

GRADUATION: Barnum and Moose Lake Community Schools celebrate the class of 2021. **P5 & 8**

Barnum American Legion remembers the fallen



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Kenneth G. Westerberg, Specialist Four, in the United States Army served during Vietnam. He passed away on May 21, 1971.

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Kenneth Westerberg is the second oldest child in a family of 14 siblings from Barnum, Minn.. He loved outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, riding snowmobiles and dirt bikes. He played baseball and was in track. One of the highlights of his summer months was traveling out of

town to help area farmers make hay.

At the age of 19 Westerberg enlisted in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam. Westerberg was the only one of his siblings to join the military.

On May 21, 1971 a single North Vietnamese Artillery rocket killed 29 Americans at Firebase Charlie 2 in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam.

Among these was Westerberg. A single 100-pound rocket hit the roof of a club bunker, only four of those inside lived.

Westerberg can be found on the Vietnam War Memorial wall in Washington, DC. on panel W3, line 49.

VIETNAM

Active United States combat roles in Vietnam began in 1954. A treaty divided Vietnam along the 17th parallel into North Vietnam and South Vietnam. Areas surrounding the 17th parallel were often referred to as the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

A few months after the May incident that took the lives of Westerberg and 28 others the United States forces in Vietnam turned over responsibility for the DMZ to the Army of South Vietnam.

The war in Vietnam ended in January of 1973 with a peace agreement between North Vietnam and President Richard Nixon. The impact of the Vietnam War would linger in the United States for a long time.

"Psychologically, the effects ran even deeper. The war had pierced the myth of

American invincibility and had bitterly divided the nation. Many returning veterans faced negative reactions from both opponents of the war (who viewed them as having killed innocent civilians) and its supporters (who saw them as having lost the war), along with physical damage including the effects of exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange, millions of gallons of which had been dumped by U.S. planes on the dense forests of Vietnam," according to History.com.

AMERICAN LEGION

Each American Legion post has a tradition of upholding the four pillars of service and advocacy for; veterans, youth and community, a strong national defense and promoting Americanism.

Part of the practices that Legionaries use to uphold the pillar of service to and advocacy for veterans also influences how posts create names. Legion posts often create names for themselves that differentiate them from other American Legion posts in their areas. Most often these names are of a fallen veteran

from the area, the American Legion national constitution prohibits naming posts after a living individual.

Barnum American Legion Post #415 was originally Peterson Post #415. Hjalmer Peterson was a veteran of World War I from Barnum and who the post was originally named after. He died of injuries sustained in World War I in October of 1918, just three weeks before the final signing of the Armistice that ended combat in WWI.

An act of Congress in 1919 officially created the American Legion and the tradition of naming posts after fallen soldiers was born. Often posts are created and named for veterans of WWI.

The Barnum American Legion did not want to forget another of their fallen community members. Post # 415 renamed themselves to honor Westerberg and his sacrifice, they have been called the Peterson-Westerberg Post #415 since then.

This Memorial Day Post #415 will be recognizing Westerberg in a graveside salute at Riverside Cemetery in Barnum.

Carlton County ordinance hearing draws fire

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Anticipated to be an uneventful hearing for a new county-wide Parking Ordinance, the May Carlton County Committee of the Whole meeting was anything, but ordinary. Over 20 people gave their opinions, repeatedly straying from the details of the ordinance to wide-ranging complaints of trespass, confrontation, and fear at activities associated with Enbridge pipeline protests.

The earlier Carlton County Committee of the Whole on May 4 moved on for County Board consideration a new Carlton County Parking Ordinance without any discussion. The hearing at the Monday May 24 Adjourned Session on the parking ordinance drew plenty of comments.

Perch Lake Township, who has jurisdiction over Magney Drive, has already passed a township-wide parking ordinance due to complaints from that part of the Big Lake area. Local residents have found the road to be unsafe for cars and school buses because of numer-

ous vehicles parked on the side of the narrow Magney Drive, a road under township authority. Pipeline protesters are using the side of the road to park while they are staying at Camp Migizi, private property owned by Tayshia Martineau.

The County Board repeatedly asked attendees making comments to state their names and where they live. This reporter asked two of the local residents making complaints about incidents involving the protesters to give me their full name and address. They would not.

Elderly people in the Big Lake area are fearful of the protesters, it was announced. Unconfirmed reports of groups of protesters holding hands to block traffic, cars having to cross to the other side of CASH 7 to avoid crowded parking and demonstrations, a bomb threat, and residents unwilling to walk their dogs on public roadsides were all commented on.

Martineau responded that the group of pipeline protesters

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#LoveBigLikeDrew

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On May 21 the Carlton County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV crash in Moose Lake Township on private property.

According to the report, responding officers arrived on the scene to find a side by side ATV that had been traveling down a slight hill, the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled over.

Operating the vehicle at the time of the accident was a juvenile female with a juvenile male and juvenile female passenger. The juvenile female passenger received non-life threatening injuries. Drew Nordstrom, who was later identified as the juvenile male passenger, received fatal injuries when the vehicle rolled over on him.

Responding emergency services were Carlton County Sheriff's Office, Essentia Health - Moose Lake, Moose Lake Fire Department.

The Moose Lake and area communities have responded to the news of this loss with an outpouring of love and care for the family of seven-year-old Drew.

Lance Nordstrom, Drew's

father, is a long time coach for Moose Lake Area Hockey Association. The group quickly shared a social media campaign to show support for the Nordstrom's, photos of hockey sticks with a hash tag, #sticksoutfordrew, were requested.

The outside rink lights at Moose Lake Riverside Arena will shine from 9 to 10 p.m. every night this week.

Mike Kosloski of Hamlin Hansen Kosloski Funeral Home is providing free copies of the book, 'In Loving Memory: A Child's Journey to Understanding a Funeral and Start the Grieving Process' by Lacie Brueckner and Katherine Pendergast for area children who might be struggling with the loss of Drew. This book is available at Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski or at Moose Lake Community School.

Moose Lake Golf Club has started a fundraiser called Drives for Drew.

The Minnesota Wilderness shared a message of condolence and support.

Drew's family started a hashtag, #lovebiglikedrew, to help keep his memory alive and help the community heal. "Share your stories, say his name, and most of all



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#sticksoutfordrew

let us all be like Drew and make the world an incredible place filled with love," Lance and Erin Nordstrom ask in their son Drew's obituary.

A GoFundMe account for the family can be found at <https://gofund.me/1614e3da>

CARLTON COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:
3,493

New cases last week: 52

Positive cases

incarcerated at MSOP in

Moose Lake: 0

Barnum cases: 270

Moose Lake cases: 452

Deaths: 55

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 19,960

People who have

completed the vaccine

series: 18,083

Register to receive a vaccine

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

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

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Contact the Carlton County

COVID-19 Hotline at (218)

499-6312.

Statistics provided by Carlton

County Public Health and Minnesota

Public Health. Updated May 6.

PINE COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:
3,323

New cases last week: 30

Deaths: 23

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 10,539

Percentage of Pine County

residents 16+ vaccinated:

43%

Percentage of Pine

County residents age 65+

vaccinated: 76%

Register to receive a vaccine

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

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

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

Contact the Pine County

COVID-19 Hotline at 320-

591-1690 or [public.health@](mailto:public.health@co.pine.mn.us)

[co.pine.mn.us](mailto:public.health@co.pine.mn.us)

Statistics provided by

Minnesota Public Health.

Updated May 24.

