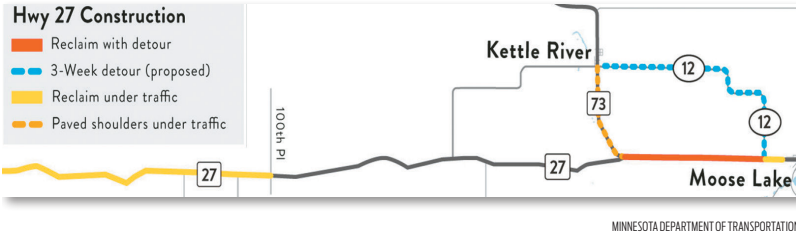


NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Communities come together after year apart due to COVID-19. P12



The map above details a Minnesota Department of Transportation project that began in July of 2021 between Kettle River and Moose Lake on Highway 27. This is one of several state and county road projects underway near Moose Lake.

Construction season accelerates on roads around Moose Lake

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Grinding machines, traffic delays and one lane commuting mark the uptick in construction around Moose Lake.

County Highway 61 from Cozy Lane in Sturgeon Lake to Willow River has been reduced to single lane traffic. Lanes are being ground and overlay-ed with new asphalt one at a time. Cable barrier work continues in the south bound lane of Interstate 35 between Sturgeon Lake and Moose Lake.

A project beginning in July around Kettle River on Minne-

sota Highway 27 will involve a detour onto County Road 12 and Minnesota Highway 73. Planned completion of this project is in September 2021.

Environmental borings for soil and groundwater sampling near the intersection of Minnesota Highway 210 and Minnesota Highway 73 in Cromwell will take place the week of July 26. Motorists should expect narrow lanes and lane closures which may cause difficult turning movements, especially with large vehicles and trucks. The intersection will remain open with flaggers, and delays are to be expected.

Also, in Cromwell construction on County Road 123 to County Road 120 and County Road 120 to Minnesota Highway 210 along with County Road 122 to Minnesota Highway 210 is planned to begin this month. These routes will be used as a detour when larger scale construction on MN-210 begins in May of 2022.

For up to date information on construction and road closures go to the Minnesota Department of Transportation website at www.dot.state.mn.us/roadwork/#gsc.tab=0 or download the MN 511 application on your phone.

Willow River welcomes eight new planning commissioners

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A planning commission is being reformed in Willow River. At their August meeting the City Council accepted eight members onto the commission. The new commissioners are Mayor Brent Switzer, Alley McGreanor, Art Underhill, Dave Prachar, Harold Blatz, Tom Brabec, Leon Herzog and Pat Herzog.

This new commission will need to meet and establish a committee chair, meeting times, term limits and location before any formal work can be completed. The Planning Commission was reestablished in order to recommend zoning for a property annexed into Willow River by the council from Kettle River Township.

The paperwork for the annexation is moving through legal channels to be formally adopted and approved.

SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH

An extensive discussion of speed limits on Walter's Road took place. The council agreed to purchase and install three speed limit signs making the road 35 miles per hour. Kettle River Township will need to have this speed change presented to them and approve the purchase of their own signs for the township portion of Walter's Road.

These changes were due to concerns raised by residents on living on Walter's Road.

WILLOW RIVER DAM

Access to the City Park and Willow River Dam area is estimated to be possible in late August. The council is planning a clean up day for the Dam area on September 11, 2021.

OTHER NEWS

The proposed changes to the city liquor ordinance

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Sturgeon Lake gets city website

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After months of work the city of Sturgeon Lake has an official website.

The website has been under construction with a contractor through Cybert's PC in Askov, Minn. for the last several months. Information on the website includes contact information for city council members, hours of operation and location for the city offices, meeting minutes from past city council meetings and much more.

Prior to an official website the city had occasionally used a citizen run unofficial Facebook page to share information. Yesterday, a link to the official city website was shared on this page.

For more information on the city of Sturgeon Lake please visit their website at www.cityofsturgeonlake.com

Our New Adventures gives close family space to share

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The small white building holds a variety of treasures for sale, from hand sewn stuffed keychains, decorative oars and sun catchers to hand thrown mugs, bowls, dragons and much more. Our New Adventures opened October 2020 in downtown Moose Lake.

Christine Wipson, 51, has been selling Thirty-One Gifts for several years as well as homeschooling her two daughters. Sydney, now 20, discovered a passion for pottery while she was in college and her sister, Grace, 15, loves to try new things, including hand sewing small stuffed animals called plushies.

They decided the solution was to rent a building and sell their crafts.

"We love to spend time together," said Christine, as Sydney nodded in agreement. Sydney has a fully functioning pottery studio inside the building. She said she is currently in the middle of making pieces to sell at their booth at the Carlton County Fair August 19-22. She makes custom pieces also, including mugs and ceramic figurines of people's pets from photos.



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Sydney Wipson shows a few of the ceramic pieces she created and is on display at Our New Adventures in Moose Lake. The family business opened in the fall of 2020 and includes a variety of home made items for sale by both Sydney and her younger sister, Grace.

She said her mugs, which includes a Minnesota mug and ugly face mugs, are her best sellers.

"She comes alive when she does her ceramics," Christine said. "She sparkles."

They offered ceramic painting classes and Thirty-One Gifts parties in the spring and space for vendors to set up in front of their business

every other weekend from May through Labor Day weekend.

The vendors offer a variety of selections, including home-made aprons, woodworking, soy candles, diamond art and more. The next vendors will be set up 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, August 14.

"We are a faith filled family," Christine said. "This is

God's business, we just show up."

They are open noon- 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturdays at 732 North Arrowhead Lane, Moose Lake or check out their website or Facebook page for more information and upcoming events.



'Green site' for Carlton County Jail passes unanimously

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Unanimously, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners voted to build the proposed Jail/Justice Center next to the Carlton County Transportation Building at the Carlton Junction. Requested by Twin Lakes Township official Diane Felde Finke, a motion by Commissioner Dick Brenner, seconded by Marv Bodie in support for the "green site" passed with no discussion or dissent.

The "green site" is an evergreen covered, over 19 acre parcel just northeast of the current Transportation Building. Engineers and architects have projected that the site is relatively level, sandy, and does not have wetland issues. Most of \$4 million in pre-construction costs would be saved

compared to the site just north of the present Courthouse.

The County Surveyor's crew just studied the site the beginning of the week and has created a legal description for the construction plan, reported County Coordinator Dennis Genereau. This legal description is needed for the City of Carlton and the Township of Twin Lakes boards to call for hearings and then approve an annexation of the 19+ acres to the City of Carlton.

Other urban areas in Minnesota have approved such additions that have not been adjoining their jurisdictions. The final approval for the annexation will come from the Carlton City Council and the Township of Twin Lakes Board and will not need a vote from the local people.

Work on the new budget for 2022 has started

with each department making presentations for their needs during the next budget cycle. Increased health insurance and employee salaries are again a focus with more than 400 on the County payroll.

Historically, County program budgets that can have fund balances at the end of the budget year have been used to cushion the need to keep the property tax increase low for the coming year. The County Land Department and the County Recorder, for example, generate revenue to fund their staffing needs and have excess funds to roll into the new budget. Excess funds by December of the current budget year have been also earmarked by the County Board from such departments as Public Health and Human Services, Zoning, and the Transportation departments.

Of note, during the presentations, the County Highway Engineer Jin Yeene Neumann voiced concern that her department will have decreased revenue this next budget year. She explained that this construction season has been robust because of a lot of Federally funded projects have been going on. The next year will tight she forecasted.

