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Hitchhiking kittens are rescued

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Three kittens are safe and sound thanks to an alert RV owner and Cloquet firefighters, police officers and an animal rescue volunteer who all came to the rescue.

On April 12, a camper owner heard baby kittens crying inside the vehicle when he returned from shopping at the Walmart store in Cloquet. Cloquet police officer Elijah Haglund responded and soon got Jodi Carlson of Missing Pets of the Northland involved. According to the Missing Pets Facebook page, Carlson tried to lure the kittens with canned food but they didn't bite. Cloquet Area Fire District firefighters Mike Garberg, Chris White and Stu Waters then got busy.

The firefighters carefully removed paneling from the back of the



camper and then had to sift through the insulation to find two kittens that were estimated to be only a few weeks old.

A third kitten had been discovered and rescued by a Walmart employee an hour earlier in the parking lot. Social media aided in getting the kitten reunited with siblings the next morning. Mother cat remains a

mystery, but could be a Twin Cities area resident, since that's where the camper owner had traveled from.

Carlson said the kittens are named Stu Mart, Earl Asphalt (after camper owner Earl) and Chrissy DQ, as Carlson was at Dairy Queen when Haglund called her. The kittens have already been taken in, including by one of the firefighters.



Two kittens were extricated from a motor home last week and another was found roaming a parking lot in Cloquet. All three are finding new homes here after likely hitching a ride from the Twin Cities area.

ANOTHER THREAT CLEARS HIGH SCHOOL



Parents line up outside St. Paul's Lutheran Church to check out their children after they were cleared from the high school because of a bomb threat Wednesday. The call was identical to the Esko bomb threat on March 17, Cloquet police said. The Esko call came from overseas, according to the FBI. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

Cloquet call similar to one in Esko

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Just over a month after Esko schools had to evacuate due to a bomb threat, the same thing happened in Cloquet on Wednesday, April 20.

Cloquet police chief Derek Randall told the Pine Knot that the Cloquet High School call was "exactly the same script" as the Esko call on March 17, including allegations of a backpack with wires being left in a

particular classroom. The FBI confirmed afterward that the call to Esko — and numerous other schools in Wisconsin, Louisiana and California as reported in the Pine Knot — came from overseas. Carlton County Sheriff's Office Lt. Dan Danielson said they reached out to the FBI for help tracking the Esko call specifically. Danielson said the FBI determined the call appeared to originate from Africa, but didn't specify which

country within Africa. It's unknown whether the Cloquet call came from the same place, but a press release from the CPD said other schools in the state received similar threats Wednesday. Cloquet schools superintendent Michael Cary said after receiving the call, they chose to evacuate both the high school and the middle school "out of an abundance of caution" and allowed parents to pick up their children from the evacu-

ation sites at two nearby churches. At St. Paul's, high school staff members were standing outside as a line of parents waited in a cold drizzle to check out their kids. A steady stream of cars headed in and out of the church parking lot, while 18th Street — which runs between the high school and the church — was blocked off by police cars. Middle school kids evacuated to Journey Church.

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CARLTON SCHOOLS

Cuts keep coming in Carlton

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The mood at the Carlton school board meeting was subdued, an obvious reaction to what was on the agenda: more cuts to education programs as the board seeks to find \$250,000 in budget savings for the next school year. After Monday, it was \$135,000 short of that goal as an estimated \$115,000 in cuts have been made.

There were mixed votes on all five reductions offered Monday, with just one failing on a tied vote.

Moving arts classes to an online-only option failed, with those voting against saying the arts gets the ax too often when budget cuts are needed. The savings would have been about \$54,000 in the salary for the teacher. Later in the meeting, the board approved the resignation of art teacher Trinh Tran, who is leaving to move closer to family.

The board members, after audience urging and some discussion among themselves, did approve merging band into one section of instruction. What that means has yet to be determined. Crunching the numbers shows a possible savings of about \$15,000.

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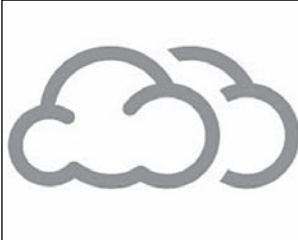



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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	EXTENDED
			
HIGH 43 LOW 30	HIGH 49 LOW 34	HIGH 49 LOW 38	MONDAY: Mostly cloudy, 40-percent rain chance. High 40. Low 30.
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BUNNY FUN



Lillian Cotner, 8, waits with delight and some impatience as the Easter Bunny and the Lumberjacks mascot sign her Easter crown Saturday during the Skate with the Easter Bunny event.

While it lacked the visual excitement of scores of children running around picking up brightly colored eggs like tiny vacuum cleaners, Saturday's Skate with the Easter Bunny event was a hit with kids and parents.

Everyone could skate for free indoors, with music blaring and the Easter Bunny and the Lumberjacks mascot both hitting the ice.

In the lobby there was popcorn, face painting and Easter crowns to be colored. Although there were no plastic Easter eggs in sight, every child could grab a paper bag of candy as they headed out the door.

Joy Nelson, who runs the recreation program for Community Ed, was very pleased with the first-time event.

"We definitely plan on doing this again," she said. "The park (where they've held egg hunts in past years) is more weather-dependent, plus the kids can spend more time here and there's less pressure and more to do. "It was a great day," she added. "We enjoyed it too."

Photos, text by **Jana Peterson**
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Above: Ms. Liz transforms 6-year-old Rosemarie Maki into a kitty cat with a little face paint Saturday. **Left:** Jaya Fisher, 4, and her brother, Jax, color Easter crowns Saturday at the Northwoods Credit Union Arena. They heard about the first-time event and drove to Cloquet from Duluth for some fun.

SENIOR DINING

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Menu

Friday, April 22

Special of the Day

Sat-Sun, April 23-24

Frozen meals available

Monday, April 25

Chicken hashbrown casserole, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, juice

Tuesday, April 26

Glazed ham balls or alternative entrée (order 24 hours in advance), mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, pudding with topping

Wednesday, April 27

Special of the Day

Thursday, April 28

Roast pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green and wax beans, frosted cake

Friday, April 29

Ham and bean soup, chicken salad on a bun, molasses cookie

Meals are served Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. Registered customers are offered meal service for a \$4 contribution, \$8 for under age 60. Menus subject to change without notice. AEOA is a private, non-profit, nongovernmental agency.

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CARLTON COUNTY

2 brothers, dispatch are EMS award winners

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Volunteers from the Mahtowa Fire Department and the dispatch supervisor at the Carlton County Sheriff's Office were recognized at this year's Carlton County EMS Council awards.

EMS Council chairman Steve Trenhaile of the Moose Lake fire district handed out plaques for Jon Fundine for a Lifetime Achievement Award, his brother Jim Fundine for an EMS Person of the Year, and Dylan Bridges as a Carlton County Friend of EMS at the county board meeting on April 12. Jon Fundine was nominated by

the Mahtowa Fire Department in a letter written by assistant fire chief Jerad Lambert. Lambert explained that Fundine became an EMT for Mercy Ambulance and became the training officer for the Mahtowa Fire Department. Fundine had spent time in the early years working with athletes and brought back a wealth of knowledge to share with the Mahtowa emergency medical responder volunteers.

"The knowledge he gained, he shared with us (of the fire department) and making us better EMRs," Lambert wrote.

More recently, Jon has become ill and has curtailed his work and is missed by those volunteers in

Mahtowa.

His brother, Jim Fundine, has been a Mahtowa Fire Department volunteer for 32 years. He said he hopes to serve a number of years more and maybe beat the all-time record for service in the local department. Jim, it is noted, responds to almost every emergency call and is known to be very adaptable in any situation. He accepted his EMS Person of the Year award and the EMS Lifetime Achievement Award for Jon.

Carlton County 911 dispatch supervisor Dylan Bridges accepted the Friend of EMS award. Trenhaile said Bridges was instrumental in training local emer-

gency medical responders in the constantly changing technology to make sure they have communication that is effective and operates smoothly.

Bridges trained first responders to implement the new IamResponding emergency notification and response system which enables their cellphones to be used as pagers for emergency calls. Trenhaile said Bridges and his staff of dispatchers have made their emergency work much easier.

Editor's note: Find award photos with this story online.

CITY OF CLOQUET

Dangerous stairs lead residents to eviction brink

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Cloquet apartment building owner Roger Bruhn calls his current conundrum a "series of unfortunate events." When the pandemic hit in 2020, he faced, for the first time, tenants who were not paying rent on units in the Victory Apartments at 17 Eighth Street. That's because federal rules allowed tenants to forgo paying rent during the pandemic without fear of eviction. For 17 years, Bruhn said, he has dealt with only one eviction. Now he had four, soon to be five, units with no rental income in the low-to-moderate-income building 12 units.

Suddenly, his money-making building wasn't. And he had a huge expense to deal with after a broken stair tread on an outside stairwell caused a tenant injury and then an inspection from the city. Bruhn got notice in the fall of 2020 that the stairs had to be replaced or face an eviction notice for the people who live in the nine units on the second and third floors.

That notice went out from the city this month and now tenants face a June 1 deadline to find affordable housing in a tight market.

Bruhn said this week that the domino effect on income from the property and the expensive repair needed hasn't helped him in securing a loan for the project. He said he's run through an exhaustive list of possible public programs to assist him but has come up empty on how to pay for what he estimates would be an \$80,000 construction project on a building worth \$300,000. "It does zero to improve the interior of the building," he said, which makes getting a conventional loan a problem.

He has kept in contact with the city from Oklahoma, where

he moved a few years ago in a job relocation. Victory Apartments participates in city HRA programs to allow lower rents for tenants.

Last week, Bruhn was told by Cloquet Community Development director Holly Hansen of a program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture that might be able to help. He's waiting to hear back. Since buying the building in 2005, he has used a city housing grant to replace siding on the building, replace windows and the roof and maintain heating systems.

The failing back staircase serves as the only direct exit from the top two floors of the building. The notice that the stairs make the top floors "uninhabitable" is a first for Matt Munter, the Cloquet housing inspector.

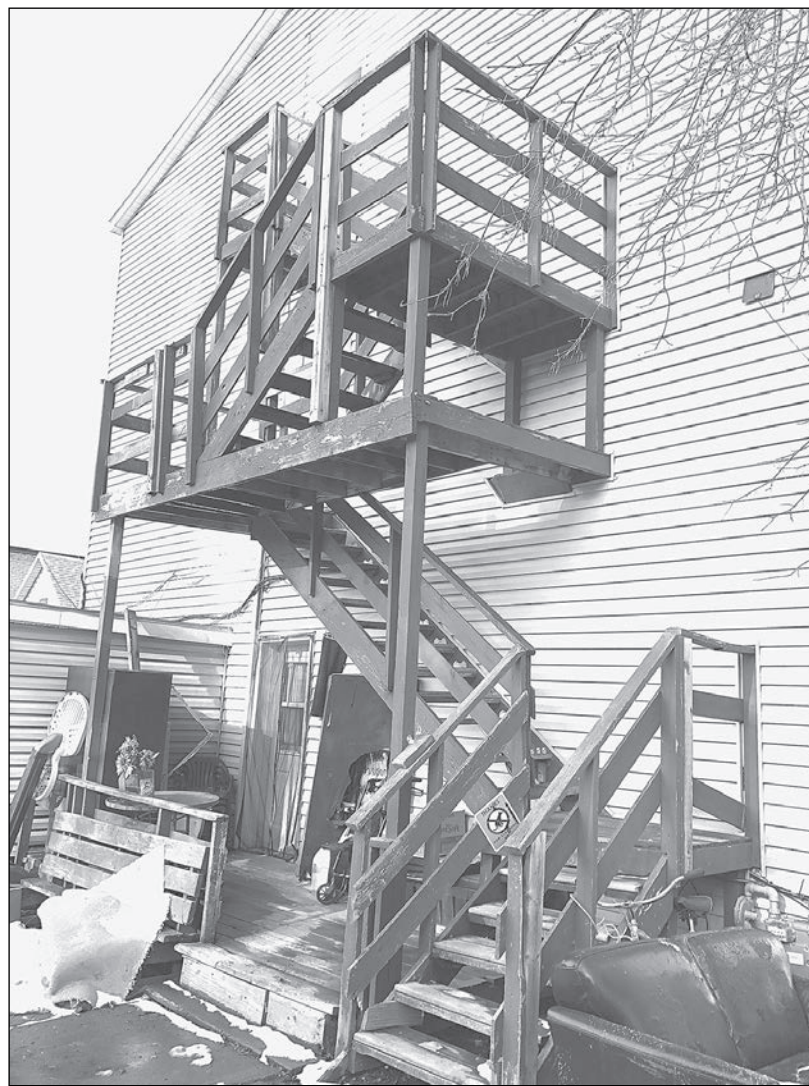
"It's scary," he said of the condition of the stairs. They are "beyond their usable life" with rotting deck boards and lumber dimensions that don't meet code for being weight-bearing.

