

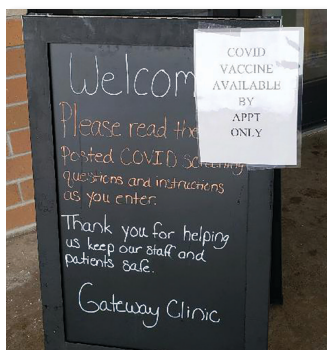
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Getting in line for your COVID-19 vaccine

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Some have compared finding an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine to having a second full-time job.

Increased vaccine rollout has not made the system to get a vaccine less complicated for many. Vaccines are available to varying groups from the state, counties, cities, schools, local clinics and hospitals. To help clear up the complicated task of getting in line for your COVID-19 vaccine we have collected some helpful information and resources for you to use.



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The sign above is outside the Gateway Clinic doors in Moose Lake. COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment only.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT VACCINE

Members of the general public are encouraged to contact their local hospital and clinic for more information about how to register for a vaccine appointment. To find more information on vaccine availability and facilities that provide COVID vaccines, the Minnesota Department of Health website <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/> is a good place to start.

At this point, vaccinations for health-care personnel and long-term care residents are the first priority. Once these groups are vaccinated, people in the 65 and older age group are being vaccinated. The state and counties are also working on vaccinating educators and child care providers. Even if you do not meet these criteria Eric Nielsen, Gateway Family Clinic Administrator recommends that you get on a waitlist for the vaccine, once you meet the criteria you will be contacted.

There are currently two Food and Drug Administration approved versions of the COVID-19 vaccine. According to an email from Nielsen, "The main difference is how the vaccines are stored and both require 2 doses total, but the Pfizer vaccine doses are 3 weeks apart and the Moderna vaccine doses are 4 weeks apart."

For those wanting to get a vaccine Nielsen recommends the following, "Register on Gateway's website. Continue to wear a mask and wash your hands and stay healthy. Be aware that you should not get any other vaccines



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Gateway Clinic nurse is Donnelle Bridenstine administers a COVID-19 vaccine to John Ecklund.

within 14 days prior to or after the COVID vaccine. Be prepared and available to get your second dose from the same facility where you received your first dose."

Human Services has a COVID hotline (218) 499-6312 which provides callers with a recorded message about the current status of the virus and with an opportunity, during business hours, to talk with a public health staff member

CARLTON COUNTY

Carlton County Public Health and

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Snowmobile club celebrates 50 years

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A small group of people drive single file down a trail dotted with deer stands and wooded areas on a balmy Saturday morning in January. They slow down as they pass the trail groomer bumping slowly down the trail at four miles per hour. Several people wave as they pass. They are eager to reach their destination. They accelerate around the corner and quickly disappear in a puff of fluffy snow.

Fifty years ago a group of like minded people enjoyed riding snowmobiles in the northern Pine County area, said Dean Weske, club president.

They organized a club in the winter of 1970 and named it "Sno Slobs". The name was later changed to the Northern Pine Riders Snowmobile Club in 1973. Over time more trails were established. There are now 156 miles of picturesque trails winding through snow covered fields and wooded areas in Pine County.

Snowbirds Terry and Dianne Peterson joined the club a few years after it started. Terry said they enjoyed the social-

izing and attending events and rides. They volunteered in a variety of capacities for many years. Now the couple relax and ride when they visit Minnesota for a few weeks in the winter.

As the club expanded, they purchased land in Willow River for a building. They built the club house with a large shop area in the back for storage in the 1990s.

Minnesota boasts over 22,000 miles of groomed trails, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Over 21,000 are maintained by clubs, such as the Northern Pine Riders.

The majority of the trails are ready, said Weske. He said there is a decent base for the riders in spite of the mild winter.

"This is what we do in the wintertime when we're not ice fishing," Weske said. Weske began riding snowmobiles at eight years old with his dad. He laughs as he remembers the 1965 Scorpion. Like many old snowmobiles, it often broke down during a ride.

"The inside of my jacket pockets were worn out from carrying extra spark plugs," Weske said. He said he still

drives an older machine.

"I have a 1972 Sno-Cat," Weske said. "Sometimes it makes it back and sometimes it doesn't."

The Moose Lake resident said members of the group range from Moose Lake to the Twin Cities area, but the trails are confined to Pine County. They connect with state and other club trails such as Moose Horn Rod and Gun Club out of Moose Lake.

Michele Dagel, 38, is excited to go on her first ride with the club members. She began snowmobiling 12 years ago with her husband and they recently joined the club. She said she loves driving her sled.

"I love the freedom and the speed," Dagel said with a big smile and a twinkle in her eyes.

Vice President Tom Henry, 65, volunteers in the club where needed. Like many others in the club, he began snowmobiling as a family activity when his children were young. The Sandstone resident said he enjoys the adrenaline rush while driving as well as the beautiful scenery. Henry has been a club member for 30

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CARLTON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Total number of cases: 2,903
New cases last week: 44
Patients no longer needing hospitalization: 2,763
Positive cases incarcerated at Moose Lake MSOP: 89
Moose Lake cases: 412
Barnum Cases: 203
People with at least one vaccine dose: 4,659
People who have completed the vaccine series: 1,162

Statistics provided by Carlton County Public Health and Minnesota Public Health. Updated Jan. 28.

PINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Total number of cases: 2,733
New cases last week: 25
Positive cases incarcerated at Willow River: 77
Positive cases incarcerated at FCI Sandstone: 747
Patients who had to be hospitalized: 140
Age range of patients: 0-98 years old
Deaths: 15
People with at least one vaccine dose: 1,973

Statistics provided by Pine County Public Health and Minnesota Public Health. Updated Feb. 1.

AREA SPORTS

BARNUM BASKETBALL

Friday, February 5:

Girls' varsity vs. Cook County at Grand Marais 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9:

Boys' varsity at Silver Bay at 6:15 p.m.
Girls' varsity Silver Bay 4:45 p.m.

MOOSE LAKE WILLOW RIVER BASKETBALL

Thursday, February 4:

Girls' varsity at Two Harbors 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 5:

Boys' varsity vs. Two Harbors at home 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9:

Boys' varsity vs. Crosby-Ironton at Crosby 7:15 p.m.

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MOOSE LAKE AREA HOCKEY

Thursday, February 4:

Girls' Varsity hockey at Princeton 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 6:

Girls' varsity hockey at Ely 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9:

Girls' Varsity hockey at Eveleth-Gilbert 7:00 p.m.

VACCINES: What you need to know to get on the wait list

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for specific questions. The county also has a COVID-19 Hub Website, <https://bit.ly/carltoncountytvhub>, with a specific tab for COVID-19 vaccine information. "Carlton County does not have public vaccine clinics available yet, and we will be using both the hotline and the hub to share information about registration, when public clinics begin," said Meghann Levitt, Carlton County Public Information Officer, in an email.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Minnesota, Pine County and Carlton County are working to vaccinate staff at area schools. Educators are usually asked to go to area vaccination sites set up by the state. Billie Jo Steen, Superintendent at Moose Lake Community Schools in an email said, "Educators are in priority group 1B for vaccination. The logistical information around this seems to change daily and it looks like a bulk of vaccinations moving forward will be coordinated by public health working directly with the district."

According to Steen,

"About 25% of our staff have been vaccinated at Moose Lake. Some staff members were able to go to the educator clinics that MDE/MDH put on in Mountain Iron the past two weekends, but a good number have been vaccinated by Carlton County Public Health."

Bill Peel Superintendent at Willow River Schools said, "I have about 5% of my staff vaccinated. I was given three slots the first week of the pilot, with three staff getting vaccinated. The following week, I was given nine slots. These slots were not guaranteed. Of those nine, I only had two selected to receive the vaccine. I am hopeful our local health department will help get our remaining staff who want the vaccine vaccinated soon."

GENERAL PUBLIC

Mary Ellen Dewey, honorary grandmother to many on the Moose Lake Willow River Rebels Basketball team has received the first of her COVID-19 vaccines. Dewey says, "Grandma Dewey is very happy to be vaccinated. We miss all the hugs from our six extra-special grandkids."

