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**Where's Erma?**  
Did you find Erma in a photo on page 2 last week? She was on Gull Lake, watching as Miss Nisswa poured coffee into an angler's cup as part of the Nisswa Chamber's Welcome Wannigan. Happy Erma hunting this week!

GO PINE RIVER WINNER:

NO WINNER RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

# Memorial Day services set in area communities

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held Monday, May 31, in area communities, with one service planned Sunday, May 30, at Crosslake Lutheran Church.

Crosslake Lutheran Church will host a more traditional worship service at 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary across from the campground. The 10 a.m. outdoor worship will feature a larger community-wide observance at 14019 Daggett Pine Road across from the Crosslake Community Center baseball field.

Both services are open to the public.

The outdoor service will feature John Carlson singing the national anthem, a contingent of the Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Color Guard firing an honorary salute to the dead and an aerial fly-over by the North Star Squadron, a group of four fixed wing aircraft flown by experienced pilots who participate in air shows throughout the Midwest. Steve Knight, who has been an adviser to the Civil Air Patrol and now lives in Mission Hill, South Dakota, leads the squadron.

Veterans from World War II to the present will be honored. Those attending may stay in their cars and listen via radio or be seated on provided chairs. Visitors are also invited to bring their own chairs and blankets.

Capt. Gail Smith, Army Situational Awareness Room-Army Nurse Corps, will speak on the 30th anniversary of Desert Storm. Smith was a member of the

311th Evacuation Hospital, which deployed to the Middle East during Desert Storm and served for four months in the United Arab Emirates. She served as the chief training officer for the medical unit and for the UAE joint medical team.

During her 14 years as a reservist with the Army Nurse Corps she also served at Brooke Army and Walter Reed medical centers in the intensive care unit. She was awarded an Army Commendation medal for her service in the Gulf War and a special award from the UAE Royal Guard for her work in training.

She is a member of Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Post 500. In her civilian life, she has enjoyed a 47-year career in the emergency room and ICU, currently working at the Minneapolis Heart Institute in Baxter.

Smith also serves as the parish nurse at Crosslake Lutheran Church and leads activities for the Health Ministry Team. She and her husband, Larry (also a veteran), live in Crosslake.

## Monday services

**Backus:** Pastor John Rister, of the Backus Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the Memorial Day address at Backus and Ponto Lake cemeteries conducted by the Backus American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion.

The Backus service will

begin at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery, and the Ponto Lake service will follow at approximately 11 a.m.

The Backus Legion tribute to deceased veterans will include music by the Nazarene Church Praise Team, Rister's address, a tolling of the bell for community members deceased in the past year, a color guard rifle salute and the playing of taps.

In the event of bad weather, services will be moved to the Backus Legion clubrooms and Ponto Lake Town Hall.

**Crosslake:** The Crosslake Memorial Day ceremony, led by the Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Post 500,

will be at 10 a.m. at the Crosslake Pinewood Cemetery on County Road 36.

The Crosslake Fire Department

will participate with its new 78-foot ladder truck displaying a large American flag.

Melony Butler, founder and executive director of Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre, will be the guest speaker. Eagles Healing Nest is a residence for military veterans with invisible mental scars, mostly suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, to heal and return as productive members of society.

This annual ceremony is to honor and remember U.S. military veterans who sacrificed their lives defending our country. More than 190 local veterans are buried at Pinewood Cemetery. They are

identified with individual American flags at their gravesite and will be recognized individually during the ceremony.

During the raising of the flag, John Carlson will sing the national anthem. Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, associate pastor at Crosslake Lutheran Church, will deliver the invocation and benediction. The ceremony will conclude with the Post 500 Color Guard providing military honors with the traditional rifle salute and the playing of taps.

Lawn chairs and umbrellas are recommended if there is the possibility of inclement weather.

**Nisswa:** Nisswa area residents will come together in a commemoration ceremony to honor soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the country's liberty at noon at the Nisswa American Legion.

The Nisswa American Legion Color Guard will render military honors. Brad Wallace, music director at Grace United Methodist Church in Pequot Lakes, will provide music. The Nisswa Elementary School essay winner will read the winning essay.

Guest speaker will be Bob Nelson, former veterans service office from Crow wing County.

While the main purpose of the ceremony is to honor those who have died, those who have served and those who continue to fight for the freedom of our nation will also be honored.

Jim Starkey of Post 627 will be the master

of ceremonies.

**Pine River:** The Pine River American Legion's annual Memorial Day ceremony will start at 9:30 a.m. at the dam in Pine River where Post Commander Terry Steele will speak. A wreath will be laid in the water in honor of soldiers lost at sea and a 21-gun salute and taps will be performed.

The ceremony will move to Pine Ridge Cemetery where a wreath will be laid at the base of the memorial accompanied by taps and a 21-gun salute, and a short speech by Steele.

A commemorative service to honor those who have served and those who sacrificed all during military service will be held at 11 a.m. at Swanburg Cemetery in Pine River. Pine River American Legion Post 613 will provide military honors with another speech by Steele.

