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The Kentucky Headhunters headline Nature Rocks Fundraising concert lineup also stars Pert Near Sandstone and Whiskey River



The Kentucky Headhunters

Grammy Award Winning and national recording artists The Kentucky Headhunters are coming to Aitkin as part of Nature Rocks – Concert

for Conservation from 4:30-10 p.m. on Friday, June 21 at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. The scholarship fundraising concert will also

include Pert Near Sandstone and Whiskey River. The event is presented by Riverwood Healthcare Center.

Tickets are on sale at naturerocksconcert.com, or by calling 800-595-4849. Tickets are \$35 in advance for general admission tickets or \$75 for VIP tickets. Proceeds will pay for scholarships for students to attend outdoor adventure camps and outdoor school field trips at Long Lake Conservation Center.

"We're kicking off summer

in style with a Solstice concert to remember," Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan said. "It's going to be a great evening of music for a good cause."

This concert event is made possible by Riverwood Healthcare Center, Block North Brew Pub, Edina Realty – Kay Hill, KBLB - B93.3, KKIN radio, 102.5 DUKE-FM

and the NewsHopper.

The Kentucky Headhunters

Hailing from, you guessed it, Kentucky, this iconic country and southern rock band has been kicking out energetic songs since 1989. The Headhunters have released ten studio albums and dozens of hit songs, including "Oh Lonesome Me" and "Dumas Walker."

Attend Your **Precinct Caucus** **Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.**
caucusfinder.sos.mn.gov

Foster dad's suicide investigation

Sheriff Dan Guida of Aitkin County verified that the suicide of Scott Solie on February 6 in rural Hill City is being investigated by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner. Guida confirmed that a local deputy responded to the suicide, and it is standard practice for the Ramsey County examiner to follow up with an autopsy and blood toxicology tests. The results of the suicide investigation will be made public when it is complete. Native American fos-

ter girls made allegations of mistreatment on social media against Solie. The home was licensed through Northhomes and didn't have any Aitkin County residents housed there at the time.

All the foster girls have since been removed from the home, said Guida. It is not certain how much of the investigation will be made public as it involves juveniles. The Aitkin County sheriff did dispatch a deputy to the home earlier and found no evidence of

criminal wrongdoing.

According to Solie's obituary, he was 56 when he died unexpectedly. He was born in Baron, Wisconsin and had worked as an electrician prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife Deanna, two children, a grandchild and a sister.

The Solies were licensed to do child foster care in 2016 and their license was last renewed in August 2023 and would have been active through July 2025.



Real Story of January 6

The Epoch Times Documentary "The Real Story of January 6" will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 24 starting at 3 p.m. in the Dryden Theater located at Central Lakes College on 501 West College Dr. in Brainerd.

The public is invited to attend, especially those who

believe that the event was "insurrection." However, it is not recommended for children to attend.

After a three-year investigation, the documentary will follow the story of the Westbury and James families of Minnesota and the charges they are now facing.

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Great North Pilates opens in Baxter for all ages and every body

By ANN SCHWARTZ
A new destination in the Brainerd Lakes Area combines exercise with a salon and boutique.
Great North Pilates opened in a strip mall at Edgewood Drive in Baxter. The space includes a salon, boutique

and now Pilates.
"Pilates is for all ages and every body," stressed Instructor Catherine Funk, who is also a stylist. Jody Davis owns the business.
Funk said Pilates is a great way to work out. It can also be used as therapy and there

is a private room to work on healing routines.
They offer 40 class sessions a week, starting at 5:30 a.m. and going until 6:30 p.m.
"Jody and I split up the day," Funk explained.
She demonstrated the Pilates equipment with salon

employee Callee. She also talked about the clothing boutique which carries sizes up to 3X, and the line of organic beauty products on the shelves.
"I am so grateful that Jody came in here so we could offer Pilates in combination with the salon and the clothing store," enthused Funk.
Ruth Ann Veith is a Brainerd area resident who works out at the Great North Pilates, "I have just begun Pilates so I am new to this type of exercise. I have noticed a huge awareness of my core

which has helped my posture already. I go twice a week and am looking forward to see the change in 3 months."



Pilates instructor Catherine assists Callee demonstrating an exercise on a Pilates Reformer. Ann Schwartz photos



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Appeals Court bars the doors to citizens seeking to protect their rights

The Minnesota Court of Appeals issued a decision on February 12 denying a motion to intervene in *Dr. Jane Doe, et al. v. State of Minnesota*, a Ramsey County District Court case in which the lower court judge struck down a long-standing safety protection law requiring abortion providers to notify a girl's parents before performing an abortion on the minor.

Mothers Offering Maternal Support, known as MOMS, is a statewide group of 60 mothers of minor-age daughters who have come together to defend this longstanding health and safety protection for young women. The group is represented by Teresa Collett, Esq.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's ruling denying intervention on the basis that it was untimely. According to the court, some members of MOMS read early newspaper accounts of the case and therefore had an opportunity to intervene at an earlier stage. The court

ignored three relevant facts that made MOMS' motion timely: 1) plaintiffs had filed an amended complaint only one month prior to the trial court striking down the parental notice law; 2) other parties had tried to intervene to defend the law and were denied on the lower court's assurance that the Attorney General would defend the law vigorously; and 3) the Attorney General dropped his defense of the law after the trial court ruling.