On Friday Jan. 29, Gateway Clinic received 300 doses of the COVID vaccine to start admin-

istering them to patients. In the coming weeks Gateway expects to receive more vaccine. Those wanting to be on the waitlist for the vaccine are encouraged to go to gatewayclinic.com and click "COVID vaccine request," or call 218-485-2014. Gateway will call patients from the list to schedule a vaccine appointment. "Due to vaccine storage requirements and the logistics in vaccinating our patients, we are only providing the vaccine at our Moose Lake clinic at this time. It does require a short drive for some of our patients in our Pine County communities, but our vaccination program is for everyone in all of our communities," says Nielsen. The website is updated weekly with the current supply available at Gateway and with the population that they are currently vaccinating.

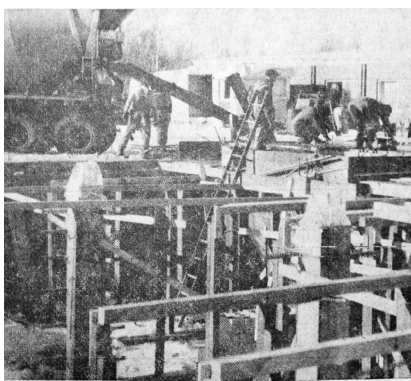
Essentia Health is encouraging organizations in need of on-site vaccination assistance to fill out a form on their website (<https://www.essentiahealth.org/covid-19/covid-19-community-response-team/>). Priority and eligibility are determined by state health guidelines. Essentia is also working to vaccinate people in the 65-plus age group. The process for selecting patients

in this group is being randomized. Patients are being notified primarily through their MyChart (Essentia's online patient portal) to let them know when they are being invited to receive a vaccine. Those patients without MyChart will receive a phone call when they are eligible to schedule their appointment for vaccination. Notification from Essentia will occur as appointments are available.

SECOND DOSES

Shifting supplies of the vaccine have caused growing fears over the availability of second doses for those who have already received their vaccine. According to Nielsen, "State and Federal governments are working together to assure that the production of the vaccine provides sufficient supply for the second dosing. As production makes the vaccine available, the goal is to vaccinate people as soon as possible, but also assure that the future supply will be there for the second dose." Those who have received their first dose should go back to that location to get their second dose within the correct time frame.

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: Shown in the January 30, 1969 edition of the Star-Gazette some are children enjoy playing in the snow pile behind a local business.

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50 YEARS: Club members help support community

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plus years and is a member in another nearby club. He said the club members often stop and support local businesses by having a meal during their rides.

Belonging to the club also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities including to help maintain the trails.

Randy Shulberg took over the trail coordinator position after the Petersons stepped down. Shulberg secures permits from landowners to allow snowmobile trails across their properties and he helps maintain the trails, schedule and hire groomer operators. Shulberg said he enjoys the solitude as he grooms the scenic trails. They run three shifts and groom the 150 plus miles twice a week to keep it in good shape and smooth for riders. The club owns several pieces of trail grooming equipment that they purchased with state Grants-in-Aid money and the club's charitable gambling money. A machine and a drag can cost about \$125,000-\$150,000. The larger machines cost more.

The club also donates to local non-profit organizations including the backpack program at local schools, food shelves, school athlet-



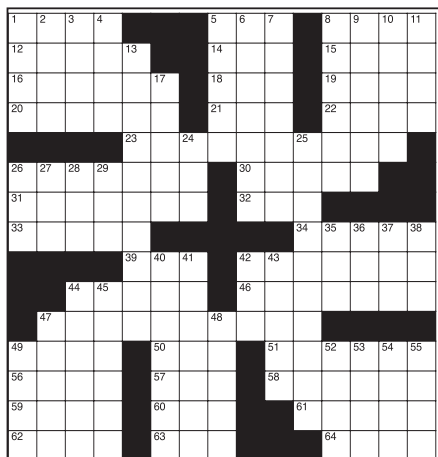
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A snowmobiler heads towards a trail in Willow River on Saturday, Jan. 23. The Northern Pine Riders Snowmobile Club groom most of the trails in Pine County to ensure a safe and smooth ride for all snowmobilers.

ic programs and more.

Shulberg said the club members plan to continue to grow and expand with more organized rides for members during the season.

"The rides are free and open to the public," Weske said. "We welcome anyone that wants to ride. If you have a sled, come join us."



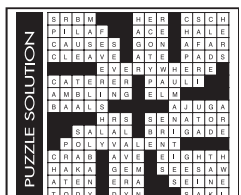
CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear near reach weapon
5. Of she
8. Hyperbolic function
12. Rice dish
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Strong and healthy
16. Induces
18. Popular manga series
19. From a distance
20. Split
21. Consumed
22. Cushions
23. All over
26. One who provides food
30. St. __ Girl, brand of beer
31. Walking slowly
32. Wood
33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle
39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
42. Congressman
44. Plant of the heath family
46. Subdivision of an army
47. Having many different forms
49. Shellfish
50. Latin for hail
51. Between sixth and seventh
56. Maori war dance
57. Precious or semiprecious stone
58. Teeter totter
59. Deity
60. A major division of geological time
61. Fishing net
62. Small Caribbean bird

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents oil spills
2. Monetary unit
3. The color of the sky
4. Dough used to make tortillas
5. Popular comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Has its own altar
9. Expedition to see animals
10. Group of related organisms
11. His and __
13. Frenetically
17. Small integer
24. Unit of energy
25. Studies of culture
26. Taxi
27. Doctors' group
28. Don't know when yet
29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series
36. Skin condition
37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
38. They __
40. Caused severe damage
41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
42. One point east of due south
43. Sea eagles
44. Drenched
45. State

- capital
47. Italian city
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Brief talk
52. Popular disco group: Bee __
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Moslem



Weekly Forecast

From CBS 3 Meteorologist Dave Anderson

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Overcast Wind: NW 10-20 mph 60% chance of 2-4" of snow 29 24	Partly sunny Wind: NW 10-20 mph 8 0	Mostly cloudy Wind: NW 5-15 mph 0 -10	Partly sunny Wind: NW 10-20 mph -5 -20	Mostly sunny Wind: W 5-10 mph -2 -25

OBITUARIES

Ethel Tyson

Ethel May Tyson, 85, of Moose Lake, died Saturday, January 30, 2021 in her home. She was born in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania on May 19, 1935, the daughter of Earl (Ethel) Crowley II. Ethel grew up in South East, Pennsylvania where she married Ronald Tyson Sr. on November 16, 1951. Together, they were blessed with five children.

In 1983, Ethel and Ronald moved to Moose Lake. Soon after they moved to Holyoke, where they farmed for seven years before returning to Moose Lake. Ethel worked as a CNA at Kenwood Senior Living Center.

Ethel loved painting, art, watching birds, singing in church, gardening, and crocheting. She loved her family more than anything. She belonged to the Arrowhead Art Club and Moose Lake Covenant Church.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Ronald Tyson Sr.; son, Ronald Tyson Jr.; her parents; and brothers, William Kilpatrick, Robert Kilpatrick and Earl Crowley.

Ethel is survived by her four children, Terry Ann Wisman (Denis); Laura Peterson; Earl Tyson (Mary Anne); and Beth Tyson; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Debbie Tyson

A Memorial Service will be held at Moose Lake Covenant Church on a later date. Burial will be in Mount Salem Cemetery, Mahtowa Township following the service this spring.

Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home.

BOWLING SCORES

TUESDAY SENIOR BOWLING

JAN. 26, 2021

High Game/Series
Deb S. 194/532
Tony 171/469
Gail 154/441

EARLY THURSDAY WOMEN'S BOWLING

JAN. 28, 2021

Standings:
1. Divots 38-11
2. Tim Collelo Realty LLC 35-14
3. Fjosne Construction 31-18
Congratulations to the Bowler of the Week: Gail McDonald

MONDAY MENS' BOWLING

JAN. 25, 2021

Standings:
1. Bernick's 73.5-31.5
2. Northwoods Credit Union 56-49
3. Gamper's 56-49

FRIDAY MIXED LEAGUE BOWLING

JAN. 29, 2021

Standings:
1. Tower Tap 34-15
2. Meatballers 30-19
3. Blackberries 25 1/2 - 23 1/2

Gordon Beck

Gordon Steven Beck was born on April 5, 1948 to Vernon and Helen (Viita) Beck in Minneapolis, Minn. Places Lived: Minneapolis Minn.; Finlayson Minn.; Rochester Minn. and Moose Lake Minn. Graduated from Finlayson High School, in 1968.



