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ATV certification keeps Carlton County youth safe on trails

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The Carlton County Riders (CCR) hosted a Youth All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Certification class Saturday, April 17 at the Barnum Fire Department. The CCR provided a free helmet and goggles to each of the 24 participating youth through their Lids 4 Kids program, said Eric Senarighi, club president.

Parents are required to attend the event with their child so they are aware of what they learn, said Roxy Olsen-Hurst, Barnum Community Ed director. Community Ed provided snacks for the event as well as advertised the event last year before everything closed due to the pandemic, including the certification class.

Jennifer Wright, Sturgeon Lake, attended with her two daughters. Her daughter, Jacinda, 16, said she learned how to drive an ATV on the family's property when she was young. She said she is comfortable driving an ATV, but is required to take the class to receive her certification.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resource Conservation Officer Scott Staples spoke



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Jacinda Wright, 16, drives over an obstacle during the ATV certification event in Barnum.

to parents and kids during the classroom portion of the event. He said laws change every year and residents should check the state website in order to stay updated. He also praised Senarighi and the CCR for the work they do on the trails in Carlton County.

Senarighi said they are tentatively planning a fall certification class. Anyone interested can check the Carlton County Riders Club Facebook page or the website for updates.



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Carlton County Rider volunteers help size helmets for their Lids 4 Kids program at the ATV class in Barnum. More photos from this event can be found on page 12.

Jail/Justice Center shaping up to be most intensive project since 1922

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It is now apparent that the construction of a new Jail/Justice Center will be the most significant Carlton County project since the Courthouse was built in 1922. County Coordinator Dennis Genereau related that one of the candidates for a new Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer position shared that observation during the job interviews earlier in the day before the Carlton County Board Adjourned Session on April 26.

With that as a backdrop, Genereau requested permission from the County Board to study the costs, strengths, and possibilities of a new complex being built next to the Transportation Building. In the near future with electricity and sewer already available at the site, the new Twin Lakes waterline from Carlton will soon make the last necessary service a reality.

"It was quite evident from the last Jail Study Committee of the Whole meeting on

April 19 that the site next to the Transportation Building was being considered by the County Board," Genereau commented via a phone call, "but there were a lot of questions to which we needed to find answers. Verification is the key to know whether the Courthouse parking lot or the Transportation Building site should be chosen."

Core borings of the possible building site are needed to see if a large building could be built cost-effectively on the Transportation Building site. More road traffic and its impact on current traffic flow toward and into Hwy 210 needs to be studied.

The site next to the Transportation Building is covered with an evergreen forest. Trees would be removed for a building site, parking and access roads, but the rest of the trees would become a "green space." A potential Justice Center there would use some of the trees as a natural buffer much like the Fond Du Lac Tribal Community College uses the trees to enhance its beauty.

The Carlton Junction area

encompassing the Casino, the fuel and truck service area, the hotels, Olsonville, and the current Transportation Building area were a site of gravel and sand deposits left from receding glaciers 10,000 years ago. The building of the Northern Pacific Railroad starting in 1869 used train loads of material from that site to build a railroad bed to the west, hauling away the high sand and gravel hills. The present landscape was left, creating large areas of flat, well drained land to develop.

With a motion by Bodie and a second by Brenner the County Board unanimously approved a fact-finding mission for the viability of the Transportation Building site to hopefully bring back some answers by the next Jail Study COW Meeting on May 17.

County Coordinator Genereau added that a lot of work will have to be done to complete manuals on how to maintain the new complex so that it would look like new in 30 years.

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State launches direct scheduling for vaccination

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Pine County residents can now use the Vaccine Connector to directly schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the state's Community Vaccination Program locations.

Minnesotans can visit VaccineConnector.mn.gov to directly schedule appointments at Community Vaccination locations around the state. If all appointments are full, Minnesotans can also sign up to be informed when they are able to book a Community Vaccination Program appointment and be notified about other vaccination opportunities near them.

Community Vaccination Program locations are strategically located around the state. There are currently locations in Saint Paul, Bloomington, Oakdale, Mankato, Duluth, Rochester, Lino Lakes and St. Cloud.

Minnesota continues to lead the nation and make strong progress vaccinating everyone 16 years of age and older. The state has now administered more than 4 million doses to nearly 2.5 million Minnesotans. More than 56% of Minnesotans 16+ and 85% of adults 65+ have received at least one

dose.

How Minnesotans Can Get Their Shot:

- Make an appointment through the Vaccine Connector at one of the state's COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program locations: <https://mn.gov/vaccineconnector>.
- Call 833-431-2053 Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sat, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Use the state's Vaccine Finder Map to find the closest vaccine provider: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp>.
- Contact their primary health care provider or a local pharmacy.

Employers may also reach out with information about vaccination opportunities.

How Minnesotans Can Get a COVID-19 Test at No Cost:

- Walk in or schedule an appointment for a test at one of the state's community testing sites across Minnesota: <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>.
- Order a test through the state's at-home COVID-19 testing program: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>



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CARLTON COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:
3,350

New cases last week: 42

Positive cases

incarcerated at MSOP in

Moose Lake: 0

Barnum cases: 259

Moose Lake cases: 436

Deaths: 52

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 18,884

People who have

completed the vaccine

series: 15,136

Register to receive a vaccine
through <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>

Contact the Carlton County
COVID-19 Hotline at (218)
499-6312.

Statistics provided by Carlton
County Public Health and Minnesota
Public Health. Updated April 22.

Visit the Moose Lake
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www.mlstargazette.com

PINE COUNTY
COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:
3,177

New cases last week: 50

Positive cases

incarcerated at Willow

River: 0

Positive cases

incarcerated at FCI

Sandstone: 652

Age range of patients:

0-98 years old

Deaths: 21

People with at least one

vaccine dose: 9,415

Percentage of residents

vaccinated: 39%

Register to receive a vaccine
through <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>

Contact the Pine County
COVID-19 Hotline at 320-
591-1690 or public.health@co.pine.mn.us

Statistics provided by Pine County
Public Health and Minnesota Public
Health. Updated April 26.

Moose Lake School looks to expand
outdoor programs in school forest

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Moose Lake School Board is looking forward to a season of fun in the summer sun.

Vicki Radzak, Moose Lake Community Education Coordinator, presented several upcoming plans for outdoor projects. Many of these projects are in the early planning phases. A majority of the presentation and discussion was how the school could create more usable spaces within the School Forest for students and the community. Interns working with Radzak are working on wayfinding signage for the forest, and there are plans to improve trails to make them more accessible. In addition a memorial bench for the late Sarah Haas was discussed. The Facilities Committee plans to meet to get these ideas rolling.

The school is using Camp Miller for swimming with Age to Age. A notable shortage of lifeguards at other locations is being felt. Inclement weather will cause changes in the planned Age to Age swimming schedule.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources awarded Moose Lake school a grant of \$500 to create an outdoor classroom space in the School Forest. Moose Lake Township was also recognized by the board for their donation of \$5,000 to the Summer Recreation Program.

The school is purchasing a minibus for \$3,000. This vehicle has two years left on the lifespan of usability for the school. According to Superintendent Billie Joe Steen ten students, or eight students and one wheel chair can be transported with this vehicle. Steen

also reported that drivers of this specific minibus do not need to have a Commercial Driver's License and will help to alleviate some of the bus driver shortage issues.

At the Barnum, Moose Lake, Willow River co-operative meeting a presentation on the co-operative busing agreement between Barnum and Moose Lake was given. According to Moose Lake School Board members present the Willow River Board members were interested in looking into the possibility of joining into the agreement because of the significant savings shown.

OTHER NEWS

- The Parent Teacher Association successfully raised approximately \$6,000 with their Read-a-thon. These funds will be used to purchase school

supplies for all students in pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

- A resolution discontinuing the Groundskeeper position was passed by the board. This position was discussed with the grounds crew and determined to be unnecessary with current funding concerns.
- The board unanimously approved the mediated settlement between the school district and Casper Construction, Architectural Resources, Inc., Benchmark Engineering and The Boldt Company. This is the final pending action on the construction of the new school building.

Council continues goal of protecting the pipes

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For the first winter in a long time, no residents had their water pipes completely freeze in Moose Lake according to Public Works Superintendent Phill Etnier. Several residents were asked to keep water running to prevent

freezing and a few pipes did freeze, but nothing compared to previous years.

