenue Southwest.

July 16
12:35 a.m.: Cited a woman for slashing a neighbor's window screen with a screwdriver on the 10000 block of Highway 10.

July 17
5:33 p.m. Received a report that someone had thrown animal feces on a door at a residence on the 500 block of Ash Avenue Northwest. A female was cited for disorderly conduct.

July 21
1:04 p.m.: Received a report of three teenagers swearing and flashing private parts at church attendees at Second Street Southeast and Franklin. An officer talked to the three teenagers, who admitted to swearing and acting disorderly. The officer advised the teens to show respect and further complaint could lead to charges of disorderly conduct or possibly arrest. The teens believed they were free to speak how they liked because of freedom of speech. The officer advised the teens loud, offensive language that may offend the normal public was disorderly conduct, which can be an arrestable offense. The teens said they understood and would be more respectful.

July 22
6:38 p.m.: Received an animal complaint of a baby peacock in a deer pen on the 200 block of Harry Rich Drive.

July 23
9:57 a.m.: Received a report that two vehicle tires were slashed on the 200 block of Jefferson Street.

July 24
3:03 p.m.: Received a report of two bicycles stolen from a residence on the 200 block of Second Street Northwest.

July 26
11:13 a.m.: Received a noise complaint of a rooster making

noise early in the mornings near Sixth and Madison avenues. City ordinance does not allow roosters in the city.

July 27
5:19 p.m.: Received a report of the theft of a fuel tank and hoses from a boat on the 200 block of Third Street Southeast.

July 29
4:14 p.m.: Received a report that a man came into a restaurant and screamed at the employees. The man also keeps calling in orders and hanging up. He also called a manager and made derogatory comments. The man was cited for disorderly conduct.

Aug. 2
8:16 p.m.: Received a report that a 4-year-old got out of the house and was last seen 10 minutes earlier. An officer patrolled the area and found the child playing on a trampoline. The child was reunited with the mother.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND MARRIAGE LICENSES

Property transfers

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► Blueberry Development, LLC, hereby conveys to Steven P. Pachel, Trustee of the Steven P. Pachel Revocable Living Trust and Heidi S. Pachel, Trustee of the Heidi S. Pachel, Revocable Living Trust, Unit 28 of Wadena County CIC #2, a Planned Community Blueberry Pines.

► Julie A. Johnson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lee C. James, hereby conveys to Daniel Lee and Derek Lee, as jt ten, N1/2 NW1/4, Section 27, Twp. 137, Rg. 34.

► Gregory Ziegler and Kate R. Deering-Ziegler, h&w; and Lucas Patton & Kelly S. Patton, h&w, hereby conveys to Richard C. Jackson and Carol M. Jackson, h&w as jt ten, Lot 25, Block 1, Valley View Neighborhood.

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Think your home is covered for wind and hail damage? Better check again

News Staff

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is receiving a growing number of complaints after storms from Minnesotans regarding limitations in their homeowners' insurance. In response, Commerce is issuing a consumer alert asking Minnesotans to review their current insurance policies and talk to their insurance agent to review their wind and hail damage coverage for any recent changes or modifications that may take effect at their next renewal.

Commerce also encourages Minnesotans to understand how much repairs may cost out of pocket and how to select a reputable, licensed contractor to do repair work on their home.

"We want to make sure Minnesota homeowners are aware of possible changes to their homeowners' insurance coverage and not be surprised after they submit a claim," said Commerce Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Julia Dreier. "In the past, homeowners' insurance may have covered all of a policy-

holder's costs to replace a roof or siding for even modest hail or wind damage, but that may have changed."

Commerce has recorded a nearly 20 percent increase in homeowners insurance complaints since 2020. Many of those complaints are from homeowners concerned about coverage denials or unexpectedly high out-of-pocket costs after damage from wind or hailstorms. Some insurance carriers are now using policy language that eliminates coverage for wind and hail damage except when siding or shingles are punctured or torn and no longer serve as an effective water barrier.

Some insurance policies also now include a separate, higher deductible for hail and wind damage. For example, a homeowner might be required to pay a flat rate or 1 percent or more of the home's replacement value before coverage kicks in. While such storm-specific deductibles are sometimes promoted as a way to save money on premiums, homeowners should

evaluate those potential savings against the amount they may have to pay in repairs should their house be damaged in a storm.

"We advise homeowners to consider the math," Dreier said. "One percent may sound affordable, but it could easily wind up being a significant expense and lead to sticker shock given the value of a typical home in Minnesota."

Commerce and other insurance departments around the country are also seeing increases in complaints filed by persons who are not the insured. As more third parties become involved in insurance claims, Commerce recommends that homeowners familiarize themselves with how claims are submitted and how to find a reputable, licensed contractor to repair damage after storms. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry has helpful tips for hiring a contractor for storm repairs and avoiding contractors who are not licensed to do business in the state or who use high-pressure or deceptive sales tactics.

State law does not address policy exclusions for cosmetic damage from hail or wind. Changes to premium charges and coverage amounts or exclusions often occur at renewal. Commerce advises Minnesotans to study their own policies for changes since their last review and to ask their agent or insurer about policy coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and options. Standard homeowners policies do not cover flood damage, an increasing problem even in areas that are not within designated floodplains. More information about flood insurance options is available from FEMA at floodsmart.gov.

Similar trends in insurance have emerged across the country and are driven by increases in extreme weather and property damage due to a changing climate. According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota in 2020 recorded 147 storms with large hail, seventh nationwide for that year. In May of this year, Minnesota led the nation in severe weather with 568 events, according to the National Weather Service.

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Once used primarily by teenagers and musicians, headphones are now owned by almost anyone who has a smartphone. Coupled with streaming music services, this means more people are listening to music with headphones than ever before. Both over and in the ear (earbud) models provide great sound, but which one is better for your hearing health? Over the ear headphones are the better choice for avoiding noise-related hearing loss. Not only do they keep the sound further away from the eardrums, they are less likely to cause physical damage to the ear and are far better at providing noise-canceling functions. This means you can keep the volume lower without sacrificing sound quality.
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Bikes are not above the law

Question: I really enjoy seeing these on Facebook and I am hoping you can shed some light on bike laws. I work and live around Glendalough State Park where there are quite a few walking/biking paths. I have seen and been verbally accosted by those whom do not seem to “see” the stop and yield signs on such paths. Riders have blown through them and not given the right of way to the vehicle already in motion. Can you please explain the bike path signs to those who may not understand? Thank you for your time and continued service to our communities.

Answer: Thank you for the question. Sharing the road is always an important topic. Does a bicyclist have to obey the same traffic laws as a motorist? Yes, Minnesota Statute 169.222 states: “Every person operating a bicycle shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by this chapter, except in respect to those provisions in this chapter relating expressly to bicycles and in respect to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature cannot reasonably be applied to bicycles.” This includes stop signs, stop lights, yield signs, etc.

Does a bicyclist have to dismount and walk their bike through a crosswalk? No, a bicyclist using a crosswalk does not have to dismount to cross the intersection, but in some cases this may be the safest option.

A person lawfully operating a bicycle on a sidewalk, across a roadway or shoulder while using a crosswalk, has all of the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances. That includes not entering a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the vehicle to stop.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trooper Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Stow the screens, get moving instead

Parents: Don’t let the lazy days of summer turn your children into couch potatoes.

Find some interesting activities that get them moving – indoors and outdoors.

In its “Talking with the U of M” newsletter, the University of Minnesota focused on the importance of engaging young children to be more active during the summer months.

In a question-and-answer interview, Daheia Barr-Anderson, an associate professor in the university’s School of Kinesiology, shared her expertise:

Q: Why is it important for children to remain active in the summertime?

Barr-Anderson: Regardless of the season, it is important for children to be physically active for the myriad physical, emotional, mental and psychological benefits that result from moving your body on a regular basis. However, in the summer when children may have less structured activities scheduled, it is imperative for parents to keep their children moving – whether with structured activities such as sports and sports camps or unstructured activities such as dedicated time at the local park or community pool. During the long days of summer – filled with sunshine but no seven-hour school day – some children may have lots of unstructured time that can easily be filled with sedentary screen time. Parents

must be extra intentional to provide opportunities for their children to be active for at least an hour each day.

Q: How much daily activity is recommended for children?

Barr-Anderson: For children aged 3-5 years, the National Physical Activity Guidelines recommend preschoolers to move their bodies in structured and unstructured active play at all intensities (light, moderate and vigorous) for at least three hours per day. For this population, almost any and all movement counts towards the minimum recommendation. Guidelines for older children aged 6-17 are more specific. The goal is at least 60 minutes per day of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity with most of that 60 minutes spent doing aerobic activities and on at least three of those days, it should include muscle- and bone-strengthening activities, such as running, jumping and skipping. Regardless of the age, it is imperative for children to engage in a variety of fun and age- and developmentally-appropriate activities.