Neumann brought up cuts that would save some money. She advised the Kettle River County Garage should be closed. The building is paid for but there is a savings of utilities. The grader now based in the satellite garage, if moved to Barnum, could be in the Kettle River area in a short time when needed. Chairman Tom Proulx concurred and remarked, "Bring it up on an agenda item and I think the votes are there to close it."

In a phone interview,

Commissioner Mark Thell questioned, "We throw big money for consultants and such with little discussion and a small savings for closing a facility which serves many of our rural areas is considered a way to save money. Our rural community needs to keep their services and the need should not be so easily dismissed. Bigger is not always better."

Local Kettle River farmer Bob Hattenberger agreed with Thell during a phone call and said the community in his area will turn out when the County Board addresses the issue.

IN OTHER COUNTY NEWS

About \$255,000 owed by Carlton County for County parcels being serviced by the new Twin Lakes Township water line was approved to be paid in full by funding coming from the Federal Ameri-

can Rescue Plan monies now available. Carlton County was awarded over \$7 million through that Federal program. Auditor/Treasurer Kevin DeVriendt explained that this move would avoid extra costs of interest and fees over the life of the bonding for the water line.

The usage of water from the new line for the Transportation Building is estimated at 10,000 gallons per day. At the present other water for County property in Sections Ten and Eleven such as the Transfer Station are estimated at 50,000 gallons per day.

DeVriendt also noted that this move by the County could encourage other potential water users to show similar support. The final distribution of the \$7 million State bonding award has not been clarified as to

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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: Tara Carlson, student at Moose Lake Elementary School, had her entry selected as the winner out of hundreds of poems submitted to the MS Society's 1984 Creative Writing Event.

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Sheriff reports murder in Finlayson

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The Pine County Sheriff's Office has reported that a man has been charged with murder in connection with another man's death in Finlayson.

On July 25, officers of the Pine County Sher-

iff's Office responded to 11935 Pine Lake Road in Finlayson on a report of a deceased person.

At this address, officers found an unresponsive male, identified as Curtis Chromulak, and deemed his death suspicious.

Pine County investigators, members of the East Central Drug and Violent

Offender Task Force and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension were called to the scene to assist in the investigation. They were able to identify a suspect and he was arrested a short time later on unrelated charges.

Through the investigation, the Pine County At-

torney's Office was able to charge Jeremy Jones Richardson with Second Degree Murder.

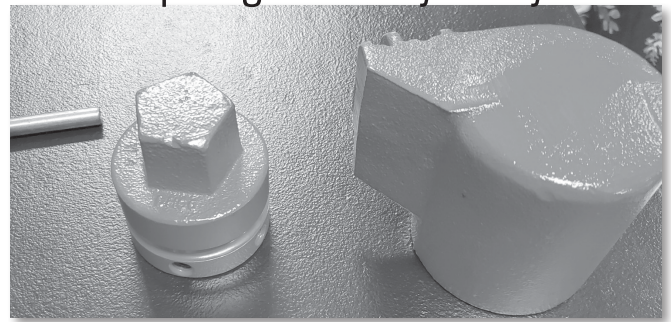
The sheriff's office reports that the investigation of this incident remains under investigation. Look for more on this case in upcoming issues of this newspaper.

WILLOW RIVER: Preparing to lock city fire hydrants

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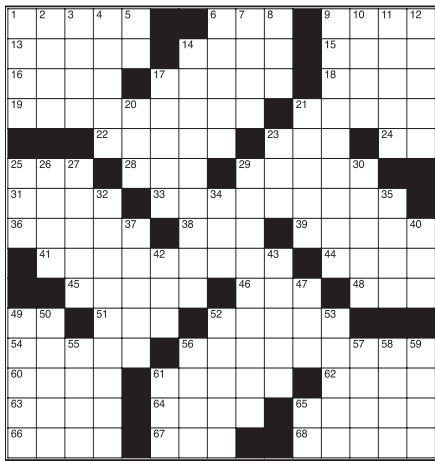
are under review by the city attorney. After their approval by the attorney the ordinance will need to be published and a public hearing held prior to approval.

Hydrant locks were discussed by the council and with Willow River Fire Chief Gerard Bennett. The Willow River Fire Department is ready to have locks on all hydrants in the city. The city is seeking more information on the cost for locks.



ALANEA WHITE | MOOSE LAKE STAR-GAZETTE

Above are the hydrant locks being installed in Sturgeon Lake. Willow River is looking into a price quote to install 35 of these locks on all of the fire hydrants within the city.



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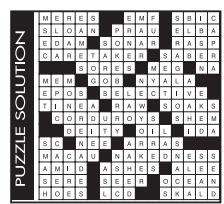
- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating noise
- 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump

- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
- 36. Ringworm
- 38. Unrefined
- 39. Drenches
- 41. Type of pants
- 44. Son of Noah
- 45. Spiritual being
- 46. Upton Sinclair novel
- 48. Journalist Tarbell
- 49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 51. Born of
- 52. Rich tapestry
- 54. S. China seaport
- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the future

- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Old Norse poet
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial
- 17. Gulf in the Aegean
- 20. Clothes

- 21. Chairs
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 25. NY ballplayer
- 26. Impressive in size or scope
- 27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
- 29. Manhattanite
- 30. Genus of lemurs
- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
- 50. Brief appearance
- 52. Expressed

- 53. A light informal meal
- 55. Fabric with smooth finish
- 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 57. Ancient Greek City
- 58. Close tightly
- 59. Commit
- 61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
- 65. Heavy metal



OBITUARIES

Patricia Conway

Patricia (Burtle) Conway 78, loving wife and mother passed away July 16, 2021.

Patricia was born May 24, 1943 in Alton, Ill. to Jerome and Mary Burtle. She graduated from Derham Hall High School in St Paul and continued her education at St Joseph's Hospital School for Nursing where she earned her LPN license.



On April 24, 1965 Patricia married Charles Conway and together raised two children, Kevin and Kelly. They lived in Faribault, Minn. and later moved to Moose Lake, Minn.

Pat worked in nursing for over 40 years in various hospitals and schools. She was also a prison guard in

Moose Lake for a short time. She was most passionate about her 30 year career as a first responder and Emergency Medical Technician, proudly becoming a Paramedic at age 60.

Pat was a HUGE Minnesota Vikings fan. She enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling with her family. She was an avid reader and enjoyed Disney movies. Pat had a love of collecting dolls of all shapes and sizes. She enjoyed all things crafty; sewing, knitting, crochet, needle point, making jewelry and more. Pat also loved animals and bird watching, especially cardinals and loons.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents Jerome and Mary Burtle, brother Michael Burtle, sister Gerry Lynn and husband Charles. She is survived by her children, Kevin (Lisa) Conway, Kelly (Matt) Stark, her three grandchildren, Bradley and Katelyn Stark and Zachary Conway. Nephews, niece and many friends.

Pat's love and generosity was beyond measure, she will be greatly missed.

A quiet graveside memorial will be held at Sunset Memorial Cemetery Moose Lake, Minn. on August 14 2021 at 1 p.m.

State officials recommend CDC school COVID-19 guidance for fall

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

With students, families, and K-12 educators preparing for the start of the 2021-22 school year amid concerns about an uptick in COVID-19 cases driven by the Delta variant, health and education officials are recommending that schools follow CDC's guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools this fall. These best practice recommendations reflect the current state of the pandemic as well as the importance of in-person learning.

The guidance document, Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year, highlights CDC best practice recommendations for implementing layered prevention strategies (using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated. Among the specific points covered in the guidance:

- All people ages 12 years and older should get vaccinated for COVID-19 before returning to in-person school, sports, or other activities

to protect themselves and people around them who cannot get vaccinated.