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www.mlstargazette.com

Historical Reflections



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

Answer to the history
photo from the previous
edition: Judy Traxler,
Steve Winchester,
Ramona Milezark and
Jay Herman all attended
junior-senior in Moose
Lake in 1964. The theme
was "Villa d' amour"
and the theme song was
"Unchained Melody" by
Sue Fransen.

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That's not a bear, it's the DNR

STAFF REPORT

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With fishing season well underway, area conservation officers dealt with hungry bears, nervous humans and much more this past week.

• Conservation Officer Bret Grundmeier, working out of Hinckley, said his office had the first influx of calls about black bears being seen roam-

ing around and looking for food.

"Every year, around May 1, people forget that a lot of bears are roaming around the Hinckley area, in search of food, and homeowners need to remove bird feeders and lock away garbage, dog food and anything else a bear may be interested in," Grundmeier said. "A few callers who reported finding bear cubs had to

be reminded to leave the cubs alone unless they wanted to deal with an angry mama bear."

• Conservation Officer Dan Starr, working out of Onamia, said he worked a busy opening week with many fish being harvested. ATV work was also completed with registration and speed issues addressed. Starr said he was walking in the woods after dark to

greet some anglers who had just came to shore, only to have a large rock thrown in his direction. The anglers were very surprised to see a conservation officer instead of the bear that had been hanging around. He pointed out that baby wild animals are appearing and should be left alone.

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Explore parks along Old Highway 61 this summer

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OLD HIGHWAY 61 COALITION

The Old Highway 61 Coalition invites the public to travel Old Highway 61 this summer and play a little "Park Bingo" event to be eligible to win some cool prizes.

"We compiled a list of city, county, and state park locations that stretch from southern Chisago County and move north through both Pine and Carlton County," says Coalition Chairman, Nancy Hoffman. "Using that list we cre-

ated the 'Park Bingo' card as a fun and family-friendly way to explore the area along Old Highway 61."

People can participate in the "Park Bingo" activity anytime from Memorial Day through Labor Day of 2021. Simply visit a park, take a photo at the location and post it to your personal social media using the hashtag #old-hwy61parks. After visiting five in a row for a successful BINGO, simply email a photo of your completed bingo card to oldhighway61MN@gmail.com.

Beginning on the first Friday in June, the Old Highway 61 Coalition will draw a weekly prize winner to receive one of the coalition's new water bottles. On September 13, there will also be a drawing for a Grand Prize Winner who will receive an Old Hwy 61 sign.

For more information, contact Becky Schueller at the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce at 320-322-4040 or pinecitychamber@gmail.com.

Kortum looks at last two years

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Transitions can be stressful, but retiring Auditor/Treasurer Kathy Kortum has had her challenges in her less than two years at the helm of her department.

Kortum, at the time serving as Deputy Auditor/Treasurer for Carlton County, was appointed by the County Board to fill the position left by retiring Paul Gassert. Gassert announced his retirement, was in the office for two more days, and used his remaining vacation time to slip into retirement.

Up to that point, the Auditor/Treasurer position had been an office that was filled by an election of the voters of Carlton County. Paul Gassert had a long career in that position as Al Naslund had before him. The County Board decided that the position should be appointed after a new Minnesota statute made that possible.

"When I was first appointed I had a list in my mind of changes that would make the department more efficient," explained Kortum. "But, events pushed those plans to the side. Three elections

in this last year, the impact of COVID-19, and a continuous lack of cohesion in our office staffing took a lot of our time."

Kortum explained how illness, retirements, vacations, etc. kept a normal 10.5 office staff level impossible. She noted that not a month went by when there was less than a full staff – although the pandemic had some staff working from home. And, she said that in the last ten years 80% of the office staff have been learning how to face challenges in a new position.

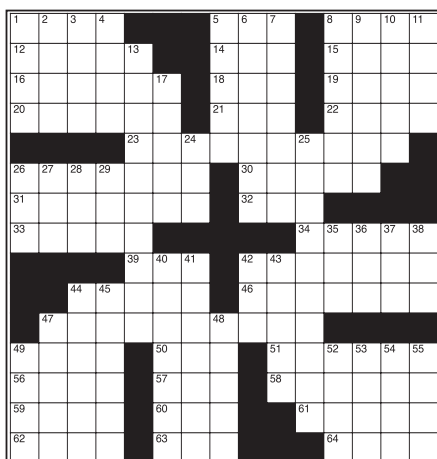
Operating with no deputy auditor/treasurer during her tenure, Kortum was particularly proud of the investment of time to implement the electronic pay roll for all county employees and training all staff members how to run an election.

In a joint interview with Kortum and the new Auditor/Treasurer Kevin DeVriendt I found several parallels with these two County employees. Both spoke of their roots in our area, Kathy raised on a dairy farm and Kevin on a beef farm. Each has had 20+ years working for Carlton County with Kevin coming from a long ca-

reer as an accountant at the Carlton County Health and Human Services. Both County employee veterans spoke of the challenges of the job. Reports to the State and Federal agencies are time sensitive, for example, as are all dates for all election activity. All these duties are set by State statute.

DeVriendt has training as a CPA with a Masters degree in Business Administration and has transitioned into the Auditor/Treasurer's department in the last two years. He admitted he had lots to learn about every aspect of the department and hoped Kortum would slowly transition into retirement. He said that the building of a new jail or justice center will put a lot of pressure on department staff to do their tasks right.

"My main job is as a number cruncher with a focus to provide the right financial information to the County Board and all the departments," commented DeVriendt. "My goal is to provide a sound financial overview to help County staff provide excellent service to the people of Carlton County."



CLUES ACROSS

1. A group of sheep
5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. "Heat" director
23. In all places
26. Made improvements to
30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of "seat"
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a

subject of interest

34. Approval
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net

62. Beer

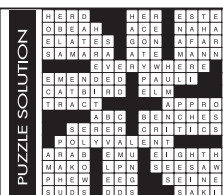
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just "play"
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree

43. Sea eagles

44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee _
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China



Weekly Forecast

From CBS 3 Meteorologist Dave Anderson

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy Wind: E 10-20 mph 40% chance of rain 48 39	Mostly sunny Wind: E 10-20 mph 55 34	Partly sunny Wind: SE 5-15 mph 30% chance of rain 62 35	Partly sunny Wind: SW 5-15 mph 30% chance of rain 62 35	Partly cloudy Wind: NW 5-10 mph 72 48

OBITUARIES

Jessica Lindahl

Jessica Sue Lindahl, age 44, of Pine City, Minn., passed away at her home on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 with her loving family by her side.



Jessica was born on November 6, 1976 to Dennis and Sandra (Osmundson) Helseth in Elbow Lake, MN. She grew up in the Elbow Lake area and graduated from West Central Area High Schools in May of 1995. In 1996 Jessica married Seth Engelstad on August 30th and started college the same year. Jessica attended Moorhead State University, graduating with a bachelor degree

in May of 2000. Once she completed college Jessica wasted no time getting started in her business career, specializing in marketing and becoming a loan originator. On August 8, 2013 Jessica married Scott Lindahl and they made their home together in the Hinckley area until moving to Pine City a few years ago. Jessica always believed in being part of the community and helping out wherever she could. She was a member of the Sandstone Area Chamber of Commerce and founder of Faith in Action through First Lutheran Church. Jessica was also a part of

countless volunteer opportunities that included the FCI Sandstone Job Fair and the Hinckley-Finlayson High School scholarship committee. Jessica helped with organizing youth sports and coaching the children too. There were many things that brought a smile to Jessica's face, especially spending time with family, at the cabin or being on the lake. She also enjoyed golfing, online shopping, decorating, DIY projects, cooking, and photography.

