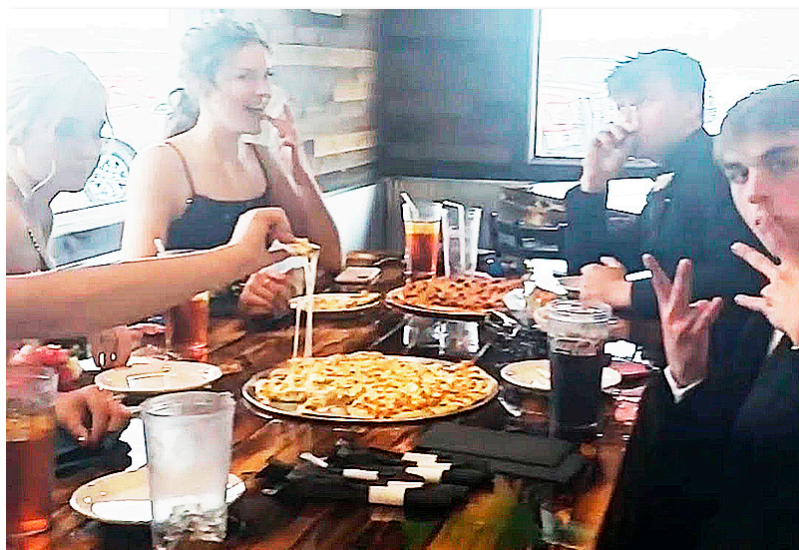


REMEMBER: Moose Lake Area American Legion posts celebrate the fallen. **P9**

Get it while it's hot! Pizza Pub in Sturgeon Lake open



Left to right: Lyndee Mlaskoch, Sarah Christy, Jayden Alleman and Jimmy Walker enjoy a pizza during Willow River Schools prom in May at the newly opened Pizza Pub in Sturgeon Lake.

BY JAMIE LUND
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Crisp peppers, flavorful onion and other fresh ingredients topped with a special sauce make for a successful pizza business, said Crystal Davis, owner of Pizza Pub in Sturgeon Lake.

She said the business is modeled after the restaurant by the same name in Pine City, which is owned by her boyfriend's uncle.

Davis and Dan Walker drove by the empty building near the Highway 35 exit for months. They joked about opening their own restaurant. The couple decided to look seriously into opening a Pizza Pub after the building sat empty for a year.

April 1 their dream became a reality.

Davis said the restaurant stays busy to the point that they run out of food once in a while. Her two teens also work in the family business. Davis said the employees learn to do all of the jobs so they have a better understanding of what

the others are doing.

"You don't just take a pizza and toss it into the oven for 10 minutes," Davis said.

She said the business has developed a loyal following of customers, as well as large group gatherings such as prom, birthday and retirement parties and end of the year high school sports banquets.

Chicken wings, deep fried pickles, pub special pizza and buffalo chicken pizza are among the biggest sellers, said Davis.

They also offer a gluten free cauliflower crust pizza.

The business is expanding to include delivery service and an outdoor patio in the coming weeks.

Pizza Pub of Sturgeon Lake is located off of the Highway 35 exit at 34091 Laketown Road and is open 3 - 9 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday.

For more information visit their Facebook page or call 218-372-3782

Pine County revs up for \$5.3m in road work

BY MIKE GAINOR
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A number of road projects across Pine County have been planned for the summer of 2021, and county commissioners have approved more than \$5.3 million in road construction projects.

Pine County Engineer/Public Works Director Mark LeBrun told the Pine County Board of Commissioners that bids came in above estimates for one local road project, but significantly below the engineer's estimate for the other six.

CULVERT CONSTRUCTION

LeBrun said Landwehr Construction, Inc. had the low bid for box culvert construction on Rush Boulevard 0.7 miles west of Military Road in Windemere Township in northern Pine County.

Three bids were received for the project. LeBrun said Landwehr Construction's bid of \$145,987.25 was 19.01% over the engineer's estimate but was competitive based on existing conditions.

BID COMES IN LOW

Four bids were received for a package of seven road construction and repaving projects. LeBrun said all four bids were good bids, and recommended the contract be awarded to the low responsible bidder.

Knife River came in with the low bid of \$5,173,709.95 for the project, which was 20.55% under the engineer's estimate.

- On Highway 61 from the north county line to the city of Rutledge, 11 miles of pavement will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving. There will also be improvements to the pedestrian ramps.

- Six miles of pavement on County State Aid Highway 14 (Beroun Crossing Road) from Highway 61 to Highway 10 will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving.

- On Parkview Drive near Sturgeon Lake near Lords Lake Road pavement will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before resurfacing.

- On Highway 55 (Crossway Road) from Highway 61 to Highway 67 (Everready

Road) between Pine City and Beroun, 0.6 miles of pavement will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving. There will also be improvements to the turn lanes.

- In that same area, 1.9 miles on Highway 67 (Everready Road) from Highway 55 (Crossway Road) to Highway 9 (Cross Lake Road) will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving.

- On County Road 127 from Highway 61 to Highway 14 (Beroun Crossing Road), 0.6 miles of pavement will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving.

- In the Sandstone area, on County Road 143 from the west county line to Highway 28 (Groningen Road), 1.8 miles of pavement will be milled and the bituminous reclaimed before repaving.

SALES TAX UNDER REVIEW

Back on Aug. 16, 2016, Pine County commissioners approved a 0.5% sales tax for the purpose of funding transportation improvements on county roads that

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BRENT DONALDSON

Delaney takes second swing at State

Senior Delaney Koecher earned her second trip to state during a cold and windy Section 7A tournament in Virginia. Koecher was the fourth overall qualifier and finished fifth in the girls' competition. Her two day total was 181. The State Class A golf tournament will be held at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, Minn. on June 15 and 16. Pictured above are Assistant Coach Trish Manahan, Delaney Koecher and Head Coach Brent Donaldson.



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CARLTON COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:

3,507

New cases last week: 14

Positive cases

incarcerated at MSOP in

Moose Lake: 0

Barnum cases: 271

Moose Lake cases: 452

Deaths: 56

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 20,143

People who have

completed the vaccine

series: 18,324

Register to receive a vaccine

through [https://mn.gov/](https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp)

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Contact the Carlton County

COVID-19 Hotline at (218)

499-6312.

Statistics provided by Carlton

County Public Health and Minnesota

Public Health. Updated May 27.

PINE COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:

3,342

New cases last week: 19

Deaths: 23

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 10,604

Percentage of Pine County

residents 16+ vaccinated:

44%

Percentage of Pine

County residents age 65+

vaccinated: 76%

Register to receive a vaccine

through [https://mn.gov/](https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp)

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Contact the Pine County

COVID-19 Hotline at 320-

591-1690 or public.health@

co.pine.mn.us

Statistics provided by

Minnesota Public Health.

Updated June 1.

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Historical Reflections



This week's history
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Do you recognize the
person in this photo?

Answer to the history
photo from the previous
edition: Rebels Tori
Bohaty just barely
escaped being tagged out
at home on May 25, 1995.
The Rebels beat Hill City
15-3 in that event.

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I-35 cable project from Hinckley to
Carlton starts June 1

STAFF REPORT

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The Minnesota Department of Transportation has announced that a construction on a new cable median barrier on I-35 between Hinckley and Carlton will begin on June 1. Barrier installation is at intermittent points on I-35 and will begin just south of Hwy 48 in Hinckley and continue north. Motorists can expect left lane closures on weekdays. The closures will be limited on northbound I-35 to

Monday through Thursday and on southbound I-35 Monday through Friday. This project is expected to be complete at the end of July.

