

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, May 17, 2021

Inmate Population: 5

- 0131 Deputy responds to security alarm. All ok.
- 0340 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All secure.
- 0350 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All secure.
- 0658 Deputies on ATV patrol in the SB area.
- 0755 Deputy assists MSP.
- 0944 Deputy and LCRS respond to 2 vehicle accident on Hwy 61. No serious injuries reported.
- 1200 Deputy responds to report of a suicide threat.
- 1708 Deputies respond to report of smoke in the area on Hwy 3. Fire was a campfire.
- 1757 Deputy out with vehicle on Hwy 2. Ride on the way.
- 1812 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Cited for speed 78/55.
- 2307 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 1. Cited for Driving after revocation.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Inmate Population:4

- 1100 Deputy responds to request for an animal welfare check on Hwy 12. All ok.
- 1218 LCRS responds to medical on Main St. One transported to Essentia by ambulance.
- 1924 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Big Rock Rd. Unable to locate.
- 1953 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
- 2101 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Larsmont. Warn for no tail lights.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Inmate Population:4

- 0204 Deputy out with occupied vehicle in business parking lot.
- 0913 Deputy responds to report of a stolen trailer.
- 1144 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
- 1521 Deputy responds to report of a stolen trailer.
- 1548 LCRS responds to medical in KR.
- 1748 Deputy responds to report of harassment in SB.
- 2043 Deputy and THPD responds to report of a driving complaint.
- 2219 Deputy responds to report of a disturbance at Fall Lake Campground.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Inmate Population: 4

- 0846 Deputy checks hazard on Hwy 61.
- 0928 Deputy on water patrol in Ely area.
- 1123 LCRS responds to medical on 7th Ave.
- 1158 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check. All ok.
- 1447 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check. All ok.
- 1754 LCRS responds to report of a dog that fell off a cliff. Dog rescued and safe.
- 2035 LCRS responds to medical on Hwy 1.
- 2101 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.

Friday, May 21, 2021

Inmate Population: 4

- 0007 Deputy out with ATV stuck in the mud on Kawishiwi Trl.
- 0924 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check at S Kawishiwi Campground. All ok.
- 1555 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 1708 Deputy posts papers at TH residence.
- 1822 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
- 1901 Deputy responds, along with SBPD, to report of juvenile trouble.
- 1950 Deputy assists Babbit PD in search for missing person. Unable to locate.
- 2053 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 2058 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 2125 Deputy makes traffic stop on E Castle Danger Rd. Warn for headlight.

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Inmate Population: 4

- 0426 Deputy removes tree from Hwy 1.
- 0556 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to request for a welfare check on 4th Ave.
- 0845 Deputy makes traffic stop on 7th Ave. Warn for speed.
- 0903 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 0905 Deputy serves papers at Ely residence.
- 0934 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 1114 LCRS responds to medical on Westover Rd.
- 1145 Deputy serves papers at Finland residence.
- 1257 Deputy posts papers at TH residence.
- 1301 Deputy posts papers at TH residence.

- 1354 Deputy out with vehicle on Hwy 61. Having vehicle troubles, but are ok.
- 1416 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
- 1424 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for move over law violation.
- 1505 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near Dunka River Rd. Warn or speed.
- 1631 Deputy makes traffic stop on 7th Ave. Warn for passing in no passing area.
- 1645 Deputy makes traffic stop on Shoreview Rd. Warn for speed.
- 1701 Deputy posts papers at TH residence.
- 1740 Deputy serves papers at LCJ.
- 1744 Deputy responds to request for an animal welfare check.
- 1826 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Cited for speed 79/60.
- 1909 Deputy posts papers at SB residence.
- 1914 Deputies and LCRS respond to report of a domestic disturbance on Hwy 2.
- 2223 Deputy and LCRS respond to report of a one car accident on Hwy 61. No serious injuries reported.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Inmate Population:

- 0015 Deputy out with occupied vehicle on Hwy 1.
- 0133 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle roll over on Wales Rd. One arrested for DWI.
- 0304 LCRS responds to medical on 14th Ave.
- 0523 Deputies and THPD respond to report of a psychological problem on Hwy 61. One transported by ambulance to Essentia.
- 0815 Deputy responds to report of horses loose on Hwy 3. Owners located.
- 0827 Deputy on water patrol in Ely area.
- 0908 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near West Rd. Warn for speed.
- 1330 Deputy responds to driving complaint. Unable to locate vehicle.
- 1527 Deputy responds to report of trespassing in Finland.
- 1618 Deputy responds to civil matter in Finland area.
- 1748 LCRS responds to medical on 13th Ave.
- 1948 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed.
- 2053 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
- 2209 Deputy and LCRS responds to medical on Hwy 2. One transported by ambulance to LVMH.
- 2231 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Scenic Dr.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### *It Takes a Village - Finland's Youth Program & Community*

They say it takes a village to raise children. I didn't know what that meant or if I even needed (or wanted) a village to help me raise mine. Until I moved to Finland.

We arrived on the North Shore 6 years ago and didn't know a single person. We had left our families and friends in the South and migrated up here for a new adventure. We'd found the perfect piece of property and had big ideas about building the rural life we'd always dreamed of - but we hadn't given much thought to how we'd build community.