Earned an Engineers Degree from Duluth Technical Institute and an Executive Housekeeper Degree from Normandale Community College.

He married Jeanne Isaacson Hendrickson in November 1979 in Moose Lake, Minn. Mr. Beck belonged to Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson and St. Peters Lutheran Church in Moose Lake where he served on the Church Council as President and Vice President. During high school he worked for the Finlayson Farmers Co-op Creamery and was a farm hand in the summers for a local dairy farmer. After high school he worked for North Pine Electric Co. as a lineman and then on the Great Lakes ore boats as an Engineer for several years.

He began employment at the Moose Lake State Hospital, later called the Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center as a Janitor in 1976 and later as Executive Housekeeper for the Housekeeping Department until 1995. In 1995 Gordon transferred to the Minnesota Sex Offender Program in Moose Lake as a Physical Plant Director. He retired from the State of Minnesota in 2008 after 31 years of employment in the state. He volunteered for Ma and Pa Kettle Days Committee; American Cancer Society, Moose Lake Relay for Life; the North Shore Scenic Railroad in the Maintenance Shop and Train Conductor; and Lake Superior Railroad Museum on the Board of Directors. Starting in 2009 they spent their winters in their RV in the south. States they lived include Georgia, Texas, Alabama, Arizona. In 2014 they sold their hobby farm and purchased a large motor home and traveled between Arizona in the winter and Moose Lake in the summer.

Those who preceded him in death are his parents Vernon and Helen (Viita) Beck; brother Gary Beck; paternal grandparents Chester and Florence Beck; maternal grandparents Ida and Frank Viita.

Gordon is survived by his wife Jeanne Beck and son Travis Beck; brother Galen (Cindy) Beck, sister Barbara (Kevin) Fordyce, and sister-in-law Carol Beck. In-laws Ronald (Barbara) Isaacson, Randall (Karla) Isaacson, Ann (Jason) Baldwin, and many nieces and nephews.

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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.

Feb.11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will be open on February 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Cromwell Park Pavilion. No boxes or bags needed. Volunteers will fill boxes and bags and bring them right to your vehicle. Cost is \$20.00 per share.

Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

TOPS Group #1630 changes meeting time

TOPS Group #1630 will be changing its starting time to 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Hope Lutheran Church. Weigh ins' will be from 9 to 9:15 a.m. The meeting will start at 9:15 a.m. and end just short of 10 a.m.

Mondays in February

Yoga in Cromwell

Yoga at the Cromwell Pavilion, 11:00 am to 12:00, Mondays. \$3 per person for pavilion rental. Yoga mats etc. provided. Come masked, not necessary during well-spaced sessions, take your yoga gear home with you afterwards for next time. Questions call Ann Markusen, 218-428-3300.

Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

All in-house dining is cancelled until further notice.
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Mon., February 8 - Salisbury Steak, Fresh Fruit

Tues., February 9 - Southwest Chicken Wrap, Cookie

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Fresh Fruit

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Escape of my inner cynic

Once again I feel it is time to share an unpopular opinion with you, dear readers. As Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching I think it is close enough to let you in on a secret; I hate Valentine's Day.



A Millennial Mile
Alanea White

Now many of you are thinking that I simply hate the holiday because I am single or that perhaps hate is too strong of a word. In my opinion neither of these are true.

Regardless of relationship status, the day in my mind is just an over blown excuse for spending. The cynical part of my brain likes to make up a story about how the holiday was really manufactured by greeting card companies to get folks out there spending money. I then mentally go on a bit of a rant about capitalism.

The amount of pressure that this day puts on relationships is also mind boggling. There is immense pressure to find the perfect gift to illustrate your love for your partner. Only to have the flowers die in a week and the card head to the trash as soon as you aren't looking.

As a human that holds my feelings close to the vest I find the overall mushy "feels" filled day bothersome. Wandering around feeling like you are trapped in a Hallmark movie sounds like my idea of a terrible day. The gooey lovey day seems to be my personal kryptonite and I often spend it quietly gagging over the exuberant emotions around and feeling like I have been blasted directly in the face with a glitter cannon of feelings.

To put my mind at ease I usually participate in the first of a series of my own personal holidays; Day After Holiday Candy Sale Days. The wonderful part about these holidays is that they come more than once a year. You have Day After Valentine's Day Candy Sale Day, Day After Easter Candy Sale Day, Day After Halloween Candy Sale Day and Day After Christmas Candy Sale Day.

In our crazy world I think it is important to use our words to share what we are feeling. I have a hard time following along with the rule that there is a specific day for us to share what we are feeling. Instead of hunting for the perfect shiny rock to present someone on "the day of love" perhaps we could share those feelings all year round?

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Skis and tracks make a perfect morning

The morning was perfect. No wind, clear blue sky and a cloak of white draped over the land. I dressed in layers, because the thermometer registered just 5F, and



Going Nature's Way
Kate Crowley

hurried out the door, as excited as a kid to put on my skis and hit the trails. Why is it that so many of us adults lose that wonderful anticipation for playing outdoors in the winter?

Either you never had that feeling, or it was lost in adulthood, which is sad, because then a Minnesota winter is just a long drawn out season of high fuel bills, shoveling snow, and trying to warm up the car. And yet, our winters are a season of clear, crisp air, NO BUGS, and an elemental beauty, much like that found in stylized Japanese calligraphy.

It was 9 a.m. before I got on the

trails; early by some standards, but I quickly learned that I was way behind the other inhabitants of this wooded homestead. A few inches of snow had fallen overnight and already there were lots of tracks going hither and thither (I love the sound of that). Mostly they were of the rodent variety. Just beneath this fresh snow is a hard crust of ice, created by the previous week's mild temperatures and wetter precipitation. This can create dangerous walking conditions for us humans. For larger mammals, punching through that crunchy layer takes more energy and it's harder to run for safety. For the smaller animals that normally live in the subnivean layer (in the snow) they must go further to find safe entry and exit. I stopped periodically to examine the pattern of tracks, and tried to figure out who made them. I'm not the best tracker and usually have to settle for the larger categories - canine, feline, rodent, mustelid, etc.

I was making my own tracks in that fabulous fresh snow. In the

sun, it glittered like crystal sugar, and in the shade it looked like powdered sugar. No wonder children find snow so tempting. It looks like the world has just been covered in sweetness - Candy Land come true. Maybe that's why so many try eating it during their first encounters. For me the pleasure comes from the silent passage of my skis over the surface, the deep blue overhead, and the quiet of the world when I stop to listen.

The sun is making its way north again, and the angle at that time of the morning was pointed directly at my eyes, but filtered through the branches, both bare and needled. They separated the rays into golden spears that shot past me on either side. Our forest is a mix of red, white and jack pines, with some birch, maple, oak and aspen mixed in. While I'm not a big fan of jacks, they are prettiest in the winter. They grow very close together, yet when it snows, their skinny branches are all outlined in white. It is almost dizzying to look

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WRIGHT CROMWELL NEWS: Looking forward to the Big Game

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I recently found a painting my Great Uncle Dave Larson did of his wife back in the 1940's, but it has a opaque coating of some kind that has made the painting difficult to enjoy to it's best. So, I was wondering if anyone knows of an art restorer in the area? This painting would be a much-improved family treasure if fully restored. It looks like he put a clear coating over it and as the years went on it became cloudy. I will try to bring it to the Art teacher in Floodwood the next time I sub there for her advice, too!

Sure seems strange not having any football Games on National TV this weekend. I didn't realize how much I enjoy the games until they aren't on now. But,

next week is the Super Bowl so that will be fun to watch. And did you know: I can tell you the score of that game before it ever starts and if you don't believe me, give me a call or email and I'll tell you what it is!

We note the passing of former Cromwell High School Teacher, Don Crouch. He was 89 at the time, but I don't have any other information to share unless someone lets me know.

Well wishes go out to Marilyn Schultz who unfortunately fell on an icy hill on Saturday, January 30, and broke her left leg above the ankle. She may need surgery, but has to go to an orthopedic surgeon this week to check it out.

It looks like the Wright Area Seniors are meeting again at the Senior Center in Wright on

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month is their regular meeting day, as the other Wednesdays they meet for Games for those who wish to participate.

Be sure to check out the Cromwell-Wright School Bus Bulletin on their website. Here are a few of this coming week's highlights: The drama club is in need of two "up" tables and chairs for their One Act performance. If anyone has one they would like to donate or that we could borrow it would be very much appreciated!

