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CEO Report

Good afternoon NIECI,

It is 7/19/22 today, and the weather is hot and humid. Just right for the development of a strong thunderstorm! I have had all the storms and wind I can stand for this summer.

We have trees laying on the ground and leaning over our lines everywhere right now. The right-of-way that was looking in pretty good shape has a lot of potential for issues suddenly if these storms don't stop.

We will be addressing the leaning trees; these came from outside the maintained right-of-way (20' from both sides of our line). We don't have the right to cut these problem trees until they are leaning toward our lines, this is a safety and reliability issue now that we must address.

Another thing I need you to understand about these storms: I do not budget for



Brad Dolinski, CEO

these. This sounds careless and crazy; I've lived here for five years, and we see a couple of major events yearly.

I do understand this. We budget for modest events, or historical outage levels. This comes to almost \$300,000 in a normal year. The major events we saw in May and June are already in excess of \$400,000.

I don't budget for these big events for two reasons. Number one, we do not know if they will happen. Number two, and the most important.... I would have to raise rates if we budgeted the

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Business Spotlight:

Hwy 46 Food & Drink

by Sally Sedgwick

Outside it's still the old Ford Motor building of the 1930s, but inside it's full of the life of a bar and grill: Cheesesteak hoagies, big screens with sports and high tables.

Formerly Jourdan Family Diner, Northome native Wanda Lievsay and business partner Ron Jacobson closed on the building at the corner of highways 46 and 1 in Northome in April. They

would name the business after the iconic northwoods road: Hwy 46 Food and Drink.

Then they began a major renovation toward an opening in early July.

They had an idea of what they wanted that started with the original brick wall, hidden behind stucco.

The wall was part of the original car dealership, dating from the early 1930s. In fact,

said Wanda, they found a receipt for a belt and 1931 in the attic. The m o u n t ? \$1.45.

The brick wall would be behind the bar, and the bar would be

a handcrafted stone-look resin. The same tabletops would be carried through the restaurant area for both tall and regular seating. The dropped ceiling disappeared in favor of the original high ceiling.

There are other touches that make it their own design: a large American flag on the wall, and personalized lighting fixtures with 3D printed images of mock license plates. One carries the image of a double rainbow they photographed over Northome.

The printed plates, like the tabletops, were handcrafted in the attached shop where Ron's brother Bob works with 3D printers and

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< Wanda Lievsay and Ron Jacobson in their new bar & grill in Northome



What to do when there is a power outage

With the increased weather events that have caused power outages this spring, we thought it would be a good idea to revisit reporting a power outage.

It is always best to call to report your outage. We do not monitor Facebook

or Facebook Messenger regularly. Call (218) 743-3131 or (800) 762-4048 to report the outage. If it is outside of our regular business hours, the calls will automatically go to our call center. Keep in mind that when there is a large outage, it may be

difficult to get through right away. Stay on the line and wait until the call has been answered to report your outage. We are aware of instances where people have encountered a continued busy signal. If this happens, continue trying or wait until our

business office opens and call. We are working on resolving this issue.

Remember to provide this information to anyone who may be staying at your residence. Here is a coupon that you can cut out to have the information handy.

Time goes by so fast!

by Jerry Loney

It is that time of year when I get out in the field to check our load control radio receivers, making sure they are working properly. Besides that, I have been planning for a first responder training course coming up in August for our fire

fighters. I have invited the fire departments from Bigfork, Balsam, Deer River, Squaw Lake and Northome to attend. This course will cover what to do in the case of an electric vehicle emergency, the types of electric vehicles, shutting

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major storms into the figures. Anyone that reads my articles knows, there's going to be a catch...

We are currently working through the costs of these storms. We won't know the total impact until all the broken equipment has been accounted for and replaced. We had damage to one of our substations during these events, that material is expensive and a quick trip up Mt. Everest might be easier than trying to find replacements in this market.

We will get the parts; we just must wait, unfortunately. Once the finances are in, we can go to the state of Minnesota to request relief. There are no insurance policies that cover electrical distribution systems. If our claim to Minnesota is approved, we will see some aid. That is when I need to sit down with my staff and prepare for the conversation with the Board.

We may need to come to you for help paying for these major events we sustained this summer. This would be a onetime flat fee in the tens of dollars per service. As a Member-Owner we share in all costs together. This cost was handed to us from Mother Nature and now we must manage it. I will continue to update you and include a proper explanation SHOULD we need to make this request.

Now I'm going to share another lovely conversation with you. The week of our annual meeting, a report was issued with concerns of MISO and rolling black/brownouts in the region. This subject did come up at the Annual Meeting. I'm glad it came up; we do need to talk about this. I spent the better part of the week calling Great River Energy preparing for this conversation prior to the meeting. Here is some information for you related to that today.

To be a MISO participant like GRE (us), you must have enough generation to cover 107 percent of your peak demand load. You must have all your load covered plus a buffer of sorts. MISO rules also allow you to purchase capacity from the yearly auction if you don't have enough to cover your needs. This is the point of contention. GRE (Great River Energy) came to the auction long in capacity, we sold this capacity for a reasonable profit. Others in the MISO footprint came to the auction needing more capacity than was available. This is the concern of rolling black or brownouts. Currently there is enough capacity or power produced to cover the peak demands; there isn't the 7 percent buffer that MISO requires. We have plenty of engine to get the car up the hill; we can not strap a D7 bulldozer on the bumper and still make it.

I feel very confident we are safe today; we should not see rolling black outs this summer. We do need an answer to this issue, continuing to shut down power plants and not allowing to build new isn't the answer as we look to more electricity being used in the future.

I will continue to update you on this issue as well. We will need your voice in the future. None of us want to pollute our back yards or anywhere on the Earth. We continue to green the power generation fleet; we need to be mindful of the pace of change though. Changes will continue to improve the air quality, but most system operators will tell you the technology is not here yet to support 100 percent green energy.

GRE has outpaced their transition to a reduced carbon future, we will continue along this path. We are also very mindful of your needs and expectations to have the lights come on when you flip that wall switch. Until we can capture energy in a cost-efficient battery, I'm convinced we need base line power plants to support our transition. One thing to research is some of the very interesting work being done with small scale modular nuclear plants. This technology has changed a lot since the 1970s; could this be the answer to our energy future?

I think I better stop there; I've given

you all a lot to think about. Hopefully you've been out enjoying the summer before it slips away on us. I have a couple of fishing events planned yet this summer. Thankfully Jim and Lisa got us out on quite possibly the most fun pontoon built over the Fourth of July weekend. I always like to say, it's not the furniture or how fast it'll go, it's about the company sitting on it.

By your side! Miigwech

Brad

Electrical Inspections

Except for minor repair work, all electrical work you do at your home, cabin, or property is required to be inspected by a State Electrical Inspector.

