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Trail changes arrive for Soo Line Pit All Terrain Vehicle traffic

In a letter to Carlton County All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) clubs, Greg Bernu, Carlton County Land Commissioner, asked that riders be made aware of changes to the trails at the Soo Line Pits. Shown on the map above, trails in green are now the only allowed riding trails in that area. Blue trails are trails that have been permanently closed. Details in red are concrete barriers. Bernu in his letter urged ATV riders to make sure that they are following the new routes. He requested that riders be reminded that "...the PRIVILEGE to ride the Soo Line Pits and the Soo Line Trail is completely dependent on ALL riders respecting the neighbors, the land and the Laws."

Sturgeon Lake searching for missing million gallons of water

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An estimated million gallons of water has gone missing from the water system in Sturgeon Lake according to seasonally required paperwork filed with the state of Minnesota.

In a report from Paul Christensen of People Services, Inc. the missing water has not been located through listening to hydrants, has not turned up in the sewer system and is not apparent in an above ground location. Minnesota Rural Water will be in the city to try and determine the location of a suspected below ground leak that has resulted in the missing water.

Christensen recommended that the city create a system of reading water meters to recognize and catch these types of leaks in the future. At present the city does not read water meters. An inventory of which buildings in town have meters was proposed by the council. After an inventory is created

a system of scheduled meter readings to monitor for large scale usage and loss will be developed by the city.

A brief discussion of other areas that have a fee for buildings within water and sewer districts was held. Christensen responded to a question from Mayor Todd Danelski about other cities or towns of a similar size having these fees in place. The city of Garrison is one serviced by People Services and has a flat fee for being within the sewer district. The lines and ability for properties to hook up to these services is there, so a fee is charged for this additional benefit to the property according to Christensen.

ZONING

On Tuesday, March 23 the council held a working meeting to discuss the zoning map being created by Tim Corby for the city of Sturgeon Lake. This meeting was in person for the council and city staff with nine individuals allowed in person at city hall

according to social distancing guidelines. This meeting was held after the newspaper deadline for the March 25 edition of the Star-Gazette, more information about the meeting will be available in the April 1 edition of the paper.

No motions can be made at this Tuesday meeting to comply with Open Meeting Laws. The public and those wishing to attend beyond the nine allowed with social distancing will be able to call into the meeting via Webex. There was a discussion of having a laptop present to allow for video streaming of the work session for the public as well.

City Clerk Loralea Beede-Slocum asked for clarification from the council on the services and cost for the map being produced by Corby. The council decided that Beede-Slocum could contact Corby for a detailed invoice of his work thus far including costs.

The city attorney will be

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Raising rabbits right



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Happy house rabbits Rose and Mrs. E. take a nap break from play time.

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that promotes the welfare of animals, specifically rabbits, warns against gifting rabbits or adopting them without being properly prepared. Rabbits have a surprisingly complicated set of care requirements.

Why rabbits at Easter?

Rabbits are closely associated with Easter for a few reasons. The first is their reputation for being prolific procreators, and their ancient

Every year just after Easter shelters and adoption centers face a flood of abandoned "Easter bunnies", chicks, and baby ducks that were purchased as gifts during the season.

Unless the recipient is ready for a ten-year commitment a rabbit is not an ideal gift. The House Rabbit Society, a international non-profit

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CARLTON COUNTY COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases: 3,078
 New cases last week: 46
 Positive cases incarcerated at MSOP in Moose Lake: 91
 Barnum cases: 222
 Moose Lake Cases: 417
 Deaths: 50
 People with at least one vaccine dose: 12,796
 People who have completed the vaccine series: 8,037

Register to receive a vaccine through <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>
 Contact the Carlton County COVID-19 Hotline at (218) 499-6312.

Statistics provided by Carlton County Public Health and Minnesota Public Health. Updated March 18.

PINE COUNTY COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases: 2,918
 New cases last week: 54
 Positive cases incarcerated at Willow River: 77
 Positive cases incarcerated at FCI Sandstone: 751
 Patients who had to be hospitalized: 148
 Age range of patients: 0-98 years old
 Deaths: 20
 People with at least one vaccine dose: 6,623
 Percentage of residents vaccinated: 22.7%

Register to receive a vaccine through <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>
 Contact the Pine County COVID-19 Hotline at 320-591-1690 or public.health@co.pine.mn.us

Statistics provided by Pine County Public Health and Minnesota Public Health. Updated March 22.



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Parked squad struck by driver on I-35

On March 17 on I-35 near Rock Creek a Pine County Sheriff's Office squad vehicle was struck from behind by another motorist while at an accident scene. According to the Pine County Sheriff's Office, the deputy was out of the squad at the time and suffered no injuries, and the driver of the other vehicle was not seriously hurt. The sheriff's office urges all drivers to remember to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.

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STURGEON LAKE: Zoning map work continues

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reviewing the Zoning Codes included with the League of Minnesota Cities Zoning Code which Sturgeon Lake is considering adopting. These codes were created in connection with the League of Minnesota Cities Basic Code which the council has already adopted. Review by the

attorney was approved by the council to determine how properties that are presently in contradiction to the zoning codes within city limits at the time of adoption can be addressed by the council.

OTHER NEWS

Pizza Pub in Sturgeon Lake has a tentative opening date of April 1 according to owners

Crystal Davis and Dan Walker. The council approved a liquor license for the business.

Once the spring thaw is complete road grading will take place. The council discussed the merits of sending out grading equipment, but determined that with the frost level still high that they would need to wait. The city can collec-

tion bins were emptied and will be returned to the collection site soon. If this service is taken advantage of as a garbage dump site the council determined that it would be discontinued. New signage is being created to remind residents what donations are accepted at this site.

Historical Reflections



This week's history photo:
 Do you know what is happening in this photo?

Answer to the history photo from the previous edition:
 In March of 1955 Larry Switzer's auto was hit by the Saturday 11:40 a.m. N.P. passenger train. Due to slipper conditions he was unable to stop and skidded in front of the train. Star-Gazette photo

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Chance of grass fires heats up with start of spring

BY MIKE GAINOR
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After Pine, Carlton and St. Louis counties were issued a Red Flag Warning for extreme fire risk by the National Weather Service, on March 20, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has issued new spring burning restrictions for the state.

The fire risk for Pine County is currently listed as moderate, meaning fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate. The fire risk for Carlton County is currently listed as low.

Springtime burning permits are currently required in Pine and Carlton counties, as they are

across the state. Without snow on the ground, vegetation dries much faster, which increases the chance of grass fires and wildfires.

Campfires, if smaller than three feet in diameter and three feet in height, will continue to be allowed. Permits are not required for this type of fire if it is monitored until the coals are dead out.

The restrictions are weather dependent, but normally last from four to six weeks until summer green-up.

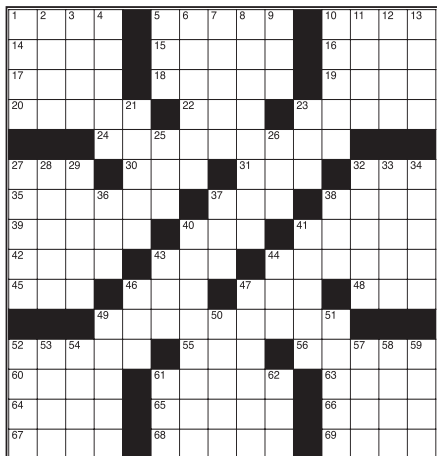
"Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of wildfires. That's why we issue these restrictions," said Casey McCoy, DNR fire prevention supervisor. "They really work—we've reduced wildfires

by nearly a third since we started spring burning restrictions."