Munter says the situation causes him a lot of "heartburn on my end. I don't want to displace anyone but I also don't want to see them get hurt."

"Matt is absolutely doing his job," Bruhn said. "It's not up to code."

Bruhn wrote about his building on real estate sites when it was up for sale about five years ago as he was leaving the area. "It consists of efficiency apartments and one or two bedroom units," sites read. "Rents range from \$335 to \$585 per month. This building averages \$55,890 revenues per year. It is professionally managed and it is 100-percent occupied."

Tenants at Victory meet with housing officials and other program leaders on Monday to assess the situation and offer some options as the June 1 deadline looms.



The back stairs at the Victory Apartments in Cloquet, which provide access to the second and third floor of the building, have been deemed dangerous and the owner will need to replace them in order for residents to continue living there past June 1. *Photos by Jana Pterson / Pine Knot News.*



Debra Shaff, executive director of the Cloquet/Carlton Housing & Redevelopment Authority told residents what they already knew: There are no vacancies in the area

right now for low-and-moderate income housing.

KNOT NOTES

Earth Day events are planned

Those looking to celebrate Earth Day in the community have at least two options in Cloquet this weekend and next.

The Cloquet Public Library will host an Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23 at the library, 320 14th St. The free event is open to all ages and will feature a kids' clothing swap, DIY no-sew T-shirt bag, grow-your-own cucumber seedling, book sale and more.

The City of Cloquet and the Boldt Company are organizing the second annual Cloquet Earth Day cleanup from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30. Arrive between 9:30 and 10 a.m. for pre-registration at the Dunlap Island Park warming house. After the cleanup ends at noon, stay for the free picnic.

FDL censure hearing set

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee will hold a hearing at 9 a.m. Monday, April 25, in the Otter Creek Convention Center at the Black Bear Casino Resort, to address the written censure issued to chairman Kevin R. Dupuis Sr. by the Minnesota Tribal Executive Committee. Fond du Lac secretary/treasurer Ferdinand Martineau made the original motion at the January TEC meeting to censure Dupuis for violating a reservation ordinance that prohibits weapons in tribal public buildings.

The Band's chief judge, Henry Buffalo, has been appointed the presiding official for the hearing and has issued an order governing the hearing process.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe executive director Gary Frazer said the RBC has three options after its hearing: exonerate, remove or recall. It would require four of five votes on the RBC to remove, and three of five votes to schedule a recall election within 30 days of the hearing date. Dupuis, as RBC chair, is allowed to vote.

FDL Band members may also attend Monday's meeting by Zoom, using meeting ID 941 9692 5041 and passcode 078664. To access the Zoom meeting by phone, call 312-626-6799.

KNOT NOTES

Dispose of old drugs with police

The Cloquet Police Department is participating in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30. This initiative allows residents of Cloquet to safely, and discreetly, discard their old or unused prescription medications. The Cloquet Police Department serves as one of several local collection sites.

Free vaccine clinic offered

There are vaccines for diseases other than Covid-19 and many children have some catching up to do. To help with that, Carlton County Public Health will hold a free vaccine clinic for kids ages 11-18 from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. May 10 at the Carlton County Community Services Building, 14 North 11th Street.

There is no charge. Insurance information will be collected and insurance billed if possible, but there is no charge if the child is uninsured.

Available vaccines will include Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), meningococcal conjugate, HPV (human papillomavirus), Covid-19 and influenza.

Preregistration is required at rb.gy/3ftcnc or by calling 218-879-4511. Attendees should wear masks.

Spring plays will hit stage

Two area high schools will present their spring plays next weekend.

Performances of "Puffs," a Cloquet High School play are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 and 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 1. It's a play about a certain wizarding school, but not Harry

Potter. Rather, is the story of the Puffs ... who just happened to be there

too. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Buy tickets online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/64283> or at the door.

The Carlton High School production of "Check Please" will be presented April 30 at 2 and 6 p.m. at the County Seat Theater in Cloquet. For ticket and location information go to www.countyseattheater.com.

Old hotel is officially condemned

CITY OF CLOQUET

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Cloquet city councilors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the condemnation of the building that once housed Mexico Lindo, a three-story building at 915 Cloquet Ave. originally constructed as the Hotel Solem in 1921.

The vote came after two years of attempts by the city to get the property owners to make repairs, after building official Matt Munter found numerous issues including a leaky roof and bulging brick walls. The city got no response from the owners to multiple orders to repair until earlier this year, after the council declared the historic building a "vacant and hazardous substandard building."

The goal is not to tear down the building, officials say.

The council declaration was a first step toward the city acquiring the deteriorating building, so city officials can find a developer willing to buy cheap and do the work to renovate the building.

That was also what finally got the attention of at least one property owner, Felipe Mata. He refused the city's initial offer of \$8,000 for the property, which is the appraised value now that it is vacant and its certificate of occupancy revoked until repairs are made.

According to the staff report at Tuesday's meeting, when the city requested a counteroffer from Mata, he asked for \$192,800, the most recent appraised value for the property from the Carlton County assessor's office.

"That is not the value of the property," city attorney Bill Helwig said. "As building inspectors indicated, in the condition it's in, it's a hazard to the downtown and cannot be occupied as a business in that condition. But it still could have historic value if it's renovated."

The county appraisal was made without looking at the building's interior above the ground floor and when there was a tenant in the building, Pedro's Restaurant, explained Helwig.



The city blocked off the Ninth Street sidewalk adjacent to the property at 915 Cloquet Ave. because of the danger of brick falling from the second story. The city council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the condemnation of the former Mexico Lindo property. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

Helwig said Mata responded, "Don't insult me" to the first offer, before also rejecting a second offer of \$50,000 and a third offer of \$75,000 from the Cloquet Economic Development Authority, which was authorized to negotiate by the council. Mata's former partner, Carlos Villareal, is deceased and his estate has yet to respond.

By passing the condemnation order, the city will go to court to acquire the property via eminent domain at the original offer of \$8,000. Helwig estimated the city could have the order approved within three or four months.

Helwig said the current owners can't stop the process, but they can fight the valuation of the property.

"If he comes back with an appraisal that's significantly higher, then a set of condemnation commissioners appointed by the court will decide what the actual value of the building is," Helwig said.

If a court determined the actual value the city had to pay was more than 40 percent above the EDA's last best offer, then the city would be obligated to pay Mata's attorney fees as well as the higher price, Helwig said, stressing that he considers that scenario very unlikely "considering all the work that's going to have to be put into it to make it a serviceable property."

Ward 3 Councilor Chris Swanson asked if the owners had indicated any willingness to make repairs.

Helwig said no, adding that Mata wanted \$192,000 or he would request a demolition permit and tear down the building.

"Just leave a hole in the middle of the block," Helwig said. "To me that feels like he's not interested in repair. He's trying to threaten the city."

The condemnation petition was to be filed this week.

Police cameras proposed

The council work session Tuesday was devoted to a presentation by Cloquet police chief Derek Randall on a plan to outfit the police department with body-worn cameras — which they don't have — and new stun guns. The department has used the stun guns since 2004 and they have been discontinued by the manufacturer. The police department has been awarded a federal grant of up to \$38,000 to purchase body-worn cameras and accessory equipment, which requires matching funds from the city.

Almost all other area law enforcement agencies already have body-worn cameras, he said. The move is also supported by the Carlton County attorney, her office, and the city prosecutors, Randall said.

In his report, Randall said "the 'If it's not recorded, it didn't happen' mentality limits prosecutions. Case studies have shown with BWCs, guilty pleas are up 20 percent, and officer court time is reduced by 70 percent."

In studies, he wrote, body-worn cameras have led to decreased litigation and increased cost savings. Case studies show complaints were down by 88 percent and use of force down by 75 percent.

The council didn't vote on the cameras or stun guns Tuesday; a vote is set for May 5 to accept the grant with purchase approval coming later after the department has explored all its options.

Also Tuesday, the council approved the appointment of five people to the new landfill host committee, including city planning and zoning administrator Al Cottingham and former planning commission chair John Sanders as city reps, Kyle Backstrom and Geoff Strack as landfill reps and Ward 1 councilor Bun Carlson. The job of the host fee committee is to determine how the landfill host funds paid to the city should be used, starting about 10 years before the end of the life of the landfill, which is now.

BARNUM SCHOOLS

Board settles teacher, superintendent contracts

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After approving a two-year contract with the teachers union, Barnum school board members expressed their relief that the process was over and that negotiations went well.

"Things went fantastic," board member Jamie Fuglestad said.

Board chairwoman Jessica Unkelhaeuser listed the terms during the meeting Tuesday, April 19: 1 percent in steps the first year, 1.25 percent in steps the second year, a sick bank was created with language changes, and there were other language changes.

The board also ap-

proved a Shared Service Agreement between the Barnum and the Willow River districts for two years in sharing superintendent services.

The Barnum district would be paying the Willow River school district for the services of Bill Peel, a half-time superintendent.

The agreement stated that the superintendent's time would be split 50-50 between the two districts. It was suggested that the superintendent spend three days in one district one week and two in the other and reverse the days in the school districts the following week. The superintendent shall have the flexibility when adjustments are

needed.

Both school districts must maintain full-time elementary and high school principals. The Barnum school district will also be involved in the superintendent's annual evaluation.

Amendments to the agreement may be made from time to time. Any party to the agreement may withdraw by giving a one-year written notice.

In order to accommodate Peel's attendance at the board meeting, the June meeting of the Barnum school board was changed from June 21 to June 14.

Applications for an elementary principal have closed. There are 10 candidates who will be inter-

viewed on April 27 and 28.

The board approved giving the staff a retention bonus in one lump sum of \$1,000 each in fiscal year 2022.

The finance committee had recommended that the bonus be paid at the rate of \$500 a year for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. Several board members suggested that it be paid in one payment instead of two. That was approved by a unanimous vote.

It was explained that the bonus was a thank-you to the staff that had to adjust their teaching methods because of Covid-19 restrictions, such as teaching by e-learning.

There were reductions

of teachers for Spanish, physical education, high school math, social studies and science.