REMINDERS FOR MOTORISTS

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate through with care and caution.
- Stay alert; work zones constantly change.
- Watch for workers and slow moving equipment.
- Obey posted speed limits. Fine for a violation in a work zone is

\$300.

- Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
 - Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- For more information on MnDOT projects in northeast Minnesota, follow MnDOT on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/groups/MnDOTnortheast> and Twitter at [mndotnortheast](https://twitter.com/mndotnortheast). For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org.

Planning your next family vacation

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

When planning an event, looking for a good deal for a family vacation, or a getaway, Better Business Bureau (BBB) encourages people to plan ahead to save money, avoid scams, and travel safely. Scammers will often target people looking for great deals online by offering tempting vacation packages at unrealistically low prices. BBB adds the following tips to help ensure an enjoyable vacation:

Plan ahead. Allow plenty of time to research hotels, flights, and the area where you will be staying. Typically, the earlier reservations are made, the better the deals and the lower the risk of the destination being booked solid.

Avoid broad internet searches. Entering phrases like "best deals" into a search engine can sometimes bring up websites that look official, but are designed solely to rip people off.

Be alert for travel scams. Watch out for

phone calls or letters claiming a "free trip" or websites offering prices that appear too good to be true.

Do your homework. Ask family and friends to recommend a travel agent or travel website and visit BBB.org for free Business Profiles.

Get trip details in writing. Before making a final payment, get all the details of the trip in writing. This should include the total cost, restrictions, cancellation penalties, and names of the airlines and hotels.

Consider travel insurance. Travel insurance covers things like trip cancellations or medical emergencies.

Pay with a credit card. Paying with a credit card provides additional protection if something should go wrong with the travel reservation.

Planning to travel internationally? Check to see if there are any advisories affecting Canada and the U.S. Travel Association for any issues that may impact the trip.

No matter when or where you

are traveling, take extra precautions:

Wait to post on social media. Photos and social media posts of the family having a great time also lets thieves know the house is empty.

Check your home insurance. Some policies do not cover damage if nobody checks on your home for a certain amount of time.

Share a copy of the itinerary with a family member or close friend. Include the contact information of someone joining you on your trip.

Take a map. Consider having an atlas or hard copy map just in case of technical difficulties.

Check the weather conditions where you will be traveling and pack appropriate supplies and clothing.

Avoid traveling alone. Use the buddy system and stick with the group.

Use a hotel safe to store extra cash and keep any valuables under lock and key.

Learn more about travel insurance.

Find advice in locating a travel agent.

Driver dies in I-35 crash

STAFF REPORT

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A man was killed on Saturday, May 29 in a crash on Interstate 35 in northern Pine County.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, in the early evening of May 29 a Volkswagen Golf driven by Antonio Jackson, 56, of Aurora, Minnesota was traveling northbound on I-35. At approximately 6:58 p.m., just north of Willow River in Sturgeon Lake Township, Jackson lost control of the vehicle,

which went off the road to the right and rolled multiple times.

State troopers, Pine County deputies, the Willow River Fire Department and a LifeLink helicopter responded to the crash. Jackson was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, but his injuries proved fatal.

Roads were dry at the time of the incident. According to the state patrol, Jackson was not wearing a seat belt and alcohol was involved with the crash.

ROADS: Funding via
sales tax

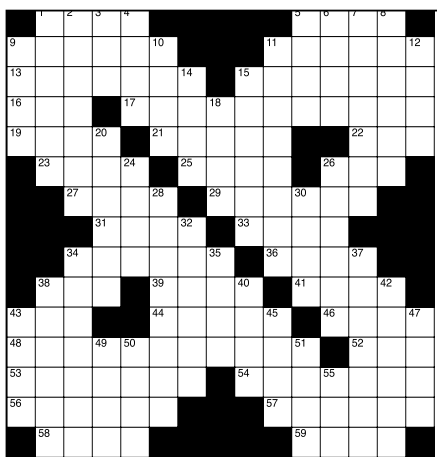
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did not receive state funding.

At that time, it was established that the sales tax would continue until \$8,450,000 had been collected or Dec. 31, 2026, whichever came sooner.

County officials noted that the county is approximately 2.5 years ahead of schedule in total sales tax collections. A special county board meeting is scheduled for June 29 to discuss the 0.5% sales tax.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Partner to "flows"
- French industrial city
- Diagrams
- Diplomat
- Hires
- Hawaiian island
- Set aflame
- Very happy
- Blue dye
- Small terrier with short legs
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Northern pike genus
- Expression of annoyance
- Female deer
- Casella and Kellerman are two
- Actor's lines to audience

- Days (Spanish)
- Close a person's eyes
- Cloaked
- Comedic actor
- Rogen
- It's all around us
- Neutralizes alkalis
- Native people of New Mexico
- No seats available
- Famed "Air Music" composer
- Fit of irritation
- Psychic phenomena
- Knicks' first-rounder
- Seed used in cooking
- "WandaVision" actress Hahn
- Samples food
- In a lucid way
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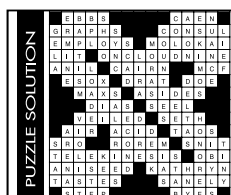
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CLUES DOWN

- Type of moth
- A Christian sacrament
- It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- Turn away
- Impersonal
- Shortly
- Indigenous Alaskans
- Subtle difference of meaning
- Sicilian city
- Put in harmony
- Administrative divisions
- As happily
- Horse mackerel
- Muddy or boggy ground

- Monetary unit of Italy
- Construction site machine
24. 22
- Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- Earnings
- Insect repellent
- Runner-up
- Musician
- Serious or urgent
- Esteemed one
- Where rockers play
- Work furniture
- Greek prophecies
- Quantitative fact

- Missing soldiers
- Minute
- This (Spanish)
- Maintain possession of
- Assault with a knife
- Holiday text message greeting



Weekly Forecast

From CBS 3 Meteorologist Dave Anderson

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny Wind: W 5-15 mph 30% chance of rain 82 53	Sunny Wind: SW 5-15 mph 88 60	Mostly sunny Wind: SW 10-20 mph 90 65	Partly sunny Wind: SW 5-15 mph 20% chance of rain 89 67	Partly sunny Wind: S 10-20 mph 30% chance of rain 87 65

OBITUARIES

Jane Flickinger

Jane Estelle (Rengo) Flickinger passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. She was 85 years young. She was a wonderful mom, grandma, great-grandma, teacher, nurse, and friend. She was kind, patient, generous, and often hilarious. She was proud of her Finnish heritage, and she embodied "sisu" for all of us.



She designed and sewed clothing for the family. Jane was a good cook and baker and passed her skills to her children. She made her own wine, jams, jellies, and canned all the vegetables from her expansive garden. She enjoyed organic gardening and yoga. She loved needlework including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and crewel

work. She made special blankets for her grandkids, which most of them remember and many still have. She was an intelligent woman of many talents and taught her children to be curious about the world. The house was filled with books and music, laughter, and the wonderful smell of homemade food and baked goodies.

Jane was raised as an only child of Einar and Elvi Rengo. Her half-brother, Arne Rengo was 17 years old when she was born. Her older sister, Ayla, died at birth. Jane was very close to her many cousins who lived nearby.

In the seventh-grade, Jane won the state spelling bee and flew to Washington, DC, to represent Minnesota in the National Spelling Bee held May 25-29, 1948.

Jane moved to the Twin Cities after high school and earned her nursing degree at Swedish Nursing School. She went on to finish her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Minnesota. Jane worked as an RN in Minnesota and California. When she and Gerry moved to Rochester, Jane started working at Methodist Hospital (now part of Mayo Clinic Hospital). Jane worked as supplemental staff doing private duty at first and later as part of the float pool from 1963 until 1997, when she took a part-time post in Orthopedics at Methodist where she

worked until 2005. Due to her many years of service, she was a member of the Mayo Clinic Argent Society.