Q: What are some good summertime activities both outdoors and indoors?

Barr-Anderson: Outdoor activities include: Playing at parks and playgrounds, biking, swimming, walking/running/hiking, structured sports (softball, baseball, soccer, etc.), tennis, jumping rope, yoga (outdoor yoga during the

summer is simply awesome!) and the list goes on. As long as you are moving your body in a fun and enjoyable manner in the sunshine, children are winning!

Children can beat the heat at indoor parks and playgrounds. Depending on the space available at local community centers and indoor recreational centers, many of the outdoor activities listed above can be performed indoors – although biking might be a little challenging! If indoor space is limited to at home, physically active video games and dancing are viable options.

Q: How can parents and other caregivers support their children in physical activity?

Barr-Anderson: If it falls within the family budget, it can be easy for parents to outsource their children’s physical activity by enrolling them into various sports and summer camps and have skilled professionals (or zealous teenagers) oversee their children’s physical activity. However, this is not feasible for every family, so the most important support from parents and caregivers will be their sheer presence. Grab your children and be physically active with them. Go for a walk after dinner.

Plenty of outdoor opportunities are available throughout Douglas County – parks, playgrounds, beaches, the Central Lakes Trail, scouting, museums, to name just a few. Parents and their young children should break out of their summer slump and explore those places together.

Would term limits for SCOTUS make things better or worse?

Minot, N.D.

For decades the American left has relied on the courts reading new “rights” into the constitution, and not voters and legislatures making law, to deliver the policy outcomes they desire.



ROB PORT
Say Anything

Then the Supreme Court threw a monkey wrench into the works. They struck down the Roe v. Wade precedent, noting, correctly, that the Constitution is neutral on the question of abortion, and that if Americans want certain rights to be in the law, then they ought to write the law in a way that recognizes them.

The left has not handled well this new edict to use democracy, and not judicial fiat, to make policy. They’re out for retribution on the Supreme Court, and one of the avenues they’re proceeding down is term limits.

The Supreme Court Tenure Establishment and Retirement Modernization Act, sponsored by Rep. Hank Johnson, a Georgia Democrat who once

had to be reassured that Guam, the Pacific island, wouldn’t capsize from overpopulation (I’m not joking), would see each new president appointing two new justices to the Supreme Court during a four-year term.

One appointment would happen in the first year of a term; a second in the third year. Upon each new appointment, the justice with the longest tenure on the court would be moved to senior status, where they would still have some official duties, including filling in should a vacancy occur on the court.

Johnson argues his bill is needed to address a “legitimacy crisis.” The “legitimacy” being called in question because the lawfully appointed justices have issued some

landmark opinions our progressive friends don’t like so much.

But to the extent there is a problem with the Supreme Court becoming too polarized along ideological lines, would Johnson’s legislation fix the problem?

I’m not so sure. Would making appointments to the court an automatically granted prize to be won in each new presidential election make the court less partisan? Or more partisan? Currently, those appointments are only a potential prize, hinging on whether a vacancy on the court occurs with a given president’s term, but most presidents end up appointing a couple of justices.

Only four presidents in history — Jimmy Carter, Andrew Johnson, Zachary Taylor, and William Henry Harrison — served in that office without making an appointment (though Harrison was in office for just 31 days, and Taylor just a little more

than a year). Frank Roosevelt appointed nine justices, though he was elected to four terms. Donald Trump appointed three justices, but his four predecessors appointed two each.

Not counting President Joe Biden’s not-yet-completed term, in which he’s appointed one justice so far, we’ve had 45 presidents in American history who have appointed a total of 121 justices for an average of almost 2.7 appointments per president.

Remember, 21 of those presidents served two terms, too.

Johnson’s bill would guarantee four appointments to a two-term president.

I’m not against some form of term limits for the court, but Johnson’s legislation would make the court even more of a “spoil of war” for the politicians than it already is.

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Friday, Aug. 19-20

Bluffton Hometown Days. Full schedule inside this edition.

Staples Railroad Days. Full schedule inside this edition.

Saturday, Aug. 20

► **Wadena Pig N' Wing Challenge** at the Wadena County Fairgrounds. Lions start serving at 1 p.m. Car show from 2-6 p.m. Contestants start serving at 5 p.m.

► **Verndale Alliance Church open house** starts at 4 p.m. for the new youth ministry center. A dedication ceremony starts at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21

The Verndale Alliance Church will celebrate 85 years on Sunday, Aug. 21. A special celebration service starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck and fellowship with former staff.

Thursday, Aug. 26

Highway 10 Improvement Open House. Maslowski Wellness & Research Center at 17 SW 5th St. from 4-6 pm.

Standing dates

► **Wadena Farmer's Market** open Tuesdays in BN Park from 7 -11 a.m.; and Fridays on the Wesley Lawn from 2-5:30 p.m.

► **Cards and Farkel** 1-4 p.m., Monday - Thursday at the Wadena Senior Center. Closed Friday-Sunday. Call 218-631-4077 for more information.

► **Celebrate Recovery program** will be held at the Verndale Family Life Church, 402 Clark Dr. NE, from 6-8 p.m. every Sunday. For more information please call 218-445-5568.

► **Wadena Open Alcoholics Anonymous meetings** at 8 p.m. Tuesdays (book meeting); 7 p.m., Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. Sundays, at 421 NW 4th St, Wadena.

► **Narcotics Anonymous meeting** at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, at 421 NW 4th St, Wadena.

► **Wadena City Library preschool storytimes** on Wednesdays are on Facebook at 9 a.m. and in-person at the library at 10 a.m. You can listen to a few stories and make a craft or eat a snack.

► **Wadena Area Food Shelf** open 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Thursdays. Contact them at 218-631-7605. Located at 205 Aldrich Ave SE, Wadena.

► **Verndale Area Food Shelf** is open 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday; and 5-7 p.m. every first Thursday at 402 NE Clark Dr. Contact the director at 218-445-5568.

► **Wadena County Republicans** meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business meeting at 7 p.m. Call 218-894-1899 for more information.

Verndale Alliance Church to dedicate new youth center

VERNDALE — All are welcome to join in the festivities as the Verndale Alliance Church celebrates the completion of a new building addition on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the church.

An open house and tours begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday. A short dedication service will take place at 5 p.m. The new building is located just west of the current church building. The new facility will be the heart of youth ministry.

It's also where the AWANA program will



Michael Johnson / Pioneer Journal

A new building at Verndale Alliance Church dedicated to youth ministry will be open to public tours on Saturday, Aug. 20.

be taking place. Those attending can register for kids to be involved in the AWANA program

this year. Food and yard games will be part of the open house.

85th Anniversary

The Verndale Alliance Church will celebrate 85 years on Sunday, Aug. 21. A special celebration service starts at 9:30 a.m. Service is followed by a potluck. Former staff will be joining the congregation as they look back on the 85 years as a church.

The church building is located at 109 NW Brown Street in Verndale.

Travel is important for faithful

They say that travel is good for the soul.

I also say travel is good for faith as it gives you a greater perspective about what a fascinating planet on which we live.

Thanks to a couple of recent work and personal trips, within 10 days, I found myself on the Texas shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic beach in Florida, driving across the Nebraska plains and finally marrying my niece and her spouse high in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Each experience gave me a much greater appreciation of the vastness of God's creation here on earth.

Standing with my toes in the water of the Gulf of Mexico, it was impossible to think that Florida was some 800 miles away by boat. And a week later, it was even



DEVLYN BROOKS Finding Faith

more overwhelming to try to grasp the size of the Atlantic Ocean, while standing on Florida's eastern shore.

Then there was the trip across the plains to the Colorado Rockies. As I drove through the openness of Nebraska and eastern Colorado, I was moved by its unique beauty. And then I reached the mountains, and I was simultaneously overcome with joy because of the sheer beauty of them and seized by fear because of their intimidating presence.

These amazing adventures, so close in succession, gave me an up close glimpse

of the Creator's handiwork, while also putting my small place in the universe into perspective.

"For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed." (Psalm 95:3-5)

That's why travel is important: It's too easy to get trapped into our daily routines, where we believe we are so in control of everything, and our surroundings are reduced to a very small world. When in reality, these unimaginably large bodies of water, the plains that stretch to the horizon and mountains that reach the heavens remind us that we are but a speck in the larger cosmos.