A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit www.electricity.state.mn.us for more information.

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Highlights from the Board Room

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2022

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

End time: 3:15 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office and electronically through Zoom on June 23, 2022.

Directors Present: M. Rahier, B. Leino, J. White, W. Waller, J. Kilian, R. Bain, L. Salmela and L. Kongsjord, T. Christensen

Also Present: CEO Brad Dolinski, Andy Shaw, Jerry Loney, Daryl Pederson, Tina Danielson and Kim Giesen.

Start Regular Board Meeting: 10:55 a.m.

o A motion was made to adopt agenda. Seconded, motion carried. A motion was made to consent agenda. Seconded, motion carried.

o B. Dolinski held the safety discussion.

o T. Danielson reviewed the operating reports. Motion to accept the operating reports, seconded, motion carried.

o A. Shaw – Legal update. Review of Bylaws Article II. Rights and Liabilities of members. Everything here looks to be ok as is.

o Review of the following Board Policy: 100.50 Director Compensation, which is just implementation of the Bylaw. Section F needs to be removed. It refers to the Annual Coal Creek Tour which will no longer take place due to the sale of Coal Creek. Motion to accept the policy after removing Section F, seconded, motion carried.

o J. Loney gave the Member Services report. EMT First Responder training will be held August 17 for disabling Electric Vehicles during incidents.

o Daryl gave the Line Department report. Line department has been busy with outages, lots of broken poles. Lovdahl's crew will begin right-of-way clearing. Waiting for state approval to get federal aid for the Memorial Day storm. Brad commended the Line Department for all the work they have done during the outages.

o T. Danielson gave the Office Report. June is the true up month which will show on the July statements. July is the beginning of the new budget billing year.

o B. Dolinski gave the CEO report. Annual Meeting was reviewed. Discussed the 2023 meeting being the same type of meeting as this year. 2023 location will be Northome again.

o Scenic Substation visit to take place at the July Board Meeting. The board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the visit at 11:30 a.m.

o B. Dolinski reviewed the GRE Statement

o W. Waller gave the MREA report.

o L. Kongsjord gave the GRE report.

o Round Table discussion was held.

o A Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, motion carried at 3:15 p.m.

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down and disabling them in a crash or fire.

Ordering times

With the number of storms we have been having this summer, there has been an increase in sales of whole house generators and disconnect switches. When ordering generators and switches to have in inventory, it's not taking long before they are sold. Currently, when ordering them, we are looking at a 6-month lead time to receive them. Another issue is the workload for our local electricians, even with the high cost of construction, all our contractors are very busy and is taking a while to get them installed.

Brainstorming

If you remember my article last month, I offered a brainstorming challenge for a chance to win a \$100.00 credit off your electric bill. I am surprised that I only received one response, but it has some great ideas.

Dear Mr. Loney,

I'm responding to the Brainstorm Challenge in WATTS News with a few ideas to help members reduce demand during peak times.

1. Motivate by giving recognition: Don't let this be a one-time thing. Praise members, use positive reinforcement on a regular basis. Feature a monthly Who's Who in WATTS Reduction with column in shape of a lightbulb with a paragraph and photo about a member and their idea to reduce load use. Feature each person separately spread across the year who shares ideas generated from this challenge. Also, ask how they will spend their Reduction Reward credit to motivate others who are \$ motivated.

2. Make use of social media during peak usage times – send a WATTS FLASH message out for receivers to forward with the graphic of ways to reduce at that time. To build the mailing list, offer a \$5 credit for sharing their social media address with WATTS for this purpose.

3. Offer a poster contest for students in the service area (with 3 gifts of value to them) for the next few years (like middle schoolers) to introduce them to the need by illustrating examples of whatever this year's message/slogan you decide you want it to be, which will result

in youth encouraging the behavior in their parents while reinforcing it in themselves.

4. Have a large banner you can roll out at events like the rodeo, parade, etc. reinforcing the message.

5. At next members' appreciation or annual meeting, kick off the load reduction REDUCE campaign with a kite flying contest using kites designed/provided by North Itasca Electric promoting the new load reduction message on them and their streamers. One entry per family, auctioneer type announcer with humorous script to make the contest exciting. Add in various North Itasca Electric messages interspersed with pump up music and a couple sentence ads from the folks who buy ads in the WATTS

Newspaper, jokes with reduction type words in them. At the event announce the poster contest winners, college scholarship winners, gather new submissions of real-life load reduction examples from members and bang a gong or press a siren every time a slip of paper is put in the box, FREE FOOD (dessert section labeled to carry out the theme – like high energy load, calorie reduced, etc.)

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North Itasca Electric thanks and recognizes Lee Ellies for submitting these ideas.

HVAC

North Itasca Electric's air source heat pump installation I wrote about in past articles is showing great reductions in energy consumption. When comparing usage from a year ago, our office's

energy use has dropped 49 percent due to shutting down the old cooling system. With higher efficiencies on the heating side of heat pumps, I am looking forward to (but not too soon) to see what we will save in heating cost this winter.

Speaking of heating cost, the last reports received is that propane prices will be \$2.29 per gallon starting out this fall. With a 90 percent efficient system, you will need 1.1 gallons costing \$2.52 to get the same amount of heat as an electric heating system on the Dual Fuel program for \$1.68.

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Stay safe around power lines

Coming into contact with a power line can be deadly, but you don't have to touch one of them directly to be in danger. Thankfully, some simple precautions are all you need to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Overhead power lines carry thousands of volts of electricity and have the potential to be harmful to anyone, or anything, that gets too close. North Itasca Electric wants our members to understand the dangers of electricity and stay safe around power lines.

When flying objects like kites and drones, make sure to look up and stay clear of power lines. If you're carrying tall tools like ladders and boards, working on a roof, trimming trees, or using tall vehicles or equipment, be careful so these items don't hit a power line. You should always stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

Mylar balloons pose a significant threat to power lines. When a metallic balloon touches a power line,



it can cause a surge of electricity that short circuits equipment and can lead to power outages, fires and injuries. Proper handling and disposal of these balloons can prevent this from happening and they should never be released into the air.

If you see a tree touching a power line, don't climb it. And if something gets caught in a power line, don't try to knock it down

yourself. Call North Itasca Electric to safely remove it. You should also never attach things to power poles, such as signs, decorations or basketball hoops.

If a power line or pole comes down for any reason, always assume the line is energized and keep all people and pets far away. When a line falls, the current can travel through the ground and nearby objects. Notify North Itasca Electric

and call 911 as soon as possible to report a downed line or pole.

