

**LEAF PEEPING:** Learn the best places to find fall colors before they are gone. **P10**



Ice at Riverside Arena in Moose Lake is going in. Above, Guyal Nelson and his assistants from the Willow River Challenge Incarceration Program work to create thin layers of water that freeze to create smooth skating ice.

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## Community continues to #LoveBigLikeDrew

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Cold hands, but warm hearts will fill Riverside Arena on October 10.

Ice-in is officially underway at Riverside Arena in Moose Lake. The process of making a sheet of rink ice is time consuming. Thin layer after thin layer of water is frozen and added to the sheet to make the perfect skating surface.

This year the first people to set skates

on the new ice will be the family of Drew Nordstrom on Sunday, October 10 at 6 p.m.

Drew was killed earlier this year in an All-Terrain Vehicle accident. The community has rallied around the hockey family in a show of support ever since.

Community members are asked to pack the stands with Rebel colors, or Drew's favorite color purple. Members of the public are asked to enter the doors nearest the Arena Manager doors. These

were the doors used for admittance during the season last year. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

"It's to respect the family and show them our support," said Guyal Nelson, Riverside Arena Manager about the Sunday event for the Nordstroms.

Moose Lake and the surrounding community continues to show the Nordstrom family that they can and do #LoveBigLikeDrew.

## Willow River City Council regroups after losing staff

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"Leaders do not talk poorly behind others backs. Leaders do not belittle their colleagues. Leaders do not display questionable ethics," reads a letter by Willow River Mayor Brent Switzer.

Switzer's letter is addressed to the Willow River City Council and was presented to all those at the regular October meeting. The letter according to Switzer was provided to address concern in the community over the events happening within the city council over the last two weeks. In his letter Switzer addresses his regret over the resignations of Council member Kevin McGreanor and City Clerk Diane Nelson and his disappointment in the leadership shown by the remaining council members.

In an email update Switzer explained that three members of the council met outside of a council meeting to discuss an upcoming performance review of Diane Nelson. The

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## Remembering the resilience of community in Moose Lake, 103 years after the Fires of 1918

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Logging, dry weather and sparks from a passing train 103 years ago October 10 started one of the worst natural disasters in Minnesota history and forever changed the community of Moose Lake.

On October 9 at 2 p.m. the Moose Lake Area Historical Society will host a presentation focusing on the recovery and rebuilding after the 1918 fires.

Years of dry conditions in the Arrowhead region resulted in numerous small fires throughout the region that continued to smolder. October 10, 1918 sparks from a passing train ignited dry slash left from

logging operations northwest of Cloquet. A fire had been smoldering since October 4 in Aitkin County near Tamarack. These fires, and an estimated 49 others, smoldered for two days before a changing weather front caused the winds to change. Increasing winds and a drop in humidity created the perfect conditions for fires that turned into a firestorm.

A firestorm is a fire so intense that it creates and sustains its own wind pattern. Creating wind patterns allows for the fire to have an increased access to oxygen that feeds the fire and produces greater heat. Winds during a firestorm can cause the air to become superheated resulting

in flammable material ahead of the flames being ignited. Superheated air causing flammable material ahead of the fire to ignite results in a greatly enlarged area of fire in a shorter amount of time.

Because of their size and geographic range of the fires on October 12 1918 the fires of 1918 are commonly divided into the Duluth-Cloquet Fire and the Moose Lake Fire. Both were caused by a change in weather on October 12 combining several smaller fires and igniting a firestorm.

**MOOSE LAKE FIRE**  
Fires had been smoldering

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This photo is from the archives at the Moose Lake Star-Gazette. It was taken after the 1918 Fires in Moose Lake.



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# RESIGNATIONS: Willow River council determines how to fill vacancies on city staff

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review of Diane Nelson. The discussion violated open meeting laws and occurred in a public place where members of the community and McGreanor overheard. This prompted McGreanor to inform Mayor Switzer and Nelson of his observation. He later tendered his resignation as a member of the council.

"I have not, nor will seek any type of legal punishment to the council members. I believe they made mistakes and deserve another chance," said Switzer of the remain-

ing council members.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the council to accept the resignation of Kevin McGreanor and declare a vacancy on the council. This open seat will be filled by appointment, Mayor Switzer requested that the council delay appointing to fill the role. The council discussed the possibility of posting a request for those interested in the position to submit a letter of interest.

The council approved the posting of an opening for city clerk. Until the position is filled Deputy City Clerk Kathi Bennett will fill in.

# Moose Lake prepares for "Blue Ribbon" day at Riverside Arena

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Moose Lake will become the second Blue Ribbon Community in the world on Tuesday, October 19 at 5 p.m. at Riverside Arena.

Brad Hubred, a 5th and 6th grade science teacher at Moose Lake Community School is bringing the Blue Ribbon ceremony to Moose Lake. Suicide prevention and promoting positivity has been one of Hubred's goals since he began teaching. He started off his teaching career by writing each of his students a letter, telling them all of the positive things he saw in them. After he had written these letters for years, one of his students committed suicide. He was inspired to do more and spent ten years searching for a way to help others more.

Hubred discovered the Blue Ribbon Ceremony. Deciding that

he needed help to spread the word about the Blue Ribbon, Hubred decided to start by turning Moose Lake Community School into a Blue Ribbon School. After taking a bullying and suicide prevention training with Piper Nielson, one of his 6th grade students at Moose Lake Community School, Hubred began planning to bring the Blue Ribbon Ceremony to the city of Moose Lake.

The "Who I Am Makes A Difference"® Blue Ribbon Ceremony is a way of honoring the positives about others in order to eradicate bullying and preventing suicide. Helice "Grandma Sparky" Bridges founded the Blue Ribbon Ceremony in 1979 and has a goal of bringing it to 1 billion people in 2021. Carlsbad, California was the first Blue Ribbon Community in the world, the community wide event on October 19 in Moose Lake will

only be the second of its kind. For more information on the Blue Ribbon Ceremony, Grandma Sparky and how Blue Ribbons Worldwide came to be visit blueribbons.org.

This event is open to everyone and all are invited to join Hubred and many others in changing the lives of people in the community at Riverside Arena on Oct. 19 at 5 p.m.

Area businesses and organizations have been invited to table outside of the event. If you are interested in hosting a tent or table contact Hubred for more information at brad.hubred@isd97.org. WKLLK / WMOZ will be live broadcasting and serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Food trucks are expected to be available starting at 4 p.m. After the event a band will play at Moose Lake Brewery.

## Historical Reflections



**This week's history photo:**  
Do you recognize either of the couples in this photo?

**Answer to the history photo from the previous edition:** Wendy Hurst and Lanny Brown were crowned homecoming king and queen at Barnum in 1969.

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## Essentia Health imposing additional visitor restrictions

### ESSENTIA HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Due to increasing COVID-19 patient volumes, visitors will be restricted at Essentia Health facilities in our East Market — which includes northwestern Wisconsin and north-eastern Minnesota, west to Brainerd — beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. The move allows us to better protect our patients and staff from potential COVID-19 exposure.

Essentia visitor restrictions include:

#### ADULT PATIENTS

Inpatients: No visitors allowed, with the following exception: One adult visitor is permitted for vulnerable adults or other patients requiring communication to the health care team on their behalf.

Emergency department: No visitors allowed, with the following exception: One adult visitor is permitted for vulnerable adults or other patients requiring communication to the health care team on their behalf.

Labor and delivery: No visitors allowed; Birth partner is permitted at all times; A certified doula will be allowed during labor.

Surgical/procedural: One adult visitor may accompany patient to pre- and post-procedural space. Visitors will wait in communal spaces; must be the same individual visiting for the day.

#### PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

In pediatric units: Two caregivers are permitted per patient per day; must be the same individuals for the day.

In neonatal intensive care units: Two caregivers are permitted per day; must be the same individuals for the day.

Emergency department: Two caregivers are permitted for pediatric patients; must be the same individuals for the day.

Surgical/procedural area: Two caregivers are permitted for pediatric surgical/procedural patients. Two caregivers may accompany patient to pre- and post-procedural space and then

visitors will wait in communal spaces. Must be the same individuals for the day.

#### COVID-19 PATIENTS AND SUSPECTED COVID-19 PATIENTS

Patients known or suspected to have COVID-19 will not be allowed visitors, with the following exceptions:

#### PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Those for whom a support person has been determined to be essential to the care and safety of the patient

#### OB PATIENTS

- Patients at the end of life. In end-of-life situations, the visit should be scheduled.
- Visitors should remain in the room and should always wear a mask and eye protection.

#### PATIENTS AT END OF LIFE

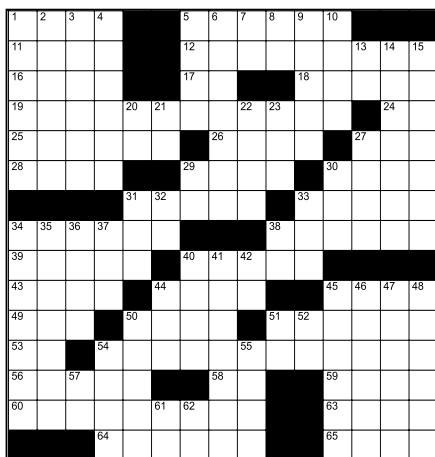
- Two adult visitors are permitted at a time; limited to immediate family and significant others.
- Visitors can be rotated and will be

required to wait in communal spaces.

- Decisions related to end-of-life visitation concerns will be made by unit leadership and patient's primary physician.

No visitors under the age of 18 unless visiting an immediate family member who is dying. These visitors must be escorted by an adult.

These restrictions apply to Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital-Superior, Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center, Essentia Health-Duluth, Essentia Health-Deer River, Essentia Health-Moose Lake, Essentia Health-Northern Pines (Aurora), Essentia Health-Sandstone, Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Essentia Health-Virginia and Essentia Health-St. Mary's Children's Hospital. We continue to update and monitor our policy and make changes as they are needed. Please call ahead to ensure the most accurate and update to date visitor information.