Yes, we are each a beloved child of God, but our human egos easily can run amok with that little bit of self-realization. We become self-centered, actually there is not only a great big world, but an entire universe out there.

Gaining perspective is important. It not only educates us, but it can also humble us. And that is not a bad thing.

When your wheels are clinging to the edge of a switchback with no guardrail, with a semi-truck bearing down on you from the opposite direction, 8,000 feet up in the mountains, you find a healthy dose of humility quickly.

And that's not a bad thing for one's faith.

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Save those back-to-school receipts for tax benefits

As students of all ages prepare for another school year, the Minnesota Department of Revenue reminds parents and caregivers to save receipts on school supply purchases to claim valuable K-12 tax benefits when filing their taxes next year.

"With July behind us, we know the upcoming school year is front of mind for many Minnesota students and their families," said Revenue Commissioner Robert Doty in a Minnesota Department of Revenue news release. "When back to school shopping, parents should remember to save

those receipts and be sure to claim either the K-12 Education Credit or Subtraction when they file their income tax returns next year. It could save them money on their tax bill or put money in their pockets in the form of a larger refund."

Two tax benefits can help Minnesota families pay expenses related to their child's education: the refundable K-12 Education Credit (income limits apply) and the K-12 Education Subtraction (no income limits).

Last year, more than 19,000 families received the K-12

Education Credit and saved an average of \$261. Nearly 130,000 families received the K-12 Education Subtraction with an average subtraction of \$1,207.

These programs reduce the tax parents pay and could deliver a larger refund when filing a Minnesota income tax return. To qualify, the purchases must be for educational services or required materials. The child must be attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school and meet other qualifications.

Save those receipts

Remember to save your receipts to claim the credit or subtraction. Use a folder or envelope to store receipts for the upcoming tax filing season or pick up a special envelope at our State Fair booth, located in the Education Building.

Most expenses for educational instruction or materials qualify, including:

- ▶ Paper
- ▶ Pens and notebooks
- ▶ Textbooks
- ▶ Rental or purchases of educational equipment such as musical instruments
- ▶ Computer hardware (hotspots, modems, and rout-

ers) and educational software (up to \$200 for the subtraction and \$200 for the credit) *

▶ After-school tutoring and educational summer camps taught by a qualified instructor

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K-12 Education Subtraction
There are no income limits to qualify for the education subtraction. Most parents qualify. Parents can claim the K-12 Subtraction for tuition paid to private schools or college courses used to satisfy high school graduation requirements.

\$3B grid upgrade would improve reliability, prevent blackouts

By Patrick Springer
The Forum

FARGO — North Dakota has ample electricity but has long faced bottlenecks in the transmission grid making it difficult to deliver power to markets to the east and south.

That "trapped" power means lower revenues for North Dakota power generators, especially wind farms that are located in a wide swath of the state — a problem that would be addressed in a massive \$10.4 billion plan to augment regional transmission systems.

The board of directors for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, a regional transmission organization commonly called MISO, has approved the plan, described as the nation's largest-ever portfolio of regional transmission projects.

The proposal includes a 345-kilovolt transmis-

sion line from Jamestown to Ellendale in North Dakota, as well as a 345-kilovolt line from Otter Tail Power Company's Big Stone Plant in northeastern South Dakota to Alexandria, Minnesota. That line, in turn, would connect to a proposed line extending north to Minnesota's Iron Range.

The new line to Alexandria and beyond would add a second circuit to a line from Fargo to St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Combined, those projects have a price tag of \$955 million, and MISO said it will benefit electricity consumers by increasing grid capacity and reliability. Proposed transmission projects in MISO's North Grid territory total about \$3 billion.

Julie Fedorchak, chairwoman of the North Dakota Public Service Commission and liaison to MISO, said the transmission projects would

benefit North Dakota. "There's a lot of constraints in North Dakota getting all of our electricity, regardless of source of generation, to markets in the east," she said.

If approved, the Jamestown-to-Ellendale line "will help get our electricity to markets where its wanted and needed," Fedorchak said.

Also, by increasing transmission, the grid will have more resilience and reliability by being able to provide power from more diverse sources. If the wind is blowing in North Dakota but not in Iowa, for example, delivering the North Dakota wind power can make up for the power lag in Iowa, she said.

"Transmission helps because it helps move power more efficiently," helping to avoid blackouts, Fedorchak said.

MISO maps show-

ing the availability and pricing of electricity in real time routinely show that North Dakota has abundant "trapped" electricity that can't be efficiently exported from the state — including the area from Jamestown to Ellendale — resulting in a lower price, she said.

"That's a constant problem in that area," Fedorchak said. The current electricity grid is basically full, making it expensive to add new generation sources, since they have to build transmission to add capacity, she said.

Otter Tail Power Company has a substation near the proposed Jamestown-Ellendale line, and therefore might be selected by MISO to lead that project. Otter Tail is one of 10 utilities that joined together as CapX2020 and now are known as Grid North Partners to build new transmission, a group

that also includes Xcel Energy.

A joint statement by the Grid North Partners said they support the new MISO transmission plan and "stand ready to develop these projects," which the utility partners said "will provide greater access to renewable energy over a wide geographic area and save costs by locating new transmission lines near or along existing transmission or other infrastructure corridors reducing impacts to landowners by sharing rights-of-way."

Tony Grindberg, Xcel Energy's principal manager in North Dakota, said transmission investments are needed to replace aging infrastructure and to add capacity.

"The demand for energy is going to increase," he said. Much of the new generation capacity will be from renewable sources, such

as wind and solar power.

Xcel Energy, for example, has announced plans to be carbon-free by 2050, with a goal of being 80% carbon-free by 2030. Xcel would continue to rely on two nuclear power plants in Minnesota and also would use gas-fired generation while phasing out its fleet of coal-fired power plants.

The MISO transmission plan will require regulatory approval in all states involved, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"It takes many years to go through, but it's anticipating and planning for many years to come," Grindberg said.

If approved, costs of the transmission projects would be paid by ratepayers across the regional MISO footprint, Fedorchak said.

Readers can contact reporter Patrick Springer at 701-241-5522 or pspringer@forumcomm.com.

ELECTION

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the mayor (Tara Erckenbrack) are up for election. Erckenbrack has filed for mayor and Runyun filed for city council.

Staples City Council— Three city council members (Thomas Toepper, Roy Miles and Ron Murray) and the mayor (Chris Etzler) are up for election. No one filed yet.

Sebeka City Council— Two city council members (Justin Ahrendt and Joshua Con-

nor) and the mayor (David Anderson) are up for election. David Anderson and Edmund Fennig have filed for mayor. Michael Grewing and Mitch Hanson have filed for council seats.

Menahga City Council— Two city council members and the mayor (Liz Olson) are up for election. So far incumbent Liz Olson and Karen Candelaria have filed for the mayor seat. Jody Bjornson, Art Huebner and Mike Netland have filed for the two council seats.

Aldrich City Council: A city council, mayor and treasurer seat are open. Vanessa Wal-

dahl and Justin Genosky have filed for mayor. Faye Baugh filed for a council seat.

Nimrod City Council
Keith Frame filed for the mayor seat. Coleman Rydie filed for the council seat and Karen Lepinski filed for the city clerk position.

East Otter Tail County Bluffton: Two city council members and the mayor are up for election. Tim Pavek has filed for mayor again. Tony Kassa, Mary Lou Carlson and Brian Nesland have all filed for council seats.

Deer Creek: Two city council members and the mayor

are up for election. No one filed yet.

New York Mills: Two city council members (Logyn Saewert and Josh Hoaby) and the mayor (Marsha Maki) are up for election. No one filed yet.

Schools

▶ **Wadena/Deer Creek**: Three school board members terms are up including Ryan Damlo, Melissa Seelhammer and Peter Hayes. So far, Julie Bushinger, Ryan Damlo and Melissa Seelhammer have filed.

▶ **Staples/Motley**: Three school board members terms

are up. No one has filed yet.

▶ **Verndale**: Three school board members terms are up. Tahna Rurup and Scott Veronen filed.


▶ **Sebeka**: Four school board members terms are up. So far, Cheri Kangas, Kayla Frame, Nate Erickson, Russell Johnson and JoAnn Olson have filed.

▶ **Menahga**: Dan Gaughan and Katie Howard filed.

▶ **New York Mills**: Three school board members terms are up. No one has filed yet.

▶ **Bertha-Hewitt**: Four school board members terms are up. No one has filed yet.

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Lot for Habitat house in Wadena hard to find

Michael Johnson
Wadena Pioneer Journal

WADENA — Since announcing that a family was selected to have a Habitat for Humanity home built in Wadena, the support has been pouring in, according to Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Kevin Pelkey.