Jessica is preceded in death by her son, Isaac Engelstad; her grandparents, Bruce and Betty Osmundson and Lloyd and Lucille Helseth.

Jessica is survived by her husband, Scott Lindahl of Pine City, Minn.; her daughter, Abigail (Matt Weis, Fiance) of Wahpeton, N. D.; her parents Dennis and Sandra Helseth of Elbow Lake, Minn.; her stepsons, Tristan of Ramsey, Minn., Tyler of Ramsey, Minn.; her brothers, Jason (Andrea) Helseth of Bay City, Wisc.; her nephews, Thomas and Benjamin Helseth of Bay City, Wisc.

A funeral service will be held for Jessica at First Lutheran Church on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Brenda Wicklund officiating. Visitation will take place at the church Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the service also.

Arrangements by Tatting-Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Hinckley, MN.
www.methvenfuneralhome.com

Drew Nordstrom

Drew Thomas Nordstrom, 7, Moose Lake, went to Heaven on May 21, 2021. He was born on April 27, 2014 in Duluth to Lance and Erin Nordstrom. He



was a lover of all things and people. You could not meet him and not love him back. Dirt bikes, downhill skiing, hockey, biking, and scooting were some of his favorites. He also could never get enough time with his Dad and big brother. Drew was adored by his sisters and belly laughs were very common on a daily basis. He loved cuddles with Mom and she equally loved them back. He will be greatly

missed by so many but especially his parents, Lance & Erin Nordstrom; brother: Peyton; sisters: Reese and Paige; maternal grandparents: Dawn Rajala and Kevin & Lori Thomas; paternal grandparents: Dale & Ruth Nordstrom; aunts & uncles: Brent & Nicole Thomas; Lisa & Ryan LaPointe; Julie Oswald; and Judd & Amanda Nordstrom; loving cousins: Alexis, Anakin, Max, Maris, McKenna, DeAnna, Talon, and Torin; his best friend, Myles; his hockey family, classmates, and friends.

Drew continued his loving and giving character

by donating the gift of life which will be shared with many people in need through organ and tissue donation.

Memorials are preferred. Please accept this note as a sincere thank you for the out pouring of support which has been given to us by the community as no formal thank you cards will be sent.

Visitation will be from 4-8 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021 in Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake. There will be a bouncy house there for the children to heal and gather along with information from Children's Grief Connection. If you need a children's book to help explain to your child the funeral process, please contact the funeral home.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 2 pm in Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake with visitation one hour prior to the service. An additional location of livestreaming services will be secured, so please check back for those locations. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Moose Lake.

We as a community can heal together as we continue to tell the stories of Drew for the many years ahead of us and let us continue to keep his memory alive. Share your stories, say his name, and most of all let us all be like Drew and make the world an incredible place filled with love!

#lovebiglikedrew

Arrangements by Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake, 218-485-4429.

John Best

John "Rod" Best, 61, of Hermiston, Oregon died Sunday, May 9, 2021 at his home.

He married Devonna Rosera, daughter of Dean and Peggy Rosera of Kettle River, on December 29, 1977.

They have two children, Tarah and Tony, both living in Oregon and a foster child, Timber, living at home.

Catholic Masses will be said for Rod at Holy Angels in Moose Lake, on June 18 and July 10.

Let's reconnect with our friends and family.
Let's come together as a community.

Moose Lake Covenant Church will be hosting BBQ's and family game night every Wednesday evening in June and August.

So take a break from the kitchen and let us do the cooking and cleaning.

TAKE A BREAK, AND RECONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

First BBQ starts Wed., June 2nd at 5:30.



218.485.4800
700 5th Ave - Moose Lake

STAR GAZING-UPCOMING EVENTS

Star Gazing is a service to readers to publicize upcoming events and activities as space permits. Free events are given priority. If there is a charge or admission cost to the event, a paid ad is required.

May 28 from 9 to 10:45 a.m. & 12 to 2:30 p.m.

Cromwell 5th and 6th Grade Track and Field Day

5th & 6th Grade Track & Field Day is on Friday, May 28. Morning 9:00-10:45 & 12:00 - 2:30. Parents and spectators welcome, all events outside.

Mondays in May from 11 a.m. to Noon

Cromwell Area Yoga

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

Wednesdays in May 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.

June 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Moose Lake Health Care Volunteer Service Organization meeting

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

June 8 at Noon

Cromwell Area Young Old Timers

The first YOT meeting will be on June 8th at the Cromwell Park Pavilion at Noon with the YOT officers serving lunch. They will try to have the first YOT Senior Dance on Thursday, June 24. If you are new to the area or just want to check it out our Cromwell Area YOT, Please feel free to attend these events.

Moose Lake Senior Dining Menu

All in-house dining is cancelled until further notice.
HOME DELIVERY IS STILL AVAILABLE.
Call (218) 485-4937 to place your order.
Please reserve the day before.

\$4.00, Under 60: \$7.50.

There are no income guidelines.

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

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day, Sites Closed

Tues, June 1 - Minestrone Soup and Philly Sandwich, Fruit & Juice

Wed., June 2 - Chicken Pasta Salad, Fruited Jell-O w/Topping

Thurs., June 3 - Roast Beef Dinner, Banana Pudding Cake

Friday, June 4 - French Toast & Sausage with Warm Apples, Blueberry Fluff

Welcome to 2021 Summer Gospel Nights

Sunday nights starting at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hinckley
405 2nd St., NW, Hinckley, MN
West side of town on Hwy. 18

All FREE concerts (Freewill offering accepted)

JUNE 6

Mike, Mary
& Rebecca
Hinckley, MN

JUNE 20

The Highview
Bluegrass Band
Webster, WI

JUNE 13

The Holy
Hootenanners
Mahtowa, MN

JUNE 27

The Neighborz Band
North Branch, MN

We will be following updated guidelines for appropriate health & safety protocols provided by the MN Dept. of Health.

Watch out for turtles

On my way into the Moose Lake Star-Gazette office last week I decided to take the back way and avoid the headache that usually is driving up I-35.



A Millennial Mile
Alanea
White

Between Willow River and Sturgeon Lake I spotted something on the road. My first inspection was that it was leaves blowing across the pavement, but the movements just weren't right. Sam, my car, and I have a pretty solid relationship so I slowed to make sure that whatever was going on ahead in the road wouldn't damage either of us.

Upon further inspection, it turns out what I thought were leaves was actually a small turtle making their way across the road.

May to June happens to be the time of year that turtles migrate to nesting areas according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

A common problem is that the slow moving critters often end up in bad spots to cross and get squashed by traffic.

The DNR has a fairly comprehensive set of instructions on what to do if you spot one of our shelled friends in a dangerous spot. It is important to note, make sure that you are not endangering yourself or others on the road way to rescue a turtle!

They recommend picking up the turtle, only when absolutely necessary, by the shell if they are not snapping turtles, softshells or leatherbacks. Gently grab the turtle along the edge of the shell around the middle of their bodies. Make sure to move them in the direction they are headed when you find them. Move them in as direct of a line as possible.

Snapping turtles and softshells, unlike their smaller shelled relatives, are aggressive and will bite! They should NEVER be picked up by the tail and should be handled only by experienced folks. If you must move one it is recommended to grab them by one rear leg and to support the turtle from below with one hand. This is safe for both you and the turtle.