### CLUES ACROSS

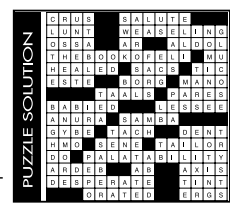
1. Leg shank
5. A way to recognize
11. "VeggieTales" character
12. Getting out of by cunning
16. Mythological mountain
17. Atomic #18
18. Viscous liquid
19. 2010 Denzel film
24. 12th star in a constellation
25. Made better
26. Pouches
27. Nervous twitch
28. This (Spanish)
29. Tennis legend Bjorn
30. Hand (Spanish)
31. Afrikaans
33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
34. Treated with kid

- gloves
38. Leaseholder
39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
40. Popular dance
43. Sailing maneuver: tack & \_
44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
45. Mark
49. Health insurance
50. Custom clothing brand
51. One who makes suits
53. Execute or perform
54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
58. Blood group
59. Imaginary line
60. Hopeless
63. Darken
64. Spoke

65. Work units
- CLUES DOWN
1. A way to fit out
2. Football carries
3. Force out
4. Maintaining equilibrium
5. Sealed with a kiss
6. Type of container
7. Hollywood
8. We
9. Small freshwater ducks
10. Norse personification of old age
13. Says who you are
14. Candidate
15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
20. Defunct language (abbr.)
21. Take too much
22. Iranian province
23. Records electric

- currents
27. \_ and feathers
29. Beloved Mr. T character
30. More (Spanish)
31. Beverage
32. Promotional material
33. Green vegetable
34. National capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
37. Anger
38. Pound
40. Popular Yugo
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Millihenry
44. Israeli city \_
45. Aviv
46. Make wider
46. Drink containing medicine

47. Acknowledging
48. Private, romantic rendezvous
50. Calvary sword
51. Disease of the lungs
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Fleshy, watery fruit
55. In one's chambers (abbr.)
61. Dorm employee
62. Indicates position





## OBITUARIES

### Thomas E. Anthony

Thomas Eugene Anthony, 87, of Big Hanging Horn Lake, Barnum, formerly of New Brighton, died peacefully on Friday, September 24, 2021 in Augustana



Mercy Health Care Center, Moose Lake. He was born on May 15, 1934 to Thomas and Nora Anthony in St. Paul. Tom grew up on the East Side of St. Paul where he attended school. On July 31, 1953, Tom married Joan Gooler in St. Paul. Tom worked for Cassidy Products in St. Paul for many years as a tool & die maker and after its closing owned and operated his own company, Anthony Machine

and Tool in New Brighton. He was instrumental member of the St. Paul Rod Nuts Club where they chopped cars and built hot rods and race cars. Tom built one of the first top fuel dragsters in Minnesota with Jim Cassidy and they named it the "MN Missile" as they traveled around the Upper Midwest racing. Tom was also very dedicated to Boy Scouts. He was a

Scout Leader for Troop 299 in New Brighton while his boys were scouts and continued for years after. Tom was also active at the District Level of Lake Wanoche where he was camping director for many years. Since the 1970's, Tom and Joan owned a family cabin on Big Hanging Horn Lake in Barnum and enjoyed many years of lake life. They also traveled, camped, and enjoyed their pet dogs. Tom loved his family and was an incredible husband, dad, and grandpa.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Nora Anthony and a sister: Carol Kaiser.

Tom will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 68 years, Joan; six children: Linda Airhart; Thomas (Deborah) Anthony, Sr.; Steve (Debbie) Anthony; James (Lori) Anthony; Julie (Dan) Wappel; and Jenny (John) Krabbenhoft; 14 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Barnum City Park. There will be a short Service of Remembrance at 1:30 p.m.

Arrangements by Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake, Minn.

### Michael W. Stransky

Michael Walter Stransky, 66, resident of Sturgeon Lake, died unexpectedly at his home on September 27, 2021. He was born on September 16, 1955 in the Twin Cities.



Mike grew up and graduated high school in the Twin Cities. He had a strong work ethic from the start. After high school he worked all over the metro, primarily fixing and changing tires at Pump's Tires. Mike relocated to Sturgeon Lake in his 50's and loved living in nature. He worked for various local businesses including Doc's Bar and Grill, Junction Tire,

Malaskoch Excavating & Contracting, and as a well-known and well-liked handyman doing window washing, roofing, machine repair, and anything else he could help people with. Mike was a workaholic at heart, always tinkering and keeping busy, but also loved to fish when he had spare time. He would be the first to give the shirt off his back and will be remembered for his kind and giving ways.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Stransky.

Mike will be forever remembered by his daughter, Gwen; best friend whom was like a brother, Tony Miskowic; and special friends, Denise and "Burdy" Burggraff, Fred Folz, and Shawn Dee.

A visitation to honor Mike's life was held on Monday, October 4, 2021 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home. A graveside service was held immediately after in Blomskog Cemetery, Sturgeon Lake.

Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home

## BIRTHS

### Levi Elijah Oquist



Levi Elijah Oquist was born on September 29, 2021 at 4:54 a.m. weighing six pounds and eight ounces. He was born to parents Jazmyn Kwapick of Moose Lake, Minn. and Christopher Oquist of Kettle River, Minn. Levi is welcomed by maternal grandmother Jana Mundell of Moose Lake, Minn., paternal grandparents Larry and Jina Morgan of Kettle River, Minn.

### Walter Patrick Hunt



Walter Patrick Hunt was born on October 3, 2021 at 5:17 a.m. weighing six pounds and 13 ounces. He was born to parents Jaclyn Granfors and Dustin Hunt of Kettle River, Minn. Walter is welcomed by maternal grandparents Bryan and Kris Granfors of Barnes, Wisc., and paternal grandmother Sherri Hayes of Kettle River, Minn.

## 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.

### Oct. 9 from 2 p.m to 11 p.m.

#### Celebrating 100 years at the Star Club

The Star Club Hall on 6250 Minnesota Hwy 27, will be holding their 100 year celebration of the Star Club on October 9, from 2:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

### Oct. 9 at 2 p.m

#### 103rd Anniversary of the Fires of 1918

A program on the recovery and rebuilding of the area after the horrific fires of 1918. This program is presented by the Moose Lake Area Historical Society at the Soo Line Event Center on Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. Masks will be required.

### Oct. 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

**Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk**  
Join us for the 13th Annual Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk at Carlton High School in Carlton, Minn. on Saturday, October 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The walk is approximately 20 minutes, beginning and ending at the school. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. If you have questions please call Meghann Levitt at 218-879-4511

### Oct. 10 at 2 p.m,

### PFLAG Meeting

East Central MN PFLAG will be having their next monthly meeting Sunday, October 10, 2 p.m., at Common Ground, United Methodist Church, 404 Cypress Street N., Cambridge, MN 55008.

For more information, go to [www.ecmnpflag.org](http://www.ecmnpflag.org), or search for us on Facebook.

### Oct. 12 at 12 p.m.

#### Young Old Timers meeting

YOT will be meeting on Tuesday, October 12 at the Cromwell Pavilion at Noon for lunch followed by a short meeting and program. All area Seniors are welcome to attend.

### Oct. 16 from at 1 p.m.

#### BINGO at the Depot

BINGO at the Depot will be held Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. 50/50 cash prizes and 25 games for \$25.

### Oct. 19 at 5 p.m,

#### Community wide Blue Ribbon

**Ceremony at Riverside Arena**  
Moose Lake is slated to become the second Blue Ribbon City in the world on October 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Arena in Moose Lake. The Blue Ribbon Ceremony helps eradicate bullying and prevent suicide. This event is open to all! Come help change the lives of people in our community!

### Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

#### Who Stole the Painting?

A dinner theatre produced by the Moose Lake Area Historical Soci-

ety presents "Who Stole the Painting?" at Soo Line Event Center, 900 Folz Boulevard, Moose Lake on Saturday, October 23 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets only. Call 218-485-4234, \$50 includes a catered buffet.

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

#### Cribbage at Senior Dining in

##### Moose Lake

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

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

#### Wright Senior Club

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

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## BOWLING SCORES

### TUESDAY SENIOR BOWLING

September 28, 2021  
1. Duane 184/504  
2. Gail 174/462  
3. Deb 165/444

### ROUTE 61 EARLY THURSDAY WOMEN'S BOWLING

September 30, 2021  
1. Divots 22-6  
2. Fjorne Construction 19-9  
3. Edward Jones 13-15

## WEEKLY FORECAST

FROM CBS 3 METEOROLOGIST DAVE ANDERSON

Thursday	71/55	Sunday
Partly Sunny 70/55		Partly Sunny 30% chance of rain 63/55
Friday		Monday
Mostly Cloudy 40% chance of rain 69/55		Mostly Sunny 63/45
Saturday		
Mostly Cloudy 50% chance of rain		

## Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

Serving at 11:30 a.m.  
**HOME DELIVERY IS STILL AVAILABLE.**  
Call (218) 485-4937 to place your order.  
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\$4.00, Under 60: \$7.50.

There are no income guidelines.

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

**Mon., Oct. 11:** Polish w/ Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit

**Tues., Oct. 12:** Special of the Day, Dessert

**Wed., Oct. 13:** Meatloaf Dinner, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Carrot Coin Salad, Pudding w/ Topping

**Thurs., Oct. 14:** Creamed Chicken with a Biscuit, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit

**Fri., Oct. 15:** Ham Dinner or Alternate, Colcannon Potatoes, Mexican Corn, Tiramisu Cake

## Making a community newspaper

This week is National Newspaper week and I have been thinking about how in the last year I have learned a great deal about Open Meetings and the laws that govern them.



A Millennial  
Mile  
Alanea  
White

Every public meeting I attend has me learning something new about how Open Meeting Law works. This knowledge has come in handy, especially in our area in the last few months. Big issues in our communities have come up and it has never been more clear how important it is to support your local newspaper.

Now I know we can all get bogged down in requests for support. So I really would just like to ask for a tiny favor, if you hear of something that you think is important, newsworthy, significant, heartwrenching, heartwarming or grand happening in our communities please let me know.

Over the last year at the Star-Gazette I have made it a goal to rarely miss local government meetings. I do my best to cover every one that I can, while balancing out covering all of the wonderful community events in our area. But lately I have noticed that covering all of the local happenings might be a job that is just too big for one person.

Flying solo and covering an area from Mahtowa to Willow River is tricky to keep track of and this paper is here for you. Without your input I am taking a stab in the dark to make sure that what is important to you as readers gets on the pages of the Star-Gazette every week. Now for the last year I have been giving it my all, but there is always room for improvement.

I arrived in Moose Lake right along with the COVID-19 pandemic so getting out and about safely has been a struggle. With case numbers increasing and the rise of the Delta variant I am not sure what the future holds for safe meetings. I could really use your help making sure that the Star-Gazette is a community newspaper.

If you have something going on reach out to my email at [editor@mlstargazette.com](mailto:editor@mlstargazette.com) or give me a call at 715-600-1012.

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## An autumn walk and phrenology

The maple tree outside my window on this rainy day is glowing golden and orange.

After the drought we have been in, I didn't expect the colors on the trees to be very impressive this fall, but I have been happily surprised by some very vibrant red and orange leafed trees. Maples will always be the most beautiful, birch can be a bright gold, as can some aspen. Oaks tend to produce more muted

or earthy tones in their leaves.

On this extremely dry year a rainy day is to be celebrated and enjoyed and that is why I took a walk through our woods when there was a pause between showers. The trail had a pleasant spongy feel, partly due to the carpet of brown pine needles that have been coming down for several

weeks. We mainly have red pines lining the driveway and every year, about a third of the needles turn brown. To the uninitiated, it appears as if the pines are sick. After all, they're conifers, not deciduous trees. But they must replace their needles too, at least partially each year. It is called Fall Needle Drop and different species have different time frames for this loss, but it tends to be the 3rd, 4th, or 5th year of needles that will fall. In times of drought more needles may drop in response to the stress. I think that is what happened this year.

Scattered on top of the pine needles were aspen leaves that have blackened over time, but layered on top of these were shiny yellow and red maple leaves – so bright they almost made me blink. Interspersed with the leaf matter were all manner of mushrooms; squat and round, flat topped tan toadstools, some like skinny fingers poking out of the ground and some open like umbrellas turned inside out catching the raindrops in their concave tops.

We have lots of red oaks on

our property, but acorns are not plentiful this fall. Any that have fallen are crushed by the car tires on the driveway so for any lazy animal wishing a pre-cracked nut, the pickings are easy. One of the old time ways of forecasting winter weather was by looking at the acorn harvest. If there was an abundance of acorns it would be a long winter. Ours this year may very well be shorter, but that's only if we decide to spend a month or two in warmer climes.