In 1972, with five children 10 years old and younger, she began teaching nursing full time at Rochester Community College (now RCTC) while simultaneously pursuing her master's degree at the University of Minnesota. (She was grateful for the Civic League Day Nursery at a time when childcare outside the home was unheard of.) She retired from RCTC in 1997 to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. She would often encounter former students over the years, including when she was in hospice care. She was grateful to know she was in good hands.

Jane married Gerald Flickinger in 1960, and they were married for almost 50 years when Gerry passed away in 2010. She and Gerry had five children who survive her: Lynn Flickinger (Steve Hanna), Dawn (Greg) Saterdalen, Rob (Beck) Flickinger, Michelle Flickinger (Aaron Gordon), and Al (Amy) Flickinger.

Jane loved being a grandmother to: Celia Martin-Mejia (Jandin Mejia-Martin), Drew (Savannah) Saterdalen, Lexi (Zach) Reynolds, Dana Flickinger, Ian Flickinger, Max Gordon, Salem Gordon, Soren Gordon, Devon Gordon, Madison Flickinger, and Lauren Flickinger.

She was thrilled to be a great grandmother to: Frances and Grace Mejia-Martin.

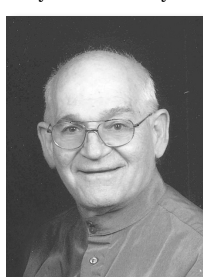
The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Ericka Tung, Mayo Clinic Hospice, Home Instead Senior Care, and Above and Beyond Senior Services for caring for Jane at the end of her life. Special recognition to Amy Sund, Desiree Lanzino, Cassi Princino, Hannah Stoner, and Garrett Johnson. We are grateful to Lynn and Steve for taking Mom into their home during the pandemic and caring for her at the end of her life.

An open house to celebrate her life will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes. A private interment ceremony will be held at a later date at the Bethel Lutheran Church columbarium.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Flickinger family; to share a special memory or condolence please visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com

Lyle Almquist

Lyle Edward Almquist, 83, of Moose Lake passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, May



30, 2021 at "The Village"-Augustana Care Center, Moose Lake. Lyle was born on April 20, 1938 in Moose Lake, the son of Carl "Eddy" and Gertrude (Heglund) Almquist.

Lyle married Patricia Alberg on October 17, 1964 in Moose Lake. To this union they were blessed with a daughter, Cara.

Lyle served his country in the United States Airforce from July 20, 1959 until July 19, 1965.

He worked for Diamond Brands as a laborer for 41 years, before his career as a custodial engineer at Hope Lutheran Church in Moose Lake.

Lyle was a member of the VFW and Moose Lake Historical Society, where he shared his interest for the railroad and history. He enjoyed refinishing furniture and was a collector of much, however, Lyle's eyes lit up when he was surrounded by his grand-

children and great-grandchildren.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Gertrude; brother, Jim Almquist; and sister-in-law, Barb Almquist.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Patricia Almquist; daughter, Cara Keinanen of Moose Lake; and special son-in-law, Todd Keinanen of Moose Lake; grandchildren, Kiaya Plews of Cloquet, Eli (Lena Ranta) Plews, and Garrett Keinanen all of Moose Lake; great-grandchildren, Memphis, Zackarius, Marley and Phoenix; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials are preferred to Moose Lake Historical Society (Depot) or "The Village" - Augustana Care Center for the Garden.

A Visitation was held at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday June 2, 2021 until the 11:00 A.M. Celebration of Life at Moose Lake Covenant Church. A luncheon followed in the Church Auditorium. Inurnment will be in Faith Lutheran Cemetery, Sturgeon Lake on a later date.

Arrangements with Hamlin - Hansen - Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake.

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.

June 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Moose Lake Health Care Volunteer Service Organization meeting

The Moose Lake Health Care Volunteer Service Organization will meet Monday, June 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Masks are optional. New members are welcome. To find out about volunteer opportunities call (218) 485-4481 ext. 891

June 8 at Noon

Cromwell Area Young Old Timers

The first YOT meeting will be on June 8th at the Cromwell Park Pavilion at Noon with the YOT officers serving lunch. They will try to have the first YOT Senior Dance on Thursday, June 24.

Mondays in June from 11 a.m. to Noon

Cromwell Area Yoga

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

Wednesdays in June 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.

Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

All in-house dining is cancelled until further notice.

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Call (218) 485-4937 to place your order.
Please reserve the day before.

\$4.00, Under 60: \$7.50.

There are no income guidelines.

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

Monday, June 7: Twisted Taco, Pudding w/Topping

Tues, June 8: Pork Loin Chop Dinner, Rhubarb Custard Dessert

Wed., June 9: Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Fruit

Thurs., June 10: Penne with Italian Sausage, Fresh Fruit

Fri., June 11: Hamloaf or Alternate, Chocolate Marble Cake

BIRTHS

Arlo Brooks Christopherson

Arlo Brooks Christopherson was born on May 27, 2021 at 7:55 a.m. weighing six pounds and 13.5 ounces. He was born to parents Desiray and Zach Christopherson of Mora, Minn. Arlo is welcomed by maternal grandparents Paul LeBlanc of Hutchinson, Minn. and Tina Green of Sturgeon Lake, Minn. and paternal grandparents Brian Sylvester and Kaireen Leppanen of Sturgeon Lake, Minn.

Shayne Bumann

Shayne Michael Bumann passed away near his home on February 12 2021. He was 42 years old. He was preceded in death by grandparents Roy and Bernice, uncle's Vince, Mike, and Daryl, and his brother Adam. He was joined shortly after by grandmother Anita. Shayne is survived by parents



Ralph and Kathy, his wife Keri, and children Gabe, Tea, Brianna, Aiden, Elise, and Isabel. He will be remembered as a fun and caring man who loved his family and routinely taught his children to help others through his actions. Please join us in honoring him on June 19 in West Side Park in Hinckley. Bring a dish and memories to share.

Please visit <http://www.facebook.com/shaynebumann> for time and details.

Returning to your regularly scheduled program

For the last few weeks I have been pulling double duty here in the office, putting together both the Pine County Courier and the Star-Gazette. This week I was back to the regularly scheduled program of putting together just the Star-Gazette.



A Millennial Mile
Alanea White

I have been really enjoying digging into the different communities covered in both papers. It has really shown me how unique and special each town can be. Learning the tiny idiosyncrasies of each community is one of my favorite things about bringing you community coverage.

Don't get me wrong doubling my work load has not been at all pleasant. But the creativity that I have needed to use has been

right up my alley!

Finding the time to cover all the great things happening in communities from Barnum all the way to Sandstone has been a scheduling chore. In college I was taught the six "P's" of proper planning. Prior proper planning prevents poor performance.

This motto has served me well over the years! It made getting things ready for the crazy weeks I knew were coming important to do all the way back in April. Having a plan kept me level headed and ready for any bumps in the road, and there were plenty of those.

Now we are back to normal, that is until I jet off on a vacation in the coming weeks. Luckily, I have had a few weeks of practice on how to get things together in a pinch when planning gets tossed to the wayside. The six "P's" will serve me well as I work ahead to leave you with the same great paper you have come to expect every week, even if I am out of the office on an adventure while you are enjoying it.

So, for now we are all back to our regularly scheduled programming here at the Star-Gazette!

