

## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

## Johnson Joins Widseth's Environmental Team



Wyoming, Minn. — Leif Johnson, PG, has joined Widseth as an Environmental Scientist.

He has more than 15 years of advanced geological, engineering, and environmental experience in mining and heavy industry projects.

He also has extensive experience in project management, geotechnical and geological investigation supervision, geological modeling, GIS and data analysis, business development, technical report writing, and mineral exploration. He holds a Master of Science in Geology and Geological Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Johnson is responsible for project management of solid waste projects and environmental site assessments. He provides technical expertise on geological issues with staff engineers and clients. In addition, he provides field oversight and coordination with contractors and drillers on environmental field investigations.

Widseth is a multi-discipline firm of more than 200 employees providing architecture, engineering, land surveying, and environmental services. Its offices are located in Wyoming, Alexandria, Bemidji, Brainerd, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Mankato, and Rochester, Minnesota, and Grand Forks, North Dakota. More information is available at [Widseth.com](http://Widseth.com).

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## OBITUARIES

## Jakub T. Ryba

Jakub T. Ryba, 87, of Pequot Lakes, MN passed away peacefully on April 8, 2022.

Jakub was born in Chicago, IL on May 19, 1934, the son of Walter and Tessie Ryba. He was united in marriage to Herma Schönbach in 1957.

Jakub served in the Air Force for 22 years.

He then worked as a business manager for Leighton Barracks in Würzburg, Germany until 1995. He spent his retirement years on his ranch in Pequot Lakes. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a handyman of many trades.

Jakub is survived by his wife, Herman; Sons James and Bruce (Sara); Grandchildren James Jr, Jack, Casey and Jacob; Brother George. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Dorothy.

A private family service will take place at a later date.



## Wayne Leek

Wayne Leek, age 95, of Pequot Lakes, passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at his home. He was born to Elbert and Marcia Leek on March 22, 1927, in Staples, MN. Wayne served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of American Legion Post 49 in Pequot Lakes for 75 years.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Vera; sons: Steven Leek (Connie), Leslie Leek (Debbie), Alan Leek (Sally); 7 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Warren Leek; and sisters: Sally Johnson, Jean Manford and Ramona Leek.

Services were held on Saturday, April 9, at Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pequot Lakes. Burial in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

## BIRTHS

## Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd

Derek and Storm Knutson, Little Falls, a girl, Apollonia Christina Eunice, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Feb. 21, 2022. Grandparents are William and Christina Winkelmann III, Fort Ripley, David Knutson, Pequot Lakes, and Debra Holtz, Valleyhead, Alabama.

Kevin and Alexis Anderson, Lake Shore, a boy, Baylor Mark, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, March 16, 2022.

2022. Grandparents are Blair and Garnet Zaffke, Backus, and the late Steven Fisher, and Larry and Kim Anderson, Lake Shore.

## Lakewood Health System, Staples

Elaine and Edward Mahana, Breezy Point, a girl, Anya Kay Antoinette, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, March 10, 2022.

Megan and Collin Rehbein, Nisswa, a girl, Rosalie Claire, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, March 23, 2022.

## Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby

Amy and Kalen Stoneking, Crosslake, a girl, Ramona Jo, Jan. 13, 2022. Grandparents are Richard Claypool, Laurie Stensland, Carolyn Yotter and Lewis Stoneking. Great-grandmother is Hazel Yotter, Crosslake.

Amy and Nick Hummel, Breezy Point, a boy, Fitzpatrick Eugene Wolfgang, Feb. 6, 2022. Grandparents are Jean and Kevin Hummel, Crosslake.

Great-grandparents are JoAnn and Pat Lee, Hinckley/Mora.

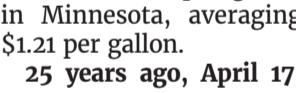
Mike and Kaylee Bickford, Deerwood, a girl, Nova LaVonne, Feb. 14, 2022. Grandparents are Tony and Teresa Smude, Brainerd, Mary Smude, Brainerd, Randy Bickford and Kathy Path, Breezy Point, Penny Bickford, Bettendorf, Iowa. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Smude, Brainerd, and Phyllis Bickford, Delmar, Iowa.

Jessica Lueck and Ross Ruehling, Merrifield, a girl, Trinity

Kay Ruehling, March 2, 2022. Grandparents are Dale and Deb Ruehling, Nisswa, William Fortune IV, Brainerd, and Della Bosaaen, Brainerd. Great-grandparents are William and Marlowe Fortune, Brainerd.

Amy and Jason Hite, a girl, Rylie Jeanne, March 13, 2022. Grandparents are Barry and Bertie Hite, Emily, and Earl and Jeanne Rick, Nisswa. Great-grandparent is Donna Hite, Emily.

## LOOKING BACK



21-4 season.

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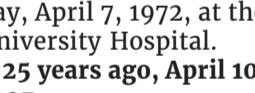
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## PAGES FROM THE PAST



P.R. treatment plant

10 years ago, April 12, 2012

(Photo) Erik and Melanie Lindquist, of Pine River, pose with Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton following his signing a bill into law April 5 that all buses manufactured for use in Minnesota after Jan. 1, 2013, be equipped with a "crossing gate" safety arm.

(Headline) Pine River laundromat underway

-Compiled by Travis Grimer, Staff Writer

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Rep. Bill Walker of Pine River announced his candidacy for the office of Public Service Commissioner.

Ad: On sale at the Outpost in Jenkins: Red potatoes - 10 pounds for 25 cents.

40 years ago, April 15, 1982

The Pequot Lakes City Council heard a proposal to convert the old school building east of town into a 22-unit condominium complex.

A worldwide glut of

crude oil drove gas prices down 15 cents per gallon in Minnesota, averaging \$1.21 per gallon.

25 years ago, April 17, 1997

Pequot Lakes High School plans to offer more Spanish and math classes in the coming school year.

Pequot Lakes girls' basketball coach Jon Dale is named the Section 7AA Coach of the Year after a

21-4 season.

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