Moose Lake City Council has been working on improving and maintaining city water and sewer services with several ongoing projects.

2021 SEWER LINING PROJECT

The city lined sewer pipes that were identified as critically inefficient last year. This project coats and strengthens existing pipes to prevent leaking and breakage. At the April council meeting a bid for 500 feet of lining plus an additional 250 feet lining to the next manhole was approved by the council.

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Historical Reflections



This week's history photo:

Do you recognize anyone in this photo?

Answer to the history photo from the previous edition:

Moose Lake Florists shows off the latest addition to their business in the April 16, 1981 edition of the Moose Lake Star-Gazette. This was one of many updates dating back to 1944.

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CARLTON COUNTY JAIL: Planning continues

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The Minnesota Legislature is in the process of giving Carlton County the power to levy a ½ % sales tax, after a local referendum at the General Election in 2022, to fund the jail project. The MN Department of Corrections has notified Carlton County that the current jail will be forced to close in the middle of 2023 unless a new jail is well on its way to completion.

In other County news: A final agreement was passed by the County

Board to unanimously approve a reorganization of the Extension office in Carlton County and hire an Agriculture Program Coordinator and an Extension office support staff worker, each to work 24 hours a week (6 FTE) at a maximum cost of about \$53,000 or less depending on when the new staff can be hired.

The local Extension Committee will work to rebuild the programs offered with close guidance by Minnesota Extension regional staff. Work has started on the budget for the 2022 fiscal

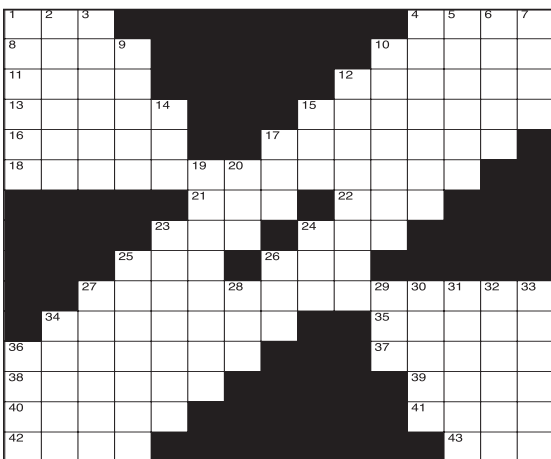
year.

The MN DOT was given permission to house three DOT trucks for the next year at \$1750/month at the Barnum garage while a new DOT shop is being constructed at Moose Lake.

Land Commissioner Greg Bernu was given permission to renew two Agricultural, one billboard, and one fiber optic leases at the same rates and renew hunting cabin leases with a \$25 increase on each lease.

Chairman Proulx and Commissioner Brenner were appointed to be the

Commissioner representatives to a joint meeting with the Fond Du Lac Tribal Council members and hosted by Carlton County. Issues to be discussed center around: road speeds within tribal lands, sale of possible tax forfeit property, programming needs for Native Americans at the new Jail complex, and (on a suggestion from Commissioner Peterson) explore the possibility of getting the ½ % sales tax levied on hotel and restaurant sales at the Casino to bolster the County's road revenues.



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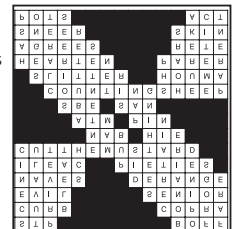
- Engine additive
- A hearty laugh
- Restrain
- Dried coconut kernels
- Nefarious
- Elderly
- Central part of a church building
- Throw into confusion
- Intestinal
- Qualities of being religious
- Live up to a standard
- Seize
- Go quickly
- Automated teller machine
- Bowling necessity

- One point east of due south
- Polynesian honorific
- A way to induce sleep
- Makes cash register rolls
- A city in S Louisiana
- Make more cheerful
- Manicurist
- Consents
- Network of nerves
- Mocking smile
- It covers the body
- Partner to pans
- Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

- Beautiful
- Polynesian island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Self-governing Netherlands territory
- Shared one's view
- Tailless amphibians
- Charge passengers must pay
- Sound sheep make
- Known for sure
- Filled with unexpressed anger
- Student (abbr.)
- Criticize
- Gathering place
- Informal alliances

- One's mother (British)
- Landholder
- Peter's last name
- Parties
- Title of respect
- Red wine
- Pearl Jam's debut
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Frosts
- Cry of joy
- Induces vomiting
- Mother or father
- Dal
- Musical navigation marker
- Door



OBITUARIES

William Zellmann

William Zellmann, 95, Princeton, Minn., formerly of Moose Lake and Norwood, peacefully passed away on April 16, 2021 at the Princeton Elim Home. Bill was born on August 10, 1925 in Camden Township, Carver Co. to Otto and Della Zellmann. He was raised in Norwood and he also lived in Moose Lake, Peoria Ariz. and Princeton.



Bill graduated from Central High School in 1943 and enlisted in the Navy during WWII right before his 18th birthday and was discharged in 1947. He married Lucille Stender on April 27, 1947. He worked for his father at The Big Store until he took a job at Glencoe Municipal Hospital as a surgical technician and later appointed assistant administrator

in 1960. He accepted a position of administrator at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake in 1963. Lucille passed away in 1975. He married DeeAnn Jaros in 1978. Bill and DeeAnn purchased a winter home in Ariz. in 1994. She passed away in 2007. He moved to Princeton, Minn. in 2013 to be closer to his family. Bill was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minn.

Bill held many leadership positions in Moose Lake and the state of MN: Chairperson of the Minnesota Board of Hospital Administrators, Chairperson of District B, BC/BS Board of Directors, and President of the Midwest Hospital Conference. He was a proud member of the American Legion for over 70 years. He retired in 1989 as administrator of Mercy Hospital.

Bill had many interests: He was a member of the Moose Lake and Westbrook Golf Clubs, and had four holes in one with the last one being on his 80th birthday. He was a founder of the North 400 Club since the 50's, where he went deer hunting each fall. Bill

was a player and manager of the Norwood baseball team and a fireman and chief of the Norwood Fire Department. He was an avid fisherman always seeking out those big sunnies.

Bill was preceded in death by wives: Lucille (1975) and DeeAnn (2007), parents: Otto and Della Zellmann; grandson: David Zellmann; sister Jean Mueller; nephews: Robert L. Zellmann, Dr. William Kloempken; and other family members.

Bill will be remembered by his loving children: Vicky (Rodney) Anderson, William R. (Cindy) Zellmann, Jacqlyn (Greg) Pijahn, and Jon (Angela) Zellmann; Grandchildren and great grandchildren: Jenny (Doug) VanMeter - Caleb and Colton; Troy (Amy) Anderson - Ted and Alice; Josh (Kelly) Zellmann - William, Charlie and Jack; Paul (Angela) Anderson - Carter and Austin; Jeremy (Caitlin) Zellmann - Levi and Rory; Lu Schwochert - Avery and Jeremy; Jon (Candy) Schwochert; Jordan (Jason) Schrupp - Jayden and Jaxon; Nolan (Alyssa) Zellmann - Reid, Cari Zellmann; Brother: Robert (JoAnn) Zellmann; Step children: Jodi Jaros and Janelle (Dusty) Cooper and step grandchildren and great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill loved being with his family, whether golfing, fishing, hunting, playing cards or just sharing the good old times. He enjoyed being with his many friends and so often said how thankful he was and what a wonderful world we live in. Bill was a leader who would often say to people, "I'll tell you what we're going to do!"

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from noon until the 2 p.m. Memorial Service in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 401 8th Ave., Princeton. Inurnment with Military Honors will be on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The funeral will be live on Immanuel Lutheran Church's Facebook page and also refer to www.hhkfuneralhome for more details. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed with masks required.

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

Mildred Butkiewicz Currie

Mildred Butkiewicz Currie is unforgettable. First, you may have noticed her red hair, then you were taken in by her smile, usually adorned with bright lipstick. She passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2021 in Benedictine Marywood Assisted Living in Duluth.



Millie was born on the family farm on February 4, 1924 to John and Elizabeth (Mikrot) Butkiewicz, the second of nine children. She attended a one-room school through 8th grade and then Moose Lake High School, graduating in 1940. She furthered her education at Duluth Business School specializing in accounting.