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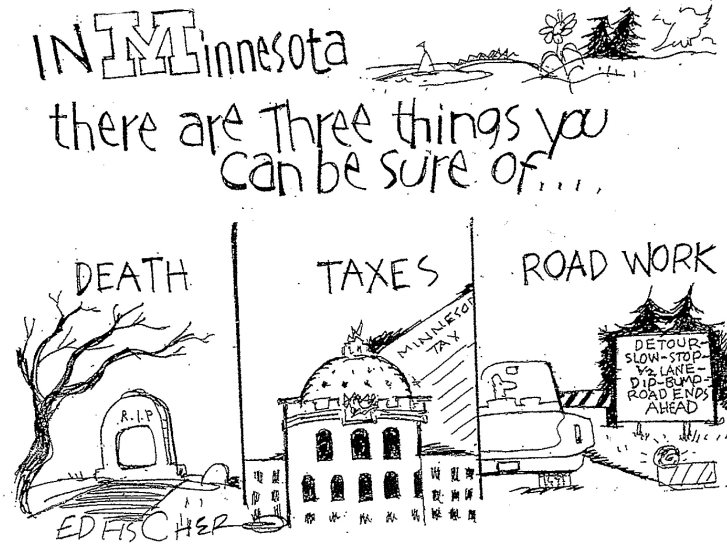
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It takes a village

Dear Nordstrom family,

You were the first to say hello and the last to say goodbye as we watched decades of Moose Lake memories leave the driveway. May the family find comfort in Moose Lake, the small town with a big heart that in its unique way knows how to grieve and heal. May we give much love to this family as the young boy gave his love to all that knew him. Especially in death, it takes a village.

Wick Fisher



Spending Spring in the garden

I think it would be hard to find a Minnesotan who didn't love this season more than any other. Autumn thrills us with the shocking arrays of scarlet, orange, gold, and russet; winter can provide us with postcard perfect images of snow blanketed forests and fields; though I realize there are many who don't find the same beauty in that as my husband and



Going Nature's Way
Kate Crowley

I do. But SPRING! Even though June is technically summer, it is an extension of the former, especially when temperatures fall below freezing on the last days of May. Every day brings forth new growth and blooms. The leaves go through a spectrum of greens, letting us marvel at their renewal. The older we get, the more we appreciate this annual rite of nature.

This year, like last, people

(including myself) found it hard to resist the nurseries and garden centers early in May. Last year those places ran out of plants by the beginning of June, so there was the worry that the same would happen this year. So, I bought lots of plants that then had to be carried into the house at night when the temperature threatened to fall below 32F. But now that Memorial Day is past, the work of planting has begun.

Each year, after spending far more than I intended on flowers of all colors and shapes, I realize I need more perennials. This thing called aging is making gardening more and more challenging each year. I bought lots of flowers that need to go into pots and planters and it is turning into a multi-day task. I have scattered flower seeds in some beds, but then figuring out which are weeds and which are flowers is difficult. Each time I go past these beds I bend low and scan the dirt for any hint of miniscule leaves.

Last year, Mike expanded the vegetable garden; a crazy thing to

do when you are in your 70s, but there was no other place to go or things to do, so he could invest lots of time and energy in watering the beds during the dry months of July and August. He and I have very different gardening techniques. I would describe his as 'laissez-faire', believing the plants can pretty much take care of themselves. I am much more of a 'hands-on' gardener, carefully examining each pot or bed for moisture and pulling the never ending weeds.

Even though it's hard for me to watch his plantings fill with weeds, he has nonetheless managed to produce good quantities of potatoes for the last 2 years. This year he has actually cut back on the number and variety of seeds. There will be squash, beans and potatoes. I planted tomatoes, sugar snap peas, carrots and radishes. And this summer the garden will be more at the mercy of Mother Nature since we will be gone from time to time because of work. If nature will cooperate and provide

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LETTER GUIDELINES

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

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

To be considered for publication, all letters must be signed and include hometown and contact information for verification

purposes. Only names and hometowns will be published. Letters are published at the discretion of the editor and may be edited. Only rebuttals to previously run election-related letters will be considered for publication the week before elections. This policy also applies to endorsement of political candidates.

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Election letters endorsing or advocating

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OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Edward L. Langness

Edward L. Langness, 78, of Barnum, Minn., died on May 21, 2021, at St Luke's Hospital in Duluth, Minn., after several weeks of hospitalization due to unexpected health complications.



Ed was born December 30, 1942, in Fergus Falls, Minn. He graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1961. He attended two years at Fergus Falls Junior College where he played on the Spartan's basketball team, was a member of the bowling team, and was Vice-President of his class. He then attended Moorhead State College and graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Social Studies and minoring in Business Education.

Ed started his teaching career in 1965 at the Barnum High School, as a Social Studies teacher until his retirement in 1999. He was a charter member and past president of the Barnum Federation of Teachers. In 1999, Ed was awarded the Sam's Club Teacher of the Year. During his summers from 1970 through 1990, he was the Director of Summer Recreation and Baseball coach. He was the ASA Softball Tournament Director for eight years and was a baseball umpire from 1973-1996.

Ed enjoyed doing his part with civic responsibilities. In the 1970s he was on the Planning and Zoning Commission. From 1982-1993 he was the Chairman of the Robert J. Johnson Memorial Park Board. In the 1990s

he was on the Walmart Scholarship Committee for Carlton County students. He served on the Barnum Community Club. From 2000-2010, he served on the Mercy Hospital Board of Directors in Moose Lake. In June 2001, he served as Grand Marshal in the Spring Fever Days Celebration in Barnum. He was recognized as Carlton County's Outstanding Senior Citizen in 2014.

Ed enjoyed playing card games especially cribbage at the Lazy Bear in Barnum with all the "Cribbage Geniuses." He was a golfer and worked with the annual Barnum Spring Fever Golf Tournament for over 30 years. At the Barnum Senior Center, he enjoyed card games, stimulating banter, and calling the monthly bingo games. Also, Ed enjoyed chasing of antiques and collectibles.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Linda (Wick) Langness; daughter, Julie (Adam) Tawa, Seekonk, Mass.; daughter, Karen Langness, Carlton, Minn.; grandchildren, Jonathan and Amelia Tawa, Seekonk, Mass.; sister, Kathy (Fred) Jacobs, Fergus Falls, Minn.; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his lifelong and longtime special friends, who will miss him greatly.

Ed was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Langness and his mother, Marion (Svenneby) Langness of Fergus Falls, Minn.

One thing Ed wanted to tell everyone "Now that you are done reading, please take a child out to watch a sporting game."

An open house celebration of life will be held Friday, July 2, 2021 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Barnum Senior Center 3794 Main St. Barnum, MN 55707. Dessert and coffee will be served. Memorial gifts can be directed to the Barnum Senior Center.

Lois Johnson

Lois Elaine Johnson, 87 of Atkinson passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021 in St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth of natural causes after a brief illness. She was



born November 4, 1933 in Cloquet to Fred and Esther (Erikson) Carlson. She grew up in Atkinson and graduated from Barnum High School in 1951. Lois received an Associate's Degree from Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. While in the twin cities, she worked as a bookkeeper at Lutheran Brotherhood. She also worked at Dayton's Dept. Store. Lois enjoyed bowling and golfing. After

returning to Atkinson, she worked at Northwest Paper. Lois married Marvin Johnson on June 1, 1963 and they made their home in Atkinson where they farmed. Lois milked cows until she was 70 years old. She was lovingly referred to as the "chore boss". During the 1980's she was a cook at TJ's in Mahtowa and she had her own catering business during the 1980's and 90's. She enjoyed baking for family and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; brothers, Lloyd (Edithe), Kenneth, and F. Willard Carlson; sister, Dolores Asproth; and sister-in-law, Shirley Carlson.