- All students, teachers, staff, and visitors in school buildings should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status in order to protect those who cannot yet be vaccinated or who remain at higher risk because of immune-compromised status or other conditions.
- Schools should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms whenever possible.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home if they have signs of any infectious illness, and should contact their health care provider for testing and care.
- Students, teachers, and staff who have been fully vaccinated do not need to stay home even if they have had recent close contact with a confirmed case, so long as they remain asymptomatic and do not test positive. Follow CDC testing guidance for anyone exposed to

a confirmed case.

- People who are not fully vaccinated and returning to in-person school, sports, or extracurricular activities (and their families) should get tested regularly for COVID-19 according to CDC guidance.
- Schools should continue to strengthen good ventilation, rapid and thorough contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, cleaning, and disinfection as important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.

While there are no longer mandates that schools follow this guidance, it does represent the most current science-based best practices for safe in-person learning. The recommendations are designed to support local school boards and school leaders as they make decisions for the upcoming school year, and help Minnesota students get back in the classroom safely.

"In-person learning is critical,

SEE BACK TO SCHOOL, PAGE 8

BIRTHS

Ora Elizabeth Crotteau



Ora Elizabeth Crotteau was born on July 28, 2021 at 12:51 a.m. weighing seven pounds and 15 ounces. She was born to parents Breana and Nathan Crotteau of Moose Lake, Minn. Ora is welcomed by maternal grandparents Jerome and Sandra Bennett of Sturgeon Lake, Minn. and paternal grandparents Larry Crotteau of Ariz. and Cindy Slater of Cloquet, Minn.

CARLTON COUNTY: Agriculture Educator update

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how much of the sum is a loan to be paid back over the years or a grant.

Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator Heather Cunningham was given permission to hire a Deputy Administrator for her department. There has been some staff changes in her de-

partment and a certified Advanced Septic Inspector has taken a position in another County department. Hiring a Deputy Administrator with Zoning Inspector credentials will help cover duties when the Administrator is not available.

Due to a resignation of the Agricultural Educator in the Extension office, the County

Board approved hiring a replacement as recommended by the University of Minnesota Extension at a 3/4 time position. Revenues from the Soil Improvement Program have been going down.

County Coordinator Genereau supported continuing the Ag Educator position. He related that when he had a farm in Eagle Township

he wished he had sought advice from the Extension Office in the beginning. He said it cost him a lot of money to learn to run the farm well.

Information provided by Extension said there were 529 farms in Carlton County and 197 fields have been approved for by-product delivery through the Soil Improvement Program (SIP).

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.

Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting

The next CACC Meeting will be on Thursday, August 5 at the Cromwell Park Pavilion at 6 p.m.

Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.

Men's breakfast and Bible study

There will be a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday, Au-

gust 7, at 8 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. All men invited.

Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.

PFLAG Meeting

East Central Minnesota PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) will have their next meeting August 8, 2 p.m., in the Library at the Braham Community Center, 655 8th Street SW, Braham, MN 55006. For more information, go to www.ecmnpflag.org

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.

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. You must be vaccinated to attend. 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.

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FROM CBS 3 METEOROLOGIST DAVE ANDERSON

Thursday	Sunday
Partly Sunny 60% chance of rain 81/65	Partly Sunny 40% chance of rain 80/60
Friday	Monday
Mostly Sunny 80/60	Mostly Sunny 30% chance of rain 79/60
Saturday	
Mostly Cloudy 50% chance of rain 75/58	

Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

Serving at 11:30 a.m.
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\$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, August 9 - Twisted Taco, Pudding w/Topping

Tuesday, August 10 - Pork Loin Chop, Rhubarb Custard Dessert

Wed., August 11 - Penne with Italian Sausage, Fresh Fruit

Thurs., Aug. 12 - Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Fruit

Fri., Aug. 13 - Hamloaf or Alternate, Chocolate Marble Cake

'Spit spreads death'

While off on my adventure last week I was visiting the Mütter Museum in Philadelphia.

This museum is special, it is operated by The College of Physicians of Philadelphia and houses almost 25,000 medical samples, specimens and oddities. Parts of the museum are a rotating themed series of displays, and during my visit one of these was an installation called "Spit Spreads Death: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-19 in Philadelphia."

The exhibit was put together to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic in Philadelphia. Construction on it began all the way back in 2018. Ironically, the Mütter had this exhibit planned prior to COVID-19 hitting the global stage. Part of the original planning for 'Spit Spreads Death' was to address the question of how we can prepare for future pandemics.

Tracking the number of influenza cases in Philadelphia on a virtual map using red dots, the exhibit allows the viewer to see a visual representation of what 20,000 people who were killed by the virus looked like.

Even more ironic to me, was that I was visiting just as restrictions were being lifted for COVID-19, but the case numbers are once again on the rise due to the Delta variant. This was also something that was visually represented in the virtual map, restrictions were lifted in 1918 because death numbers were decreasing and then cases once again increased.

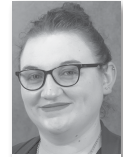
The final part of the exhibit shares that a vaccine for the 1918 influenza was finally developed in 1945. Encouraging visitors to get vaccinated against the flu is the last piece of information that is shared in the exhibit.

There were some distinct parallels between the 1918 flu and COVID-19 that were easily apparent. Masks were encouraged, in the case of 1918 gauze seemed to be the recommended material as opposed to the recommended three layers of cotton now. The prevalence of a dangerous case of pneumonia developing after recovery from the virus and this causing death was also similar. Large numbers of signs canceling events, one of these paper signs was where the name for the exhibit came from. Massive shortages of supplies were also similar.

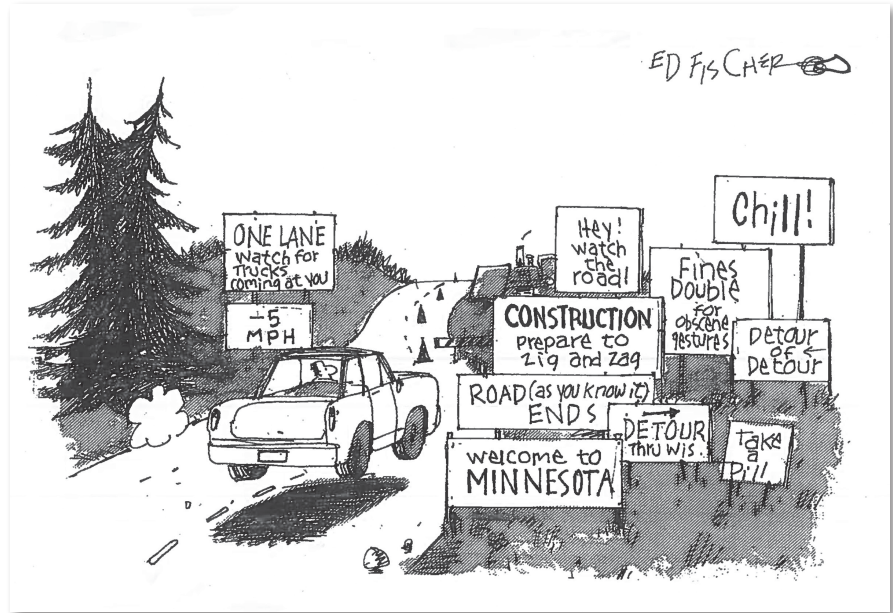
A major difference was the time it took for a vaccine to be developed. The 1918 flu did not have a vaccine until 1945. COVID-19 had three vaccine options within two years. Medicine and the studies conducted on pandemic level influenzas has come a long way since 1918.