McCoy encourages residents to use alternatives to burning, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. For information on how to compost yard debris, visit the DNR's guide to composting yard debris.

People who burn debris will be held financially responsible if their fire escapes and burns other property.

For information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the DNR website: mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions.



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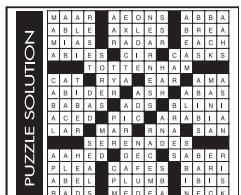
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- Having the means to do something
- Rods or spindles
- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Missing soldiers
- Measuring instrument
- All of the components considered individually
- Play " __ Irish Rose"
- Gene
- Barrels
- London-based soccer team
- Feline
- Breed of sheep
- Body part
- Doctors' group
- One who follows the

- rules
- Cigarette residue
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Polish yeast cakes
- Promotional materials
- Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- Completed perfectly
- Photo
- A peninsula in SW Asia
- The common gibbon
- Disfigure
- Ribonucleic acid
- Japanese honorific
- Pieces of music
- Expressed pleasure
- Having ten
- Type of sword
- Humble request for help
- Eating houses
- Italian Seaport

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- U. of Miami's mascot
- Political outsiders
- Greek sorceress
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- Jewish calendar month
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- Establish again
- Swiss river
- Racetrack wager
- __ but goodie
- Closeness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- At right angles to a ship's length
- Women's undergarments
- Mountain stream
- Expresses pleasure
- Painful places on the

- body
- Automobile
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Expresses surprise
- Secret political clique
- Yields manila hemp
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- Mental illness
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- Father
- General's assistant (abbr.)
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- Type of student
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- cluster
- Closes tightly
- Saudi Arabian desert
- Famed vaccine developer
- Multi-function radar (abbr.)
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- Pay attention to
- Beloved big screen pig
- __ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Cost per mille
- Helps little firms



Weekly Forecast

From CBS 3 Meteorologist Dave Anderson

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy Wind: E 5-10 mph 37 25	Partly sunny Wind: E 5-10 mph 40 24	Partly sunny Wind: SSE 5-15 mph 40% chance mixed rain & snow 47	Mostly cloudy Wind: NW 5-15 mph 43 27	Mostly sunny Wind: S 10-20 mph 48 25

OBITUARIES

Grace Holm



On March 15, 2021, Grace Margaret (Laughlin) Holm, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the age of 82.

Grace was born on August 9, 1938, in the city of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul with a major in psychology and a minor in biology. After college she worked as a Systems Engineer for the IBM Corporation. There she met her future husband, David Holm, who her friends called her "little trainee." They were married on October 16, 1965, and lived in St. Paul and Bloomington before moving to Moose Lake in 1971. David and Grace opened Key Computer Services and provided computer support at the local, county, and state level. When their children were young, they were active members of Hope

Lutheran Church.

Grace loved being a mother to her daughters and her eight foster children. An avid reader, Grace also enjoyed card games, board games, and jigsaw puzzles. She volunteered at the Science Museum of Minnesota and at the University of Minnesota Raptor Center. She and her husband made many RV trips to Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. Grace was very active, regularly walking and exercising at the local fitness center. For the last two months of her life, Grace was very well cared for by the staff of Augustana Care Center in Moose Lake and Ecumen Hospice.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents and two older sisters. She is survived by her devoted husband of 56 years, David; her children, Margaret (Jeff Malm) Furleigh, Mary (David Lund) Holm-Lund, and Annie (Randy) Muske; and her granddaughters Katherine Furleigh, Gabrielle Furleigh, and Claire Lund. The family had a private celebration of life at Kosloski Funeral Home in Moose Lake on March 15, 2021. Grace will be inurned at Fort Snelling National Cemetery where she will await her Air Force veteran husband. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Disabled American Veterans (dav.org), the Salvation Army (salvationarmyusa.org), the Moose Lake Public Library (313 Elm Avenue, Moose Lake, MN 55767), or the Moose Lake Area Food Shelf (PO Box 128, Moose Lake, MN 55767).

Cecelia Coil

Cecelia Marie Coil (Keyport), 91, of Moose Lake, passed away in Oakview Assisted Living, Moose Lake, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Cecelia was born on March 27, 1929 in Little Canada, Minn.



to Edward and Cecelia (Vogele) Keyport. She was united in marriage to Vernon L. Coil on April 24, 1948 in Kerrick, Minn.

Through the years, Cel enjoyed work at many places including the Lewis Shoe Store, Ben Franklin, Moose Lake Coop store, Holiday Village, and Mercy Nursing Home. She was a devoted member of Holy Angels Catholic Church.

Above all else, the most important thing to her was family.

Cel was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernon Coil; two sons, Terry and Tom Coil; daughter-in-law, Marlene Hufford; four brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by her children, Duane (Lisa) Coil, Maureen (Jim) Gassert, Tim (Karen) Coil, and Kevin (Majella) Coil; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brother, Robert (Mary) Keyport; sisters-in-law, Vi Keyport and Shirley Keyport; and many nieces and nephews.

A public visitation will be held on Friday, March 19, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall of Holy Angels Catholic Church. Praying of the rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m. A private family memorial mass will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 in Holy Angels Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Kerrick.

Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home

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Steven Skog

Steven Allen Skog, 31, of Sturgeon Lake, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 15, 2021 in Essentia Health - St. Mary's Medical Center, Superior, Wisc. Steven was born on May 7, 1989 in Duluth, the son of Jared and Amy Skog; just two minutes before his best friend and twin-brother, Jeremy.



Steven was a 2007 graduate of Moose Lake High School. Upon graduation, he served in Afghanistan and Kuwait with the United States Air National Guard. Steven was proud of the 12 years he devoted to serving his country. He also studied criminology at the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

Steven's most prized possession was his family and loved nothing more than to spend time together with them. He especially enjoyed shooting guns, ice fishing, and golfing with his dad and brothers. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Wild fan.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joan and Chester Skog; aunts and uncles, Clint Skog, Susie Skog, Tom and Julie Skog, John Skog and Gene Peterson.

Steven will be deeply missed by his parents, Jared and Amy (Peterson) Skog of Sturgeon Lake; brothers, Jeremy, Brady, Elton, and Hayden; maternal grandparents, Wayne and Sharen Peterson of Moose Lake; aunts and uncles, Tim (Julie) Skog, Kay (Michael) Sutherland, Penny (Ron) Greniger, Becky (John) Mach, Amy (Nathan) Berg, Bill (Marcie) Skog, Denise Skog, and many cousins and close friends.

A visitation to honor Steven's life was held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 2-4 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake. A Celebration of Life began at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Steven's Family. Cards and memorials may be mailed to Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home c/o Steven Skog's Family P.O. Box 338 Moose Lake, MN 55767.

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.

March 27 noon at 2 p.m.

Fun with the Easter Bunny

The Willow River Community Club is hosting Fun with the Easter Bunny on March 27 from noon to 2 p.m. It will be a drive through event this year because of COVID-19 precautions. It will be held in the City Park (behind the Presbyterian Church). The Willow River Fire Department will be there to help out with the event.