Another option for our biting turtle pals is to use branches, broomsticks, snow shovels, or similar objects to prod the turtle along from behind. If your shelled friend latches on the object can also be used to haul them out of the road way by dragging.

The little guy I stumbled upon on my way to work made it safely across the road with no help from me. Lucky for us both!

As someone who is not a fan of the outdoors, or coming in contact with critters of the outdoors I can still appreciate that our animal friends sometimes need our help. At one point in my life I cried for an hour after I was clean when I was forced to make mud pies. I am fairly sure after a large pep talk for both of us that I would have been able to pick up this turtle and get him across the road, somehow.

ALANEA WHITE is the editor of the Moose Lake Star-Gazette. She loves when community members share area events and story ideas with her. She reached by email at editor@mlstargazette.com



June may try to be warm but dry

CBS 3 METEOROLOGIST DAVE ANDERSON

I've had the honor of working with several Moose Lake people over the years. Morning anchor Jason Rice, for example, was a firebrand who found no news story too tough to tackle. Evening anchor Michelle Lee is simply a legend and that probably explains why she's in the Minnesota TV hall of fame. Now,

we have Moose Lake's own Molly Wasche in charge of our web pages.

Wasche says her biggest claim to fame is being a former Little Miss Moose Lake Princess. Other childhood memories of Moose Lake include having to comfort her sister during thunderstorms.

Now that June is here, we enter thunderstorm season once again. There are signs a few indeed

will roll across the landscape this month.

There are indications that June 1 to 11 will be a roller coaster for temperatures running hot one day and cold the next while being punctuated in between by a few thunderstorms. June 12 to 16 should be sunny, dry and warm. The June 17 to 25 should be cool with scattered bouts of rain. The June 26 to 30 should be sunny and warm.

In general, the monthly mean temperature should run two degrees above normal. Rain totals threaten to run from normal to an inch below normal. Summer itself looks to be warmer and drier than normal. The upcoming autumn will change this up, though, and turn to below normal temperatures and precipitation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking Ross Anderson

Dear Editor,

This year we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, 2021. It is a time for all of us to remember with gratitude all who gave their lives in service to our country, and beyond those, to all who have gone before us. Many will gather at local cemeteries to do this honor.

There are those who perform a related service of another type: service to families who need to give their loved ones a fitting

memorial and burial. One of the people who has faithfully served in this capacity for as long as most can remember is Mr. Ross Anderson. Ross began his service on the Blomskog Cemetery Board in 1984, at times serving as both President and Secretary. He has helped countless families—maybe even yours—make final burial arrangements for loved ones. This year will be Ross's last Memorial Day serving as Secretary on the Blomskog Cemetery Board. He will

retire from his position but continue to serve us on the board.

In appreciation for Ross's many years of compassionate service to local families, The Blomskog Cemetery Board will host a short, sweet Gratitude Ceremony following the Honor Program at Blomskog. We happily invite you to show your appreciation for Ross and enjoy a sweet in his honor.

In gratitude,
Cindy Timmons Carlson, President
Blomskog Cemetery Association

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



2021 Graduating Class of Barnum High School!



MILES AOUNKIS
Work at M.R.A. Auto and get filthy rich



WHEELER ANDERSON
Work until I'm rich



KALE BAKER
Go to a two year college for Law Enforcement



LANDEN BENSON
To be an entrepreneur in the ice fishing world



ETHAN BERTHUME
To be an Air Force drone pilot. Live far away from people



OLIVIA BOGENHOLM
I plan to become a doctor, work one day a week, and travel the world



TIANA CARTWRIGHT
Attend Lake Superior College for two years then transfer to Bemidji State to become a Psychologist or join the medical field.



GARRETT COUGHLIN
Go to school at Minnesota State University Moorhead, play football for them



KELLY CRUMP
Go to college, get a job, and get married



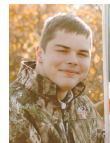
RIKI MAE DUEVEL
Study chemistry, solve crimes in a lab. Start a family in Minnesota and travel the world



NICHOLAS FINIFROCK
Run an Ice Cream parlor on my owl farm



HANNAH FITZSIMMONS
I plan to pursue my Pre-Veterinary education at University of Minnesota-Crookston



JAYKOB FOLLETT
Living with Carter Riel and Trayton Houck in a trailer house



REESE GODBOUR
Get away from the cold



MADISON GOODWIN
Go to college, make bank, travel and steel down to live the hippie life in Oregon



CARTER GRAN
Go to college and get rich



LEVI GRAND
Go to college, graduate and get a job, start a family. Will work on the specifics later



AUSTIN GROVER
Go to college



NICHOLAS HAGEN
Navy, Insurance Adjusting, College



KYRA HEATON
Join the military and post secondary education. Get a job in Law Enforcement, preferably anti-terrorism or profiling



KAITLYN HOOPER-SPARKS
Get a degree in certified nursing, then work within the state or work overseas



JAILEIGH HORTON
I plan on going to college to become a Psychologist



TRAYTON HOUCK
Playing to God that Carter Riel doesn't force me to live in a trailer house with him and Jaykob Follett



JACOB HULTGREN
Go to college, get a job, get married and make millions



MADRYN JEPSEN
My plan is to get into the medical field and work in pediatrics



ASHTON KELSON
Go to flight school



DELANEY KOEHLER
I plan on becoming a teacher



ISAAC KONI
College



REED KORNOVICH
Move out of the house and go to college for something



ELLIE LAINE
Get my generals and then transfer for Psychology



ALINA LEKANDER
Go to college, have a lot of dogs and be happy



LOGAN LIGGETT
Go on going to college to the Boundary Waters, sail the seas, and become an art teacher



AIDEN LITFIN
Go to college



JONAH MCCAULEY
Hopefully travel across the country, maybe even abroad



CONNER MCNULTY
Go to college for Interior Design



FELICIA MIKE
Plans to attend college in Minnesota for something in the medical field



SEAN NYBLOM
Go to school to be a Physical Therapist



MEADOW PRUETTE
I will be going to Lake Superior College for Surgical Technician



CARTER RIEL
Buy 20 acres of land and live in a trailer home with Trayton Houck and Jaykob Follett



LYNNSEY SCHATZ
Attend college and earn a degree



JESSICA SCHMITT
Successfully finish college



JESSICA STEVENS
Go to work then somewhere along the line find a nice man, settle down and start a family



OLIVER SWIMELEY
Obtain a bachelor's degree in teaching Communication Arts and Literature or social work with a minor in Theater



SIARA UNKELHAEUSER
Go to college to become an Autopsy Technician



ANSON VARGO
My plans for the future are to get into college for Science and Medicine and play baseball



ELLIE VARD
Go on a year long mission for a gap year and then hopefully attend a business school and open my own Air BnB



CODY WALKOWIAK
Undecided



MADISEN WARNYGORA
I plan to attend Lake Superior College and get my degree to be a Surgical Technician



BENJAMIN WHIPPLE
Undecided



AMANDA WIKSTROM
Go to college

CLASS FLOWER
Red-Tipped Yellow Carnation

CLASS OFFICERS
President: Riki Mae Duevel
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CLASS QUOTE
"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill

ATTENDANCE FOR GRADUATION IS LIMITED TO INVITE ONLY BY GRADUATE.

Each graduate will have a max of 5 guests to ensure we are under capacity. If the governor's orders change we will adjust accordingly.

The ceremony is Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m.



Congratulations to the Class of 2021 Graduates!