That's all the news from the Edge of Wright - More next week: "Deo Volente"! - Remember you can send me your news at jkh4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS: Getting a clear picture of politics today

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HELLO ALL,

I am a geek...I was listening to the Minnesota House (Legislature) on Jan. 25, 2021 and was intrigued. If you have a moment please pop this up on YouTube and listen to it. I would like to say that it gave me a clear picture of why we are so divided right now. Before every government meeting we start out by saying the pledge of allegiance. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." With that said...we are being pulled apart by differences of ideologies. The world that I grew up in is so vastly different than the one my kids grew up in. No wonder we have a hard time seeing eye to eye. The education system, the religious system, the family system, etc. are so different than they were when people of my age grew up. A better question is how can we not be divided. Give our legislature a listen if you have time...or better yet take the time.

There will be a Willow River Community Club meeting on Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m. Please come and join us. We'll be talking about

Fun with the Easter Bunny.

In regard to the Willow River School: Willow River Trap Club is getting organized. If your student would like to join please contact Tana Mack at the school for sign up. More information will follow in the next few weeks. School Picture Days: Friday, February 5, 2021 all distance learning students open time slots between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. are welcome. Please enter through door J (big gym). You are welcome to come later, but will need to wait in line. (They expect to be completely finished with all pictures by noon, so please come before then.) Friday, March 12th is a regular make up photo day. The school is looking for more bus drivers. So, if you are interested please contact them.

The Mass times for St. Mary's (St. Isidore's and Holy Angels members too) are: Holy Angels - Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's - Sunday 8:30 a.m., and St. Isidore's - Seasonal. The Confession times are as follows: Holy Angels on Saturdays at 4 p.m., St. Mary's and St. Isidore's on Sunday at 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (before Mass). 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. on: Also, on Wednesdays' Eucharistic Adoration will be from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Every third Sunday of each month, the Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary before Mass at St. Mary's Church. The Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on February 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.

"It was by the sober sense of our citizens that we were safely and steadily conducted from monarchy to republicanism, and it is by the same agency alone we can be kept from falling back." - James Madison

Turning to mush: Rookie sled dog racer keeps family tradition alive

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The Duquette native gripped the sled behind her team of enthusiastic dogs as they leapt into action down the snow covered trail. She is the first descendant of John Beargrease to participate in the annual John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon. The rookie musher wearing bib number 414, came in 16th in the nearly 40 mile race.

Marcia (Keypoint) Einyck, great-great-granddaughter of John Beargrease, ran in the John Beargrease Marathon Sunday, January 31.

Marcia's family has been involved in the marathon in some way for many years. Her grandmother, Viola Keypoint and her uncle Mike Keypoint volunteered for many years, inspiring a family tradition. Marcia and her husband Jason, have been volunteering with the group for 12 years, two of those years she served on the board of directors.

"I was tired of sitting on the sidelines and

watching others have all the fun," said Marcia. So she decided she wanted to mush. She started out by taking a few lessons from a friend, who lived three hours away. She soon learned that was a long and expensive drive for her. After receiving a job offer she couldn't refuse, the Einycks moved back up to the Grand Portage area. It was here that she sent an email to Mary Manning, a well known musher and area conservation officer who took Marcia under her wing. It was late last winter when Marcia began training with Doodledog Kennels.

Fast forward a year and she was preparing for her first race, the Beargrease 40. The Beargrease 40 is approximately 38 miles, which is just a portion of the 400 mile full marathon, but still not a small feat. On Sunday, Marcia ran her team of six dogs the nearly 40 miles between Duluth and Two Harbors. The trip took her 4:59:53 running at an average speed of seven mph. The first place winner of the race came

in at a time of 3:23:57.

"This year is not about winning races," said Marcia. "It's about gaining experience." She will participate in a total of three races this year including the Wolf Track Classic in Ely, which is a 30 miles race that takes place in a couple of weeks. Third she will participate in the CopperDog 25 which is in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at the end of February.

Marcia's team still shows family commitment. Her husband Jason, is her main handler and biggest supporter, also on her team as a handler is her uncle Mike. "The dogs get pretty jazzed up when it comes to race time," Marcia explained, so an ATV is positioned behind the sled at the start line to help keep the dogs back from starting too early.

Marcia's long term goal is to run in the full John Beargrease Marathon (which is the longest dog sled race in the lower 48 states at 400 miles) by the time she is 50.



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Marcia Einyck all loaded up and ready to head to the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon.

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SPORTS

Rebel boys' basketball remains undefeated

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The Moose Lake Willow River Rebels won both their games this week and remain undefeat-

ed (5-0).

On Monday, January 25, the Ashland Wisc. Oredockers came to Moose Lake in a coach bus because of the distance they had to travel. Ashland is

a bigger school than the Moose Lake and Willow River Schools. Ashland started four seniors and a sophomore. The Rebels got a slow start and at the half, they led 41-30. They made up for it in the second half. At the buzzer, Mason Olson had 26 points (5 threes), Brady Watrin had 22 points (2 threes), Philip Sheetz 16 points (4 threes), Logan Orvedahl 10 points (1 three), Sam Dewey 9 points (1 three), Landin Kurhajetz 6, Duane Broughton 3, and Drew Danielson with 2. The Rebels were 13 for 20 from the free throw line for 65%. The Rebels played intense defense holding the Oredockers to 63 points while scoring 94.

Ashland's scoring was led by Kevon Powell with 23, John Bochler 17, Alec Lindenberg 7, Nick Zepczyk and Marcus

Kruzan with 6 each, Xander Parduhn 3, and Kade Jolma had one.

On Friday, January 29, the South Ridge Panthers coached by Phil Peliska came to Moose Lake. The Panther were undefeated (4-0) beating Cromwell, Greenway, Cook County and Wrenshall. The Panthers started a sophomore, two juniors and two seniors and they all were six-feet or taller. The sophomore, Austin Josephson, was six-foot eight-inches. The Rebels played their style of ball with great defensive energy. At the half they led 43-18. The big guys from South Ridge couldn't keep up, the Rebels won the game 82-47.

MLWR made four of their eight free throws for 50%. They made more threes than two-point shots, making 16 three-

point baskets to South Ridge's three.

Olson led the team with 22 points (4 threes), followed by Sheetz with 19 (5 threes), Watrin had 14 (2 threes), Orvedahl had 8 (1 three), Kurhajetz with 6 (2 threes), Dewey 5 (1 three), Jimmy Walker 1 three, Drew Danielson and Carter Johnson each had 2, and Duane Broughton with 1.

Scoring leader for South Ridge was Austin Josephson with 14, Noah Sertich had 11, Weston Stroschein with 7, Jaxson Bennett 6, Aaron Bennett 4, Zach Morse 3, and Wyatt Olson with 2.

The teams in Minnesota are ranked by Points Scored in a game. MLWR is number one in the state in Class AA. Pequot Lakes is number twelve. Teams are also ranked by Point Differential. In first is Minneapolis North 42.5, second place is Rush City 40.7, MLWR is third with 39.0, and Pequot Lakes is fourth with 36.4. In the Top 20 Records in Minnesota Class AA Melrose is seventh, the Rebels are ninth, and Pequot Lakes is twelfth.

The next game for the Rebels is Friday, February 5, against Two Harbors at Moose Lake. The junior varsity will have their first game of the season starting at 5:45 and the varsity will start at 7:15. The Cloquet Lumberjacks will come to Moose Lake on Tuesday, February 9. Check out the school website for information on viewing the games electronically.



SHANNA WATRIN | SUBMITTED

The Moose Lake Willow River Rebel boys' basketball team remains undefeated. They won against both the Ashland Oredockers and the South Ridge Panthers. Their next game is on Feb. 5 against Two Harbors at home in Moose Lake.



Lady Rebels basketball drops pair of games



CONNIE MIKROT | SUBMITTED

Lady Rebels basketball players faced off against Virginia and South Ridge, losing both games. Their next game is on Feb. 9

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The Moose Lake/Willow River girls took on Virginia Tuesday, Jan. 24th. The Blue Devils

scored first with an under the basket layup. Maci Kukuk came up short on her first shot attempt however Virginia was unable to capitalize on their end. Monica Mikrot sank a three to

put the Rebels up 3-2. The Rebels went scoreless until Natalie Mikrot hit a 3 at the 13:00 mark of the 1st half (6-11). ML/WR went cold again but Maci Kukuk popped in a 3 pointer to make the score 9-13. Virginia scored 6 unanswered points before Skyla Thompson canned a free throw and a layup to increase the Rebel score to 12-19. Virginia produced another 6 points but this time Ella Rhoades added a free throw and then a nice Kelli Granquist to Ella Rhoades bounce pass gave the Rebels another deuce (15-27). Natalie Mikrot sank a 3 to make the score 18-27 (Virginia). The Rebels and Virginia traded baskets to finish off the 1st half. ML/WR went into the locker room down 23-34.