Even though the skies were grey I know the blue skies will be plentiful this month. It seems to be that they are bluer in October. Don't you agree? I think part of the reason is the lack of humidity, so the atmosphere is not obscured in any way. And then there are the colors of the leaves that contrast so sharply with the sky above. If you look at a color wheel, reds and oranges are directly opposite the blues.

So far we have not had a frost and it doesn't look like one is likely

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Going  
Nature's Way  
Kate  
Crowley

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

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## KETTLE RIVER NEWS: Community voices concern over garage

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Kids Club at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church begins Wednesday, October 6 at 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Games, Music, Bible Lessons, Crafts, and Snack. Call Mary at 218-565-8864 for more information. Masks are required.

The next city of Kettle River city council meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kettle River Senior Center. It is important for all residents of Kettle River to attend the city council meetings. Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings the last two months.

The next luncheon is October 19 at 12 noon at the Kettle River Senior Center. It is being catered by the Rustic Diner. We will need at least 25 members to attend, so be sure to bring a friend with you. This will be the last Finnish Luncheon until spring.

Quilting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is every Wednesday at 9 a.m. You do not need to be a member of Holy Trinity to join us at our quilting sessions. Most of the quilts made

are donated to various charities. We try to keep a majority of the quilts locally.

The Kettle River American Legion Post 360 rifle drawing is Friday, November 5 at the Tower Tap beginning at 7:30 p.m. You must be present for the door prizes, but do not need to be present for the rifle drawing.

Many people attended the public hearing at the transportation building in Carlton on Monday, Sept. 27 to voice their disapproval of the closing of the transportation building in Kettle River. This building houses the snow plow for our area. Although many reasons were given for keeping the service in Kettle River, the three county commissioners who want to close this building did not seem to hear what was being said. I was very disappointed at their reaction to our voices. Closing this facility will affect how soon the snow will be plowed after a storm. This may also affect the school bus schedule and also the mail service on the route. I hope that they change their decision to close this facility.

## Barnum Area Community Club plans for coming year

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The Barnum Area Community Club met on September 1, 2021 at the Barnum Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. There were nine members and two guests present.

Wayne Suronen, President, called meeting to order. There was no Secretary report. Treasurers' report was read.

New business: Ideas for a steak fry in conjunction with the grand opening of the new City multipurpose building/liquor store. Discussion took place and there was too many variables at this time which would make it unlikely. An exact date of completion and increased cases of Co-vid 19 was of concern.

Jeff Gilbertson, band director, informed us of their upcoming band/choir trip to Orlando, Florida during the week of November 13-20th.

There will be 75 students and 10 adults. Whatever our donation is and if we made one is the request of water and snacks on the buses.

It was tabled for next month for a vote.

Paula Baier, elementary teacher, asked for a donation for sturdier headphones for students. Paula is to check to share the cost with PTO program in Barnum. A motion to donate \$300.00 was made by Dale Riihluoma and a second from Rose Suronen. Motion carried.

November 12 was date selected for our Turkey Bingo fundraiser. We will be using the high school site since it was prepaid from a previous canceled event due to COVID-19. We discussed the new community center as an alternative. Youth baseball will be asked to be hosts bringing in volunteers. Turkeys will be given away on-site with half pot earnings. A collection for local food shelf will be done at the events giving more chances for items brought in to win turkey's in drawings.

A mention of the tree lighting was discussed. It will be brought up next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dale Riihluoma and Paula Baier seconded.



KAREN LANGNESS

A drawing was held at Barnum Senior Center. A quilt was made and donated from Rita Hanratty. The winner of this quilt was Josie Jurek of Barnum. The seniors want to thank everyone for the sell out of the fundraising tickets and purchases at the Carlton County Fair. Look forward to a fundraiser MEA weekend to be posted in the paper soon.

## WILLOW RIVER NEWS: Wishing Diane and Kevin well

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I am going to miss working with Diane and Kevin at the city of Willow River. Diane was a terrific clerk and a great co-worker. She certainly got baptized in fire when she first started. There was a giant back log of work that hadn't been done when the previous clerk quit. Then we had the computer crash because of ransomware and had to put everything together by going through paper records. She had to deal with a flood just a short while after she started. In all that time she did her job with a good attitude and was always trustworthy and steadfast. I am really sad about her leaving the city, but I am happy for her that she gets to do things that she wants to do that make her happy. I will definitely miss council member Kevin at the city as well. He has a very good heart and wants the best for the residents. He is not afraid to just jump in and do what needs to be done. He has helped a lot with fire department events, and other city functions. He really cares about this community and he will be missed on the council. At least he will still be at city events and volunteering for things, so I can give him a hard time. Thanks Diane and Kevin for making Willow River a better place to live (and work).

Clare Taft sent me some lovely news...that several members of the Willow River graduating class of 1951 and their guests gathered at Gamper's on August 28 to celebrate their 70th class reunion. They all enjoyed good food, pictures from days gone by, and lots of visiting. There are fifteen graduates still living from a class of thirty-four, and they're hoping for more reunions. There is nothing like good friendships to brighten life.

At the school: The Fall Conferences will be Oct 26 - 28 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., November 8 is No School, Monthly PTO Meeting November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. meeting virtually please email pto@isd577.org for more information, the end of the 1st Quarter is Nov 12.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: To find out church info you may go to the new website for our three individual parishes mooselakecatholic community.com to find lots of information. Thursday Mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 – 5 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 5:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every 4th Sunday of each month before Mass. If you are interested in going to confession during the week, you may let Fr. Francis know and he will be happy to hear your confession after daily Mass or by appointment. He will be doing Confessions on First Fridays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. at Holy Angels. Thursday, October 14 will be when the next Catholic Charities food distribution at St. Mary's Church will be held. This event will be held outside of St. Mary's Church from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## WRIGHT CROMWELL NEWS: Masks required on school buses, go missing in school buildings

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Our sympathy to the family of Timothy Alan Frank, 57, of Cloquet who passed away September 23, 2021 in Community Memorial Hospital.

School Picture Day is Monday, October 4, 2021, ordering link, on school website. ECFE will start at 8:00 a.m. Order forms were sent home extras are available outside the school office.

The Round Lake Presbyterian Church is holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, October 8 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and again on Saturday, October 9 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

There will be No Yoga on the first two or three Mondays of October 4, 11, and 18 – Anne will be on vacation west to see family and friends.

Moose Lake is slated to become the second Blue Ribbon City in the world on October 19, 2021 at 5:00! What does this mean for your business? How can you help? What is the blue ribbon? Two years ago, Brad Hubred, brad.hubred@isd97.org found the non-profit organization http://blue-

ribbons.org/

This organization uses a blue ribbon that you give to somebody and tell them all the positives you see in them. It was created by Helice "Grandma Sparky" Bridges in 1983. Brad started to use the ribbons in connection to his suicide prevention presentation at the end of the school year with 6th graders. See the video to see how the ceremony works. It is a student honoring another student. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFuKyCu9lF6>

All it takes is a few words to change somebody's life!

Cromwell-Wright School reminder: Masks are mandatory on buses. We are going through masks at an alarming rate, please make sure your child has a mask they can put in their backpack each day for bus rides. Students seem to be throwing them away or misplacing them in the morning and getting new ones in the afternoon. We will continue to provide masks for those that do not have them, but PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO HELP

US.

The Red Bird Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 6th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Cromwell – Wright School. Registration forms were emailed out on 9/20/21 and need to be returned and paid by Friday, October 29. To get more information or register please contact: Angela Anderson (aanderson@frontiernet.net) Kari Olesiak (kolesiak@isd95.org) Lea Tiili-Anderson (ltiili@isd95.org) Spaces are strictly first come first serve basis with your paid registration.

There will be NO School on October 21 and 22 for Ed MN Break, formerly known as MEA.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Week One: Rylie Dobosenski and Cooper Aho, Week Two: D'Aysha Besch and Anyline Line Mrs. Varo will be offering private guitar lessons on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after school. Call ahead each week to set up a time or for more information. 218-451-6094.

Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk- Come join us for our 13th Annual Suicide Awareness

Memorial walk on Saturday, October 9th from 9:30-11:30. Registration begins at 9:30 at Carlton High school, the walk will begin at 10:00. Walk will take approximately 20 minutes and will end with our speaker Jessica Laney. Questions please contact Meghann Levitt at 218-879-4511.

Do you have a drawer full of socks that you no longer wear? If so, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is collecting them to donate to "Sock for Detox". Just drop them off at the church or give me a call. They can even use those socks that don't have a mates.

The "Go Show" Expo, formerly known as The Senior Expo will be on Wednesday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the DECC in Duluth. Free Tickets are available at any Walgreens.

Looking for a job, check out the Villa Court Senior Community in Cromwell, MN @ 218-644-333.

That's all the news from the Edge of Wright!

SEND ANY news to me at jkh4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.

## OBITUARIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

## Kenneth F. Virnig

Kenneth Francis Virnig, 78, resident of Hinckley, Minn., died unexpectedly on Thursday, September 30, 2021 in Essentia Health – Sandstone. He was born in Minneapolis on June 13, 1943 to Leopold and Margaret (Newman) Virnig.



Ken grew up in the Twin Cities and graduated from Central High School in 1961. He enlisted in the military shortly after, serving with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. On September 16th, 1972, Ken married his one true love, Lorraine Worum, in Hope Lutheran Church of

Moose Lake. He was an accountant for the Federal Prison in Sandstone. His career lasted 24 years as he retired in 1993. Ken enjoyed four-wheeling with family, spending time at the cabin, and golfed nearly every day.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, in 2017; parents, Leopold and Margaret; sisters, Mary Crane and Muriel Meade; and brother, Dale Virnig.

He will be missed deeply by his son, Brian; sister-in-law, Nancy Virnig; brother-in-law, Vern Crane; dear nieces and nephews, Jody Virnig, Chris Virnig, Debra Crane, Dianne Crane, Tim Crane, and Maggie Meade-Sheldon; and numerous cousins, other relatives, and friends.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake. Inurnment will follow in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Moose Lake.

Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home

## Alice Mae Keuhn

Alice Mae Keuhn, age 92, of Willow River, Minn., passed away on September 25, 2021 at the Sandstone Health Care Center.

Alice was born in Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota to Forest and LaVina Gray. She lived all her life in the Bruno, Willow River area.

She was a cook and clerk at various restaurants and stores in the area. She enjoyed gardening and knitting. One of her favorite things to make was cloth balls. She always had time for her neighbors. Alice was the happiest when her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would come and visit.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Forest and LaVina Gray, her ex-husband Chester Keuhn, her daughter Sharon, her son Gary, her long time companion Norm Blumke and several brothers and sisters.

Alice is survived by her daughters; Judy (Paul) Kowitz of Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota, Janice (Mel) Gaffaney of Stacy, Minnesota, son, Rick (Nancy) Keuhn of Ham Lake, Minnesota, brother, Lyle (Sandi) Gray of Bruno, Minnesota, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Alice Keuhn's house, 8104 Willow St, Willow River, Minnesota.

Arrangement by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Sandstone, Minnesota, [www.methvenfuneralhome.com](http://www.methvenfuneralhome.com)

## Robert D. Ketchmark

Robert D. "Bob" Ketchmark, 80, of Willow River, Minn., passed away Friday, Oct. 1, 2021.



