

OBITUARY

Ercil Posey

Ercil Lee Peterson Posey, age 87, passed away October 11, 2021, at her home. She was the daughter of Herman and Lela (Basore) Peterson born August 5, 1934 in Pine River. Ercil worked for many years in food service at a school district in Iowa and numerous restaurants, including owning her restaurant in Nisswa. After a short retirement she returned to work at the Pine River Legion for almost 17 years performing numerous duties in their gambling functions. She had many hobbies and interests such as sewing, crocheting, knitting, gardening, baking, hunting, fishing and raising farm animals. Even after her diagnosis, Ercil continued sharing her talents and generosity towards others while undergoing her cancer treatments.

Ercil was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Clyde E. Renn, Grant Wynn; daughter, Wanda Renn Seleys; son, Justin Renn; sisters: Lorraine, Irene “Punky,” Ardith, Marlene, Doreen; brother, Robert; sons-in-law, Clarence “Bud” Hines and Richard “Pinky” Payne. She is survived by her children: Linda Hines of Brainerd, Clyde (Linda) Renn of Vinton, Iowa, Carrie Payne of Baxter, Judy (Norman) Primmer of Brainerd, Grant (Cindy) Wynn of Pine River; sister, Sherry Peterson Ellickson of Shakopee; numerous grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial graveside service will be 12 PM on Sunday, October 17, at Pine Ridge Cemetery, Pine River, followed by a Celebration of Life from 1 to 4 PM at the Pine River American Legion. Arrangements are with Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.

DEATH

Ryan Headlee

March 30, 1981 - Oct. 4, 2021
FARGO, N.D. - Ryan Headlee, 40, Pequot Lakes, Minn., died Monday, Oct. 4, in Essentia Health.

A celebration of life will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Kline Funeral Home in Pequot Lakes.

Arrangements by Kline Funeral Home.

LOOKING BACK

40 years ago, Oct. 15, 1981
Lael Olson of Crosslake is crowned Miss Heartland at a pageant held in Remer.

The Pine River football team tops Pequot Lakes 34-16 in rainy conditions.

30 years ago, Oct. 17, 1991
Nisswa Elementary School Principal Bob Hurst is named Nisswa’s Citizen of the Year.

Pat Clark becomes the new president of the Nisswa Chamber of Commerce.

20 years ago, Oct. 18, 2001
A meth lab is raided in Lake Edward Township.



For the first time, Crosslake Communications offers digital television in the area.

10 years ago, Oct. 13, 2011
Pequot Lakes runner Vanessa Lane is set to compete at the 2012 Down Under International Games Tri-Nation track and field meet in Sydney, Australia.

Nolan Michaelson and Sydney Johnson are named Pequot Lakes homecoming king and queen.

- Compiled by Dan Determan, Staff Writer

PAGES FROM THE PAST

60 years ago, Oct. 13, 1961
(Headline) Four lose lives Friday in drowning at Island Lake

50 years ago, Oct. 14, 1971
(Headline) Pine River Tigers win homecoming game 16-0 Friday afternoon

(Headline) Cut ‘N Curl Boutique has grand opening

25 years ago, Oct. 10, 1996
The city of Pine River is considering signing a joint powers agreement with the city of Crosslake regarding police



protection.

(Headline) Vandals damage Backus airport

10 years ago, Oct. 13, 2011
(Headline) Melby to compete in National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

(Headline) Griep’s Jewelry enjoys more than 50 years in family business

- Compiled by Travis Grimler, Staff Writer

BIRTHS

Essentia Health-St. Joseph’s Medical Center, Brainerd

Whitney Swenson and Jeremy Wagner, Pierz, a boy, Will Edward Wagner, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, Aug. 25, 2021. Grandparents are Charlie and Wendy Swenson, Pine River, Linda and Dale Wag-

ner, Elk River, and Connie and Larry Marquardt, Atwater.

Lakewood Health System, Staples

Brittany Blakeman and Dereck Moody, Pequot Lakes, a girl, Elena Kay, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Aug. 27, 2021.

Sarah and Nate Peters, Nisswa, a girl, Layna Margaret, 9 pounds, Aug. 31, 2021.

Jamie and Shawn Rugroden, Pine River, a girl, Rian Lou, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Sept. 15, 2021.

Mikaela Hall and Matthew Pepper, Pine River, a girl, Huxley Rose, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, Sept. 22, 2021.

Pelican Lakes Association honored for its support for AIS research

The Pelican Lakes Association was named one of the first-ever recipients of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center’s Research Partnership Award.