Virginia posted the 1st shot of the 2nd half as ML/WR shooting went cold again. Neither team took advantage of each others short comings early in the 2nd half as Virginia's free throw was the only point scored the first 4 minutes of the stanza. Virginia finally was able to hit a 3 only to

be answered by Natalie Mikrot's short jumper (25-37). Virginia tightened up its zone defense making it hard for the Rebels to have an inside game limiting their shots to the outside and the height of Virginia made it difficult for the Lady Rebels to defend under the basket. Emily Bohnsack, Grace Stephenson, Maci Kukuk, Natalie Mikrot and Kelli Granquist were able to contribute to the Rebels scoring in the 2nd half. The Lady Rebels fall 42-63.

Natalie Mikrot lead the Rebel scoring with 14 points, Maci Kukuk (9), Emily Bohnsack (6), Ella Rhoades, Monica Mikrot, Grace Stephenson and Skyla Thompson each at 3 and Kelli Granquist (1).

"I think the first half of Virginia went well. We were competing and playing good defense. In the second half we gave up a lot of offensive rebounds and had turnovers that is what cost us the game". Coach Mathson

Thursday, Jan 28th, the Rebels took on the South Ridge Panthers in Willow River. The Rebels started out well by stealing the

ball from the Panthers during South Ridge's 1st two trips down the floor but was only able to convert on one of those turnovers. The Panthers eventually scored a 3 to put South Ridge up by 1 (3-2). The Lady Rebels defense held the Panthers scoreless early in the 1st half, but ML/WR was unable to convert. Emily Bohnsack jump started the Rebel scoring with a 3 pointer giving the Rebels the lead (5-3). South Ridge came back to tie the game at 5 and then again at 7. Both teams kept the game close answering each others baskets until the 5 minute mark when the Panthers pulled ahead 16-12. The Rebels were able to keep the score close the remainder of the half going into the locker room behind 26-31.

In the 2nd half, ML/WR and South Ridge traded baskets until about the 10 minute mark when the Panthers started to pull away. South Ridge went on a 7-1 scoring spree before the Rebels were able to mount a comeback pulling within 3. The Panthers pushed their lead out to 6

points before a pair of N. Mikrot free throws and a press by the Rebels - that caused a steal - enabled Skyla Thompson to score an easy layup to pull ML/WR within 2. The Panthers were sent to the free-throw line due to a N. Mikrot foul that put them in the lead by 4. ML/WR was unable to score on the Rebel end of the floor. ML/WR lost a heart breaker 60-56

Natalie Mikrot lead the Rebel scorers with 33 points, Emily Bohnsack (9), Maci Kukuk (8), Skyla Thompson (4) and Sarah Cristy (2).

I thought this was a very fun and competitive game, we rebounded better, played hard defense. We also made a huge comeback at the end of the game I thought we had it. We still need to get better everyday, limit turnovers, limited offensive rebounds, and play together more. Coach Mathson

Up next for the Rebels is Ashland and Two Harbors. Go Rebels!

Lady Rebels skate past Northern Stars

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The Lady Rebels Hockey would host the Northern Stars of Duluth last Thursday, January 28. Despite being outshot 39-26 the Rebels would skate away with the 3-2 victory over the Northern Stars. The first period would come to an end with the Rebels' Megan Hattenberger sliding the puck the Stars goalie. The Rebels would be out shot

in the first half 17-8, but Hattenberger would find a way to slide the puck between the pipes.

The second period would find the Stars tying the game up with 10:36 left in the period. Mallory Hartl would find herself busy in the net as she would continually prevent the Stars from scoring. Hartl would block 10-11 shots on goal in the second period as the Stars would just pound the puck at her. The Rebels on the other

hand would only get five shots on goal against the Stars in the second period. The second period would end with a 1-1 tie.

The Rebels would regain the lead with 15:31 left in the third period as Hallie Klavu would sail the puck up over the Stars' goalies outstretched arm. It would be just a few minutes later that the Stars would again tie the game

up, with 10:55 left in the third period. With 1:15 left on the clock Rebels' Sandra Ribich would backhand the puck past the Stars' goalie to secure

the victory for the Lady Rebels. The Lady Rebels would out shoot the Stars 13-11 in the 3rd period, while outscoring them 2-1 in the 3rd period, giving

the Rebels the night. Mallory Hartl would earn her keep as she would block 37-39 shots on goal from the Stars.



DAN LINGLE | MOOSE LAKE STAR-GAZETTE

Lady Rebels hockey is celebrating a 3-2 win against the Duluth North Stars. Their next game is on Feb. 4 against Princeton, away.

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NFL inviting Pine County nurse to the Super Bowl

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The COVID-19 pandemic has been a dark and challenging time for many families in the area, including the healthcare workers on the front lines of the crisis. But for one Pine County ICU nurse, 2021 is starting on a much brighter note.

She and another Minnesota nurse have been invited by the NFL to join about 7,500 other vaccinated health care workers at Super Bowl LV in Tampa, Florida.

Heidi Briski-Gainor became a nurse 22 years ago, and has spent most of her career at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood while caring for her family in Pine City.

"When my kids were small I was too busy to get into football," Heidi said. "But as they got older, I became a big Vikings fan – I try to watch all those games. And every year we have a Super Bowl party. I'm a fan of the Super Bowl no matter who's in it."

She loved being a nurse, and after a few years of experience in St. John's intensive care unit she thought she had seen everything. But then COVID-19 hit Minnesota, and she and the other frontline health care workers had to face the pandemic.

"My first COVID patient was March 28, and he was the sickest person that I've ever seen," she said. "But by the grace of God he lived. Once we all saw that in the ICU, we knew we were in for ... what everybody

had been talking about. It had officially arrived."

She had come to expect medically challenging patients working in the ICU, but she wasn't prepared for the grueling, day-to-day intensity of nursing the sickest COVID victims.

"We work eight to 12 hours shifts," she explained. "A lot of people don't get breaks, because you can't walk away from your patients for 30 minutes. When you're in a COVID room, you have to be wearing gloves, a gown, a cap to cover your hair, an N95 mask and a surgical mask over that – because you have to try to keep your N95 clean, because you re-use it for five shifts before getting a new one – and a face shield. So not only is it a lot mentally going on, but physically you're sweating the entire time you're in that room. And then you don't want to come out, unless you're complete with everything, because you're reusing that protective gear – and the more you take it off and put it on, the more chance of contaminating yourself."

Many of the COVID patients Heidi had to deal with were in a medically induced coma and on a ventilator. One of the most effective techniques for keeping these patients alive is called "proning" – turning them over onto their stomachs, which allows the back parts of the lung to expand more easily and better distribute oxygen. But though it's simple, it's not easy to do with a patient who is attached to multiple IV drips



MIKE GAINOR | SUBMITTED

Above Heidi Briski-Gainor gets her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

and has a breathing tube down their throat – and who is completely limp.

"It takes six nurses and two respiratory therapists to turn someone into the prone position," Heidi explained. "Three nurses on each side, for safety and strength, plus two respiratory therapists to guide their head and make sure that the [breathing] tube doesn't get dislodged. We have to make sure all the lines don't pull out."

The worst times were during the surges in COVID cases. She and other healthcare workers watched with dread as area hospitals filled up to capacity.

"Other hospitals were airlifting people to our hospital from Alexandria and Wisconsin because there were no beds," Heidi said. "And no beds means no beds for COVID patients, stroke patients, car accident victims."

She kept it together in front of her patients and coworkers, but more than once she found herself on the long drive to and from work in tears.

"It's emotionally draining, and physically draining as well," she said. "It's like, you could never get a break."

The virus took a personal toll as well. She watched a number of her nurse friends get sick with COVID. And she lost a family member and good friends to the coronavirus.

But then, finally, there was hope.

