

LOOKING BACK

50 years ago, June 1, 1972
Ad: The Country Echo yearly subscription for a nickel per issue.
Officials work to merge Crosslake and North Crosslake into one village.
40 years ago, June 3, 1982
Four Pequot Lakes baseball players – Bob Moberg, Steve Schmidt, Bill Heisserer and Brian Koch – make the all-conference team.
Memorial Day services are hosted in the Pequot Lakes cemetery.
25 years ago, June 5, 1997
Volunteers construct a new playground set in



Ideal Township’s recreation area.
Thomas Swenson is hired as Crosslake’s city administrator.
10 years ago, May 31, 2012
Karen Rubado is named Pequot Lakes Teacher of the Year.
The undefeated Pequot Lakes softball team is stunned in a 1-0 loss to Staples-Motley in the Subsection 6AA semifinals.
- Compiled by Dan Determan, Staff Writer

Essentia Health-St. Joseph’s Medical Center, Brainerd
Carrie Menke and Curtis Philipson, Pequot Lakes, a boy, Liam Marca’s, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, April 15, 2022. Grandparents are Tereasa and David Menke, Pequot Lakes, and Debby and Richard Philipson, Pine River.
Steven and Melissa Bracy, Merrifield, a boy, Thomas Gerard, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, April 16, 2022. Grandparents are Dean and Toni Logering, Merrifield, and Paula Brunt, Brainerd.
Jeannette and Justin Anderson, Nisswa, a girl, Zendelin Jean-Irene, 8

BIRTHS

pounds, 8 ounces, April 16, 2022. Grandparents are the late Marilyn and the late Clyde Jones, Nisswa, and Steve and Robin Anderson, Aitkin.
Katrina and Jeremy Compton, Merrifield, a boy, Carson Joseph, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, April 19, 2022. Grandparents are Loren and Christine Compton, Merrifield, Shelly (Keith) Brenny, Brainerd, and Guy (Jodi) McFatridge, Cloquet.
Joshua and Danielle Durham, Pequot Lakes, a girl, Nora Jean, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, April 21, 2022. Grandparents are Loren and Deb Thiesse and John and Janet Durham.
Jade and Tyler Morten-

son, Pillager, a boy, Sawyer Jon, 6 pounds, April 24, 2022. Grandparents are John and Sara Olson, Pequot Lakes, and Mark and Teresia Mortenson, Crosslake.
Megan Hardy and Matt Smith, Merrifield, a boy, Reece David, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, April 24, 2022. Grandparents are David and Ramona Hardy, Brainerd, and Linda Trunzo, Maple Plain.
Victoria Shepard and Garrett Foss, Nisswa, a boy, Gryffin Heath Foss, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, April 28, 2022. Grandparents are Heath Foss, Nisswa, Pamela Larson, Brainerd, Catherine Rowland, Nisswa, and Mike Pruett,

Kansas City, Missouri.
Alex and Rachel Brenny, Lake Shore, a boy, Lincoln Alexander, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, May 11, 2022. Grandparents are John and Karolyn Brenny, Baxter, Carolyn Czaplewski, Rochester, and Paul and Teresa Czaplewski, Rochester.
Lakewood Health System, Staples
Angela and Andrew KostECKA, Pequot Lakes, a boy, Joseph Andrew, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, April 20, 2022.
Moriah and Cory Van Hal, Pine River, a boy, Granger Scott, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, May 6, 2022.

Whitefish Chain Yacht Club offers summer events

CROSSLAKE — The Whitefish Chain Yacht Club announced its full calendar of events for this summer.
With the mission of “safety on the water,” youth swimming and boating classes, as well as the popular Women at the Helm classes, will begin in June. These classes are open to the public.

Youth Boating Safety
► 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7 and July 13 at Zorbaz in Crosslake. This is held in conjunction with the Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Water Patrol for youth ages 12-17.

Women at the Helm
► 5:30 p.m. June 24 and July 22 at Bertha Boatworks. This class is for women who would like to get more comfortable at the helm of their boats. Jonny and Jody Wallin are the instructors.