If a person or vehicle has come in contact with a downed power line, do not touch either of them as they could also be energized. Call 911 immediately. And if you're in a car that has encountered a power line, stay inside the vehicle. Call 911 and wait until help arrives and can safely get you out. If you must exit your car, jump out with both feet and shuffle until you are a safe distance from your car.

Electricity is an important part of our everyday lives, but can be very dangerous when not treated with caution. The safety of our employees and members is of utmost importance. You should always keep a safe distance from power lines and other equipment the cooperative uses to bring electricity to your home, including transformers, meters and electric boxes.

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GRE advocates for co-ops with new power lines on the horizon

The region's grid operator is soon expected to approve the first phase of high-voltage power line projects in its multi-phase Long-Range Transmission Plan.

The Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) plan calls for \$10 billion and more in transmission investment across the 15-state region in the next decade, including several projects in Minnesota.

The addition of low-cost renewable energy — along with the retirement of power plants, electrification and the increasing need for resilience to more extreme weather — is spurring the need for these power grid upgrades to maintain reliability. Utilities across the region are significantly increasing the amount of low-cost renewable energy they provide to their customers. Great River Energy (GRE) alone will nearly triple the amount of renewable energy, primarily wind energy, in its portfolio by 2025.

GRE is working closely with MISO throughout its planning process, providing leadership and

advocating for the power line projects that are in the best interest of the cooperative's member-owners.

"Great River Energy supports the need for more regional transmission to facilitate the transition that is taking place in our region's energy mix and address the challenges we face with extreme weather. We know that new transmission is needed at the regional level and we have

"We are about to work on the largest package of transmission projects in the history of our country," ...Aubrey Johnson, MISO

been actively advocating for the projects that are best for reliability, affordability and fairness for our members," said Priti Patel, vice president and chief transmission officer at GRE.

Aubrey Johnson, MISO's vice president of system planning and competitive transmission, spoke to transmission employees at GRE on May 25 about the upcoming electric grid expansion.

"We are about to work on the largest package of transmission projects in the history of our country," Johnson said.

Johnson said a majority of the projects are planned using existing rights of way, on land that is already being used for power lines. Final decisions have not yet been made regarding the projects that will be built.

The last major grid expansion in the Upper Midwest was completed in 2017. That expansion included more than 600 miles of high-voltage transmission lines built jointly by the CapX2020 utilities. Those transmission lines created new pathways for renewable energy and bolstered reliability. CapX2020, which is now operating under the name Grid North Partners, is an organization of 10 Minnesota transmission owners that came together in the 2000s to upgrade and expand the region's electric grid.

"We are expecting the next grid expansion to be six or more times the scale of the last build-out, which included the CapX2020 lines," said Gordon Pietsch, GRE's director of transmission planning and compliance. "Those transmission lines continue to deliver what they were intended to, and now we need another expansion as our fleet of power generation sources transitions."

Induction cooking

by Roxanne Prather

Are you aware that a lot of very well-known chefs are switching from gas cooking to induction cooking? It's true, induction cooking is a faster way to cook.

Magnetism is the magic behind induction stoves. Just like phone chargers and power tools and such, all tend to get hot. Induction stoves use this same technology to cook.

Because the electrical field is so tightly focused only the bottom of the pan gets hot, the handle and upper part of the pan stays cool. The steel or cast iron on your pan is what makes the magnetism work. You

can put your hand a half inch from where you are cooking and not get burned, which makes it a lot safer for little ones who like to help Mom cook.

Have you ever walked into a kitchen that is using a gas range? The first thing you will notice is the amount of heat that the range is throwing off. This is true with regular stoves too, but more so with gas. There is a lot of heat loss going into the air; this is OK in the winter when it's cold and you want to heat your house, but in the summer, it's not very efficient when you're trying to cool your house.

With induction the

heat is all focused on the bottom of the pan. You are getting the most out of your heat. Therefore, a lot of cooks are turning to convection, it cooks faster and more precisely, and doesn't turn your kitchen into a hot box – both of which save you money in the end.

Because there is only a small area of the stove that gets hot, cleanup is a breeze. Your food doesn't get fried on the surface if you have a splatter, you can just wipe it right away and not have to worry about it sticking.

Induction ranges cost a little more than a electric one but are usually cheaper than a gas range.

Roxanne's Repair Tips:
Troubleshooting refrigerators

Nothing is more frustrating than when you go to use your water dispenser on your refrigerator and no water comes out.

This problem is usually caused by one of two things. The first thing to check is to make sure the water tube in the door isn't frozen. This tube is located where you put your glass under to fill it. You can buy an "Ice Surrender" kit which looks just like what you would get from a dentist to flush a pulled tooth out, but it has a small hose on the end. You would fill the syringe with hot water and stick the hose up the water line and keep flushing the hot water until the ice melts and you have water again. If that doesn't work, check to make sure you have enough water pressure. The minimum water pressure is 20 psi. If neither of these things fix your problem, you might want to call a repairman.

I get a lot of calls about the refrigerator not cooling right in the summer when the humidity is high, and the temperatures are up. The first thing I would ask is, "Is there any chance that the refrigerator was left open for awhile?" Young kids are great for going in the refrigerator and giving the door a push but not shutting it all the way.

I ask this because it doesn't take too long for the coils to frost up when the refrigerator is open a lot. If the refrigerator is not very old and has been working well and suddenly isn't working right. I would suggest unplugging and unloading the refrigerator and freezer into a cooler or additional refrigerator, leave the doors open and let the refrigerator thaw for several hours. Then, after everything is thawed, plug the refrigerator back in and put a thermometer in the refrigerator part to see if the temperature gets to 34-40 degrees F, then check the freezer to see if the temperature is 0 degrees F.

A lot of times this will fix the problem. If it doesn't then call for service.

GRE announces next pollinator habitat project

Great River Energy and other electric cooperatives are among the many organizations focusing on the plight of bumble bees, butterflies and the many other bugs that pollinate more than 70 percent of the world's crops.

In celebration of National Pollinator Week, June 20-26, GRE is proud to announce its next pollinator habitat project.

"Later this year, Great River Energy will work with Minnesota Native Landscapes on an 11-acre pollinator planting at Lakefield Junction Station," said

Byron Johnson, leader of vegetation management at the electric cooperative, referring to the power plant site near the city of Trimont in southwest Minnesota.

"This will contribute to the nationwide efforts to re-establish pollinator habitat as well as save our members money by reducing the cost of maintaining the site," he explained.

Replacing turf grass with native prairie reduces maintenance costs as native prairie is hardy once it is established and requires very little

mowing, watering or fertilizer.

Johnson said the plot will be planted with a mix of pollinator-friendly species such as milkweed, black-eyed Susans, little bluestems and more. This will provide habitat for pollinators like birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife in the near future.