Today as schools return to session and things reopen, I can't help but see the parallels between 1918 and COVID-19 continuing. We are already seeing an increase in cases now that restrictions have been lifted. One positive is that we have the tools available to fight this virus. We don't have to wait years for a vaccine to prevent us from catching COVID-19, it is already here and ready for us to take. I would encourage you to learn from 1918 and take the vaccine.

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A Millennial Mile
Alana White



August starts off with smoke filled skies

We have never experienced the kind of terrible air quality as we have in the past two weeks with some of the highest particulate readings



Going Nature's Way
Kate Crowley

smoke is seriously impacting our quality of life as the particulate matter is hazardous to our health, especially for those with respiratory or cardiac illnesses. To make matters worse, driving and use of other gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment just adds to the level of air pollution.

We know that smoky air causes

a dry, scratchy throat and burning/watering eyes for us humans and though there is little data or research on its impact on wildlife, we have to believe it is detrimental to their health. We do know that birds breathe differently than mammals, because birds have air sacs throughout their body that connect to the lungs, which are smaller in comparison to body size in mammals. Like a bellows, the muscles pull air in and push it out, changing the shape of the air sacs. So, the more active a bird is, the more oxygen it needs, and the more air is exchanged, bringing in more particulate matter. That can't be good for the overall health of the bird.

We know that the fires are destroying millions of acres of habitat, so the long term impact on birds and mammals is being negatively affected. Birds can flee the fires more easily than mammals, which will run away. Some of the larger mammals will seek out lakes or streams to stand in. Reptiles and amphibians will seek shelter underground.

Wildlife has evolved with fire

and in some cases, species benefit from the changes wrought by fire - such as new vegetation and dead trees that harbor insects. What happens after a fire occurs depends on the landscape, the severity of the fire, and the species involved. But there will be changes in the types of plants, fungi and even microbes in a burned landscape. This in turn changes the types of creatures that can and will live there.

The difference now is the frequency and severity of the fires we're seeing. Since the early 1970s, the wildfire season in the western U.S. has grown from about five to more than seven months. And there is no question that as climate change drives up temperatures and worsens drought conditions, landscapes are becoming increasingly dry and more susceptible to burning.

This is very personal for us because we live surrounded by forest - much of it consisting of Jack Pine, a fire dependent species. It was just a little over 100 years ago

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As temps rise, so does potential for harmful algae and need to reduce pollution

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This year's persistent hot, dry conditions are increasing the potential for algal blooms, including the kind that can be harmful to people and pets. All regions of Minnesota have reported suspected blue-green algal blooms this summer.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is advising people to stay out of lakes and streams if the water looks green and slimy. The algae could contain a toxic bacteria that can sicken people and kill dogs, livestock, and other animals within hours of contact.

"If in doubt, stay out," says Lee Engel
'If in doubt, stay out...'

Lee Engel

Surface water monitoring supervisor for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

gel, surface water monitoring supervisor for the MPCA. "Hot, dry conditions are ideal for growing algae. We are experiencing higher temperatures due to climate change, and that means warmer lakes, even in Northern Minnesota. We are seeing harmful algal blooms in more places, some of which persist throughout the season."

POTENTIAL HEALTH IMPACTS

In recent years, resident have reported multiple dog deaths where exposure to toxic algae was the likely cause. People can protect their dogs by:

- Keeping them out of algae-laden water.
- Hosing them off immediately after playing in any lake or stream.
- Preventing them from ingesting affected water or licking toxins from their coat to prevent illness.
- Seeing a veterinarian immediately if your dog may have been exposed to blue-green algae.

People who come into contact with toxic blue-green algae can experience skin, throat, eye, and nose irritation and nausea. Don't swim in water that you suspect has blue-green algae. If you come in contact with algae, rinse off with clean water afterwards.

ADDRESSING THE MAIN CAUSE OF ALGAE

Phosphorus, the top pollutant of concern in Minnesota lakes, fuels the growth of algae. In 25% of Minnesota lakes, levels of phosphorus and algae are too high, so the lakes don't meet the water quality standard for recreation. Preventing phosphorus pollution is even more important in lakes warming as a result of climate change; warmer water also promotes algae growth.

Landowners and residents can help reduce phosphorus in lakes by:

- Reducing urban stormwater with rain gardens, rain barrels, and fewer impervious surfaces.
- Using phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer, keeping grass clippings and other yard waste out of storm drains, and picking up after pets.
- Building soil health to reduce cropland runoff by planting cover crops, increasing organic matter, and reducing tillage.
- Planting deep-rooted native plants along ditches, lakes, and streams to slow down and filter runoff.
- Managing manure responsibly to keep it out of lakes and streams.

The MPCA and its partners are working to reduce phosphorus pollution. For example, the MPCA and Science Museum are studying algal blooms in Lake of the Woods to help restore it. The Willmar Area Lakes Association and local partners are organizing residents to control stormwater with rain gardens and other practices. Communities like Faribault, Northfield, and Owatonna are investing in wastewater treatment to decrease the phosphorus they discharge to rivers and downstream lakes.

HELP US FIGHT PHOSPHORUS AND ALGAE IN LAKES!

Help us track the problem by emailing photos of suspected harmful algal blooms to algae.mPCA@state.mn.us.

Learn more on our Blue green algae and harmful algal blooms web page at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms

Discover ways to reduce phosphorus pollution by visiting www.pca.state.mn.us/water/reducing-phosphorus-pollution

KETTLE RIVER NEWS: Getting ready for Ma and Pa Kettle Days

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Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School will be August 9 – 12 at the church from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Children ages 5 – 12 are eligible to attend. Call Mary at 218-565-8864 to register so she can order supplies.

The Finnish Luncheon is back on August 17 at 12 noon at the Kettle River Senior Center. It is being catered by the Rustic Diner. We will need at least 25 members to attend, so be sure to bring a

friend with you.

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. A special meeting was held on Tuesday, July 20 with several citizens attending. Information at that meeting makes it more important for more to attend the August 10 meeting.

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. Posters will be at various places and also can be found on Facebook. Music on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday BBQ cookoff, cornhole tournament, and kids games, and on Sunday, various events will happen. So plan to attend and support the food vendors too.

DROUGHT: Watching the sky for signs of rain in a dry series of months

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when a major fire swept through this area and it was 34 years ago when a fire at a sod farm outside of Willow River erupted and threatened the community. I remember driving home and seeing helicopters flying overhead and dumping water. Luckily and partly due to a shift in wind direction, the fire was contained, but ever since I have been anxious when we enter the spring season between snow melt and green up. Usually by summer that worry

dissipates, but not this year.

In the months of June and July we had less than 3" of rain and since we live on a sand plain, the drought is felt even more. There is the smell of smoke in the air because of those Canadian wildfires and we can't help but wonder if we would be able to differentiate between that and a fire closer to home. I can't help but feel an affinity with the farmers during the Dust Bowl as we search the sky and pray for rain.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS: Class of 1981 Wildcats have roaring good time

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Hello All,
The Class of 1981 Wildcats had a rip roaring good time at their 40th class reunion. It was great to get together and a lot of laughter was heard. Thanks to Rhonda for setting up the party, and thanks to Ken and Lisa Waletzko for their warm hospitality and great venue and food on Sunday. It was great

to see some of the teachers too. By the sound of all the stories it was a miracle that they survived that class. What a fun and great group of people.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: 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 4th Sunday of each month before Mass. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on August 29 at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. On Thursday, August 12, 2021 there will be a Catholic Charities meal distribution outside of St. Mary's Church from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WRIGHT-CROMWELL NEWS: August shapes up to be a busy month in the area

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Our sympathy to the Ann Heikkila and family on the recent death of their long-time pet dog: Keegan. Keegan has been in the family for over 12 years and it isn't easy adjusting to his passing.