Over the years, she lived in many places and held many interesting jobs, including employment at Chung King (Duluth, Minn.), Baton Rouge Trade School (Baton Rouge, La.), Continental Oil (Wrenshall, Minn.), and the Duluth Arena & Auditorium. Eventually, Millie settled in Florida, where she lived at Mar-a-Lago for four winters, working for then-owner Marjorie Merriweather Post (of Post Cereals). Her last job was at the University of Florida where she remained until her retirement in 2007.

Millie loved to travel. She crossed the Atlantic by ship. She visited Europe and stayed in hostels. She traveled twice to Bolivia to visit her brother. She took a pilgrimage to Poland. As she traveled the world, she was always also planning her next return trip back to Minnesota.

Millie married Allan Currie on May 25, 1972 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lantana, Fla. Millie was an excellent hostess. She and Al welcomed many Minnesota friends and relatives who wanted a break in the Florida sunshine. Millie would get up at dawn to take her guests to watch the sun rise over the Atlantic coast and was happy to drive them to the local sites. She enjoyed settling into Florida but her heart was in Minnesota. She returned every summer for a month or more to see relatives and friends. Anyone who had the pleasure of getting

time with her was just as happy to see her as she was to see them.

Millie was the favorite aunt to many nieces and nephews, remembering birthdays and bringing back presents from her worldwide travels. She took them to operas at the Duluth Arena and used her connections to get two nieces tickets to see the Beatles in 1965. Millie took nieces and nephews on special trips by train, car and airplane. She took two young nephews on a day trip from Duluth to Minneapolis and back so they could experience their first airplane ride on the way there and their first train ride on the way back all on the same day.

Millie hosted many sleepovers, baking treats in an Easy Bake oven, providing indulgent bubble baths and giving first make-up lessons. When needed, she was willing to return a lonely child home in the middle of the night. She shared stories of her travels and adventures inspiring a new generation to follow in her footsteps.

After 40 years of marriage, Al died on August 18, 2012. Millie continued to enjoy her retirement in Florida for several more years before moving back to Minnesota in 2017.

Millie was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Leander Butkiewicz; and sisters, Florence Meger and Lorraine Serre.

She is survived by brothers, Louis Butkiewicz of Kettle River, Bernard (Alicia) Butkiewicz of Brooklyn, N.Y.; sisters, Theodora Hughes of Duluth, Louise (Richard) LeSavage of Apple Valley, and Phyllis (Gayle) Knutson of Amery, Wis.; and many, many special nieces and nephews who completed her life especially Mary Louise Monson for her attentive, loving care these past four years.

Services: A funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Moose Lake, Minn. Visitation will begin at noon and the rosary service will be at 1:15 p.m. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Split Rock Twp. Masks and social distancing will be required. At a later date when it is safe we will have a gathering of remembrance and fellowship in Millie's honor. The service can be viewed on the church's website: holyangelsmooselake.com. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

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.

April 29 from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Grocery Giveaway

The Lord's House Church International of McGregor invites you to a Grocery Giveaway on the last Friday of the Month (April 29) from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The church is located on the intersection of HWY 210 and 65 next to Subway.

Mondays in April 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 April from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wright Senior Club

The Wright Senior Club is opening again on Wednesdays at 1 - 4 p.m. All area folks are welcome to attend. Cribbage open on Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m.

May 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Cromwell Area Community Club Roadside Cleanup

Roadside cleanup was rescheduled from Saturday, April 24 to May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon - Volunteers are needed to help clean up CACC's two-mile Adopt-a-Highway stretch that runs along Highway 210 through Cromwell. Gather at the Gazebo in the park next to Northview Bank at 9 a.m. to pick up your vest and bags, and determine which section you will pick up.

May 5 at 6 p.m.

Cromwell Area Community Club New Member Mixer

New member recruitment mixer on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Cromwell Park Pavilion. Come and mingle with the CACC members to find out more about our community club. Look for a flyer in the mail with more details.

May 7 and May 8 from 8 a.m. to noon

Trash, Treasure, Craft and Bake Sale

The Barnum Senior Center will be hosting a Trash, Treasure, Craft and Bake sale at 3794 Main Street, Barnum from 8 a.m. to noon on May 7 and May 8. Masks and social distancing are required. Proceeds will go to building expense Thrivent Action Team project.

May 8 at 11 a.m.

St. Joseph Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

St. Joseph Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held May 8 at 11 a.m. at the church. Cemetery clean-up will follow with weather permitting. Donations will gladly be accepted. All members urged to attend.

May 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Split Rock Star Club Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Split Rock Star Club will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. Lunch/social time after the meeting. New members are welcomed. If interested and/or have questions, please call Ken at (218) 380-1867.

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 3 - Special of the Day, Dessert

Tuesday, May 4 - Minestrone Soup and Philly Sandwich, Fruit and Juice

Wednesday, May 5 - Chicken Pasta Salad, Veggies, Fruited Jell-O w/topping

Thursday, May 6 - Roast Beef Dinner, Banana Pudding Poke Cake

Friday, May 7 - French Toast & Sausage w/Warm Apples, Blueberry Fluff

Two for one

Feeling a bit like I deserved a treat, I decided to order myself lunch on Monday.

Thinking I would take advantage of the convenience of online ordering, I quickly picked out my food, placed the order, paid, and set a timer to let me know when I needed to head in and pick things up. This was all done with a smug satisfaction of having planned ahead and pride for once having remembered to actually take a break and eat lunch.

All of this was done while operating on autopilot I can clearly tell you after later review.

Now this week in the Star-Gazette office has been a bit of a doozy. I am temporarily filling in as a substitute editor at the Pine County Courier in Sandstone while still working up at the Moose Lake Star-Gazette. Which means two papers are getting planned and carefully pieced together by me (with a little help from my friends of course). My lunch was supposed to be my reward for working twice as hard and doing twice as much.

By the time my alarm went off I was ready to take a quick break to enjoy a nice meal. I arrived at the restaurant to pick up my food, and much to my horror it wasn't there.

I will admit at this point in the story I was a bit angry. I had taken a break from work that needed to be done to go get something to eat and it being missing was cutting into my break time. On a suggestion from the cashier, I reviewed my order and realized that somehow my food was waiting on me...in Sandstone.

After a moment to calm down, I promptly reordered the same food in person and paid in person. I gave my sister a call and let her know there was food waiting for her in Sandstone and to stop and pick it up. Not quite wanting to reveal my internet faux pas, I left out the fact that the food was really intended for me.

She kindly thanked me for lunch, but asked that next time I remember she doesn't like peppers.

The lesson this week it seems was that we all make mistakes and most importantly to double check your location while ordering online.

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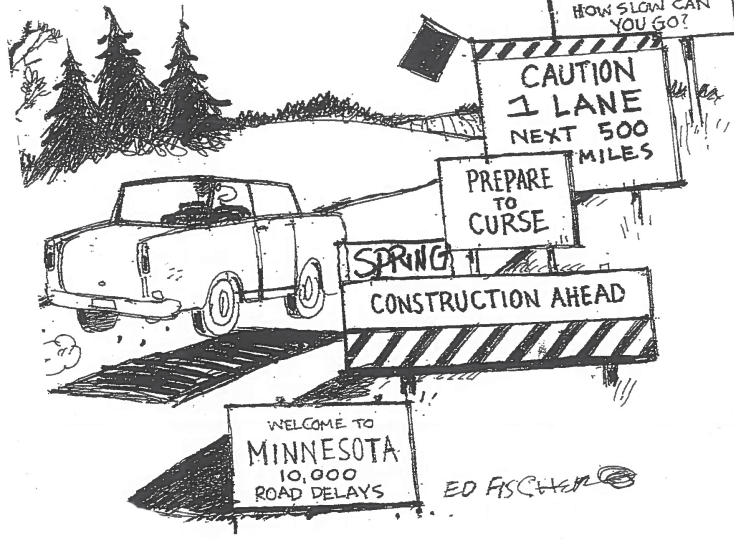
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Talking pandemic travel safety with U of M

As seasons change and people seek to shake off pandemic fatigue, many are looking to take a break and get away. Although places are starting to loosen restrictions, infectious disease experts say it is still important to take precautions while traveling to help reduce the impact of COVID-19.



