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'Just a couple of words can change a life...'



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Brad Hubred honors Kim Bohnsack with a Blue Ribbon Ceremony at the regular Moose Lake School Board meeting on July 19.

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"BING: This is the sound that makes dreams come true!" Local teacher at Moose Lake Community School Brad Hubred is working with 6th-grade student Piper Nielsen to turn Moose Lake into the second Blue Ribbon city in the world. Hubred has long been an advocate for suicide prevention. When he started teaching, 15 years ago, in Little Falls he was inspired to write letters

to each of his 6th-grade students. His one-page letters to each of his students were a way for him to share all of the positives that he saw in each of them. He told the students to keep the letters in a safe place and take them out and read them whenever they needed a pick me up or feeling down. After several years of letter writing, one of his students committed suicide. This inspired Hubred to do more. After ten years of searching, and Hubred found a ribbon ceremony called "Who I am Makes a Difference."

Deciding that he needed help to spread the word about the Blue Ribbon Ceremony and to work with him to turn the Moose Lake Community School into a Blue Ribbon School. He chose to work with Piper Nielsen to take a class about bullying and suicide prevention called, Standing

has been around since 1980 when a woman called Helice "Grandma Sparky" Bridges began presenting blue ribbons to support making dreams come true, stop

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bullying and prevent

suicide. The ceremony is seven simple steps, can be shared between anyone, and has the goal of touching another person's heart. Those honored are given a blue ribbon to wear that is pointed from the honoree's heart off their shoulder and up into the sky. More information about the Blue Ribbon can be found at blueribbons.org.

In the beginning of the Blue Ribbon Ceremony a teacher in 1993 ordered some ribbons from Grandma Sparky so that she could recognize a class of high school seniors that she was teaching, each of these students was given three ribbons to share with others as a class project. One of these students shared their ribbons with a junior executive at an

Strong Together. Hubred decided to work with Piper because she was able to talk with anyone about difficult topics. Standing Strong Together involved having to take break-out sessions to talk with strangers about suicide, bullying, and other difficult topics. "Piper was chosen because I thought she would be a good fit. She is really open. She is not afraid to speak her mind or tell her opinion. She is an all-around good student", said Hubred. "We want kids who are going to be able to speak with adults."

"WHO I AM MAKES A DIFFERENCE"
The Blue Ribbon Ceremony

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REACH experiencing a growth spurt

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The REACH Mentoring Program is undergoing several changes, including a new name, website, mission and a new grant. The new name is REACH Program Youth; adult partnerships, said Dakota Koski, long time executive director. Koski first became acquainted with the program when he volunteered to mentor a younger student as a sophomore in high school.

The program is still community based, but it is now embedded in the local schools, said Koski. The new model is a group mentoring style instead of matching high school mentors to younger mentees and focuses on providing learning and leadership activities through youth/adult partnerships in Carlton County.

"We received a new Positive Community Norms grant for almost \$1 million," Koski said. "It will help us create additional positive activities in the community for young people such as after school programming that will encompass social/emotional learning and



Above REACH Mentoring class begins in Barnum with the class sitting in circle as the opening activity.

more."

The grant money also allows REACH to hire a new full time employee to oversee the new programs. Koski said they are currently advertising for the

new position.

He said the activities are geared to prevent, reduce and redirect young people from

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Construction plans cautiously continue for Moose Lake streets

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Road work on Fourth Street is in the early stages of planning.

The City of Moose Lake and its engineers have identified Fourth Street to house 212 as the top priority for street repair according to criteria including infrastructure underneath the roadway, road condition, traffic and other factors. Estimates for a road construction project were given as three options along Fourth Street to the Moose Lake City Council. The three options: Fourth Street to house 212, Fourth Street from Douglas to Birch and Fourth Street from Elm Avenue to the city campground were presented to the council. After consideration, the council determined that they would go

ahead with the project from Douglas Avenue to Birch Avenue.

Some key points for choosing this option were that soon the campground parking lot would need to be redone, and the remainder of Fourth Street could be completed at that time. This project would be completed using revenue from the campground. Completing only two blocks was not enough of a project for the council to feel comfortable disrupting the neighborhood.

The estimated cost for this project is \$1.3 million. The projected sales tax income for Moose Lake is \$1 million. The pricing for materials has in some cases almost doubled according to Tyler Yngsdal an engineer with the firm employed by

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Carlton County nationally recognized for their fight against COVID-19

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National recognition has come to our Carlton County government with the GIS (Geographic Information System) team, Coordinator Jared Hovi and GIS Specialist Siona Roberts, awarded the prestigious SAG (Special Achievement in GIS) Award for their work creating a digital tracking system for those residents wishing to be vaccinated during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal of the team was to eliminate paper forms and limit human contact while Carlton County Health and Human Services chose to use a drive through clinic for vaccinating. This effort turned into a pilot program for COVID-19 vaccine dispensing. Digitally, people were preregistered, records were kept, feedback monitored, and 24 hour data upload went into the state record system.

In a moving presentation Greg Bernu, Carlton County Land Commissioner, commended his team. "I am very proud of this team," he said. "There is only a handful of people that are recognized when SAG Awards are given out every year. This shows the quality of these staff people and how smoothly the staff of Carlton County work together to make a difference."

Specialist Siona Roberts is soon off to graduate school. Bernu continues, along with Hovi, to oversee the growth and impact of the GIS program as the application of the technology expands.

IN OTHER COUNTY NEWS

Bryce Bogenholm addressed the County Board on concerns that County Road 13, east of Moose Lake off of County Road 8, was going to be turned from a tarred road into a gravel road. He said many of the homeowners were out-



Above, pictured left to right are Jared Hovi, Greg Bernu, and Siona Roberts with the SAG award presented to the Carlton County Geographic Information Systems team.

raged. "I got this letter in the mail last week announcing the County plans with no warning," Bogenholm explained. "Other than filling potholes, no other work has been done on the road for 30 years. You don't treat people this way." Bogenholm went on to explain that he chose to build his house and farm in that area because of the tar road.

County Highway Engineer Jin Yeene Neumann explained that there is only limited funding for the 450 miles of road the

County has. To fix it right she felt it would take \$2 million to rebuild the road and tar it. She said only 105 cars use that stretch of road in a day.

Neumann did say that the County was studying alternatives to find a cost effective road that the neighborhood would support. A proposal may be ready by December for consideration.

Zoning Administrator Heather Cunningham got approval for fee changes at the Transfer Station. Long lines waiting to enter the Transfer Station have plagued the

Highway 210 traffic corridor. Cunningham hopes that new guidelines for handling construction debris, household garbage and an exit driveway will ease congestion.

"Each week homeowners will come with one or two bags of garbage to the Transfer Station," explained Cunningham. "I know I will get complaints but we need to reduce the traffic into the facility. We have been charging \$2.00 a bag but now will charge \$10.00 per cubic yard."

Mixed waste, unbagged garbage and large bulky items will be charged \$15/yard. Demolition will be encouraged to come on Wednesdays and will be charged a reduced rate of \$56.69 per ton. New rules and pricing starts September 1.

Economic Development Director Mary Finnegan reported that hookups to the new Twin Lakes Township waterline will range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 depending on the distance buildings are off the waterline. The town-

ship residents using the waterline face three cost impacts – cost of monthly water usage, a Township assessment for waterline construction, and the individual cost for hooking up to the system. Low interest loans are being studied and soon will be explained to those affected.

The Fond Du Lac Band is requesting 105 land parcels be added to Reservation lands. Most parcels are within Reservation boundaries. There are some islands in the St. Louis River and 80 acres east of the airport which the County Board is objecting for transfer. A letter will be sent to the Federal government explaining that the objectionable parcels are not within the Reservation boundary.