But one very important piece of the puzzle is missing. A place to build. "The responsiveness of the community has been very outpouring, and generous, and exciting ... but I need a build site," Pelkey said anxiously.

Pelkey said the warm reception has been very welcome, and he hopes that help will continue to come in to help locate a buildable lot. It's very uncommon in his experience to be at a loss of buildable sites in the communities they serve.

"Highly unusual in our

four county service area," Pelkey said. "There is scarcity in Wadena."

That's a good thing from the standpoint that Wadena has been filling up lots with new buildings. But not having many options is making this process difficult. And it's preventing Wadena from growing.

The Guevara family has a desire to remain in the city limits of Wadena. They have family here and it's desirable to remain here as Kim Guevara's battle with MS progresses. The lot needs to be buildable with services available at the site. It could be that a private owner has a lot that they'd be willing to sell to make this happen. An oncoming housing development in Folkestad's East Addition is moving ahead, but at this point still has no infrastructure for much of the newly planned lots.

"We are still needing help identifying that one lot that

somebody might have that we could explore," Pelkey said.

About the Guevaras

Pedro works full time with Jennie-O. Kim (Landwehr) is a lifelong Wadena resident, who was diagnosed with MS (multiple sclerosis) a few years ago. This disease is progressing and the family needs a place where Kim can navigate the home without many tripping hazards. Their new home is planned to be one-level living.

In other recent Habitat news, the keys were recently handed over to a family in their new Habitat for Humanity home in Sebeka.

If you'd like to get involved in this project, or have a lot to sell, contact Pelkey at kevin.pelkey@lakesareahabitat.org or 218-828-8517.

If you are in need of stable housing, consider applying for a Habitat For Humanity House at <https://www.habitat.org/housing-help/apply>



Contributed photo
The Guevara family includes parents Pedro and Kim and daughters Kaylyn (8) and Angel Lea (15).

COUNTY

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strategic planning meeting. The simple fact is that other Minnesota counties are above the median level of taxation and perhaps would rather not have that added burden on them. Stearns felt now was the time to get more counties on board to back them up and equalize the tax rate.

"I was wondering if we want to stir the pot a bit," Stearns said. The idea was well received.

The board gave consensus during their once-a-month workshop meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9, to ask other counties to join them in seeking a more balanced level of taxation.

Commissioner Bill Stearns brought up the idea and shared an email from the Association

of Minnesota Counties who will convene in September to discuss priority issues. While he will be unable to attend, he asked board member Murlyn Kreklau to skip out on his committee meetings to speak to the issue that the board has brought forward in the past — the desire for parity in property tax rates across the 87 counties.

Stearns' recommendation was to send out a worksheet that showed the difference in tax rates between all the counties. This could go out to all the commissioners and county administrators in a county with a tax rate above .6. The median tax rate in the state is .45, according to Stearns.

The hope was the conversation would sink in prior to the AMC Fall Policy Conference.

"If we get another bunch of counties there to start rattling the cages ..." Stearns said it

might start to change minds. The commission lamented that too many decisions are made by metro representatives without a voice from the underrepresented counties.

Kreklau also brought forth an idea and suggested that the county survey about 15 similar counties in the state to get information on similarities and differences on how they run their county government. He suggested that they could quite easily get information on population, numbers of employees, staff sizes by department, tax rates and tax capacities.

"Maybe we'll find we're doing something," Kreklau said. "I don't envision this costing us a lot of time or money."

Wadena County Coordinator Ryan Odden said he would speak with AMC staff to come up with a good survey to go out to counties and get some feedback.

TALENT

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love great music from world renowned artists in their own backyard. She plans to serve as a judge in the talent show alongside Wadena Mayor George Deiss and new chair of the concert association, Bridget King.

"I'm hoping we can reach more people," Kingsley said. "But no matter how wonderful the music is, we've got to have people to support a program like this."

Hillesland said in addition to talent from the community, there will be entertainment in between each act. The event is emceed by legendary radio

personality Dan Skogen.

Prizes are available for top talent and all participants receive a free ticket to the concert association's upcoming season. Prize money was made available by sponsor Homestead Veterinary Clinic.

Participants will be a part of one of two categories including ages 15 and under or ages 16 and over.

This inaugural event does more than entertain, it serves as the kickoff to the upcoming concert association season, which starts in September. Learn more about the season by attending this event or contact the association chair Bridget King at 218-639-2469. You can even get a preview by visiting alliedconcertservices.com.

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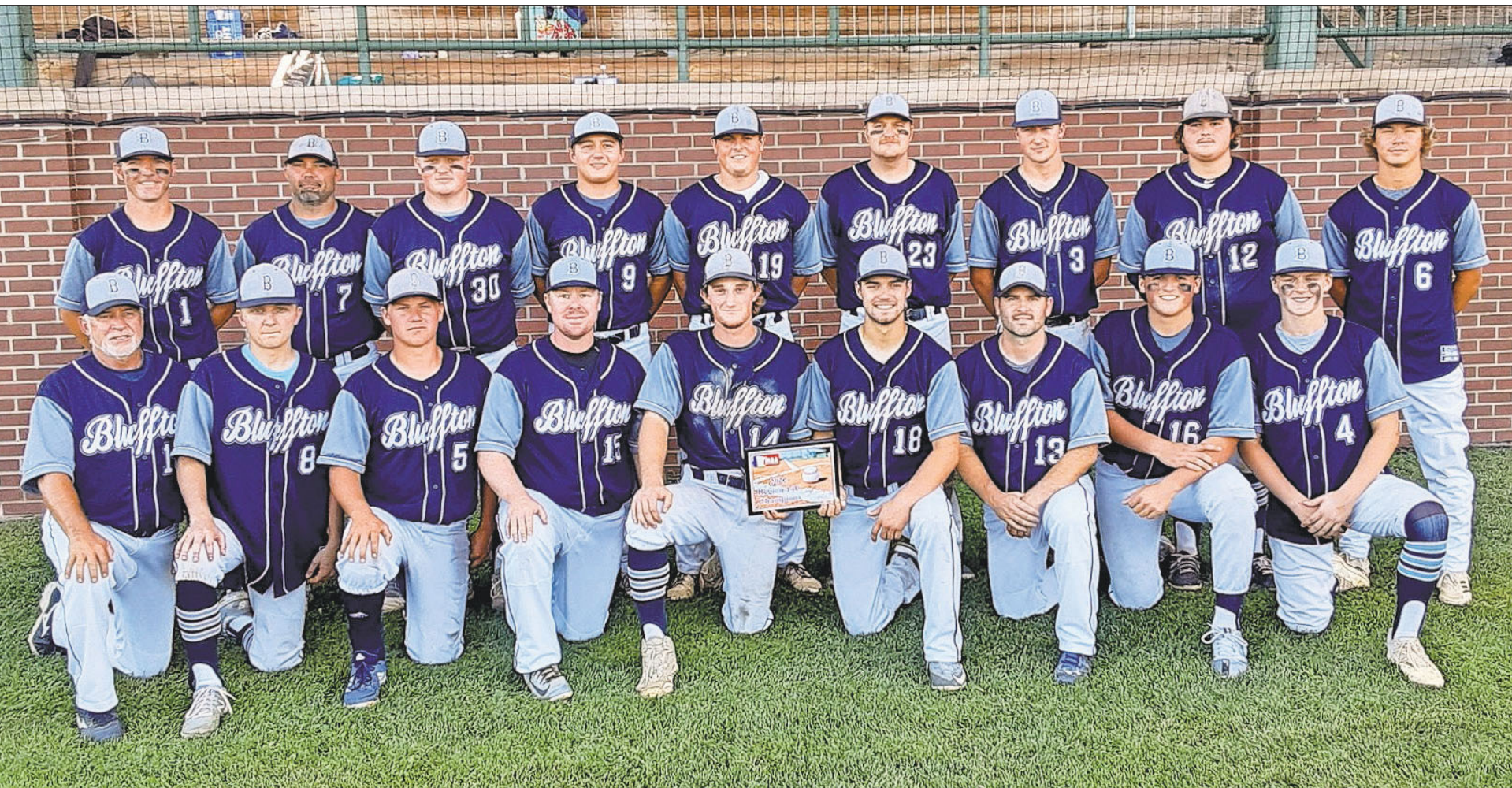
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AMATEUR BASEBALL



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The Bluffton Braves won the Region 14C championship with a 6-2 win over the New York Mills Millers on Saturday at Krueger Field in Perham.