Talking with the U of M

Jill Foster, MD.

Q: What should people consider if they're thinking about getting away?

Dr. Foster: There are two ends of the spectrum — you can either isolate yourself in your home and do nothing risky or you can just

throw caution to the wind and enjoy your vacation as if it were still 2019. Where you fall between those two extremes should be based on:

- medical/vulnerability aspects of the people traveling,
- the baseline level of COVID-19 in the community for all the geographies involved,
- whether or not you (and the other travelers going with you) are vaccinated
- and, your tolerance of risk and ability to creatively problem-solve around the risk.

People need to really think through whether or not putting vulnerable people at risk — older relatives, someone with diabetes, someone getting chemotherapy — is worth the potential of becoming ill. Especially with spring all around us, everyone is anxious to hit the road, but we're still not out of the pandemic yet. Numbers of cases are starting to rise again and the variant strains are concerning because they are transmitted more easily from person to person. I

encourage people, though, to think ahead — what do you think you will regret in the future from what you do now?

Q: Should I wait to book my next travel destination until I have been vaccinated or is it becoming more safe for unvaccinated people to travel since others have already been vaccinated?

Dr. Foster: Traveling without having been vaccinated is risky. Risk of acquiring COVID-19 is based on:

- how many people out there are spreading it,
- how effective the virus is at spreading
- and, how protected the individual is who is exposed to the virus.

With others being protected, you've reduced #1, but with new, fast-spreading variants becoming the predominant form, #2 is more of a factor. That leaves you with #3, which is how much you are protected. Without having received a

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WRIGHT-CROMWELL NEWS:

Number of spring activities expand

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After attending the quarterly Carlton County Health and Human Services Meeting on April 12, I learned about the COVID-19 response here in Carlton County. According to Dave Lee, 50% of residents have been vaccinated. And we need to get about 5,000 more residents to reach 70% vaccinations. So, if you haven't been vaccinated and want to get yours, please call the vaccination Minnesota Department of Health COVID 19 Public Hotline at 833-431-2053 or check on the vaccination website: vaccineconnector.mn.gov for more information.

I have had several requests for the YOT Senior Dances to resume, but Sharon Zelazny, Mayor of Cromwell, informed me that the City cannot allow dances at the Pavilion just yet. We may be seeing some changes in the current guidelines, but nothing new has changed about dances as of yet.

Beanie Randa, Manager of the Clothing Depot in Cromwell has informed me that they can no longer take pick-up loads of donations at this time. Their warehouse room is pretty full, but you can donate a limited number of bags or boxes of stuff on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thanks for your cooperation!

The Eagle Lake Cemetery annual meeting

will be held at the Sno-Gophers clubhouse on Monday, May 3, 7 p.m. The cemetery cleanup day will be decided at the meeting.

There will be an Extreme Team Youth Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Friday, May 7, serving from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Free will donation with dine-in, take-out, and even home delivery. Call 218-428-6733 for take-outs or delivery reservations.

Save the date: the 10th Annual Kaleb Anderson Memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place on July 3, 2021 at noon at the Cromwell Park and Pavilion.

High School Senior Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 5. Dinner will be served at 5:15 in the cafeteria and the ceremony will follow in the auditorium. Parents- Please send in \$5 for your dinner ticket. Seniors will eat free.

There will be a Cromwell-Wright School Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 27th from 10:00-5:30 at the Pavilion. If you are 16 years old or older, with parent consent and would like to donate blood, please see one of the Blood Drive students to sign up or see the nurse, Cheryl Metcalf at 218-644-3716 ext 4138.

The Cromwell-Wright 4th Graders held their Annual March Food Drive. This year students collected money rather than the traditional food donations. They had a goal of raising \$1,000 and

absolutely crushed it! They brought in a grand total of \$2,030.45, which was presented to the Tri-Community Food Shelf in Cromwell on Friday, March 26, 2021. Thank you to everyone in our school community that donated to this great cause.

The Cromwell Wright High School Graduates will be honored at Bethany Lutheran on Sunday, May 23 at the 10:30 a.m. service, and at Bethlehem at 9 a.m. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gowns.

A Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will take place at Bethany Lutheran on Saturday, May 1st starting at 8 a.m. All area men are welcome to attend.

A First Communion Class will take place at Bethany on Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. for all interested youth, grade three and up. Parents or a caring adult are also asked to attend.

In closing, it's been 15 years since my mother, Katharine Dahlman, passed away on April 30, 2004. We miss her dearly and we keep the memories of her alive in our hearts.

Remember: Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear!

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

Short term rentals offer many options throughout county

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Escape to a secluded rustic log lodge complete with swimming pond and yard, reads one advertisement. This beautiful house was built in 1912 and refurbished back to its original glory with an updated kitchen, says another.

Airbnb is an online host that allows property owners to rent out their property or a portion of their property to those looking for a more unique experience than a typical hotel can offer. They exploded in popularity since the business began about 12 years ago, according to the website.

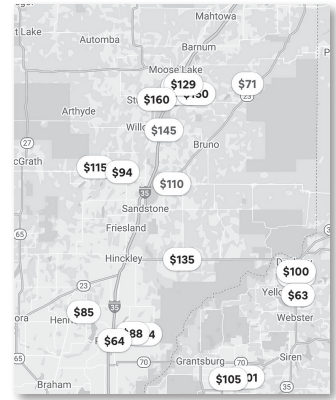
The potential renter reads the description and chooses from the available dates on the calendar of the property they are interested in. All transactions are conveniently done on the website, including check in.

They range in size from four to 12 guest occupancy and anywhere from a one night minimum to seven nights minimum stay.

The 16 Airbnb rentals listed in Pine County range in price from \$61-\$150 a night and most have received great reviews from renters. The homeowner sets the price. Fees are added onto the base price shown on the website. For example, a place listing for \$125 a night has a \$25 cleaning fee, a \$21 service fee and \$11 occupancy taxes and fees for a total of \$182. Property owners pay Airbnb a host service fee of three percent of the host's payout after booking, according to the stratosjets.com/blog/airbnb-statistics website.

Another short term rental option is Vrbo. Vrbo began in 1995 and boasts 86 properties in Pine County, according to their website. Vrbo is different from Airbnb rentals in that they only rent entire properties instead of shared spaces such as a room in a house or portion of a house.

Many cities view Airbnb and Vrbo as short term rentals and expect owners to follow the ordinance for the area, including Sandstone and Askov. City of Askov City Clerk, Kathy Morris, said both are included in their zoning ordinance for short term rentals, which



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Above is a map showing locations and prices for Airbnbs in Pine County.

can be found on the city website.

Caleb Anderson, Pine County Land and Resource manager, said the 47 townships and cities throughout Pine County have their own ordinances concerning rentals.

"We don't have county wide zoning throughout the county," Anderson said. "Airbnbs are a great opportunity for many property owners to make money."

He said properties that are within 1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river need to apply for a conditional use permit. He said the process includes a \$600 fee and a public hearing followed by approval from the zoning board. He explained the process is designed to protect neighborhoods as well as verify that the septic system and property is designed for the number of people who will be using the property.

He said the county has heard very few complaints about the short term property rentals.

Residents interested in more information can call their local city clerk or Caleb Anderson at Pine County Planning, Zoning and Solid Waste office at 1-320-216-4220.

TRAVEL: COVID-19 related things to consider before planning your trip

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vaccine, you are only protected by a mask and social distancing, which is where everyone has been for the past year. It really is better to wait until you are vaccinated to journey out.

Q: If traveling by plane, what are your recommendations to be as safe as possible (e.g. should I double-mask, buy an N95 mask, fly shorter distances to limit my time on the plane, buy the seat next to me, etc)?

Dr. Foster: I suggest increasing your mask protection, even if you're vaccinated, when in especially high risk settings - airplanes, crowded places where you can't count on others to keep their distance, places where you're going to be in prolonged contact with others inside without good ventilation, etc. The principle here is that you should predom-

inantly be breathing air that comes through the mask, not air that comes around the edges of the mask. This is achieved by an N95 that fits tightly certainly, but there's also some cheaper and easier options. I find that surgical masks don't fit my face very well even if I twist the elastic loops. So, I wear a surgical mask with a cloth mask over it. It provides a tighter fit and, yet, I can still breathe comfortably. I also wear eye protection with a simple shield that covers my eyes that I bought online very cheaply.