A full-time teacher was added to the elementary school to enable three sections in kindergarten, third grade and fifth grade. That teacher's salary will be paid with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, allocated to address the impact of Covid-19 on K-12 on students.

The board approved a one-year leave of absence for special education teacher Ann Finifrock for fiscal year 2023, and the resignation of Nicole Biondich, a teacher in the school district for 19 years.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Helping her native country

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Carlton resident Galyna Tuttle didn't cry when she told the story of the young boy who bled to death in her native country of Ukraine, because she's all cried out after hearing and reading and talking about the horrors of war. Tuttle doesn't live there anymore; she moved to the United States with her husband, Andrew, 16 years ago.

She's still shocked that there is even war in her country, and that shock has been multiplied many times by what has happened since Russia invaded. It's a world away from her job at the Common Ground Coffee Bar & Deli in Cloquet.

"Even before the war, when there were rumors, people were asking me if I was afraid and I told them, 'We live in the 21st century, stuff doesn't happen like that where one country attacks the other country just because they're bigger and stronger.' So I was not afraid."

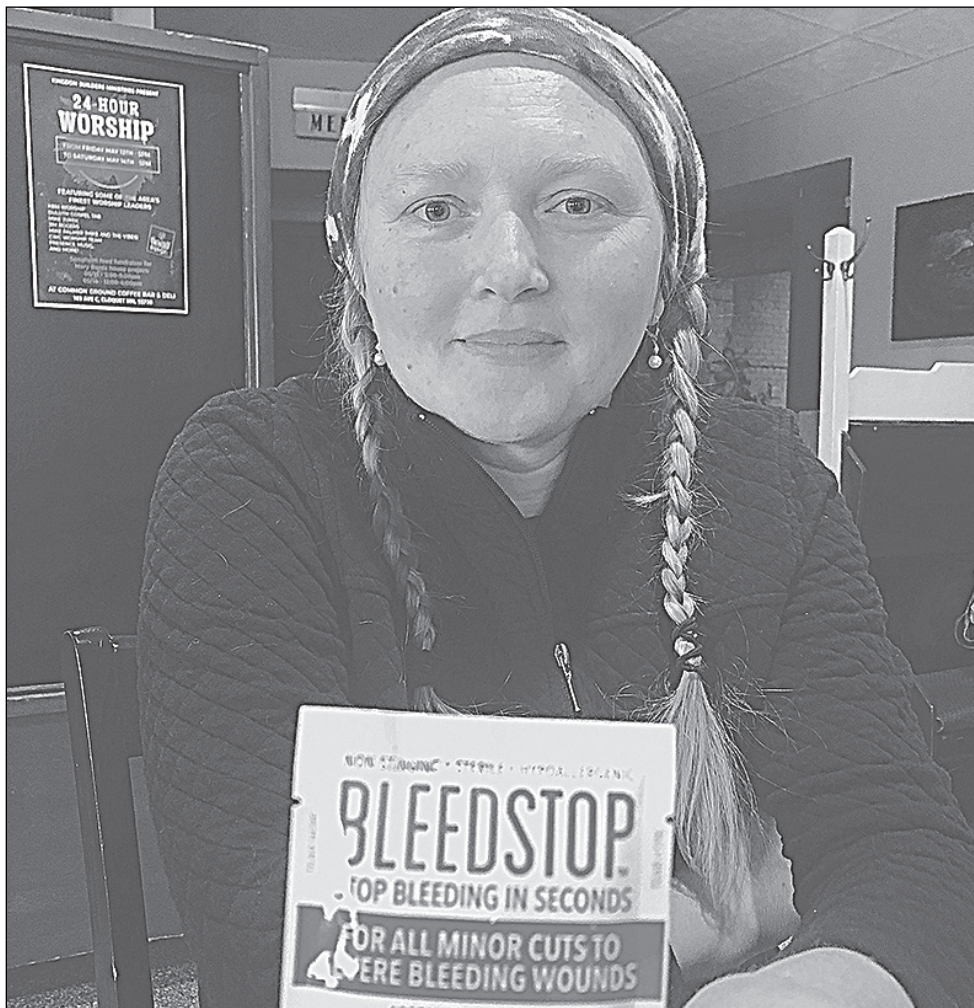
She remembers the exact moment, as she was heading to bed on Feb. 24, when her husband told her the news was saying Ukraine was being attacked by Russia. She called her mother. No answer. She called her brother, who said they were OK at his house. She called a friend who showed her people outside, heavy traffic leaving the city, people lining up at banks and grocery stores.

"I didn't sleep that night, I was up making calls, watching the news and videos," she said. "I was trying to call people but they weren't answering, it was just chaos."

She did eventually reach her mother, who is OK. "Nobody is safe in Ukraine right now, but compared to the frontlines, she is relatively safe," Galyna said.

She has many family members and friends who are still in central Ukraine. One of her two brothers has been working daily to bring food and water to people. He opened his rural home to 27 people fleeing Kyiv in the early days of the war. "My nephew called and asked if he could bring his family there, and a coworker's family. Then a few minutes later he called again about a different coworker ... my brother said they immediately started building pallets so people wouldn't have to sleep on the floor." Her other brother tried to get his family out of Ukraine, but had to turn back and they are now living with her mother in the countryside.

While cellphones have



Galyna Tuttle moved to the U.S. from Ukraine with her husband 16 years ago, but her family and friends are there and they have shared many stories, and told her of urgent need for medical supplies especially. She hopes to travel there in May with suitcases filled with as many supplies as she can carry, including BleedStop, a coagulant made in Minnesota. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

made it easier to talk to people in the midst of war and hear their stories, it's not as easy to get food, medicine or other supplies overseas.

The Tuttles are working on that.

Long distance

Galyna and Andrew have been doing what they can since the war started, and even before. In 2018, they started Eleventh Hour Ministries, a nonprofit that helps support Ukrainian widows and orphans, especially orphans who are aging out of the state-run system and often end up on the streets. They also work in Kenya. Run by volunteers, donations are not used for any administrative costs.

When the war broke out, they worked to help as many of the folks they were helping get out of the country. A Romanian friend in southern Minnesota said they could send some families to his home in Romania; they found safe passage to the Czech Republic for a woman and two younger girls. They've also been sending money for food, which is purchased in Romania and brought into Ukraine for refugees.

She shares video of bullet marks on a van used to bring the food, and a photograph of half a dozen people killed by Russians, one with his hands tied behind his back, brother of a minister she knows in Ukraine.

After hearing many terrible stories over the past eight weeks from family and friends who still live in Ukraine, and learning of the tremendous need for medical supplies from her niece, a doctor in Ukraine, now they're collecting money and donations of medical supplies.

"She called and she was very disheartened, because a lot of people are dying from blood loss," Galyna said, sharing the story of the boy who bled to death, and another of a mother who barely survived. If they'd had supplies, things would have been different, her niece said.

"The tragedy of this war is that so many civilians are dying, women, children, I think even more than the soldiers," Galyna said. "Medical supplies like this are so valuable, like gold. I don't think I will advertise what I'm carrying."

She slides a package of BleedStop, a powder made in Minnesota — and promoted by MyPillow's Mark Lindell — across the table. Like similar products, it contains a combination of iron sulfate and basically cornstarch, and is available over the counter as well as online. She's hoping to personally take many boxes of the coagulant along with other needed supplies to Ukraine, via a yet-to-be-determined route through a border country in early May. It's much quicker than shipping them, which can take months and isn't reliable anyway.

Although it's been challenging living here with her family so far away and in danger, Galyna said she's seen acts of kindness exceeding even "Minnesota Nice."

"I want to thank family, friends, neighbors, church friends and more for their support," she said. "People are so thoughtful and caring, with cards and calls since this starting, people asking about my mother, stopping by. It means a lot."

How to help

- A "Stand Strong" fundraiser for Ukraine is set for 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30 at Common Ground Coffee Bar & Deli, 103 Ave. C in Cloquet. The event includes workout and wellness tips for women of all ages at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., people can learn about (and pray for) Eleventh Hour Ministries.

- Financial or medical supply donations for Eleventh Hour Ministries are being accepted here:

- Common Ground Coffee Bar & Deli, 103 Ave. C, Cloquet

- Grace Church, 601 14th St., Cloquet

- Mail to Eleventh Hour Ministries, PO Box 606, Carlton MN 55718
- Visit the website at 11thhourministry.com.

- Needed medical supplies include: Zicam cold remedy Eye drops Antibiotic ointment Ibuprofen



Cloquet's Carmen Purcell, center, poses for a photo in Poland with Vittoria, left, and Sonia, dear friends from Ukraine that she would like to bring to Carlton County until things are safe again in Ukraine. For now, they remain safe in Poland and Purcell is back in Minnesota. *Contributed photo*

From Cloquet to Poland

For those wondering how Carmen Purcell has fared in her mission to aid or rescue a Ukrainian teenager she considers a member of the family, things are moving in the right direction.

When the Pine Knot News last wrote about Carmen and Craig Purcell and their fears for Sonia, a 14-year-old they hosted here in Minnesota when she was 9, Sonia and her parents were living in a town occupied by Russians, but not under direct attack. That was March 4, eight days after the war began. (See "Family has deep ties to Ukraine," at www.pineknotnews.com.)

Fortunately, with some financial assistance from the Purcells and a neighbor driving, Sonia and her mother made it safely from their home northeast of Kyiv to Poland, initially staying with Sonia's brother and girlfriend in a small apartment there. Her father and the family dog remain at home.

Carmen traveled to Poland March 23, staying there for 12 days and bringing donations from Minnesota for the war effort and Sonia's family. After arriving, she helped the mother and daughter find a hostel with more space and privacy.

The Polish people have welcomed them, Carmen said, opening up churches and community centers so people have a place to sleep. "They're doing their best to offer food, clothing, hygiene items, plus there's a lot of people from other countries there helping too," she said, adding that she met a man who was cooking 1,500 meals a day to give out to refugees at the border.

"There's a lot of that going on: people trying to help any way they can," she said. "I think the people were more helpful than the government ... I realized you have to talk to everyone around you and we did."

Carmen said the trip was an eye-opening experience for her as an American, who is used to being able to travel freely.

"I thought I would get there, say we will sponsor them, and get a visa — why would they say no?" she said. "It was not like that. I was so surprised."

Then there's the issue of the family Sonia already has. Sonia's mother, Vittoria, is undecided about traveling to the U.S., as she doesn't want to be far away from her husband and elderly mother in Ukraine and son in Poland.

Initial efforts to update Sonia's expired passport or get them a visa to come to the United States were unsuccessful, but Purcell had cause for hope this week: she heard Monday that there was finally some kind of process for Ukrainians to apply for visas to the U.S. from Poland. Before that she thought Sonia, her mom and maybe her aunt and cousin might have to fly to Mexico and apply for asylum at the U.S. border.

Carmen also said her viewpoints on immigration have changed. "It's different when it's personal," she said.

— Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News

Aspirin	aid
BleedStop and other brands blood coagulation products	North American Rescue Hyfin vent chest seal
First aid wound seal	Bactine Max Pain Relieving
Trauma first aid kit	Cleansing Spray
Everlit occlusive chest seal and other brands non-vented adhesive dressing	Vitamin B-6
Israeli-style emergency bandages	Sleep aid
Portable tourniquet first	Allergy relief

OUR VIEW

Do a community solid: Pick up poop

Spring may be the season of snow and mud in Minnesota, but earlier this month city administrator Tim Peterson pointed out a third substance that emerges in spring: dog poop.

