

CARD GAMES

500 SCORES
1 p.m. Tuesdays
Pine River American Legion
Tuesday, April 26
► Don Jacobson 4220, Tom Jacobson 3270, Jim Hawkinson 3190, Les Dupont 3180. Delores Flategraff won the door prize.

BRIDGE SCORES
1 p.m. Tuesdays
Ideal Town Hall
Tuesday, April 26
► Duplicate: Enga Wodziak and Mary Kay Kendall 47.50, Claude Kane and Gail Kane 43, Bruce Peck and Joe Heal 40, Shirley Gronholm and Lorraine Northagen 39.50.

SENIOR MEALS

PINE RIVER — The Senior Nutrition Program offers a nutritionally balanced meal for all people and is open again for in-person dining. Masks are no longer mandatory. Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the Heartland Apartments, 445 Snell Ave., in Pine River.

The suggested voluntary donation is \$5 per meal for those over 60 and \$8.50 for those under 60.

To make a reservation, call 218-587-2921. Menus are subject to change. Meals are served with low-fat milk.

May 9-13
► **Monday:** Beef and bean burrito bake with lettuce and tomatoes, pears, dessert.

► **Tuesday:** Ham with au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll with margarine, dessert.

► **Wednesday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy, bread with margarine, dessert.

► **Thursday:** Sausage egg bake, broccoli, cinnamon applesauce, homemade muffin/coffee cake.

► **Friday:** Baked ziti with ziti noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, dessert.

Faith in Action receives aging services grant

CASS COUNTY — Faith in Action for Cass County was awarded a grant from Older Americans Act to provide services to older adults living in central Minnesota during 2022.

This grant provides reimbursement for program services including transportation to and from doctor appointments, shopping and errands, chores and homemaker services, and accessibility modifications such as wheelchair ramps and railings.

Congress passed the Older Americans Act in 1965 in response to concern by policymakers

about a lack of community social services for older people. The original legislation established authority for grants to states for community planning and social services, research and development projects, and personnel training in the field of aging.

The law also established the Administration on Aging to administer the newly created grant programs and to serve as the federal focal point on matters concerning older people.

Although older individuals may receive services under many other federal programs, today

the OAA is considered to be the major vehicle for the organization and delivery of social and nutrition services to this group and their caregivers. It authorizes a wide array of service programs through a national network of 56 state agencies on aging, 629 area agencies on aging, nearly 20,000 service providers, 244 tribal organizations, and 2 Native Hawaiian organizations representing 400 tribes.

The OAA also includes community service employment for low-income older Americans; training, research and demonstration activities

in the field of aging; and vulnerable elder rights protection activities.

Current census data shows that Cass County's population of people aged 65-plus is at 27% and growing. Local services for seniors are the key to helping people "age in place" in their homes and communities.

In 2021, Faith in Action for Cass County served 346 people through their programs and 83% of those served were aged 60-plus. Faith in Action volunteers provided rides to appointments, chore services, building ramps and care giving support. In addition,

volunteers drove over 113,375 miles to furnish these essential services to members of our communities.

Faith in Action for Cass County is supported partly by state and federal grant funding, as well as by local individuals, businesses, civic and church contributions, and fundraisers.

For more information about Faith in Action for Cass County services or volunteer opportunities, call Theresa Eclov at Faith in Action at 218-675-5435 or visit www.faithinactioncass.com.

Nisswa Lions award scholarships

NISSWA — The Nisswa Lions awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to local graduating seniors.

Students must live within the boundaries of the Brainerd or Pequot Lakes school districts and can be traditional, hybrid, online or home-schooled students.

Each student chosen received

a \$2,000 scholarship.

Seven students selected are from Brainerd High School: Anna Angland, Nicholas Moore, Bennet Capelle, Braden Capelle, Mitchell Degen, Macin Freed and Avery Mulholland.

Five students selected are from Pequot Lakes High School: Jessica Fabian, Camille Haman, Brittany Joyce, Maya Orvis and Sonja Palmer.

BRIEFS

Students will be honored at the Nisswa Lions Club June Summer Social on June 27.

Nisswa Lions award Hustvedt Scholarship to 2 students

NISSWA — The Nisswa Lions chose two students to receive the Ginger Hustvedt Memorial Scholarship: Ara Anderson and Braden Capelle, both seniors at

Brainerd High School.

Hustvedt was a longtime member of the Nisswa Lions Club and a retired educator. She lost her battle to cancer in September 2020. Her family left a one-time memorial scholarship of \$700 to be given to students entering the education field.

Anderson will go into elementary education, and Capelle will go into music education.

Pine River blood drive brings in 33 volunteers

PINE RIVER — The Pine River community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on March 22 at Lifehouse Coffee that helped collect 43 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 33 individuals volunteered to donate blood and all were able to successfully donate. Five donors came forward to

donate power red cells (2RBC), which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Three people were first-time donors.

Donald Norman coordinated the drive and the Pine River Lions sponsored the blood drive.

The need for blood is constant and Vitalant strives to always keep a five-day supply of every blood type on the shelf to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Trauma and burn patients, premature infants, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients and people fighting cancer all require

blood transfusions for their care.

Blood donations are needed daily to maintain a strong blood supply and meet ongoing patient needs. Vitalant encourages healthy individuals to make blood donation a part of one's regular routine to help meet the ongoing needs.

PEQUOT LAKES COMMUNITY EDUCATION

PEQUOT LAKES — Pequot Lakes Community Education offers the following upcoming classes. Register online or through the community education office by calling 218-568-9200.

► **Pickleball:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 9-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through-

out the summer in the Pequot Lakes High School auxiliary gym. Fee: \$3 per session, which can be paid at the door.

Pickleball will be offered year-round.

► **Infant through pre-school classes:** There are a variety of summer classes throughout the

season for young children, including: bubble parties, pizza parties, camping days, music classes and park days.

Find information online at isd186.org under "Community Education." Click "Registration," "Classes," "Youth Enrichment." Or call 218-568-9200

to register.

► **Home Alone and Safe (ages 7-11):** 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Pequot Lakes High School Fish Bowl. Fee: \$40.

With summer around the corner there are classes to prepare children for being home alone. Class will focus

on safety issues dealing with answering the phone and door, stranger safety, where to keep keys, emergency information and basic first aid, including choking, bleeding, burns and CPR.

The class can be found at isd186.org using the shopping button.

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