Q: If I'm vaccinated, is it safe to travel with or see other people who are also vaccinated? If I'm vaccinated, is it safe to travel with or see people who are not vaccinated?

Dr. Foster: This part is tricky. We don't have enough experience with vaccines yet to give a firm answer on this. We do have a sense that

vaccines provide you with good protection when you have brief encounters as you go about your business - wearing a mask. It is likely that protection is less good when you are in prolonged contact with someone with COVID-19, especially in the type of casual settings where you aren't masked - typically in households and when you are eating. Again, this depends on your medical status and your tolerance for risk. Treating someone else as part of your household (prolonged contact without masks) means that you have to believe that you both are in the 95% that have a good vaccine response and that neither of you had a significant exposure to someone who was transmitting COVID-19. Personally, I would travel with someone vaccinated, but I would not travel with someone unvaccinated. I would meet up with someone

unvaccinated socially-distanced outdoors, but I would not share a room or a car ride.

Q: How important are viral variants when I'm considering travel?

Dr. Foster: Variant strains, as I noted above, increase transmission risk and, in some cases, may cause more severe disease. It appears that with the vaccines we are currently using and the variants that we know about, there is still reasonable antibody coverage. However, new variants are constantly emerging, and it is difficult for laboratories to keep up with the sequencing of them, even in the U.S. where we have sophisticated laboratories. In other countries, that may not be true and variants may have emerged that are not well covered by the vaccine, but it is unknown because testing was insufficient. My advice is to play it safe

and stay domestic for a while. There will still be plenty of time in the future to wander further.

Jill Foster, MD, is a professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School and pediatric infectious diseases physician with M Health Fairview. Her expertise is in prevention and treatment of viral diseases, and in mobilizing public health and healthcare systems in the areas of prevention and screening.

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MLWR softball team ten runs Denfeld and Pine City



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Rebels softball beat Denfeld and Pine City by ten runs or more in their games against them this week. Pictures above are from the game against Pine City where the girls won a five-inning game with a score of 14-2. The Lady Rebels play again on Thursday, April 19 against Cloquet in Cloquet.

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Moose Lake Willow River's varsity softball team played three games this past week. On Monday, April 19, they were host to Pine City at the Willow River Softball Field. On Tuesday, April 20, Proctor came to Willow River and on Friday, April 23, the Rebels were at Denfeld High School.

The Rebels won the five-inning game with Pine City 14-2. Alexis Hoffmann was the winning pitcher with 7 strike-outs, allowing 5 hits, 2 runs. Maci Kukuk was 2 for 4 at the plate, had a triple and batted in 4 runs. Megan Hattenberger went 2 for 2.

Natalie Mikrot was 1 for 2 at the plate, had 2 runs batted in and 2 stolen bases. Hallie Klavu had one hit and 2 stolen bases. Janna Bode was 1 for 2 at the plate and had 2 runs batted in.

The Rebels were ten-runners by Proctor at Willow River on Tuesday, 14-4. Sarah Christy was the losing pitcher. Christy was 2 for 3 at the plate.

On Friday at Denfeld High School, the Rebels took charge winning 10-0 in five innings.

The Rebels will play Cloquet at Cloquet on Thursday, April 29. On Monday May 3, they face Eveleth-Gilbert at Willow River. Tuesday, May 4, Two Harbors will come to Willow River.

BOWLING SCORES

GAMPER'S EARLY THURSDAY WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE APRIL 22, 2021

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MOOSE LAKE/WILLOW RIVER AND BARNUM ATHLETIC EVENTS

April 29, Thursday:

MLWR Softball JV vs. Cloquet @ Cloquet 4:30 p.m.
MLWR Softball Varsity vs. Cloquet @ Cloquet 4:30 p.m.
Barnum Baseball Varsity vs. Silver Bay @ Silver Bay (Wm. Kelley) High School 4:30 p.m.
Barnum Softball Varsity vs. Silver Bay @ Silver Bay (Wm. Kelley) High School 4:30 p.m.

April 30, Friday:

MLWR Baseball Varsity vs. Virginia @ Superior High School 12:00 noon

MLWR Track and Field Varsity Invitational vs. multiple schools @ Northwestern High School 4:00 p.m.
MLWR Baseball JV vs. Virginia @ Wade Stadium 6:00 p.m.

May 3, Monday:

Barnum Golf JV meet vs. multiple schools @ Rugged Spruce Golf Course
Barnum Softball Varsity vs. Pine City @ East Central High School 4:00 p.m.
Barnum Baseball Varsity vs. East Central @ East Central High School
MLWR Softball JV vs. Pine City @ East Central High School 5:30 p.m.

May 4, Tuesday:

MLWR Baseball Varsity vs. Two Harbors @ Moose Lake School 4:00 p.m.
MLWR Track and Field Varsity Invitational vs. TBA @ Moose Lake School 4:00 p.m.
MLWR Softball Varsity vs. Two Harbors @ Willow River Softball Field 4:30 p.m.
MLWR Baseball JV vs. Two Harbors @ Moose Lake School 6:00 p.m.
MLWR Softball JV vs. Two Harbors @ Willow River Softball Field 6:00 p.m.
Barnum Baseball Varsity vs. South Ridge @ South Ridge High School

Culver MN 4:00 p.m.

Barnum Softball Varsity vs. South Ridge @ South Ridge High School 4:00 p.m.
Barnum Track and Field Varsity vs. Esko @ Esko High School 4:00 p.m.
Barnum Softball JV vs. South Ridge @ South Ridge 5:30 p.m.

May 5, Wednesday:

Barnum Golf Varsity vs. Isle @ Izaty's Golf and Yacht Club 10:00 a.m.

May 6, Thursday:

MLWR Baseball Varsity vs. Cook

County @ Cook County Baseball Field 4:00 p.m.

MLWR Softball Varsity vs. Cook County @ Cook County High School 4:00 p.m.
MLWR Softball JV vs. Cook County @ Cook County High School 5:30 p.m.
MLWR Baseball JV vs. Cook County @ Cook County Baseball Field 6:00 p.m.
Barnum Baseball Varsity vs. Two Harbors @ Barnum RIM Park 4:00 p.m.
Barnum Softball Varsity vs. Two Harbors @ Barnum RIM Park 4:00 p.m.
Barnum Softball JV vs. Two Harbors @ Barnum RIM Park 5:30 p.m.

MLWR golf team takes third in conference meet

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On Tuesday, April 20, the Great River Conference meet was held at Purple Hawk Golf Course in Cambridge hosted by Brahm High School.

Individual scoring results for Moose Lake/Willow River are:

Adam Neumann 91, Johnathan Danelski 107, Zach Danelski 116, and Gus Heller 115 for a total of 429.

Individual scoring results for Barnum are: Ryan Manahan 89, Layne Wickstrom 118, Alex Nelson 121, Jordan Bird 129, Brady Coughlin 145, and Levi Westerberg 145 for

a total score of 457.

Pine City led the conference with scores of 365, East Central came in second with 411, Moose Lake Willow River score was third with 429, Brahm had 430, Barnum 457 and Hinckley-Finlayson 503. Rush City and Mille Lacs did not participate.

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Rebels take McGregor in a high scoring game 19-13

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Moose Lake Willow River baseball boys faced McGregor on Tuesday, April 20, and Cloquet on Friday, April 23, both games at home. The seniors were still out due to COVID protocol. Rebels defeated McGregor 19-13 and lost to Cloquet 11-19.

Caden Privette started the game on the mound for the Rebels. He surrendered six runs on three hits, striking out

one. The Rebels scored three runs in the first. McGregor took an early lead in the top of the second inning, scoring six runs. MLWR batted through their line-up the next two innings, adding ten more runs on the scoreboard and took the lead for good. In the fourth, Logan Orvedahl (#5) doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run, Sam Dewey doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs, an error scored two runs,

and Privette singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run. Henry Ribich, Ethan Burton and Jimmy Walker, hit singles, Privette doubled and numerous walks accounted for six more runs in the sixth inning.

Tyler Juhl, the winning pitcher, came in to relieve Privette in the top of third and pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing four hits and two runs, while striking out three. Ribich threw two and a third innings

in relief.