He was born in Sturgeon Lake to Anna and Tony Ketchmark on October 15, 1940.

Bob graduated from Willow River High School and was a proud member of the United States Army serving in Germany and owned the Corral Bar in Willow River for nearly 39 years. Bob married Mary Lou Johnson on January 26, 1963. Together they raised four children. Bob

loved to socialize and make people laugh. Owning the bar was the perfect outlet for that. He will be remembered for his quick wit and one liners. He loved his family especially being a Grandpa and great Grandpa. He loved to golf, hunt, play cards and watch westerns on television. He was a dedicated Twins and Vikings fan and loved to follow the local Rebels football team. Bob was passionate about his military service and proudly served in American Legion Post 361 where he was Commander in the past.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Anna and Tony; wife of 43 years Mary Lou, sister: Fran Abrahamson; two brothers: Raymond and Dale.

Bob is survived by his daughter: Deonne (Allen) Lingle of Circle Pines; three sons: Scott of Glendale, Arizona; Bryan (Julie) of Sturgeon Lake; Chris of Willow River; granddaughters: Sara, Jenna, Stefanie, Alexandra, Kallista and Adrienne; grandsons: Jacob, Adam, Tristan and Anthony; eight great grandchildren; three sisters: Irene Berger of Moose Lake; Barb Larson of Willow River; and Pat (Ron) Prachar of Willow River; two brothers: Frank of Wahkon and Eugene (Pat) of Garrison; numerous nieces, nephews and scores of friends and extended family. Bob will also be lovingly remembered by his special friend, Sharon Zimmer of Askov who made his last two plus years of life very happy and memorable.

A very special thanks to all who cared for and treated Bob, those offering comfort, sharing a joke and stories.

Per Bob's wishes there will be no public services. Private burial with military honors to be conducted in the future. The family would like to invite friends and family to a special celebration of Bob's life at the Corral Bar, Willow River on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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

## Essentia Health stresses importance of flu shots

ESSENTIA HEALTH PRESS RELEASE  
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Ahead of a flu season that many health experts believe could be severe, Essentia Health is offering several options for flu shots.

Flu vaccines are recommended for anyone six months of age and older. They are covered by most insurance and are one of the best ways to protect yourself and loved ones from influenza.

"Last year's flu season was mild due in part to social distancing, reduced travel and masking," says Dr. Aaron Phillipps, an infectious disease physician at Essentia Health. "Less cases of influenza last year means less people with boosted immunity this year. And less immunity this year puts us at

high risk for increased infections, hospitalizations and deaths."

Dr. Phillipps then noted the importance of getting immunized as a way to avoid further stressing the region's hospitals, which already are operating at or near capacity thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If we can immunize a significant portion of our population against influenza, we can reduce hospitalizations, allowing us to keep resources available for COVID and other illnesses," he said.

Through Essentia, you can get a flu shot during an upcoming appointment that was already scheduled; at one of our myriad pharmacies offering walk-in availability;

or by scheduling an appointment at the Essentia Health clinic nearest you. You can schedule your flu shot via myChart patient portal or by calling (844) 663-1068.

At each of our locations, we will take precautions to protect against COVID-19 and other illnesses, including universal masking, encouraging social distancing and performing strict sanitizing procedures.

Though Essentia, you're able to receive your flu shot and COVID-19 or other needed vaccinations during the same visit. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has determined it safe to receive both a flu and COVID vaccination at the same time.

## 13th Annual Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk allows community members to gather together to remember, show support, access resources

CARLTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
PRESS RELEASE

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The 13th Annual Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2019, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Carlton High School in Carlton, Minn. On average around 150-200 community members gather at the event in memory of loved ones lost to, or touched by suicide and awareness towards prevention. At this year's event, there will be a short walk (non-competitive – approximately 20 minutes), followed by light refreshments and a short message of hope from Jessica Laney, an investigator with the Carlton County Sheriff's office who has lost two co-workers to suicide

during her career. Community resources will also be highlighted including: local mobile crisis services and Essentia's Grief Support Services.

Meghann Levitt, Public Health Educator for Carlton County Public Health and Human Services states, "We are aware that Carlton County, and many other counties in Northern Minnesota have some of the highest rates of suicide in the state. This event allows family and friends who have been impacted by suicide to remember those they have lost, as well as connect with others who have had a similar experience. It is also important for us to provide resources for attendees to pass along to others they know who might be struggling."

Jo Angell, a mother who lost

her son to suicide and who has been involved with the local Carlton County Suicide Prevention Task Force since its beginning said, "This walk has been an important focus and connection for me. It has been very helpful to have a special day where people come together, supporting each other and walking in remembrance of our loved ones; publicly stating the seriousness of suicide. We're all there for the same reason."

The walk will begin and end at Carlton High School (405 School Ave., Carlton, MN 55718). This is not a fundraiser, however participants may want to wear something with the name/picture of the person they are honoring (not required). In addition, participants will have the

opportunity to tie a ribbon to the banner that will be carried on the walk in memory of the person they are honoring. Information on suicide awareness and education will be available. Everyone is welcome to participate, and participants typically include people from the local area, as well as some from neighboring counties and around the state; they are family members, friends, human service and mental health workers, co-workers, and many others whose lives have been affected by a loved one's suicide or attempt. Masks will be required indoors, regardless of vaccination status, and social distancing will be encouraged both indoors for the speakers, as well as spacing during the walk itself. The Suicide Awareness

Memorial Walk is organized by members of the Carlton County Suicide Prevention Task Force, including Levitt and Angell. The Task Force, consisting of community members as well as professionals, meets quarterly to plan further outreach for suicide prevention, awareness, and education in Carlton County.

In observing the importance of mental wellness, the Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk has become an annual October event—happening the second Saturday of the month. The event is free and registration is not required. Interested persons are encouraged to show up at Carlton High School at 9:30am on October 9th. Feel free to share the event with others through Facebook at: <https://bit.ly/3nVyl68>.

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I am not sure what I expected our country to look like in 2021, but I certainly did not expect it to be so fractured and so bogged down in hate. My oldest son was a year old on September 11, 2001. The wave of patriotism following that day gave me hope for the America that my kids would inherit.

Fast forward twenty years, and that hope has been overtaken by fear. Fear that our country has become so polarized on every issue that it may not survive. In 1858, Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand". Never in America's history has this quote been truer. In 1858, Lincoln spoke about the divide between free states and slave states. In 2021, America is divided on a multitude of issues, and most of our

society is determined to expand that divide rather than close the gap. We have technology and media platforms that not only created this divide but continue to drive a wedge between us. These concerns are a driving force behind the theme of National Newspaper Week -- THE Community Forum, newspapers as the foundation of our communities. Let me explain the problem and then offer a solution.

We are polarized on every issue because of the information that we consume every day. We have completely lost our ability to see another point of view. We no longer accept differences of opinion, debate, disagreement, or dissent. Any division in thought is met with anger and hatred. This is in complete violation of the concepts that created America.

America was founded on the ideals of freedom, tolerance, and acceptance. All men were created equal with fundamental rights. People of diverse backgrounds and beliefs worked together to frame these ideas into a new country with liberty and justice for all. They compromised for the betterment of everyone. Now, we all know our country is not perfect. It never has been and never will be. These ideals have not always applied to everyone, but the beauty of our country is that it should continue to evolve. America is a concept, a target for which we are striving. Unfortunately, it feels like we are as far away from the target, as far from a perfect system, as we have ever been.

The question for all of us is, how did we get here, and how we evolve.

The 1980's gave birth to the 24-hour news networks. These "news" net-



## Why we need a community forum

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works have become Entertainment TV Programming with multiple networks now fighting for viewers, ratings, and advertising dollars. They each appeal to a subset of viewers with a distinct political leaning. Their programming has little reporting of the actual news, focused mostly on commentary, feeding their viewers what they want to see and hear. These networks have become 100% entertainment losing all their journalistic integrity. They feed us the information that they want us to have, and most of us are unaware that we are consuming propaganda rather than facts.

The 2000's saw the advent of social media networks, heralded as a breakthrough in human interaction and communication. With a mouse click, or swipe, you can connect with anyone, or any group, anywhere in the world. This modern technology has changed how we live and communicate. Unfortunately, it is being used to further the divide of the American public. Social networks work on algorithms designed to show you things in which you are interested, which explains why they are so entertaining and addicting. However, many entities are exploiting these platforms to divide us.

Social Media has moved beyond connecting people to the single most polarizing platform in this country. Think about the negativity, hate, fear and bullying in your feed. No matter the subject, people are attacking each other in the most vile, evil ways. There is no discussion or civil discord, just

polarized ideas of right and wrong. We say things to each other that we would never say to someone's face. We treat each other without dignity or class. The technology and platforms that we entertain ourselves with are destroying the fabric of our society.

The very nature of social media is to connect people with shared interests, and on the surface, seems great. However, it connects

people with like interests regardless of whether those interests are positive or negative. Social media platforms become an echo chamber of people sharing the same beliefs and same fears, regardless of what those are.

Ted Kaczynski (The Unabomber) was one man, working alone. In 2021, he would be part of an extremist social media group, spreading his thoughts and feeding off the radicalism of others in a virtual mob effect.

We need to get back to being civil with one another, treating each other with dignity. We need to listen to others

viewpoint. We will not always agree, but we do not have to. Differences of opinion are not bad. There can be truth on both sides of an argument. For example, masks are a huge argument across our communities right now. Is it possible that both sides could be correct in parts of their argument? Could it be that masks may help slow the spread of disease, but at the same be detrimental to students learning? The issue is very rarely black and white but usually in the grey area between. We need to understand that both sides of an argument can be correct and stop fighting, hating, and bullying those that disagree with us.

The first step is in our own mind. We must look at the media and propaganda we are consuming. Our minds are consuming these ideas of hatred and polarization. We need to move towards civil discussion and treating everyone with respect. To do this, we must regulate our media intake. We must turn away from the ideological echo chamber of "news" entertainment and social media around us. Open minded people are bad for business for media outlets or social media groups pushing a certain agenda.

We need a new COMMUNITY FORUM for news, entertainment, and connection with our community. Every night, Walter Cronkite told you what had happened that day. He did not give you his opinion, he gave you facts. We need the facts about what is going on in our community, and we can only get that in our local newspaper. Newspapers are embedded in the community. Local news has a much bigger impact in your day-to-day life than national/regional news. City Council, Zoning, School Board, Local Elections all have profound effect on our daily life. Engaging with our local newspaper makes our community better. Attend town halls and community events. Help hold our local elected officials accountable.

Local Newspapers are the original community forum, disseminating essential information, holding government accountable and engaging the community in civil discourse.

We can ignite a wave of change, but we must start local. Our government and leaders reflect our values. If we want them to change, we must change. Be part of the Community Forum. Subscribe to your local newspaper today, in print or online. Support Local Journalism, engage in activities that build up your communities.

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# SPORTS

## Louzek has 199 career victories: Moose Lake/Willow River football ranked number one in the state



MARY ELLEN DEWEY | SUBMITTED

Senior Landin Kurhajetz's little sister, Frances Stewart, cheered in the stands in support of her brother and the Rebels in their 64-0 victory over Mesabi East, wearing the cutest t-shirt.

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The Moose Lake Willow River Rebels' football team handed the Mesabi East Giants their first loss of the season in a one-sided contest, 64-0 on their new, impressive artificial turf stadium on homecoming night. The home-side stands were filled with alumni that were introduced before the clock started. There were three food trucks and a kettle corn stand greeting the spectators as they approached the field.