"We've had a lot of complaints about dog poop in Veterans Park," he told city councilors on April 4. "It was also brought to my attention today that our two parks staff each spent four hours cleaning up dog poop around the train park," he said, referring to Fauley Park, a relatively small park that lies between the West End and Highway 33 at the stoplight.

Peterson did the math and so did we: that's eight hours of city staff time picking up after other people's dogs.

"I'm not going to tell you the amount they cleaned up," he added. "It was ridiculous."

For resident businesses in Cloquet's West End, dogs and their business are a problem. Nearly every delightful historic building here does not come with green space, so pet owners usually choose the closest swatch of grass to bring their dogs when the whining starts. Some of them seem to think that in winter, because it's cold outside and there's snow, that it's OK to allow their pets to use the bathroom on the sidewalk.

The same goes for other people's property or even the great outdoors. Walking your dog is great, but dog poop isn't.

The solution to this problem is simple. Pet owners, do the right thing. Pick it up, put it in a bag, put the bag in a garbage can somewhere.

Otherwise we may have to resort to the old-fashioned door-knocking my father told me about, where you fill a bag with excrement, put it on someone's front porch and light it on fire, hoping they stomp it out.

Of course, they have handled it with more humor in Duluth, where the ad campaign reminds us: "There is no poop fairy."

If you're looking for more information or a good laugh, there's a great poop fairy video from a Duluth campaign at <https://vimeo.com/355427843>.

In the meantime, don't forget to bring a few bags the next time you and Spot go for a walk.



Publisher Pete Radosevich and his Harry's Gang column is on hiatus as he runs for public office.

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Color in April



Being mindful of every breath

There's been a truly serviceable public service announcement on area radio stations since the pandemic started. I say that because Kevin Love, the former Minnesota Timberwolves player, is speaking about anxieties in troubled times and turning to mindfulness. Then he guides a small exercise, asking that we take a "big, deep breath," "in, and out," "just breathing."

The PSA is on the radio a lot, and each time I hear it, I take those breaths. It's a great prompt to "be kind to ourselves."

The pandemic has hit everyone in different ways, but ways that all require adjustment, some reflection. Those deep breaths.

Last year at this time, I was watching my mother take shallow breaths. I knew the end was near because she taught us about breathing when we were caring for animals on the farm. I especially recall the kittens that died in our hands, likely because we just couldn't stop handling them after they were born.

I listened to my mother's breath last April, and immediately was at her side in a distant past, listening to her tell us that the kitten only had so long to live. You could tell by the breathing, she said.

So there I was, listening to her breathe in that same way. I said goodbye, and went outside to take a walk through the woods, breathing carefully, fully. And thanking her for keeping a promise when my breath was being taken from me.

When I was 2 years old, I

caught pneumonia. I was in the hospital one night with one collapsed lung and the other ready to follow suit. Doctors told my mother to prepare for the worst. She might want to summon the family pastor.

For decades, an arc in this story took precedence. It turns out, it was a fib created by my brother. He told me for years that our pastor could not be found that night but a priest was available. He gave me last rites.

It was all made up, my brother confessed only a few years ago. I confronted

him because as I was compiling stories from my mother as her health and memory were failing, she said the priest story made no sense. Pastor Bailey eventually made it to the hospital.

Mom sat bedside all night long and prayed. I was legally a foster child, and my mother promised God that if I should live, she would take care of me for the rest of her life.

I survived. And she made good on her promise.

So as her end was near, I thanked her there in the woods. When I returned to the house that my seven siblings and I grew up in, no one was breathing. Mom was gone.

And then the whirlwind began. A service. A celebration of life at the farm. And then selling the land and the house last year.

It was all while this enduring pandemic ebbed and flowed. At times I have been overwhelmed to the point of stupor. Totally stuck, trying to be a good parent, playing the virus whack-a-mole.



Mike Creger

KNOT PINING

To cope, I will sometimes jest that in one fell swoop over the course of the last year, I became an orphan and homeless. The farm, no matter where any of us have been in life, was always home. And there was always Mom there to greet us.

Breathe.

This week, we've learned more about the spike in mental health issues for young people since the pandemic began, and also the great pains for parents trying to keep everything together.

You can't catch a media broadcast these days that doesn't include an interview about someone's personal journey. I think the long pandemic has many of us doing life checks, taking stock. Trying to make some sense. Getting to a fuller place.

Breathe.

I made my own deal in the weeks last April. I promised Mom that I would try to live more intentionally, honestly, joyfully. It's a process, keeping those promises.

It was difficult for her to hold onto her promise, as she hinted to me last year. Sometimes, she said, she just didn't understand me, especially in those rebellious teenage years. Despite being often ungrateful of her care, she remained — I'm sure breathing deeply and hoping I'd come out all right.

I keep trying, and hearing that radio prompt helps.

Breathe.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forestry Center story is important

Thanks to Jana Peterson for the nice article she wrote for the Pine Knot about the status of the Cloquet Forestry Center. The transparency she provided which has been sorely lacking was welcome.

The Cloquet Forestry Center has a rich and productive

history. Our local community has always supported it and hopefully their use of the many roads for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing will continue for many years.

Al Alm, Cloquet

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Don't pay me

Every now and then it crowds into one's consciousness: Why am I rich, poor or middling? How'd I get here? How does Relativity matter? What if I was in Ukraine? Now what? What after I'm dead?

At the risk of revealing the obvious: while this is largely an Old Person Conundrum, the fact is, people go through this self-audit on a constant basis from a very early age. It's the intensity of the boil-from-simmer that differentiates the younger consideration from the more seasoned.

Water boils at 212 degrees no matter how long it takes to get there. Once there, it boils.

It's boiling. When I was young and hungry (no longer young, still hungry), I remember working as an insurance adjuster and being invited to lunch with an officeful of older guys with shirt-stretched bellies and coffee breath and exaggerated anecdotes and fake laughs and self aggrandizement and everyone talking and no one listening and the pitched back-and-forth contest of office-talk-camouflaged-as-Being-Real one-upmanship:

"You woontabaleivedit. We were snowmobiling in Utah and I got outuva avalanche by dragging my sled sideways across the mountain for two miles."

"Wow. Amazing. (yawn) I was in Tanzania on a photo safari and this rogue elephant came at us and I had to hide under the Jeep and I could totally hear this bull elephant huffing and stomping and pissing — he was so angry."

"Mustabeen scary. (yawn) But not as scary as when I was in Mitchell, South Dakota and my truck dropped its tranny and I had to walk up to some farmhouse and the lady that answered the door was cooking meth with a gas mask on and thought I was the cops and unleashed her pitbull on me and I had to fight it off by shoving my fist down its throat so it couldn't go for my neck."

NOTES FROM THE SMALL POND



Parnell Thill

"Jeeze ..."
"Still gotta scar" and he rolls up his sleeve.

I'd sit there and hate my life, five bucks in my pocket.

"I'll just have the soup."

"What the ??"

"Not super hungry."

Everyone else orders gigantic sandwiches and tall, red, plastic vessels of Coke and then skinned-over butterscotch pudding for dessert; then they look at me and say:

"Rookie Pays the Bill."

I pull out a credit card. Explain it later to Blythe. Sorta.

Thirty years later, I'm the one with the shirt-stretched belly and coffee breath.

And no braggy stories to tell.

Cloquet's Parnell Thill is previous "Columnist of the Year" winner in Minnesota and author of "Killing the Devil and Other Excellent Tricks," available online. His opinions are his own, as are a few of the moments he describes to make his point. Contact him c/o news@pineknotnews.com.

Express yourself

The Pine Knot News encourages readers to participate on these pages. Let your voice be heard by following these basic guidelines:

- Letters to the editor should be kept to under 300 words. Longer pieces could be considered for a guest commentary. Commentaries should be kept to around 600 words.

- If you write a guest commentary, be sure to include some background information and any expertise you may have to lend credibility to your piece.

- Items dealing with local issues will take first priority.

- Letters over the word limits will be edited at the discretion of

the editor. That discretion could include allowing a piece to run long.

- Any reader comments should be respectful.

- The editor reserves the right to edit for clarity, concision, grammar, newspaper style, libel and length.

- Letters and commentary must be original works by the author.

- Include your name with your address and phone number for verification purposes only. Only names and home cities will be published.

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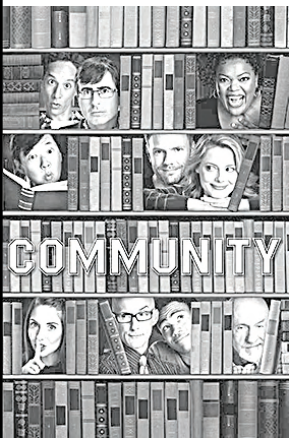
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The STREAM Scene

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"Community"

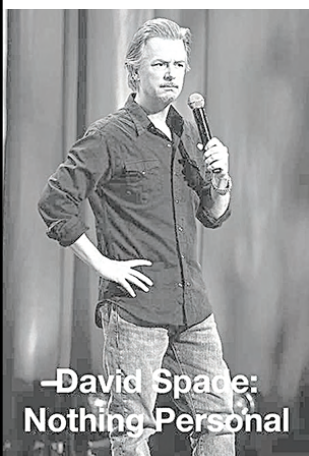
All six seasons of this 2009-15 cult hit sitcom about a disbarred lawyer (Joel McHale) forced to enroll at a community college with an eccentric staff and student body comes to the streaming service. Created by Dan Harmon ("Rick and Morty"), the series boasts a talented cast that includes Gillian Jacobs, Alison Brie, Danny Pudi,

Ken Jeong, Yvette Nicole Brown, Jim Rash and Donald Glover. (ORIGINAL)



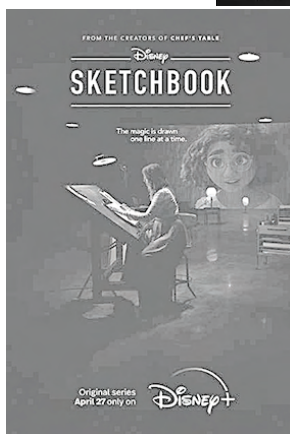
"Family Law"

From Canada comes this dramedy that follows a group of flawed family members who reluctantly work together at their father's law firm in downtown Vancouver. Jewel Staite ("Firefly"), Victor Garber ("Legends of Tomorrow"), Genelle Williams ("Warehouse 13") and Zach Smadu ("The Expanse") head the cast.



"David Spade: Nothing Personal"

The "Saturday Night Live" alum and comic makes his Netflix comedy debut with this stand-up special filmed in January at the Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis, in which he shares his disdain for crabs and his unique approach to turning down drugs — thus proving that no topic is off limits. (ORIGINAL)



"Sketchbook" (April 27)

From Disney Animation Studios and the creative forces behind "Chef's Table" comes this six-part series that gives an insider's look into the animation process as some of the Studios' talented artists teach viewers how to draw beloved Disney characters such as Kuzco from "Emperor's New Groove," Olaf from "Frozen" and young Simba from "The Lion King." (ORIGINAL)

OBITUARIES

Joyce Delaine (Gault) Anderson

Joyce Delaine (Gault) Anderson, 91, went to be with the Lord on April 14, 2022, at Diamond Willow. She spent her final days surrounded by her loved ones.

Joyce was born Dec. 14, 1930, in Duluth to Charles Raymond and Anna (Ruhnke) Gault. She was raised in Wrenshall, where she attended school and was a cheerleader and homecoming queen, graduating as a Wren. She married the love of her life, Donald A. Anderson, on March 28, 1953.