VACCINE ARRIVES

When she heard that her hospital was going to be receiving doses of the Pfizer vaccine, Heidi didn't hesitate. She signed up right away, and received her first dose on Dec. 21.

And then there were tears again. But this time, they were tears of relief.

"It made me cry going to work going to get vaccinated," she said. "It was the feeling of knowing that there was eventually going to be an end to the COVID, and knowing that I wasn't going to get someone else sick."

She experienced a mild headache after the first dose, and a day or so of flu-like symptoms after the second dose, but is happy to be protected – and is now looking forward to better days and life after COVID.

NFL HONORING HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Heidi said she was watching the Vikings when she heard the announcement that the NFL was planning on honoring health care workers by sending a number of them tickets to the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 7.

There was no announcement of how they would choose who would go, so she and her friend Kelly Culver, an ER nurse, decided to write a letter and mail it to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

They received an email response acknowledging the receipt of the letter. They thought that might be the end of it. But then, they received a second email.

"On behalf of the National Football League, we wish to extend our gratitude for all that our health care workers have done to care for those impacted by COVID-19," it read. "As next steps, please verify your party's completion of the following requirements ... to receive a ticket to attend Super Bowl LV."

When she realized what the email meant, she screamed.

"It really happened," she said. "It's like a miracle."

'IT HAS BEEN A HARD YEAR FOR EVERYONE'

Now that the first wave of elation has passed, Heidi said she feels a great deal of humility and gratitude along with excitement about the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go to the big game.

"There are so many people who have suffered and have done so much," Heidi said. "It has been a hard year for everyone, and there are a ton of people who went above and beyond during 2020. I have been grateful for my friends and my family. And my coworkers – nobody wants to be called a 'hero' or anything like that, but everybody has done their best in unforeseen circumstances and predicaments that we never, ever assumed we would be in when we became nurses."

"And now I couldn't be more grateful to the NFL for honoring health care workers," she said. "And I can't believe it's me."

Editor's note: Heidi Briski-Gainor is married to Pine City Pioneer Editor Mike Gainor.



MIKE GAINOR | SUBMITTED

Heidi Briski-Gainor, above, gets her second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The shirt she is wearing is "for luck" after sending her letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell asking to be able to attend the Super Bowl.

SKI: Finding trails that aren't deer highways

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into such a forest as you ski past. The young white pines wear tiny white caps perched on each clump of needles.

I went out on the ski trails two days after that wonderful morning, and found that an overabundance of deer had found these

premade trails and had punched them full of holes. It's hard to find any trail in the area that doesn't look like a deer highway. I know they're beautiful to look at, with their soft brown eyes and tawny coat, but they are invaders of this region; highly successful ones at that. Now that we have a dog again, the deer are more wary

and tend to leave our bird feeders alone.

The icicles are melting from the eaves now, as the sun burns through the atmosphere, warmer every day. Spring is on its way, but until it gets here I intend to enjoy winter to its fullest. I hope you will too.

CORRECTION

In the February 4, 2021 edition of the Moose Lake Star-Gazette, in the article titled Net Lake property owners could be required to make septic fix, the last line before the page jump was cut off. The line should have read, "Anderson said that his department and staff in Carlton County are proposing a septic system assessment along the lake to see if any septic systems along the shore are creating imminent health threats, and if there may be sewage being pumped directly into the lake." We apologize for the error.

Eskomos freeze the Lady Bombers

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The Lady Bombers would host the Lady Eskomos of Esko Thursday, Jan. 28. The Lady Bombers would have their hands full as the Eskomos would show up to play. The first half would see the Eskomos outscoring the Bombers 38-10. Anessa Davis would lead the Bombers with five points, coming from a nice layup to a beautiful outside jumper. Rayna Klejeski would find herself driving to the basket for two points and then a few moments later standing on the free-throw line to add another point giving her three first half points. Jacinda Wright would find herself on the free-throw line to sink a pair of shots to give her two first half points.

The Bombers would fall farther behind in the second half as the Eskomos would out score the Bombers 39-9. Bombers' Rayna Klejeski would add

five points to her night three of which would come from the free-throw line. Kyra Heaton would find a way to get two points on the board. Meanwhile Sister Ella Heaton would find herself

on the free-throw line to drop through a pair of baskets to give her, her first two varsity points. The Bombers would fall 77-19 in the end to the Eskomos.



DAN LINGLE | MOOSE LAKE STAR-GAZETTE

The Lady Bombers lost to the Esko Eskomos with a score of 39-3. They play again on Thursday Feb. 4 against Cromwell at Cromwell High School at 7:15 p.m.

Vasaloppet persists in pandemic

Revised races proceed; Miniloppet and Moraloppet set for Feb. 6, main races Feb. 13-14

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Mass starts are unamassed, bell-ringing spectators are discouraged from gathering downtown and snotsick skier embraces of kran-skullas at the finish line are strictly off-limits.

Mora's annual Vasaloppet USA, which is typically a celebration of Nordic skiing and the international relationships it fosters will take place this year, but will look very different during the global coronavirus pandemic.

"It's been heartbreaking because there are so many things we've had to leave out," said Vasaloppet USA Board President Jon Larson.

"One of the reasons the race was established was to bring people downtown in the winter, but now we're telling people to come, ski then go home," Larson said, without gathering for celebrations, or packing local hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

Vasaloppet organizers aren't expecting any of their usual visitors from other countries as COVID-19 safety measures complicate international travel.

The main ski races have in-person participation caps of 250 skiers for each of the four races (the Team race

is canceled for 2021) which will be spread out over two days: February 13-14. Even the soup stops, a hallmark of Mora's volunteer spirit and hospitality, are being altered to offer only beverages (no food) and minimize person-to-person contact. Skiers also have the choice of participating virtually rather than in-person. For more information or to register, visit vasaloppet.us.

The peripheral events and activities surrounding the weekend like dinners, live music, dancing, art shows, auctions, and others have either been canceled or gone virtual.

"We've made every effort to make this a safe event," Larson said. Vasaloppet event plans have been reviewed positively by Kanabec County Public Health.

Larson said that the event will have a little less of the exciting, celebratory atmosphere, but skiers have been supportive and understanding. Registrations for the race including in-person and virtual registrations are about on par with previous years.

Vasaloppet USA has coordinated with other large ski races in the Midwest to share ideas and problem solve. Larson said this has been a silver-lining to problems caused by the pandemic. The collaboration has strengthened their relationships,

which Larson believes will last in the future and lead to more cross-promotion of events and skiing in general.

"The more people that ski, the better," he said.

Next year is the Vasaloppet's 50th

anniversary. Larson said he was feeling hopeful that Vasaloppet events could proceed unhindered by then.

VASALOPPET EVENTS AHEAD

Saturday, Feb. 6: Moraloppet Ski for the Cause

The annual Moraloppet Ski for the Cause will be held Feb. 6 at the Nordic Center at 10:30 a.m. Registration is online only and is currently open until 10:15 a.m. race day. Bib pick up begins at 9:30 a.m. for 21km and 10.5km race distances, plus the 5km tour.

The Moraloppet Ski for the Cause is a fundraising event benefiting the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation. For more information and to register go to vasaloppet.us

Saturday, Feb. 6: Miniloppet

The Vasaloppet children's race, ages 13 and under, will be held on a new day and date. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, space to hold the Miniloppet was no longer available during Vasaloppet's race weekend.

New Date: Saturday, Feb. 6, following the Moraloppet Ski for the Cause event at the Vasaloppet Nordic Center.

Registration is online only, and is currently open until 1:15 p.m. race day for distances of 1.5km, 4km, and 7km. Bib pick up begins at 12:30 p.m., with race start at 1:30 p.m.. Completion medals will be awarded at the finish line. Visit vasaloppet.us to register

Main races Feb 13-14:

The start of the four main Vasaloppet races will be "Open Trak" style based on chip times starting when skiers cross the starting line. Each race will have a starting period between an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Further, skiers will be assigned starting time windows to prevent everyone wanting to start at the earliest possible start time and creating a long, crowded queue. This is not a wave start.

There will be "Elite Starts" for the Vasa, Dala and Classic races for competitive skiers. Elite starts will be one wave start limited to 25 skiers for each race.

Saturday, Feb. 13: In-person Vasa and Dala races

The Vasa (freestyle 50km) race will start in the morning and the Dala (freestyle 34km) about noon.

