

Pierz Council opens apps for city mayor, treasurer vacancies

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Any resident of the city of Pierz who would like to be considered as a candidate for the mayor or treasurer positions, can apply. Applications are available at City Hall or on the city's website, pierzmn.org under "About."

The Council decided Monday, to open the field to applicants. The positions will be advertised, with applications being accepted until Thursday, Feb. 16. The Council plans to interview candidates during a special meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21, with a final decision to be made at its regular meeting, Monday, Feb. 27.

At its workshop prior to Monday's regular meeting, Council Member Don Bujalski brought up the fact that if Acting Mayor John Perleberg were to apply for

mayor, he (Bujalski), Council Member Jacque Johnson and City Clerk Kyle Bednar would be making that choice. And those three, along with City Administrator Bob Otremba would conduct that interview. Perleberg would be able to weigh in on the treasurer position, however.

Bednar said during the workshop that if there are multiple mayoral applicants, but it is decided to appoint Perleberg, the other candidates may be open to taking the council seat Perleberg would vacate.

That council seat has not yet been declared vacant at this point, and would not be, unless Perleberg were appointed as mayor.

For more information about how to apply for the mayor or treasurer positions, call City Hall at (320) 468-6471.

Guinness World record holders at it Again for I.C.E. Fest 2023

The Zwilling family, the current Guinness World record holders for the largest ice carousel are at it again. Not only will they create the largest ice carousel, they will create the largest carousel within a carousel, all while raising money for hungry kids and providing lots of free activities for kids.

All are invited to I.C.E. Fest 2023 the weekend of Feb. 11 - 12,

Funds are raised through the Pay It Forward Foundation, a 501(c)3, non-profit organization that hosts the annual Sunny Zwilling Memorial Ice Carousel Extravaganza, I.C.E. Fest. This is a free family friendly weekend of winter activities to help stomp out children's hunger and features fun for all ages, as well as the World's Largest Ice Carousel attempt.

Pay It Forward Foundation/I.C.E. Fest has donated \$80,000 to help feed hungry children via Flyer Pride Pack (a weekend food backpack program) and Kare Kloset (a resource for students that don't have their basic needs met at home) since the conception in 2018.

More than 80 Little Falls and area businesses have come together to help sponsor the event that the Zwilling family is hosting, Feb. 11 - 12, on Green Prairie Fish Lake. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and run through 6 p.m. Green Prairie Fish Lake,



Submitted photo

Rayden Ostrom, daughter of Andrea Ostrom of Little Falls, had fun playing human foosball with Jessica Heinz of Little Falls at the 2022 I.C.E. Fest. This year, I.C.E. Fest will take place Feb. 11 - 12.

is located at 12636 Forest Road in Little Falls.

The Zwilling Family and I.C.E. Fest 2022 cut crew are the current Guinness World record holders for the largest ice carousel at 1,325 feet in diameter. This year's event will feature a new "largest" — the largest ice carousel within a carousel.

Other activities will include curling, dog sled rides, human foosball, human bowling, spear fishing, airplane rides, Santa with sleigh rides, underwater drone, igloo building, giant

blocks and tabletop games, merry-go-round, a Spin It To Win It game, and Elsa's "Frozen Forest" — fun for all ages. A warming tent with free food and beverage on site.

For more details, check out www.MnIceFest.com.

This is event is free and open to the public with free onsite parking.

Pierz City Council Briefs

In other business Monday, the Pierz City Council:

- Approved the contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) for design of the 2024 street lighting project at a cost of \$22,000;

- After discussing at its workshop the pros and cons of a new front end loader for the city at about \$160,000 versus a used one, approved City Administrator Bob Otremba to look for a used front end loader at a price between \$80,000 to \$100,000;

- Approved applying for a \$50,000 Sourcewell grant to use toward a snow blower and front end plow for the front end loader;

- Approved contacting SEH about the cost of consulting services in regard to a feasibility study on the possible purchase of the gravel pit owned by Knife River near the Pierz Park Com-

plex, which would include an environmental impact study, to help the Council understand all that would go with purchasing a gravel pit, including reclamation of any kind; and

- Approved the hiring of Toni Meyer as the city's new golf course clubhouse manager, at a salary of \$24 per hour. Otremba said it would be set up so that Meyer would be paid at 40 hours per week from March 1 through Nov. 1, and 32 hours per week from Nov. 2 through the end of February the following year. He also said a review would be done in July, with the possibility of Meyer receiving an additional \$1 per hour through the remainder of 2023.

The next meeting of the Pierz City Council is Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

Wassather accepts plea deal

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He said she hit her head a couple of times during the altercation.

"Who was responsible for her death?" Wonderlich asked.

"Probably me," Wassather said. "Nobody else was home. I guess it was me."

Wonderlich said an autopsy completed by the Minnesota Medical Examiner's Office determined Nygard's cause of death was blunt trauma to the head and chest.

Weiler said he found the information presented to be sufficient and accepted the plea.

Wassather is scheduled to be sentenced at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Morrison County District Court.

Little Falls Senior Center

Monday, Feb. 6 — 9 a.m. — Wild Rummy 9:30 a.m. — Bone Builders Exercise Class.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 — 9 a.m. — Pool tourney and dominoes; 1 p.m. — Whist.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — 9:30 a.m. — 500 Cards and Bone Builders Exercise Class; 1 p.m. — Smear.

Thursday, Feb. 9 — 7

a.m. — Fresh doughnuts; 9 a.m. — Pool tourney; 1 p.m. — Cribbage.

Friday, Feb. 10 — 9 a.m. — Wild Rummy.

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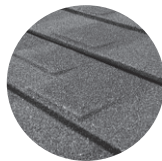
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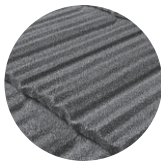
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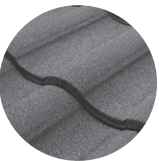
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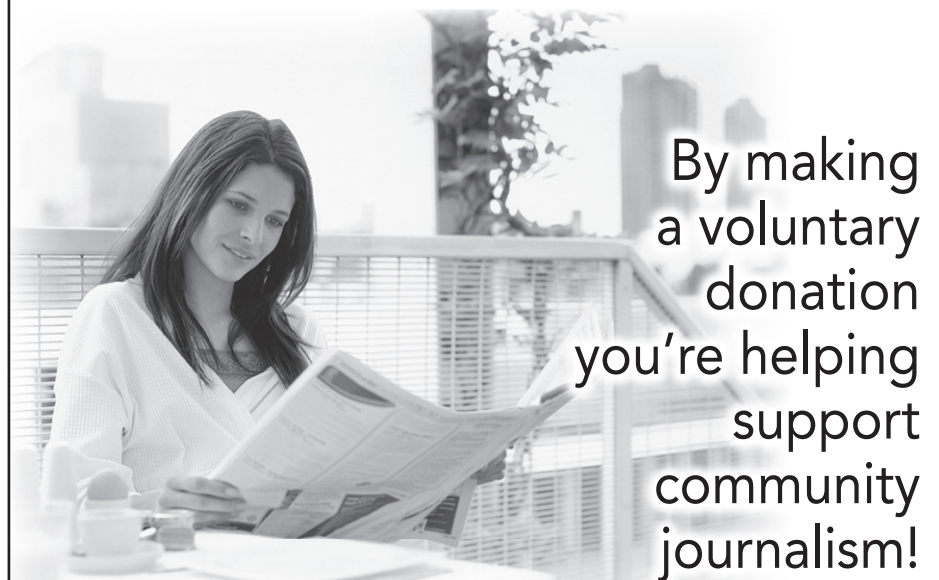
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