Joyce worked at Travelers Insurance and the Carlton County Extension office and put in many years at Anderson Dairy in Carlton, where they had a creamery and farm. In 1969 they moved to Kettle River, where they continued farming and raising their children. Joyce was known for her daily homecooked meals with an extra plate for anyone who needed a meal, being a 4-H leader for many years, always having children's books for reading with any child, and enjoying spending time with children, especially her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Charles,

August, Otto and Walter Gault; sisters Helen (Gault) Anderson, Anna (Gault) Olson, and Rae (Gault) Meier; and granddaughter Brienne Grimm.



She is survived and will be dearly missed by her husband of 69 years, Donald; four children, Donald Anderson Jr., John Anderson and Keith Anderson, all of Kettle River, and Nancy (Rodney) Grimm of Moose Lake; grandchildren Robert Grimm of Kettle River, Jeremy (Jessica) Grimm of Moose Lake, Tricia (Daniel) Rodenburg of Askov, and Melissa (John) Stevens of Moose Lake; great-grandchildren Aaron and Raelynn Grimm, Kenzie, Alayna and Kaylee Grimm, Annie, Karleigh, Kynleigh and Aubreigh Rodenburg, and Jessica, John Jr., Hunter and Nick Stevens; and numerous relatives and friends, who loved her very much.

Visitation: 12 p.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral service Saturday, April 23 at Barnum United Methodist Church. Burial will be at a later time.

A special thank-you to Diamond Willow staff, Kindred Hospice, Barnum United Methodist Church and Kendall Carlson.

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OBITUARIES

Myrtle J. (Hall) Radford

Myrtle J. Radford, nee Hall, 88, passed away March 13, 2022, at The Pillars of White Bear Lake. Myrt was a longtime resident of Cloquet before moving to White Bear Lake in December of 2021. She was born Dec. 25, 1933, to Mabel and Elvin Hall. Myrt grew up in Cass Lake, where she graduated as high school valedictorian and went on to be Miss Cass Lake. She earned a bachelor of science degree in education with a minor in music from Bemidji State College.



In 1957, Myrt married J. David Radford and they moved to Carlton County. During the early years of their marriage, Myrt taught elementary school at Leach Elementary School in Cloquet. In 1967 she and Dave moved to Cloquet where they raised their four children. When Dave was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Myrt took on the additional job as caregiver. The Multiple Sclerosis Society chose her as Minnesota Care Partner of the Year in 2010. Myrt volunteered at the Cloquet Public Library. She was a 4-H leader for many years, was an active member of Our Redeemer and Zion Lutheran churches in Cloquet, the PTA, P.E.O. Sisterhood sorority, Carlton County Homemakers Association, Zioneers, and many others.

Myrt had a wide variety of interests and talents, one being a love of music. She and Dave belonged to several music groups both in Minnesota and in their winter home of Queen Valley, Arizona. She also was the organist for the church choir for

many years. Myrt and Dave shared a love of travel and visited nearly all of the states and many countries of the world. She and Dave had a beautiful garden that kept them busy much of the year with planting, harvesting, canning and freezing. She was a gifted seamstress who sewed much of her own and her children's clothing, made many a quilt, and was able to repair nearly anything. Myrt reupholstered her own furniture and taught a community education class in upholstery. She loved crafts and always had a project or two going.

She was a marvelous baker and an extraordinary pie maker. Her apple pies and caramel rolls will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have enjoyed them.

Myrt was preceded in death by her husband Dave, in 2013; her parents; and brother Leo Hall.

She is survived by daughters Barbara (Richard "Rusty") Paulson, Patti (Lee) Petersen, and Karen (Michael Regouski) Radford; son Peter; brother Raymond Hall; sister Adele Banner; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation: 12 p.m. until the 1 p.m. Celebration of Life Friday, April 29 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1000 Washington Ave. in Cloquet. Lunch and fellowship will follow in the church social hall. To sign the guestbook and leave an online tribute, visit cremationsocietyofmn.com.

Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church or the Cloquet Public Library are preferred.

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Arnelda M. Southworth

Arnelda M. Southworth, 89, passed away April 13, 2022, surrounded by family. She was born May 14, 1932, in Fosston to Christian and Nora (Ness) Krohg. After

losing her father at age 2, she was raised by her mother, the youngest in a blended family of 13 brothers and sisters, whom she adored. Arnelda graduated from high school in 1950 and attended Bemidji State Teachers college, earning a provisional two-year teaching certificate. She began teaching in Bagley, where she met her husband of 44 years, LeRoy Southworth. They were married June 13, 1954. Arnelda then taught in Ely, Carlton, Moose Lake, Cloquet and Wrenshall. While working full-time and raising a family she earned her bachelor's in elementary education in 1966 by completing correspondence courses and attending vacation/summer sessions through the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Her Christian faith was an enduring source of strength and comfort, and she treasured her Zion Lutheran Church family. Through the years Arnelda served on church council and as Sunday School director, sang in the choir and co-lead a children's choir, and actively participated in Circle, Bible studies, WELCA leadership and outreach ministries to seniors and shut-ins. She lived her faith by being a compassionate listener for many throughout her life. The loss of her son, Craig, in 1978 led Arnelda to participate in and then to facilitate grief education and support groups for several years. Following her teaching career, Arnelda participated in the clinical pastoral education program at St. Mary's Medical Center and was the protestant chaplain at the Benedictine Health Center in the early 1990s. Her love for people extended particularly to children and the elderly alike.

In addition to her deep love for family, with whom she loved to laugh, Arnelda also enjoyed attending theater and musical performances, and loved art, especially oil and watercol-

or painting. She also enjoyed gardening and found solace and comfort in nature throughout her life. A devoted lifelong learner, Arnelda kept up with current events, always wanting to know what was going on in the world. She supported the Cloquet Educational Foundation and was a member of Chapter EM of the Philanthropic Educational Organization.

She was preceded in death by her parents; former husband LeRoy; son Craig; Nelson siblings Edwin, Selmer (Frances), Henry (Gladys), Ethel (Palmer Forsberg), Arvilla (George Enloe), Agda (Allen "Bud" Klinke), Walter and Victoria; and Krohg siblings Edna (Maurice "Burt" Brown), Minerva (Thilford Hove), Dagny (Joe Pederson) and William Krohg.

Arnelda is survived by her son Scott (Jean) Southworth; daughters Karyn (Marshall) Peters and Karla Southworth; grandchildren Eric Southworth, Amy (Adam) Thompson and Nicole (David) Tyler; great-grandchildren Declan Goward, Addison and Emma Thompson, and Mina, Lily, and Nora Tyler; sisters-in-law Borghild "Borgie" Krohg and JoAnn Nelson; beloved niece LaVonne (Roger) Kurrle; as well as many other nieces and nephews.

The family thanks the CMH-Raiter Family Clinic staff for their care of Arnelda over the years, and the Cloquet Memorial Hospital staff for their care during Arnelda's brief hospital stay.

Visitation: 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Nelson Funeral Care, and resuming at 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service Saturday, April 30 at Zion Lutheran Church. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church or the Cloquet Educational Foundation are requested.

The family requests following masking and social distancing guidelines in accordance with facility requirements and out of respect for immunocompromised and at-risk attendees.

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FUNERAL CARE

Ailie Evelyn Calverley, 89, of Carlton passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in Inter-Faith Care Center in Carlton. She was born on June 24, 1932, in Automba Township to Oscar and Matilda Rautio. She grew up in Kalevala Township and graduated from high school in 1950. On May 4, 1974 she married John Calverley in Nashua, Iowa.

Ailie worked at Potlatch for 16 years. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Mahtowa. She enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling. She spent three months in Finland learning her heritage and two months in Europe traveling. Ailie and John wintered in Florida and Texas for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; stepsons, Jerry, Bob and Bruce Calverley; brothers, Ernest, Mike, Leslie and Melvin; stepson-in-law, Ken

Olson; and sisters, Alice and Sylvia.

Ailie will be missed by her stepchildren, Don (Diane) Calverley, Judy Olson, Carol (Barry) Goodnature, Dale (Sue) Calverley, Brian (Bonita) Calverley and Brenda (Bruce) Stevens; stepdaughter-in-law, Darla Calverley; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation: 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service Friday, April 22 at Salem Lutheran Church, 2702 First St., Mahtowa. A luncheon will follow in the church social hall. Burial will be in Mount Salem Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet. To sign the guestbook and leave an online tribute see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com.

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Shelley "Sam" Hartman

Shelley "Sam" Hartman, 66, of Moose Lake and formerly of Carlton, gained her wings on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

She was born on August 30, 1955 in Duluth to Harold and Helen Olsen. Shelley grew up on Green Hill Farm west of Barnum and attended Barnum High School. On June 28, 1975, Shelley married Dave Hartman in Moose Lake. Although their relationship may not have been what most would have considered normal, they truly loved each other and kept each other company through the years. They lived in Carlton, where Shelley worked at S & A Market and later as a paraprofessional at Carlton School. Known as "Mrs. H." and "Ms. Shelley," she loved her job as a paraprofessional and cultivated many relationships with students into their adulthood as she continued to show her love and care for each individual. If any of the students had deeper problems or concerns, Shelley just poured more love and time into that relationship to help them. She was president of the Carlton Fire Department Auxiliary for several years. In 1999, Shelley became manager of the Carlton County Fair. She gave so much effort and her larger-than-life personality to make the fair a better place for families to enjoy. She took on many projects, including building the arch at the entrance to the fair. The Shelley "Sam" Hartman Pavilion was built in her honor for the love and dedication she gave to the fair. In 2010, Shelley gave the job to the "second-best manager," her



daughter. Shelley will be remembered for her huge heart, her overflowing love she gave everyone, her contagious smile, her unforgettable laugh, and her angel collection. Family was a huge part of Shelley's life and her grandchildren meant the world to her. She will always be remembered for her Facebook activity that was truly her lifeline in later years, as she was confined to her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Helen Olsen; her sister Val Mikyska; and her two special sisters in life, Lucy Pickar and Lorrena Pickar.

She will be lovingly remembered by her two children, Allysha (Paul) Sample of Mahtowa and Zackary (Amber) Hartman of Carlton; six grandchildren, who were her moon and stars, Derae Sample, Dawson Sample, Fallon Hartman, Kalee Hartman, Levi Hartman and Liam Hartman; great-grandson Tucker Hartman; her lifelong love, Dave Hartman; siblings Chris Olsen, Clarice Huddleson, Cass Wekseth, Sonja (Tom) Duesler, Kenny (Joyce) Olsen, and Thora Carlson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation: 4-7 pm Monday, April 18 and resuming 12 p.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Tuesday, April 19, all in the Evangelical Covenant Church, Moose Lake.

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

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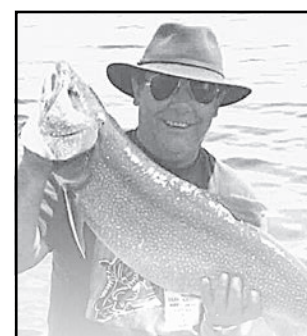
DEATH NOTICES

Delores Hilda (Selen) Wolner, 96, of Cloquet went to be with the Lord on Dec. 28, 2021, from natural causes, living her later years at Inter-Faith Care Center in Carlton. **Visitation:** 2 p.m. until the 3 p.m. memorial service Saturday, April 22 at Inter-Faith Care Center's community room, with a reception to follow. Arrangements by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, serving Northern Minnesota.