GRE has long been a utility leader in restoring native and pollinator-friendly habitat at its facilities and along transmission lines. These pollinator habitat projects support GRE's commitment to investing

in Minnesota communities and finding innovative solutions to manage costs.

Over the years, GRE has restored approximately 200 acres to native or pollinator-friendly habitat. This includes plantings at its Maple Grove headquarters site and 9 acres of native pollinator habitat on its Elk River campus.

GRE has a pollinator habitat team that meets regularly to continue identifying pollinator habitat opportunities.

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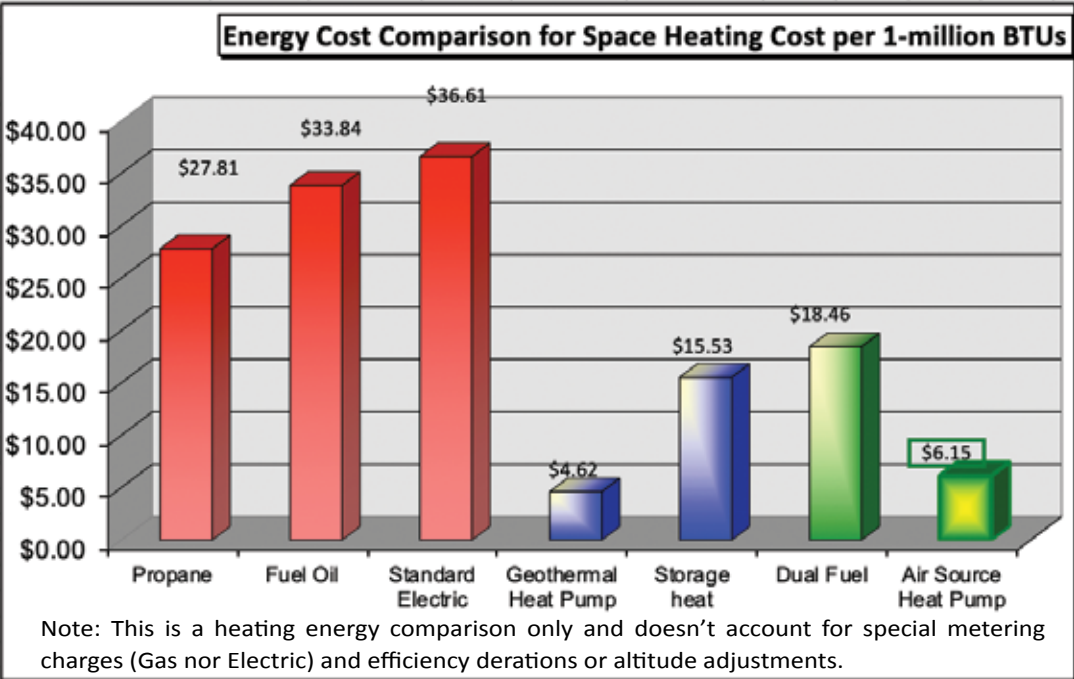
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Hwy 46 Food & Drink



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computerized tools, transforming resin cord into a variety of useful and whimsical items including children's toys which he hopes to sell in the restaurant soon.

It's a full menu. Both Wanda and Ron have extensive experience in the restaurant industry, owning or working in food service. Their signature item are the cheesesteaks with their own secret sauce – sirloin, turkey, chicken or ham. Originally from the East Coast, the cheesesteak began as thin sliced ribeye or sirloin tip with hot cheese in a steamed hoagie bun, explained Ron. Then as it migrated to the West Coast, toppings were added: green peppers, onion, jalapeno pepper and more. The bar and grill offers the "and more."

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Photos, clockwise from above: Building at the corner of Hwys 46 and 1 in Northome, a cheesesteak (photo by Wanda Lievsay), Robert Jacobson with one of his 3D print dragon toy creations, light above bar, personalized with a custom 3D Minnesota "plate."

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Edge Gallery Juried Art Show Showcases Talent of 24

by Gail Blackmer

The Edge Center Gallery is pleased to bring the excitement of a juried art show to our community in August.

For artists, a juried show opportunity brings an element of competitiveness and desire to display their best work; and for patrons, it is a room full of varied mediums,



Kristen Anderson, Emerging Spring, felt

styles and insight into the artistic mind. A juried show means that entries are solicited from any

interested artist, and a juror reviews them all, choosing which pieces speak to them in a special way.

This year our juror is Ann Klefstad, a sculptor, arts writer and critic from Duluth who has a long history of publications, shows, and commissioned work of her own. Ann has chosen 24 artists to feature from the submissions sent to her. At the opening reception at the Gallery on August 5, she will reveal her choices for Best of Show and two

Awards of Excellence. The public is invited to attend the reception and especially to vote for the People's Choice Award.

The artists whose unique work will be shown include several residing in our local area whose names you will recognize as neighbors, as well as from other areas of Minnesota. All the work is recently done, so you have a chance to see the new work of these artists.



Andy Sjodin, Earth and Bone, oil.

Organizer for the annual Juried Show is Lynn Nachbar, a gallery committee member who has been working for months on getting the Call for Entries information out, receiving and forwarding the submissions to the juror, and soliciting award prizes.

Cash awarded for the Best of Show Award is sponsored by Kocian's Family Market. Awards of Excellence are sponsored by the First State Bank of Bigfork and Amanda Dick of Glorvigen, Tierney & Co. The People's Choice Award is sponsored by Arvig. We thank the local involvement that brings such an interesting event to our area.

Opening reception is from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, August 5. Be sure to



Melissa Kugler, Summers, mixed media.

come early and vote for People's Choice, find out the award winners and hear the juror's explanation of what made the winners stand out for her. The complete show will remain in the Gallery for public viewing during regular hours of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-4 through the month of August.

Operating support is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

EdgeWild Players offer free show!

To herald its return to the Edge Center stage in Bigfork, the community theatre group, the EdgeWild Players, will present a fun look back at the heyday of radio comedy with a reprise of a favorite Burns and Allen show.

This is the culmination of the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council grant project illustrating the process of putting on a show. The

presented online later in the fall.

The stage performance will be at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 21 at the Edge Center. There will not be an admission charge, although donations are always welcome.

A technical dress rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, which may involve stoppages for technical adjustments, will be open for those who can't make the final performance.

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The Fourth on Deer Lake

by Gail Blackmer

The Deer Lake Watershed Association celebrated the Fourth of July and the 20th Anniversary of the organization with a flotilla circling the shoreline of Deer Lake (east of Effie).

The flotilla has a tradition of decorating boats and the families aboard them as we take an hour-long cruise around the lake, starting and ending at Carlson's Hideaway Bay resort. Participants and land lubbers enjoyed hot dogs and ice cream on the beach afterwards.