With the loss of the 101 parcels from the tax base, \$60,000 in revenue will be lost to the taxing authorities. 60% is the County's share and 40% is divided between the school districts and the fire district.

Historical Reflections



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Answer to the history photo from the previous edition:
Scott and Cindy Larson were the Fourth of July talent show winners in 1968.

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BLUE RIBBON: Creating the world's second Blue Ribbon city

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area business who had helped him with his career planning. That junior executive shared his two extra ribbons with his boss and asked him to help with the project. The boss then went home and decided to use his remaining ribbon to recognize his 14-year-old son. The son told his dad that he had written a suicide letter and was prepared to commit suicide that night. After recognizing him, the son gave the boss the gun.

This ceremony quickly turned into a non-profit that hopes to spread the importance of recognizing individuals, promoting dreaming big, and letting people know that they are not alone. Grandma Sparky added the BING to the ceremony during a meeting with a kindergarten class. She was trying to keep the attention of five-year-olds and got their attention by giving them each a "BING". Adults that were present requested their own "BING's" during their ceremony, the BING stuck. The goal is to have one billion people honored with a Blue Ribbon and a BING by 2021.



Above Brad Hubred and Piper Nielsen show off their certificates of completion for Standing Strong Together. They then started a GoFundMe page to order Blue Ribbons for the Moose Lake Community and to send Moose Lake teacher Charlie Borak and another student to the class. Their GoFundMe is found at <https://gofund.me/dd876f16>

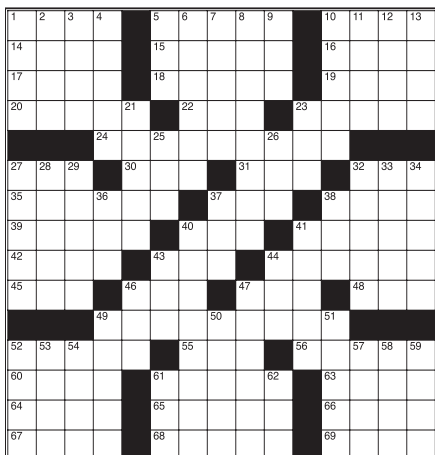
MAKING A BLUE RIBBON CITY

Nielsen and Hubred started a GoFundMe page after their course to order 5,000 blue ribbons and to send Mr. Charlie Borak and

another 6th grader to take Standing Strong Together. They quickly surpassed their goal of \$1,375 and plan to use the extra funds raised to either purchase more ribbons or send more Moose Lake Community School students and teachers to Standing Strong Together.

Around October Nielsen, Hubred, Borak and the other 6th-grade student will launch the blue ribbon program in Moose Lake. Carlsbad, California is slated to be the first Blue Ribbon City in the world on August 18. Hubred plans to travel to California during the ceremony to gather ideas for the Moose Lake launch. They would love to have the community help with ideas for their launch, ways they can share the program, or have other ideas. Those wanting to help should contact Brad Hubred at his Moose Lake Community School email, brad.hubred@isd97.org.

"We are going to start here, at the school, and spread this as far as we can," said Hubred during his presentation to the Moose Lake School Board at their meeting on July 19, 2021.



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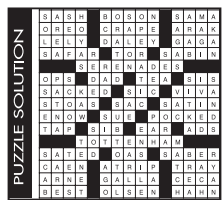
1. Fashion accessory
5. Subatomic particle
10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
14. Popular cookie
15. Fabric
16. Alcoholic liquor
17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
18. Longtime Chicago mayor
19. A famous "Lady"
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Rocky peak
23. Polio vaccine developer
24. Songs sung in open air
27. Military movements
30. Male parent
31. Beloved hot beverage
32. Female sibling
35. Tackled the QB
37. Set a dog on some-

- one
38. Long live! (Spanish)
39. Porticos
40. Pouch
41. Smooth fabric
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Institute legal proceedings against
44. Scarred
45. Draw from
46. Brother or sister
47. Body part
48. Commercials
49. London soccer team
52. Satisfied
55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
56. Fencing sword
60. French industrial city
61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
63. Helps to carry food
64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire

66. Intestinal pouches
67. None better
68. "WandaVision" actress
69. Comedic actress
- Kathryn
- CLUES DOWN
1. Fifth notes of major scales
2. Region
3. Your consciousness of your own identity
4. Georgetown athletes
5. They follow A
6. Spoke
7. Hairdressers' domain
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Members of a priestly caste
13. Southern Ghana people

21. Counsels
23. Body of water
25. Awesome!
26. Calendar month
27. Native of region in Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. Exclusive
32. Alaskan town
33. Covered with ivy
34. Loose granular substances
36. Native American tribe
37. Written American English
38. Holiday (informal)
40. Add up
41. Small brown and gray rails
43. Get off your feet
44. Express disgust
46. Surface of the ground

47. Put into a silo
49. Belief
50. British noblemen
51. Tennis game
52. Dry, protective crust
53. Swiss river
54. Large integers
57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
58. Every one of two or more
59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
61. Earlier
62. Peter's last name



OBITUARIES

Rev. Daniel P. Almquist

Rev. Daniel Paul Almquist was born at home to Ted and Elsie Almquist on July 29, 1937 in Eden Prairie, Minn. and died suddenly on May 11, 2021 at Essentia Health Miller Dwan Hospital in Duluth, Minn. from complications due to leukemia.



His family lived on farms in Eden Prairie, Wayzata, Anoka and Bethel, Minn. He attended one room schools of Anoka County District 16 and Isanti County District 48. He also attended Cambridge High School and St. Francis High School where he and Maxine graduated in 1955 and eventually married in 1957.

Dan and Maxine attended West Bethel Methodist Church in Cedar, Minn. for many years. While in high school, Dan was active in West Bethel's Methodist Youth Fellowship and many from that group remained lifelong friends.

Dan worked for Onan in Minneapolis for many years before leaving to answer God's call to the ministry. He attended St. Cloud State while serving as a youth/lay pastor at Cambridge United Methodist Church and graduated from United Theological Seminary in 1977. Dan was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church that same year.

Dan and Maxine served Minnesota United Methodist Churches in St. Francis/Cedar, Wyoming, Moose

Lake/Barnum, Jackson, Lake City and Staples dividing their time in retirement between their home on Sand Lake and their home in Apache Junction, Ariz.

Dan and Maxine were involved with Red Rock Camp Fellowship from the time they were teenagers. Dan was active on the camp board and many whom they knew became lifelong campers because of them.

In retirement, Dan and Maxine attended Barnum, Moose Lake and Gold Canyon United Methodist Churches. These church families all held a special places in both their hearts and he missed them all greatly during the pandemic and more so during the final days of his illness.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; parents, Theodore and Elsie; brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Earl and Marlene; brother, Rev. George; sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Gordon Negley; and brother-in-law Harold Schmidt.

Dan is survived by his children, Danni Le (Morton) Stephens of Platteville, Wisc. and Scott (Michele) Almquist of Sioux Falls, S.D., seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother, Rev. Robert (Sandra) of Barnum, Minn.; sister-in-law, Mavis Schmidt of Fairhope, Ala.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 6 at the Barnum Community Church with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Please follow COVID guidelines. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow. The service will be live-streamed on the Barnum Community United Methodist Church Facebook page. Memorials preferred to Red Rock Camp Fellowship, 1790 11th St. SE, Forest Lake, MN 55025.

Konu Family recognized as a 2021 'U of M Farm Family'

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The Konu family of Moose Lake has been named Carlton County's "2021 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

A dairy was started over 100 years ago on the Konu farm. Gerry Konu milked 25 cows after coming out of the military and has spent his whole life on the farm. Gerry's nephew, Mark, joined the dairy operation in 1980 and the family built a new parlor and free stall barn. The Konus calved year-round but tried to have most of the calves in April and May.