Ann Markusen says there will be No Yoga on August 2, or 9 – Ann plans to be back for August 16 Yoga and beyond. Meanwhile, she encourages you to do a bit of stretching every day at home or wherever you are. Questions call 218-428-3300 or email at markusen@umn.edu.
The National Night Out

will be at the Cromwell Park Pavilion on Tuesday, August 3 starting at 5:30 p.m. All area folks are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. Come on out and meet your neighbors and friends.

The Wright Seniors will meet on August 4 at Noon at the senior building for their pot Luck and monthly meeting, followed by games.

The next CACC Meeting will be on Thursday, August 5 at the Cromwell Park Pavilion at 6 p.m.

The family of Mary Purcell is having an informal Celebration of Life gathering for her on Friday, August 6 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

in Wright at 10 a.m.

The Extreme Team will be holding a Car Wash at the Fire Department in Cromwell on August 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free will donations are being accepted.

Word has it that there will be a "Hey Days" event in Tamarack on August 7.

There are now 40 members of the Cromwell Area YOT. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10 at noon at the Cromwell Park Pavilion. New members are always welcome to attend and lunch is provided.

The Farmers Co-op Store in Wright will be holding their 102nd Annual Meeting on

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Wright Senior Building at 6:30 p.m. There will be an Election of two Directors, and any other business will be considered, including the future disposition of the store. Lunch and Door Prizes will follow the meeting. All share holders and those considering becoming share-holders are welcome to attend. Shares can be purchased for \$10.00 at anytime.

Save the Date: Baseball Fans, there will be a professional baseball game in Dyersville, Iowa at the Field of Dreams on August 12 and it will be televised on Fox - Channel 21. The game is between the New York

Yankees and the Chicago White Sox.

The Carlton County Fair is fast approaching and I am looking for volunteers to work at the Little Red School on August 19 to August 22. So, please call me at 808-366-6582 or 218-357-2385 if you can spare a couple

of hours volunteering.

That's all the news from the Edge of Wright! PLEASE get Vaccinated! Send any news to me at jkh4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.

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A primer to the Olympic women's gymnastics competition

BY BILL STICKELS III
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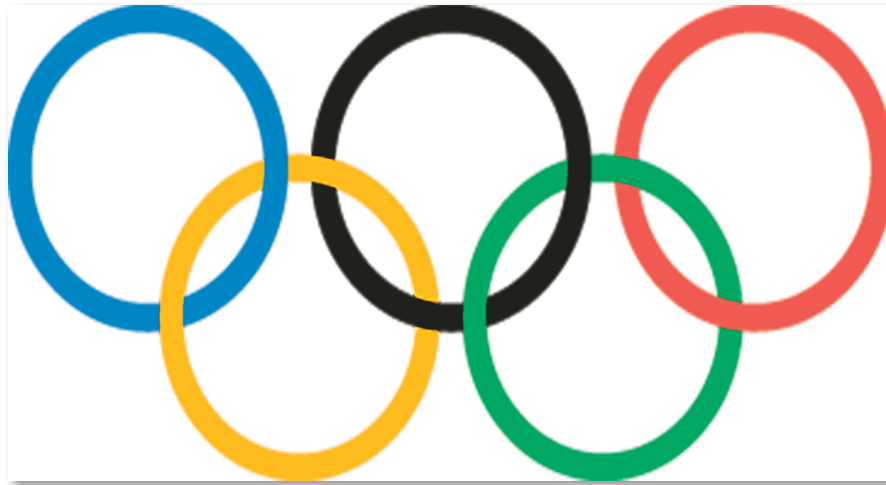
Editor's note: Most of the information contained in this article was taken from nbcolympics.com.

Women's gymnastics has always been one of the more-watched competitions during the Summer Olympics. However this year, that competition is of even more interest to this area as two Minnesotans, including Isanti's Grace McCallum, will be competing for the U.S., who is heavily favored to take gold. And while the number of people paying attention to women's gymnastics is large, a good chunk of those viewers find the competition rules pretty confusing (which they are, even to the most learned gymnastics fan). Below is a summary of the rules and a schedule for when fans can watch McCallum and the rest of the U.S. team compete. (See NBCOlympics.com/schedule for exact times of live and tape-delayed broadcasts).

THE U.S. CONTINGENCY

Besides McCallum and fellow Minnesotan Sunisa Lee, the U.S. Olympic team is comprised of Simone Biles and Jordan Chiles. Those four will be competing not only for the team competition, but also for advancing in the all-around and event competitions. Besides them, MyKayla Skinner and Jade Carey will be competing only as individuals, meaning their scores will not count for the team.

QUALIFICATION ROUND (SUNDAY,



Above are the Olympic Rings, the official logo of the Olympic competition.

JULY 25)

For this first round of competition, all four team members, plus the two individuals, can compete on all four events for a chance to qualify for the all-around and event finals. In addition, the top three scores among McCallum, Lee, Biles, and Chiles, will count towards the team score. The U.S. team is as close to a guaranteed qualifier for the team finals as you can get as the top eight teams advance.

TEAM FINALS (TUESDAY, JULY 27)

In this round, only three of the four team members compete on each event, with all three scores counting towards the team's final score. The team with the highest total wins the gold. Typically, two of the three competitors

will be the team's best all-arounders (in the U.S.'s case, Biles and probably Lee), with the third competitor possibly being an "event specialist." For example, McCallum might compete on vault and floor, with Chiles competing on bars and beam.

ALL-AROUND FINALS (THURSDAY, JULY 29)

24 gymnasts will compete for the individual all-around gold, with those gymnasts being determined during qualification round. However, it's not as simple as the top 24 scores advance as there is a rule that states only two gymnasts per country can advance. This is where it gets tricky for the U.S. as all four team members, plus the two individuals (Skinner and Carey) are

talented enough to score in the top 24. Biles is the greatest gymnast of all time, and is favored to win the all-around gold. So that leaves the other five Americans to fight it out for the other qualifying spot. Whoever that is, they will be favored to take the silver.

EVENT FINALS (AUG. 1 - VAULT & BARS, AUG. 2 - FLOOR, AUG. 3 - BEAM)

Eight gymnasts will compete in each of the individual event finals, with once again, only two per country allowed. The eight competitors will also be determined during the qualification round. Again, Biles is expected to qualify on all four events, leaving only one spot per event for the other Americans.

SCORING

This is probably the most confusing part of the sport. Olympic competition doesn't use the same scoring many are used to, where a "perfect 10" is the top score that can be achieved. Today, there are two scores that are added together to come up with a total score.

The first score (often called the "start value") is accumulated based on what a gymnast does during her routine. Every move is given a predetermined "value," with the more difficult the move, the higher value it is given. Judges add up the point values of the moves executed during a routine to reach this score.

The second score (often called the "execution score") is very similar to the old scoring system.

UNITED STATES MEDAL COUNT

Grace McCallum won a Silver Medal in the Women's Team Final along with Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles and Sunisa Lee. Sunisa Lee won a Gold Medal in the Women's All Around. Sunisa Lee won a Silver Medal in the Women's Final along with Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles and Grace McCallum. Sunisa Lee won a Bronze Medal in the Women's Uneven Bars.

United States medal totals as of Tuesday, August 3 are as follows:

Gold: 24

Silver: 28

Bronze: 21

Total: 73

The United States is ranked number one based on medal count.

Starting at 10.0, judges take away points for mistakes made during the routine, with many of those mistakes having predetermined deductions (i.e. a half-point deduction for falling off the beam).