The mission of the DLWA is "To protect, maintain and improve the natural resources of the Deer Lake Watershed for



current and future generations". The organization has 129 active members and focuses on monitoring water quality and maintaining flowage on the many lakes within the watershed boundaries. Flotilla parade (top left, clockwise): Super family, Carlson-Geary family, Stimac family, Root family.

Spring Lake Store hosts Art & Music Festival

Spring Lake Store hosted its annual Music & Art Festival on the July 4 weekend, attracting about 80 people to outdoor musical performances by singer/songwriter John Perkins and the Bigfork Valley Boys. Inside exhibits highlighted the history of the store, existing since it was a stop on the Minneapolis and Rainy River logging railroad during the early part of the last century. A new store was built after a fire caused a complete loss,



John Perkins (l) teams with Jerry Hagen of the Bigfork Valley Boys for outdoor music in the woods.

but pictures still show the historic structure and families of the time.

Also exhibited were artwork and photographs by local residents and a display of roving (swatches of combed wool) by Goose Lake Farm Stand.

(right) Paul Bloom looks over some of the historical displays from the Spring Lake Store. On the left is a display by Goose Lake Farm Stand of dry felted bowls and Cheviot wool roving samples dyed with plants, bark and fungi found in the woods.



August brings music to the Edge

The Edge Center theater in Bigfork will host two musical evenings during August. On Saturday, Aug 13 at 7 p.m, the popular Piano Bar will feature the music of the Northern Lights Trio with Jerry Hagen, Harold Boege and Alan Heide. It's music that's relaxing and enjoyable, and has a danceable beat. The "Magic Guitar" will bring a full-bodied sound experience to the Edge stage on Saturday, Aug 27 in an annual benefit concert for the Edge Center by singer/songwriter John Perkins plays both 6- and 12-string acoustic guitar and makes it sound like a complete band with a home town feel. A preview of his music can be found at jfp123.com. Tickets for both concerts are sold at the door and are \$10 for adults, children free. Masking is not required but recommended at the Edge Center.

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Bigfork to replace main lift pumps

by Sally Sedgwick The Bigfork City Council heard that the city received a clean audit report for 2021. Daniel Loch of CliftonLarsonAllen noted that the city had a very low debt for a city of its size. The water system is funding its operations, he said, but does not cover anticipated future replacement costs. Justin McPherson from Minnesota Pump Works reported that the two main lift station pumps for the sewer system needed replacement. The pumps were running at 75 to 100 gallons per minute when they are rated for 300 gpm. The importance of replacement before sewage backed up was discussed, as well as urging people to discontinue use of flushable wipes which are plugging the system. The council voted to purchase new pumps as quoted at \$20,958 for both, with



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Effie hosts end of year tourney

by Sally Sedgwick At its July 11 meeting, the Effie City Council discussed city cleanup for Rodeo weekend, July 29-31. Residents are reminded that fireworks are illegal within city limits Two league baseball tournaments are scheduled; the Cowboy Tournament July 23-24 and The End of Year base-

SAIL classes

ElderCircle has replaced Bone Builders with “Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL).” For more information or to register (required), contact ElderCircle at (218) 999-9233. New attendees may start anytime. Weights are provided but please bring your own drinking water.

Following is the local schedule as of June 17:

- Virtual via Zoom video conference Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Virtual via Zoom video conference Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

In person at:

- Bigfork Old Scenic Church, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Deer River, Bethany Lutheran, Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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3:00-4:30 p.m. Effie: Effie Cafe
5:00-6:30 p.m. Bigfork: City Hall

Thursdays: Aug. 11; Sept. 1, 22
11:45-12:45 Togo: Junction Bar & Grill

Mondays: Aug. 8, 29; Sept. 9
12:30 -1:00 p.m. Gemmel; Comm.Church
1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Northome; Apartments
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Comment on wolf management plan by Aug. 8

The Department of Natural Resources updated wolf management plan includes summary information about Minnesota’s wolf population and a history of wolves in the state. It details the diverse and changing public attitudes about wolves, the legal status of wolves, tribal perspectives on wolves, and ways to support a healthy and resilient wolf population while minimizing conflicts between humans and wolves. The draft plan also sets out a frame-

Community Cafe

The Community Cafe is available to anyone who is in need of a meal. There is no income or financial qualification to receive a free meal. Each Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (or until gone), a nutritious three-course meal is served. Location: King Elementary School. for more information, visit communitycafemn.org.

Summer at the Discovery Center

The Edge of Wilderness Discovery Center just north of Marcell on Highway 38 is open six days a week during the summer, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. Wednesday - Monday. Visit the center for interpretive displays and a gift shop. There are also indoor and outdoor educational facilities, trail, pier and naturalist programs at 11 a.m on Satuday, August 6 for Smokey Bear’s Birthday and August 13 for Wolves. You can also rent a kayak for a day on the water! Call for more information: (218) 832-3161.

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3rd Mon.: 9 a.m.-noon
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200 Main, Bigfork
Thursdays
12:30-3 p.m.
3rd Thursday
4-5:30 p.m.
(218) 743-3381

Blackduck Community Library:

(218) 835-6600
Tues: 1-6 p.m..
Wed: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thurs:12-5 p.m.
Fri: 12-5 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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(218) 897-5952
Mon: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tues: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Wed: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thurs: noon - 3 p.m.
Fri: 9 a.m.- noon

Resource Centers:

Blackduck: (218) 835-5768
Northome: (218) 897-5952

Community News

Email editor at sedgwick@paulbunyan.net,
put Community News in the subject line

Bigfork

The 2nd Color Run, Walk, ‘N Roll will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 with free registration beginning at 10 a.m. The race will start at 11 a.m. at the Bigfork Valley nursing home and Villa parking lot and will take place on the Bigfork River Walk Trail. The route distance is approximately 1.25 miles. This race is for fun and will not be timed and is open to all ages. Join us for music, food and family fun. Sponsored by AGE to age, Bigfork Valley and ISD 318 Community Education. For questions contact Sandra at (218) 743-4356.

Following the race, look for hidden treasures! Join the hunt in the Villa parking lot after the race with geocaching - an outdoor “treasure hunt” using a handheld GPS unit tracking device. This free class is in two parts on Aug. 6, 12:30 - 2 p.m. The first session is an introduction to geocaching for all levels of experience and ages. A GPS is not required for the first session. The second session is the “hunt”! Spots are limited to 12 teams and each team will receive a fully supplied backpack to make your search safe and fun! Each team will need their own GPS unit - or smart phone with GPS download capability. For questions contact Sandra at (218) 743-4356.

Northome

Northome Farmer’s Market is at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, 5-7 p.m and Fridays, 9 a.m-1 p.m. or until sold out. Cottage license required for baked goods. Buyers and sellers wanted!