In 2019, the cows were sold, and the dairy operation ended. Mark now runs 600 acres of hay ground and sells hay to area livestock farms. The land produces about 1,500 round bales a year. He also works in the spring and fall for friends on their farm in New Richmond. Mark went to school for mechanics while working on his family's dairy operation.

Mark has four grown children who used to be involved on the farm when they were growing up. Amie is a nurse with three children of her own; Andrea works in hospital administration and has one child with another on the way. Maria is working on her nursing license; she has two children. Son Bobbie, the youngest, has four children and lives in Texas.

The Konus have hosted pre-med and pharmacy students from the University of Minnesota-Duluth to witness firsthand the dangers of farming. When he was milking cows, Mark served on the board of the local chapter of the MN Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The families will be officially recognized in a ceremony Thursday, Aug. 5 at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls. Profiles of the 2021 honorees and information on the recognition event can be found on the University's farm

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BIRTHS



Waylon Eric Jepsen

Waylon Eric Jepsen was born on July 12, 2021 weighing seven pounds and 10 ounces. He was born to Katelyn Jepsen. Waylon is welcomed by maternal grandparents Eric and Beth Jepsen of Barnum, Minn.

WEEKLY FORECAST

FROM CBS 3 METEOROLOGIST DAVE ANDERSON

Thursday Partly Sunny Wind: SE 5-15 mph 30% chance of rain 81/60	30% morning rain chance 85/60	Sunday Sunny Wind: NW 5-15 mph 86/58
Friday Mostly Sunny Wind: SE 5-15 mph 85/60		Monday Sunny Wind: SW 5-15 mph 86/58
Saturday Partly Sunny Wind: WNW 5-15 mph		

STAR GAZING-UPCOMING EVENTS

Star Gazing is a service to readers to publicize upcoming events and activities as space permits. Free events are given priority. If there is a charge or admission cost to the event, a paid ad is required.

July 21 at 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 415 meeting

Peterson-Westerberg Post 415 of the American Legion, will meet at the Barnum Senior Center on Wednesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Anyone interested in joining the Legion may also attend. For more information call Dan at (218) 389-6386.

July 22 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Cromwell Area Young Old Timers dance

The first YOT Senior Dance will take place at the Cromwell Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 22 from 1 to 4 p.m., with music by "Two for the Road". Air-conditioned, with water and pop available. All area folks are welcome; you don't have to be a senior citizen either. Veterans will be honored at the end of the dance.

July 25 from noon to 1 p.m.

Music and Memories Program

Music and Memories Program will be held Sunday, July 25 at St.

Mary's Center at 8115 Lake Street, Willow River, Minn. Lunch will be served at noon, the program will begin at 1 p.m. Because of COVID-19 we had to cancel last year's program. This year our Memorial List will honor everyone who passed in 2019-2020. Door prizes will be given out. Sponsored by the Willow River Community Club.

July 29 at 12:30 p.m.

BINGO at the Barnum Senior Center

BINGO will be hosted at the Barnum Senior Center on July 29 starting at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, vaccinations are preferred. Refreshments will be served.

August 10 at 7 p.m.

Fall meeting of the Moose Lake Area United States Bowling Congress

Fall meeting of the Moose Lake Area USBC is on August 10 at 7 p.m. at Gamper's. Any and all interested bowlers are encouraged to attend.

Mondays in July from 11 a.m. to Noon

Cromwell Area Yoga
Cromwell Area Yoga at the Crom-

well Pavilion, 11:00-12:00. \$3 each. Questions email Ann Markusen, markusen@umn.edu or 218-428-3300.

Tuesdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cribbage at Senior Dining in Moose Lake

Cribbage will be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays at Senior Dining in Moose Lake. Everyone who loves to play is invited to join. Bring boards and cards in case we need extra.

Wednesdays in July from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wright Senior Club

The Wright Senior Club is open on Wednesdays from 1 - 4 p.m. Cribbage on Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m.

Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Cribbage at Caribou Coffee in Moose Lake

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Celebration of Life for Duane L. Johnson



Please join us on Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 2-4pm at the Barnum Senior Center in Barnum, MN, for an open house to celebrate and honor the life of Duane L. Johnson. Duane is and will be missed by his many family and friends. We look forward to sharing an afternoon of memories of Duane. Light refreshments will be served.



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Monday, July 26: Chicken Strip Dinner, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, July 27: Salisbury Steak, Whipped Jell-O

Wednesday, July 28: Chicken Parmesan w/Spaghetti, Frosted Cake

Thurs., July 29: Special of the Day, Dessert

Friday, July 30: Bacon Cheeseburger Pasta Hotdish, Fruit

Having a Blue Ribbon day



A Millennial Mile
Alanea White

This week I was able to interview Brad Hubred, a teacher at Moose Lake Community School, about a ceremony that he is working hard to bring to Moose Lake called the Blue Ribbon Ceremony.

Talking with Brad, I realized that I could and should take more time to share with others how they positively impact my life.

During our conversation I remembered the extensive amount of training that I went through as a resident advisor on my college campus for suicide prevention. The goal of all of these trainings was to remind us that we could have the hard conversations and that sometimes asking a question could save a life.

The last year for many has been difficult, with increased social isolation, so as we are all coming back together in a way we are learning again how to be social. In my mind this is the perfect opportunity to make some changes in the way that we interact with one another.

I will be the first to admit that I personally in an introvert and would much rather interact with a paper back book than any person on the planet. After talking with Brad about the "Who I am Makes a Difference @" Blue Ribbons I hope that I can personally make some changes in how I interact with others.

Treating others with kindness is easy, remembering that we don't know what others are going through is fairly simple, but sharing how others personally impact you gets emotionally blurry and is much more difficult.

In the last few weeks I have gotten more than one note thanking me for the work that I do here at the paper. Those notes mean so much to me! I have started a dedicated area in my office to keep them handy. Much like the Blue Ribbon that Brad gave me during my honoring ceremony, sometimes having a small physical reminder that what you do, or who you are matters to others goes a long way to brighten a difficult day.

First, thank you for those who reached out to me and let me know that what I do here at the Star-Gazette has impacted them! Next, I wanted to encourage each of you to think about how people surrounding you make a difference in your life. If you feel comfortable share with them the ways that they make you feel, how they encourage you and all of the positives that they bring to your daily life.

Remember, just a few words could save a life! For more information on the Blue Ribbon Ceremony check out the story about Brad on pages one and two of this paper!

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What are cryptocurrencies and NFTs?

For many, cryptocurrency, blockchain and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) are new concepts that some may first associate with wealth, technology or digital artwork. However, while interconnected, each of these terms have a distinct purpose and role in our economy.



Talking with the U of M
Vivian Fang

Vivian Fang, an associate professor in the Carlson School of Management, is available to explain what these are, what they are for, and what could be next for cryptocurrency, blockchain and NFTs.

Q: What is blockchain technology?

Prof. Fang: A blockchain is a multi-party, data-sharing platform. In simple terms, new data can only be uploaded if the participating computers on the

network agree. Existing data can not be edited. In more technical terms, a blockchain is a distributed, append-only ledger of provably-signed, sequentially-linked and secured transactions (e.g., through encryption) that's replicated across a network of computers. Updates are determined by a software-driven consensus.

Q: What are cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and how do they work?

Prof. Fang: There are three key characteristics of cryptocurrencies:

- All cryptocurrencies are digital, meaning there is no physical form of it. There are no bills or coins or other notes.
- All cryptocurrencies are secured through cryptography. This means encryption algorithms and techniques are used to ensure that the ledger isn't tampered with.
- Most cryptocurrencies are decentralized, meaning that they use a distributed ledger technology. Typically, this is through blockchain technology.