BLUFFTON BACK ON TOP

Braves win Region 14C title for the fourth consecutive season

By Jared Rubado
Perham Focus

Perham

The Bluffton Braves won the Region 14C amateur baseball tournament on Saturday for the fourth consecutive year with wins over Perham and New York Mills.

After beating Perham 4-0, Bluffton avenged a 6-3 loss from a week earlier with a 6-2 win in the Region 14C title game. Josh Dykhoff earned the win, while Isaac Hamann was named tournament MVP.

The top two teams in the region qualified for the Class C state tournament, which made Bluffton's rematch against Perham all the more critical on Saturday.

Jake Dykhoff threw a gem to stymie the Pirates offensively. He threw a complete-game, two-hitter with 18 strikeouts. Bluffton's runs in the first,

third and fifth innings were more than enough to knock off Perham in a 4-0 win.

Chas Melvin got the start for the Pirates. He threw nine innings, giving up four runs with two strikeouts. He also recorded one of two hits at the plate. Ben Shumansky had the other.

Perham had to beat Deer Creek on Friday night to keep its season alive. Maddux Kovash threw nine innings, allowing eight hits and two runs with 11 strikeouts. Perham tallied six hits in the 5-2 win. Chris Ruther, Carter Mulcahy, Jace Kovash, Maddux Kovash, Dawson Stevens and Shumansky all did damage at the plate.

Deer Creek scored a run in the first inning before Perham took the lead with a pair of runs in the second. After the Shockers tied the game in the top of the fourth, Perham put up runs in

the next three innings to win the game.

On Aug. 20, the New York Mills Millers will play against the Cold Spring Rockies in the first round of the state tournament in Dundas. The Millers selected Stetson Burkman, Melvin and Stevens to join New York Mills at state.

Bluffton's tournament kicks off a week later in Faribault. The Braves will take on the winner of the Kimball Express and the Hutchinson Huskies at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. Bluffton selected Kolby Kiser, Chance Bye and Nick Lindberg for the remainder of the postseason.

The first two rounds of the state tournament will be played over the following two weekends, with the final four rounds concluding Labor Day weekend.

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Bluffton Jake Dykhoff pitches in Bluffton's 5-4 win over Perham in 10 innings on Aug. 6 at Al Krueger Field in the Region 14C second round.

BASEBALL

Youth players from Perham and WDC play at the Target Center

By Jared Rubado
Perham Focus

PERHAM – Youth girls basketball players traveled to Minneapolis on Friday to play at the Target Center before the final Minnesota Lynx home games of the regular season.

Sixth graders from Perham and Hawley and seventh graders from Perham and Wadena played on the floor at the Target Center before attending the final WNBA home game in Minnesota this summer. Roughly 25 girls from the Hawley, Perham and Wadena areas played on the big stage.

"It was just like how the Lynx play," said Erin Gjerde, a Perham parent. "The girls got to hear their name be called like they would for the starting lineup. They also heard their name every time they scored. It was super fun to hear, and I know they had a ball."



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Seventh grade youth basketball players from Wadena-Deer Creek played in a game against Perham at the Target Center on Aug. 12 before the final Minnesota Lynx regular-season home game.

Many of the girls stayed for the Lynx game a few hours later. Despite a 96-69 loss to the Seattle Storm, area players witnessed the final home game for WNBA legend Sylvia Fowls. A few kids

also met star guard Sue Bird before tip-off.

"They were all smiles," Gjerde said of the whole experience. "They were super thrilled to be there. The game got picked up by ESPN, so they had a lot

more security and stuff. We had to hurry up and take quick pictures before they got off the court. But when they walked off, they were super thrilled and happy to be there. As a parent, to see your



Perham's Quinn Hanson gets an autograph from the legendary Sue Bird on Aug. 12 before the final Minnesota Lynx regular-season home game. Youth basketball players from Perham, Hawley and Wadena-Deer Creek played basketball games hours before the Lynx tipped off at the Target Center.

child out there was even better."

"We're already planning for next year. We want to take more girls and more teams. There was another game after

us between Blaine and Edina. We're hoping to take some younger girls and older girls next time."

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Here's how to get today's kids hooked on fishing

I end up with many kids in the boat throughout the season. The last couple of weeks I seem to have had many young kids in the boat, even as young as 6 years old.

This has prompted me to write about a few considerations when it comes to fishing with young kids and getting them hooked on fishing. I had written before about my concerns with the declining number of young anglers. That does not seem to be as much the case anymore.

One of the benefits of the pandemic phase we have been through the last couple of years is an increased number of anglers, including increasing numbers of kids. Another great reason behind the increasing number of young anglers in our region has been the volunteers helping develop middle school and high school fishing programs.

The first order of business in getting kids into fishing as a lifelong healthy hobby, is to get them out. It doesn't have to be in a boat. Catching fish from shore or a dock is still fishing and catching. Do not bring electronic devices with you as an alternative if kids get "bored" while fishing. They will get bored early so they can retreat to that



BRAD LAABS
Fishing Lines

electronic game and cell phone addiction.

I believe the electronic age, as wonderful as it is, is contributing to kids not getting out and being creative in the outdoors. If fishing in the boat, help introduce them to the sonar unit and GPS as that will help engage them in the process of locating fish, and adds to the experience.

Kids love to use the flashers and underwater cameras when ice fishing too. They are interactive and fit well into their world of electronic interaction.

Use quality rods and reels. Nothing turns anybody off to fishing like using equipment that doesn't work well. When you get them on the water, find active biting fish. Sunfish, crappies, bass, and northern pike can be cooperative participants in getting kids hooked on fishing. If it bites and fights ... it is fun.

It doesn't even matter to many of them if it is a bullhead or a carp. Fishing is fun, but catching is even better



MN DNR PHOTO

"Fun and safety are the most important considerations while bringing kids fishing," said Jeff Ledermann with the DNR.

when it comes to kids (and some impatient adults).

Unfortunately, in this microwave, computer, smartphone world of ours, kids are more used to instant gratification. The years of sitting quietly in the boat with grandpa for hours for a few bites and a couple fish seem to be over for most of the new generation of youth. Learning patience will come later, after getting them hooked doing

some catching first. Catching will get them coming back.

Make sure you have good proper gear for the kids. This includes good warm gear when needed, quality rain gear, proper footwear for the conditions, comfortable fitting life jackets, sunscreen, you get the idea. Getting wet and cold can turn off your potential lifelong fishing partner.

Make sure you have snacks and drinks in the boat. It is OK

for kids to take a break and eat or play with the bait. Make sure you don't overextend the time or keep them out in conditions that make them hesitate about going out again. Make challenging weather part of the adventure of the experience.

Teach them how to fish and cast with bobbers and jigs first. Learning to cast them will help them graduate to more complex casting or fishing techniques. Nobody gets sick of watching a bobber go down, or feeling the "tick" on a jig and setting the hook to find something on the other end.

Take pictures of caught fish, this fits into their world and can be texted to friends and family ... or posted on Facebook. That is all part of their world now too.

Practice your patience with tangled lines - it is a part of learning in fishing, and teaching the skills to help prevent the tangles in the future are part of the process. In my experience, age is not a discriminator when it comes to the creativity of fishermen for getting tangled and snagged on everything possible! A great thing about getting kids out fishing is that it gets you out too!

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The indigo bunting is strikingly blue, and very musical

Imagine being a birder who's red-green colorblind. Indeed, that yours truly has trouble distinguishing colors and shades of colors, notably red and variations of red, is one of the reasons why blue became a favorite color of mine long ago (and also why coloring wasn't a favorite activity of mine in grade school).

For me the colors blue and yellow really stand out.

So recently when walking near my backyard bird-feeding station, the lone, male indigo bunting perched on the birdfeeder caused me to stop in my tracks and watch. Such a beautiful species of wild bird - the indigo bunting - few people would disagree. They are truly a sight to behold.

Sometimes confused with eastern bluebirds and blue grosbeaks, the all-blue males,



BLANE KLEMEK
Outdoors

sometimes sporting blackish wings, are understandably very striking birds.

Their conical beaks are perfect for feeding on insects and seeds alike. A sparrow-sized bird at just five or so inches long, if it wasn't for the male indigo bunting's song and stunning blue color, the species would probably go relatively unnoticed.

Interestingly, the brilliant blue feathers of the species that we see are not blue after all. It seems that the indigo bunting is actually black in color; for it's the light, or rather the diffraction of light through an indigo bunting's

feathers, that makes them appear blue. The plumage coloration of the blue jay is similarly perceived by our eyes.

Found throughout the eastern half of the United States and southern Canada during the breeding season, indigo buntings migrate as far south as northern South America for the winter months, but some birds will occasionally spend the entire year in southern Florida. Most, however, migrate to the northland every spring to breed, nest and raise their young.