After the varsity and junior varsity games were canceled due to COVID restrictions and quarantined athletes, the Rebels were ready to run, and run they did,

for 407 rushing yards to the Giants three yards. Sophomore quarterback, Adam Neumann and Luke Dewey, threw for only 56 yards, because the run game was working. The Rebel defense allowed the Giants only 29 total yards and accumulated their twelfth consecutive quarter of shutout football. No team has scored on the Rebels since their first win against Hermantown (4AAAA school).

Eight of their nine touchdowns were credited to this year's senior squad. Senior Logan Orvedahl led all Rebels offensively with 242 yards and three touchdowns. Seniors Henry Ribich, Landin Kurhajetz, Ethan Burton, Duane Broughton took it into the end zone for the score. Sophomore Kaden Robbins started the game off with a reception from Neumann for six. Kurhajetz returned a punt for his second touchdown.

On the defensive side, Dewey and Robbins were at the top with tackles and assists, followed by 14 other hard-working defensive players.

The Rebels still had nine players out due to quarantine, but they all are back to full strength this week. "The team really stepped up," said Coach Louzek, after the game. "I'm real proud of them. It was good for the players to get more reps than they would have gotten, if the other players had been there."

The MLWR football team is ranked the top Class 2AA football team in the state of Minnesota as of September 27 with a QRF of 63.3. Teams are ranked according to their Quick Reaction Force (QRF) which is a way of giving the team proper credit for games and how the team has played already. It is not a predictor of what will happen. QRF calculates a predetermined value of

the number of opponent's wins and number of games played. Eden Valley Watkins is second with QRF of 60.8 and Minneapolis North (56.9) is third.

The Rebels (4-0) will be coming back home to Frank Magdziarz Field in Willow River on Friday, October 8 to take on the Braham Bombers (0-5). Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. The MLWR homecoming game will be on Thursday, October 14, against the Hinckley-Finlayson Jaguars.

The win on Friday night against the Giants marked Coach Louzek's 199th career win. Don't miss a chance at witnessing history, when the Rebels go into battle this week in an attempt to grab number 200.



SCOTT OLSON | SUBMITTED

Junior High Cross Country team members hustled into a photo finish at the Hibbing Rotary Invitational. From left to right: 7th grader Jackson McDowell, 7th grader Nia Petry, 7th grader Ledger Johnson and 8th grader Abigail Vargo.

## Rebels finish first in division at Hibbing Rotary Invitational

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On Thursday, September 30 the Rebels cross country team headed north to Hibbing for the Hibbing Rotary Invite. This was one of the hottest meets, weather wise, so far this season. Even

though it was partly cloudy and a light breeze, the temp was in the mid 80's and a little humid, making for a tough race for all runners.

The race distance for Varsity and Junior Varsity stayed the same at 5k but this time the Junior High ran a 3k. There was 25 schools

present representing two from AAA, nine from AA and 14 from A, with all the schools present from division A being from section 7. Medals were given to the top 20 Varsity runners no matter what division, A to AAA. Even though no Rebels received a medal the teams did very well. The Varsity girls team placed 6th out of 20 teams but finished 1st for division A. The JV boys finished 5th out of 14 teams and 2nd for division A while the Varsity boys finished 9th out of 19 teams and 3rd for division A.

Next up the Rebels are headed even farther north to the Ely Golf Course on Tuesday October 5th than back to Grand Marais to the Pincushion Mountain trails for the Conference Championships on Tuesday October 12.

**JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS**  
**101 runners**  
Nia Petry 59th 17:32.6

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS**  
**127 runners**  
Ledger Johnson 64th 14:12.4  
Jackson McDowell 67th 14:19.5

**JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS**

**57 runners**  
Elle Nielsen 24th 25:49.1  
Brooklyn Peterson 25th 25:59.8  
Sophie Petty 26th 26:06.9  
Lillia Jordan 53rd 31:38.9

**JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS**  
**5th out of 14 teams**  
**159 runners**

Matthew Bohnsack 30th 20:40.7  
Carl Halverson 40th 20:52.9  
Zach Youngs 41st 20:53.3  
Chet Giersdorf-Thompson 45th 21:02.2  
Chance Lunde 48th 21:09.8  
Ryden Anderson 50th 21:11.4  
Max Petry 95th 23:21.4

**VARSITY GIRLS**  
**6th out of 20 teams**

**137 runners**  
Brooklyn Wasche 31st 21:56.5  
Amelia Olson 34th 21:59.7  
Rayna Klejeski 59th 23:13.0  
Shannon Granquist 60th 23:14.6  
Isabel Dewey 63rd 23:21.5  
Lilly Petty 74th 23:47.4  
Ella Heaton 78th 23:53.5

**VARSITY BOYS**  
**9th out of 19 teams**  
**146 runners**  
Joseph Mikrot 27 18:21.7  
Shawn Bailey 46th 18:54.5  
Murray Salzer 59th 19:12.9  
Gavin Thiry 66th 19:27.4  
Elliott Wasche 75th 19:43.9  
Johnny Danelski 92nd 20:16.3  
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Barnum Public Schools will celebrate homecoming the week of October 11-15.

Coronation will be on Thursday, Oct. 14 and families of the candidates are welcome to attend.

### Dress Up days

- Monday** - Country vs City
- Tuesday** - Decades Day
- Wednesday** - Pink Out
- Thursday** - Twin/Squad day
- Friday** - Mathletes vs Athletes

### Activities during the school day

- Monday** - Get to know candidates
  - Tuesday** - Candidates get student body involved with fun activities
  - Wednesday** - Kangaroo Court
  - Thursday** - Coronation
  - Friday** - Pepfest
- Friday after the football game there will be a dance.

### Activities

- October 14, Barnum Volleyball vs. Cherry at 7 p.m.
- October 15, Barnum Football vs. McGregor at 7 p.m.



Moose Lake Community Schools will celebrate homecoming the week of October 11 to October 15.

### Dress Up days

- Monday** - Class color
- Tuesday** - Preppy Day
- Wednesday** - Denim Day
- Thursday** - Rebel Wear
- Friday** - Hawaiian Day

### Activities during the school day

- Monday** - Volleyball, 3rd hour
- Tuesday** - Coronation/ Skits, 2nd hour
- Wednesday** - Door Decorating, Advisory, theme is Movie/Album Cover
- Thursday** - Dodgeball, 1st hour
- Friday** - Court games/activities, 4th and 5th hour

### Activities

- October 12, Volleyball vs. Floodwood
- October 13, Cross Country vs. Grand Marais
- October 14, Volleyball vs. Proctor, away
- October 14, Football vs. Hinckley



Willow River Area School is predicted to return from Online Learning on Oct. 11. Their homecoming week was rescheduled to Oct. 11-15, but with the learning model change this could be rescheduled.



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# Enjoy fall colors before they are gone

The summer's drought is narrowing the window to view peak colors

BY JAMIE LUND  
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Red, orange and yellow leaves dance in the air as they twirl slowly towards the ground on a warm fall breeze. Colorful trees still edge the roads, lakes and other bodies of water in some areas during nature's segue between summer and winter. In many areas the trees have already shed their leaves, covering trails and roads in a crunchy carpet.

Those looking to take in the beauty should hurry but be aware: this fall is not as showy as recent years in parts of Minnesota.

"Carlton and Pine Counties are considered to be abnormally dry to moderate drought in 2021," said Dave Anderson, CBS 3 meteorologist in Duluth. He said the Minnesota Arrowhead area was hit the hardest by drought.

The leaves are less vibrant due to the lack of rain in some areas over the summer. The recent rain and wind blew the leaves off of many trees, but there are still areas where the leaves still cling desperately to the branches, refusing to let go.

"I have noticed that West Central Minn. is already past peak color in towns like Jacobson where the drought is severe to extreme," Anderson said. "Here in Duluth where we have moderate drought, I haven't seen much difference. It seems to be on a normal timeline".

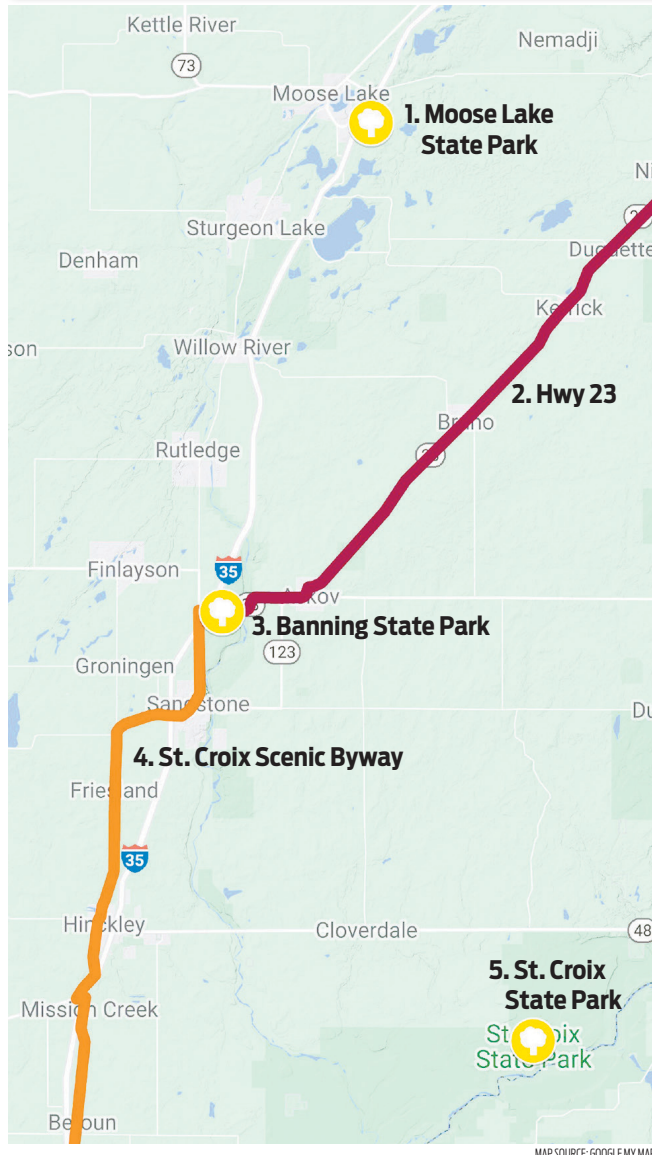
He enjoys drives around his home country of Ely on the Vermillion Range as well as the North Shore area.

Last year at this time the upper half of Minnesota was past peak color, while this year it is between 75-100 percent and southern Minnesota is still at 25-50 percent peak colors, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website. It explains that weather is the main component in determining fall colors. A mild drought may increase the colorful display, but a severe drought has the opposite effect and the colors are more subdued. Instead of the bright colors many people admire, extremely dry summers bring out shades of bronze, auburn and tans. And of course wind and hard rains can change the scenery quickly.

"I've become a big fan of Highway 23 from Fond Du Lac near Duluth down to Sandstone for colors in the last couple of years," Anderson said.

Pack up the family, bring a picnic and enjoy the drive before autumn ends and the snowflakes start flying.