Cryptocurrencies work similarly

to government-issued currencies that are not backed by a commodity, such as the U.S. dollar, because they can be used to buy goods and services. However, no government authority is needed to issue cryptocurrencies and no central agency is needed to clear transactions (e.g., banks and credit card companies).

NFTs are tokenized, digital work. You can think of NFTs as digital collectibles, or crypto alternatives to antiques or baseball cards. NFTs are created to authenticate ownership of creative digital work because transactions of NFTs and their ownership are recorded on blockchain (mostly Ethereum).

Q: In business, what roles do cryptocurrencies and blockchain have?

Prof. Fang: As more companies start to expand into the crypto space, customers can now use cryptocurrencies to pay for goods and services at millions of merchants where PayPal is

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Hello All,

This is an interesting time. All of the things going on in the world make us feel a bit powerless at times. One way to have a sense of control in an uncontrollable world is to get involved in your local government. It is important for us to feel a sense of cooperation as well as getting rid of that "I can't do anything" feeling that is prevalent. One way to help your local governing body is to serve on the Planning Committee for the City of Willow River. They have not had one for a few years and are going to institute one. If you are interested in helping your community with infrastructure and other planning, and how

your tax dollars will be invested, and could donate a few hours of your time, please contact the city office and let Diane know that you would like to be on the Planning Committee. This is one way that you can do something to help your community. The requirements are that you have to be a resident of the City of Willow River (live within city limits).

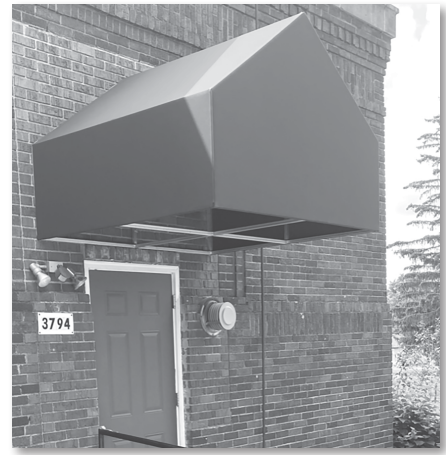
National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 3 at the Willow River City Park (behind the Presbyterian Church). There will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. The Willow River Fire Department will be there with their trucks and will be grilling hot dogs and bratwurst for the event. There will be a drawing

for a bike or two and fun things to do. More information to follow in upcoming weeks.

The Willow River Community Club is planning the Music and Memories program. It will be held Sunday, July 25 at St. Mary's Center starting at 12 noon with a luncheon and program to follow starting at 1 p.m. There will be a raffle with many great prizes, draw prizes, and great music. They will be memorializing the people with ties to our area that have passed in the last two years. Mark your calendars.

In regard to the Willow River School: The School Board meeting will be held July 20 starting at 6 p.m. The community education book club will be held July 29 starting at 6 p.m.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: The new bishop has encouraged everyone that has been staying home due to the corona virus to come back to in-person church services. The mass times and locations are available on the church websites. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 – 6 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every fourth Sunday of each month. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on July 25 at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m.



KAREN LANGNESS/ SUBMITTED

Senior Center gets new look

Recently a new awning has been installed at the Barnum Senior Center building. Generous donations from the memorial funds designated from the families of Shirley Rudebeck and Kae Goodwin helped fund this project.

KETTLE RIVER NEWS: Check out several upcoming area events

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The city of Kettle River will hold National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3 at the Kettle River Senior Center. All are invited to attend.

The next city of Kettle River city council meeting is Tuesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. at the Kettle River Senior Center. It is important for all residents of Kettle River to attend the city

council meetings. Plan to attend these meetings to see what is happening in the city.

There will be some activities in town for the Ma & Pa Kettle Days celebration on August 13 and 14. Watch for more information on these activities as the event draws closer.

FARM FAMILY: Kona family chosen

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family website, <https://z.umn.edu/farm-families-year>.

Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities," said Bev Durgan, dean of University of Minnesota Extension. "The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contributions to agriculture and their communities."

Along with Farmfest,

University units sponsoring the recognition event include University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Farmfest runs Aug. 3-5 at the Gilfillan Estate, near Redwood Falls, Minn.

WRIGHT CROMWELL NEWS: 2021 fast pitch softball season a record breaker

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Well, we did it! The 56th Wrong Days Event is now on record as being one of the best ever. The Friday night Steak Fry, Pie Social, O-G-N-I-B, Minnesota Sings, and Fireworks were very successful along with all the other activities during Saturday and Sunday at Wrong Days. Thank you, to everyone who participated, donated or helped in any way.

The Extreme Team Youth Group is doing very well and are raising lots of funds for their trip next summer to the National Youth Convention. They have a couple of problems though; they are out of space and really need a storage unit to hold everything. Also, they feel it would be beneficial to have a large van or bus. This isn't as pressing as the storage issue, but still wanted to throw it out there in case anyone has a way to help out with either of these two needs. They would hate to use any of their trip funds for either, so if you have any suggestions on how to make these needs happen, please let Liz Kabus know at 218-428-6733 or send any donations to her at WELCA Youth, 1273 Schliuter

Rd, Tamarack, MN 55787.

The first YOT Senior Dance will take place at the Cromwell Park Pavilion on Thursday, July 22 from 1 – 4 p.m., with music by "Two for the Road". Air-conditioned, with water and pop available. All area folks are welcome; you don't have to be a senior citizen either. Veterans will be honored at the end of the dances. A Pot Luck Lunch is served at 2:30 or so.

The next big community event will be the Harvest Fest in Cromwell. There will be a special Stand Still Parade, Saturday, September 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cromwell Pavilion. This year's Theme is "Remembering 9-11", (20-year anniversary). Patriotic themes are encouraged; consider creating a photo on your float. More information can be had by going to the Cromwell Area Community Club's new Website. This is also a great time to plan your Cromwell-Wright High School reunions!

The Cromwell High School Class of 1965 met at Dan Hary's home in Aurora, MN on July 13. The Class of 1961 met at Linda and Lloyd Shelton's on July 15. It's always fun to get together

with your former classmates. Susan Krogh Elin came all the way from Kentucky and then went up to the Villa to entertain the residents on the piano. Susan and her sister Mary also did the music at the Methodist Church on July 18. It was great to have them in the area. Their brother John and his friend and Gil Kinnunen were also in attendance along with several "Lutherans!" Then, Richard Collman, Arnold's brother, will be doing the worship services at the Methodist church on July 25 at 9 a.m.

With the recent death of Signe Pitkanen, 104, it is noted that she was the longest living graduate of Cromwell High School, graduating in 1934. The Pitkanen Family is donating money in her memory to the Cromwell Wright Dollars for Scholars Fund at PO Box 7, Cromwell, MN 55726. If there are others reading this who would like to contribute to this cause, please do so. The family thanks you in advance.

Vacation BIBLE School is being planned at Bethany in Cromwell on August 1st with an Ice Cream Social at 6 PM and then on August 2-4th, from 5 – 7 PM in the

evenings. Call 644-3640 to register your kids or grandkids, etc.

Bill Haapoja will be at the Villa Vista on Monday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Fully vaccinated area folks are welcome to attend.

Dick Sandness moved back to California July 16, to be near family. They found him a nice assisted living facility two miles from his daughter. Here's his address: Richard Sandness, C/O Kim Hashimoto, 2929 Petaluma Ave, Long Beach CA 90815. You can also send cards of condolence for Alice Lake to her daughter Patti Switzer at 5676 Mononen Rd, Cromwell, Mn 55726

The family of Mary Purcell, 92, is having a graveside gathering at the Wright Public Cemetery on Friday, August 6, at 11 a.m. for any area folks who would like to join them. Mary passed away on October 9, 2020. Cards of condolence can be sent to Susan Purcell, 460 5th Ave. North, Apt. 424, Hopkins, MN 55343.