Marcell Family Center



218-832-3444
49023 State Highway 38 Marcell, MN 56657

MFC hours:

Fitness Center, gymnasium, multi-purpose room, public computer room and WiFi hotspot.

Mon: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
Tues, Thurs: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
Fri: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fitness Walking at the Marcell Family Center 4-7 p.m. Free, register at getlearning.org.

~ August Calendar ~

- 2 Bigfork Valley Hospital Board meets, 9 a.m. Contact (218) 743-1772 for telephone or virtual attendance information. Levy will be discussed.
- 3 “The Club I Never Wanted To Join” breast cancer support group meets, 3:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in the chapel, use south entrance, 2901 Highway 169, Grand Rapids. More info with Lynn Ettl (218) 832-3612, lynn_ettl@msn.com
- 5 Reception for “Art on the Edge,” the 16th annual juried exhibition, 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists and vote 5-6 p.m. for the People’s Choice Award. Exhibit runs Aug. 4-27 The Edge Gallery is open Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 6 Color Run Walk, ‘N Roll at Bigfork Valley, Untimed fun race with music, food and family fun. Registration 10 a.m., free. Race at 11 a.m.
- 6 Geocaching workshop 12:30-2 p.m. at the Bigfork Valley Villa parking lot. Basics and a hunt. Limited to 12 teams.
- 6 Smokey Bear’s Birthday at the Discovery Center in Marcell on Hwy. 38, 11 a.m.
- 8 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.
- 8 ISD317 School Board meets, 6 p.m., public forum 5:45 p.m.
- 8 Effie City Council meets at Effie Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 9 Stop & Stitch meets at the Marcell Family Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, call Judy at (218) 832-3237.
- 9 Bigfork City Council meets at City Hall, 5:30 a.m.
- 9 ISD 363 South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Blackduck ISD32 School Board, 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
- 12-13 Northwoods Saddle Club final show of the season at North Star Ranch in Effie. Aug. 12 Jackpot Barrels, Aug. 13 Games. High point awards distributed. See northwoodssaddleclubinc.com
- 13 Final program in the summer naturalist series at the Discovery Center just north of Marcell, 11 a.m. on Wolves.
- 13 Edge Center in Bigfork hosts the Piano Bar with the Northern Lights Trio: Jerry Hagen, Harold Boege and Alan Heide, 7 p.m. Admission \$10, children free.
- 15 ISD318 School Board meets 5 p.m. for goal setting. No open forum. Meeting is streamed and archived at watchictv.org.
- 16 Last day for filing for local offices.
- 20 Backwoods Bash at Blackduck Wayside Rest, 8:30 a.m-midnight. Pancake Feed 9 a.m., parade starting at high school 1 p.m., Corn Hole Tourney 2 p.m., band 8 p.m. More activities during day.

Area Church Directory

Alvwood Evangelical Free Church Sun 10:00a
58712 Co. Rd. 131
Blackduck 56630 218-659-4681

Balsam Bible Chapel Sun 10:00a
41516 Scenic Hwy 7
Bovey 55709 218-245-1960

Bear River Lutheran Church Sun 10:00a
11141 Hwy 22
Cook 55723 218-376-1012

Bethesda Lutheran Church Sun 9:00a
Mizpah 56660 218-897-5654

Bigfork Assembly of God Sun 9:30a
101 Golf Course Ln
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3500

Bowstring Chapel Sun 10:15a
45114 Co Rd 133
Deer River 56636 218-832-3171

Calvary Covenant Sun 10:30a
54764 Co. Rd. 31
Northome 56661 218-897-5684

Centennial Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a
Hwy 46
Squaw Lake 56681 218-259-0115

Deer River Bible Church Sun 10:00a
33276 State Highway 6
Deer River 56636 218-246-9570

Dora Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a
59329 Co Rd 145
Northome 56661 218-659-4551

Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sun 8:30a
Hwy 1
Effie 56639 218-743-3368

First Presbyterian Church, BF Sun 10:15a
109 Ash St.
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3783

Gemmel Community Church Sun 10:00a
10609 Town Rd 34
Gemmel 56660 218-897-5966

Grace Community Church (ELCA) Sun 10:15a
401 State Hwy 38 N
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3368

Hope Lutheran Church Sun 10:30 a.m.
12234 Third St.
Northome 56661 218-897-5654

Jehovah’s Witnesses Tu 7:00p., Sun 10:00a
Hwy 38
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3275

Jesse Lake Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a
45834 Co. Rd. 4
Talmoon 56637 218-832-3883

Marcell Community Church Sun 10:30a
49103 State Hwy 38
Marcell 56657 218-832-3200

Northome Community Church Sun 10:00a
12071 Bartlett St.
Northome 56661 218-897-5040

Northwoods Chapel Sun 9:00a
50550 Mushgee Rd. (corner of Co. Rd. 622)
Deer River 56636 218-659-2784

Old Scenic Community Church Sun 10:30a
25747 Co. Rd. 340
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3953

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church Sun 9:00a Mass also W, Th, F 9:00a.
320 Golf Course Ln
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3255

Sand Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a
55581 Co. Rd 4
Spring Lake 56680 218-659-2872
Church website: www.sandlakealliancechurch.org

St. Catherine’s Catholic Church Sat 4:00p
52265 State Hwy 46
Squaw Lake 56681 218-743-3255

St. Michael Catholic Church Sat 7:00p; Tu 6:00a
12026 Lake St
Northome 56661 218-743-3255

Seventh Day Adventist Sun 11:30a
12352 Hwy 46
Northome 56661 218-897-5723

Suomi Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun 10:30a
42935 Co. Rd. 48
Deer River 56636 218-832-3883

True Life Church Sun 10:00a
45976 Terry
Talmoon 56637 218-244-7089

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21 Edgewild Players community theater presents a favorite Burns an Allen reprise from comedy radio at the Edge Center in Bigfork, 7 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Dress rehearsal is also open to an audience on Thursday, Aug. 19.

21 Annual Drakes Scramble benefitting the Blackduck Booster Club. 10:30 check-in. Register (218) 239-0242 or blackduckboosterclub@gmail.com.

22 ISD318 School Board meets for special session, 6:30 p.m.

22 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.

27 “Magic Guitar” with John Perkins at the Edge Center in Bigfork, 7 p.m. \$10, children free. Annual benefit concert for the Edge.

27-28 White Oak Antique Tractor Show, 1 mile north of Deer River on Hwy 6.

BVCF 2022 Golf Tournament

The Bigfork Valley Community Foundation recently held its 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Golf on the Edge in Bigfork. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit various area youth & family programs and other Bigfork Valley Community Foundation initiatives.