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Memorial Day Tribute Section

2021 Memorial Day Services:

CARLTON

The Carlton VFW Color Guard will hold Memorial Day services on May 31st at the following locations:

7am leave Carlton

7:30am at Eagle Lake Cemetery

7:55am at Cromwell Cemetery

8:35am at Atkinson Cemetery

9:15am at Elim Lutheran Cemetery

9:45am at Oak Lake Cemetery

10:10am at Nickerson Cemetery

10:55am at St. Johns Cemetery

11:15am at Hillside Cemetery (Carlton)

11:50am back to Carlton VFW

Everyone is welcome to attend and honor Veterans.

FLOODWOOD/WRIGHT

VFW Post #8299 Floodwood Memorial Day services on May 31st.

Wright Veteran's Memorial 8am

Fine Lake Cemetery 9am

Floodwood Hope Lutheran Cemetery 10am

Cedar Valley Cemetery 11am

Van Buren Cemetery Noon

WILLOW RIVER

Willow River American Legion Post #163 Memorial Day Services will be held Monday May 31st at 10am in Willow River and 11:15am in Rutledge

BARNUM/MAHTOWA

Peterson - Westerberg American Legion Post #415 will conduct Memorial Day Services at Barnum High School parking lot at 10am. Guest speaker pastor Kendall Carlson from Barnum Community Church. Followed by services at Barnum

Riverside Cemetery and services at Salem Lutheran Cemetery at 11:30am

STURGEON LAKE /DENHAM

Sturgeon Lake/Denham American Legion Post #361 Memorial Day schedule for Monday May 31st:

St. Isadore's Church 9am

Blomskog Cemetery 9:20am

St. Isadore's Catholic Cemetery 9:45am

Sturgeon Lake Village Cemetery 10:10am

Nordlund Cemetery 10:40am

Faith Lutheran Cemetery 11:00am

Methodist Cemetery 11:20am

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2021 Memorial Day Services:

Moose Lake/Kettle River American Legion Post #379 and #360 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

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We are inviting everyone to the Memorial Day Program, starting at 10:00 am at the Moose Lake Community School. After the program at the school, everyone is invited to drive down to Veterans Memorial Park and continue the Memorial Day Program in a salute to our fallen veterans.

Under the auspices of the Moose Lake and Kettle River American Legion the annual Memorial Day Program is presented in collaboration with the area Scouts and the American Legion Honor Guard. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be three musical numbers played electronically this year. The Autumn Voices and Community Band will be back next year. The program will be held at the Moose Lake High School gymnasium at 10:00 AM, Monday, May 31st, 2021.

We are very fortunate this year to have Father Kristoffer McKusky as our guest speaker. Chaplain/Captain Kristoffer McKusky (Father Kris) currently serves as pastor at Catholic parishes in

Moose Lake, Sturgeon Lake, and Willow River, while also offering Catholic Sacramental support to local state and federal prisons and also serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Moose Lake Fire District.

He was commissioned as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve in 2014, and following completion of the Army's Chaplain school, he was assigned to the 452nd CSH (Combat Support Hospital) as Battalion and Hospital Chaplain until 2017.

In 2017, he deployed to Iraq in the fight against ISIS, and served alongside the paratroopers of the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, primarily in and around Mosul. His primary mission was to provide Catholic support to paratroopers and soldiers in some of the more remote locations throughout northern Iraq and in Mosul. Currently, Chaplain McKusky is assigned to the 181st Infantry, MFTB (Multi-Function Training BDE) as the Assistant BSE Chaplain and OC/T.

At the conclusion of the program at the school, you are cordially invited to join the group as we drive down to the Moose Lake Area Veteran's Memorial Park where the traditional service will

be conducted. There is plenty of parking on Arrowhead Lane, 7th Street and Birch Ave. Please distance yourselves 6 feet apart.

COVID-19 preparedness plan for Moose Lake Community School Memorial Day Service, May 31, 2021

Hand sanitizing stations are available upon entering the Moose Lake Community School.

All volunteers, employees, and patrons must wear face coverings at all times after entering the school, subject to the exemptions and allowances for temporary removal of face covering in executive order 20-81 as amended by executive order 21-11. Individuals refusing to comply will not be permitted to attend the event.

Post Adjutant Mike Peterson 218-390-1175

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Kettle River and Moose Lake American Legion have joined force in honoring our Veterans this Memorial Day.

It is my pleasure to announce the Kettle River and Moose Lake Legion Posts are joining to make one Honor Guard. We will be practicing and working together for the first time this Memorial Day, so in saying that we will not be at our full potential.

Commander Ken Jackson of Moose Lake, and Commander Mike Tuomi of Kettle River agree this is a great move. There is a lot of work to do so everyone has a good understanding of each other's responsibilities and duties. I'm very excited about these organization changes to our area Honor Guard as we work together to become one of the Best of the Best, said Moose Lake Honor Guard Captain Mike Peterson



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RAY BLOOM
Working at the Oak Lake Campground, becoming an actor and assistant offensive coordinator for the MLWR Rebels



EMILY BOHNSACK
Attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and major in biomedical engineering



OLIVIA BONANDER
Undecided



JEFF CISAR
Going into trades school and becoming a carpenter



DREW DANIELSON
My future plans are to be an electrician



KENNEDY DAVIS
Attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth for Elementary Education



JADE ESKURI
Attend Lake Superior College for nursing



KELLI GRANQUIST
I will be taking a gap year to travel abroad and then go to an undecided college the following year



DONAVAN HAGENBECK-WESTERBERG
My future plan is to go into the trades



BRODIE HOFFMAN
Attend Dakota County Technical college for the electrical lineman program



CARMEN HOFFMAN
Attend Markato State University and achieve a degree in business



BROCK HUARD
Attend St. Cloud State University and study SPED: Academic and Behavior Strategy. Afterward, I plan on getting my master's in special education



CARTER JOHNSON
My plan is to go to Lake Superior College for two years and be in the civil engineering technician program and then transfer to St. Cloud State and major in land surveying.



BLAKE JUHL
Attend Minnesota State University, Markato and major in finance



EMILY KLUND
Attend University of Minnesota-Duluth and major in integrated elementary education and special education



CAITLIN KOEHLER
Attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth for a bachelor's degree in social work



MAVERICK KOEHLER
Attend Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College for plumbing or HVAC



GRACIE LE
Gain my bachelor's in science and biology and become a lab tech or phlebotomist



ELIZABETH LEHMAN
Undecided



EDEA LEINO
After high school I plan on taking a year off to work because I recently got my Certified Nursing Assistant Certification. After working for however long, I will go back to school to further my education and my career in the medical field



BRANDON MATUSEKI
Step 1- Get a place
Step 2- Get a job
Step 3- Live
Step 4- repeat step 3 until old.