Here's the latest news on the Cromwell Wright Fastpitch, 2021 Summer Season from Jana Anderson: The 10U team, coached by Jana Anderson, finished the regular season of the Arrowhead Fastpitch

League fourth out of 23 teams with a record of 10-3-1. They qualified for the gold bracket of the league tournament, falling in the first game to Superior. The 12U team, coached by Kari Olesiak, ended the regular season in fifth place out of 21 teams with a record of 11-3. They also qualified for the gold bracket of the league tournament, losing to Silver Bay. Our teams hang with, and even beat some of the best softball feeder programs in the area. Our goal in running summer fastpitch league is to build skills and interest for varsity high school softball. But along the way, we learn a lot and have a lot of fun. The girls have learned so much and come so far since the beginning of the season. Thank you to all of the parents who have stepped in to help with practices, coach bases, keep book, and sub in when the coaches couldn't make it: Jen Anderson, Brianna Odegaard, Faith Dahl, Dave Dahl, Tonya Olesiak, Heather Smith, and Lisa Switzer. Thank you to the sisters and older girls that helped out during practices: Karina Olesiak, Emelia Dahl, Jill Anderson, Emaleigh Ole-

siak and Jordan Jokinen. A special thank you to Darci Dahl, who helped coach both teams and filled in wherever she was needed. Thank you to the volunteer umpiring crew: McKinzie Korpela, Justin Olesiak, Robert Dahl, Dean Levinski, and Danny Nyberg. Thank you to Lakeview township for continuing to donate toward our community ball programs. These funds go toward league entry fees and equipment. Thank you to Keith 'Mountain' Peterson for donating the money for all the game balls and score books for the year. Thank you to all of our community baseball and softball supporters, especially Tommy Anderson (but there are many more!), who has been working to update our ball field areas. Many have donated time, materials, material, machinery, and labor. And finally, thank you to Jamie Lehti, who maintains fields and advocates for our baseball and softball programs. Congrats girls on a great season!!

That's all the news from the Edge of Wright! Please send my your news when you can, send it to jkh4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.



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Mikey's Denham Bar is undefeated in league softball after win over Bear Creek Tavern team

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CRYPTOCURRENCIES: What do they have to do with you?

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accepted after the online payment giant introduced its "Check-out with Crypto" service. Furthermore, an increasing number of companies, such as Tesla and MicroStrategy, are starting to invest directly in crypto assets. As a data sharing platform, blockchain has a much broader application in business. If used right, an enterprise blockchain can help save time, cut cost and mitigate risk.

Q: How do cryptocurrencies have value?

Prof. Fang: Whether cryptocurrencies have value is perhaps the toughest question to

answer. While I can give you some arguments about whether cryptocurrencies do or do not have value, it would only be scratching the surface of a complex system.

On one side of the argument, cryptocurrencies are of great value to libertarians and cypherpunks. They have long yearned for a currency that is free from government intervention and truly native to cyberspace. Cryptocurrencies are also of value because they can now serve as a medium of exchange, and they are anti-inflationary by nature.

However, on the other side, most cryptocurrencies have no intrinsic

value. This is because they do not generate cash flows nor do they have stable stores of value (i.e., a currency that can maintain its relative value over time without depreciating). For cryptocurrencies to move toward mainstream acceptance, a certain measure of price stability needs to be achieved.

Q: For those who aren't active investors or lack sufficient understanding of these areas, why should they pay attention to what happens?

Prof. Fang: The distributed ledger technology that bitcoin builds on is closer to everyday life than one may think.

Take Walmart, for example, who required all suppliers of its leafy greens and farm products to join its blockchain by 2019. Customers are effectively relying on the technology for food safety. Also in 2019, blockchain-as-a-skill overtook major skills such as cloud computing and artificial intelligence, and it became the number one hard skill in demand among global employers, according to LinkedIn Learning. This trend will likely continue.

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Celebrate the dog days of summer with these area pets!



Barnum Community Education installs Little Free Library

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Barnum Community Education put a community call out for a volunteer to build a Little Free Library last fall. Buzz & Vicki DeLaRosby contacted me late winter, and they got started on this project. Buzz, my husband, and I installed the library on Friday, July 9. It is located at the main entrance of the Barnum City Park.

Buzz gave me some background on the Little Free Library that is just too heartwarming not to share. This amazing Little Library has been a dream of mine for quite some time. And he built it above and beyond what I even imagined! I was absolutely delighted when he invited me over to his shop to check out the final project. His comment, "pictures

didn't give it justice."

Buzz used materials he had on hand and it evolved from there. The base was a nice finished piece of ¾" plywood that was a storage shelf in his chemistry classroom at the old Two Harbors High School that was torn down about 12 years ago. It was just the right size, so he built it based on that, which is why it got so wide and deep! Then, he had recent leftovers from a shelving project from his son's new home in Bayport were just perfect for the sides of the three shelf design, so it ended a little higher than planned! The library roof came from a home gym project in Woodbury, and the back of the boards were from a failed raised garden bed project with the origin of Sturgeon Lake. He had scraps from everywhere!

Buzz told me he struggled to find a door, and that issue was resolved

when he found an old wooden window leaning against his neighbor's mailbox! It had been there a couple weeks as they were trying to get rid of it. He added the hardware from his own personal cabinet junk, and a little putty and paint as his Uncle Don would say, "Make things that ain't."

The library shelves were cut from an old oak table top that he picked up in Kenosha, WI when he visited his daughter a few years ago. Then we reached out the Bobby Minkinen about some extra shingles his dad had from a leftover job, and the roof was complete. All Buzz had to purchase was some trim boards and a post to mount it on!

His wife Vicki provided the personalized, hand-painted art work to make his pale, blue box with a door into a whimsical little sidewalk library! To finish it off,

Jill Bailey, with a small business Little Piece Kreaions, made us an awesome Barnum Community Education logo w/ our phone number in case there are any issues with the Library.

A HUGE thank to you Buzz & Vicki DeLaRosby, Jill Bailey, my husband (who always gets roped into my master plans), Mayor Jason Goodwin & the Barnum City Council for supporting this great addition to Barnum!

While I am not taking book donations due to lack of storage, I just ask that you take a few books and leave a few books! I will be using our AGE to age Reading through the Ages grant monies to purchase newer release books to circulate through the library. My goal is to put one at the elementary and one at the high school main entrances as well. If you are interested in building one for me, please contact me at 218-389-0108.



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The Little Free Library installed by Barnum Community Education features art work by Vicki DeLaRosby. Buzz and Vicki DeLaRosby are shown above with the completed library.

REACH: Helping area youth reintegrate into the community

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using substances. In turn, this will help to develop the skills and attitude they need to develop healthy identities, manage and regulate emotions, be able to feel and show empathy towards others along with other real life skills.

AmeriCorps members have been added to the REACH family this summer through a partnership with Carlton County Collaborative and the Minnesota Alliance with Youth. Koski said the members perform a three month service of 30-35 hours a week. Many students struggled during distance learning and the summer school offers them the opportunity to make up the lost credits and stay on course in school.

Moose Lake resident, Meadow Pruette, is an AmeriCorps member and former REACH member. Pruette said she was

involved with the Students Offering Support program for several years and enjoyed it. She heard about AmeriCorps through REACH and knew it would be a good fit for her.

"We help area youth get reintegrated into communities," Pruette said. She picks up students who need a ride to summer school for credit recovery, helps them with their homework if needed and brings them back home after school. She said there are openings for more students.

The students are still involved in clubs and activities such as a dog training program, Students Offering Support, coffee chats, cooking clubs and the popular style club. Past activities include white water rafting, hockey games, movies, skiing, sleigh rides and a suite at a Minnesota Twins game.