Privette, Ribich and Sam Dewey all had multiple hits for the Rebels. Sam Dewey led in runs batted in with 4 and Orvedahl had 2. The Rebels had ten hits, 17 stolen bases and left 7 players on base in the game. Ritchie Balute, Tanner Kircher, Walker, and Ribich got on base with a walk. Ethan Burton, Juhl and Luke Dewey each were on base with two walks and Orvedahl had three bases on balls.

In the Cloquet game on Friday, both teams put lots of runs on the scoreboard, but Cloquet won 19-11. The Rebels took an early lead in the second inning when Ribich tripled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run. In the sixth inning, the Rebels scored four more runs. Kircher, Walker and Sam Dewey each drove in runs.

The Rebels had nine hits, left 7 runners on base. Orvedahl, Sam Dewey and Walker each had two hits.

Burton started on the mound and took the loss. After three innings, Tyler Juhl pitched the fourth inning, and Orvedahl finished the game. Cloquet got 12 hits and 13 walks.

The Rebels are scheduled to play Virginia at noon on Friday, April 30, on the turf field in Superior, Wisc. Tuesday, May 4, they will play Two Harbors in Moose Lake at 4:00 p.m.

Lady Bombers open season with a win



The Barnum Lady Bombers opened softball season with a 12-2 win over the Wrenshall Wrens. They play again on Thursday, April 29 against Silver Bay on the road.

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The Lady Bombers would open their 2021 softball season traveling to Cloquet's Braun Park to take on the Wrens of Wrenshall on Tuesday, April 20. This would be a matchup of two very good pitchers.

Mendota Castonguay would throw seven innings, allowing just three hits and two walks, with two runs scoring but striking out 14 batters. Bombers Lacie O'Leary would come up to bat five times with three hits, two singles and a double scoring three runs, Men-

dota Castonguay would also come to bat five times with three hits for a single and two doubles, scoring two runs. Jessica Stevens would come to the plate five times with one hit for a triple scoring one run. Jacinda Wright would come to the plate three times, hitting a triple and scoring once. KayeLea Poirier would get on base four times with a single and three walks, but would score all four times for the Bombers. Madisen Warnygora would also get on base to score for the Bombers. The Bombers would take the win with a score of 12-2 over the Wrens.

MLWR runs in Chengwatana 2021 track meet

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Moose Lake Willow River track and field team participated in the Chengwatana 2021 meet in Pine City on Friday, April 23. The girl's team rankings are: 1st Pine City-157; 2nd Mora-108; 3rd Milaca-80; 4th Moose Lake Willow River-35; and 5th Rush City-17. The boy's team rankings are: 1st Mora-143.5; 2nd Pine City-100.5; 3rd MLWR-69; 4th Milaca-52; and 5th Rush City-27.

GIRL'S EVENTS
4x800 Meter Relay
1st MLWR 11:09.93
100 Meter

6th Skyla Thompson 14.36
13th Lilly Petty 15.96

1600 Meter
5th Shannon Granquist 6:16.26
6th Brooklyn Wasche 6:17.14
10th Lilly Petty 6:42.86
11th Ellie Nielsen 6:54.15

4x100 Meter Relay
4th MLWR 57.57

300-Meter Hurdles
1st Skyla Thompson

800 Meter
3rd Kelli Granquist
8th Ellie Nielsen

200 Meter
6th Alivia Menten 30.52

Long Jump
15th Evelyn Johnson 11-04.25

Triple Jump
5th Evelyn Johnson 24-03.00

Shot Put
13th Malea Jerry

Discus
4th Malea Jerry 70-09

BOY'S EVENTS
100 Meter
7th Jackson Thompson 12.45
9th Kaden Robbins 12.78
12th Adam Olson 12.87
15th Austin Johnson 13.31

4x200 Meter Relay
1st MLWR

1600 Meter
1st Maverick Koecher 4:57.03
3rd Joseph Mikrot 5:07.33
10th Johnathan Danelski 5:49.07

4x100 Meter Relay
3rd Moose Lake 47.96

400 Meter
2nd Grant Pettit 55:43

800 Meter
1st Joseph Mikrot 2:13.00
4th Daniel Mikrot 3:08.64

200 Meter
4th Grant Pettit 24.72
9th Jackson Schmidt 26.02
12th Austin Johnson 27.09

3200 Meter
2nd Maverick Koecher 10:56.53

Long Jump
7th Grant Pettit 17-08.50
12th Nick Juszak 16-00.00

Shot Put
3rd Brody Motz 37-01.00
7th Adam Olson 32-04.00

8th Ben Steen 31-09.00
9th Austin Johnson 29-08.00
12th Ray Bloom 27-02.00

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SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Stay safe when working in the yard this spring and summer

PRESS RELEASE

A day spent working in the yard is an ideal way to pass the time on spring and summer afternoons. A pristine landscape can add value to a property and instill pride in homeowners who put a lot of thought and effort into their lawns and gardens.

A sun-soaked day can make it easy to overlook potential threats when working in a lawn or garden. But safety precautions are of the utmost necessity when working in the yard, where the risk for serious injury is considerable. For example, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons reports that, in 2016, more than 90,000 patients, including nearly 5,000 children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower-related injuries.

Lawn- and garden-related injuries can be prevented without going to great lengths.

- Know your terrain before mowing. Knowing the terrain in your own yard can reduce the risk for accident or injury.

This can be especially important when mowing the lawn with a riding mower. Adhere to manufacturers' recommendations regarding inclines to reduce tip-over accidents that can pin riders beneath the mower. Study hilly areas of the yard prior to mowing so you know which areas are safe to mow with a riding mower and which areas are best mowed with a walk-behind mower. For greater control when using a walk-behind mower on an incline, mow parallel to the slope.

- Apply and reapply sunscreen. Sunburns may not require trips to the emergency room, but they can still be serious. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn is a leading cause in the majority of cases of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. The SCF recommends applying sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside to allow the sunscreen to bond to your

skin. Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often if you're sweating excessively. The SCF recommends broad spectrum sunscreens, which protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays. Though a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is acceptable when walking the dog or driving to work, the SCF advises using a product with an SPF of 30 or higher when engaging in extended outdoor activities like gardening or mowing.

- Employ the buddy system. Use the buddy system when pruning tall trees or performing any tasks that require a ladder. The Orthopaedic Institute of Pennsylvania

reports that more than 164,000 people are injured each year falling off a ladder. Ask a significant other or neighbor to hold the ladder in place while you climb up to reduce your risk of falling. If cutting large branches, cut them piecemeal to reduce the risk of being injured by heavy falling branches.

- Inspect the property for insect hives. The OIP notes that the most common insect stings in spring come from bees, wasps and hornets. Homeowners who are not careful can inadvertently come across hives when doing spring clean-up, making them vulnerable to bites and stings. That can be very dan-

gerous for anyone, and especially so for people with a history of allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. Inspect areas where you'll be working to make sure insects haven't put down roots in your property. If you discover any hives and are hesitant to remove them on your own, contact a

local landscaping firm.

Lawn and garden accidents and injuries can be serious. Thankfully, accidents and injuries are easily prevented when homeowners take a few simple safety precautions while tending to their lawns and gardens.

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Feeding the need: A community focusing on itself

BY JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS
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Jack and Julie Frechette's faces both light up as they talk about their new endeavour, *Meating the Need*. "It starts with a why instead of a what..." said Jack. "The fact that the majority of Pine County residents can not afford the prices that farmers need to charge for their products just to stay alive represents to us a broken food system."

Meating the Need is not your typical "charity" the Frechettes explained, it's more of an investment. The goal is to redefine the word charity. "This isn't people just writing a check and saying 'I did something good.' It's people investing money in a program that they will get returns from, but also supports something far greater," said Jack. "You lose nothing by investing in this program, it's actually styled where the



Pigs raised on Frechette Farm, like the ones above, are now part of a program created by the Frechettes to invest in both their neighbors in need and businesses in Pine County. The program is called Meating the Need.

person gets appreciation on their investment."

A person can invest anywhere from \$5-\$50, (or more if they would like), the money is used to purchase piglets and feed, all purchased

within Pine County. The pigs would be raised on the Frechette Farm. As the pigs grow, so does the investment.