CHASE NEFF
Undecided



CONNOR NYGREN
Attend Fond du Lac Community College and become a nurse



MASON OLSON
I plan on attending the University of Wisconsin-Gau Claire and majoring in either nursing or finance



KYLA OSBURN
I will be taking a gap year to travel abroad and then go to an undecided college the following year



BLAKE OVERLAND
I'm going to be in the military for a couple years. Then I'll pursue an education in tech and business and hopefully manage or run a tech branch or corporation



GRANT PETTIT
My future plans after graduation are to join the United States Army, serve my four years and then attend either a U of M college or the University of Wisconsin-Superior to finish my Economics/Finance degree



ELLA RHOADES
Attend AFSCME and gain my business degree while traveling the United States



GAVIN ROSS
I plan on majoring in Film and Backlog at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities next fall



JACOB SCHWARZBAUER
Undecided



SAM STADIN
Finish my associates of arts through Lake Superior College then get my welding certification



BEN STEEN
Attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and get a degree in data management and eventually work in the front office of a professional sports team



GRACE STEPHENSON
I will be attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth within the Labovitz School of Business and Economics on an academic scholarship. I intend to pursue a degree in finance and accounting



KACY WARREN
Undecided



CLASS OFFICERS
President: Ben Steen
Vice President: Emily Bohnsack
Secretary: Grace Stephenson
Treasurer: Gavin Ross

CLASS COLORS
Blue and Red

CLASS FLOWER
Daffodil

CLASS QUOTE
"They had high hopes for us."

CLASS SONG
Good Old Days by Macklemore

GRADUATION INFORMATION
There are no spectator limits for graduation. Graduation will be live streamed via the school YouTube account, MLWR Athletics.
The ceremony is Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m.



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GRC golf meet at Bulrush Golf Course



EAST CENTRAL COACH RODERICKSON | SUBMITTED

Boys' All-Conference players for the Great River Conference were chosen after their last regular season meet at Bulrush Golf Course in Rush City.

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On Thursday, May 20, the Great River Conference boys' golf meet was held at Bulrush Golf Course in Rush City. The Pine City team won first with 378 points, second place finisher was Braham 390 points, East Central was third with 395, Hinckley-Finlayson 398 and Barnum 426. Moose Lake Willow River, Rush City and Mille Lacs didn't have enough team members to qualify. East Central's Wesley

Watrin was the medalist for the second meet in a row with a meet low score of 81.

In the final overall conference standings for the season, Pine City won the conference championship with 40 team points. East Central finished second with 28 team points. Braham was third with 26 team points. Section 7A tournament play began Tuesday, May 25, at the Virginia Golf Course.

MLWR:
Dawson Mortensen 107
Adam Neumann 120

MLWR defeats Rush City



MARY ELLEN DEWEY | SUBMITTED

Senior Carter Johnson was lead-off batter for Moose Lake/Willow River in their 13-8 victory over Rush City.

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Moose Lake Willow River's baseball team defeated Rush City 13-8 on Wednesday at Moose Lake. On Friday, May 21, the Mora Mustangs were in Moose Lake for baseball taking a late lead from the Rebels 15-6. All the Rebel players were back from the COVID-19 isolation.

Rush City started out the game scoring two runs in the top of the first inning and three runs in the top of the third. The Rebels answered with three runs in the bottom of the third. Logan Orvedahl's sacrifice fly scored one run, Mason Olson singled on the first pitched of the bat, scoring one run, and Sam Dewey doubled on the first pitch of the bat, scoring one run. MLWR took the lead for good, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the fifth and three runs in the sixth.

Henry Ribich went 4-for-5 at the plate. He singled in the third, singled in the fourth, singled in the fifth and doubled in the sixth. Sam Dewey doubled in the third and fifth inning, and singled in the seventh. Ribich and Sam Dewey each had 5 total bases gained through hits, Carter Johnson and Olson had 3, Reese Bode, Orve-

dahl, Ritchie Balute, and Caden Privette each hit for one base. The Rebels left eight base runners on the bag.

Olson started out on the mound, pitching three innings, allowing four hits and five runs, striking out five. Bode pitched the Rebels to victory, in the next three innings, striking out three, allowing one hit and zero runs, walking zero. Tyler Juhl threw the last inning in relief.

The Rebels racked up 17 hits. Johnson and Ribich each led in stolen bases with three of Rebels' eight stolen bases. Final score was Rebels 13, Rush City Tigers 8.

MLWR lost the lead late in a 15-6 defeat to Mora on Friday, May 21. The game was tied at six in the top of the fifth, when Mora drew a walk scoring one run. Even though MLWR lost, they collected seven hits in this high scoring game. Mora had 12 hits to win the game.

The Rebels scored four runs in the first inning on three hits, two runs in the second, holding Mora scoreless until the third. Top of the third Mora scored six runs to tie-up the game. MLWR was held scoreless the rest of the game.

Johnson and Orvedahl each had two hits against Mora.

Orvedahl got the loss for MLWR, going four innings, allowing six hits and ten runs, while striking out three. Bode finished up the last three innings walking five, striking out four, and allowing six hits, and five runs.

The last regular season game will be at Proctor on Thursday, May 27, at 4:30. Proctor's overall record is 9 wins and 8 losses. Proctor is also in Section 7AA. Section 7AA playoffs will follow in June.

MLWR defeats Esko, Crosby-Ironton, Duluth East, and Robbinsdale-Cooper

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Moose Lake Willow River's softball team defeated Crosby-Ironton 12-2 on Monday, May 10. The next day, May 11, they were up at Esko's field and won that contest 6-3. On Monday, May 17, they played a double header against Duluth East at the Willow River Softball Field winning 9-0 and 7-0. Tuesday, May 18, the players were guests at Robbinsdale Cooper and MLWR won in five innings 12-2.

Gabby Gamst hit a homerun at the Willow River Softball Fields against Crosby-Ironton in the six-inning game. The winning pitcher,

Alexis Hoffman, pitched all six innings, allowing 2 runs (1 earned), 1 homerun, while striking out 8. Sarah Christy went 2-for-3 at the plate scoring 2 runs. Megan Hattenberger got 1 hit, walked 3 times and scored 3 runs. Game ended when the Rebels 10-runned Crosby-Ironton 12-2.

At Eskomos's softball field the next day, winning pitcher Christy, pitched all 7 innings, striking out 8, walking 7 batters, and allowing 3 earned runs. Christ was 3-for-3 at the plate, batting in 2 runs. Sandra Ribich went 2-for-3. Gamst only got 1 hit in her four plate appearances, but it was a homerun. Natalie Mikrot scored 2 runs and

had 2 stolen bases. Final score was Rebels 6, Esko 3.

Duluth East lost twice in Willow River to the Rebels last Monday. Christy pitched the seven innings in the first game, striking out 9 East hitters, allowing 5 hits, no walks or runs. Hallie Klavu got 2 hits in 4 plate appearance, batting in 2 runs. Maci Kukuk and Lily Kahara faced the pitcher 3 times, getting two hits each. Mikrot batted in 2 runs. Klavu, Kukuk, and Kahara each had 2 stolen bases. Rebels won 9-0 in seven innings.

In the second game against Duluth East, Hoffman was on the rubber for the seven innings, striking out 7, walking

1. Kukuk was 2-for-4 scoring 2 runs. Klavu got credit for 2 runs batted in. Rebels won 7-0 in 7 innings.

The next day, the team bused to New Hope, Minn. to play at the Robbinsdale Cooper High School. The Rebels took care of business, winning 12-2 in five innings. Hoffman took the mound, striking out 5, walking 3, and allowed 2 runs. Kukuk was at the plate 4 times, getting 3 hits. Mikrot, Klavu, Christy Janna Bode, and Kahara got 2 hits.

On Thursday, May 27, MLWR will host Silver Bay for their last regular season game in Willow River at 4:00 p.m. Playoffs will start in June.

MOOSE LAKE AND BARNUM AREA EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 27:

MLWR Softball Varsity vs. Silver Bay @ Willow River Softball Field 4:00 p.m.

MLWR Baseball Varsity vs. Proctor @ Proctor's Terry Egerdahl Memorial Field 4:30 p.m.