(right) **Random drawing:** (l to r) Lance Koppelman, Mike Olson, Dawn Jourdan, Vance Koppelman



(top) **First place:** (l to r) Randy Hilliard, Richard Hilliard, Trey Dale, Bernard Curtis. (left) **Second place:**(l to r) Sam Schneider, Ben Ellison, Cesar Saenz, Craig Pace



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Graham Cracker Bars

Thank you to Pete Bourman for this August recipe!

- 2/3 cup canned milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg, beaten
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- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla



Line a 9" x 13" cake pan with graham crackers and set aside: In a saucepan over medium heat combine first five ingredients until just coming to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add in remaining ingredients.

Mix well and spoon evenly over crackers in pan, then top with graham crackers. Press into mixture slightly.

Chill before cutting!

A family recipe!

BBQ Sauce

Thank you to Pete Bourman for this August recipe!

- 2 cups ketchup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 6 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons liquid smoke
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Whisk together all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to simmer for 8-10 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, then refrigerate in an airtight container.

Please share your recipe with us! If your recipe is chosen, you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill from North Itasca Electric Cooperative. Send your recipe to the editor, WATTS NEWS, P.O. Box 43, Spring Lake, MN 56680.

AD/EDITORIAL DEADLINE
for SEPTEMBER – Weds., August 17

CLASSIFIEDS

-FREE-

Free! My grandkids are now in college, so this very sturdy bunk bed can now be yours (mattresses, sheets included). Call (218) 743-2320

-SALES-

Huge Sale: August 5-6 65012 Hwy 6, 1 mile south of Hwy. 1 and 5 miles N of Co. Road 14. Furniture, golf clubs, household items, fishing tackle, live traps, gas cans. Come and check it out. No checks. Cash only.

Moving sale: 50 years of misc. August 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 11677 CR 36, Mizpah. Boat & trailer with motor, oars etc., green Aladdin lamp with shade, collectibles, household, bedding, some furniture, tools, garden supplies, much misc.

Flea and Farmers Market: Third Thursdays of the month through September: Aug. 18, Sept. 15 at the Little Turtle Lake Store in Talmoon., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Booth space \$5. Call (218) 832-3804 to reserve.

Wanted: Flea market vendors for Tractor Show in Deer River August 26-28. For information call (218) 328-6247 or (218) 246-8455 8/22

-WANTED-

Wanted: Portable bandsaw mill on highway wheels, motorcycle with kick starter, attachments to fit a Kubota B2601 tractor, older travel trailer in good condition 21' to 26'. Call (218) 308-1335 9/22

Wanted: Feeling better, would love some houseplants, perennial flowers. Call (218) 256-4078 9/22

Wanted: Professional experienced in leveling post and pier foundation cabin. Cabin is 1920s log cabin located on Bowstring Lake. Please contact me via email, fawkr@hotmail.com, if you can provide this service. 8/22

-FOR SALE-

For sale: Ruger Mini-14 with (2) 5 round magazines and (3) 30 round magazines. Red Dot sight, soft case, and some ammunition. \$1,000. Cash only. Call (612) 940-6922, ask for Ken 9/22

For sale: 16 inch split seasoned birch firewood, U-haul. \$60 per face cord; \$180 per logger cord Call (218) 659-2726 for appt. 9/22

For sale: Eureka Super Air Flow 12 amp upright vacuum cleaner, nearly new. \$75. Staffordshire ware Myott Royal Mail 9 piece dish set plus extra pieces, \$150. 1952 children's folding table and chairs \$75. Call (218) 910-6610 9/22

For sale: Cut, split, seasoned birch ash, maple, aspen firewood. Call (218) 910-6610. 9/22

For sale: Small spinet piano, \$150. Call (218) 743-6128. 8/22

For sale: Home Comfort wood cook stove, gray granite color, warming bins, no reservoir, \$375. 2009 Kawasaki KLR650 motorcycle, 3980 miles, excellent condition, parts, manuals, extras 54+ mpg, aluminum luggage set and crash bars, \$5,250. 1970 Colt model 1911 45 cal. commemorating the 25th anniversary of the end of WWII, engraved unfired polished nickel in oak display case, \$1,400. Howard Miller grandfather clock, model 610-892 Westminster chimes, \$450. Call (218) 308-1335 8/22

For sale: Combination locking safe removed from Kelliher Hotel in '70s. Made by Cary Safe Co, Buffalo, NY and Hubbard @ Richardson, Milwaukee. 24" W, 23" D, 35 1/2" H. \$750. Locking file cabinet with 5 drawers: 17 1/2" W, 30 1/2" D, 53 1/2" H, \$100. Call (218) 897-5918 8/22

-FOR SALE-

For sale: Winchester Model 100 308 auto rifle with scope and extra clips. Pre '64, \$475. Call (218) 659-4633 8/22

For sale: Ruger VT 556/223 AR Platform. Medium Heavy Barrel 1-9 twist. Long Range Rifle. Legal sale only. \$1,600. Call (218) 256-3829 8/22

For sale: Antique outboards, see BOATS.

For sale: Walnut boards one inch thick, up to 14" wide. Bandsaw cut, air dried. Call (507) 321-0554 8/22

For sale: Coleman 5kW generator new on wheels, \$495. OTC Genisys automotive scanner current for 2007 needs update, \$350. Two Servel LP gas refrigerators, both for \$400. Fridgidaire 25 pt. dehumidifier \$35. Call (218) 308-1335 8/22

For sale: Beautifully handcrafted cremation urns made by local artisan. Made of oak, birch, aspen, maple or other woods. Made to meet all funeral home specifications. Price range \$200 and up depending on wood. Call (218) 897-5918 10/22

-VEHICLES- TIRES, ACCESSORIES

For sale: '08 Chevrolet Impala. Exc. condition. Call (218) 256-6668 8/22

For sale: 4 tires and rims. Timberline Daytona ATS off 1998 Jeep Cherokee. P22570R15. \$400. Call (218) 966-2052 8/22

-REAL ESTATE-

For sale: 3 bedroom/1 bath cabin. 40'x64' machine shed. Oversized double car garage. 41.57 acres – great hunting! Northome, MN. \$175,000. Call Curt (507) 456-1671 9/22

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-MOTORHOME- CAMPERS

For sale: 1988 Coachmen Catalina 28 foot 5th wheel camper. Air conditioner, like new condition & has always been kept in a shed. Price: \$7,000. Call (218) 743-3197 8/22

For sale: Mobile home, 1974 Marshfield Manor house, 14' x 65', 2 bedroom plus 1 - 10' x 12' add-on. Metal gable roof with 12" lap siding 16' x 16' 3-seasons porch with 16' x 11' deck. Good condition. Fully furnished. \$2,000. You move it. Marcell area. Call (612) 860-1480 9/22