## 5 GREAT PLACES TO VIEW FALL COLORS



**1. Moose Lake State Park:** Moose Lake State Park has pretty scenery along the Tall Pines Trail. A boat or canoe is recommended to get even better views on Echo Lake.

**2. Highway 23 to Duluth:** Meteorologist Dave Anderson said one of his favorite driving routes to view fall colors is along Highway 23 from Sandstone to Fond Du Lac near Duluth, traveling through Askov, Bruno, Kerrick and Duquette along the way.

**3. Banning State Park:** Banning State Park is in full color as of October 2. Maples are showy with leaves of vibrant red and oranges.

**4. St. Croix Scenic Byway:** The St Croix Scenic Byway's 34.9-mile White Pines District runs from the Chisago/Pine County line near Rush City on the south to Banning State Park and Veterans Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive on the north.

The majority of this Byway segment follows MN Hwy 361 (Old US Hwy 61), which becomes Pine Co 61 to the north of Pine City. Between Hwy 1-35 at Sandstone and Banning State Park the Byway continues on Co Hwy 61, which becomes MN Hwy 23 (MN Hwy 123 through Sandstone), connecting again with MN Hwy 23 leading to the Byway's northern terminus.

From south to north this segment passes through or near the communities of Rock Creek, Pine City, Beroun, Mission Creek, Hinckley and Sandstone. At Hinckley the entrance to St. Croix State Park can be accessed by traveling east on MN Hwy 48. From Sandstone north the Byway runs along the west edge of Banning State Park, connecting with the Veterans Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive and Banning State Park entrance on the north.

**5. St. Croix State Park:** St. Croix State Park is at 50-75 percent peak as of Thursday, Sept. 30, according to the DNR website. It states that the leaves are falling off fairly quickly and already gone off of the smaller trees, but the entrance to the park is still lined with a few colorful trees. Throughout the park the leaves are turning yellow quickly, with few green trees left.

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## SEASONS: Enjoying the change to fall

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for the next 10 days – good news for those who still have tomatoes on the vines. I'm happy because I can continue to enjoy my zinnias and dahlias. This has been a summer of record warmth, which seems to be continuing.

I love October for the crisp, chill air, but still a warm sun on the back. I am so happy to live in a state that truly has

a change of seasons. It gives our lives a sense of rhythm and dependability in a world with little else that we can count on. Memories from childhood rise to the surface as the red and orange leaves float down from maples and oaks. Smells, sights, sounds and textures intertwine at this season of change.

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# Minnesota families will save an average of \$684 per year and access more health plan choices in 2022

More Minnesotans than ever before are eligible to receive tax credits to lower monthly premium costs

## MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Minnesota Department of Commerce and MNsure released information today on 2022 health plan rates and options in advance of the open enrollment period, which begins November 1.

On average, MN families will save \$684 per year and access more health plan choices through MNsure in 2022.

On average, Minnesota families will save \$684 per year and will be able to access more health plan choices than previous years. More Minnesotans than ever before are eligible to receive tax credits to lower monthly premium costs through federal funding provided in the American Rescue Plan. Minnesotans who buy their own individual health insurance for 2022 will have access to hundreds of dollars in savings when choosing health plans via MNsure. Minnesotans will also be able to choose from more health plan options being offered through MNsure. "Most MNsure en-

rollees who qualify will see significant savings in 2022, making it the best year for consumers to take another look to see how much they can save," said MNsure CEO Nate Clark. "Compared to last January, a family who purchases insurance through MNsure in 2022 will save an average of \$684 a year on health insurance thanks to the American Rescue Plan."

Some Minnesotans will see even bigger savings next year. For example, a family of four living in Rochester with an annual income of \$110,000 can enroll in a MNsure gold plan and access benefits that would cut their premium nearly in half, saving them about \$8,400 per year. In prior years, they would not have qualified for this discount. For examples in other geographic areas, see the scenario packet available from MNsure: <https://mn.gov/mnsure-stat/assets/2022-mnsure-plan-premium-scenarios.pdf>

Individual and small group health plans will continue to offer choices for consumers. Every

county in Minnesota will have at least two insurers offering individual market plans with the majority (all but seven counties) having three or more insurers. Additionally, every county will have at least 22 separate health

**... every county will have at least 22 separate health insurance plan options available...**

insurance plan options available in the individual market. For 2022, five health insurance companies are returning to partner with MNsure to offer qualified health plans to Minnesotans: Blue Plus, HealthPartners, Medica, Quartz and UCare. Dental plans will also be available from Delta Dental and Delta. Overall, MNsure's partners are offering 10 more plans in 2022 than in 2021.

"Minnesota's health insurance markets remain

strong and stable, allowing Minnesota individuals, families and small businesses to choose a quality, affordable health insurance option that best works for them," said Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold.

The individual health plan market is for people who are not insured through employer-based coverage and are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. Currently, about 3% of Minnesotans (163,000 people) have individual health insurance plans, including 107,000 Minnesotans who are covered by health plans offered through MNsure. Income-eligible Minnesotans will be able to find a plan only through MNsure with monthly premiums that cost no more than 8.5% of their household income. To give Minnesotans additional time to shop and compare health plans, MNsure's open enrollment will be extended three weeks, running from November 1, 2021, to January 15, 2022.

The 2022 insurance rates for individual and small group health plans

in Minnesota have been reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Department of Commerce through its annual review process.

For small group health insurance plans, which serve employers with fewer than 50 full-time employees and cover about 4.1% of Minnesotans (235,000 people), the final average rate changes for 2022 range from 0.6% to 6.8%. For the individual health insurance plans, the final average rate changes for 2022 range from 4.3% to 11.3%.

The actual price a consumer will pay for health insurance can vary depending on factors such as where they live, what plan they choose and their age. When consumers purchase plans through MNsure, they may qualify for tax credits to help lower the cost of their insurance, with more Minnesotans qualifying than ever before.

The state does not regulate self-insured health plans, which cover almost 40% of the state's population. The largest

percentage of Minnesotans get their coverage through their employers' self-insured group coverage. Medicare covers almost 19% of Minnesotans and Medical Assistance also covers almost 19% of Minnesotans are uninsured.

On behalf of Minnesota consumers, the Department of Commerce reviews health insurance rate proposals each year to make sure they meet actuarial standards and comply with state and federal consumer protection laws. The Minnesota Department of Health evaluates the plans for network adequacy, while MNsure operates the state's health insurance marketplace where individuals and families can shop, compare and choose health insurance coverage, and receive tax credits if they qualify.

Final 2022 individual market and small group health insurance rates are posted at: [mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-insurance/health-insurance/rates/](https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-insurance/health-insurance/rates/).

## Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center earns national recognition for efforts to improve stroke treatment

### ESSENTIA HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center is proud to receive the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association (AHA) for our commitment to prioritizing innovative and high-quality care for stroke patients.

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and speeding recovery times.

"It's critically important to call 911 and get to the hospital as soon as possible if you or a loved one is having a stroke," said Dr. Vikram Jadhav, an interventional neurologist at Essentia. "Time is brain. When it comes to stroke treatment, every minute counts. Remember, stroke symp-

toms occur suddenly and are serious, so BEFAST (which stands for observing balance, eyes, face, arms, speech and time to spot a stroke)."

Each year, program participants apply for the award recognition by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, participants also provide education to patients to help them manage their health and rehabilitation once at home.

"We are pleased to recognize St. Mary's Medical Center for its commitment to stroke care," said Lee H. Schwamm, MD, national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice-Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. "Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality-improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates."

Additionally, St. Mary's

received high honors in the following areas:

- The AHA's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite Therapy award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and administration of a clot-busting medication to treat ischemic stroke.

- The AHA's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Advanced Therapy award. For this award, hospitals successfully treated at least 50% of qualified stroke patients within 90 minutes of arriving directly to their facility and within 60 minutes of arriving by EMS transport with a thrombectomy procedure.

St. Mary's also met specific scientific guidelines as a Joint Commission-certified Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients. St. Mary's is the only certified Joint Commission Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center in the region.



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# 1918 FIRES: Celebrate recovery and rebuilding 103 years later on October 9

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around the area for days. Sparks from a rail line on October 4 ignited a fire near Tamarack. A cold front dropped into the area increasing the wind on October 12 at about 1:30 p.m. Fires around the area began combining to create one large fire, and it was on the move. At about 6:45 p.m. on October 12 the fire had reached Kettle River. An estimated 75 to 100 people lost their lives at a sharp corner in the road as they attempted to flee the fire in their cars. This sharp corner south of town was known as Dead Man's Curve to residents.

Just 45 minutes later at 7:30 p.m. the fire was approaching Moose Lake. A relief train arrived to rescue some citizens, but many were saved in Moose Head Lake. Some even drove

their cars directly into the lake to avoid the fire.

By 10 p.m. on October 12 the fire was over. At 3 a.m. on October 13 recovery began.

Between the two fires on October 12 an estimated 250,000 acres were burned and 1,000 people lost their lives. Damages are estimated to be over a billion in today's economy.

Rebuilding began on October 13, 1918.

To learn more about how Moose Lake recovered and rebuilt after the fire visit the Soo Line Event Center on October 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. The Moose Lake Area Historical Society will be presenting a program to highlight the resilience to adversity that surfaced and how the rebuilding began in Moose Lake. Memory candles will be for sale at the door. Masks will be required at this event.



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This photograph hangs in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette office. It was taken just after the 1918 Fires in Moose Lake.

## Moose Lake School District strategically plans for positive change

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Moose Lake Community School wants your help to create a united community school.

The Moose Lake School is in the initial stage of developing a strategic plan for the future of the district. Typically, every three to five years strategic planning is an initiative partnered by the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) and the district to establish priorities and a foundation for necessary change. The district and its residents held a public event on September 22, 2021 for an initial listening session for this strategic planning. Participants had an opportunity to engage in person at the Moose Lake Community School as well as virtually via Zoom. Gail Gilman represented the MSBA as the facilitator in collaboration with Billie Jo Steen, school superintendent and various others as student's parents, local business owners and community residents. The session sparked inviting conversation to develop a foundation of where this plan shall focus its attention in setting future goals. The objective was to share perspective on three talking points: What are the positives of the Moose Lake School District?; What are opportunities for change, concerns and areas for improvement?; and What is your vision for the district?

It was understood that the circumstances of the pandemic greatly affected numerous facets of the educational system. Yet it was a popular notion that the pandemic is not the concern for the strategic planning and needs for positive change. Feedback was greatly focused on elementary needs more

over than the high school departments as there appears to be a disconnect between the levels of education. Common elements discussed were a need for more engagement through communication with the educators, parents and community in all areas. A need for increased consistency in staffing and the curriculum taught in elementary grades to provide seamless transitions into next grade levels and high school education. The need for adequate tools and resources for teachers to engage with students and parents in addition to effective servant leadership. Increased accountability for the students, parents, teachers, leadership and community to support the vision of a united community school. Mental health and trauma resources were also discussed as a need to evolve with societal changes and wellbeing.

Despite the brief initial session of the strategic planning, positive and productive dialog erupted to set a foundation going forward. As follow-up, there will be three additional meetings for the Strategic Planning Team. The Team will consist not only of community members but also the school board, administration, and staff members. All are welcome and encouraged to join the sessions either in-person at the Moose Lake School or virtually for the following upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, October 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 3 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Contact the school office or visit the school website for virtual connection access information.