**Pequot Lakes:** The Pequot Lakes American Legion Post 49 and Jenkins Veterans of Foreign Wars Northern Post 3839 will host an indoor memorial service at 10 a.m. in the Pequot Lakes High School auditorium.

The Pequot Lakes High School band will lead the national anthem. Guest speaker will be state Sen. Carrie Ruud, R-Breezy Point. Soloist Casey Derksen will sing various patriotic songs, including "God Bless America" at the event's conclusion with pianist Renee Anderson.

American Legion Auxiliary President Nina Hedstrom will read a list of the deceased veterans of the past year.

# Breezy Point accepting Citizen of the Year nominations

The city of Breezy Point is accepting nominations for the 2020-2021 Citizen of the Year award.

Nominees can be full-time or seasonal residents of Breezy Point.

To nominate someone,

simply list his or her name, address, email and phone number, along with his or her 2020-2021 community contributions and achievements, past community contributions and achievements, community volunteer work and any organiza-

tion memberships.

Also include the name and phone number of the person submitting the nomination.

Nominations need to arrive at city hall by noon Wednesday, June 30.

Submit information by mail

to Breezy Point City Hall, 8319

County Road 11, Breezy Point, MN 56472; by email to [deputyclerk@cityofbreezypointmn.us](mailto:deputyclerk@cityofbreezypointmn.us); or drop it off at city hall

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or in the drop box by the driveway.

# WAPOA to hold Shoreland Restoration Open House June 5

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association will hold its annual Shoreland Restoration Open House online via Zoom again this year at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 5.

Three property owners who will be doing new projects in 2021 will give presentations while Kristie Roedl, WAPOA shoreland management director, shares pictures of their

properties. This will give property owners an idea of how to start a project.

Healthy shorelines protect property and water quality. Methods used to protect shoreline include use of coir logs or willow wattle at the water's edge; planting native aquatic vegetation within a few feet of the shore; planting trees and shrubs within a 20- to

25-foot buffer zone along the shoreline; not mowing down to the water's edge; and/or placing rain gardens and swales on sloping property.

All these methods slow runoff, allowing rainwater to soak into the ground before running into the lake, and prevent water pollution with lawn chemicals, pesticides and eroded soil.

A healthy shoreline prevents

loss of property due to erosion caused by wave action and runoff. Aquatic vegetation provides habitat for fish and wildlife, and protects the shoreline from erosion and turbulent wave action.

For more information about the Shoreland Restoration Open House, contact Roedl at [kristieplummerroedl@gmail.com](mailto:kristieplummerroedl@gmail.com). Pre-registration is required.

## WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

The Echo Journal offers an e-paper of seven to nine pages of world, national, state, business, entertainment and sports news seven days a week. Visit [pineandlakes.com/](http://pineandlakes.com/) activate to connect your print and digital accounts to access our e-paper, which in the past week included:

► **Thursday, May 20:** COVID fight may return "to square one" unless nation steps up. As Hollywood reopens, studios look to lure moviegoers back. Dry cleaners suffer as the

pandemic changes the way people dress.

► **Friday, May 21:** Your credit score isn't as reliable post-COVID, fed says. European Union countries to open doors to vaccinated foreigners. Wildfires that survive winter snow to increase with climate change.

► **Saturday, May 22:** Biden cuts infrastructure plan price tag. Hollywood producers

want to unionize. What are the most important late-spring home maintenance tasks?


► **Sunday, May 23:** Martian rover takes first drive on the surface of Mars. Some in the GOP ready to move on from Trump's battles. Hackers threaten to release police records, knock 911 offline.

► **Monday, May 24:** Highly contagious variant could cause COVID-19 hotspots

in U.S. The long and short of haircuts emerging from the pandemic. LeBron James won't be suspended for partying with Drake.

► **Tuesday, May 25:** U.S. agencies examine reports of

early COVID-19 infections in Wuhan lab. Health care industry looks at providing more in-home care. Phil Mickelson's win was no surprise to those closest to him.




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Week of Friday, May 28, 2021 through Thursday, June 3, 2021

<b>CRUELLA (PG-13)</b> Fri - Mon: 1:00, 4:30, 7:20 Thu: 4:30, 7:20	<b>THOSE WHO WISH ME DEAD (R)</b> Fri - Mon: 1:10, 4:50, 7:10 Thu: 4:50, 7:10
<b>A QUIET PLACE PART II (PG-13)</b> Fri - Mon: 1:30, 5:00, 7:40 Thu: 5:00, 7:40	<b>NOMADLAND (R)</b> <b>WINNER OF THREE ACADEMY AWARDS</b> (Best Picture, Director, and Actress) Fri - Mon: 7:30 PM Thu: 7:30 PM
<b>DREAM HORSE (PG)</b> Fri - Mon: 12:50, 4:20, 7:00 Thu: 4:20, 7:00	
<b>SCOOB! (PG)</b> Fri - Mon: 1:20, 4:40 Thu: 4:40 PM	

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