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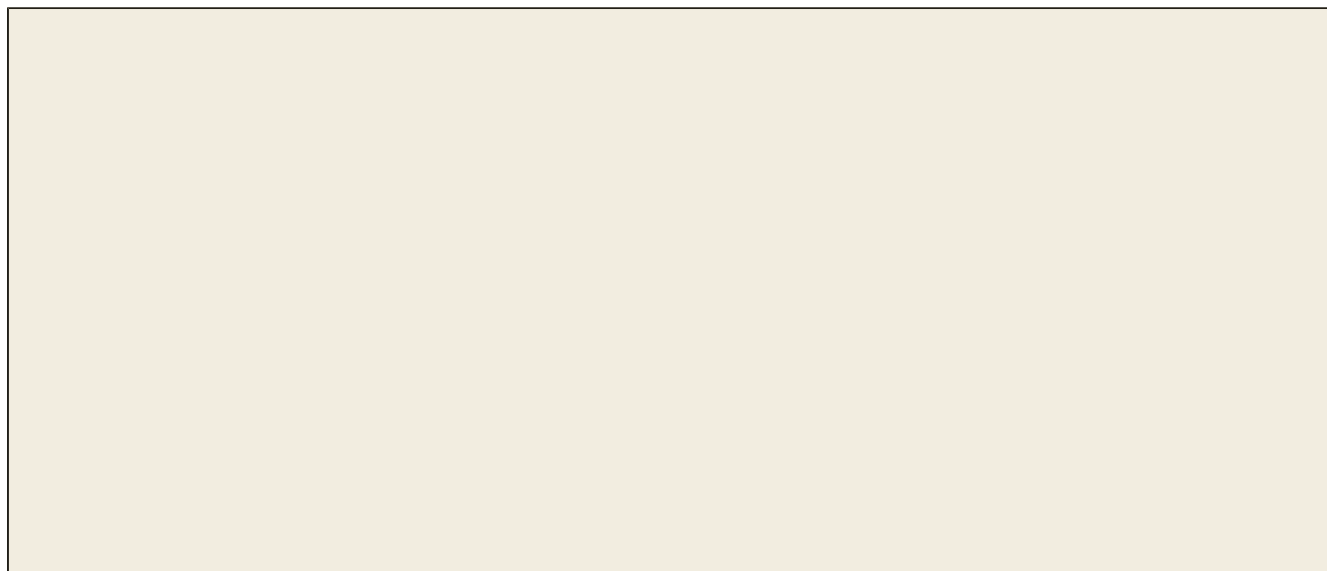
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CITY COUNCIL

Council Tables Fourth Stop Sign for Third Straight Meeting

Matter referred to a subcommittee that does not yet exist; Mayor reminds all present there is no rush.

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THE CORNER OF BIRCH & SECOND, WHERE THE NEAREST STOP SIGN FACES THE CAMERA, THE FAR SIGN SHOWS ITS BACK, AND THE LEFT SIGN SHOWS ONLY ITS EDGE. — PILOT-INDEPENDENT PHOTO

MISQUAH — The corner of Birch Street and Second Avenue will keep its three stop signs and one bare post for at least another month, after the City Council voted 4–1 Monday night to refer the question of a fourth sign to a subcommittee that does not, at present, exist.

It was the third straight meeting at which the matter has been tabled. By the count of City Clerk Donna Skoglund, who has kept the council’s minutes since 1994, it was “the

eleventh time overall, give or take, depending on whether you count the stretch in the eighties when we just let it ride.”

The intersection, where two residential streets meet on the east side of town, has operated with three stop signs since 1957. The fourth corner — the southeast one, in front of the late Einar Erickson’s mailbox — has never had a sign, and by long habit drivers stop there anyway, a

custom Skoglund recorded in the minutes as “self-enforcing, mostly.”

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geese with tenure.