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Dorothy Sivia (Aho) Alanen Green, 90, of Cloquet, passed away Dec. 27, 2021, at Plainview Estates in Cloquet. **Visitation:** 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service May 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1705 Wilson Ave., Cloquet, with a luncheon to follow.



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HOCKEY



Minnesota Wilderness's Gunnar Thoreson shoots the puck during Saturday night's NAHL regular season finale vs. Chippewa Steel.
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Wilderness win and are in

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It took the 60th and final game of the season at home for the Minnesota Wilderness to clinch a playoff berth in the North American Hockey League playoffs Saturday.

After dropping a 7-2 decision on the road to the Chippewa Steel on Friday night, the Wilderness were in a must-win situation on Saturday at home. The Wilderness needed overtime, but eventually found a way to win 2-1 and finish as the fourth and final playoff team in the Midwest Division.

"Going into the weekend, if we had won both and everything fell right we could have finished as the No. 1 seed, but on the other end a couple of losses and other teams winning would have completely eliminated us from one of the top four spots," said coach Dave Boitz. "After getting beat on Friday on the road the guys responded with a great performance on Saturday."

After a rough patch of games in the first half of the season, the Wilderness went on a 22-6-1 run over the final 29 games and stormed to a playoff berth with the best record of any team in the NAHL over the second half of the season. Despite the great second half, it took a Herculean effort on Saturday to snare a win and gain the final playoff spot.

"Friday night we just got behind early and couldn't get anything going," Boitz said. "Saturday morning we had a meeting and I told the guys if we don't win there is a good chance we are done. We played way too hard over the second half of the season, and worked too hard, to not get a playoff shot."

Standing between the Wilderness and their shot was goaltender Croix Kochendorfer. "That kid is incredible," Boitz said. The Wilderness peppered him, getting 44 shots on goal. "There were NHL



Minnesota Wilderness's Jaren Mangan looks for his shot in front of Chippewa Steel's Ryan Remick during Saturday night's NAHL hockey game. Mangan would score on his own rebound to win the game, 2-1 for the Wilderness.

scouts there looking at him, not college scouts, but as good as he is we have a pretty darn good goalie ourselves."

Boitz was talking about Matt Smith, who has come in since just before Christmas and run off an incredible series of wins and stabilized the goalie situation. On Saturday Smith got the overtime, stopping 18 of 19 Steel shots.

The game was scoreless through the first two periods, but the Wilderness held the upper hand in territorial play by outshooting the Steel 28-13 through that stretch.

The Steel notched the first goal 6:40 into the final period when Roux Bazin slipped a rebound shot.

"Despite them getting the goal, I wasn't worried because we were playing so well," Boitz said. "Our guys stayed super positive and were relentless in their pressure. They scored the goal after we had to kill three power plays in a row so we just had to weather the storm. There was no panic and we had to regain our composure and just keep fighting."

After fighting through the man-short situations, less than two minutes later it was the Wilderness' Cole Gordon deflecting a shot by Bobby Metz that got by Kochendorfer and sent the crowd of more than 1,500 into a frenzy.

Following the Gordon goal the Wilderness put on a massive flurry on the Steel net, but Kochendorfer was able to hold them off and send the game to overtime.

"We had many chances to win after we tied it, but we just couldn't get anything past the goalie," Boitz said.

That changed when the Wilderness finally ended the game on a goal from first-year player Jared Mangan, who rifled a shot on Kochendorfer, who made the initial save, but the rebound came back to Mangan and he tucked it under the crossbar on a backhanded shot 4:14 into overtime.

"I told the guys after the game I never doubted them for a minute," Boitz said with a laugh. "Both goalies were terrific and it was a heck of a game and the guys were really excited after the win. Our bench exploded."

Off to Alaska

The victory secured the last seed in the Midwest Division, which means the Wilderness will head to Fairbanks on Friday to play the top-seeded Ice Dogs in a best-of-five series.

The first two games will be Friday and Saturday nights in Fairbanks. With Fairbanks having home ice advantage, there are

two scenarios which will lead to a third game being played in their home arena on Sunday: if the series is tied at 1-1, or if the Wilderness win the first two games, the two teams will play on Sunday in Fairbanks.

If Minnesota is victorious in all three matchups, the series will be over, and the Wilderness will get to host at least one game in the second round of the playoffs. If the series is at two games to one, with either team owning the lead, the remaining contests will be held at Northwoods Credit Union Arena in Cloquet beginning April 29.

The only way a third game, scheduled for Sunday, will not be held in Fairbanks is if the Ice Dogs win the first two games. In that case, the third game will be in Cloquet on April 29. Games 4 and 5 would also be played in Cloquet.

The Ice Dogs won the division with 77 points and the Wilderness finished fourth with 72 points, which shows how close the division played out over the course of 60 games.

"We lost the first three of the season against Fairbanks, but we won the last two," Boitz said. "We think we are pretty even with them and we know we can compete with them. I expect it to be a heck of a series."

Barney is a total gym rat

Nobody in the last three years has shot more hoops in the Cloquet and Fond du Lac area than Cloquet senior Conner Barney.

Barney's high school career ended with Cloquet losing to Hibbing in the sectional tournament in March, but his mark on the region could be felt for many years to come.

He wants to improve himself but also share his love of basketball and positive actions with youth and others.

KORBY'S CONNECTIONS



Steve Korby

His basketball legacy is as follows: two years at Fond du Lac Ojibwe High School with 1200 points scored, and two years at Cloquet (his junior and senior seasons) with 988 total points for a grand total of 2,188 high school points.

Barney grew up in the Leech Lake area and moved his freshman year to live with his brother on the Fond du lac Reservation. He attended Fond du Lac Ojibwe High School and banged his way in the paint to score a majority of his points. Practicing and playing with his two older brothers, he was used to physical play — where typically, no fouls were called.

Class A ball is quite physical, too, he says. Basketball coaches and experts were impressed by his self-taught footwork that freed him of would-be defenders under the basket. His spin move was poetry in motion, and his brothers helped him perfect it.

The onset of Covid-19 and the pandemic saw the Fond du Lac school make the difficult decision of suspending its basketball season his junior year. But Conner wanted to play basketball. He checked his options in the region and then talked to Lumberjacks coach Steve Battaglia. He decided to stay home and play at Cloquet.

When asked about acceptance by his new teammates he said "they were curious to see what it would be like to play with a guy who had averaged nearly 30 points a game at Fond du Lac. I think they found out they liked it."

He fit in well and made Cloquet a better team.

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TENNIS

Team weathers a slow season start

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The Cloquet-Esko-Carlton boys tennis team has struggled against rain and snow to sneak in some playing time this spring, postponing four of the first six matches because of bad weather.

With 29 athletes out for the team this season, coach Derek Johnson is anticipating an exciting season. CEC will sport six seniors, one junior, one sophomore, three freshmen and the rest of the squad is made up of seventh- and eighth-graders.

“We have six returning letter winners from last year,” Johnson said. “This year a lot of my returning players can play both singles and doubles.”

The Lumberjacks will be led by an eighth-grader who will jump into the top singles role this season.

“This year eighth-grader Ethan Lavan will take the helm full-time at No. 1 singles,” Johnson said. “He’s put in the work in the off season and has improved from last year. His shots have become stronger and his knowledge of the game at his age is extraordinary.”

Key to the ‘Jacks is the ability to mix and match players on a given night, depending on the competition they are playing.

“I will definitely be switching it up often, depending on the teams we face,” said Johnson. “Logan Beck, Tyler Leppi and Jonah Bryan-Nikko will lead our team with their experience. All three of them will be important with us succeeding this year.”

While the team will rely on a group of older players, they also have some younger talent that Johnson expects to use what they learned last year, plus the experience they gain this season, to improve by playoff time.

“We have younger returning players in Joey Bender, Ethan Doty, Max Sundquist and Marco Zegan,” said Johnson. “I look for those guys to get more experience at the varsity level and expand their game by developing some strategy when they’re out on the court. Last year those guys didn’t have much experience, and it was a learning process.”

On April 7, the Lumberjacks finally got a chance to compete and fell to Rockridge 7-0.

At No. 1 singles, Jared Delich of Rock Ridge defeated Ethan Lavan 6-3, 6-2. At No. 2 singles it was Gavin Benz beating CEC’s Logan Beck 6-1, 6-0. CEC’s No. 3, Tyler Leppi, fell 6-0, 6-0 to Jake Bradach and at No. 4 singles it was CEC’s Joey Bender dropping a 6-0, 6-0 decision to



Members of the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton boys varsity and junior varsity tennis teams haven’t gotten a lot of playing time yet due to winter weather that hasn’t gotten the message about the change of seasons. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

Keegan Ruedebusch.

In doubles action the CEC No. 1 team of Max Sundquist and Ethan Doty fell to Ryan Manninen and Oliver Boyd by scores of 6-1, 6-0. At No. 2 doubles the CEC team of Marco Zegan and Jay Sadler fell 6-0, 6-0 to Owen Buggart and Dawson Ruedebusch. CEC’s No. 3 doubles team of Connor Hecht and Sam Painter dropped a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Will Peterson and Grady Dimberio of Rockridge.

“At this point with the weather this spring, I’m just hoping to get practice and matches in,” said Johnson. “I don’t want to be canceling matches without making them up. I know these kids are itching to get out and play. These first-year middle schoolers need to see what tennis is all about so they can keep the interest in

the game. The weather hasn’t helped that aspect.”

Up until Monday the Lumberjacks have held only two outdoor practices as well as a couple of indoor practices inside in Duluth.

“So far it hasn’t been your typical tennis season,” Johnson said. “Over the next four weeks we are supposed to have 16 matches, and then team playoffs start in five weeks and individual playoffs in six weeks.”

On Tuesday night the Lumberjacks traveled to the indoor courts in Virginia again to take on Rock Ridge and fell by a score of 6-1. The lone CEC win was by the No. 2 doubles team of Ethan Doty and Max Sundquist, who won 3-6, 6-4 and 11-9.

HOCKEY

Kuhlman+Kraken=Score

Pine Knot News

Former Cloquet-Esko-Carlton hockey player Karson Kuhlman picked up his first goal for his new team, the Seattle Kraken of the National Hockey League, on April 9.

Kuhlman was picked up in January, after being put on waivers by the Boston Bruins, and almost immediately injured. But he’s healthy now. The situation in Seattle for Kuhlman is a better one for him since he will now have an opportunity to be in the lineup on an everyday basis, compared to his time with the Bruins.

On April 9, Kuhlman notched his first goal wearing the Kraken jersey when he blasted a one-timer from his knees past Calgary netminder Jacob Markstrom. Since joining the Kraken, Kuhlman has scored two goals and had three assists.

On Friday, April 22, Kuhlman and the Kraken



Karson Kuhlman, as seen on the Seattle roster page on the Kraken website.

will take on the Minnesota Wild in St. Paul at the Xcel Energy Center. The Kraken enter Friday’s game with a 25-44-6 record and 56 points, which puts them last in the Western Conference Pacific Division. The Wild are 48-21-7, good for 103 points, and they stand in second place in the Western Conference Central Division.



Conner Barney plays in the July Fourth basketball tournament in Cloquet. *Dave Harwig / Pine Knot News*

Barney ...

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Barney’s drive for continual basketball skill improvement is inspiring. He wants to be multi-dimensional, which makes the opposing team’s challenge of guarding him more difficult. He worked constantly year round on his pull up jump shot — his goal to become a three-point shooting threat as well as still having his inside game.