Mondays 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Cromwell Area Yoga

Cromwell Area Yoga at the Cromwell Pavilion, 11:00-12:00. Wear comfortable clothes, come and leave masked, mask not necessary during the session, Yoga gear provided. \$3 each. Questions email Ann Markusen, markusen@umn.edu or 218-428-3300.

March 30 at 6 p.m.

Cromwell Area Community Club

The Cromwell Area Community Club will be meeting at the Cromwell Pavilion on March 30 at 6 p.m.

April 7 1 to 4 p.m.

Wright Senior Club

The Wright Senior Club is opening again on Wednesdays at 1 - 4 PM. Starting on April 7. All area folks are welcome to attend. Cribbage open on Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m., you do not need to be a Senior Citizen to join them.

Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

All in-house dining is cancelled until further notice.

HOME DELIVERY IS STILL AVAILABLE. Call (218) 485-4937 to place your order. Please reserve the day before.

\$4.00, Under 60: \$7.50.

There are no income guidelines.

Carry-out meals available. Meals also include veggies, milk and dinner roll. Call Senior Dining 485-4937. Volunteer Drivers Needed.

Monday, March 29 - Chili, Cookie

Tuesday, March 30 - Ham & Bean Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Fruit

Wednesday, March 31 - Special of the Day

Thursday, April 1 - Salisbury Steak, Fruit

Friday, April 2 - Fish Sandwich, Iced Chocolate Cake

Florence Kalenius

Florence Kalenius; longtime resident and retired elementary school teacher, passed away Thursday,

March 18, 2021 at Lakeside Health & Rehab Center in Pine City at the age of 79.

Florence Lorraine Kalenius was born March 31, 1941 to Wilho and Ailie (Walitalo) Kalenius in Cloquet, Minnesota.

Florence is survived by her 11 nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Wilho and Ailie Kalenius; four sisters: Ellen, Ethel, Hazel, Inez and brother Arthur.

Pastor John Stiles officiated funeral services for Florence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City. A time of visitation and review for friends and family was held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place at Salem Cemetery in Mahtowa later this spring.

Funeral services for Florence Kalenius are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City ~ Swanson Chapel

www.FuneralAndCremationService.com



Respecting our pollinators

Now that Spring has officially sprung I find that I am gearing up for what has become my annual push to support our area pollinators.



A Millennial Mile
Alanea White

Previous years efforts have included the addition of a bat house, several bee waterers and pollinator friendly plants to our yard. Last year I attempted to plant two fairly pricey poppy plants and milkweed with limited success.

Despite my desire to support our pollinating friends I find that I have a less than green thumb. Not even the hardy cactus hasn't been able to withstand my care as a plant parent in the past. The bees need our help, so I don't plan on giving up the annual

attempts to provide them with a happy habitat wherever I can.

Surprisingly nature and I usually are not that close. The sun and I have annual disagreements beginning about now and lasting well into the deep winter months. I am one of the unfortunate few that go from a sun burnt lobster monster to a pale human in rounds throughout the summer months. Sunblock and I are true best friends year round.

I have no real desire to personally interact with bugs, bats, birds, snakes, frogs or toads on a personal level. Realistically I recognize that I have a real fear of interaction with most of these creatures. Creating safe spaces for these critters, mostly far away from my person, seems like an ideal solution to these concerns while also supporting and caring for our environment.

Every year I try my best to add in new opportunities for our outdoor friends to get what they need from our yard. This year my new addition will be echinacea plants (coneflower) a favorite of our friends the bees, a toad house and a highly debated porch goose named Amelia.

For those that aren't familiar with the custom of porch geese, they are a decorative lawn gander that traditionally is attired festively for all holidays and occasions. In our house there are two distinct opinions about the necessity for a porch goose; those that are firmly sure that Amelia is a necessary addition, and those that are positive that she is not needed in our lives.

One definite in the misadventures of creating a positive pollinator environment is that fun is necessary. Even if I personally have many issues with the out of doors and nature it hasn't stopped me from respecting the need for our pollinators.

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Celebrating Easter, 85 years

EASTER IS THE time Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Gene Peterson writes in his book, *The Message*, "The men said, 'Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up. Remember how he told you when you were still back in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, be killed on a cross and in three days rise up?'" Then they remembered Jesus' words.



Gene Johnson,
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They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the eleven and the rest."

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox. In Christian calendars this is called the "Paschal Full Moon." In 2021 the spring equinox occurs Saturday, March 20. The first full Moon after that date rises on Sunday, March 28.

Therefore, Easter will be observed on the subsequent Sunday which is Sunday, April 4.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY is more than another year...it allows the adventure and purpose of life to continue. March 3 was my 85th celebration.

A pot luck was held on the Legacy Harbor pier with ribs and wings. Thirty plus boaters and a visit by our son, Carter, and his family made it special. Sixty-five cards were received. Ten percent of the cards had special greetings including a staff member offering a cake when we return in late April. There were lots of text messages, too.

One has to enjoy every birthday before they take them away. Aging has sorrows also as family and friends die.

Dining out is earlier. The 10 o'clock news gets missed but I'm wide awake for the 6 a.m. news. Naps after lunch have become routine.

Life insurance sales people stop calling but car dealers think we need extended warranties. The last new car we bought was in 2014 and we don't have all the electron-

ic gadgets figured out yet.

Splitting restaurant dinners is practical but buying groceries at big box stores doesn't work. Catsup and pickle jars are just too big, last too long, and we can't lift them.

Health issues become more serious. Medical research, new drugs, and now vaccinations are readily available and encouraging.

Prices were very different in 1936. The average worker made \$1,713.00 per year. An average home cost \$3,925.00. Gasoline was 10 cents per gallon. A loaf of bread cost eight cents. A Studebaker car cost \$665.00. A lady's swim suit cost \$6.95. A first class stamp was three cents. Federal government spending was \$48.23 billion.

Some pop culture and important events from that year include: The beginning of the Spanish Civil War; Germany breaks the Treaty of Versailles; the Pan Am Clipper, flying boat service begins service between America and Britain; "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell is published; some popular movies were:

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LETTER GUIDELINES

The *Star Gazette* welcomes letters to the editor. Letters may be emailed to editor@mlstargazette.com mailed to Moose Lake Star Gazette P.O. Box 449, Moose Lake, MN 55767.

Letters should be typed or legibly handwritten and of no more than 250 words in length (longer letters may be edited).

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CELEBRATE: Enjoying birthdays

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“The Alamo”, “The Great Ziegfeld”, and “The Charge of the Light Brigade;” the New York Yankees won the World Series over the New York Giants 4 to 2; Minnesota was the NCAA Football Champion (7-1-0); Eugene O’Neill won the Nobel Prize for literature; Benny Goodman and orchestra recorded “Stompin’ at the Savoy” on Victor

Records; the Baseball Hall of Fame was established and players elected were Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson; the first ski jumping tournament is held in Red Wing, Minnesota; the airship “Hindenburg” takes its first flight in Germany; the first stock car race is held in Daytona, Florida; boxing legend, Joe Louis, is knocked out by Max

Schmeling; Life Magazine made its debut; RCA displays TV for the press; the 40 hour work week is approved by Congress

THANKS FOR ALL the friendships, column readers and God-given favors.

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Hidden Gem Gets Some Help

A hidden gem in Carlton County is getting some attention thanks to two vital grants. The Little Net River is a scenic trout stream near Holy-



Environmental Stewardship
Melanie Bomier

oke. Starting in the Nemadji State Forest, the river flows north towards Lake Superior. The river cuts through some of the wildest parts of Carlton County, confined by steep forested banks. The combination of steep banks and unstable soils have led to some erosion problems, especially where roads cross this wild river.