When processing time comes, the pigs will be sent to a meat processor

in Pine County. This means that all of the money from investors will stay in Pine County and benefit Pine County businesses and farmers. "It has a Pine County bank account," Jack said.

The investor will receive an amount of meat that is equal to their investment (up to \$50) plus an extra cut. For example, if a person invests \$10, they will get a couple packs of pork chops or something similar. (\$10 worth of meat) plus an extra cut which is the gain on the investment. Meat left after being distributed to investors can be sold at lower prices to those that couldn't typically afford it. These sales will be scheduled and held at the Frechette Farm.

The Frechettes have already seen a great response to the program. "So many people have saw it for what it was, and have signed up," said Jack. Some investors have even chosen to donate their share of the meat back to the community. Jack said this money will help to support the other programs they run such as the "Ham Santa" program or "Buy One Give One" program

both which they started last year. Others have invested \$100 to support the program, knowing they will only get back the \$50 worth of meat.

"An investment is not only supporting the program, but also supporting the feed mill, the farms where we buy the piglets, 320 Brewing who gives us grain, the Pine County butcher where the meat will be processed," said Julie.

Since making the organization public, several people have reached out saying they have similar ideas for eggs, or bread and would like to partner with them. Jack and Julie plan on sticking to the meat part of it, but do want to eventually partner with others and put on a party of sorts to offer the same great hand raised or home-made goods to everyone. The first get together will be held on May 8 at Frechette Farms.

Pine County chaplain made colonel

BY CAPT. ANDREA KOSTIUK
133RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On Apr. 18, the Deputy Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Sandy Best, and many distinguished visitors, including friends and family, gathered at the 133rd Airlift Wing Base Chapel to honor the promotion of Ch. (Lt. Col.) Daniel J. Pulju to colonel.

Pulju has served in the Minnesota National Guard since 1999 and as the 133rd Airlift Wing Chaplain since 2018. As the Wing Chaplain, he advises leadership on all matters related to the religious and moral welfare of 1,200 Wing personnel and is responsible to develop effective programs to meet the

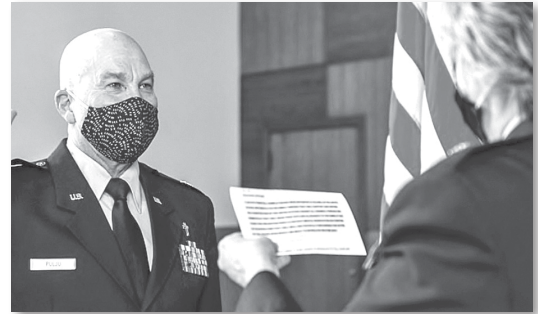
spiritual needs of Airmen and their families.

Pulju is a native of northern Minnesota and graduated from Moorhead State University with an undergraduate degree. He was ordained with the Evangelical Free Church of America in 1991 and received his commission as a 1st Lt. in the Army Chaplain Corps in 1999. Pulju later transferred to the Minnesota Air National Guard in 2007. In the civilian sector, Pulju retired as a chaplain from the Federal Correctional Institution in Sandstone in 2015.

In his over 20-year career, he has served on three deployments, participated in multiple training events, and cared for

countless airmen and soldiers. "Unquestionably his servant leadership has validated his 'service before self' approach to ministry, resulting in today's promotion. I am 100 percent confident in his abilities," said Best.

Pulju's daughter, U.S. Army Major Rebekah Austin is currently deployed with the Minnesota Army National Guard. "Missing his promotion may be the toughest event to miss during deployment, although maybe being here [deployed] is a perfect testament to him," Austin said. "My dad is the best example of selfless service, both in and out of uniform, and I am so honored to be his daughter."



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY AUSTEN R. ADRIANS

Daniel Pulju of the U.S. Air Force is promoted to the rank of colonel in St. Paul, Minn., Apr. 18, 2021. Pulju will continue to serve his community, state, and nation, by supporting the spiritual needs of the airmen across the Minnesota Air National Guard.

East Central Drug Task Force Officers seize 6 pounds of meth in drug bust

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@PINECOUNTYNEWS.COM

A North Branch man is facing felony drug charges after six pounds of methamphetamine were discovered in his possession – three pounds in his vehicle in Pine City and three pounds in a safe in house in Stacy.

According to the criminal complaint, in October of 2020, agents of the East Central Drug Task Force began a narcotics investigation involving Anthony Nathan Jones, 39, of North Branch. Through investigation, agents identified an individual from California who was supplying Jones with large amounts of methamphetamine to distribute in Pine County and surrounding counties.

On April 20, Drug Task Force Commander Andrew Abrahamson

applied for a search warrant for Jones' person and his 2007 Cadillac Escalade.

The search warrant was signed, and on April 21, at approximately 3:54 p.m., Jones was observed leaving his address in Stacy in his Cadillac Escalade. At approximately 4:40 p.m., Drug Task Force agents observed Jones stop at the gas pumps at the Walmart in Pine City. Jones exited the driver's seat of the vehicle and walked into the gas station area. When Jones was returning to his vehicle, he was approached by law enforcement and detained.

With the search warrant in hand, law enforcement searched Jones. Officers found \$662 in cash in his wallet. A plastic bag containing a crystal-like substance was located in his front pocket. According to law

enforcement, the crystal-like substance NIK tested positive for methamphetamine and had an uncertified weight of 34 grams.

Agents then searched the Cadillac Escalade pursuant to the warrant. They found three cell phones and a small black backpack. Inside the backpack, agents located three vacuum-sealed bags containing a crystal-like substance. The crystal-like substance NIK tested positive for methamphetamine.

The bags were packaged with multiple layers with liquids and dryer sheets to conceal any odor. Each bag had an uncertified weight of 1,373 grams, or approximately one pound each, for a total of 3.2 pounds of methamphetamine.

Officers said that following the Miranda warning, Jones told them

he was supposed to sell three pounds of methamphetamine for \$15,000 to a male at Walmart. He said that two people from California just dropped off six pounds of methamphetamine to his house in Stacy. Jones said he still had three more pounds of methamphetamine in a safe located in the garage on the property.

A subsequent search warrant was executed at Jones' residence, where three more pounds of methamphetamine and three handguns were recovered.

Jones told officers he has been getting methamphetamine delivered to him from California for the past six months.

Jones has been charged with one count of first degree felony drug possession and one count of first-degree felony drug sales. The maximum charge is 40 years in

prison, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Jones also faces two more first-degree felony drug charges from an incident in October 2020 where he was arrested after a traffic stop in Hinckley and found with roughly 400 grams of methamphetamine and 316 grams of marijuana.

The East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force reports that on April 20, their officers – along with the Chisago County Sheriff's Office – conducted a traffic stop on a rental vehicle from California which led to the arrest of two California residents on fifth degree controlled substance charges. Alexandra Ramirez, 25 of San Bernardino, CA and Oscar Rodriguez, 25 of Long Beach, CA were booked into the Chisago County jail.

The East Central

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

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

Moose Lake 2020 Drinking Water Report

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 70 to 76 feet deep. Moose Lake works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact City of Moose Lake, Public Works Superintendent, at (218) 485-4247 or pentner@ci.moose-lake.mn.us if you have questions about Moose Lake's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 18004264791.

Moose Lake Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions

AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

MCL (Maximum contaminant level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

N/A (Not applicable): Does not apply.

ppb (parts per billion): One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

ppm (parts per million): One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

PWSID: Public water system identification.

Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant	(Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	1.7 ppb	0	out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.86 ppm	0	out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant	(Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	1.5 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average
or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.04 ppm
		0.97 - 1.10 ppm	NO
	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.		

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 18004264791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.

- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Moose Lake is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Moose Lake is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. Let the water run for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>

The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

3. Test your water. In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. Treat your water if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

Learn more:

Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 18004264791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).

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COUNTY TIMBER AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the County Board of Carlton County, timber on tax-forfeited lands will be offered for sale WITHOUT THE SALE OF LAND on Thursday, May 13th, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at the Carlton County Transportation and Tax Forfeit Land Building, 1630 Co. Rd. 61, Carlton, MN 55718.

Information on the timber tracts being offered for sale and bidding procedure may be obtained by calling the Carlton County Land Department at 218-384-9179 or by visiting the Carlton County website www.co.carlton.mn.us.