She is survived by one son, Keith (Tiffany) of Atkinson; one daughter, Kim (Dane) Hedquist of Atkinson; brother-in-law, Herman Asproth of New Brighton; sister-in-law, Jan Carlson of Forest Lake; two grandchildren, Bryce Hedquist and Tarin (Matthew) Driver; one great grandson, Landon Driver; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation: 11:00 a.m. until the 12:00 Noon funeral service Thursday, June 3, 2021 in the Barnum Community Church. Her nephew, Kendall Carlson will be officiating. Please follow COVID guidelines. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow. The service will be live streamed on the Barnum Community United Methodist Church Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Barnum-Community-United-Methodist-Church-134129183288010. Burial will be in Atkinson Cemetery. Memorials are preferred. Please accept this note as a sincere thank you for the out pouring of support which has been given to us. No formal thank you cards will be sent. Arrangements entrusted to the Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

WRIGHT CROMWELL NEWS: Thank you teachers

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The Floodwood VFW Post 8299 was at the Wright Park for Memorial Day Services on May 31, at 8 a.m. to honor our Veterans. This year Wes Heikkila was the honored Veteran as he passed away on June 25, 2020, and his Inurnment was on July 15, 2020 at the Prairie Lake cemetery.

The parents of the Cromwell-Wright students want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to ALL the teachers and staff for their extremely hard work and perseverance throughout this school year. Thank you for keeping our kids in the school to optimize their learning experience. Your hard work and dedication does not

go unnoticed or unappreciated. We are blessed to have you all!

The Pavilion is reserved for Tuesday, June 1 for stage two cleaning. Beginning around 9 a.m. Any help is appreciated; and thank you to those who worked so hard (and had fun) on May 18 - we got a huge amount of deep cleaning done which was commended at the City Council meeting.

As most of you know, YOT (Young Old Timers) has been meeting in Cromwell for many years. The YOT Club meets once a month for lunch at noon, a short business meeting, a program concerning senior issues, and lots of friendly conversation. We currently have 32 members and want to invite you to join us. You can

also bring a friend or two along. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 at noon in the Cromwell Park Pavilion for a meal provided by the YOT Officers. We also sponsor the YOT Dances on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-4 p.m. at the Cromwell Park Pavilion. Our first dance since the COVID 19 shutdown will be on June 24 from 1 - 4 p.m.

The Bethlehem/Bethany Educators and Youth leaders are invited to attend an evening with Catherine Anderson, Synod Coordinator for Youth Ministry, she will join us in conversation around renewing our Christian Education programs. All members/friends of the churches, are invited, on Wednesday evening, June 9, from

6:00-7:30 p.m. Please let Pastor Deb know if you will be able to attend.

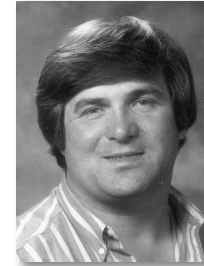
There will be a New Member Sunday at Bethany and Bethlehem on June 10. Please call Pastor Deb if you are interested in joining either of these churches. 218-644-3640.

The Cromwell Area Community Club is happy to announce that the Harvest Festival is on for Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12! If you have ideas, or would like to volunteer to help out in some way or another, please contact Lynn by calling or texting her at 218-644-3544.

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

Donald Thieling

Donald A Thieling, 66, of Cloquet, died Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth. Don was



born on December 13, 1954 in Moose Lake, the son of Fred and Verna (Albertson) Thieling. In his younger years, Don enjoyed riding motorcycle, smelt fishing, cook-outs, bowling, hunting, shoveling snow, driving car in the demolition derby, and playing softball with the "Green Machine", his family team. Don gave everything he

had to others, he loved

well and his generosity will be cherished by his family. Don had many careers over the years, however, his years spent logging brought him immense joy. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Verna; sister, Dorothy Thieling; brothers-in-law, Rob Langhorst, Mike Adelsgruber, and Bill Schluessell; great nephew, Spencer Barber; best friend and cousin, Rick Peterson, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his siblings, Philip Thieling, Phyllis Schluessell, Roger (Deb) Thieling, Nancy Youngberg, Janet Adelsgruber, Shirley Thieling, Gary (Diane) Thieling and Linda Freitag; aunt, Ardine Reiss; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends, as well his special friend, Carol Maki.

Visitation: 11:00 a.m. until the Memorial Service, held by Donald's Family, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at Barnum United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. A luncheon will follow in the church social hall.

KETTLE RIVER NEWS: More venture out with increasing vaccine numbers

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Now that many have been vaccinated and are starting to get out and about, there are several things happening in Kettle River to mark on your calendar.

The women of Faith Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Lake and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kettle River will hold their Jump into June sale on Friday, June 4, from 8 am to 5 pm at the Kettle River Veteran's Building on Hwy 73. There

will be a plant sale, baked sale and rummage sale and books. So plan to attend.

Dr. Manno, a physician from Haiti, will be at the Kettle River Senior Center on Sunday, June 13 at 2 p.m. He will be giving an update on his clinic. Several area churches support his clinic. A free will offering will be taken to help support his clinic. Many of his patients are diabetic and insulin is one of the major expenses.

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Willow River area celebrates the Class of 2021

Willow River Area Seniors were able to celebrate graduation in person on May 28. Monica Mikrot, Salutatorian, and Kaylee Krzoska, Valedictorian, delivered addresses to their classmates. Diplomas were presented to the graduates by Bill Peel, Superintendent, David Prachar, Willow River School Board Chair, and Connie Mikrot, Willow River School Board Vice Chair.

Willow River community presents scholarships to graduates

WILLOW RIVER AREA SCHOOL

The following area businesses presented scholarships to members of the Willow River graduating class of 2021. Over \$80,000 in scholarship funds were provided to Willow River graduates. Scholarship amounts presented to each student are listed after students names.

Alpha Delta Kappa- Olivia Loew \$300, Emma Fjosne, \$330
Dan Radzak Memorial- Hannah Pantlin \$300
Dave Patterson Memorial- Adam Olson \$300
Denham-Sturgeon Lake American Legion Post #361- Monica Mikrot \$500, Adam Olson \$500, Hannah Pantlin \$500, Ellie Neumann \$500, Emma Fjosne \$500
East Central Energy- Kaylee Schmidt \$1,500
Federated Co-ops, Inc.- Adam Olson \$1,000
First National Bank Moose Lake- Monica Mikrot \$200
Kettle River Pizza Entrepreneur- Olivia Loew \$300, Kaylee Krzoska \$200, Monica Mikrot \$200, Kaylee Schmidt \$100, Adam Olson \$100, Hannah Pantlin \$100
Kiwanis Club of Moose Lake- Hannah Pantlin \$1,000
Knights of Columbus- Monica Mikrot \$500
Memorial Blood Center- Kaylee Krzoska \$1060, Ellie Neumann \$400, Emma Fjosne \$400, Kaylee Schmidt \$200, Monica Mikrot \$200
Essentia Health Moose Lake Foundation- Kaylee Krzoska \$1,000
Moose Lake Health Care Volunteer Service Organization- Kaylee Krzoska \$600
Essentia Health Moose Lake- Kaylee Krzoska \$1,000
Moose Lake Co-op- Monica Mikrot \$1,000, Hannah Pantlin \$1,000
North Pine Riders Snowmobile Club- Olivia Loew \$300, Monica Mikrot \$300
Sonshine Community Service Scholarship- Kaylee Krzoska \$750
Sturgeon Lake Linos/Vernoica Borchardt Memorial- Olivia Loew \$500, Emma Fjosne \$500, Ellie Neumann \$500
Town and Country Insurance- Kaylee Schmidt \$1,000
The Waylon James Foundation- Ellie Neumann \$250, Hannah Pantlin \$250, Monica Mikrot \$250
Willow River American Legion #163- Kaylee Schmidt \$300
Willow River American Legion Auxiliary #163- Kaylee Schmidt \$250
Willow River Commercial Club- Kaylee Krzoska \$250, Kaylee Schmidt \$250, Hannah Pantlin \$250, Monica Mikrot \$250
Willow River Community Club- Adam Olson \$250, Hannah Pantlin \$250, Kaylee Krzoska \$250, Monica Mikrot \$250
Willow River Education Association- Olivia Loew \$250
Willow River Northview Bank- Hannah Pantlin, Kaylee Schmidt \$500
University of Alabama- Scholarship for "Scholastic Excellence and Personal Achievement"- Kaylee Krzoska \$60,000

Moose Lake Vocal Jazz Ensemble ranks superior

MOOSE LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Moose Lake High School Choir members competed virtually at the Minnesota State High School League's vocal competition this year.