The Great Lake Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program recently awarded the Carlton SWCD, in partnership with the Carlton County Transportation Department, a \$200,000 grant to repair an unstable bank near County Road 8. This landslide area not only is endangering the road, but it is also adding sediment to the Little Net River. This sediment covers fish spawning habitat and effects downstream water quality, including Lake Superior. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Clean Water Fund Grant awarded

\$596,300 for the needed matching funds. In addition to addressing the slide on County Road 8, stormwater practices, especially near roads, will be installed to reduce future landslides and erosion problems. “These funds and the partnership will allow our department to reduce sediment loading to the Little Net River while at the same time strengthening our infrastructure and improving public safety along County Roads. The long-term reductions in future maintenance costs for the county and for downstream residences will also be great,” says Will Bomier from the Carlton County Transportation Department.

The Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to install sediment control projects in the Great Lakes Basin. Funding for the program comes from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The Clean Water Fund grant funding comes from Minnesota’s Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment three-eighths of one percent sales tax.

Melanie Bomier is the Water Resources Manager for the Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District whose columns focus on environmental topics and stewardship.

Essentia Health now offering cardiology care in Moose Lake

ESSENTIA HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Essentia Health is excited to start offering cardiology care in Moose Lake, allowing our heart and vascular patients throughout the region to be treated closer to home.

This expansion means Essentia Health-Moose Lake will be able to provide primary and secondary cardiology services in the same community where so many of our patients live. Previously, our heart and vascular patients had to drive to Duluth to see a specialist. Now, they will be able to receive the same high-quality care without traveling.

Cardiology care in Moose Lake is led by Dr. George Zawadowski and Dr. Amina Adil. Dr. Zawadowski is available

for appointments once a week; Dr. Adil will see patients twice a month.

“Essentia is pleased to be expanding our expert cardiovascular services in the Moose Lake community,” said Mike Youso, administrator at Essentia Health-Moose Lake. “We know how important it is to our patients to be able to access care close to home, and we’re excited to bring that opportunity to them.”

Currently, we offer primary and secondary cardiology services for patients who have chest pain and heart palpitations, as well as patients with pacemakers, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation and more. We expect to enhance these offerings as the heart and vascular program at Essentia Health-Moose Lake evolves.

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WRIGHT-CROMWELL NEWS: Be proud of your students, educators

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As most of you know, I am still doing some substitute teaching at Floodwood School and I want every one to know how great the students are there. You can be very proud of your students, educators and the whole staff for doing a great job of educating kids and keeping everyone safe during these difficult times.

At a recent Cromwell-Wright School Board Reorganization meeting, Tim Homstad was elected Board Chair, Walter Collman Board Clerk, Brian Granholm, Treasurer, Other Board members are: Tom Anderson, Tristan Johnson, and Shayne Korpela. Sue

Czarneski has been hired as a long-term sub for Sarah Niemi during her Maternity Leave and Sara Baars as a Paraprofessional for the rest of the school year to replace Hannah Risty who resigned to finish her schooling.

Bill Asp and family made a donation of \$500 to the Boys Basketball Team and \$500 to the Football Team recently. We thank them for their generosity.

Best Oil recently bought out the Fuel Oil portion of Federated Co-ops. Federated is still selling Propane.

With March being the Food Share Month, the 4th grade at Cromwell-Wright School is collecting only money for the Tri-Community Food shelf.

Donations can be made in High school advisories, the office, or any elementary classroom. Please help support our community. Checks can be made out to Tri-Community Food Shelf and sent to the Cromwell-Wright School in care of: 4th Grade, at P.O. Box 7, Cromwell, MN 55726.

There is a family who is in need of disposable diapers. Donations can be left at Bethany in Cromwell or with a member of Bethlehem in Wright. Or just call me at 218-357-2385.

The Bethany (10 AM) and Bethlehem (9AM) Lutheran Churches will be open for “In-Persons” worship starting on Palm Sunday, March 28 and also on Easter Sunday at their regular times.

A One Act Play “Check Please: Take 2” will be performed on Thursday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 in the Cromwell-Wright School Auditorium. There will be a limited number of seats available to the general public. If you would like to attend a performance, please contact MaryRose Varo at 218-644-3716, ext. 3100 or email her at: mvaro@isd95.org

Bethany Lutheran Church is offering a scholarship to graduating Seniors who are members of Bethany Lutheran Church. You can pick up/drop off application at Bethany church office. Deadline is Monday, April 12, 2021. Any questions call 218-644-3640 Did You Know? When NASA

started sending astronauts into space they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, Congress approved a program and NASA scientists spent a decade and over \$165 million developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C. The Russians used a pencil!

That’s all the news from the Edge of Wright - Remember you can send me your news at jkh4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS: Spring activities, sign ups begin in Willow River

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HELLO ALL,

Department of Natural Resources Firearms Safety classes sign up night will be Monday, April 12 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Finlayson-Giese Sportsman’s Club. Please call George Slama to sign up for a slot as there are only 25 slots available, at 320-233-6381.

There will be a Trap League Parent meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Finlayson-Giese Sportsman’s

Club starting at 10 a.m. if your child is interested in joining Willow River Trap League.

The Willow River Community Club is planning the Fun With the Easter Bunny event. It will be a drive through event this year because of COVID-19 precautions. The WRFD will be helping out with this event. It will be held in the City Park (behind the Presbyterian Church) from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Put it on your calendar... something fun in Willow River.

In regard to the Willow River School: Register

now for Fall 2021-22 Early Childhood Classes.

To register go to: <https://forms.gle/gfuyR3x6qHFRktk3A>.

This registration is listed as a “full in person learning model.” Classes, availability, and models may change based on MDH, MDE, and CDC Guidelines. For questions call or email Ms. Chas at 218-372-3131 x 169 chalut@isd577.org. Congratulations to the bantam hockey players from Willow River: Colin, Joey, Ethan and Michael. They went undefeated in tournament play becoming district champs. Congratu-

lations to Natalie Mikrot as well for breaking the all-time basketball scoring record for the Rebels. The previous record was 1,848 points set by Geoff Probst in 2005. Congratulations to the Rebel Boys Basketball team for their outstanding wins. The school is looking for a junior high baseball coach so please contact the school for more information. Friday, March 12 is a regular make up photo day.

Stations of the Cross will be Friday, March 26 at St. Isidore’s Church and 7 p.m., and Friday, April 2 at St. Mary’s

Church starting at 7 p.m. The Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please follow our websites @ holyangelsmooselake.com and stmarywillowriver.org and stisidores-turgeonlake.org and the bulletins for updates and information pertinent to our three parishes. Please note that St. Mary’s Church is open for private prayer and devotion Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The KC meeting is to be held on March 28, 2021. The meeting will be at St. Isidore’s Church

with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Every third Sunday of each month, the Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary before Mass at St. Mary’s Church. For Prayer Line Requests for St. Mary’s please contact Judy Prachar at 218-372-3409 or you may make requests through the website: www.stmarywillowriver.org. Legion of Mary will be at St. Mary’s Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Also, on Wednesdays’ Eucharistic Adoration will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church.