This is where the U.S. has a huge advantage over the competition. Many of the skills they are executing are so much more difficult than what anyone else is attempting, resulting in their start value being higher than anyone else. Therefore, even if they make more mistakes, which reduces their execution score, their start value makes up for it and their total score is higher than the other competitors.

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Lush, colorful art on the 'horizon' at Pine Center for the Arts

PINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

John Niemi hopes to provide landscapes and nature-inspired art that transports the viewer's imagination as the featured artist at Pine Center for the Arts this August.

His show "Horizons, Landscapes, Butterflies" features abstracts that celebrate the colors, patterns and sheer wonder

of nature.

Niemi, a native son of the Iron Range, created art from middle school all the way through college, where he majored in graphic design and photography. In 1999, his avocation took on a new life as he discovered artistic possibilities – painting with his mouse.

"I create digital images on the computer either from a blank screen or

a digital image. Using a digital photograph as a palette, without regard for the actual image, I manipulate the pixels captured in the original photograph. Then the digital file becomes a limited-edition print on paper or metal," he explained.

"My images represent the expanse and wonder of the world around us, without the clutter of manmade objects," Niemi said. "I hope an image will capture one's imagination: 'Is this an interesting place or a forbidding space? Have I been there before? Or do I want to go there?' My images are a promise of a brighter world or the threat of a lost world. What has been said is that we don't appreciate what we appreciate until it's gone."

The public is invited to view the exhibit and find themselves lost in "Horizons, Landscapes, Butterflies" throughout the month of August. The

exhibit opens 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6 at the Pine Center for the Arts, located 265 5th Street SE. Regular gallery hours are 3-5 p.m. on Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. on Fridays

and 10 am-12 p.m. on Saturdays and 4-6 p.m.

Activities at the Pine Center for the Arts are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through an operating grant from

the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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Above is a photo of one of John Niemi's pieces that will be on display at the Pine Center for the Arts in August.



WILD RIVERS CONSERVANCY

Above is a boat decontamination unit in use. These units are used to aid in the prevention of spreading Aquatic Invasive Species.

St. Croix River to Have Weekend of Extra Protection Against Aquatic Invaders

WILD RIVERS CONSERVANCY

Boat decontamination units will be on the St. Croix River during August 6-8, 2021. These units will decontaminate boats to aid in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Decontamination units are portable high pressure and high temperature wash units that allow boat inspectors to decontaminate watercraft at public water accesses without allowing any of the water to run off. These units remove invasive species from boats and protect our waterways.

AIS are non-native species that cause environmental or economic harm, or harm to human health. Common AIS in the St. Croix River in-

clude zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, bighead carp, rusty crayfish, and Asian clams. Decontamination units help stop the spread of those species to nearby water bodies, and protect the St. Croix from new invaders.

AIS are a threat to the overall health of the St. Croix River and its tributaries. One of the first eight nationally designated wild and scenic rivers, the St. Croix is one of the cleanest tributaries to the Mississippi River. It is a high-value fishery, and the healthy, diverse ecosystem includes at least 40 species of mussels, several of which are rare or endangered. The introduction of aggressive invasive species into this complex system threatens the ecological

integrity of the river as well as unique cultural resources and our outdoor heritage.

Wild Rivers Conservancy partners with Chisago County and the Minnesota DNR to encourage and promote the use of decontamination stations. The Minnesota DNR will staff one unit at Afton State Park on Saturday, August 7. Chisago County will staff one unit at Osceola Landing in Chisago County during the weekend. The inspectors will clean boats at risk for spreading aggressive AIS. Wild Rivers Conservancy staff will also be at Lions Park in St. Croix Falls and Lakefront Landing in Hudson, performing boat inspections throughout the weekend.

The live music performances at the Pine County Fair are backed by the generous support of the East Central Regional Arts Council.

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Man drowns in Elbow Lake near Finlayson

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A 19-year-old Kettle River man is dead after drowning in a Pine County Lake on Aug. 2.

According to the Pine County Sheriff's Office, on Aug. 2, deputies responded to a report of a drowning in Elbow Lake near an address on Elbow Shore Lane in Finlayson.

Deputies spoke with people at the scene who were swimming with Benjamin Whipple, 19, of Kettle River and witnessed him go under the water and not resurface.

Finlayson Fire Department and St. Louis County Search and Rescue were called to the scene to assist in the recovery of the man. Whipple's remains were located later in the evening.

BACK TO SCHOOL: COVID-19 school recommendations changing due to increased cases and Delta variant

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not only when it comes to academics, but also for our students' social-emotional well-being and mental health," said Minnesota Education Commissioner Dr. Heather Mueller. "As we head back to school this fall, we must implement measures to protect the health and safety of all of our students, staff and families."

Proactive COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people - including students, teachers, and staff - who are not fully vaccinated or who have certain medical conditions, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels. According to Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm, the basic tools for fighting COVID-19 remain the same even as the virus itself has evolved into new variants that spread more easily from person to person and make containment more challenging.

"Vaccination, masking, and physical distancing remain our best public health prevention strategies for slowing the spread of COVID-19," Commissioner Malcolm said. "The Delta variant is proving to have an alarming ability to spread more easily, so it's more important than ever that anyone eligible for vaccination get that protection as soon as possible, and follow the CDC's guidance for continued masking, distancing and other prevention strategies to help avoid the widespread illnesses and community impacts we saw during the last school year."

Education and health officials emphasized that Minnesotans 12 years of age and older should get vaccinated for COVID-19 before returning to in-person school, sports, or other extracurricular activities.

For more information on how to get vaccinated, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or contact your health care provider.

Minnesota State Patrol vehicle involved in Pine County crash

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A Minnesota State Patrol vehicle was involved in a crash in Pine County on July 23.

According to a report from the Minnesota State Patrol, on July 23 at 10:40 a.m., a Minnesota State Patrol Ford Explorer driven by Michael Ronald Hagen, 53, of Duluth was traveling eastbound on Highway 23 in Sandstone Township.

Hagen was attempting to make a left turn to take the entrance ramp

onto northbound Interstate 35 when his Explorer collided with a Ford F-250 driven by Ambur Marie Cady, 25, of Hinckley.

Both drivers received injuries described as non-life threatening. Both Hagen and Cady were transported to Essentia Sandstone for treatment.

The Minnesota State Patrol, the Pine County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources responded to the crash.

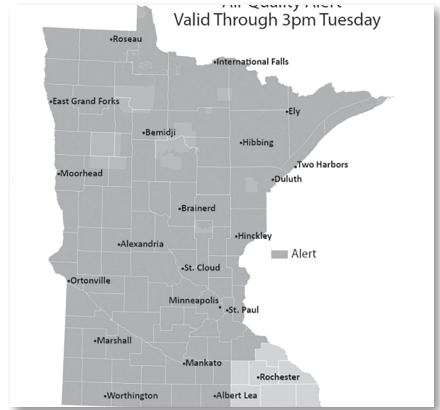
Road conditions were dry, and alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Unprecedented air quality alert updated, continues

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
WWW.PCA.STATE.MN.US

The air quality alert issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) continues for most of Minnesota until Tuesday, August 3, at 3 p.m. However, the air quality alert has been cancelled for portions of southeast Minnesota. The remainder of the state remains in the air quality alert.

A significant and long duration air quality event has been occurring across Minnesota over the past several days. Smoke from Canadian wildfires has remained over most of Minnesota since Thursday, July 29. The eastern half of the state experienced a significant improvement in air quality yesterday, August 2. However, lingering smoke over western Minnesota, combined with new smoke over the northern part of the state, have degraded air quality August 3. High pressure currently resides over the Iowa border, and westerly winds over the state will move this smoke into the Twin Cities and northeast Minnesota on August 3. Fine particle levels will begin to improve August 4 as southerly winds start moving the smoke out of the state.