"It's a really good time," Pruette said. "You



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Above one of the students at REACH in Barnum is enjoying what they cooked during life skills class.

make so many memories and it really gives you a sense of community."

REACH recently purchased an SUV to help transport youth to and from activities, Koski said. REACH is open to students 10-21 years old

and either living in Carlton County or attending Carlton County schools. All clubs and activities are free for participants.

Check the REACH website or Facebook page for more information or call 218-499-4293.

MOOSE LAKE: City improvements continue

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the city, Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. There is the possibility that the material cost could go down, but for planning purposes, using the present costs was recommended.

CITY WATER UPDATE

The middle stages of the second lining project in Moose Lake are underway. This part of the project involves physically lining the pipes. Completion of this project is estimated to be mid-August.

The water tower painting is set to begin this week. The final color and design were selected and the project will move forward beginning July 19.

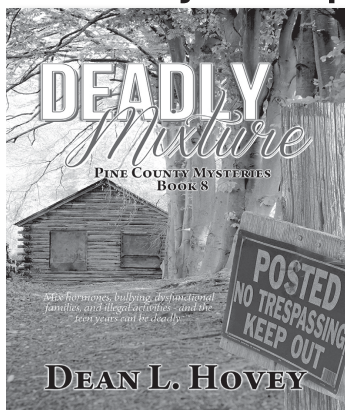
The new well house project is nearing the very end stages. Well capping was discussed by the council. The

oldest wells are being temporarily capped to ensure complete full operation on the new wells.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Earl Ellens Drive near the Riverside Arena and the Moose Lake Depot and Fires of 1918 parking lot have seen an increase in dangerous ATV traffic. During one weekend a reported 37 stops were made by Moose Lake Police Department. Concerns about excessive speed and reckless driving were brought to the council. Increasing education about ATV safety, appropriate routes and trails will continue in a large-scale effort between the Moose Lake Police Department, ATV clubs, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and many other concerned parties.

Hovey stirs up new Pine County mystery with 'Deadly Mixture'



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Dean Hovey has published his eighth Pine County mystery. Titled, "Deadly Mixture," this one has familiar characters in law enforcement attempting to unravel a mystery involving teenage drug use and a missing girl.

Hovey said the plot of his story had a number of inspirations, including suggestions from

readers and discussions with rural law enforcement officers sharing their frustrations with drugs, dysfunctional families, and bullying.

"Several law enforcement consultants were unusually candid when discussing aspects of this plot," Hovey said. "Their raw emotion found its way into several scenes, making them unsettling for me but lending reality and intensity. Their stories made me appreciate how difficult rural law enforcement is, and the extreme situations they face, often without backup. There are scenes I can't read without tears in my eyes."

The heaviness of the subject matter made writing "Deadly Mixture" an emotionally draining experience for Hovey.

"Having started it several times, I found myself so caught up in the plot that I literally walked away from the manuscript at least twice, lacking the emotional energy complete it," he explained. "Two consultants read drafts and encouraged me to continue writing."

But he found many aspects of researching his story invigorating.

"Deadly Mixture" had me searching for clinical information on the internet, driv-

ing the back roads of eastern Pine County, and dusting off my chemistry and toxicology knowledge," he said. "I've seldom admitted it, but sometimes it's fun to let my inner nerd loose. I hope the readers enjoy the technical details I've salted into the plot."

Many readers have found much to relate to over the course of the series in the slowly developing autumn romance between Sergeant Floyd Swenson and Mary Jungers. In this book, that plot line takes a serious turn when Mary faces a medical scare.

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Managing Japanese beetle feeding

BY MARISSA SCHUH

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION

The Pine County Master Gardeners have been dealing with Japanese beetles in Rock Creek, Pine City and Hinckley. Here is an informative article from Marissa Schuh, UMN Extension Educator covering management options for living with and dealing with Japanese Beetles.

Starting in June, Japanese beetles have made an unwelcome return to Minnesota gardens. These gleaming copper and green beetles have been in Minnesota for decades but became a more prominent invasive pest in some parts of the state in 2011 and in recent years in Pine County.

This year's batch of adult beetles started to show up a few weeks ago. Populations will continue rising through July and taper off by mid-August.

FEEDING IS A NUISANCE, BUT NOT DEADLY

A key thing to remember about adult Japanese beetles is that while feeding is an eyesore, it typically does not cause long-term damage to plants.

Mature shrubs and trees, if healthy, can tolerate a lot of damage without long-term consequences. While beetles may feed on rose flowers, if the plant is healthy, the plant will make it through the feeding.

If beetles are feeding on plants you prune in mid to late-summer, think of the beetles as doing the pruning for you!

Note that this is true for healthy plants. Drought-



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Japanese beetles aggregating on this flower look gross but are unlikely to meaningfully harm the plant. Feeding by one Japanese beetle attracts more Japanese beetles. The Japanese beetle population typically peaks in late July.

stressed plants in your yard and garden may require more Japanese beetle control efforts than in the past.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT JAPANESE BEETLES?

The lowest-input method? Learn to live with them.

Want an all-natural, hands-off, pesticide-free way to manage Japanese beetles? Manage your own expectations and learn to live with them.

The plants in our garden are part of the natural world, and as such, are going to be fed on. While the Japanese beetle isn't a native insect, it is in Minnesota and here to stay.

Japanese beetles have been established in other parts of the Great Lakes region for decades, and people still have green lawns, productive vegetables, and beautiful flowers.

Beetle populations fluctuate

from year to year, driven by how successful the grubs are at finding turf to feed on. This is harder for them in years when July and August are dry.

There are parasitoid wasps and flies that lay eggs inside Japanese beetles that have been reported anecdotally in Minnesota. But studies in other states have shown that the establishment of these beneficial insects is highly variable, so it may be a long time before they make a dent in Minnesota beetle populations.

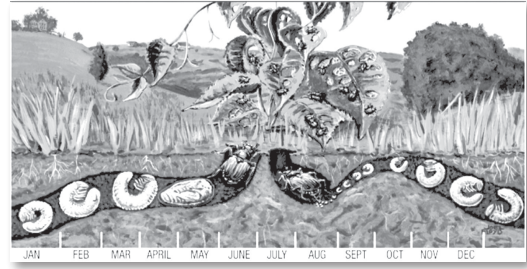
In most situations, plants can power through the largely cosmetic Japanese beetle feeding. Changing your garden expectations will save you money, time and stress.

Want to actively manage them? Start yesterday (though now is also good).

Ideally, start removing adults as soon as they appear. This is because damaged leaves let off scent signals that Japanese beetles are able to detect, attracting more beetles to the damaged plants and surrounding plants.

The earlier you start working on getting beetle numbers and feeding down, the easier the rest of your summer will be.

Want to manage beetles "organically?" Roll up your sleeves. Physically removing beetles is highly effective and the most practical option in many gardens. While walking through the garden (especially in the morning or evening), pluck beetles of plants as you see them. A bucket of soapy water can be a good companion on these walks, as beetles can be flicked into them.



JOEL FLOYD

The Japanese beetle life cycle.

Busy? Let the neighborhood kids skip the lemonade stand and pay them a nickel per beetle they pick.

There can be a temptation to try to let a trap do the physical removal for you, but in general, traps tend to do more harm than good. In research studies, traps have been found to bring more beetles to an area. While some beetles end up in the trap, many end up outside of it — mating, feeding and laying eggs.

Research traps in Minnesota meant to monitor Japanese beetle populations have caught more than 5,000 beetles a day. If that is how many ended up in the trap, imagine how many of these clumsy beetles ended up nearby.

Thinking about spraying? Think hard before using insecticide. Check to make sure a pesticide is safe for pollinators and bees.

It may seem like the hardest part of picking out a pesticide is selecting something from a wall of products at the hardware store. However, the real

challenge in using pesticides is choosing the right product and applying it according to label directions.