Preferred indigo bunting habitat is dense thickets, tall trees near forest edges, open brushy fields, farm country, wooded roadways, and forest openings.

The song of the male indigo bunting is a lovely series of sharp, high-pitched, and very clear whistles. Their song is oft written as "what!

what! where? where? see it! see it!", which is an easy mnemonic to use in identifying the delightful song when afield.

And at the height of the breeding season, when male birds are busy establishing and defending breeding territories, you can rest assured that one song will be followed by another song again and again.

Male indigo buntings are tireless songsters. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology website writes that as many as 200 songs per hour at sunrise and about one song per minute for the remainder of the day is typical of singing males. Few other birds sing as much.

Following brief courtships and mating, and while male indigo buntings remain busy singing and defending their breeding territories, female indigos

commence to nest-building and laying eggs.

She alone chooses a nest site, which is normally within shrub thickets along field edges, adjacent to woodlands, and even rights-of-ways of roads and railroads.

Nests are constructed in a little more than a week - again by only the female - with materials that include grasses, leaves, bark, and plant stems. Built scarcely three feet from the ground in the crotch of branches, the small, cup-like nest is usually wrapped with spider webs.

The female bunting also carefully lines the inside of the nest with fine grasses and other plant material, thistle down, and even thin hair from animals. Up to four eggs are laid with an incubation period of about two weeks. Both parents care for the

young, which fledge quickly - usually in less than two weeks.

Indigo buntings can be attracted to your backyard feeding station with a variety of small seeds, especially thistle or nyjer seed. And like eastern bluebirds, indigo buntings are also insect eaters, so providing live mealworms can work to attract indigo buntings to your property, too.

The gorgeous indigo bunting is as striking a bird as they come here in northwestern Minnesota. And while other birds are blue, too - eastern bluebirds, white-breasted nuthatches, blue jays, blue grosbeaks, and others - no other blue-colored bird sings as persistently and as beautifully. Nor are there any other birds-of-blue as stunningly blue as the indigo bunting is, as we get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

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 - After B
 - Licensed for Wall Street
 - Missile with about 600-mile range
 - Goddesses
 - A day kids love
 - Oily secretion
 - One-tenth of a meter
 - A father's male child
 - One point east of southeast
 - Silk garments
 - Cool!
 - The color of anger
 - Trade profession
 - It can get you around
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Hurt
 - Legendary slugger
 - Hank
 - Polio vaccine developer
 - Incline from vertical
 - Sea creature
 - Actress Kate
 - Affirmative votes
 - Nothing
 - Pie ___ mode
 - Expresses surprise

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2018 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$37,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Patricia L. Mikel MORTGAGEE: Mid-Central National Bank f/k/a Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

TRANSACTION AGENT AND MORTGAGE ID: Alanna Burns (665496)

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 11, 2018 as Document Number 249619 with the Wadena County Recorder's Office. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 1, Merickel's Addition to Wadena, Minnesota Tax Parcel: 22.580.0040 STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 316 Garfield Ave. SW, Wadena MN 56482

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Wadena County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$39,782.34

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Wadena County Sheriff's Office at 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena, MN 56482

TO pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

"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."

Dated: July 27, 2022 SEVERSON PORTER LAW Kurt W. Porter (Reg. No. 0391461) Severson Porter Law 319 South Sixth Street Brainerd, MN 56401 (218) 692-6999 kurt@seversonporter.com

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 15, 2003

MORTGAGOR: Shaun Thornton and Heidi Thornton, Husband and Wife. MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 23, 2003 Wadena County Recorder, Document No. 203590 as modified by Court Order Recorded October 4, 2017 as Document No. 248057. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Dated April 18, 2017 Recorded May 8, 2017, as Document No. 246776. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Dated April 18, 2017 Recorded May 8, 2017, as Document No. 246777. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Dated June 28, 2022 Recorded June 28, 2022, as Document No. 262035. TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a RightPath Servicing MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14553 274th Street, Sebeka, MN 56477 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110024020 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) except the North 660 feet of the West 330 feet, Section 2, Township 136 North, Range 35 West, Wadena County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Wadena

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$72,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$71,691.64

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of 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 said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Entrance to Law Enforcement Center, Wadena County Sheriff's Department, Wadena, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on October 4, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED

PUBLIC NOTICE

FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: July 28, 2022

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888

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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Wadena will review the Letter Statement of Qualifications and retains the right to select directly or conduct interviews of up to three (3) firms, in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E. The City of Wadena anticipates projects to be funded in part by MnDOT Office of Aeronautics and the FAA. All services provided must be in compliance with current MnDOT and FAA policies and standards. Kim Schroeder City Administrator 222 2 nd Street SE Wadena, MN 56482

Interested firms should submit their letter proposal digitally via email to cityadmin@wadena.org by the date noted below. The Letter Proposal/Statement of Qualifications shall be no more than twenty (20) pages total. The information should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022.

Additional information is available from Kim Schroeder at the address above, by phone at 218-632-2750, or by email at cityadmin@wadena.org. To ensure a fair review and selection process, firms submitting proposals are requested to refrain from contacting other City Staff or Council Members regarding these proposals. The City of Wadena will review all submitted Statements of Qualifications and will make a final determination on a successful candidate on or about September 13, 2022. 8/18, 8/18

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WADENA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to all creditors and Shareholders of Wadena Industrial Development Corporation that Wadena Industrial Development Corporation will conduct a Special Meeting of Shareholders on October 26th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Wadena State Bank 304 1st SE Wadena, MN 56482, to consider and vote on dissolution of corporation. Upon approval of majority of the Shareholders present at the meeting, Wadena Industrial Development Corporation will implement dissolution proceedings. For additional information or to notify Wadena Industrial Development Corporation of a claim against it, please contact Wadena Industrial Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer Craig Folkstad at 218-639-3787, craig@gorescompany.com, or 508 South Jefferson, Wadena, MN 56482. 8/18, 8/25

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

August 30, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Wadena City Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Administrative Center, 222 2nd Street SE, to consider an application for Conditional Use Permit for the parcel of land located in northwest Wadena located in Section 6, Township 134, Range 35, Part of the East 1/2 of the NorthEast 1/4 (north of 300 Block of Greenwood Avenue NW, Wadena, MN) within the City of Wadena, Wadena County.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony on the request to excavate sand from the southeast corner of the parcel for use in roadway reconstruction. This use will include shaping and reclaiming area and reseeded for turf establishment when complete. The meeting will begin at 5 pm in the City Council Chambers.

If you wish to comment on the issue, you may do so by attending the public hearing or by providing written comment to the Planning Commission by August 30, 2022. Written comments may be delivered in person to the Zoning Office, mailed to City of Wadena - Zoning Office at PO Box 30, emailed to zoning@wadena.org, or faxed to 218-631-7709. If you have any questions, please call 218-631-7711.

DATED: August 15, 2022

Dean Uselman WDA / Planning & Zoning Director City of Wadena 8/18, 8/25

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Get help understanding veteran benefits from the PACT Act

WADENA — The PACT Act is a new law that expands Veteran Affairs health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps the VA provide generations of Veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve, according to a Veteran Affairs news release.

These cancers are now presumptive for burn pits:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

These illnesses are now presumptive for burn pits:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

This also means that veterans who could not get health care due to income or No SC now will be eligible. It is recommended that all veterans who were exposed to burn pits should register at

<https://www.publhealth.va.gov/expo->

asures/burnpits/registry.asp

For agent orange exposed veterans, two new service connections have been added to the Agent Orange registry

- Hypertension
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

There are also new locations added to the AO presumptive list:

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976
- Laos from Dec. 1, 1965, through Sept. 30, 1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

New ionizing radiation registry locations added:

- Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, from Jan. 1, 1977, through Dec. 31, 1980
- Cleanup of the Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons off the coast of Palomares, Spain, from Jan. 17, 1966, through March 31, 1967
- Response to the fire onboard an Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons near Thule Air Force Base in Greenland from Jan. 21, 1968, to Sept. 25, 1968

Veterans should contact their Veteran Service Officer or County Veteran Service Officer if they wish to apply for any of these presumptive conditions for VA Compensation and or VA Health Care.

You can contact your local Wadena County VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@wcmn.us.

Wadena County Fair 4-H exhibit results

WADENA — A total of 1,158 exhibits kept 4-H members, judges, parents and organizers more than a little busy during the 2022 Wadena County Fair.

The 4-H volunteers went through more than 60 gallons of ice cream and sold out more than half of their menu items at the food stand.