Barney can often be seen playing pickup basketball games — when the snow clears and in the summer months — at the Pinehurst Park courts in Cloquet, taking on would-be challengers along with his brothers. While at Cloquet, he liked being able to help bring the ball up the court against opposing team presses and he often played point guard to help distribute the ball to open teammates.

Barney is now close to 6’3” and about 200 pounds. He works out at Anytime Fitness and is continuously calling around Carlton County to find some open

gym time. He wants to get “10 times better each season.”

Barney recently signed a letter of intent to attend Central Lakes College in Brainerd this fall and play basketball. The Raiders play in the same conference as Hibbing, Itasca, St. Cloud, and Fond du lac community colleges.

He’ll play hard and will be interested in what opportunities will be present after junior college. He is on an AAU All Star team that plays all over Minnesota and he has played in several Native tournaments including one in North Dakota and also Denver. He is definitely a basketball globetrotter.

Barney loves being a role model and leader for the community youth. He encourages kids to come and play and workout with him. He tells them about alternative “routes”. Conner hopes to bring gym possibilities to kids that are free of charge and held in a safe environment. His goal would be that kids would call him with questions or even to ask for workout choices. His ambitions are very noteworthy.

High School Sports Broadcasts

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Tue., April 26, 4:30 pm	Softball	MLWR vs South Ridge.....	WMOZ 106.9 FM
Wed., April 27, 4:30 pm	Softball	Cloquet vs Duluth Marshall	WKLK 96.5 FM
Fri., April 29, 4:00 pm	Baseball	MLWR @ Virginia.....	WMOZ 106.9 FM
Mon., May 2, 4:30 pm	Softball	MLWR vs Eveleth Gilbert.....	WMOZ 106.9 FM
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- Wed., April 27 @ 6:40 pm vs Detroit Tigers
- Thurs., April 28 @ 6:40 pm vs Detroit Tigers
- Fri., April 29 @ 5:10 pm @ Tampa Bay Rays



Pre-game is 40 minutes prior to the first pitch

When basketball was king ... almost 60 years ago

It was a love affair. It's the only way to describe how people from Cloquet and the surrounding communities embraced the 1963 Cloquet High School boys basketball team. Basketball was king in Minnesota and especially the region then. It was before the hockey barn was built, Pine Valley was a relatively new ski facility, there wasn't girls' sports, there were no cellphones or ESPN, so it meant there were a lot of people going to local gyms on Friday and Tuesday evenings to get a sports rush.

KORBY'S CONNECTIONS



Steve Korby

Cloquet went to the state tourney in 1958 and 1962 and Carlton in 1959. These were the years of the one-class Minnesota State high school basketball tournament, so schools like tiny 1960 champion Edgerton (961 residents) could be pitted against large Minneapolis schools or even 1961 champ Duluth Central.

The 1963 Cloquet tourney team was fast-paced with a mostly diminutive lineup. It ran a full-court press that ran teams aground. They became local fan favorites as well as a tourney favorite.

How big was basketball? There was a waiting list for season tickets to Lumberjacks games.

In 1963, Cloquet had a new coach, 29-year-old Ben Trochlil, and two returning all-tournament state basketball players in Dave "Mouse" Meisner and Mike Forrest. The large Cloquet gymnasium was filled to capacity (over 1,200) for each game and was especially loud for arch rival contests against Duluth Central and Proctor, both handing the 'Jacks their only regular-season losses.

The Cloquet marching band, cheerleaders and majorettes made the gymnasium come alive with pomp and circumstance. The Cloquet band won the Minneapolis Aquatennial competition three years in a row in the late 1950s. At games, they marched double time, like the team, and engaged the crowd during the game and at halftime.

Cloquet escaped through the district and regional tournaments with some thrilling victories and made it to the state tournament again in 1963. Their first game was against the another tournament favorite, Bloomington. Cloquet shot the lights out, winning by 15 points. Their shooting fell off a

CLOQUET TAKES VICTORY IN STRIDE



COACH BEN TROCHLIL, WIFE JOAN
He gets congratulatory kiss after victory



DICK BOYER (LEFT), DAVE MEISNER
Hand carved lumberjack is good luck charm



BILL NOREUS (LEFT), DENNIS BREITBARTH
Listening to sports news on the radio



Photos by Norman Nelson Jr., Cloquet Pine Knot
GARY WELTON (LEFT), MARLENE TRETTEL
Gets piece of girl friend's birthday cake

The Minneapolis Star printed pictures of Cloquet players, the coach and fans provided by the Pine Knot of 1963 as the team headed to the state tournament as a favorite. Papers across the state, as seen these clips, covered the team, as basketball, and its one-class tournament, was the talk of the state every March.

THREE FAVORED QUINTETS OUSTED

Cloquet Next State Champ?

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cloquet's basketball team is very much like an angry sea: It keeps coming at you in relentless waves and there's not much you can do about it. The effervescent Lumberjacks, who had to settle for the consolation championship last year, Thursday night swarmed over bigger Bloomington and left the Bears sprawled in their dust, 82-67.

One could not help but believe Cloquet had won the Minnesota high school championship in this

51st annual tournament. Bloomington very likely is the second best team in the meet.

Three other semifinalists, Anoka, Marshall and Sauk Centre, may offer strong verbal rebuttal to such a statement, but it is doubtful they will offer as stern a challenge on the court.

All three sprang mild upsets in six points. His layup with 32 seconds left made it 62-58.

Joe Schmieging led Sauk Centre with 16 and Gary Gilbert got 13. Tom Schultz netted 18 and Alan Redman 17 for Wells.

little in Game 2, but still a tournament record was set for most combined team points in a game in a close, hard-fought battle over Sauk Centre, 87-81.

Cloquet was the favorite in the championship game against an unheralded Marshall team. In what many basketball pundits call the greatest Minnesota high school championship game ever, Marshall won by one point, 75-74, in front of more than 18,000 at Williams Arena.

Two players from teams that played in state tournaments in the 1960s arranged a reunion for all players of the era during this year's tournament in Minneapolis. Howard Lavick, a 1964 Cloquet grad and designated "biographer" of the 1963 team, attended.

Lavick presented a video and historical recollection of the 1963 adventure a few years ago. He was the former director of the film school at what became Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Now residing in Oregon, he is

Top Staff: Seven coaches make up the Cloquet staff that has been responsible for building the present basketball team into a two-time state tournament entry, according to coach Trochlil.

"All members of our present team have come up through our program," said the 29-year-old Trochlil, a graduate of Bemidji State College. "We have two coaches in the fifth and sixth grades, one each in the seventh, eighth and ninth and two on the varsity."

"Most of our boys have played 150 to 200 games before they put on a varsity

still looking for any home movies, pictures, newspaper clippings, pins, or other artifacts or documentation that Cloquet residents may have stashed away from this memorable season. Contact the Pine Knot,

at news@PineKnotNews.com, if you have anything you'd like to share with Lavick. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of this historic Cloquet season, and the love affair continues to flourish.

1960s players, coaches reunite at state tournament

Here is official team historian Howard Lavick's account of a recent reunion of 1960s state basketball players:

A special high school basketball reunion was held in Minneapolis March 23-24. It gathered former players from the Minnesota state tournament teams of 1960-70, the last decade of the one-class system whereby any high school out of more than 450, no matter how large or small, could win the entire state championship. Heady days indeed.

The reunion was put together by former hoop stars Jeff McCarron from Sherburn, Class of 1970, and Drew Kindseth from Marshall, Class of 1970.

Cloquet's representatives included players Dave "Mouse" Meisner, Mike Forrest and Bill Noreus from the 1963 state tournament team, joined by team manager Bruce Rimstad, and coach Ben Trochlil, who guided the team to the 1963 state finals against Marshall in a contest that has been billed as the greatest championship game in the entire history of the state tournament.

On Thursday morning, all of the players who could make it assembled on the basketball court at Williams Arena, where the tournament games were played, often to crowds of 18,000 or more. Those three days in March were Minnesota's version of March Madness long before it became the moniker for the NCAA tournament.

For the Cloquet team members and Terry Porter from the championship Marshall team, it was a special reunion. They greeted each other with heartfelt friendship and respect that has endured through the years since that fabled 1963 season.

Realizing that it has been nearly 60 years and aware that failing health is taking its toll, these friends gathered with the bittersweet understanding that this may perhaps be for the last time. But because of this reunion, set specifically for three days in March — echoing the tournament games of years ago — these players once more shared in the joyful exuberance of their youth. Heady days indeed.



Bruce Rimstad, Ben Trochlil, Howard Lavick and Bill Noreus gathered at a reception last month as part of a reunion of 1960s Minnesota state tournament players and coaches.

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Pine Knot News photo contributor Will Stenberg got a shot of this grouse this month. "The ruffed grouse and I were each out for our respective walks when our paths briefly crossed."

Split Rock has new camp sites

Andrew Krueger
MPR News

The opening date has now been set for a long-awaited new state park campground on Minnesota's North Shore.

The 46-site Shipwreck Creek campground at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park will open on June 1. Campsite reservations opened April 5. The park currently has walk-in camping, but the new campground will offer the first vehicle-accessible campsites at Split Rock.

It's the culmination of years of planning and two years of construction.

"It's very exciting to see it come to this point where we can open to the public and show them all the work that has been done, and try to get a visualization of what things will look like after the trees and shrubs and stuff that we planted really take off," said park manager Katie Foshay, noting the park has been receiving calls and emails from people eager to know when the campground is opening.

The campground's name is inspired by the many shipwrecks along the stretch of Lake Superior shore near the park — although the campground itself is located on the inland side of State Highway 61. Access is via the existing park entrance, then following a new road that circles back underneath the highway — similar to Tettegouche State Park.

The rocky terrain provided both challenges and opportunities in building the new campsites and shower building.

"We tried to incorporate this campground into the natural landscape as much as possible," Foshay said. "So different sites have different unique features. Some of them have cliffs or rocks that are sticking up, boulders, right in the campsite, that makes it a very unique experience."

All that and plenty of level ground for tents or trailers, of course. Each campsite also has electrical service. The campground will be seasonal, and not open in winter.



A campsite at the new Shipwreck Creek campground at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park on the North Shore. The campground is set to open June 1. Photo courtesy Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

There's no access to the campground yet — once the snow melts construction crews will need to finish up work this spring, such as installing signage.

Once complete there'll also be a parking lot to serve the new Split Rock Wilds mountain bike trails built by Lake County and other partners, on land adjacent to the state park.

Funding for the campground project — about \$7.5 million — is from the state Parks and Trails Legacy fund. Lake County received a \$1.6 million grant from the state for construction of the access road to the campground and trail parking

area.

Foshay said it's expected to be another busy spring and summer along the North Shore — with the increase in park visits seen during the pandemic showing no signs of letting up.

The campground will be opening in time for the peak of that summer travel season. Reservations can be made online; there's no waitlist or other advance option.

"To see and be a part of the construction process for the last two years has been very exciting — and it's fun to see it come to fruition," Foshay said.

April snow brings May optimism

The last couple of days of April I'm scheduled to be chasing cohos and browns on Chequamegon Bay out of Washburn, Wisconsin.

If you have spent any time outside the last couple of weeks, you will recognize the potential problem — we may still be iced up. In fact, the marina dockmaster recently reported 48 inches of ice in the harbor! This spring is shaping up to be one of the coldest in recent memory. But it's not all doom and gloom — the late spring could have a positive impact on area fishing.

