



NISSWA

City to enact a moratorium of THC products

By Nancy Vogt
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NISSWA — Nisswa joins just a handful of other Minnesota cities to enact a moratorium on the sale and production of hemp-derived tetrahydrocannabinol - or THC - products.

After holding a public hearing at its regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 16, regarding recent state legislation authorizing THC product use, the Nisswa City Council enacted a moratorium for up to a year on the sale and production of THC products in the city.

Several other Minnesota cities - including Waseca, Robbinsdale, Marshall and St. Joseph - have adopted similar moratoriums.

Last month after brief discussion, a three-person Nisswa City Council agreed additional information

was needed regarding this state legislation.

No one from the public spoke during the Aug. 16 public hearing. Council members all voiced support for a moratorium.

Council member Don Jacobson said the Legislature provided no direction on how to implement the legislation. He doesn't think legislators thought it through and he didn't hear it talked about during the legislative session.

"There's so many loose threads on this legislation. The whole state is up in the air basically," he said, noting he doesn't think THC should be put in edible items.

Council member Jesse Zahn agreed with Jacobson, saying he wanted Police Chief Craig Taylor's thoughts on it.

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Pequot Lakes receiver Riggs Magnuson leaps for a pass during the Patriots' evening practice on Monday. Fall sports practices are well underway in Pequot Lakes and Pine River-Backus, and competition has already begun for Pequot Lakes Tennis. Look for the Echo Journal's fall sports preview in the Wednesday, Aug. 31, issue — one day before the first football games of the year.

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ATV Ride and Rally coming to Fifty Lakes

By Dan Determan
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FIFTY LAKES — The Whitefish Chain will soon play host to scores of four-wheelers, three-wheelers and side-by-sides as the ATV Minnesota Ride and Rally comes to Fifty Lakes on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18.

The Ride and Rally began in the mid-1980s, just a few years after the ATV Association of Minnesota was

founded. This is the first time the event will take place in Fifty Lakes, and the first time in the area since Outing hosted the event in 2005.

"We like to pick a place in Minnesota to meet every year - the last two years have been up in Ely, but we like to switch around to different communities," said Perry May, ATV Association of Minnesota state director.

The Ride and Rally serves as an annual state convention for the ATV Association of Minnesota, which is made up of roughly 70 individual ATV clubs statewide, and for ATV enthusiasts in general.

"The purpose is just to network with our clubs and our members, but also to show off different riding areas in Minnesota and communities that have nice trail systems and, of course, amenities to go with them - lodging, camping, places to eat and places of interest," May said. "The Fifty Lakes/Crosslake area,

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Future Problem Solving sisters

Four Nisswa sisters are top award winners

By Sheila Johnston
Nisswa

Have a problem? Talk to the Anderson sisters of Nisswa.

Twin sisters Scarlett and Vanessa, and their younger sisters, Callista and Violet, are champion Future Problem Solvers from Brainerd High School and Forestview Middle School.

Over the past seven years, the Nisswa sisters have tackled the challenges of building green, neurotechnology, living in poverty, de-extinction, identity theft and more.

Scarlett and Vanessa are BHS sophomores. Callista is an eighth-grader and Violet a sixth-grader, both at Forestview.

Future Problem Solving Program International is a program involving thousands of students annually from around



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From left, all four Anderson sisters - eighth-grader Callista, sophomores Scarlett and Vanessa, and sixth-grader Violet - earned invitations to the 2022 International Future Problem Solving Competition.

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