It may be annoying to peel open the little booklet affixed to a spray bottle, but it is not optional — it is the law.

The label of a pesticide is going to tell you how to keep yourself, your family, and your plants safe while using the product, as well as how to use the product in an effective way.

While mixing up something from your pantry means there isn't a label to read, that doesn't mean what you make will be safe or effective. Homemade remedies may not kill adult beetles and can potentially hurt plants and non-target insects.

For more information on Japanese beetle control, including insecticide options, see Japanese beetles in yards and gardens at this website: <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-insects/japanese-beetles#using-pesticides-1591112>

Reviewed by Shane Bugeja, Extension educator.

'DEADLY MIXTURE': Latest book in a series of Pine County mysteries

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"Floyd and Mary's medical situation was the hardest part to write," Hovey said. "After 20 years together, Floyd has become an old friend. Watching him be emotionally torn by this plot was painful."

Hovey said that some pieces of that story were inspired by people in his own life.

"I recently lost a cousin to ALS," he said. "In the last months of his life, we met at his house for coffee every Tuesday morning to review drafts, discuss his corrections, and brainstorm upcoming books. Under the guise of reviewing his notes on the manuscripts, I gave him a job and provided a focal point for him other than his declining health."

He said their regularly scheduled meeting drove him to write quickly so that he would have new material for his cousin to work on.

"'Deadly Mixture' was one of the last manuscripts he 'proofed' for me before his death in March," Hovey said. "Some of our pain, his and mine, found it's way into the Floyd/Mary

plot."

Hovey said that though the pandemic year was hard on everyone, sitting down to his keyboard to visit his semi-fictional Pine County made the going easier.

"I found solace in my characters and stories," he said. "Each morning I made a cup of coffee, turned on the computer, and sat in my favorite chair. My mind drifted to the story locales and the characters spoke to me. I envisioned some version of the hunting shack on the book cover, then listened to Floyd, Pam, and C.J., recording their thoughts as they spoke to me."

"From an author's standpoint, the COVID seclusion freed me from the outside world, allowing me to focus on writing in a way that's often hard to achieve. Other authors escape to their writing spot, be it a man-cave or a she-shed, when they need their quiet space. I've been blessed with that quiet isolation this past year."

In addition to "Deadly Mixture," Hovey has four other mysteries being released this year.

"I've also visited a

buccaneer days festival in Two Harbors ('Whistling Pirates'), searched the St. Croix for a missing honeymoon couple ('Down River'), and investigated an apparent alien abduction in Effigy Mounds National Monument ('Burnt Evidence')," he said.

And Hovey said there is a ninth Pine County mystery in the works with the working title, "Blood Trail." As he writes:

"A hunter fails to return to deer camp after opening day. A late night search by his hunting party turns up no clues, so the Pine County Sheriff's Department is called in to assist with the search. In daylight, they find a bloody trail that starts near the missing hunter's deer stand, leading them to..."

And, like that, Hovey leaves his readers wanting more.

"Deadly Mixture" can be found on Amazon.com, where readers can order a paper copy or in all of the e-Book formats. Hovey currently has an upcoming library event scheduled for North Branch on Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m., and he hopes to add more.

DNR and partners are implementing next drought response steps

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

With 52 percent of Minnesota now experiencing severe drought and 4 percent in extreme drought, the state has entered the drought warning phase. With this designation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and others are taking additional steps.

The warning phase for drought occurs when a significant portion of the state passes thresholds for severe drought conditions at major watersheds. We have reached this threshold.

Actions that are triggered in a drought warning include:

Convening the State Drought Task Force, a panel of state, federal, regional and local experts with water-related responsibilities. The Task Force was last convened in 2012.

Notifying water appropriators with DNR permits that they should follow water conservation measures.

Notifying public water suppliers that it is time to implement their water-use reduction actions. Residents

and landowners should watch for communications from their municipal or public water supplier for details.

Temporarily suspending or modifying some water appropriations in response to low stream flow conditions as necessary. As of July 15, the DNR has suspended water appropriations in 10 watersheds.

Under current conditions, it will take at least three to five inches of precipitation spread over a period of about two weeks to significantly alleviate the drought. Soils are more efficiently replenished by multiple rainfall events than by any single heavy rainfall event.

"DNR is taking the drought seriously. We have a robust plan in place, strong partnerships across the state, and continue to take actions to respond to the current situation," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We understand that people are seeing the impacts of the drought in their daily lives and have concerns about water levels and availability. While occasional water level fluctuations are natural,

normal and beneficial to ecosystems, they can negatively affect tourism and recreation, agriculture, businesses and other activities that are dependent on water. Times of drought remind us all about the importance of water conservation."

"One area in which drought can be very apparent to Minnesotans is the fluctuation of water levels in lakes, rivers and streams," said Katie Smith, director of DNR's Ecological and Water Resources division. "What people may not realize is that DNR and other government agencies only manage a relatively small number of lakes and rivers with water control structures, and these operate under specific management plans. So the vast majority of Minnesota's waters are subject to natural fluctuations."

Lakes, streams, and rivers are dependent on the amount of precipitation an area receives, how much of that moisture is contributed by runoff, how much water is recharged or discharged through groundwater, and how much water evaporates.

Public Open House for the Carlton County Barnum Shop Facility
An Open House will be held for the public on Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to view the Carlton County Barnum Shop Facility located at 3888 County Road 61, Barnum, MN.
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the Carlton County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 4th day of August, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carlton County Transportation Building at 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, MN for the purpose of considering the Conditional/Interim Use Permits listed below:
Conditional/Interim Use #421002 Jeffrey Glover
Lot 14, 15 and 16, Block 2 of Atkinson Plat in Section 25, Township 48 North, Range 18 West in Atkinson Township. The property address is 2292 Smith Road (PIN 33-030-0440, 0460 and 0480).
Nature of Request:
Allow a residential use of a property without an associated business in a C-2, Highway Commercial Zoning District.
Conditional/Interim Use #421003 Tillman Infrastructure, LLC (Jay Hauer)
North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 in Section 35, Township 48 North, Range 16 West in Silver Brook Township. The property address is XXXX Garthaus Road (PIN 69-020-3100).
Nature of Request:
Install a communications tower facility in an A-2, Agriculture/Rural Residential Zoning District. The tower will service the federal FirstNet program as well as enhance service in the area.

BY THE ORDER OF THE CARLTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.
(s/ Jack Ezell)
Planning Commission Chair
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CARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED SESSION HELD ON JUNE 28, 2021
The proceedings, in their entirety, are on file and open for public inspection during regular working hours in the Auditor's Office and are also posted on the Carlton County website at: co.carlton.mn.us
Present: Bodie, Brenner, Peterson, Proulx and Thell. Absent: None.
Bodie by Brenner all year, to approve the Agenda as amended.
Thell by Peterson all year, to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021, Regular meeting.

Brenner by Bodie all year, to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021, Board of Review and Board of Appeal and Equalization.
Bodie by Peterson all year, to refill the part time ZES Clerk and increasing the FTE to 65.

Brenner by Thell all year, to refill the Transfer Station Operator position.
Brenner by Thell all year, to approve the County Auditor to sell to Mahtowa Township Tax Forfeited parcel 60-180-0100 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01 Subdivision 1a(12).

Thell by Brenner all year votes to accept completed project and authorize the County Engineer to make final payment to Veit & Company, Inc.
Brenner by Peterson all year, to approve bid for Clouet Carlton County Airport for Multi-Use Hangar EDA Award Number SP 06-79-06176, and MnDOT Aeronautics SP 0902-63 to Maertens-Brenny Construction.
Brenner by Peterson all year, to accept State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1047664, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition," for State Project No. A0902-63 at the Clouet - Carlton County Airport.
Brenner by Bodie all year, votes to accept State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1047572, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition," for State Project No. A0902-66 at the Clouet - Carlton County Airport.