Senior soloists, Edea Leino and Emily Bohnsack, both earned Excellent ratings on their challenging solos. The Moose Lake High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble competed with their rendition of Kokomo and they


earned a Superior rating.

"In a year where music had to be done in a different way than it had ever been done before -masked, six feet apart, with shortened rehearsals, sometimes over Zoom - I am SO proud of these students!" said Genevieve Berthelot, MLHS Vocal Music Director. "They are living embodiments of my mantra this year: 'What I can do is greater than what I can't do.'" Congratulations to these MLHS singers!



[SUBMITTED]

Moose Lake High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble competed virtually in the Minnesota High School League's vocal competition this year. They ranked superior. Members of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble include Emily Bohnsack, Addison Geil, Carmen Hoffman, Jacobson, Alivia Menten, Thalia Williams, Jojo Fossum, Edea Leino, Jocelyn Mundell, Connor Clausen, Ben Steen, & Louis Thiessen.



PROM 2021



DAN LINGLE | SUBMITTED

Moose Lake seniors and juniors celebrated prom on May 22. The theme for the evening was Bohemian Gardens and was held at Moose Lake Community School.

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After an uncertain year full of cancellations the Barnum Bombers successfully celebrated prom on May 1.



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4x800 team takes first

Moose Lake/Willow River girls 4x800 team took first place at the Polar League Conference Meet in Two Harbors on Wednesday, May 26. Pictured are Brooklyn Wasche, Kelli Granquist, Amelia Olson and Shannon Granquist.

Moose Lake/Willow River golfers compete at sections

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The first round of the section tournament for the Moose Lake Willow River Golf team was held on May 25th at Virginia, Minn. Adam Neumann and Johnathan Danelski were just a few strokes away from advancing to the second round of sections, according to Coach Andy Dahl.

MLWR did not have a girls' team this season, but had one participant competing individually. Ellie Neumann, a senior, had a strong showing in both meets she competed in as an individual.

Coach Dahl said, "We're a young team, graduating only one (Ellie Neumann) and are very excited to compete again next spring."

Rebels' Softball win four games in a row

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Moose Lake Willow River Softball team won three games this past week. May 21, Friday, the Rebels were in Mora to play the Mustangs, winning 6-2. On Tuesday, May 25, they traveled to Aitkin, winning 8-4. On Thursday, May 27, they played Silver Bay at the Willow River Softball Field winning in five innings 11-0. On Monday, May 31, MLWR Rebels hosted the first round of Section 7AA Sub-Section 1 tournament, defeating Pine City 14-0.

The Mora Mustangs were 10-7 overall. The Mora game went all seven innings with Sarah Christy in the center of the softball diamond, striking out three, walking no one, and allowing two earned runs. Hallie Klavu and Sandra Ribich were two for four at the plate. Klavu scored two runs, Ribich batted in two runs. Natalie Mikrot and Lily Kahara each

were two for three in the batter's box, Mikrot hitting a triple. Rebels won 6-2. Mora is seeded fourth in Section 7AA Sub-Section 1 and finished the regular season 11-9.

The Rebels played at Aitkin (6-10) on Tuesday, going seven innings with Alexis Hoffman pitching a complete game, striking out 11, one walk, allowing four runs, three of which were earned. Ribich was hot at the plate going three-for-four, hitting back-to-back homeruns, (three run homerun and solo homerun), and had six runs batted in. Maci Kukuk was three for four in the batter's box. Klavu scored two runs, going two for three. Megan Hattenberger hit the ball twice in her three at-bats. Rebels won 8-4. Aitkin finished the regular season 10-10, seeded fifth in Section 7AA Sub-Section 1.

On Thursday's game against Silver Bay, Christy hit a grand slam, threw a five-inning one-hitter game to give the Rebels the

Polar League win on the Willow River Softball Field. Klavu, Mikrot, and Hattenberger each got a hit, Ribich was two for three. Christy drove in five runs. Rebels won 11-0. Silver Bay finished their season 13-7, third in Section 7A Sub-Section 1 and fourth in the Polar League.

MLWR finished the regular season 16-3, losing to Proctor 14-4, Cloquet 4-1 and Cherry 11-3. They are in first place in the Polar League Conference. Esko is second, followed by Barnum in third and Silver Bay fourth. In Section 7AA Sub-Section 1, Esko is seeded first with QRF state ranking of 14 and the Rebels are second with QRF state ranking of 17.

Playoffs started on Memorial Day in Willow River. Pine City, with an overall record of 2-15, seeded seven out of seven teams in Section 7AA Sub-Section 1, took on the Rebels. Hoffman threw a five-inning, no hitter, striking out seven,



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The Lady Rebels softballers faced Mora on May 21 winning 6-2, Aitkin on May 25 winning 8-4, Silver Bay on May 27 winning 11-0 and Pine City on May 31 winning 14-0. The Rebels advance in the 7AA Sub-Sections with the win over Pine City.

and walking one. Mikrot, Ribich, Christy, Klavu, Kukuk, and Hattenberger

all had multiple hits to win the contest 14-0. Rebels advance this week

in the playoffs with the win over Pine City.

Rebels' Baseball face Proctor for a loss then play Aitkin



MARY ELLEN DEWEY

Senior Mason Olson standing in the on-deck-batter's circle waiting his turn to bat. Olson was on the mound at Proctor Thursday.

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Moose Lake Willow River Baseball team played Aitkin at Moose Lake on Tuesday, May 25, losing 16-1 in five innings. On Thursday, May 27, they were in Proctor, at the Terry Egerdahl Field. Rebels lost 11-1 in six innings.

Tuesday, the Rebels welcomed Aitkin to the Moose Lake School baseball field. The Aitkin Gobblers baseball team has 16 wins and four losses for the season. They are ranked 20th in the QRF Minnesota rankings. Aitkin is second in the Mid-State Conference and the Section 7AA.

Esko is first in the 7AA Section. Aitkin scored one run, in the first, second, third, and fourth inning. Sam Dewey scored MLWR's only run in the bottom of the fourth. Carter Johnson, Logan Orvedahl, Dewey, and Caden Privette each had one hit to lead the Rebels. MLWR left seven runners on the bases. Aitkin scored 12 runs in the fifth inning to close out the game 16-1.

Ethan Burton took the loss for the Rebels, surrendering seven runs on seven hits over four and a third innings, striking out three.

Thursday, the Rebels were hosted by the Proctor Rails home field which is

artificial turf. The Rails have 12 wins and eight losses for the season and ranked 27th in the QRF Minnesota rankings. Lead-off hitter, Johnson, started out the game with a base hit in the first inning. Jimmy Walker got a base hit in the second inning and Reese Bode batted Walker in from third for a run. Orvedahl hit a single in the sixth. Proctor scored six runs in the second inning, two in the third, and two in the sixth to win the game 11-1.