## Sheriff asks for public's help in search for Ashley

BY MIKE GAINOR

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The search continues for Ashley L. Miller (Carlson), who has been missing since Friday, Sept. 24.

Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson said the status of the search is that it is ongoing as information comes in.

"We have searched areas by foot as well as using our drone when possible leads are identified," Nelson said. "We have worked to identify possible 'sightings' as they have been called in. Burnett County in Wisconsin is also doing the same in their jurisdiction."

Nelson said the Pine County Sheriff's Office is actively working with Burnett County and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to follow up on any information as they receive it.

"Right now, the best thing the public can do is continue to call in any information they might have or any sightings that we can follow up on," Nelson said. "Somebody knows where she is and what she is doing and we need people to



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contact us with anything they might think is relevant."

### REPORTED MISSING

On Sept. 27, the sheriff and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension issued a statewide missing person alert for Ashley Carlson, age 33. Her last known location was east of Hinckley on Friday, Sept. 24.

According to the sheriff's office, it is unknown what Carlson was last wearing or her direction and means of travel. She does not have her personal belongings with her.

Carlson is approximately five feet nine inches tall and weighs about 217 pounds. She has brown/auburn hair

and her eye color is hazel.

### 'WE NEED HELP FROM THE PUBLIC'

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pine County Sheriff's Office at 320-629-8438, contact Crime Stoppers through the sheriff's office website ([www.co.pine.mn.us/departments/sheriff/index.php](http://www.co.pine.mn.us/departments/sheriff/index.php)), or to reach out to Investigator Mikal Anton from the Burnett County Sheriff's Office at 715-497-5648.

"We need help from the public to help bring Ashley home," Nelson said. "We will continue to track down all information that comes in."

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# Line 3 Replacement Project substantially completed

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Enbridge Inc. announced today the achievement of a major milestone with the substantial completion of the Line 3 Replacement Project and the establishment of an in-service date of October 1. This step marks the full replacement of the entire 1,097-mile-long pipeline from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to Superior, Wisc. With new state-of-the-art, thicker-walled pipe, its completion ensures a safe, reliable supply of North American crude oil to U.S. refineries, helping fuel the quality of life for millions of people.

"After more than eight

years of many people working together, extensive community engagement, and thorough environmental, regulatory and legal review, we are pleased that Line 3 is complete and will soon deliver the low cost and reliable energy that people depend on every day," said Al Monaco, Enbridge President and Chief Executive Officer. "From day one, this project has been about modernizing our system and improving safety and reliability for the benefit of communities, the environment and our customers."

"Line 3 was developed and executed with the most state-of-the-art approach to design, construction and environmental management," Monaco

added. "We're also very proud of the relationship of trust we've built with communities along the right-of-way in both Canada and the United States. Our goal is to continuously live up to the trust that all of our stakeholders have placed in us."

The new 337-mile Minnesota segment of Line 3, which follows other segments already placed into service in Canada, North Dakota and Wisconsin, restores the full pipeline capacity of 760,000 barrels per day to meet the energy needs of refineries in the Midwest. Many labor groups, including the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Laborers' International Union

of North America (LIUNA), United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and communities along the right-of-way made the successful completion of the project possible.

In Minnesota, the Line 3 replacement was the most studied pipeline project in state history, with input gathered from 71 public comment regulatory meetings and over 3,500 community engagement meetings. Exhaustive scientific review exceeding legal and regulatory requirements resulted in support and project approvals from federal, state, and local agencies, and Native American tribes.

Throughout the project, Enbridge has shown continuous respect for tribal sovereignty. In Minnesota, 30 tribes took part in the consultation process with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project included a first-of-its-kind Tribal Cultural Resource Survey led by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa which employed tribal cultural experts who walked the full route identifying and recording significant cultural resources to be avoided. Construction was completed under the supervision of tribal monitors with authority to stop construction to ensure protection of important cultural resources.

## Local doctor elected Minnesota Medical Association president

MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE

Randy Rice, MD, a family medicine physician in Moose Lake, was inaugurated as the 155th president of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) at the association's virtual Annual Conference on Sept. 24. He officially begins her one-year term on Oct. 1.

Other MMA officers for 2022 include: Will Nicholson, MD, a family medicine physician and hospitalist in Maplewood, who was elected as president-elect. Marilyn Peitso, MD, a pediatric hospitalist in St. Cloud, assumes the role of immediate past president. Caro-



Dr. Randy Rice is a family medicine physician in Moose Lake.

lyn McClain, MD, an emergency department physician in the Twin Cities, continues as secretary-treasurer. Edwin Bogonko, MD, a hospitalist in Shakopee, continues to serve as board chair.

## MLWR team host volleyball tournament

MARY ELLEN DEWEY  
RECIPE@PINECOUNTYCOURIER.COM

Moose Lake Willow River's volleyball team were hosts to a volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 2. The participating teams were Deer River, Hinckley-Finlayson, Cromwell-Wright, Milaca, South Ridge, and MLWR. Games were played on the hour from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The MLWR Rebels

started out the day losing to Hinckley-Finlayson 13-25, and 19-25. Milaca was their next opponent defeating the Rebels 12-25 and 18-25. The Rebels' won their last two events over Cromwell-Wright at noon with scores of 25-21 and 25-17 and against Deer River at 2:00 winning 25-18 and 25-17. Cromwell-Wright defeated Deer River 25-17 and 25-23, losing to

Milaca 25-22 and 25-14. MLWR defeated them 25-21 and 25-17.

Deer River lost all three matches to MLWR 25-18 and 25-17, Cromwell-Wright 25-17 and 25-23. South Ridge defeated them 25-18 and 25-11.

Milaca won their matches with Cromwell-Wright 25-15 and 25-17 and MLWR 25-12 and 25-18. They lost their first game with Milaca

25-22, but won the next two 25-23 and 15-11.

South Ridge defeated Hinckley-Finlayson and Cromwell-Wright. They won the first game with Milaca 25-22 but lost the next two 23-25 and 11-15.

The MLWR ladies will welcome the Aitkin Gobblers (7AA) on Monday, October 11 and Floodwood (7A) on Tuesday, October 12.

## Urgent call for blood donors continues

Find your donation location today

MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTERS PRESS RELEASE  
MBC.ORG

Amid the ongoing challenges of recruiting blood donors during the COVID-19 pandemic, local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is facing a shortage of blood and platelet donations.

The need for blood is constant, but due to the pandemic, many drives have been canceled or postponed. To replenish supplies for Northland hospitals, trauma centers, and air ambulance bases, more healthy donors are needed at blood drives and donor centers in the coming weeks. Appointments can be made online at MBC.ORG or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

More than 50% of the blood supply was lost when community blood drives were cancelled due to COVID-19 this year, and the supply remains low (less than a 3-day supply of all blood types). Blood drives are resuming, with additional precautions at all donation sites; appointments are preferred to help maintain social distancing, and donors are required to wear a face mask or face covering. Blood donation is safe and essential, and MBC has a COVID-19 self-screening policy in addition to general eligibility guidelines. In general, you may be eligible to donate if you are:

- In good health
- 17 years or older—or 16 with written parental consent (PDF available on MBC.

ORG)

- At least 110 pounds
- Free of antibiotics for 24 hours, unless taken for preventative reasons
- Symptom-free for at least 72 hours following a cold or flu

Visit MBC.ORG to find your nearest drive or donor center, or to make an appointment at one of the public blood drives below:

- October 18, at Cromwell-Wright High School (5624 Hwy. 210, Cromwell) from 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- October 28, at Barnum High School from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- October 19, at Carlton High School & Community (405 School Avenue, Carlton) from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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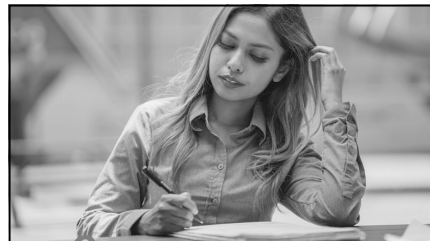
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## SPOOK HOUSE

OCTOBER 29, 30 AND 31, 2021

**Moose Lake Park • Opens at 6PM**  
(Non-scary on Oct. 31 starting at 4PM until scary part opens at 6PM)

### COST:

\$5 for kids under 10 • \$8 for all others  
All profits will go to the food shelf and a veteran's organization to be determined

**ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT:**

## TRUNK-R-TREAT

Will start at 3:30 PM

(Come out and set up or just bring the kids)

For more information, call:

**(218) 485-4645**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARLTONDISTRICT COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 09-CV-21-69  
SUMMONS

## IN RE THE CHILDREN OF:

Hannah Marie Collier,  
DOB 07/04/1993;  
Joshua Middlebrooks;  
and James Thomas Smith  
To: Joshua Middlebrooks  
A Transfer of Permanent and Legal Custody Petition was filed with the Court on July 29, 2021, alleging Child(ren) are in need of a transfer of permanent and legal custody. The Court has set November 16, 2021 at 9:15 am, as the date and time, at the Courthouse in Carlton, Minnesota, as the place, for a hearing to be held in the above-entitled matter.

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

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

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

Failure to appear may also result in the Court conducting the hearing in your absence and the hearing may result in an order granting the relief requested in the petition including an order to terminate your parental rights to the child(ren) or an order transferring legal and physical rights of your child(ren) to another adult.

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

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

In connection with these proceedings, you have the following rights: 1) To be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you are entitled to have a lawyer appointed for you at county expense. 2) To introduce evidence at the hearing. 3) To cross examine witnesses testifying against the child(ren). 4) To inspect any report filed with the Court, and if it is admitted in evidence, to cross examine the preparer of such report. 5) To obtain a transcript of the proceedings, if you request that they be recorded. 6) To appeal decisions of the juvenile court. 7) To have subpoenas issued by the court on your behalf requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses.

The child(ren) has/have the same rights in connection with the proceedings that you do except that a lawyer will automatically be appointed by the court to represent the child(ren), without regard to whether the child(ren) and parents can afford to retain a lawyer.

If you desire to retain a lawyer, you should do so immediately, so you will be ready at the hearing. If you desire to be represented by a lawyer, but cannot afford the cost, you must immediately notify the court, you must immediately notify the court, you must immediately notify the court.

Dated: Sept. 30, 2021  
/s/ Janine Morrison  
Janine Morrison  
Deputy Court Administrator

(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2021)

# NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 10, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$124,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob S. Viebahn, A Single Individual

MORTGAGEE: Woodlands National Bank

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Woodlands National Bank

SERVICER: Woodlands National Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 11, 2017, Carlton County Recorder, as Document Number A000473621

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Section 7, Township 49, North of Range 16, West of the Fourth Principal Meridian

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 263 North Cloquet Road West, Esko, MN 55733

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 78-020-1240 & 78-020-1270

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Carlton  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE:

\$124,674.61

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: November 30, 2021, 10:00AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Second Floor Law Enforcement Center, 317 Walnut Ave, Carlton, MN 55718

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 12 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2022, or the next business day if November 30, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Dated: September 21, 2021  
Woodlands National Bank  
Mortgagee  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP  
BY  
Melissa L.B. Porter - 0337778  
Gary J. Evers - 0134764  
Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070

Attorneys for Mortgagee  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
12550 West Frontage Road,  
Suite 200  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
(952) 831-4060  
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION  
FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR  
(Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 2021)

BIDS FOR DEMOLITION  
City of Barnum  
The City is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of 3741 Front Street (Liquor Store/City Hall) and of 3753 Front Street (Community Center).