Thell by Brenner all year, votes to accept bid for SAP 009-591-005/SP 0908-26 for Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Multi-Use Trail & ADA Improvements along TH 73 & CSAH 10 from the Moose Lake Community School to the intersection of TH 73 & CSAH 61 to Ulland Brothers, Inc.
Brenner by Bodie all year, votes to accept bid for SAP 009-591-005/SP 0908-26 for Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Multi-Use Trail & ADA Improvements along TH 73 & CSAH 10 from the Moose Lake Community School to the intersection of TH 73 & CSAH 61 to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Brenner by Bodie all year, votes to accept bid for Research Design Solutions LLC (RDS) for contract to complete a super summary of the jail/juvenile center studies.
Brenner by Thell all year, to approve the County Jail, County Initiatives, and County Economic Development Departments to apply for Federal Bureau of Justice (BJA) FY 2021 Child-Friendly Family Visiting Spaces in Jails and Prisons Programs for \$350,000.
Brenner by Bodie all year, to approve repurchase application for the repurchase of tax forfeited property 06-230-2300.
Bodie by Thell all year, to set a closed session to discuss pending Tax Court Litigation.
Brenner by Bodie all year, to accept the expenditure listing for May 2021.
Peterson by Thell all year, to approve renewal of the community investment award for the Jump Start 4 Kindergarten grant from

the United Way.
Information on potential nominations for the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program was discussed.

Brenner by Bodie all year, to set a closed session to discuss labor negotiations.
Brenner by Bodie all year, to approve acceptance of aid distributions from the American Rescue Plan Act and its intent to spend those aid distribution on programs to address county and community needs in a manner consistent with the federal and state guidance and regulations.

Brenner by Peterson all year, to approve refilling the HR Manager position in the County Coordinator department.
Bodie by Brenner all year, to adjourn to a closed session for discussion on pending Tax Court litigation and labor negotiation issues.

Bodie by Thell all year, to close the closed session and return to the adjourned meeting.
Bodie by Brenner all year, except Peterson who voted nay, to authorize ratification of the 2021 labor contract with the Carlton County Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local No. 374 (LELS Supervisor's) unit.
Brenner by Bodie all year, this meeting be adjourned.
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARLTON
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 09-PR-21-30
SUMMONS**

IN RE THE CHILDREN OF:
Clarissa Yvonne Bobrowski, DOB 7/12/1992, and
James Gregory Misquadea, DOB 6/17/1993
TO: Clarissa Yvonne Bobrowski and James Gregory Misquadea, Sr.
A Child in Need of Protective Services Petition was filed with the Court on April 14, 2021, alleging Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Other Services. The Court has set August 10, 2021 at 9:15 a.m., as the date and time, at the Courthouse in Carlton, Minnesota, as the place, for a hearing to be held in the above-entitled matter.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to appear before this Court on that date at said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the hearing will be held for the purpose of determining whether the child(ren) is/are in need of protection or services in accordance with Minnesota Law.
Failure to appear may result in a finding of contempt or the Court's order to appear or the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of that person summoned or both.
Failure to appear may also result in the Court conducting the hearing in your absence and the hearing may result in an order granting the relief requested in the petition including an order to terminate your

parental rights to the child(ren) or an order transferring legal and physical rights of your child(ren) to another adult.

If the Court finds that grounds exist for the petitions, the Court could determine that the child(ren) is/are in need of protection or services and then order any services or other conditions deemed necessary to correct the conditions that lead to the child(ren) protection finding.

These services and conditions could include but are not limited to foster care, transfer of custody or termination of parental rights.

In connection with these proceedings, you have the following rights: 1) To be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you are entitled to have a lawyer appointed for you at county expense. 2) To introduce evidence at the hearing. 3) To cross examine witnesses testifying against the child(ren). 4) To inspect any report filed with the Court, and if it is admitted in evidence, to cross examine the preparer of such report. 5) To obtain a transcript of the proceedings, if you request that they be recorded. 6) To appeal decisions of the juvenile court. 7) To have subpoenas issued by the court on your behalf requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses. The child(ren) has/have the same rights in connection with the proceedings that you do except that a lawyer will automatically be appointed by the court to represent the child(ren), without regard to whether the child(ren) and parents can afford to retain a lawyer.

If you desire to retain a lawyer, you must do so immediately, so you will be ready at the hearing. If you desire to be represented by a lawyer, but cannot afford the cost, you must immediately notify the court that you want an appointed lawyer.
DATE: June 28, 2021
s/ Janine Morrison
Deputy Court Administrator
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**MOOSE LAKE SCHOOL BOARD
Special Meeting
July 12, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the Moose Lake School Board was called to order by Steven Blondo at 4:00 p.m. Board members present: Steven Blondo, Kim Bohnsack, Lisa Anderson-Reed, Julie Peterson, and Jerry Pederson. Absent: Ben Anderson.
Motion by Blondo, second by Anderson-Reed to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Peterson, second

by Bohnsack to approve a five-year (9/1/21-8/31/26) service contract for the chillers with Jamar. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Blondo, second by Pederson to designate Billie Jo Steen as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to the State of Minnesota Education secured website for Moose Lake School for the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pederson, second by Blondo to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. Steven Blondo, Chairperson Lisa Anderson-Reed, Clerk (Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on July 22, 2021)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARLTON
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 09-PR-21-1147**

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTERESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of Roger Steven Bunkholt a/k/a Roger S. Bunkholt, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 12, 2021 at 8:40 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 301 Walnut Avenue, Carlton, Minnesota 55718, if appropriate, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Personal Representative Jesse S. Bunkholt whose address is 1600 Traymore Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised admin-

istration. If you have an objection to this case, please contact Court Administration at (218) 221-7560 option #8 for further instruction as these hearings are currently held remotely due to the pandemic.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the co-personal representatives or the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: July 6, 2021
s/ Rebekka Stumme
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Court Administrator
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Craig and Kelly Ruhland would like you to join us for a *Celebration of Life* for our dad.



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How it will work: We'll have a lectern with a microphone set up on stage. People who want to share will queue up for a turn.
Not into public speaking? You can email Craig your thoughts and he'll read them on your behalf
 (craig@craigruhland.com).
Date: Saturday, August 7th
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Moose Lake Schools Auditorium



Agate Days and Arts in the Park return to Moose Lake after year apart due to COVID-19

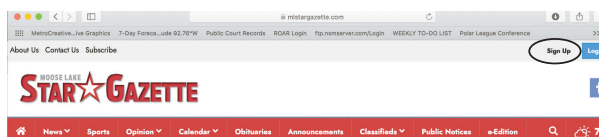
The 52nd annual Agate Days brought rock, gem and mineral lovers from all over to Riverside Arena in Moose Lake. Cooler temperatures than the Fourth of July celebration greeted crowds as they celebrated being able to join together for the first time in a year after COVID-19 canceled Agate Days 2020. A few changes were necessary to protect visitors and volunteers, the most notable was the cancellation of the Clark-Olsen agate stampede. A smaller version of the stampede was set up for children with a free kids dig for those eight and under. Arts in the Park was also a busy day for vendors and visitors to Moose Lake City Park where food, fun, music and art were enjoyed by all who attended.

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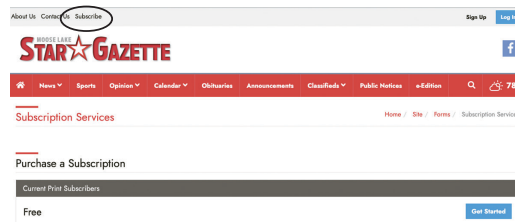


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