Rebels win quarterfinals by one

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Moose Lake Willow River Rebels (MLWR) boys' basketball team entered into playoffs on their home court on Wednesday, March 17, against the Greenway

Raiders (4-14). The Rebels defeated Greenway 91-47 and advanced to the quarterfinals on Friday, March 19 against the Pierz Pioneers (12-8) in Moose Lake. It was a nail-biter, but the Rebels came out ahead 59-58.

The Greenway game did not start out well. The Rebels started out

with two fouls in the first couple of minutes and Greenway got the ball out of bound. The Rebels settled down, with five minutes to go in the first half, they led 37-14. The first half ended with MLWR leading 49-23. The Rebels hit 14 threes from the arc: Phillip Sheetz had 5, Sam Dewey and Mason Olson each had 2, Logan Orvedahl, Brady Watrin, Conner Welch, Jimmy Walker, and Drew Danielson each sunk one. The Rebels were 11 for 14 at the free throw line.

The Rebels took over the game and won 91-54. Sheetz led the team with a game high 22, Watrin and Olson each put in 19, Orvedahl 8, Dewey 6, Landin Kurhajetz and Carter Johnson 4, Welch, Walker, and Danielson each had 3. Greenway scored 54 points and Grant Hansen made 25 of them.

The Rebels' win advanced them to the Section 7AA quarterfinals in Moose Lake on Friday against Pierz (12-8). They started the game grabbing the tip. Johnson quickly put up two threes from beyond the three-point mark and Kurhajetz and Watrin were a force inside, scoring, drawing fouls and shooting free throws. At the half, Rebels were in the lead by 8, 34-26.

Into the second half, the Pierz Pioneers hit four threes and shot 14 free throws making 8 of



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Mason Olson is closely guarded at the Pierz game.

them. They didn't shoot any free throws in the first half. Foul shots from the charity stripe were a crucial part of the game. In this game, missing a free throw decided the outcome of the game.

With 1.9 seconds left in the game, Pierz had the ball and Pierz Head Coach Joe Kahl called a time out. After the Rebels came back out on the court, Pierz call another time out. Pierz inbounded the ball and took a long shot that hit the rim but didn't go through the net. The Rebels won the game 59-58.

Leading in scoring for the Rebels (16-3) was Watrin with 17. Kurhajetz had 16, Olson 10, Orvedahl and Johnson with 8. Kurhajetz had three from the arc,

Orvedahl, Watrin and Johnson 2. For Pierz, Ryan Stuckmayer had 16 and Michael Leidenfrost had 14.

With this win, the Rebels qualified to advance to the semi-finals against Duluth Marshall (15-4). Marshall won their game against Crosby-Ironton 76-67. This next game is normally at the University of Minnesota Duluth gym, but because of COVID restrictions it was held at the higher seed, Duluth Marshall's home court on Tuesday, March 23 after this paper's deadline. The winner of that game will play the winner of the Esko/Pequot Lakes game on Thursday the 25th.



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Brady Watrin starts the game in control of the jump ball.

Lady Rebels Season comes to an end

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The Moose Lake/Willow River (ML/WR) Lady Rebels completed their season this past week taking on Cromwell in their regular season finally and Proctor for the 1st round playoff game.

ML/WR played tight defense against the Cardinals limiting their scoring to 2 points in the 1st 3 minutes of the 1st half. Ella Rhoades scored the 1st 2 points for the Rebels as they found themselves down 6-2. The Rebels had a difficult time in the scoring department early on as the Cardinals took an 8-2 lead before Grace Stephenson was able to hit a short jumper. Maci Kukuk hits a 3 to bring ML/WR within 1 at 8-7. Kelli Granquist got fouled as she went in for a layup and sank the two free throws putting the Rebels in the lead 9-8. The lead seasawed, seeing multiple lead

changes the remainder of the half. Grace Stephenson added another layup to put the Rebels over the Cardinals again 11-10. Cromwell made an 8-0 run before the Rebels scored again (18-14). Cromwell took a 24-14 lead into the locker room.

Ella Rhoades started out the 2nd half scoring as the Rebels slowly clawed back into the game. Rhoades grabbed an offensive rebound and popped it back in. Natalie Mikrot then hit an off balance 2 point shot followed by another two point jumper making the score 29-20 Cromwell. Maci Kukuk hit the back end of a pair of free throws to add to the score (31-21). Emily Bohnsack, Skyla Hoffman and Ella Rhoades combined for 6 points bringing the Rebels within 4 but Cromwell made 4 unanswered points to pull away 35-27. Maci Kukuk added two free throws and then made a steal to take the ball end to end for

an easy layup. Monica Mikrot pulls the Rebels within 3 and then ties the game with two 3 point shots (37-37). Carmen Hoffman joined the 3 point club by making a 3 of her own to put the Rebels up 40-39. Natalie Mikrot kept the streak going for the Rebels by making another three to further the Rebel lead 43-39. Cromwell scored 4 straight points before Ella Rhoades banked in a 2 point jumper. The Cardinals were unable to convert on their end of the court but the Rebels answered with another Maci Kukuk three pointer to make the score 48-44. Cromwell came back to take the lead 52-50. Monica Mikrot hit another of her patented 3 point shots to put the Rebels up 53-52 with about a minute to go in the game. The Rebels played tight defense to gain control of the ball again. Natalie Mikrot finished the game off for the Rebels by hitting her free throws at the end of the game to seal the win

for ML/WR 58-54.

ML/WR drew the Proctor Rails for their 1st round playoff game. The Rebels played tough defense and were able to make it a close game most of the 1st half. The Rails had a 12-7 lead early in the 1st half. Maci Kukuk added 5 straight points for the Rebels tying the game at 12. Skyla Thompson gave the Rebels the lead briefly by hitting a 3 point shot from the corner putting the Rebels up 15-14. The Rails scored 9 unanswered points before Ella Rhoades ended the run with a 3 point shot. Proctor takes the halftime lead at 25-18. Proctor took control of the game in the second half scoring 7 points before the Rebels were able to hit a bucket. The Rebels had a hard time scoring as they were able to only come up with 16 points in the second half. Proctor beats the Rebels to move on into the playoffs 56-34.

PLAYOFF RESULTS

MLWR Boys' 7AA Playoffs: On Wednesday, March 17 MLWR boys' defeated Greenway 91-47 and on Friday, March 19 they defeated Pierz 59-58. On Tuesday, March 23 played Duluth Marshall and Thursday, March 25 the winner of Tuesday's game will play the winner of the Esko/Pequot Lakes game and results are after this paper's deadline.

Barnum Boys 5A Playoffs: On Thursday, March 18 Barnum defeated McGregor 50-41. On Saturday, March 20 Barnum defeated St. John's Prep 73-34. On Wednesday, March 24, Barnum played Upsala, the results are after this paper's deadline. On Friday, March 26 the winner of that game will play in the Section 5A finals.

Barnum Girls' 5A Playoffs: Barnum girls' defeated McGregor in the first round 65-47 and lost to Ogilvie 69-41 and were eliminated from the playoffs.

MLWR Girls' 7AA Playoffs: MLWR girls' basketball lost to Proctor 56-34 on Thursday, March 18 and were eliminated from the playoffs.

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MOOSE LAKE AREA REBELS HOCKEY SCORES

Tuesday, March 16:

MLA boys ice hockey lost to St. Francis at East Bethel 10-1 in the Section 5A tournament to finish their season.

Paxton Vogel scored their goal. Richie Balut started as goalie. Grant Pettit played the last 3:47 minutes of the game and made 4 saves on 5 shots.