Sunday, Feb. 14: In-person Classic and Bell Ringer

The Classic races (44km and 20km) and will start in the morning. The Bell Ringer (freestyle 13km) starts Sunday around noon.

Virtual Vasaloppet Jan. 30-Feb. 14.

Skiers can participate in the Vasa, Dala, Classic or Bell Ringer races virtually. Skiers may ski the Virtual Vasaloppet on any trail and time of their choosing between January 30 and February 14, 2021. Nordic Center trails are not available for virtual races Feb. 12-14. For more information or to register, visit vasaloppet.us.

Skijoring March 13

The annual Skijoring Race is not being hosted by Vasaloppet, but the Mora Ski Club. This year's 5km and 10km skijoring races will take at Nordic Center on March 13.

Due to COVID, the event will be timed by volunteers with a staggered start. Participants can start anytime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Fat Tire March 14

The annual Fat Tire Bike Race is not being hosted by Vasaloppet, but the Mora Ski Club on Sunday March 14. This event will be on in the trail system at the Nordic Center area in Mora. Due to COVID restrictions, the event will be self-timed through Webscorer. There will be three distances: approximately 12 km, 24 km, or 36 km.

There will be a well marked course for riders to race on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



KIRSTEN FAURIE | TIMES

The Miniloppet (photo from the 2020 event) gives children an early ski race experience.

SILVER TOWNSHIP SILVER TOWNSHIP 2021 MEETING DATES

The Silver Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting schedule for 2021 is as follows:

Monday, January 11, 2021, 7:00pm
 Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00pm (Also Board of Audit meeting)
 Monday, March 15, 2021, 7:00pm
 Monday, April 19, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, May 17, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, June 21, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, July 19, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, August 16, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, September 20, 2021, 8:00pm
 Monday, October 18, 2021, 7:00pm
 Monday, November 15, 2021, 7:00pm
 Monday, December 20, 2021, 7:00pm

Meetings are held at the Kettle River Snowmobile Club, 5585 County Rd. 12 Kettle River MN. The Town Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mark Carlson
 Silver Township Clerk
 (Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on January 28, February 4, 2021)

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Moose Lake Township has a vacancy in the Clerk position. Any resident interested in filling the term of Clerk, please send a letter of interest to Moose Lake Township, PO Box 193, Moose Lake MN 55767. Letters must be received no later than February 16, 2021. Questions regarding duties of the Clerk may be addressed to Gail Lundgren, Deputy Clerk at 218-380-0966 (Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on January 28, February 4, 2021)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 22, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michael J. LaCentra and Lisa M. LaCentra, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: Saxon Mortgage, Inc. D/B/A Saxon Home Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 05, 2006 Carlton County Recorder
 Document Number: A000404122

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Indenture Trustee For The Registered Holders Of Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-3 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2006-3

Dated: December 09, 2016
 Recorded: April 16, 2019
 Carlton County Recorder

Document Number: A000485397

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: Saxon Mortgage, Inc. D/B/A Saxon Home Mortgage

Residential Mortgage Servicer: PHH Mortgage Corporation

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Carlton

Property Address: 121 12th St. Cloquet, MN 55720-1830
 Tax Parcel ID Number: 06-290-2360

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eight (8), Block Twelve (12), Northern Lumber Company's Eastern Division of Cloquet, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, in and for Carlton County, Minnesota.

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$84,893.01

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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: July 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 317 Walnut Ave. 2nd Floor, Carlton, Minnesota 55718 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2021, or the next business day if January 28, 2021 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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: June 08, 2020
 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Indenture Trustee For The Registered Holders Of Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-3 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2006-3

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
 Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage

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 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
 (651) 209-3300
 File Number: 043669F01

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on February 4, 2021)

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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DATED: July 06, 2020
 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Indenture Trustee For The Registered Holders Of Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-3 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2006-3

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DATED: September 02, 2020
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DATED: January 15, 2021
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DATED: January 29, 2021
 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Indenture Trustee For The Registered Holders Of Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-3 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2006-3

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Moose Lake School Board January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Moose Lake School Board was called to order by Chair Steven Blondo at 5:03 p.m. Board members present include Kim Bohnsack, Julie Peterson, Lisa Anderson-Reed, Ben Anderson, Steven Blondo, and Jerry Pederson. Others present include Superintendent Billie Jo Steen, Principals Kraig Konietzko and Ryan Stewart, Business Manager Kara Burn, Ed MN Rep Lee Stephenson, Eric Butche, and Jamie Lund-Media.

Pledge of Allegiance
 Motion by Anderson-Reed, second by Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Blondo, second by Peterson to approve the December 21, 2020 regular board meeting minutes and the January 4, 2021 reorganizational board meeting minutes; approve the December 2020 Treasurer's Report; approve the December 31, 2020 payroll: checks #70116-70123 for \$4,746.28, electronic transfer of \$78,916.01 and direct deposit of \$119,584.81 for a total payroll of \$203,247.10 and the January 15, 2021 payroll: checks #70124-70130 for \$22,605.86, electronic transfer of \$72,996.20, and direct deposit of \$106,765.10 for a total payroll of \$202,367.16; approve the December 28, 2020 bill list: checks #65841-65845 for \$5,853.01; the January 6, 2021 bill list: checks #65846-65876 for \$54,287.91 and wire amount of \$154.38 for a total of \$54,442.29; and the January 19, 2021 bill list: checks #65877-65901 for \$19,523.06 and wire amount of \$63,683.17 for a total of \$83,206.23; approve the maternity leave request for Olivia Mathson beginning on or about March 19, 2021 and ending on or about May 12, 2021; approve the maternity leave request for Genevieve Berthelot beginning on or about June 1, 2021 through the end of school year 2020-21. Motion passed unanimously.

Good Things Happening:
 -Moose Lake Community School received a generous anonymous donation from a community member to pay off school lunch debt.

Discussion:
 -Board Committee assignment adjustments

Reports:
 Complete reports can be found on our school district website.

Agenda Items:
 Motion by Blondo, second by Pederson to accept the anonymous donation of \$2,000 to pay off school lunch debt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Blondo, second by Anderson-Reed to approve policies 410, 413, 414, 415, 419, 506, 514, 516, 601, 607, 616, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 801, 802, 805, 806, 807, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, and 907. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bohnsack to hire an additional .5 FTE distance learning teacher for grades 5 & 6 for the remainder of school year 2020-2021 to be paid with ESSER funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bohnsack to approve the long term sub contract with Paul Olson (Grades 4-6 Elementary Reading Interventionist) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pederson to approve the 2021 School Board Committee

assignments as adjusted. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pederson to approve the following resolution:

Resolution to Extend the Deadline for Leaves Granted by the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act

WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) required covered employers to provide up to 80 hours of paid emergency sick leave and up to 12 weeks of partially paid expanded family and medical leave, and

WHEREAS, THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE SAID LEAVE ENDED ON DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides the option for employers to extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours/days of leave defined in the FFCRA,

BE IT RESOLVED, Moose Lake Community School shall extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours/days of the FFCRA paid emergency sick leave and partially paid expanded family and medical leave, according to the guidelines outlined in the FFCRA, through June 30, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:
 For: Anderson, Anderson-Reed, Blondo, Bohnsack, Pederson, Peterson

Against: None
Meeting/Event Dates
 Meeting Date Time Location
 Barnum/MLWR Mtg Jan 27 5pm TBD

Regular Meeting Feb 16 5pm Zoom
 (can't be President's Day)
 Superintendent Evaluation
 Feb 16 3pm Zoom
 Finance Meeting Feb 16 4pm Zoom

Motion by Bohnsack, second by Pederson to adjourn at 5:56 pm. Motion passed unanimously.
 Steven Blondo, Chairperson
 Lisa Anderson-Reed, Clerk

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MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP

The Board of Audit for Moose Lake Township will meet Monday, February 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Community Center for the purpose of balancing the township books. No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

Gail Lundgren (Deputy) Clerk

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CARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2021

The proceedings, in their entirety, are on file and open for public inspection during regular working hours in the Auditor's Office and are also posted on the Carlton County website at: co.carlton.mn.us

Prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, the Oath of Office was administered to elected and appointed Carlton County Officials by 6th District County Administrator Nicole Korb.

Present: Bodie, Brenner (by video), Peterson, Proulx and Theill. Absent: None.
 Bodie by Brenner all year, votes that Commissioner Proulx serve as Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2021.