Only those on the Responsible Operator List are qualified to bid on a Timber Sale. Any person or company may apply to be on the Responsible Operator List. Contact the Carlton County Land Department at 218-384-9179 or visit the Carlton County website www.co.carlton.mn.us for a Contractor Application Form.

Gregory J. Bernu
Land Commissioner

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Carlton County Transportation Department

The Carlton County Transportation Department will receive bids for the following project(s): COQ Multi-Use Hangar: FAA/AIP Number: 3-27-0018-17-21/MnDOT Project No: SP 0902-63. 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, May 24, 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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Carlton County Committee
Notice is hereby given that the Carlton County Committee of the Whole will meet in Special Session at 2:00 p.m., on the 3rd Monday of each month until further notice. Meetings will be held at 1307 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet, MN (Old City Hall Building) (Published in the Moose Lake Star-Gazette on April 29, 2021)

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**Moose Lake School Board
April 19, 2021
Regular Meeting**

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

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

passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Blondo, second by Pederson to approve the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting minutes and the March 22, 2021 special board meeting minutes; approve the March 2021 Treasurer's Report; approve the March 31, 2021 payroll: checks #70161-70168 for \$5,134.47, electronic transfer of \$91,817.92 and direct deposit of \$159,542.28 for a total payroll of

\$256,494.67 and the April 15, 2021 payroll: checks #70169-70176 for \$4,929.99, electronic transfer of \$84,895.90, and direct deposit of \$133,504.59 for a total payroll of \$223,330.48; approve the March 23, 2021 bill list: checks #66103-66118 for \$15,568.06 and wire amount of \$1,897.30 for a total of \$17,465.36; the April 6, 2021 bill list: checks #66119-66161 for \$59,121.92 and wire amount of \$3,640.41 for a total of \$62,762.33 and the April 19, 2021 bill list: checks #66162-66195 for \$235,651.30 and wire amount of \$62,602.23 for a total of \$298,253.53; approve the spring coaching contracts: Noah Jurek (Head Track), Joseph Bustrak (Ass't Track), Carrie Sanda (Ass't Track), Sarah Thompson (Ass't Track), Adam Whelan (Ass't Track), Spencer Clough (Head Baseball), Trevor Nummela (Ass't Baseball), Shawn Bode (Ass't Baseball) and Kerry Guyer (JH Baseball); accept the resignation of Jim Roth (Ass't Baseball Coach); accept the resignation of Michaela Belanger (Mini Moose) effective April 9, 2021; accept the resignation of Julie Peaney (Special Ed Teacher) effective

June 1, 2021 with appreciation for her years of service to the district; approve the hiring of Denise Priem (paraprofessional) effective March 29, 2021 and Michaela Belanger (paraprofessional) effective April 12, 2021; approve the hiring of Ann Juhl (part-time cook) effective March 25, 2021; accept the resignation agreement with Jennifer Collier (paraprofessional) effective March 19, 2021; approve the MOU with Doug Wolff (Custodial Supervisor) for contract year 2019-2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Good Things Happening:

-Thank you to Moose Lake Township for their donation of \$5,000 to the Summer Rec Program.

-Moose Lake School staff did a short food shelf drive and raised \$1,015 and filled a car full of food for our area families in need.

-Greg Eliason was awarded a \$500 grant from the MN DNR to purchase materials for an outdoor classroom in the School Forest.

Presentation:

Vicki Radzak - Community Education Coordinator

-update on the many awesome projects including Pen Pals [established 2011], Age to Age, Gener-Readers, Interns, School Forest, Facebook Posts, Mural, Trolls, Classes, Summer Recreation, Community Garden and Disc Golf!!

**This is the 20th year that Moose Lake Community School has been involved with Kids Plus!!

Reports:

Complete reports can be found on our school website.

Agenda Items:

Motion by Pederson, second by Bohnsack to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Moose Lake Township to the Summer Rec Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Blondo, second by Peterson to accept the \$500 grant from the MN DNR to purchase materials for an outdoor classroom in the School Forest. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bohnsack to add a .5 FTE math interventionist grades 4-8 and a .5 FTE reading interventionist grades 7-8 for 2021-22 using ESSER funds. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Education resolves to discontinue or reduce positions in the areas of educational support. Member Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 97 adopted a resolution on February 16, 2021, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in positions, and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 97, as follows:

That the following position, or position thereof, be discontinued;

1. Groundskeeper
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Anderson

and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Bohnsack, Anderson, Anderson-Reed, Blondo, Peterson and the following voted against: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pederson to approve the Membership Enrollment Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement for school year 2021-2022 with the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Blondo, second by Pederson to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement between ISD97, Casper Construction, Architectural Resources, Inc., Benchmark Engineering and The Boldt Company. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting/Event Dates

Meeting	Date	Time
Location		
Regular Meeting	May 17	
5pm Board Room		
Athletic Liaison Meeting	April 21	
5pm WR School		
Wellness Committee Meeting	[postpone until Fall, 2021]	

Finance Committee
May 3 8:30am Board Room
Facilities Committee May 3 9:30am Board Room

Motion by Bohnsack, second by Pederson to Adjourn at 5:45 pm. Motion passed unanimously
Steven Blondo, Chairperson
Lisa Anderson-Reed, Clerk

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Reporting fish die-offs helps DNR others respond when needed

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources would like the public's help in reporting fish die-offs in lakes and streams, which happen occasionally and usually result from natural causes.

"People tend to be concerned when they find dead fish, and they can

help by reporting what they see right away," said Tom Burri, limnology consultant with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources who deals with water quality issues related to fisheries. "Reporting dead fish helps us determine whether an investigation is needed."

People should call the state duty officer at 651-

649-5451 or 800-422-0798 if they encounter several dead fish in a lake or a stream. Doing so provides a single point of contact for the incident. The state duty officer is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. An early report also allows timely water sampling or other response actions, if needed. It's especially helpful to

know what fish types and sizes people see in a fish die-off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: BACTERIA A COMMON CULPRIT

In early spring, the retreat of lake and stream ice can sometimes leave behind dead fish, commonly referred to as winterkill. When snow and ice cover a lake, they limit the nutritional aquatic

plants receive. The plants respond by reducing the amount of oxygen they produce. If vegetation dies from lack of sunlight, the plants start to decompose, a natural process that consumes oxygen dissolved in the water. Fish die if oxygen depletion becomes severe.

In mid-spring and summer, groupings of

dead fish usually are the result of a common bacterial infection referred to as columnaris. Columnaris tends to affect fish as water temperatures warm and fish are stressed from the energy they spent on spawning. Columnaris infections can kill sunfish, crappies and bullheads, and occasionally, largemouth bass and northern pike.



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The Planning Committee of East Central Minnesota Pride is pleased to announce that the 16th Pride celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Robinson Park in Pine City.

After a full year of physical distancing and other restrictions, the counties of Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs' LGBTQ+ communities will once again be able to gather in person while adhering to the current safety protocols.

Though the event will not be held in June (Pride Month) and it may be modified to some extent, organizers say it

will be the best version of what is possible at this time, prioritizing public health while providing opportunities for LGBTQ+ people and allies to experience visibility, solidarity and joy.

East Central Minnesota Pride, billed as "Minnesota's Small-Town LGBTQ+ Pride", has been held since 2005, missing only 2020 due to the pandemic. This will be the first year the event is held on a Saturday to mutually benefit area businesses and celebrants.

"The safety and well-being of our community is the number one consideration," explained Pride organizer Julie Redpath of Chisago City. "We are looking at

ways to make the event fun and enjoyable, yet safe."

Area businesses or homes that would like to show their support can contact a member of the Pride Committee or the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce for an "All Are Welcome Here" sticker or rainbow flag to display on their storefronts or homes.

East Central MN Pride is partially supported by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Minnesota Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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MOOSE LAKE CITY COUNCIL: Approves water tower restoration contract, Windemere rate increase

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This project will have a cost of \$117,505.50.

WATER TOWER

The Moose Lake water tower could soon be a different color. A contract for \$194,500 to clean, paint and restore the water tower both

inside and out was approved by the council.

WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER RATE

Sanitary Sewer rates in Windemere Township have not been increased since 2017, when they were increased by 12 cents per 1,000 gallons. A suggested rate

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