MLA girls' ice hockey defeated Eveleth-Gilbert 3-2 in the first round of Section 7A.

Thursday, March 18:

MLA girls' ice hockey lost to Proctor 10-1 and were eliminated from the 7A playoffs.

CORRECTION

In the November 18, 2020 edition of the Moose Lake Star-Gazette, on page six, Monica Mikrot was mistakenly identified as Natalie Mikrot. We apologize for the error.

BOWLING SCORES

TUESDAY SENIOR BOWLING MARCH 9

1. Duane 172/502
2. Lyle 166/488
3. Ken 189/474

WOMEN'S EARLY THURSDAY BOWLING AT GAMPER'S March 11, 2021

1. Tim Collelo Realty 36-4
2. Majestic Pine Realty 28-14
3. The Lakers 23-19

March 18, 2021

1. Tim Collelo Realty 43-6
2. Edward Jones 28-21
3. Majestic Pine Realty 28-21

MONDAY MEN'S BOWLING AT GAMPER'S March 8, 2021

1. Gamper's 53.5/30.5
 2. State Farm Insurance 53/31
 3. Divots Driving Range 46.5/37.5
- March 15, 2021**
1. Gamper's 67.5/37.5
 2. State Farm Insurance 59.5/45.5
 3. Northview Bank 52.5/52.5

BUNNIES: Buy chocolate instead of live rabbits as gifts for this Easter season

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symbolism of both fertility and new life. Some sources, according to History.com, have also tied their popularity to the first arrival of the Easter bunny in America with German immigrants in Pennsylvania in the 1700s. These immigrants brought with them the tradition of an egg-laying rabbit called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Children would make nests in which the Osterhase would lay colored eggs. Eventually the tradition expanded in both geography and the types of gifts left for kids by the Easter Bunny.

BUNNY BASICS

For those looking to take the leap into rabbit ownership, here are some bunny basics. Rabbits that you find at the shelter or pet store are very different from their wild relatives. The

House Rabbit Society recommends keeping your pet rabbits indoors instead of in an outdoor shelter. Releasing a pet rabbit into the wild is usually a death sentence for the rabbit, they do not have the appropriate coloring or survival ability to live outside of human care. Wild rabbits are also not the same as domestic rabbits, they need specialized care and should not be "adopted" from the wild.

Rabbit digestive systems are surprisingly delicate. Bunnies do not have the ability to vomit and Gastrointestinal Stasis (GI Stasis) is often fatal without specialized veterinary care. Contrary to popular belief rabbits can't live off of carrots alone. A daily diet for a rabbit should consist of 75% hay, 15% pellets and 10% green leafy vegetables.

Carrots and other vegetables high in sugar should be given to rabbits sparingly. Oxalic

acid and calcium found in some vegetables also need to be limited. Tomato plants and leaves are toxic, any plant in the onion family is poisonous and many different wood types (watch out specifically for cedar in bedding) and flowers are also dangerous. A simple Internet search usually reveals detailed information on almost anything you could dream of giving your bunny to eat. If you aren't sure if something is safe always do research before giving it to your rabbit.

HARE HABITS

Most house rabbit owners recommend getting your rabbit spayed or neutered before they turn two-years-old. Veterinary care for rabbits comes from specialized veterinarians that care for small animals. This often improves negative behaviors like litterbox training trouble and inappropriate chewing.

Rabbits can actually kick their powerful back legs hard enough to break their own spine, so proper handling is a must. Their back legs should always be supported when carrying or lifting them, this ensures that they do not kick out and hurt themselves.

The front teeth of a rabbit continuously grow. They need proper chewing materials to keep their teeth at the right length. Their need to chew can also cause major issues with finding sturdy cage making supplies or protecting furniture from a roaming house rabbit.

Litter box training is possible for rabbits. They usually find an area within their enclosure to make their bathroom space. Surprisingly they tend to have an "organizational" system for their cages and enclosures. Most rabbits will arrange their toys, dishes, and bedding in a way that they enjoy. If you

have something placed in the "wrong" spot they will let you know by moving it.

Cages for a house rabbit should ideally be four to six times the size of your rabbit when they are fully stretched out. The bigger the space you have for your rabbit the happier they will be. Wire cage bottoms should be covered so that their feet don't get caught in the gaps and they don't develop sore spots from standing on wires. There is a way to bunny-proof your home and have them use their cage space as a "home base" while roaming your home. This takes time, patience and creative solutions to keep your bun out of trouble.

RABBIT RESOURCES

An excellent starting point for those looking to find out more about rabbit care is the House Rabbit Society web page at rabbit.org.

Easter Services

**Palm Sunday, March 28th • Maundy Thursday, April 1st
Good Friday, April 2nd • Easter Sunday, April 4th**

Attend an Easter Celebration at a local church!

Oak Lake Lutheran Church
53131 Shadow Oak Rd
(218) 485-8710
Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Good Friday Worship 7 pm
Easter Service 9:30 am
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity Lutheran, Bruno
75711 MN-23, Bruno, MN 55712
(320) 838-3596
Good Friday Worship 4 pm
Easter Sunday Worship 7 am
Followed by Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Hope Lutheran Church
204 Elm Ave. Moose Lake, MN
(218) 485-4673
Palm Sunday Worship 9 am
Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 pm
Easter Vigil Saturday Worship 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday Worship 9 am & 10:30 am
Reservations are Required
Drive in and tune in service available

Holy Angels Catholic Church
60 Hartman Drive, Moose Lake, MN
(218) 485-8214
St. Mary's Catholic Church
8118 Lake St., Willow River, MN
(218) 372-3284
St. Isidore's Catholic Church
9010 Main St., Sturgeon Lake, MN
(218) 372-3284
Palm Sunday
St. Mary's Church: Mass 8:30 am
Holy Angels: Church Mass 10:30 am
Holy Thursday
Holy Angels Church Mass 7 pm,

adoration following mass until midnight
Good Friday
Holy Angels: Service 3 pm, confessions after veneration of the Cross
St. Mary's Church: Stations of the Cross 7 pm
Holy Saturday
Holy Angels Church: Vigil Mass 8:45 pm
Easter Sunday
St. Mary's Church: Mass 7 am
St. Isidore's Church: Mass 9 am
Holy Angels Church: Mass 11 am

Barnum Community United Methodist Church
3762 Front St., Barnum, MN
(218) 389-3876
Palm Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
Good Friday Crossroads Service 6:30 pm with Mahtowa Covenant Church at Barnum Community Church
Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration Service 9:30 am
All Services are Live Streamed on Facebook.
Sunday's on WMOZ 106.9fm at 8:00 am

Moose Lake Covenant Church
700 5th Street
Moose Lake, MN
(218) 485-4800
Palm Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:15 am
Good Friday Worship 7 pm
Easter Sunday Worship 8 am 9:30 am & 11 am

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(218) 485-4886
35311 Parkview Dr., Sturgeon Lake

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Happy Easter

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Highway 123 could be only MnDOT summer project in Pine County

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Melting snow means road construction season is about to start in Minnesota. In comparison to recent years, MnDOT has few projects aimed at state highways in the Pine County region – though at least one of those will be significant for those traveling on Highway 123.

HIGHWAY 123 - SANDSTONE

A major road project involving Highway 123 in Sandstone will kick off in 2021 and carry over into 2022.

The 2021 construction on Highway 123 is scheduled to be done in two phases, the first starting in June.