Our kids, Ryan and Addie, have been homeschooled for most of their educational years, and in the past, I'd always hopped on Facebook to find local homeschool groups. It was easy to connect with other families that way, and we made many amazing, real-life friendships over the years. But, I quickly found out that homeschool groups didn't exist in Silver Bay or Finland. Time to find a new way.

I can't remember how long we'd lived here before we heard about the Youth Program in Finland. I was skeptical at first, I'll admit. Although we're not involved with any religious organization now, my husband David and I have backgrounds in ministry. Our former experience taught us that full-time staff, curriculum, lots of equipment, and fancy lights and sounds were the necessary ingredients of a "successful" youth program.

My kids (10 and 11 at the time) missed their southern friends and were eager to make new friends and try out the Youth Program, so I agreed to take them one Thursday evening. I even sat in the entrance of the Clair Nelson Center the entire time, ready to whisk them away if there was any sign that this program didn't meet my standards.

When it was 9:00 and time to leave, my kids, hot and sweaty from running, playing, and laughing for three hours, talked non-stop about how much fun they'd had. So, they began attending every week. When the next summer came around, we signed them up for Camp Finland, and that first camp experience cemented my kids' place in their community at Youth Program.

Before the Pandemic, Ryan and Addie LIVED for Thursday nights. It was their favorite day of the week. They made friends, learned new games, and brought home amazing crafts. COVID-19's impact on Finland's kids has been real and hard,

and I have grieved over the time my children have lost with their village. They miss their friends. They miss the Youth Program staff. They just want to shoot hoops, ride the big bikes, and make crafts with Betsey and Bonnie again.

Obviously, we're not "from here". The Youth Program was already going when we landed here in 2015, thanks to the initiative of Elli King, who noticed the need for dedicated time, space, and people to give Finland kids something to do and a place to play together outside of school. The way the Youth Program has evolved and grown over the last several years would not have been possible without the foundation Elli laid. I know I'm not the only parent who is so grateful to her for creating a program that wasn't just for the kids who lived in Finland then, but that would serve kids like mine who moved to the area and future generations of kids to come.

When Elli needed to step down, Amy Gardner stepped up, even securing funding from outside organizations to grow the program. Along with her partner Marc Smith and other helpers Kathy Nelson and Nancy Olson, Amy's vision to secure the youth program's place in the community was a success. Amy and Kathy also coordinated the first Camp Finland in 2014, which continues each summer for a week in June and is still on for 2021!

Because the adults of Finland know that the next generation has to be raised up to continue the work, Kenny Albrecht and Kyler Knaffla were hired as the first peer helpers while they were still kids in the program. Later, Amy and Marc's son Oliver Smith and Abram Lattin grew into the role of peer helpers.

Of course, you can't expect kids to play for hours on end without snacks, so Sherry Anderson became the "snack lady" and not only served snacks, but also chatted with kids through the kitchen window. When Sherry retired from the role, Sheryl Hoff came as the new "snack lady".

Over the years, more and more people have generously given their time and energy to keep the Youth Program going. In 2018, Cindy Hansen signed on as a Camp Finland co-coordinator, and she has been such a valuable resource and a wealth of wisdom.

In 2018, Andrew Norcross started helping out at Youth Night and was instrumental in the vision of creating and executing the week-long, overnight Teen Camp Finland. He continues to show up and care for these kids, even through the Pandemic when regular Youth Night has not been possible.

In 2019, Amber Reppe and Kinzee Quast joined

the Thursday night staff, showing up to play, supervise, and love on Finland's kids. There's even a Youth Program love story: Abram Lattin and Kinzee married in December 2020!

Through the Pandemic, Youth Program staff continue to come up with creative ways to stay connected to the kids. They've sent letters, organized a virtual scavenger hunt, and held socially distanced and masked craft nights. They even managed to pull off Camp Finland and Teen Camp in the summer of 2020 when no one thought it was possible! It has been so clear to me that, come hell, high water, or COVID-19, Youth Program staff aren't letting anything get in the way of investing in these kids!

My own son, Ryan, who has grown up in this program and who definitely isn't done being a participant in the kid activities, has even been hired as a peer and outreach helper.

For the past 4 years, we've had the privilege of watching our children form deep friendships and have many cool experiences - thanks to the Finland Youth Program and the amazing community of Finland as a whole. Most importantly, they, like us, have a village.

Finland, you are the village I didn't know I needed. My children would not be the incredible people they are without your investment into them and in us.

Because Kurt Mead jazzes kids up about dragonflies, and because Betsey Mead provides a soothing and nurturing presence on Thursdays, because Bonnie Warner never runs out of craft ideas, because kids like Kenny, Oliver, Kyler, and Ryan grew up in the program and want to give back, because Heather fills in to serve snacks, because Andrew puts together entire camps and even the big bikes, because the Finland Co-op and FMHS provide bags of Christmas candy, because Pam Melby and Honor Schauland do hula hoop workshops at Camp, and because of all the people I haven't named but whose place in this community is equally important, we have a village. And this village loves its youth!

As it turns out, what makes a fantastic youth program isn't the full-time staff, expensive equipment, or curriculum. It's the people who show up and simply create a safe and loving space for kids to just be kids and do fun kid things. I'll never underestimate the importance of the village again. Thank you for being mine.

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