New to the competition was cake decorating, one that was welcomed by guests who were able to sample the delicacies. Ten members took part in the inaugural event.

Check out how participants fared in this year's county fair.

Exhibits

Aerospace

Lydia Vandermay — 315 Rocket (Champion)
Casen Pickar — 1151 rocket (Reserve Champion)

Agronomy

Jayma Lawson — Poster and Jar of Manure Tea (Champion)
Matia Pauly — Poster Soybeans (Res. Champion)

Banners

Ambitious — 4H Steers You (Champions)
4 Corners — Take a Shot @ 4H (Res. Champion)
Junior Citizens — 4-H is right up your alley
West Jolly Jets — Head Hearts Hands Health Quilt

Booths

West Jolly Jets Champion
Leaf River Builders (Res. Champion)

Spirit Clovers

Wadena Juniors

Bicycle

Colton Johnson — Bike (Champion)
Katreina Ellingson

Child & Family Development

Lydia Vandermay — Babysitting Kit (Champion)
Aubrey Smith — Babysitting Kit (Res. Champ)
Eve Parker — Rock, Paper, scissors game

Demonstration

Mazie Hopp — Making a Quilt (Champion in Non-livestock)
Jayma Lawson — Making Soap (Res. Champion in non-livestock)
Lily Parker — Chickens (Champion in livestock)
Charlie Snyder — Chickens (Champion in Livestock)
Olivia Neal — Trapping Gophers
Jayma Lawson — Milking Goats (Res. Champion in Livestock)

Cake Decorating

Kayla Meeks
Lily Parker
Stephanie Kovar

Citizenship

Lily Parker — Changing Chicken Ordinances
Teagen Kempenich — American Flag

Clothing and Textiles

Aubrey Smith — T-shirt Dress (Champion Upcycled Clothing)
Mattea Smith — Blue Formal Dress Champion Purchased
Eve Parker — Pillow Case (Champion Sewn non-garment)
Sena Lehmann — Jeans Res. Champion Purchased
Wadena Juniors — 4H Block Party Champions
Leaf River Builders — Toy Drive Res. Champions
Pine Cone — Menahga Memorial Day Program
West Jolly Jets — Church Cleanup Sebeka
Spirit Clover — Sr Center cleanup and plantings

Crafts

Olivia Neal — Barn Quilt (Champion)
Casey Homberg — Pinecone Wreath (Res. Champ)
Charli Snyder — Tin Cut
Colleen Malone — 5 painted records
Emma Jackson — Purse made of Beads
Hana Eitel — Butterfly Samuel Hooper — Painting
Ellie Goldberg — Rocks
Ben Rutten — Mirror
Blake Eitel — Metal Vehicle

Fine Arts

Kami Hoemberg — Oil Painting (Champion)
Lily Parker — Chicken Dragon (Res. Champion)
Macey Goeden — Iron Man
Stephanie Kovar — Deer Head
Mazie Hopp — Painted Eggs
Lilian Huls — Goldfish
Carter Hoemberg — Snowmobile Drawing
Adam Horstmann — Monster
Olivia Neal — Tree Painting
Gunner Wegscheid — Semi Drawing

Creative Writing

Lily Parker — Poem Snow Champion
Kami Hoemberg — Poem Fulfilled Res. Champion
Mazie Hopp — Men vs. Women Friends
Kayla Meeks — Writing (2poems)
Lily Parker — Poem Opposites
Kami Hoemberg — Writing Storm
Mazie Hopp — Kalimba How To

Engineering Design

Chauncy Hopp

Exploring Animals

Emmet Jackson — Spray in Rabbits Display (Champ)
Chloe Horstmann — Kagu Poster (Res. Champ)
Jayma Lawson — Dairy Cow Poster
Blake Eitel — American Mustang Book
Raleigh Parker — Egg Layer Display
Teagen Kempenich — Brahma Book
Katrina Ellingson — Silver Fox Poster
Emmett Ellingson - Kelenken

Fashion Revue

Mattea Smith — Blue Formal Dress (Champion Revue Purchased)
Aubrey Smith — Shirt Dress (Champion Revue Upcycled)
Mattea Smith — Blue Formal Dre (Purchased)
Sena Lehmann — Jeans (Res. Champion Revue-upcycled)
Mazie Hopp — Dress

Fishing Sports

Eli Rutten (Champion)
Teagen Kempenich (Res. Champion)

Foods & Nutrition

Kami Hoemberg — Cream Puffs (Champion)
Lily Parker — French Bread (Res. Champion)
Charlie Snyder — Decorated Layer Cake
Mazie Hopp — Food Plan & Record
Hallie Wegscheid — Strawberry Pie
Ellie Goldberg — Bundt Cake
Eve Parker — Brownie Bomb Bars
Garret Dunn — Pumpkin Pie

Food Preservation

Clara Neal — Canned Beans (Champion)
Ellie Goldberg — Apple Rhubarb Jam (Res. Champion)

Health & Wellness

Teagen Kempenich — Rethink Your Drink Champion

Home Environment

Mattea Smith — Trunk (Champion)
Caleb Smith — Chair (Res. Champ)
Colleen Malone — Window Memory Box
Ellie Goldberg — Repurposed Metal Display

Horseless Horse

Teagen Kempenich (Champion)
Savannah Scheff

Horse Related

Anika Neal (Champion)

Horticulture

Charli Snyder — Blue Crate & Tins (Champion)
Colleen Malone — Wagon Wheel (Res. Champion)
Stephanie Kovar — Pot of Flowers
Olivia Neal — Flower
Chloe Costin — Succulents in Cross

Riley Schermerhorn — Chicken Garden
Hana Eitel — Planter
Hank Lehmann

Ellie Goldberg — Herb Plants
Chloe Horstmann

Industrial Technology

Jotham Wolsvik — Oar (Champion)
Emma Malone — Table (Res. Champion)

Caleb Smith — Chair
Eugene Reger — Book Shelf
Drew Beyatt — Chicken Coop
Paige Heller — Dog Feeder
Emma Malone — Lamp Stand
Mattea Smith — Metal Flower

Eli Rutten — Table

Jotham Wolsvik (Champion)

Natural Resources

Ashley Kovar — Isopods (Champion)
Teagen Kempenich — Maple Syrup (Res. Champion)
Garrett Yungbauer — Fish of MN

Garrett Dunn — Geodes
Wyatt Connell — Snake
Garrett Yungbauer — Tree ID

Mazie Hopp — Gold Paper
Teagen Kempenich — Trees
Mazie Hopp — Deforestation Paper

Needle Arts

Kayla Meeks — Buffalo Plaid Blanket w/ Fur (Champion)

Ellie Goldberg — Flower Needle Work (Reserve Champion)
Ellie Goldberg — Mushroom Needle Work

Pets

Hana Eitel — Caring for Cats (Champion)
Teagan Kenpenich — Shemius Mckoy Display (Res. Champ)
Stephanie Kovar — What a bunny needs
Hana Eitel — My dog Buck display
Clara Neal — Health in Cats
Emmet Ellingson — Dodo Bird

Photography

Carson Dunn — Duluth water/Tree (Champion in Photo Manipulation)
Anika Neal — Irrigation Champion in Elements of Photography (Photography)
Elliote Allen — Mountains (Reserve Champion in Elements of Photography)
Asher Hoeper — Hay Bale (Reserve Champion in Photo Manipulation)
Tegan Kempenich — Waterfall
Katrina Ellingson — Green Plant Close up
Lydia Vandermay — Sunset
Anika Neal — Flower Close up
Olivia Neal — Dog in the Grass
Katrina Ellingson — White Flowers

Plastic Sculpture

Kevin Dailey (Champion)
Mazie Hopp (Res. Champion)

Quilting

Kayla Meeks — Quilt (Champion)
Lily Parker — Quilt (Reserve Champion)

Science of Animals

Emma Jackson (Champion)
Ashley Kovar

Self-Determined

Mazie Hopp — 1920's in a Bag Champion
Adam Horstmann — Salt & Eggs Poster Res. Champion
Maria Januszewski — Cold as Ice

Emmet Ellingson — Archeopteryx

Shooting Sports

Teagen Kempennich (Champion)
Elliot Allen (Res. Champion)
Everett Allen

Technology

Carlos Bauer — Language Display (Champion)

Vegetable, Fruit & Herb Gardening

Lilly Parker — Tea Herb (Champion)
Anika Neal — Kale (Res. Champion)

Veterinary Science

Faith Koning (Champion)
Lydia Vandermay (Res. Champion)
Teagen Kempenich
Mazie Hopp

Wildlife Biology & Management

Olivia Neal — Gopher Trapping display (Champ)
Asher Hoeper — Sandhill Crane (Res. Champ)
Samuel Hoeper — Wild Turkey Display

Teagan Kempennich — National Park Book
Finn Costin — Robin Poster and Nest Box
Anika Neal — Whitetail Deer
Mazie Hopp — Animals Book
Blake Eitel — Wood Duck House

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Wadena area primary election results

Pioneer Journal staff
WADENA — Local results are in for the Tuesday, Aug. 9, primary. All precincts are included in reporting.