Bid Opening will be Monday, October 25, @ 4 p.m. at Barnum City Hall.  
Bid Packets are available at City Hall, 3842 Main Street, Barnum, MN 55707 and www.barnummn.us or call to request at 218-389-6814  
Kris Asperheim  
Clerk-Treasurer  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARLTON

DISTRICT COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 09-CV-21-1647  
Case Type: Declaratory Judgment  
SUMMONS

Joanne Susan Christenson, a/k/a Joanne S. Christenson, aka Joanne Christenson, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, Defendant.

AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST OR LIEN IN THE REAL PROPERTY OR MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED HEREIN.

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at:

John M. Cabak  
CABAK LAW, LLC  
243 Main Street S  
Pine City, MN 55063

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. REAL PROPERTY. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Carlton County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The North 735.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW ¼ of SW ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township Forty-six (46) North, of Range Nineteen (19) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Carlton County, Minnesota.

AND  
The North 735.00 feet of the West 372.00 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE ¼ of SW ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township Forty-six (46) North, of Range Nineteen (19) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Carlton County, Minnesota.

AND  
The West 372.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ of NW ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township Forty-six (46) North, of Range Nineteen (19) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Carlton County, Minnesota.

Said Property is also identified by its Property Tax ID Number of 63-022-0590 and is located at 4020 North Road, Moose Lake, Minnesota, 55767.

8. NOTICE OF PERSONAL CLAIM. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §557.03, the Plaintiffs hereby gives notice that no personal claim is being made against the Defendant. However,

this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

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8. NOTICE OF PERSONAL CLAIM. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §557.03, the Plaintiffs hereby gives notice that no personal claim is being made against the Defendant. However,

if Defendant unreasonably defends the action, Plaintiffs are requesting an order of the court directing that the Defendant shall pay costs and attorney fees to Plaintiffs.

CABAK LAW, LLC  
Dated: September 16, 2021  
/s/ John M. Cabak  
John M. Cabak  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
243 Main Street S  
Pine City, MN 55063  
320-629-2529  
Attorney Reg. #0388929  
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## OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

MINNESOTA STATUTES,  
CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: Big White

Pines LLC  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1525 White Pine Trail, Cloquet, MN 55720  
NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name: Marty E. Ketola  
Address: 1525 White Pine Trail, Cloquet, MN 55720

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signed by: Marty E. Ketola  
Mailing Address: None Provided

Email for Official Notices: k1marty@aol.com

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## Willow River Area Schools ISD #577

8142 Pine Street  
Willow River, Minnesota  
55795

Unofficial Minutes for the  
Regular Meeting of the  
School Board

6:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
September 21, 2021  
High School Library,  
Room 139

Call to Order-The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chair David Prachar at 6:00pm. School Board members present were Jennifer Burlak, Sonja Roach, David Prachar, Connie Mikrot, Bruce Bohaty and Aziz Al-Arfaj. Others in attendance were Superintendent and High School Principal Bill Peel, Assistant to the High School Principal Melissa Johnson, Elementary Principal Neil Schiller, District Administrative Assistant Tara Prachar, Student Representative Annika Meyer and four visitors. Business Manager Laura Carlson was absent.

Comments and Requests from Visitors-None.

A motion was made by Mikrot and seconded by Al-Arfaj to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roach and seconded by Burlak to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

a. Minutes from the August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.  
b. Bills and Claims for August, 2021.

c. Treasurer's Report for August, 2021.

d. Resignation of Kallie Riker, Elementary Music Teacher.

e. Resignation of Beth Brophy, High School Music Teacher.  
f. Hiring of Ashley Keur, ADSIS Teacher.

g. Hiring of Britt Johnson, Title I (.5 FTE) Teacher.

h. Hiring of Dorothy Scharf, Early Childhood (.2 FTE) Teacher.  
i. Hiring of Hannah Jirovec, ADSIS Paraprofessional.

j. Hiring of Jason McGraw, Regular Route Bus Driver.

k. Lane Change for Sue Henkel, MA Step 7 to MA+10 Step 7.

l. Resignation of Shannon Williams, Special Education Paraprofessional.

A motion was made by Al-Arfaj and seconded by Mikrot that the proposed levy, payable 2021, be approved at the maximum for all levy categories to allow for any changes and/or adjustments that may occur before final certification in December.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Al-Arfaj and seconded by Prachar to approve the 2021-2022 Safe School (Reopening) Plan revisions.

5 voted in favor, Roach opposed. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Burlak and seconded by Roach to approve the land sale of district Parcel 310083000, 1 Acre.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bohaty and seconded by Mikrot to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from the Bus & Van Driver's Association.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roach and seconded by Mikrot to approve the van purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mikrot and seconded by Roach to approve the Willow River Education Association Master Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Burlak and seconded by Roach to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar Revision. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Al-Arfaj and seconded by Roach to approve the 2021-2022 Seniority List. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Prachar and seconded by Bohaty to approve the Special Election Resolution.

Roll Call: Al-Arfaj-yes, Burlak-yes, Roach-yes, Prachar-yes, Mikrot-yes and Bohaty-yes.

The resolution passed.  
For consideration, Bohaty presented and discussed, as appropriate, the six policies noted below:

A motion was made by Roach and seconded by Burlak to adopt Policy 709-Student Transportation. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 506-Student Discipline No board action needed.

Policy 214-Out of State Travel by School Board Members No board action needed.

Policy 422-Policies Incorporated by Reference No board action needed.

Policy 423-Employee-Student Relationships No board action needed.

Policy 424-License Status No board action needed.

Reports:

Student Representative - Annika Meyer shared that the Student Council is planning Homecoming for

October 4-8th. The event will include a semi formal dance for students.

Elementary Principal - Neil Schiller welcomed new Elementary staff, including: Ashley Keur and Hannah Jirovec in ADSIS, Britt Johnson in Title 1, Dorothy Scharf in Early Childhood, and Americorps Tutor Madeline Green and Jen Anderson. Academic interventions will continue to be a priority in the year ahead. Mini Rebel Cheerleading has

returned with 66 kids excited to perform on the football field at half time next week.

Assistant to the Secondary Principal - Melissa Johnson shared that staff had the opportunity to attend additional professional development before school started. We will be moving ahead with Check and Connect training for staff to work towards building relationships with students, improving attendance, handing in homework, etc. This training takes a lot of what we are already doing, to a whole new level. We are continuing to work with students on credit recovery and are offering weekly guided study time.

Board Members/Committees:  
Curriculum/Policy - Bohaty shared that the committee had reviewed the high school math curriculum, MCA scores and the job duties of the District Assessment Coordinator. Next month they will be reviewing policies 534, 721, 806, 903, 425, 602 and 604.

Facilities/Activities - Al-Arfaj shared that the committee discussed the final review of the scoreboard installation and is working to update the project list. They also continued to discuss transportation concerns and the current driver shortage.

Finance/Personnel/Negotiations - Mikrot shared that the committee had reviewed the MOU with the drivers, the van purchase, land sale and the levy.

Sports Liaison - No update. BMW - No update.

Superintendent / High School Principal - Bill Peel shared that work is being done to submit the ESSER 3 application. Branches, our before and after school care program, is available for Elementary students from 7-8am and 3:15-5:00pm. It is our hope that this program will grow and ease some of our transportation problems. Free COVID testing will be available for staff beginning next week. Congratulations to Ms. Johnson on completing her principalship training.

Willow River Pride:

-To our parents/guardians who have agreed to transport their students to/from school to help alleviate our bus driver shortage.

-To our staff members who agreed to help drive our buses and vans to transport our students to and from school safely. We could not do it without their support.

-East Central Energy for the generous supply donation to our teachers.

-Our PTO for their sponsorship of our Open House.

-Our cooks, Thrifty White Pharmacy, Pine County Health and Monarch for supporting our students and staff during Open House.

-The Incident Command Team for remaining flexible and for making the safety and learning of our students their priority.

Upcoming Meetings:

● September 29 5:00 pm Barnum/Moose Lake/Willow River

● October 12 1:15 pm Facilities/Transportation/Activities

● October 12 10:00 am Curriculum/Policy

● October 12 4:15 pm Finance/Personnel/Negotiations

● October 19 6:00 pm Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mikrot and seconded by Roach to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Prachar, Board Chair  
E. Bruce Bohaty, Clerk

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Star-Gazette website,  
www.mlstargazette.com



## 0154 EMPLOYMENT

Moose Lake Community School is seeking a High School Administrative Assistant. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation to Ryan Stewart, High School Principal (ryan.stewart@isd97.org) or 4812 County Road 10, Moose Lake, MN 55767. A more detailed job description can be found on our website. Posting closes at 4:00 p.m. on October 11th.

Hiring men/women to join our concrete tile manufacturing team! Starting at \$11.00/hour, will increase after 2-3 months experience & training. Part Time & Full-Time positions available to start immediately. Located in Sturgeon Lake, MN. Call Pete at 218-348-5627 0154/31/tfc

## 0358 FIREWOOD/HEATING

**Interested in Free Timber Appraisal?** Have 20-Plus Acres of mature timber? Call Joe Kelash at Carlson Timber (612) 390-0496 358/31/tfc

## 0402 GARAGE/CRAFT SALES

**MOVING SALE** October 7-9, 8 am. to 4 p.m. **Sunday Mobile Home Park** 93755 Sunbay Lane Moose Lake Lots of Furniture, Kitchenwares. 0404/41/pd

## 0020 NOTICES

**Carlton County Fair Notice of Annual Meeting** Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Barnum Senior Center 3794 Main Street Barnum, MN 55707 0020/39-41/chg

## 0305 PETS

**FOR SALE:** Two Yorkie Pups- Male \$860. Female \$1200. (218) 485-4058. 0305/41/ccd

## 0102 SERVICES

**Rasmussen Cleaning LLC** Commercial, Residential, Cabin and Airbnb Cleaning Service Call us at 218-451-1547 or visit our website, www.rasmussencleaning.com for a free estimate. 0102/41/tfc

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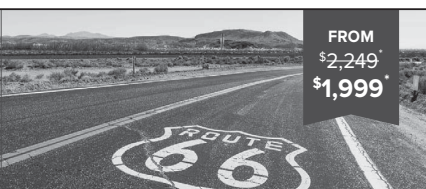
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## Fall colors abound around Bear Lake

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### Send us photos of your fall fun!

*Please include names of the photographer, location that photo was taken and the names of anyone in the photo.*

Send photos to [editor@mlstargazette.com](mailto:editor@mlstargazette.com) by October 13 so that we can feature them in an upcoming edition of the Moose Lake Star-Gazette.

## "Funtime Polka Band" gets new runtime on Antenna TV

ALANEA WHITE  
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The Chmielewski family has been entertaining crowds with polka music for generations, going all the way back to 1882, and that fun continues with the return of the Chmielewski Funtime Show to Antenna TV.

A blast from the past week after week is waiting for you to tune in on Saturday at 11 a.m. or Sunday at 8 a.m. to Antenna TV in the Duluth/Superior area on Channel 21.2, channel 198 on Charter/Spectrum or channel 105 with MediaCom. "The Chmielewski Funtime Revisited Show" will bring back old footage from the 1970s through the 1990's. Many of these long-lost episodes have been in storage for over 40 years and have



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