Mason Olson took the loss on the mound, surrendering seven runs on four hits over one and two-thirds innings, striking out three. Orve-

dahl pitched the last four innings, allowing four runs on six hits, walking three. The game temperature when leaving the field for the bus was 36 degrees and windy.

Proctor's pitcher, Amendola, and short stop, Pavlovich, each got two hits in the game.

MLWR played Aitkin, seeded number two, in the Section 7AA playoffs at Portage Park in Cohasset on Tuesday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. Results were too late for the papers deadline.



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Moose Lake area remembers the fallen with Memorial Day programs

The morning quiet of May 31, 2021 at St. Isadore's Church in Sturgeon Lake was broken by a rifle salute to fallen Veterans. Many in the area joined together for presentations, speeches and programs honoring service members who lost their lives in service. Shown on page one Moose Lake Cub Scouts presented the flags for each branch of military service. Pictured on the right Sturgeon Lake American Legion conducted a rifle salute. The Moose Lake American Legion Color Guard presents the colors above on the left.

The Wildcat Sanctuary rescues animals seized from Tiger King Park

Sandstone sanctuary describes seizure as 'historic'

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The Wildcat Sanctuary reports that it has accepted several big cats including tigers, lions and hybrid big cats seized last week by the U.S. Department of Justice from Jeff and Lauren Lowe, the owners of Tiger King Park, made famous by the 2020 Netflix documentary "Tiger King."

On May 20, the U.S. Justice Department stated that federal agents led by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service seized 69 protected lions, tigers, lion-tiger hybrids and a jaguar from Tiger King Park during a large-scale rescue effort. Authorities conducted three inspections of the animals at Tiger King Park since December 2020 and cited owners Jeff and Lauren Lowe with numerous citations for failing to provide the big cats with adequate veterinary care, nutrition and shelter.

The Lowes have reportedly been used by the Justice Department in November for allegedly violating the Endangered Species Act and the Ani-

mal Welfare Act.

All of the big cats have been accepted by accredited sanctuaries in the U.S. including The Wildcat Sanctuary in Minnesota, which will house and care for several tigers, lions and hybrid big cats while the U.S. Department of Justice seeks forfeiture of the animals. The Wildcat Sanctuary has also offered to transport and provide a permanent home to any of the smaller wild cats that remain at Tiger King Park if placement is needed.

"This is a historic and important seizure of 69 big cats," said Tammy Thies, founder and executive director of The Wildcat Sanctuary. "I am thankful for the coordinated effort of several reputable sanctuaries and federal agencies to ensure these cats were safely removed. The Endangered Species Act is a federal law designed to protect endangered animals and I, along with the entire accredited sanctuary community, am very relieved that these big cats will receive the care and nutrition they desperately need and deserve."

Thies said the Wildcat Sanctuary is the only accredited, non-profit sanctuary in the Midwest, and as a true sanctuary, they do not buy, breed, sell or exhibit animals. She also said the



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Wildcat Sanctuary in Sandstone will be a new home for big cats seized by federal agents from Tiger King Park in Oklahoma.

sanctuary combines natural and spacious habitats with a life free of exhibition, and allows all residents to live wild at heart. The Wildcat Sanctuary is accredited

by the American Sanctuary Association and the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. More information can be found at WildcatSanctuary.org

GARDEN: Be ready to enjoy after planting

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regular rainfall, I expect we'll both have success.

My enthusiasm and physical energy are not anywhere as high as it has been in past years, but once all is planted, I will sit back and be satisfied for the duration of the summer. And when I look out at all the beauty I will be astounded once again by this miracle of life that we are given each year. Maybe that is one thing we come to appreciate more deeply

as the years pass and we understand the tenuousness of all life. And I appreciate even more those people who spend their lives farming and producing all the food that we are so richly blessed to have.

I think this quote by Alfred Austin sums it up nicely. "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."

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Notice of spraying St. Louis River Trail pavement vegetation and County Road Ditches 27, 116, 117, 118, 119, 151, 152, 696

Carlton County Transportation will be spraying herbicides on vegetation growing through the pavement of the St. Louis River bike/pedestrian trail from Highway 210 East of the Four Seasons Sports Complex in Carlton North to the Park and Ride lot in Scanlon. In some areas the vegetation has caused severe pavement damage, making it difficult for people to use the trail. Carlton County will also be spraying the ditches on County Roads 27, 116, 117, 118, 119, 151, 152 and 696.

Vegetation management with selective herbicides controls brush and yet allows grasses to grow unharmed. Herbicides used have been fully tested and are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Anyone with concerns or questions regarding the use of herbicides along the St. Louis River Trail and the County Roads listed above can contact Carlton County Transportation, 1630 County Rd 61, Carlton MN 55718 Phone (218) 384-9150 email address: Transportation@co.carlton.mn.us

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION - PERMIT TO MINE

In accordance with Minnesota's Mineland Reclamation Act (M.S. 93.44-93.51) and the

Minnesota Peat Mineland Reclamation Rules Chapter 6131, notice is hereby given that Premier Horticulture, Inc. (Premier), 1320 Kall Rd. Cromwell, MN has applied for a Permit to Mine.

Premier proposes to develop the Wright Bog, located in the Carlton County, by constructing a new horticultural peat harvesting facility located approximately 3 miles west of their existing Black Lake Bog (Peatrex) horticultural peat harvesting operation. The project would secure a continuous supply of Sphagnum moss peat to its existing processing plant located west of Cromwell in Carlton County, Minnesota. The proposed development areas would be cleared and ditched, with drainage water conveyed through the ditch system, sedimentation basins, and the north drainage ditch eventually discharging into the Little Tamarack River. The company plans to develop a total of 316.4 acres that includes 255.2 acres of peat harvesting areas, 5.7 acres for a drainage ditch north of the site, 5.1 acres for sedimentation basins, 2.7 acres for access roads within the harvesting area, 2.4 acres for an access road to the harvesting area, 15.6 acres for peat stockpiles within the harvest area, 2.0 acres for an equipment yard, and 28.0 acres for a restoration donor site. Storm water will be treated through 4 sediment basins to remove suspended solids from the discharge water.

The development would occur on both private and state administered land (i.e. state lease). Production on the proposed site is estimated to begin in 2021 and end in 2046. Progressive restoration of the site will occur between 2033 and 2049. The

permit application is on file and may be reviewed by appointment at the Premier Horticulture, Inc. office in Cromwell, MN, or at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals office in Hibbing and in St. Paul at the addresses shown below.

MDNR Division of Lands and Mineral
MDNR Division of Lands and Minerals

1525 3rd Avenue East
500 Lafayette Road
Hibbing, MN 55746
St. Paul, MN 55155

Appointments at the DNR can be made by calling 651-259-5959.

Any person owning property which will be affected by the proposed operation or any federal, state or local government agency having responsibilities affected by the proposed operation may file written objections as to the proposed application. All objections may be submitted to the Commissioner of Natural Resources, c/o MDNR Division of Lands and Mineral, 1525 3rd Avenue East, Hibbing, MN no later than 2:30 pm on Monday July 12, 2021.

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Carlton County Transportation Department Notice

The Carlton County Transportation Department will receive bids for the following project(s): SAP 009-591-005, SP 0908-26, Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Multi-Use Trail & ADA Improvements. The bids must be submitted electronically to bidVAULT at <https://bid-vault.mn.uscs.com> before June 28, 2021, 10:30 AM CST. The majority of this work involves grading and surfacing of a 10' Multi-Use Trail & ADA Improvements. The Proposal, Specifications and Plans are available at the Department's OneOffice website at <https://oneoffice.co.carlton.mn.us/oneoffice>. After an acceptable audit of the bids received, a recommendation for award to the lowest responsible bidder will be presented to the Carlton County Board of Commissioners at the County Board Meeting, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton MN, on June 28, 2021, 4:00 PM CST.