Youth Water Safety/Swimming
► 10:30 a.m. July 5-8, July 11-15 and July 18-22 at the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers Campground in Crosslake.
Antique and Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous
► June 18 at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant and Bar. The yacht club is a sponsor of this event that showcases vintage wooden boats and other classic boats at the docks.

Cardboard Boat Races
► Aug. 13 at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant and Bar. This event features teams trying to paddle their homemade cardboard boats around the buoys on Moonlite Bay.
For WCYC members, plans for the spring member dinner are underway. The event will be June 11 at Riverside Restaurant in Crosslake.
If you are not a member or have questions about the Whitefish Chain Yacht Club, more information about the organization and how membership supports “safety on the water” can be found at www.wcyc.info.

Youth operator boat safety class offered June 8 in Breezy Point

BREEZY POINT — A youth operator boat safety class will be held Wednesday, June 8, at Breezy Point Resort.
Youth ages 12-17 can obtain a Minnesota Watercraft Operator Permit by taking the course.
The class will be at the canopy deck at the resort. It will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a test/lunch time at 11:30 a.m. and boat operation time from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Office said it is happy to have the opportunity to educate and provide training for new boaters. The class is sponsored by the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club and the Pelican Lakes Association.
There are still several seats open for the class. To register, call 218-562-5647 and provide name, age, parent or guardian and a phone number.

Youth boating safety classes available in June

LAKE SHORE — The Gull Chain of Lakes Association is working in collaboration with Cass and Crow Wing counties to offer three youth boating safety classes in June.
Classes will be held

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 9; Friday, June 10; and Thursday, June 16, all at the Gull Lake Yacht Club.
Participants must be ages 12-17. They will receive a free life jacket from GCOLA, pizza from

Zorbaz on Gull and a Minnesota Watercraft Operators permit.
Space is limited to 25 people per class. A spot in class may be reserved by calling Mary Kay Larson at 218-831-5656.

Pine River-Backus Family Center lists June events

PINE RIVER — The Pine River-Backus Family Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.
Following are events in June:
► **Pine River Area Food Shelf:** Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. The food shelf will be open from 3:30-7 p.m. on the

second Tuesday of the month (June 14).
► **Pine River-Backus CommUnity Meals:** Free weekly meals for anyone who is hungry are served Mondays at Riverview Church in Pine River or Thursdays at the Backus Pine Mountaineer Senior Center. Serving time is 4 p.m. until gone. For more information or to volunteer, call 218-587-4292.

► **Home Visiting Program:** The Home Visiting Program has immediate openings for families who have questions about pregnancy and a child’s growth and development, or who would like additional support. Free swag bags are available to all families who are expecting a baby who live in the Pine River-Backus School District.
► **NAPS:** Driveup pickup is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14. NAPS boxes are picked up inside the family center. Enter through the back door.
► **WIC:** Call Cass County at 218-547-6872 for an appointment.
► **Family planning:** Family planning is scheduled Tuesday, June 7. Call 877-275-6123 to schedule an appointment or for more information.
► **Child & Teen Check-Up:** Call Cass County Public Health at 218-547-6872 for information.
Donations to the Pine River-Backus Family Center are

always welcome and help the center to continue to support families. Volunteers are also welcome. For more information, call LuAnn at the family center at 218-587-4292.
“Like” the family center on Facebook or visit www.prbfamily-center.org.

Nisswa Women’s Club awards four scholarships

NISSWA — The Nisswa Women’s Club awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to local students this spring.
The four recipients are Grace Aadland, a Brainerd High School graduate who will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield as a part of the pre-med program; Jessica Fabian, a Pequot Lakes High School graduate who will attend Lake Superior College for a dental hygiene program; Nick Moore, a graduating senior of Brainerd High School who plans

to study civil engineering at the University of Minnesota; and Avery Mulholland, who is graduating from Central Lakes College with an honors Associate of Arts degree and will pursue a civil engineering degree from the University of St. Thomas.
The club was still able to offer the scholarships as a part of its annual high school scholarship program, despite the changes in fundraising due to the interference of COVID-19 with its annual fashion show fundraiser.



Two recipients of Nisswa Women’s Club scholarships attended a luncheon last week to be honored: Grace Aadland, left, and Nick Moore.

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