In phase one, the highway from Park Avenue in downtown Sandstone to Duxbury Road east of town will be subject to a mill and overlay.

A mill and overlay project is done to maintain and improve the road surface. It requires grinding off the top layer of the street with the use of a large milling machine. After that layer is removed, a new layer of bituminous pavement is set down at its place. In the case of the Highway 123 project, about two inches of the road surface will be ground off and replaced with new blacktop.

In the second phase, the section between Division Street and Highway 23 will be a mill and overlay with reclaim, which means they will melt down, process and reuse the existing blacktop as part of the project. There was no

start time given for this second phase.

According to MnDOT, the project will also involve:

- Realignment of the Hwy 123 and Hwy 23 intersection just west of downtown Sandstone near Casey's.

- Pedestrian curb ramps will be updated to meet current disability standards

- Extended sidewalk along Main Street from Phase Recycling to Old Military Road

- Extended sidewalk along Third Street on north side of the road from Court Avenue to Park Avenue.

- Widened shoulder from Park Avenue to Grand Avenue to accommodate a walkable/bikeable connection

- Storm sewer and drainage improvements.

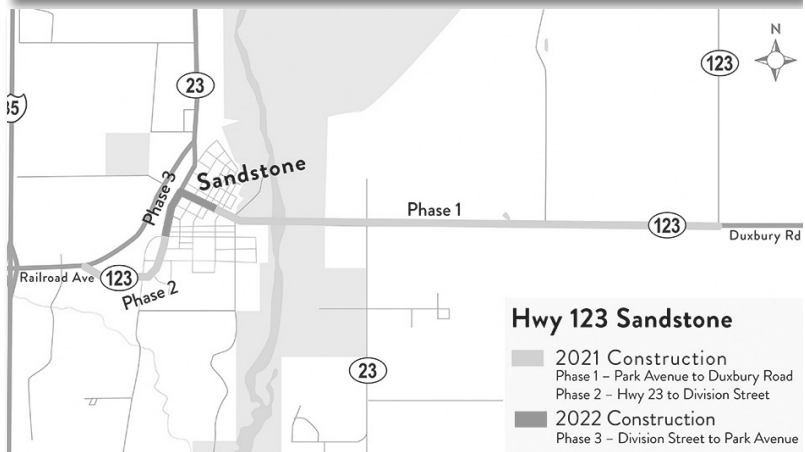
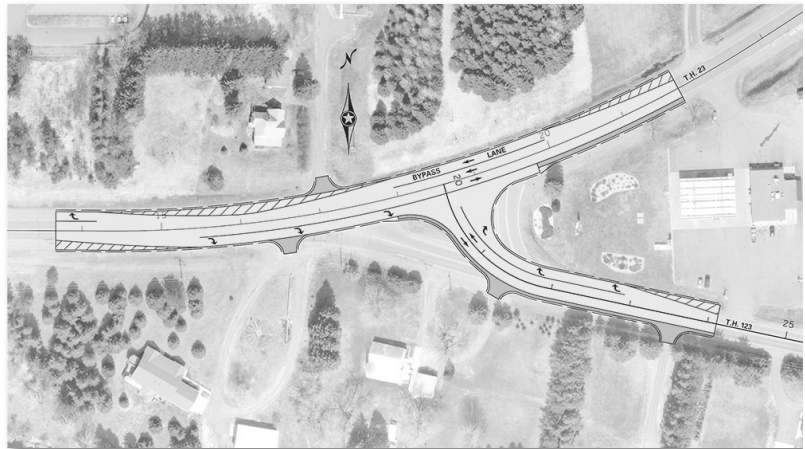
- Isolated sidewalk and curb and gutter replacement (on in-lane system)

The estimated cost of the project is \$4.5 million.

OTHER PROJECTS

- For those continuing north into Duluth on Highway 23, MnDOT has a number of projects planned near the border of Carlton County and St. Louis County, including continuing final project work on the Deer Creek bridge replacement.

- Though basic maintenance will no doubt take place, and though plans may change, MnDOT is currently reporting no major road projects for Interstate 35 in Pine County, or north to Duluth or south to the Twin Cities.



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A multi-phase road construction project is slated to begin this summer in Sandstone involving Highway 123. Travelers using Highway 123 in Sandstone are encouraged to plan ahead for the construction project. Shown above at the top is a map overlaying the projected plan for construction at the Sandstone intersection between I-35 and Casey's on an actual map of the area. Pictured below is a detailed listing of the multiple phases and locations for the Highway 123 project.



Annual Meeting Notice

Lake Country Power will hold the annual membership meeting at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2021, from the Cohasset Service Center. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be closed for in-person attendance, but will be available virtually via Zoom Video Conference or a call-in option.

Please register by April 14 to receive your own dedicated web link for the Zoom meeting. Visit www.lakecountrypower.coop/2021-annual-meeting for more information.

Members without internet service or unable to join via Zoom may contact the co-op for a special call-in option. Please call Lake Country Power at 800-421-9959.

Director election ballots will be mailed to LCP members only in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 9, between March 26 and March 31. Members may vote electronically or by U.S. mail to Survey & Ballot Systems using the provided ballot envelope and postage-paid envelope. Online polls open 8:00 a.m. CST, Mar. 31. Ballots cannot be dropped off or mailed to Lake Country Power this year due to the pandemic. Ballots will include voting instructions.

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Homicide suspected in murderer's prison death

STAFF REPORT
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A man convicted of killing his own mother with a machete has died in the Rush City prison in a suspected homicide.

According to the Minnesota Department of Corrections, James Francis Howard, age 56, was found at approximately 11:30 p.m. on March 21 with severe injuries to his face and head in his cell at the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Rush City.

Corrections officers were doing regular rounds when they discovered Howard's condition. Officers reported that they entered the cell, took Howard's cellmate into custody and began life-saving measures until paramedics arrived.

Howard was pronounced dead at 12:20 a.m. on March 22.

CONVICTED MURDERER
Howard had been

convicted of second-degree murder for killing his 68-year-old mother in 2011 in the town of Dalton in western Minnesota.

According to *Grand Forks Herald* (grandforksherald.com) and other sources, in the criminal complaint describing the event Howard attacked his mother with an 18-inch machete. Howard's mother died of a fractured skull, and several of her fingers were nearly cut off as she fought back.

The criminal complaint also states that after attacking his mother, Howard then tried to kill himself – first by hanging, then by cutting his own throat. He told medics that his mother had cancer and diabetes, and he was trying to end her suffering.

After striking a plea deal with prosecutors to avoid a life sentence, Howard received a 34-year sentence for homicide that began in 2012 with a release date

of 2034.

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Howard's cellmate, age 29, was serving two sentences for assault that began May 8, 2020 with a release date of May 17, 2021.

The two men were reportedly cellmates with in a temporary housing unit, which means they were not actively engaged in employment or programming.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Chisago County Sheriff's Office and the DOC's Office of Special Investigations are investigating Howard's death. Law enforcement states that no additional information will be available until the investigation is complete.

According to the DOC, the last time an incarcerated person died following an altercation with another incarcerated person was in 2013 at the MCF-Oak Park Heights.