East shore of Big Pelican

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NEWS

TRADITION

Lutefisk Supper Sets Modest Record; Methodists Decline to Comment

First Lutheran Church served 214 plates at its annual spring lutefisk and meatball supper Saturday, a parish record that narrowly surpassed the 211 served in 1998 and prompted what the Rev. MORE →

THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Begins; Bear Shelf Cleared Before Official Start

The Misquah Public Library opened its summer reading program Monday, though one participant had already finished the part involving bears before the program officially began. MORE →

COMMERCE

New Minnow Tank at Tim's Greeted With Quiet Civic Pride

Tim Brevik installed a new 200-gallon minnow tank at Tim's Bait & Liquor on Thursday, retiring a unit that had been in service since 1979 and that, in its owner's words, "developed a personality toward the end." MORE →



LAKES & OUTDOORS

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THE OPENER, THREE WEEKS ON

Walleye Stories Continue to Outgrow the Walleye

Three weeks into the season, the walleye fishing on the Chain of Lakes remains good, and the accounts of it remain, as they tend to this time of year, considerably better than good. [MORE →](#)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mud Lake Association Holds Annual Meeting; Two Attend

The Mud Lake Property Owners' Association held its annual meeting Tuesday evening in the back room of the Daybreak Café. [MORE →](#)

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THE RESORT

Loon Ridge Opens Season; Greens Fees Up, Geese Likewise

Loon Ridge Resort & Golf opened its eighteen-hole course for the season over Memorial Day weekend, drawing the usual influx of guests from the Twin Cities and the usual congregation of Canada geese to the seventh fairway. [MORE →](#)



SPORTS

SUMMER REC LEAGUE

Pike Open Summer League With a Win and an Argument

The Lakeside Pike opened their summer recreation softball season Saturday with a 7–4 win over the Pinedale Pioneers, in a game decided in the fifth inning by a fly ball, a chain-link fence, and a dispute over who had the standing to rule on either. [MORE →](#)

LEGION BASEBALL

Legion Nine Drops Opener; Pitcher Blames the Wind, Wind Unavailable for Comment

The Misquah Post 162 Legion baseball team opened its season here Friday night with a 6–2 loss to Pinedale, a result Post 162 manager Sonny Dahl attributed to “a long bus, a short bench, and one very tall outfield fence in left.” [MORE →](#)

SCHOOLS

LAKESIDE HIGH

Pike Send Off 38 Graduates; Valedictorian Thanks Mom, Also Bus Driver

Lakeside High School graduated its Class of 2026 on Friday evening, sending thirty-eight seniors across the gymnasium stage in green and gold before a crowd that filled the bleachers and spilled into the hallway by the trophy case. [MORE →](#)

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Third Grade Releases Trout Into Big Pelican, Says Goodbye With Difficulty

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PRAIRIE VIEW MIDDLE

Science Fair Won by Volcano, As Has Been the Case Since 1981

The annual Prairie View Middle School science fair concluded Wednesday with first prize going, for the forty-fifth consecutive year, to a baking-soda volcano. MORE →

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There is a movement afoot in Misquah, advanced with the best of intentions and the worst of timing, to install a fourth stop sign at the corner of Birch Street and Second Avenue. MORE →

GUEST COLUMN · FROM THE LANDING

On the Proper Way to Wave From a Boat

It has come to my attention, as it does every year around the second week of June, that a great many people on this Chain of Lakes do not know how to wave from a boat. MORE →



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FROM THE ARCHIVES · 50 YEARS AGO

Fifty Years Ago This Week in the Pilot-Independent

Each week this column draws from the bound volumes of the Pilot-Independent kept in the back room of our office on Birch Street — volumes our pressman, Earl, has promised to organize since the Ford administration, and to which, in fairness, he has lately added a second shelf. [MORE →](#)

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LIVING · EUNICE'S KITCHEN

The Tater-Top Hotdish, As It Was Meant to Be

People write to this column, and I am grateful for it, truly. [MORE →](#)

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Orville “Ole” Tollefson, 91

Orville Theodore “Ole” Tollefson, 91, of Misquah, died Thursday, June 4, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his family. [MORE →](#)

AROUND TOWN

Brush pickup through June 20. Place brush at the curb, butt ends out. Public Works will not take anything “a reasonable man couldn’t lift,” and reserves the right to decide who that is.

Hydrant flushing begins Monday, east side first. Residents may see cloudy water; the water department asks that you run a cold tap a minute and not “call Donna about it.”

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Food shelf low on coffee and canned fruit, the First Lutheran volunteers report — and, they add, “never not low on coffee.” Donations accepted Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Garden Club plant sale Saturday on the library lawn, 9 a.m. until sold out. Proceeds support the boulevard pots, three of which survived the winter.

VBS schedule set. Sacred Heart holds Vacation Bible School June 16–20, First Lutheran the week after — staggered by long arrangement so the children can attend both and the churches can split the difference.

Lions pancake feed cleared \$1,140 for the scoreboard fund, leaving it roughly \$9,000 and one more pancake feed short of the goal.

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