MLWR Softball JV vs. Silver Bay @ Willow River Softball Field 5:30 p.m.

MLWR Baseball JV vs. Proctor @ Proctor's

Terry Egerdahl Memorial Field 6:30 p.m.

Barnum Baseball Varsity vs. Esko @ Barnum's RJM Park 4:30 p.m. (rescheduled from 4-19-2021)

Barnum Softball Varsity vs. Cherry @ Barnum's RJM Park 4:30 p.m. (rescheduled from 04-12-2021)

Barnum Softball JV vs. Cherry @ Barnum's RJM Park 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1:

MLWR Section 7A Golf Tournament at Virginia Golf Course in Virginia, Minn.

MLWR Track and Field Varsity Sectional Tournament date and time TBD

Softball and Baseball Playoffs dates and times TBD

DNR: Conservation Officers check in

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• Conservation Officer Ben Karon, working out of Pine City, said he spent time this week checking anglers and boaters on ATV patrol, wetland violation investigations, and miscellaneous animal-related calls. He helped address problems in the Snake River Campground and conducted patrols within the campground.

• Conservation Officer Dustie Speldrich, working out of Willow River, said she attended TEP panel site visits for two potential Wetland Con-

servation Act violations. She checked boaters for invasive species and handled nuisance-animal complaints. Speldrich also followed up on ongoing cases and assisted the Moose Lake Police Department with a disturbance call.

Conservation officers also mourned the loss of one of their colleagues, after Officer Sarah Grell, 39, who was stationed in Grand Rapids, died in the line of duty following a two-vehicle crash Monday, May 24. Grell leaves behind a husband and three children. She served as a conservation

officer since 2005 and was described as having a deeply held dedication to serving Minnesota's people and natural resources. She was part of a proud family legacy – her uncle, father and grandfather also worked as conservation officers. Her husband Gene works for DNR's Forestry Division and her mother worked for DNR Fisheries until her retirement.

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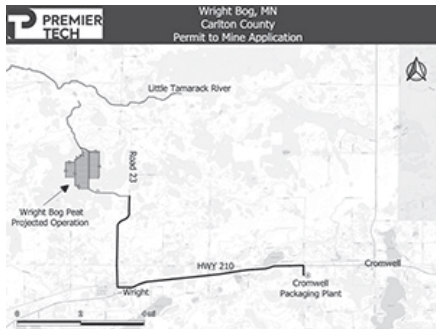
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The Carlton County Transportation Department will receive bids for the following project(s): COG Fuel System Relocation: MnDOT Project No: SP 0902-65. Sealed bids will be received for the Cloquet-Carlton Airport at the County Engineer's Office, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, MN 55718 until 1:00 PM CST on Monday, June 7, 2021. The Plans and Specifications are available at the Duluth office of RS&H, Inc. Please visit the Carlton County website (www.co.carlton.mn.us) for full advertisement for bid.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION - PERMIT TO MINE



In accordance with Minnesota's Mineland Reclamation Act (M.S. 93.44-93.51) and the Minnesota Peat Mineland Reclamation Rules Chapter 6131, notice is hereby given that Premier Horticulture, Inc. (Premier), 1320 Kalli Rd. Cromwell, MN has applied for a Permit to Mine.

Premier proposes to develop the Wright Bog, located in the Carlton County, by constructing a new horticultural peat harvesting facility located approximately 3 miles west of their existing Black Lake Bog (Peatrex) horticultural peat harvesting operation. The project would secure a continuous supply of Sphagnum moss peat to its existing processing plant located west of Cromwell

in Carlton County, Minnesota. The proposed development areas would be cleared and ditched, with drainage water conveyed through the ditch system, sedimentation basins, and the north drainage ditch eventually discharging into the Little Tamarack River. The company plans to develop a total of 316.4 acres that includes 255.2 acres of peat harvesting areas, 5.7 acres for a drainage ditch north of the site, 5.1 acres for sedimentation basins, 2.7 acres for access roads within the harvesting area,

2.4 acres for an access road to the harvesting area, 15.6 acres for peat stockpiles within the harvest area, 2.0 acres for an equipment yard, and 28.0 acres for a restoration donor site. Storm water will be treated through 4 sediment basins to remove suspended solids from the discharge water.

The development would occur on both private and state administered land (i.e. state lease). Production on the proposed site is estimated to begin in 2021 and end in 2046. Progressive restoration of the site will occur between 2033 and 2049. The permit application is on file and may be reviewed by appointment at the Premier Horticulture, Inc.

office in Cromwell, MN, or at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals office in Hibbing and in St. Paul at the addresses shown below.

MDNR Division of Lands and Mineral
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1525 3rd Avenue East
500 Lafayette Road
Hibbing, MN 55746
St. Paul, MN 55155

Appointments at the DNR can be made by calling 651-259-5959. Any person owning property which will be affected by the proposed operation or any federal, state or local government agency having responsibilities affected by the proposed operation may file written objections as to the proposed application. All objections may be submitted to the Commissioner of Natural Resources, c/o MDNR Division of Lands and Mineral, 1525 3rd Avenue East, Hibbing, MN no later than 2:30 pm on Monday July 12, 2021.

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SIGNED BY: Brent W. Malvick

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

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

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

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CARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2021

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

Present: Brenner, Bodie, Proulx, Thell, and Peterson. Absent: None

The County Auditor/Treasurer stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related peace-time emergency declaration an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent and declared that necessary conditions were met for remote participation.

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

Thell by Peterson all ye, to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2021, Adjourned Board Meeting.

County Land Commissioner presented information on the land repurchase process.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, to approve the issuance of Recycling Facility licenses. Thell by Brenner all ye, to approve the issuance of garbage hauler licenses for mixed municipal solid waste, demolition waste and recycling.

Peterson by Thell all ye, to approve the exchange of tax-forfeited lands within the Soc Pits and a Public Hearing for Exchange will be held on June 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the Transportation Building.

Brenner by Peterson all ye, to approve State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1046659

Brenner by Peterson all ye, votes to approve the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1046856.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, votes to approve the \$4,500 2021 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County.

Brenner by Peterson all ye, to approve the \$8,040 2020 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County.

Brenner by Thell all ye, to approve the \$87,000 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County.

Brenner by Bodie all ye, to approve the \$12,352 2020 Emergency Management Performance COVID-19 Supplemental Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County.

Brenner by Thell all ye, votes to approve the Kettle & Upper St. Croix Watershed Memorandum of Agreement between Carlton and Pine Counties and appointment of Commissioner Peterson to the Kettle & Upper St. Croix Watershed One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee.

Peterson by Brenner all ye, votes to approve an Information Technology Office reorganization.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, votes to accept staff recommendation and approve a pay increase and retitle GIS Tech as GIS Specialist.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, votes except Proulx who voted nay to approve the Performance Review Policy.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, to set a closed meeting to discuss union negotiations at the end of regular business.

Thell by Peterson all ye, to approve setting a Public Hearing on May 24, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the County Transportation Building to hear public input on a proposed Carlton County Parking Ordinance.

Brenner by Bodie all ye, to approve the appointment of Kevin DeVriendt as County Auditor/Treasurer effective May 11, 2021.

Brenner by Bodie all ye except Proulx who voted nay, to accept Human Resources staff recommendation of Grade 250 Step 4 as the Auditor/Treasurer starting salary.

Brenner by Peterson all ye, to approve refilling the Accountant position in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Thell by Brenner all ye except Proulx who voted nay, to approve filling the Intermittent Election Clerk position.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, to approve a contract with Klein McCarthy Architects for Phase One Pre-Design architecture and Engineering Services for the proposed Jail/Justice Center Project.