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SIGNED BY: Brent W. Malvick

Mailing Address: None Provided

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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/s/ Steve Simon
Secretary of State
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CITY OF BARNUM PUBLIC HEARING 6/14/21 @ 5:30 pm

A public hearing has been set for Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Barnum City Office (3842 Main Street) to hear a request for a subdivision. The subdivision application is for the property located at 3714 Park Street to subdivide the current lot into two lots. The planning commission will meet directly following the public hearing and the City Council will meet directly following the Planning Commission meeting.

Kris Asperheim
Deputy Clerk/Zoning Officer
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School Board Regular Meeting Minutes Barnum Public Schools ISD 91

May 18, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Members Present: L. Bonnevill, P. Coughlin, B. Dinger, S. Ferrin, J. Fuglestad, B. Schatz, J. Unkelhaeuser and Superintendent M. McNulty

Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda:
Motion by Dinger, seconded by Fuglestad, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following changes to "Items for Individual Action and Discussion."

A. Move Item N. Closed Session to Item O.

B. Add Item N. Consider approving the Memorandum of Agreement between ISD 91 - Barnum and AFSCME Council 65 Barnum Schools regarding bus/van drivers unused personal days.

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Coughlin, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried to approve the Regular Meeting of the School Board, April 20, 2021, and Minutes of the Working Meeting of the School Board, May 4, 2021.

Chairperson's Announcements:

A. Good Things Happening
1. Education Minnesota Barnum would like to recognize members who have reached a 5-year milestone in 2021. We thank you for your years of service and all you do for our

students.

Robert Domecq: 25 years
Sandy Bird: 25 years
Randi Lemke: 20 years
Sarah MacDonald: 15 years
Annie Pollard: 10 years
Ann Finifrock: 10 years
Jackie Lewis: 10 years
Maddie Belden: 5 years
Robert Minkinen: 5 years
Kelly Bonitz: 5 years
Jennifer Painovich: 5 years
Kelly McKibbin: 5 years

2. Congratulations to Ivy Polecheck, grade 9, who earned first place in the Congressional Art Contest for her lighthouse painting. Her work was juried live by the Art Institutes of Minnesota on April 30. As a first place winner, Ivy and a family member will travel to the US capitol to attend a luncheon and see her and other first place winning artwork on display.

3. The Barnum High School John O. Calverley Chapter of the National Honor Society is pleased to announce the induction of the following students to its membership on April 30, 2021: Brady Coughlin, Luke Dinger, Kate Ferrin, Rayna Klejeski, Lenora Korpela, Ryan Manahan, Murray Salzer, Gavin Thiry and Dylan Wallace.

4. Congratulations to Ava Gran and Kate Ferrin for their first place finish in the division of Small Business Management Team at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Competition, and to Lynnsen Schatz who qualified for and competed in the national competition in two divisions after placing first and sixth in the state competition.

5. Congratulations to the Junior High Track Teams for their success at the end of the year Polar League Track Meet. The girls took 1st place (out of ten teams) and the boys took 2nd place (out of eight teams)!

B. Public Participation: None

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

Payment of Bills:
Motion by Dinger, seconded by Fuglestad, and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$191,604.50 and payroll paid in April in the amount of \$477,301.09 for a total of \$668,905.59.

Wire Transfer:
Motion by Coughlin, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried to approve the wire transfer funds of \$640,000.00.

Superintendent's Report:
Superintendent McNulty was present and reported.

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

A. Approve a Health & Safety Management Program contract with MacNeil Environmental Inc.

B. Approve the resignation of Kelly Copenhaver, Parent Educator, effective June 30, 2021.

C. Approve the resignation of Madeline Belden, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

D. Approve the resignation of Lynette Kimber-Thorman, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

E. Approve the resignation of Corey Hunt, English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

F. Approve the resignation of Jon Fundine, Assistant Groundskeeper, effective April 26, 2021.

Items for Individual Action and Discussion:

A. Motion by Dinger, sec-

onded by Coughlin to approve School Board Policies 101, 101.1, 102, 104, 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 410, 413, 414, 415, 514, 522, 524, 806.

Motion amended by Unkelhaeuser, amended motion seconded by Dinger, and amended motion unanimously carried to table School Board Policy 414 and approve School Board Policies 101, 101.1, 102, 104, 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 410, 413, 415, 514, 522, 524, 806.

B. Motion by Unkelhaeuser, seconded by Schatz to approve the hire of Star Mikrot, Head Cook, effective the beginning of the FY22 school year.

Amended motion by Dinger, amended motion seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and amended motion unanimously carried to approve rescinding the motion to approve the hire of Star Mikrot, Head Cook.

B.-I. Motion by Bonnevill, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried to table items B.-I. for a special meeting at a later date.

J. Motion by Coughlin, seconded by Schatz, and unanimously carried to approve the FY22 Capital Monies Plan.

K. Motion by Schatz, seconded by Fuglestad, and unanimously carried to approve the FY22 LTFM & Health & Safety Monies Plan.

L. Motion by Coughlin, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve appointing Schatz and Ferrin to the Meet and Confer Team.

M. The Board Chair appointed Schatz, Coughlin and Unkelhaeuser to help hand out diplomas at graduation.

N. Motion by Dinger, seconded by Ferrin, and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between ISD 91 - Barnum and AFSCME Council 65 Barnum Schools allowing bus and van drivers, for this year only, to be paid for personal days that will go unused in 2020-2021 due to lack of substitute bus drivers.

O. Closed session of the Board. Motion by Bonnevill, seconded by Unkelhaeuser, and unanimously carried by roll call to approve closing the meeting at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, subd. 2(a)(1) and subd. 3(b) to discuss the investigation of a matter involving a former employee and a student. Motion by Unkelhaeuser, seconded by Bonnevill, and unanimously carried by roll call to approve reopening the meeting at 8:25 p.m. following the discussion.

Enrollment Comparison for April 2021

Future Meetings:
A. Meet and Confer, Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 3:30 p.m., Board Room

B. Special Meeting of the School Board, June 2, 2021, 4:45 p.m., Media Center

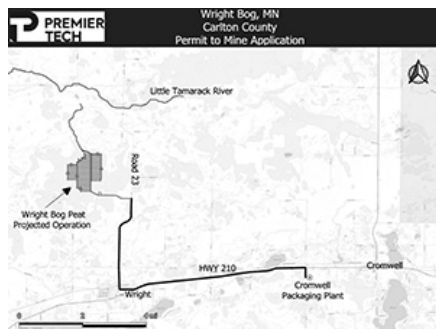
C. Finance Committee Meeting, June 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Media Center

D. Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Media Center

E. Regular Meeting of the School Board, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Media Center

Adjournment:
Motion by Unkelhaeuser, seconded by Bonnevill, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Paul Coughlin, School Board Clerk
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product made from pasteurized cow's milk and has a creamy, mild flavor. American cheese can come in yellow or white varieties.

American cheese is made from a mixture of cheeses, including colby and cheddar. Each slice of American cheese today contains less than 51 percent of curds, which means it doesn't exactly meet the definition of cheese as defined by the Food and Drug Administration. To be a true "cheese," a product has to be more than 50 percent cheese. American cheese

is made from a base of cheese and combined with whey, milk proteins and emulsifying salts. This blend of ingredients helps American cheese melt without breaking or turning greasy the way a traditional cheese does.

According to the resource Serious Eats, the process for making American cheese was invented in Switzerland. In an effort to reduce cheese waste, scraps from various batches of cheese were melted together and formed into a new product. In 1916, Canadian-American

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