COUNTY OF CARLTON
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR
CARLTON, MINNESOTA
NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Carlton County, Minnesota, until 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 12, 2021 at the Carlton County Transportation Building, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, Minnesota for the following:

2021 Specifications Proposal for Supplies as per specifications on file in the County Engineer's Office and at the Carlton County website https://www.co.carlton.mn.us

- to include:
1) Dust Control
2) Gravel Crushing
3) Bituminous Materials
The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.
Jinyeene Neumann
Carlton County Engineer
1630 County Road 61,
Carlton, MN 55718-8170

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARLTON
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 09-JV-21-15

SUMMONS

IN RE THE CHILDREN OF: Dawn Marie Saarela and Barry Steven Martin

To: Barry Steven Martin
A Termination of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the Court on February 23, 2021, alleging Termination of Parental Rights. The Court has set April 13, 2021 at 9:00 am, as the date and time, at the Carlton County Courthouse in Carlton, Minnesota, as the place, for the Admit/Deny hearing to be held in the above-entitled matter.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the hearing will be held for the purpose of determining whether he child(ren) is/are in need of protection or services and/or termination of parental rights should be granted in accordance with Minnesota law.

Failure to appear may result in a finding of contempt of 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 petition, the Court could determine that the child(ren) is/are in need of protection or services and/or terminate your parental rights, 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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to appear before this Court on that date at said hearing.

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 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 should 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.

Dated: March 3, 2021
/s/ Janine Morrison
Janine Morrison
Deputy Court Administrator

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on March 18, 25, April 1, 2021)

Carlton County Transportation Department Notice
The Carlton County Transportation Department will receive bids for the following project(s): SAP 009-003-036. The bids must be submitted electronically to bidVAULT at https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com before April 12, 2021, 10:00 AM CST. The majority of the work on this project involves City of Cloquet sanitary sewer and water main utility improvements, Carlton County storm sewer improvements, curb and gutter, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalk and shared use path, bituminous surface removal, new bituminous pavement, and sign panels. The Proposal and Specifications and Plans are available at the Department's OneOffice website at https://oneoffice.co.carlton.mn.us/oneoffice. After an acceptable audit of the bids received, a recommendation for award to the lowest responsible bidder will be presented to the Carlton County Board of Commissioners at the County Board Meeting, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, MN, on April 13, 2021, 8:30 AM CST.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARLTON
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATION DIVISION
Court File No. 09-PR-21-407

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON AMENDED PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT (TESTATE)

In Re: Estate of WILBUR HUGO JUNTUNEN, Decedent.

Kimberly B. Eckhardt ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on April 29, 2021 at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Carlton County District, 301 Walnut Avenue, Carlton, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the Decedent died testate more than three years (3) ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court probate the decedent's last will dated

January 20, 1989, determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.

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 petition will be granted. If you have objection to this case, please contact Court Administration at (218) 278-2460 option #6 for further instructions as these hearings are currently held remotely due to the pandemic.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14-days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 3/17/21
/s/ Rebekka Stumme
Judge of District Court
Amy Turnquist, Chelsea Opdahl, Deputy Court Administrator

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE
Important Information Regarding Property Assessments
This may affect your 2022 property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake will meet on 04/28/21, 1 PM, at Moose Lake City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine weather property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the value or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

Given under my hand this 25th day of January, 2021

/s/ Gail Lundgren
Clerk of the town of Moose Lake

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARLTON
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUMMONS

Court File No. 09-JV-20-151

IN RE THE CHILDREN OF: Laurie Marie Misquadae, Jerrad Ojibway, and Chester G. Addison, Jr.,

To: Chester G. Addison Jr.,
A Termination of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the Court on December 14, 2020, alleging Termination of Parental Rights. The Court has set April 6, 2021 at 10:15 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 termination of parental rights in accordance with Minnesota Law.

Failure to appear may result in a finding of contempt of the Court's order to appear or the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of that person summoned or both.

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Dated: March 3, 2021
/s/ Janine Morrison
Janine Morrison
Deputy Court Administrator

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on March 11, 18, 25, 2021)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CARLTON COUNTY
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 09-JV-20-151
Case Type: Juvenile
Affidavit of Diligent Efforts to Locate Parent and Order for Service By Publication

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Laurie Marie Misquadae, Jerrad Ojibway, and Chester G. Addison, Jr.,

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF Carlton) SS
COPHHS Child Protection, states the following:
1. Your affiant is employed by Carlton County Social Services and has attempted to locate the parent in the above-captioned matter.

2. The name and birth date of the parent who is the subject of this affidavit is as follows:
Chester George Addison Jr.,
211/1980
3. The last known address on record for this parent, for purposes of meeting the requirements for publication, is as follows:
859 Amoretti St
Lander, WY 82520

4. Through the following process, your affiant has confirmed that this address is not the current address for this parent:
Attempts to contact parent by phone and mail at this address have failed.
Attempts to have parent personally served at this address have failed.
Diligent efforts have been made by your affiant, or staff under your affiant's direction, to locate this parent by checking the following resources:
Resources Date Last Address Explanation of Last Checked On Record

Table with columns: Resource, Date, Last Address, Explanation of Last, Checked, On Record. Lists various court records and services searched for parent information.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA CARLTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 09-JV-21-15 Case Type: Juvenile Affidavit of Diligent Efforts to Locate Parent and Order for Service By Publication In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Dawn Marie Saarela and Barry Steven Martin STATE OF MINNESOTA)) SS COUNTY OF Carlton)) COPHHS Child Protection, states the following: 1. Your affiant is employed by Carlton County Social Services and has attempted to locate the parent in the above-captioned matter. 2. The name and birthdate of the parent who is the subject of this affidavit is as follows: Barry Steven Martin 3/19/1978 3. The last known address on record for this parent, for purposes of meeting the requirements for publication, is as follows: 417 3rd Street Cloquet, MN 55720 4. Through the following process, your affiant has confirmed that this address is not the current address for this parent: Attempts to contact parent by phone and mail at this address have failed. Attempts to have parent personally served at this address have failed. Diligent efforts have been made by your affiant, or staff under your affiant's direction, to locate this parent by checking the following resources: Resource Date Checked Last Address on Record Explanation of Last Address on Record

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
• Bachelor's degree in community/economic development, public administration, urban planning or a related field and three (3) years' experience in economic development work or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
• Driver's license and personal automobile.
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If you are 60 years or older and reside in Pine County, you can get help with legal problems involving Medicare, Social Security, eviction or other housing problems, public benefits, such as medical assistance, food support and fuel assistance, family law issues, including domestic abuse and income maintenance, nursing home problems, home care services, powers of attorney, health care directives and debt collection.

No help is provided for criminal matters, wills, estate planning or real estate transactions. Seniors can also call the St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid toll free at 1-888-360-2889 for help scheduling an appointment. Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid accepts contributions for the legal services, but contributions are not required to receive legal help.



MARY ELLEN DEWEY | PINE COUNTY COURIER

Ninth graders take championship

Moose Lake Willow River played in the MYAS Freshmen State Basketball tournament in Woodbury at the East Ridge High School. In their first game they defeated Tartan freshmen 51-34. They faced St. Francis for their second game and won 67-49. For the championship game, they played the undefeated Stewartville team and won 69-54, winning the championship trophy. The other teams in the tournament were: Stillwater, Osceola, and Cambridge. Players front row L to R: Luke Dewey, Cobe Kirk, Kaeden Robbins, Reese Bode, Adam Neumann. Back row: Coach Chad Robbins, Levi Mikrot, Nolan Nelson, Tyler Von Rueden, Hunter Van Heel, Coach Al Von Rueden, and Coach Jon Neumann.



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