Brenner by Thell all ye, to authorize a Citizens Advisory Committee.

Kevin DeVriendt was given the Oath of Office as newly-appointed Auditor/Treasurer by Commissioner Peterson.

Brenner by Bodie all ye, to adjourn to a closed session to discuss union matters.

Bodie by Brenner all ye, to close the closed session and return to the regular meeting.

Brenner by Thell all ye except Peterson who voted nay, to authorize ratification of the 2021 labor contract and Memorandums of Agreement with the Carlton County Minnesota Public Employees Association (MNPEA) unit.

Brenner by Thell all ye, to authorize ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Carlton County International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local #48 unit.

Peterson by Bodie all ye, to authorize ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Carlton County Teachers unit.

Brenner by Peterson all ye, to close this meeting be adjourned.

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WRIGHT-CROMWELL NEWS: Celebrating Memorial Day in our area

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Many family and friends attended the Memorial gathering at the Floodwood Fair Building

for David Alan Tveit, 68, of Floodwood who passed away unexpectedly on March 14, 2021. The memories and music shared was inspirational and Dave will be deeply missed.

The Floodwood VFW Post 8299 will be at the Wright Park for Memorial Day Services on May 31, at 8 AM to honor our Veterans. This year Wes Heikkila will be the honored Veteran as he

passed away on June 25, 2020, and his Inurnment was on July 15, 2020 at the Prairie Lake cemetery. Bring your American Flags and wear Red, White and Blue!

I also see that the Veteran's Memorial in the Wright Park is being restored to its original condition. This has been a very sad sight for the past few months but is now going to the tribute that it should be.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday May 31. The last day of school at Cromwell-Wright is on June 2 with graduation on May 28 at 7 p.m.

The Cromwell Wright School Choir and Band Concerts were held last week. They both were really great. MaryRose Varo was not able to attend and direct the choirs due to a COVID exposure, but her students were so well prepared that they pulled off the concert with some help of Band Director; Drew Morrisette and teacher; Carol Scharnberg. Extra help was provided by Terry Sawdy, Aurora Gervais for getting them online,

and to Katherine Libbon, Alaina Lind and Andrea Pocernich for pitching in to help direct and coordinate the many details involved. Ann Markusen accompanied several selections on the piano. Because of them, the show did go on!

You have probably noticed that the hummingbirds are back? And with that in mind you can make your own hummingbird juice by simply putting 1 part sugar into 4 parts of boiled water. Stir until all the sugar is dissolved and water is cooled enough to put into the feeders. Boiling removes any impurities in your water. There is no need for red dye and it is recommended not to use it at all. The red colors on your feeders are enough to attract the hummingbirds. Now sit back and enjoy watching them. The more feeders you put out, the more birds will be attracted.

Community Little Lending Library- Don't forget to check out the Little Lending Library at the Cromwell Medical Clinic. See a book you like? Borrow it. Have a

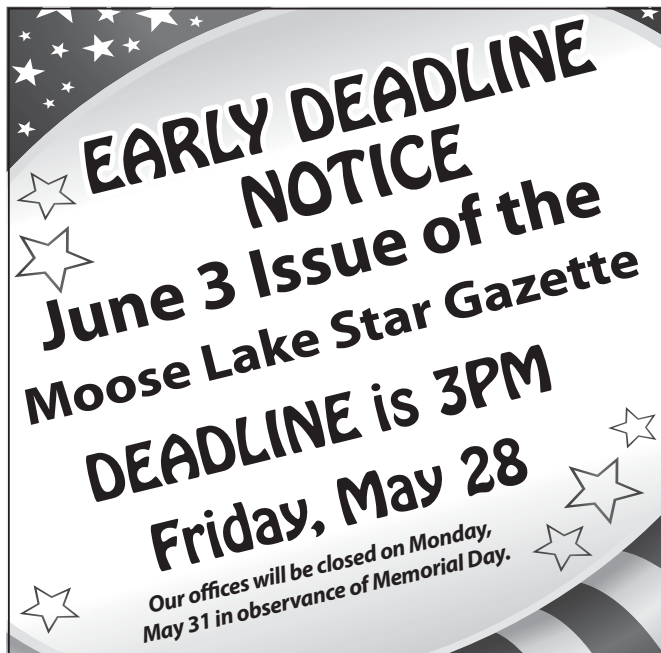
book to share? Leave it in the library. Please do not leave books if they do not fit in the box.

The Cromwell Area Community Club is happy to announce that the Harvest Festival is on for Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12! We have been working hard to make this a good one! If you have ideas, or would like to volunteer to help out in some way or another, and keep our tradition alive, please contact Lynn by calling or texting her at 218-644-3544. Leave a message if no answer please.

We wish Aurelia Hemmilla a very Happy Belated 90th Birthday, which was on May 18th! Have a great year! Cards and notes can be sent to her at 22027 - 420th St. # 6, McGregor, MN 55760.

Remember to Honor all our Veterans on Memorial Day who gave their lives for the cause of Freedom here in America and all around the world!

That's all the news from the Edge of Wright! Remember you can send me your news at jkh-4president@hotmail.com or call at 218-357-2385.





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Moose Lake High School celebrates prom

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

ORDINANCE: 61 this summer

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are working at putting a road and parking on her property but are hampered by lack of funding. It is unknown when the site improvements will be completed.

Sheriff Kelly Lake said that the ordinance is tailored after several in other Minnesota counties. She noted that Aitkin County has had one in place since 1978 and has not had to enforce it.

The full text of the ordinance has been posted on the County website but has not been published in full in the local papers. After the hearing the County Board reconvened and passed the ordinance unanimously.

Commissioner Gary Peterson did note during Board deliberations that the ordinance was open to a wide interpretation. He asked what would stop a disgruntled neighbor from complaining to neighbors about a graduation party, auction sale, or a family reunion where excess parking fills the sides of the roadway.

Commissioner Dick Brenner countered that

the ordinance can be reassessed at any time by the Board.

As spelled out in the parking ordinance, County Attorney Lauri Ketola did state that enforcement would not occur until first the County Engineer ordered the area posted with signs.

The ordinance cannot go into effect until the ordinance is legally posted in the local papers which would take at least two weeks.

In other County news: The County Board passed a resolution ending pandemic restrictions for County activities as of May 31. Masks are not required and the room capacity has returned to pre-pandemic levels. Meetings will still be live streamed for public informational needs.

About a half dozen people that live by the Brookston Road complained about the condition of a section of that road which at present is graveled but is scheduled next year to be upgraded and paved. Wash board stretches, speeding, and clouds of dust are of a concern.

Commissioner Dick

Brenner reported via phone the next morning that the County Highway Department has been there already and plans are to bring gravel in, blade, and water the roadway for this summer.

Factors aggravating the present road condition are: A difficult spring breakup in which frost is slow to leave the roadbed, the Fond Du Lac Band is drilling a well and installing pipe in the vicinity, and truck traffic uses the road summer and winter for wood trucks and freight haulers to avoid the scales on the junction of Hwy. 2 and 33.

A Carlton County resolution defining County Board authority beyond the power of the US Constitution and the Minnesota Constitution was passed unanimously. It states that the County Board will not get involved in partisan political matters that do not have a direct effect on the budget, policies, ordinances or laws of Carlton County. As an example, no proclamations or resolutions will be issued for matters of political or ideological controversy.

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