The award recognizes people, groups and organizations who have gone above and beyond to contribute to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center’s mission of advancing aquatic invasive species knowledge and inspiring action to protect and restore Minnesota’s waters.

The Pelican Lakes Association of Crow Wing County is committed to preserving the quality of life and the environmental health of the Pelican lakes through the promotion of environmental stewardship and educational programs.

The association represents two lakes: Pelican Lake, the largest lake in Crow Wing County; and Little Pelican Lake, both of which are situated within the Pine River Watershed in central Minnesota.

Pelican Lakes Association actions include active monitoring programs, AIS management and prevention, coordination with other groups and agencies, and outreach to the local community.

“(Pelican Lakes Association) has been a supporter of (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) since our early years, as a financial and in-kind contributor, advisor and legislative advocate,” Nick Phelps, center director, said in a news release. “In fact, the first meeting I had

after becoming MAISRC director was on the shores of Pelican Lake.

“PLA has played an instrumental role in MAISRC’s ability to form the Zebra Mussel Research Fellowship, which is focused on developing in-lake control options for zebra mussels,” Phelps said. “Most recently, Susan Koering, president of the PLA, supported the MAISRC/USGS copper control study by providing her family beach as a study site. Other association members were actively engaged with the research team to provide local perspectives and advice.”

The MAISRC Research and Partnership Awards were announced Sept. 22 at the center’s annual Research and Management Showcase event. The Pelican Lakes Asso-

ciation was one of four honorees in the award’s first-ever cohort.

“In 2012, when Pelican Lake was identified as infested with zebra mussels, Dr. Art Weaver was the association’s president. He had a challenge to lead our association forward. We’ve learned to work with our partners to help manage, and hopefully control, zebra mussels along with some curly-leaf pondweed. We work with the Minnesota DNR, Crow Wing County and the Pine River Watershed. Lake water is tested annually along with the annual checks for invasive aquatic plants. Inspectors provide weekend boat checks at our four boat landings,” Koering said during her award acceptance speech on behalf of the association.

Community Action donates to police



Contributed / Community Action of Pequot Lakes
Community Action of Pequot Lakes donated \$500 to the Pequot Lakes Police Department for its annual National Night Out event. Shown from left are Community Action board members Amy Sjoblad, Kim Churack, Nancy Adams and Barb Merritt, Pequot Lakes Police Chief Eric Klang and Police Officer Pat Pickar.

Blood drives scheduled in area cities

The American Red Cross will host the following area blood drives:

- **Nisswa:** Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, Gull Lake Center at Grand View Lodge.
- **Crosslake:** Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Crosslake Community School.
- **Brainerd:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, Brainerd Public Library.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass, where they complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or

driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are age 17 in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors age 18 and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

The Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood shortage that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in at least six years. With less than a day’s supply of certain blood types in recent weeks, the Red Cross asks donors of all blood types - especially type O - to make an appointment to give blood as soon as possible to ensure patients

can receive the lifesaving transfusions they rely on.

Appointments can be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

People who donate in October will receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby’s Signature Sandwich reward or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, plus a bonus \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. this year, and more than 281,000 of those individuals will have breast cancer.

Patients with breast cancer and other cancers may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications. In fact, nearly 25% of the blood supply is used by cancer patients.

People across the country depend on the kindness of blood donors.

Blood donations help those with breast cancer
During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Red Cross is reminding donors of the importance of blood to those undergoing treatment. According to the National Cancer Institute, roughly 1.9 million

Blood drive safety
Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Crow Wing Power seeks commitment to community applicants

Do you know an organization that has made outstanding contributions to local communities?

Crow Wing Power is seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy Community Award, which recognizes businesses, nonprofit and community groups that have shown a strong commitment to the community. Any organization

that has helped make our communities a better place to live and work is eligible for the \$1,000 cash award.

Community members may nominate an organization, association or business by completing an application form, available at www.cwpower.com. Questions may be directed to Char Kinzer or Kara Mudford at 218-829-2827.

The application will require a description of the project, program or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. Completed applications must be received at Crow Wing Power’s office by Nov. 5.

“As an electric cooperative serving this area, we have a high regard for community involvement,” Kinzer said in a news release. “This award

allows us to highlight and encourage those individuals or organizations that have shown an outstanding commitment to the community.”

The award recipient will be announced by Nov. 15 and will then contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy Community Award, which also has a cash prize of \$1,000. The statewide award winner will

be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association annual meeting in 2021.

The Minnesota Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are part of a national alliance of more than 700 electric cooperatives in 46 states that adhere to the values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.