The map above shows the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's air quality alert map as of Tuesday, August 3.

outdoors, such as playing sports or working, especially for extended periods

HEALTH EFFECTS

Air pollution can aggravate heart and cardiovascular disease as well as lung diseases like asthma and COPD. When the air quality is unhealthy, people with these conditions may experience symptoms like chest pain, shortness of breath, wheezing, coughing, or fatigue. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, use your inhalers as directed and contact your health care provider.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

- Take it easy and listen to your body.
- Limit, change, or postpone your physical activity.
- If possible, stay away from local sources of air pollution like busy roads and wood fires.
- If you have asthma, or other breathing conditions like COPD, make sure you have your relief/rescue inhaler with you.
- People with asthma should review and

follow guidance in their written asthma action plan. Make an appointment to see your health provider if you don't have an asthma action plan.

POLLUTION REDUCTION TIPS

The main sources of fine particle pollution is any activity that uses fuel. Conserving energy and buying clean, renewable energy are great lifestyle choices to help reduce overall pollution.

- Reduce vehicle trips.
- Use public transport or carpool when possible.
- Postpone use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment on air alert days. Use battery or manual equipment instead.
- Avoid backyard fires.

For information on current air quality conditions in your area and to sign up for daily air quality forecasts and alert notifications by email, text message, phone, or the Minnesota Air mobile app, visit MPCA's Air Quality Index webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/current-air-quality>

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Pine County meth dealer sentenced, trafficking suspects arrested

STAFF REPORT
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The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force reports that a Pine County meth dealer has been sentenced and two suspected drug traffickers from the area have been arrested and found with cocaine and fentanyl.

METH DEALER SENTENCED

In July, Gerald Allen Jensen, a Pine County resident was sentenced in federal court to 112 months in prison on drug-related charges. Following release from prison, Jensen will be obligated to seven years of supervised release.

The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force reports that it investigated a group involved in the trafficking and distribution of methamphetamine from Mexico to Minnesota. In September, multiple warrants were executed in Pine County resulting the recovery of firearms, 23 pounds of meth, \$20,455 in illicit proceeds, four arrests, and a five-party federal indictment.

According to a task force press release, the Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case, and sentencing is imminent for three others. An Isanti County resident is facing 100-262

months, a drug runner from St. Paul is facing 57-108 months, one of the two drug sources from California is facing 51-210 months and, one suspect remains at large and is presumed to be outside the U.S.

SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED

The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force also reports that on June 18, Ismael "Jordan" Yannick Toovi, 21, of Cambridge and Payton Marie Sausen, 20, of North Branch were arrested in Nebraska on traffic and drug-related charges.

The task force reported that it began investigating Toovi's involvement in drug trafficking and distribution of the deadly "M30" fentanyl pills in the Isanti/Chisago County area.

Toovi and Sausen were successfully intercepted by law enforcement while allegedly in the middle of the interstate drug trafficking event. Over 5,000 fentanyl pills and more than six grams of cocaine were seized. Toovi and Sausen face drug charges in Nebraska and could face additional federal drug charges.

"These drugs are exceptionally dangerous in our communities, especially among young adults experimenting

with drug use," the task force stated in a press release. "Ingestion of these pills can be fatal, and members of our communities have already died as a result. The East Central Drug & Violent Offenders Task Force is committed to safeguarding our communities and will continue to disrupt the flow of these drugs into our neighborhoods and reduce the threat they pose to the lives of our fellow residents"

Anyone with information about any illegal narcotics, gang, or other violent offender activity, are asked to contact the task force at 320-566-4153.

The East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force was established in 2012 and is comprised of criminal investigators from Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, and Pine Counties, serving approximately 141,578 residents across 2,781 square miles. The purpose of the task force is to improve the health, safety, and security of our communities through targeted enforcement of dangerous criminal activity. Task Force efforts focus primarily on drug trafficking, smuggling and distribution networks, interdiction of illicit drugs and contraband, criminal gang activity and other violent crime.

Man allegedly exposes himself to minors in Hinckley

STAFF REPORT
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A man has been arrested by the Pine County Sheriff's Office after allegedly exposing himself to two juvenile females at West Side Park in Hinckley on the evening of July 23.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Pine County Court, on Friday, July 23 at approximately 7:04 p.m., a Pine County deputy was dispatched to a report of male wearing a white dress and pink thong underwear exposing his genitals to underage females at West Side Park in Hinckley.

The deputy responded to the park and spoke with two juvenile females, ages 14 and 16. Both reported observing a male wearing a white dress and pink-colored thong underwear who walked up to them and sat on a bench under the pavilion.

The juveniles reported that while the male was seated on the bench, he was taking photographs

of his genitals. The juveniles reported seeing the male's genitals while he was taking the photographs. The juvenile females reported that the male asked them if, "they thought it was hot that [he] was wearing a pink thong" and whether it made him look like a "hoe."

The juvenile females further reported that the male stated he likes to show his genitalia to people and that is why he was wearing a see-through dress. The juvenile females took video of the male and provided those videos to law enforcement.

An adult male at the park further reported he observed a male wearing a white dress and a pink-colored thong walk up and sit on a bench. The adult male reported he focused on playing with his child at the park until he was approached by the two juvenile females who told him what they observed.

The deputy reviewed the videos provided by

the juvenile females and identified the male suspect from prior contacts as Christian Michael Saxon, 29, of Moose Lake.

Deputies went to Saxon's apartment to speak with him. Residents of his apartment stated that Saxon left the building in a silver minivan prior to their arrival.

Saxon was arrested on Saturday, July 24 based on a probable cause hold. According to the arresting officers, at the time of his arrest, Saxon stated he had drugs in his pocket. A baggie containing a small amount of a crystalline substance was allegedly found on Saxon's person, which law enforcement recognized as methamphetamine.

Saxon was charged with one gross misdemeanor count of indecent exposure/lewdness, and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. The maximum penalty for these charges comes to one year in jail, a \$3,000 fine or both.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Carlton County Board of Adjustment will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 17, 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 Variance Permits listed below.

Variance #321018 Daniel Reed

Lots 1-12 and Lots 19-20, Block 2 of Automba Township Plat in Section 32, Township 47 North, Range 21 West in Automba Township. The property addresses are 6960 and 6964 County Road 6 (PIN 36-050-0900, 0640, 0960 and 0880).

Nature of Request:

Allow a lot line adjustment between non-conforming lots and consider the subject property buildable as long as setbacks, lot coverage and septic requirements are met. The lots are considered nonconforming as they do not meet lot depth or lot area requirements.

Variance #321019 Automba Township; Daniel Reed

Lots 10-19 (Automba Township) and Lots 20-24 (Daniel Reed), Block 1 of Automba Township Plat in Section 32, Township 47 North, Range 21 West in Automba Township. The property addresses are XXXX and XXXX County Road 6 (PIN 36-050-0200, 0220, 0240, 0260, 0280, 0300, 0320, 0340, 0360, 0380, and 0420).

Nature of Request:

Allow a lot line adjustment between non-conforming lots and consider the Automba Township property buildable as long as setbacks, lot coverage and septic requirements are met. The lots are considered nonconforming as they do not meet lot width, lot depth or lot area requirements.

Variance #321020 Dennis and Jackie Benning

Part of Government Lot 5 or Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Township 48 North, Range 20 West on Eagle Lake in Eagle Township. The property address is 5869 Jarvi Road (PIN 90-010-3020).