Bodie by Brenner all year, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Bodie by Brenner all year, that Commissioner Peterson serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2021.

Brenner by Bodie all year, to approve the Minutes of the December 28, 2020, Adjusted Board Meeting as amended.

The Public Health and Human Services Director updated the County Board on Covid-19 vaccination plans and progress.

Theill by Peterson all year, to approve the classification of the 2020 forfeitures as conservation or non-conservation as on file in the Carlton County Land Commissioner's Office.

Bodie by Brenner all year, to authorize expenditures for Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) software in the amount of \$53,461.

Bodie by Brenner all year, to approve

the conflict of interest resolution.

Peterson by Theill all year to award the bid for legal publications for 2021 to the newspaper to Moose Lake Star Gazette and Pine Knot News.

Bodie by Brenner all year, that the county may use its website or recognized industry trade journals as an alternative to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information and requests for proposals.

Brenner by Peterson all year, to schedule the Carlton County Board Meetings for 2021.

Bodie by Bodie all year, that Carlton County Board of Commissioners shall meet as a Committee of the Whole in the Carlton County Transportation Building Meeting Room on the first Tuesday of each month in 2021.

Brenner by Theill, and carried by all year votes that Commissioner Peterson serve as the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole for the year 2021.

Peterson by Bodie all year, votes that Commissioner Theill serve as the Vice Chairperson on the Committee of the Whole for the year 2021.

Bodie by Theill all year, to approve committee, commission, and other appointments of Commissioners in 2021.

Bodie by Peterson all year, that Non-Commissioner appointments to the Committee of the Whole in 2021 shall be set.

Theill by Brenner all year, to approve the appointment of Holly Compo to the Carlton County Extension Committee as an At Large Representative.

Bodie by Peterson all year, to accept the expenditure listing for November 2020.

Bodie by Peterson all year, to set a closed session at the end of the annual meeting.

Bodie by Brenner all year, to support the Proposed 2021 Legislative Priorities set by the Arrowhead Counties Association.

Brenner by Bodie all year, to adjourn to a closed session to discuss labor negotiations and litigation.

Bodie by Theill all year, to close the closed session and return to the annual meeting.

Bodie by Theill all year, that this meeting be adjourned.

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on February 4, 2021)

Barnum Township Time Correction for Special Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that Barnum Township, Carlton County, Minnesota will on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 to discuss Aspen Road with Moose Lake Township at the Barnum Fire Hall, located at 3842 Church Street, Barnum MN, 55707. The meeting will convene at 5:00pm.

Kristina Asperheim, Clerk

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on February 4, 2021)

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The City of Barnum is seeking applicants for a part-time (24 hrs per week) Public Works Assistant. This position performs a wide range of skilled maintenance, operation work involving water, wastewater, parks, streets, cemetery, buildings and equipment for the City. Performs related duties as required. Position is open until filled. A complete job description and application are available at the Barnum City Office, 3842 Main Street, website www.barnummn.us or call 218-389-6814.

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City of Moose Lake Library Director (PT) Moose Lake Public Library

The City of Moose Lake is accepting applications for the position of Library Director. This is a part time, nonunion position responsible for managing the library operations at the Moose Lake Public. Required qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in library science or equivalent degree, and work experience in the library environment and / or public setting. Education and work experience to total 5 years.

This position reports directly to City Administrator and Library Board. The minimum starting wage for this position is \$17.00 per hour.

Application forms and a full job description with skill requirements for this position can be obtained from the City Administrator's Office located at 412 Fourth Street, Moose Lake, Minnesota, 55767, or downloaded at the City of Moose Lake website, www.ci.mooselake.mn.us.

For additional information contact Katie Bloom, City Administrator at (218) 485-4010.



Completed application forms, resumes and/or letters of reference must be received by no later than Friday, February 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

City of Moose Lake Skilled Laborer I (FT)

The City of Moose Lake is accepting applications for the position of Skilled Laborer I. This is a full time, nonunion position in the Public Works department. Required qualifications include possession of a Class A, Commercial Driver's License and experience operating a variety of equipment.

This position reports directly to the Public Works Superintendent.

Application forms and a full job description with skill requirements for this position can be obtained from the City Administrator's Office located at 412 Fourth Street, Moose Lake, Minnesota, 55767, or downloaded at the City of Moose Lake website, www.ci.mooselake.mn.us.

For additional information contact Katie Bloom, City Administrator at (218) 485-4010.



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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Part-time Corrections Officer Positions

Location: Pine City - Union: AFSCME Corrections Officer / Dispatcher Unit - FSLA Status: Non-Exempt

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Corrections Officer: This position performs tasks related to care, custody, discipline and occupations of inmates ensuring a healthy, safe and secure environment. Correctional Officers process all adult and juvenile arrests by conducting searches and medical screenings, attempt inmate grievance resolution, transport and escort inmates to various locations and generate and maintain required documentation and reports. Assigned duties are performed in a supervised environment. Applicants must be available to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant must be 18 years of age and have a High School diploma or equivalent Minnesota Drivers License required. No felony convictions.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Degree in law enforcement, criminal justice or a related field and/or one (1) year of experience as a Corrections Officer in a correctional facility or similar setting

Applicants wishing to be considered for these vacancies must submit a completed application to Pine County Human Resources no later than 4:00 PM on February 15, 2021. See website for detailed specifics regarding job responsibilities and requirements. Contact the Pine County Administrator's Office for application or download the application on the website at www.co.pine.mn.us.

PAY GRADE: \$21.34 - \$27.74

(2021 Salary Schedule, based on experience)

RATING METHOD: The selection process may include formal interview, testing or other methods of selection.

CLOSING DATE: 4:00 PM February 15, 2021

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A little Dash of cuteness

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The youngest addition to a Sandstone sanctuary is thriving, according to his caretaker.

Dash is a 10 week old Bengal Tiger who was rescued along with his parents in November of 2020.

“Dash is very independent and determined,” said Tammy Thies, founder of the Wildcat Sanctuary in Sandstone, Minn. “His favorite pastime is trying to drag his toys around. He’s a predator in training.”

The sanctuary was contacted to remove four big cats from out of state after the owner passed away, Thies explained.

They were surprised to discover a fifth cat, a newborn cub.

“He was estimated to be three hours old,” Thies said. “He still had his umbilical cord attached.”

Thies said the male cat was as surprised as everyone else at the discovery of the newborn cub.

Thies said they suspected several of the big cats contracted COVID-19 in January. According to the sanctuary website, Sabrina is a 21-year-old tigress who was confirmed positive by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories. Other tigers, lions and cougars exhibited mild

symptoms and have since recovered.

Thies said they suspect the animals caught COVID-19 from an asymptomatic employee.

The sanctuary is a non-profit organization and depends entirely on donations, said Thies. They do not receive any government funding. A sponsorship program is set up in Dash’s name. The money is used for his care, including vet checks, preventive care, neutering and microchipping.

Dash has his own Facebook page, Daily with Dash. Photos and videos allow viewers to watch as the little cub grows into a big cat.

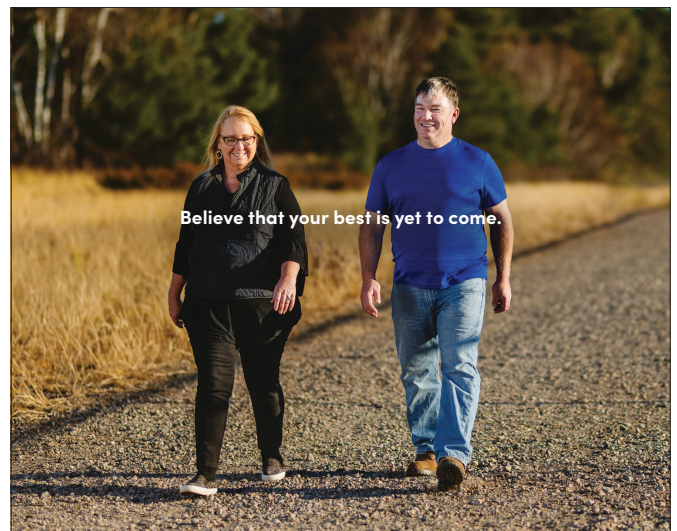
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Dash, a Bengal Tiger rescue sits for a moment at the Wildcat Sanctuary in Sandstone. Dash was rescued as a three hour old cub November 2020.

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