The policy implications of this decision should be a concern to all Minnesotans. In its opinion the trial court noted several times that state officials failed to provide any evidence supporting the right of parents to guide their young daughters when responding to an unplanned pregnancy. When MOMS asked the court to allow it to provide the missing evidence, the Attorney General joined the plaintiffs in fighting to keep MOMS out of the case. That the Attorney General failed to defend

the law is significant to this case, yet the Court of Appeals makes no mention of that critical fact, nor any reference to the expert declarations that MOMS filed in the district court, clearly demonstrating the Attorney General's inadequate defense of the parental notification statute.

Now more than ever, the Minnesota Supreme Court needs to step in to make sure that when the Attorney General fails to do his job, ordinary Minnesota citizens can protect their own and others statutory and constitutional rights.

After learning about the Court of Appeal's decision today, MOMS Representative Dr. Jessica Chastek said, "Minnesota courts are the backstop to the enforcement of the law when the government has deprived citizens of their constitutional rights. We expect the courts to allow parents to intervene when state officials like the Attorney General have stepped aside and refused to protect the rights of parents of

minor daughters, especially in matters relating to life altering healthcare and medical decisions."

With advice of its legal counsel, MOMS is prepared to take the matter up on appeal to the state's highest court.

"We are confident the Minnesota Supreme Court will understand the importance

of MOMS right to protect their daughters from sexual exploitation and be involved in life-changing medical decisions. The court of appeals has upheld a dangerous precedent allowing a partisan attorney general to fail to defend state law, then fight allowing parents the ability to protect their unique interest. Put

simply, this decision bars the courthouse door to citizens to intervene when the Attorney General fails in his duty to defend state law," said MOMS' attorney, Teresa Collett. "We are optimistic that the Court of final review will allow these Minnesota mothers to protect their constitutional rights under the law."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- February**
 24th - **CANCELED** - Woodtick Inn Annual Fishing Contest.
 24th - Erin's Wish Winter Bar Olympics at the Ironton American Legion and Town Tavern, 4 p.m. Call 218-546-5997 for more info.
 24th - Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. at 14250 Conservation Drive, Baxter. Call 218-829-8770 for more info.
 27th - Blood Drive at Log Church, 37218 Cty Rd 66, Crosslake. Appointments 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 28th - Blood Drive at Heartwood Center, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby. Appointments 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 28th - Midday Lenten Worship at noon followed by a meal, 12:30 p.m. at Cascade United Methodist Church, 22781 State Highway 6 in Deerwood. Reflecting on "I am the gate, I am the good shepherd." Offerings will be gathered for the Crosby Ministerial Fund to be used to care for transient persons in partnership with the Crosby and Deerwood Police Departments.
 29th - Blood Drive at Heartwood Center, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby. Appointments 8 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 29th - **CANCELED** - The Lakes Area United Way Leap Day Soirée, 6-9 p.m. at The Ripple Center in Aitkin.
- March**
 6th - Midday Lenten Worship at noon followed by a meal, 12:30 p.m. at Cuyuna Lakes Community Church, 604 Oak Street in Crosby., Reflecting on "I am the true vine." Offerings will be gathered for the Crosby Ministerial Fund to be used to care for transient persons in partnership with the Crosby and Deerwood Police Departments.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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COURT FILE NO. 18-CV-24-518

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CROW WING NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Quiet Title Action Brandon L. Andersen a/k/a Brandon L. Anderson and Jill M. Andersen a/k/a Jill M. Anderson, Plaintiffs,

vs. Robert J. Ferris, Rebecca Lawson, Sarah Lawson, and any unknown persons claiming any interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You, and each of you, are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the Complaint which is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court, within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

You are further advised that this is an action to determine adverse claims to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

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Dated: February 12, 2024 BREEN & PERSON, LTD.

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Palisade Community Center. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Dated this 19th day of February 2024

JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
 Clerk Libby Township 3.5

HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Libby Township Board of Audit will be held at the Palisade Community Center on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of February 2024

JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
 Clerk Libby Township 2.1

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HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hazelton Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota that the Hazelton Township Annual Election of Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the Hazelton Townhall

The Election Poll hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time voters will elect:

- 1 Supervisor - 3 year term
- 1 Clerk - 2 year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m., following the close of polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March; March 19, 2024, at the same time and location.

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 following the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.

Dated this 13th day of February 2024

KAY OLSON,
 Clerk Hazelton Township 6.1

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Serpent Lake Sewer District Board will meet at the Ironton City Hall Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include: Memorandum of Understanding with Union, adoption of By-laws, Policy and Procedures Manual, Job Descriptions and other matters that may come before the Board.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2024
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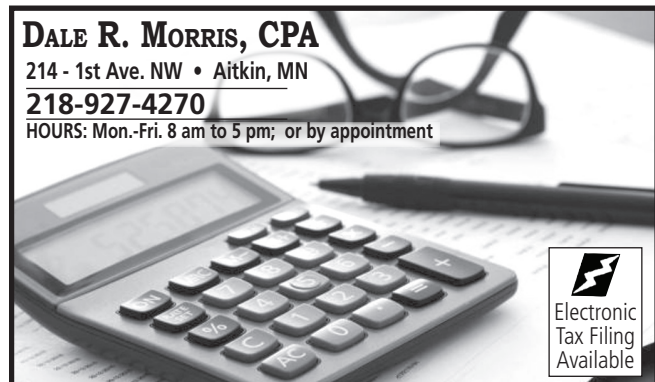
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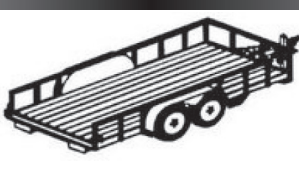
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