Wadena County Commission Dist. 1
Don Burns: 23.3%
Ron Noon: 63.35%
Victor Kern: 13.35%
(The top two vote-getters will appear on the November ballot. Current commissioner Sheldon Monson is running for House Dist. 5B)

Wadena County Sheriff
Milo Scott: 25.68%
Mike Carr, Jr. (incumbent): 71.96%
Jason Hofer: 2.36%
The top two vote-getters, Carr and Scott, will appear on the November ballot.

House District 5B
Mike Wiener: 50.48% or 2,100 votes
Sheldon Monson: 49.52% or 2,060 votes
Wiener beat out Monson, a Wadena County Commissioner, by just 1 percent of the votes. Monson acknowledged the loss on the following day but was gracious to the 2,000-plus voters that showed him support in a Facebook posting on August 10.

“From the beginning we have ran our campaign with integrity and honesty, worked very hard, and tried to connect with as many voters as possible,” the post read.

“At the end of the day, I came up 40 votes short. It was a very close race, but unfortunately some things that happened during the campaign were outside of our control. I am honored to have earned the trust of 2,060 people from around this district. Your trust and support means the world. As I turn to the next chapter, I look forward to the things that God has ahead.”

House District 5B includes areas in Wadena County, Cass County, Morrison County and Todd County.

Wiener, 46, resides in Long Prairie, Minn., with his wife Amber and nine children. He has been on the Todd County Planning and Zoning Board and served as the Todd County Republicans deputy chair.

Wiener is a business owner of the Produce Animal Bedding and Biomass Trucking Company and a beef farmer. Wiener will face-off against Independence-Alliance candidate Gregg Hendrickson in the general election this Nov. 8. No DFL candidate filed to run for office in House District 5B.

Minnesota Senate District 5
► Paul Utke — 57%, or 5,027 votes
► Bret Bussman — 32%, or 2,832 votes
► Dale A. P. Anderson — 10%, or 907 votes
(All three are Republican candidates. The winner of the primary, Utke, will appear on the ballot against DFLer A. John Peters.)

Minnesota Senate District 9
► Jordan Rasmussen — 52%, or 5,738 votes
► Nathan Miller — 48%, or 5,385 votes
(Both are Republicans. The winner of the primary, Rasmussen, will appear on the ballot against DFL-endorsed Cornel Walker of Fergus Falls this November.)

Congressional District 7
Jill Abasain: 59.08%
Alycia R. Gruenhagen: 40.92%
(Both are DFL and Abasain will take on Independent candidate Travis “Bull” Johnson and Republican Michelle Fischbach in the November election.)

Congressional District 8
Pete Stauber (Republican): 90.84%
Harry Welty (Republican): 9.16%
Jen Schultz (DFL): 86.4%

John Munter (DFL): 13.6%
(The winner from each party will advance to the November election.)

A highly contested race on Aug. 9 was Senate District 5: Paul Utke, an incumbent state senator, defeated two primary challengers — GOP-endorsed Bret Bussman and Dale A. P. Anderson. Utke received 57% of the primary votes, with Bussman and Anderson taking in 32% and 10%, respectively.

Bussman received the GOP endorsement during the District 5 nominating convention, which left the incumbent senator to push through the primary season without the backing of his own party. Utke, of Park Rapids, said redistricting gave him a lot more neighbors to go out and meet, but it’s something he looks forward to.

“This district was, roughly, 65% new territory, so it was a lot like starting from scratch,” he said. “It was new, and we weren’t known yet, so we had to go out and cover all of our bases. The reception and help was wonderful throughout, and in the end kind of got what we thought was coming and everything was coming together really well.”

Utke also said getting past the primaries was a goal, but now he wants to continue meeting as many people as possible in the coming weeks and months.

“It’s a typical campaign now,” he said. “The parades that are left, the events that are left ... we’ll do all the things we need to do and at the same time, I’m hoping to get out there and help others running in their own general election races. So, we’ll be covering the state on the road just as much as we possibly can.”

Line 3 aquifer breach leaking groundwater

By Kirsti Marohn
MPR News
BRAINERD — An aquifer breach in north-central Minnesota caused by construction on the Line 3 oil pipeline is leaking more groundwater, the state Department of Natural Resources said this week.

The site near LaSalle Creek in Hubbard County is one of three places where crews installing the Enbridge-owned pipeline last year caused uncontrolled flows of groundwater.

DNR staff visited the site this spring and found that Enbridge’s repairs were largely successful, though they identified the need for more monitoring and assessment, according to spokesperson Gail Nosek.

But on July 11, Enbridge informed the DNR that additional groundwater had emerged from the site. About 20 gallons per minute of groundwater is flowing out of the ground — about one-

fifth of the flow from the original breach, the DNR stated.

Opponents of the Line 3 pipeline are calling for an independent panel of scientists to study the environmental impacts of the pipeline construction.

Jami Gaither is a retired engineer working with Waa-dookawaad Amikwag, or Those Who Help Beaver, a citizen science group that has used drones and thermal imaging to monitor the breaches.

“Every single thing that we’ve seen happen along this corridor was predicted by citizens, by scientists by Indigenous leadership — people who understand this land, who live in this land, who depend on this land for their life,” she said.

Gaither said pressurized aquifers feed natural springs that in turn, supply wetlands and fens with groundwater.

“When we breach that, we no longer have the pressure, because

it’s being bled off in other places, to allow those natural springs that people rely on to continue to be present,” she said. “They basically disappear from the landscape.”

The DNR said it’s ordered Enbridge to develop a plan to address the flow.

The agency also said it’s working on an enforcement resolution to address all of the aquifer breach sites and hold Enbridge accountable for their restoration.

In an email, Enbridge spokesperson Juli Kellner said the company is developing a supplemental corrective action plan in coordination with state agencies.

Kellner said the company takes protecting the environment seriously, and continues to work with regulatory agencies at the three sites on ongoing restoration and monitoring.

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Regulators cut \$60M from Minnesota utility customers' bills for 2021 storm

By Alex Derosier
Wadena Pioneer Journal

ST. PAUL — State regulators will require four Minnesota natural gas utilities to pay around \$58.7 million in costs they incurred during severe winter weather in 2021, reducing the amount customers will have to bear.

Severe cold weather across the southern U.S. in February 2021 sent energy prices soaring across the U.S. due to gas supply disruptions and a spike in demand. While the weather had a particularly severe effect on Texas' power grid, customers in Minnesota ended up seeing significant increases in prices. Customers of the state's gas utilities ended up getting charged around \$660 million more than they normally would in February.

Attorney General Keith Ellison, the Citizens Utility Board and the state commerce department brought the matter before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission one year ago, arguing the utility companies had not done enough to manage the price spike and overcharged customers. An administrative court earlier this year ruled the utilities could charge the full \$660 million, but the utility commission voted Thursday, Aug. 11, for four gas utilities to eat nearly \$60 million of that bill.

"Though Minnesotans were fortunate to receive reliable gas service during the February 2021 storm, the utilities spent millions more than they needed to on expensive gas, thinking that customers would foot the bill," said Brian

Edstrom, Senior Regulatory Advocate at the Citizens Utility Board, a customer advocacy group. "The PUC (Thursday) told them that this is unacceptable in Minnesota."

Advocates argued the utilities failed to use back-up gas reserves effectively, poorly forecast demand and did not cut off interruptible customers.

Under the commission's decision, Xcel Energy must pay \$19 million, CenterPoint Energy must pay \$35.7 million, and Great Plains Energy must pay \$845,000. The commission also approved a settlement where Minnesota Energy Resources Corp. must save its ratepayers \$3 million that consumer advocates previously argued had been imprudently charged by the utility.

Ellison's office said it is

rare for state regulators to stop utilities from passing the full cost of gas to customers. One of the Minnesota attorney general's duties is to advocate for residential and small business ratepayers.

"While this decision is a win for consumers, still too much of the utilities' gas costs will get passed onto Minnesotans to pay," Ellison said in a statement. "The utilities need to know my office will keep watching them and using our power under state law to fight to keep Minnesotans' costs down."

This fall, the commission will hold another hearing where it will consider methods to protect customers from future price spikes due to weather.

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