Nature of Request: Construct a non-conforming cabin with attached deck. The cabin with attached deck is considered nonconforming as it will not meet the required setback from the road centerline and ordinary high water level.

BY THE ORDER OF THE CARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
for Jack Ezell
Chairman, Board of Adjustment
(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on August 5, 2021)

School Board Regular Meeting Minutes Barnum Public Schools ISD 91

July 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: L. Bonnevill, B. Dinger, S. Ferrin, J. Fuglestad, B. Schatz, J. Unkelhaeuser (arrived after Approval of Minutes) and Superintendent M. McNulty

Members Absent: P. Coughlin

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Dinger, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following addition:

• Add to Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

L. Consider approving the hire of Tony Bender, Assistant

Groundskeeper, effective July 21, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Dinger, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board, June 15, 2021.

Chairperson's Announcements:

A. Good Things Happening

1. We hosted a successful Car Show in the Barnum High School parking lot on June 12. Thanks to all who attended.

2. Community Education hosted a Forest Story Walk in the school nature center for a week in July.

3. The CIP program out of Willow River is cleaning up trails and repairing bridges in our school forest the week of July 19-23.

4. Congratulations to Brooke Doran for a great competition at the State Track Meet. Brooke jumped 15'9.75" in the long jump!

B. Public Participation: Community member addressed the school board

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Dinger, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2021.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$415,782.37 and payroll paid in June in the amount of \$487,293.13 for a total of \$903,075.50.

Wire Transfer:

Motion by Schatz, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve the wire transfer funds of \$825,000.00.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McNulty gave the floor to ICS and Ehlers to present the findings of their listening sessions with the Barnum staff and community, and discuss

abatement bonding.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Dinger, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Approve the reinstatement of the building secretaries previously placed on seasonal layoff as per the approved schedule.

B. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts, charter schools or other organizations annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified

at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA) or organization. The Board recommends to authorize Mr. Mike McNulty to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) and Lisa Rihioluoma to act as the IOWA to add and remove names only for the Barnum Public School District 0091-01.

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C. Approve the resignation of Christina McMahon, Elementary Teacher, effective June 22, 2021.

D. Approve the resignation of Kelly McKibbin, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

E. Approve a \$125 donation from the Barnum Area Community Club for the State Track Meet.

F. Approve the resignation of Courtney Sieckert, Community Education Administrative Assistant and Bomber Club Lead Teacher, effective August 20, 2021.

G. Approve a \$200 donation from Paul Schmitt for the Band program.

H. Approve the Services Agreement for the Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement for FY22.

I. Approve the State of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Concurrent Enrollment Contract for FY22.

J. Approve the annual membership to MREA for the 2021-2022 school year. The cost is \$1,868.00. The cost for FY20 was \$1,681.00 (discounted price).

K. Approve the Math Corps Addendum, Reading & Math, Inc. for Barnum High School for FY22.

L. Approve the AmeriCorps Site Agreement, Reading & Math, Inc. for Barnum High School for FY22.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

A. Motion by Dinger, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to approve the SY22 Student Participation and Public Admission Fees as recommended by the Athletic Director.

B. Motion by Dinger, seconded by Schatz, and carried to approve School Board Policies: 402, 601, 607 and 616. There were no content changes to these policies.

C. Considered School Board Policies 419, 516 and 533. This is the first of three readings of the policies and no Board action was required.

D. Motion by Dinger, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to approve the hire of Dustin Collole, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, effective July 21, 2021.

E. Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Dinger, and unanimously carried to approve the hire of Haley Egge, Elementary Classroom Teacher, effective August 30, 2021.

F. Motion by Schatz, seconded by Dinger, and unanimously carried to approve the hire of Tara Kisler, Special Education Teacher, effective August 30, 2021.

G. Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Schatz, and carried to approve an additional \$7,650.00 of capital monies to the \$5,000 previously approved to update the sports shed, including pouring a new concrete slab beneath the shed. Voting for: Dinger, Ferrin, Fuglestad, Schatz, Unkelhaeuser. Voting against: Bonneville

H. Review Board goals. No action was required.

I. Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried to approve a School Board retreat with MSBA in August.

J. Reviewed Meet and Confer May 25, 2021 meeting minutes. No action was required.

K. Motion by Unkelhaeuser, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve closing the meeting at 8:50 p.m. per MS 13D.03 to discuss negotiation strategies for both union groups.

L. Motion by Dinger, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve reopening the meeting at 9:54 p.m. per MS 13D.03.

M. Motion by Schatz, seconded by Ferrin, and not carried to approve the hire of Tony Bender, Assistant Groundskeeper, effective July 21, 2021. Voting for: Ferrin, Schatz. Voting against: Dinger, Fuglestad, Unkelhaeuser; Abstained: Bonneville

Future Meetings:
1. Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, July 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Media Center
2. Working Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Media Center
3. Special Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, following Working Meeting, Media Center
4. Regular Meeting of the School Board, Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Media Center

Adjournment:

Motion by Ferrin, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Paul Coughlin, School Board Clerk
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 2, 2015
MORTGAGOR: Dorothy M. Collette, unmarried.
MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 30, 2015 Carlton County Recorder, Document No. A000465913.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: U.S. Bank National Association
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 919 Maple Avenue, Moose Lake, MN 55767
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 21-285-0520
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CARLTON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, TO-WIT: LOT 8 EXCEPT THE NORTH 50 FEET THEREOF AND LOT 9 BLOCK 2 SOUTHTOWN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER IN AND FOR CARL-

TON COUNTY MINNESOTA. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Carlton ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$40,000.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$43,016.26
That prior to the commencement of the mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgages/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 12, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 2nd Floor, Carlton, MN 55718-0530

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees allowed by law subject to redemptions within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07 TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on May 12, 2020, unless that date falls on a weekend under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032. DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: September 12, 2019
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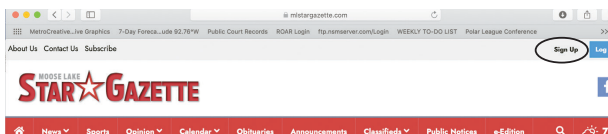
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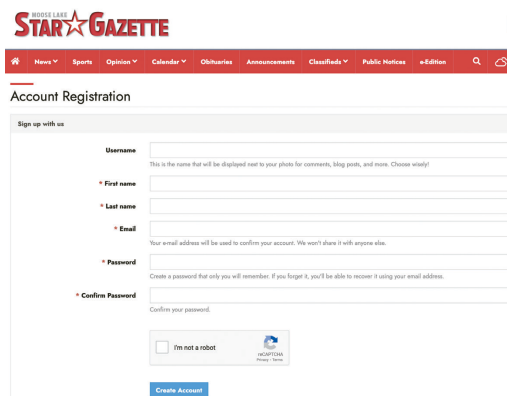
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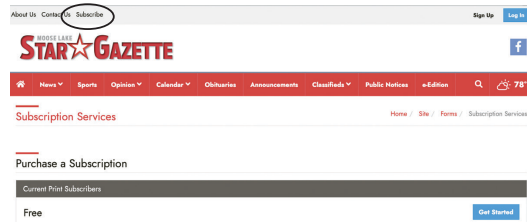
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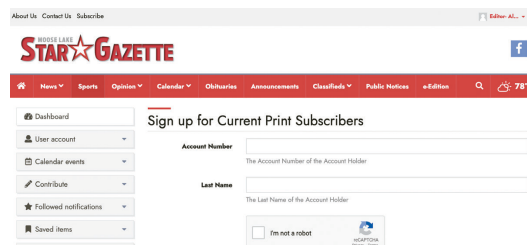
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