For sale: 1988 Coachmen Catalina 28 foot 5th wheel camper. Air conditioner, like new condition & has always been kept in a shed. Price: \$7,000. Call (218) 743-3197 8/22

-BOATS- MOTORS, FISHING

For sale: Two person paddle boat, \$200. 9 foot, one person inflatable pontoon boat. Oars, electric motor transom, padded seat. Never used. \$300. Call (612) 710-6028 9/22

For sale: 2004 21- foot Premiere Leisure Pontoon. Storm damaged. Sea legs and 2005 50 hp Honda 4-stroke motor. Pontoons and deck in good shape, sea legs and motor work, the rails and benches have some storm damage but mostly intact. Hosier trailer included. \$10,000. Call (651) 410-0408 or (651) 324-1825 9/22

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Public Notice

Ardenhurst Township

NOTICE OF OFFICE TO BE ELECTED

The following Township Offices will be up for election on Tuesday November 8th, 2022:

Supervisor A and Supervisor B, Township Treasurer

Candidates for these offices must file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the Township Clerk between Tuesday August 2nd, 2022 and Tuesday August 16th 2022 by 5:00 PM. Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the Township Clerk on request or available online at: www.sos.state.mn.us/media/1027/affidavit-of-candidacy.pdf

Or in person at Itasca County Courthouse

Patricia Mull
pxmull@gmail.com
Township Clerk
Ardenhurst Township

Notice of Filing For Marcell Township Election

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of the Township of Marcell, County of Itasca, State of Minnesota, that filing for township office will be held for a two-week period beginning Tuesday, August 2, 2022, and ending Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

Affidavits of Candidacy and \$2.00 filing fee may be filed, by appointment, with the Township Clerk, Tracy Chase, 48705 Town Hall Road, Marcell, MN. Please call to set up a time at 218-360-9982.

Offices to be filled at the November General Election are:

Supervisor (A)- Four Year Term

Supervisor (B)- Four Year Term

Treasurer- Four Year Term

Submitted by
Tracy Chase- Marcell Township Clerk

Filing Notice: Oteneagen Township

Affidavits of Candidacy are being accepted by the Township Clerk from August 2 through August 16 at 5:00 p.m. Filing fee is \$2 for the following 2 positions:

Supervisor A – 4 year term

Clerk – 4 year term

To be elected in the November 8, 2022 General Election.

To file or if you have any questions, contact Sharon Isaacs, clerk 246-8119.

Sharon Isaacs, Clerk
Oteneagen Township

FILING NOTICE WIRT TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk of Wirt at her home: 52026 Co. Rd. 31, Wirt, starting Tuesday, August 2, 2022 through 5:00 PM on Tuesday August 16, 2022. Please Call First 659-2734.

Supervisor A ~ 4 Year Term

Supervisor C ~ 4 Year Term

Clerk ~ 4 Year Term

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Wirt Township

-FARM-

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See p. 14 for mail-in form, submit by email or phone, or drop off at the office. Deadline at top left of page.

116th Koochiching County Fair is August 12-14

The Koochiching County Fair is celebrating its 116th year at the Fairgrounds in Northome off Hwy. 71, Friday Aug. 12 - 14.

It's a weekend for everyone, with traditional county fair displays from the vegetable and flower garden, art and photography, local history, sporting contests, music and local talent shows, a dance, parade and "still the best fireworks display" on Saturday at dusk.

Plus, there are extra events. Two bands, Timberline and Silverado! will be performing, and there is glassblowing, a booksigning and Jan Maggert's

antique tractor demonstration. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, local talent will be performing in the Variety Show, followed by the Fireman's Dance at the Fire Barn.

Who doesn't know about the Sinkhole Scramble? The 5k and two-mile races have been run for 40 years, and it is now a certified course by the USTAF for those interested in personal times.

There are other contests as well; cornhole, bean bag toss, bocce ball and kid's races, including the popular kid's tractor pull.

Bingo lovers can play on the weekend days, and on Saturday Party House will set up its rides and amusements for kids starting at 1 p.m. until the Grandstand Show at 7 p.m.

And then...fireworks!

Vegetables and flowers will have their day in the judging – even pumpkins that will be judged not on their looks, but on weight. There's a special contest for kids – the Veggie Creature contest for those 12 and under: make your creature and name it at the class on Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

If you are hungry, there will be lots

to eat, from cotton candy to watermelon and more substantial offerings. On Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Northern Star Cooperative will serve its free annual customer appreciation lunch.

So much to do! And it's easy to attend. Admission and parking is free, and right next to the Fairgrounds.

Demonstrations:

- Glassblowing in the Art Barn, Sat. 2-7 p.m. and Sun. 12-3 p.m.
- Booksigning by Jeffrey M. Suave before and after parade on Saturday
- Antique Tractor Demonstration, Sat. 3 p.m. and Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 12

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Exhibit building open
9 a.m. Rummage sales, 218-897-5980
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Northern Star Cooperative free Customer Appreciation Lunch
3 p.m. Fireman's Cornhole Tournament at Fire Hall, 218-556-2397
4-8 p.m. Youth Food Booths
4:30-6 p.m. - Veggie Creature Creation Class
Entry required for the Veggie Creature Contest
5 p.m. American Legion Flag Burning Ceremony
5 p.m. Let's Talk Gardening in the Garden Park
6:30 - 8 p.m. Variety Show, sign up 218-766-5693
8:30 p.m. -1:00 a.m. - Fireman's Dance at the Fire Barn in Northome

Saturday, August 13

7 - 11 a.m. - Breakfast at the Legion Stand
8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start, 11 a.m. awards
Scenic Sinkhole Scramble, 218-897-5065.
8 a.m. Youth Food Booths
12 noon Parade on 3rd Street with Grand Marshals John and Margaret Winkle
1-7 p.m. Party House Rides and Amusements for kids
Drawings for County Fair Button prizes begin
1 p.m. Bingo
2-5 p.m. **Timberline** music under the tent
3 p.m. Bean Bag Toss Tournament, 218-360-2107
5 p.m. Let's Talk Gardening in the Garden Park
7-9 p.m. Grandstand Show: **Silverado**
Dusk - Fireworks

Sunday, August 14

7 - 11 a.m. - Breakfast at the Legion Stand
9 a.m. - Community Church Service at the Grandstand: Bingo after service
9 a.m. Youth Food Booths
11 a.m. - Kiddie Races and Medallion Hunt
11 a.m. - Bocce Ball Tournament
Noon - Country Music Jam under the tent.
All are welcome to come and enjoy.
12:30 p.m. Kid's Tractor Pull
2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Demonstration
3 p.m. Koochiching County Ag. Assoc. meat raffle drawing

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