Lake Superior, particularly around Duluth, should provide a multi-species opportunity prior to the walleye opener. Much of the annual spring fishing is focused on the smelt run. The smelt storm Park Point or gather along the mouths of rivers, triggered by water temps and not a particular date on the calendar. Without a warmup in the near future, this run will be a little behind this spring. The later the smelt run, the later into May the fishing will remain strong for the trout and salmon keying on the masses of spawning baitfish. I also suspect the schools of coho salmon will stick around a little later into June, comfortable with the colder water before working their way up the North Shore.

Turning our attention inland, walleye fishing could prove to be fantastic. The closer the spawn is to the fishing opener, the more concentrated the walleyes will be. Last year, fish were spread out up and down the St. Louis River for the opener. I'm betting this year the fishing could be lights out from Boy Scout Landing up to the Highway 23 bridge the first week of the season. Inland lakes could also hold large concentrations of spawning or post-spawn walleyes, especially around shallow bays adjacent to moving water. These fish will be particularly susceptible to night fishing, as the May full moon falls on the Sunday of opening weekend.

My boldest prediction for the late spring? I have a nagging suspicion the 17 ½-pound state record walleye could be challenged. I know it's been 40-plus years, and most chalk it up to an unbeatable record, but if there were to be a year ... this could be it.

If you are wondering where this record fish

might be caught, I would look to waters across the top of the state. Somewhere between Lake of the Woods and Lake Superior, a 35-inch walleye is currently

working its way toward moving water, under a thick layer of ice, in preparation for the spawn. This walleye, on any given year, would drop her eggs long before the throngs of fishermen descend for opening weekend.

This year, with the miserable cold spring, this same fish — laden with pounds of eggs, and bulked up for the spawn — could push the boundaries of the long-dormant state record.

At least, these are the stories I tell myself. Staring out into the rain-and-sleet mix of another gray day, I need to find the bright spots in a dark and dreary April.

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Lucia Mertz
Katie Metzger Korpela
Addison Moore
Josilyn Nikko
Helen Novak
Makayla Parrott
Autumn Peterson
Teodora Petrovich
Aydann Pollard
Willow Putnam
Simon Rakes
Anthony Reynolds
Savannah Rudolph
Kayden Schroeder
Alexa Shepherd
Logan Sickmann
Keanna Simula
Aaron South
Tyler Strand
Mason Sundquist
Grace Swanson
Evan Syverson
Clara Thompson
Alexa Tristan
Madysen Waters
Clara Wheale
Kaley Will
Hannah Yrjanson
Harlee Ziebol

Grade 11

Brady Anderson
Brody Anderson
Carter Anderson
Travis Anderson
Ashley Austin
Jordan Ballard
Luke Barney
Mason Beck
Amy Blais
Kollin Bonneville
Aili Buytaert
Skylar Dahl
Roena Diver
Patrick Dunaiski
Alec Erickson
Matthew Erickson
Austin Farleigh
Miles Fischer
Teegan Fruth
Isabella Genereau
Alexis Goranson
Garrett Gordon
Macie Hoffmann
Tirsa Horton
Lauren Johnson
Araya Kiminski
Noah Knutson
Lance Konietzko
Lia Laird
Josiah Larson
Nicholas Lassard
Timber Latvala
Bailey Lehto
Connor Lindstrom
Emily Litchke
Macie Majerle
Casey Marciniak
Emma Matuszak
John McGrath
Nicholas Munoz
Alexis Nelson
Katelyn Olson
Nadia Paavola
Karson Patten
Jordyn Rahkola
Nathan Rengo
Kayla Richardson
Rowan Rock
Thomas Sabyan
Gus Sakellariou
Benjamin Sanders
Hannah Sandman
Emily Sapyta
Luke Sievert

Elaina Simmonds
Makenzie Simula
Macava Smith
Jordyn Sorenson
Ashton Stansfield
Jadin Sullivan-Souk-kala
Miigwan Tanner-Wostrel
Leo Thill
Manny Thill
Richard Thallis
Emma Welch
Taylor Wenneson
Lily Whitebird
Gabriel Zago

Grade 12

Amelia Allen
Mason Anderson
Evan Antus
Samuel Bailey
Logan Baker
Donte Bell
Dylan Bowman
Hannah Boyd
Abigail Brown
Thorin Brown
Rylee Burkhart
Nicole Buscher
Samuel Buytaert
Hayden Dahl
Sophia Diver
Marina Dostal
Eve Eugenis
Hannah Fink
Caleb Hansen
Bella Harriman
Laura Hecht
Olivia Jameson
Caley Kruse
Blair Lahti
Jack Liang
Hunter Lockling
Addison Loeb
Olivia Macaulay
Jillian McCullough
Joel Melara Alvarez
Grant Nordin
Lillian Nygaard
Koda Osvold
Justice Paro
Alijah Petite
Madison Preteau
Cale Prosen
Anna Quaas
Camden Ramsey
Breea Rasmussen
Samuel Remus
Bailey Reynolds
Bella Richardson
Sarah Ringat
Sadie Senich
Jack Sorenson
Mathew South
Martha Stephenson
Lydia Stone
Isaac Strand
Spencer Strand
Brendan Strang
Ryan Tomsche
Alec Turnbull
Reese Turnbull
Jacob Vanderpool
Jacob Walsh
Jack Wilkinson
Hailie Williams

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Grade 9

Emma Amey
Matthew Ammesmaki
Adisyn Anderson
Jack Battaglia
Alexis Bednarek
Noah Bender
Evan Bergeron
Ian Berube
Grant Biebl
Catelyn Calverly
Ahanna Carlson
Blair Chartier

Nathaniel Clemens
Carmen Davis
Madison Erickson
Hunter Eugenis
Cajun Follett
Aidan Fridlington
Clara Gaffney
Paige Goranson
Eva Grangruth
Noah Hansen
Gavynn Hensley
Olivia Jacobi
Alessandro Johnson
Alexander Johnson
Jacob Klingaman
Grady Knutson
Bryson LaBarge
Lexus Lafontaine
Emma LaTour
Jonny McCoy
Aiden Murray
Wyatt Preteau
Allison Quamme
Candice Rehn
Benjamin Saletel
Brooke Seacord
Willow Sowada
Aleeziah Stillday
Nora Thaler
Brynlynn Tuura
Brady Wedin
Cole Wick
Lillian Witte
Collin Young
Karson Young
Kaleb Yrjanson
Marco Zegan

Grade 10

Joshua Anderson
Drew Angell
Liam Antilla
Madyson Babineau
Anistyn Baker
Hannah Bastien
Malachi Bridge
Hunter Carr
Anders Chalberg
Ella Colt
Kiana DeFoe
Emmie Doesken
Jacob Dunaiski
Gabe Erickson
Evan Etter
Brennen Fisher-Meritt
Madison Fredrickson
Jack Fugere
Lillie Golen
Kara Graboski
Carter Horvat
Kaleb Hyry
Grant Jadeke
Jayden Johnson
Annalise Kalm
Brynn Kowalke
Caden Kubis
Kyle Lahti
Casandra Lind
Walker Marquardt
Vivian Mitchell
Maddison Nelson
Lilly Neumeyer
Cheyenne Olson
Brooklyn Osvold
Olivia Petersen
Jacob Peterson
Beau Plante
Emmet Prosen
Jackson Reynolds
Hayden Richardson
Seth Rothamel
Taiju Satomi-Defoe
Logan Sibik
Aidan Sievert
Blake Singpiel
Calvin Snesrud
Abigail Steinert
JuliAnn Steinert
Edward Stone
Chase Stover
Lilyana Summar
Sander Tibbetts

Presley Torrance
Ryan Vallis
Aaron Willie
Brady Winfield

Grade 11

McKenna Amey
Jordan Aultman
Lilliana Barbre
Lynn Berntsen
Liliana Braveheart
Avery Carlson
Izaiah Carrier
Caden Danielson
Ellise Evenson
Eva Flovick
Vinzent Gilbert
Sophie Goebel
Sophia Green
Imani Gregory
Travis Grindle
Francesca Halverson
Nastasija Harris
Aric Johnson
Jenaya Jussila
Kade Kolodge
Madyson Lawrey
Jordan Lingren
Marco Antonio Mayorga
Caleb Newton
Jaedyn Novy
Connor Olesiak
Dayne Painovich
Kairi Peacock-Olsen
Marcus Perttula
Gabriella Rennquist
Charlotte Ripp
Nathaniel Robinson
Reidar Runstrom
Lydia Saletel
Reese Sheldon
Mason Shepard-Grover
Alexa Snesrud
Landon Southerton
Ethan Thaler
Karl Thompson
Marcus Wells
Taylor Wick

Grade 12

Mitchell Bastien
Logan Beck
Alyssa Bowen Johnson
Isabelle Burley
Jocelyn Callahan
Katelyn Carter
Lleyton Doty
McKenah Downing
Carson Essler
Andrew Hansen
Carter Haroldson
Connor Hecht
Ty Hughes
Abigale Kinnunen
Carter Kubis
Tyler Leppi
Christopher Litke
Steven Martin
Carlee Maslowski
Bianca McKean
Mia McKeon
Gramm Neumeyer
Ethan Parteka
Alexander Petersen
Ashtyn Schneberger
Sydney Skutevik
Tanner Smith
Davis Smith-Barney
Justice Taylor
Spencer Teitelbaum
Addison Thompson
Will Turnbull
Emily Vermeersch
Ashlee Waldbillig
Aiden Wilkinson
Madelynn Young

CHALKBOARD

Cloquet grad takes national award

Lynn (Jones) Prosen, a 1992 Cloquet graduate, was awarded the 2022 National Science Teaching Association's Corteva Excellence in Agricultural Science Education Award. The award recognizes excellence and innovation in the field of agricultural science education.

Prosen told the Pine Knot that she was inspired by St. Scholastica professor Dr. Donna Schroeder when she was working on her biology degree.

"I was a TA for her and the idea of helping others to learn science and be able to understand things was always sort of in the back of my head," she said. "But the idea really started in sixth grade in Cloquet. We were dissecting worms and my lab partner said, 'you know this so well you should teach.'"

Prosen is a teacher at Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, New Jersey, a private pre-K through K-12 school with a 208-acre campus that includes a working farm and garden. She teaches pre-K through fourth-grade science there as a science specialist. She said the remarkable campus allows them to do amazing studies. "We have not only the farm, but a pond and streams. We're building a robust environmental education program going from the elementary school upward."

As part of her award application, Prosen submitted a third-grade science lesson about heredity and inheritance using the sheep at Home Winds Farm as the model organism. Home Winds is a working farm that serves as an outdoor classroom for the school.

"This lesson was designed for students to observe, collect, and interpret data to provide evidence that animals have traits inherited from parents and that variation of these traits exists in a group of similar organisms," Prosen explained in a school press release. "The Jacobs and Cormo sheep have specific traits that are easily observable. The Third Graders took note of the horns, wool color, and other traits and were able to trace specific traits back to the parents."

Prosen is the daughter of Robert and Louise Jones of Cloquet.

The longtime teacher said she was honored to be chosen. "As a national award, you don't know what other people are putting out there," she said.

Moose Lake teacher is a finalist

The 2022 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be chosen from a group of 11 teachers from across the state who have been named finalists in the program, including a teacher from Moose Lake.

Bradley Hubred teaches fifth and sixth grade science at Moose Lake Community Schools. Out of 77 total candidates this year, an independent selection panel of 22 leaders in the areas of education, business, government and nonprofits selected the finalists from a group of 25 semifinalists. The selection panel meets again April 30 to conduct individual interviews with each of the finalists.

Music scholarship available

The Friends of Brad Memorial Foundation announces its annual music scholarship opportunity. Two \$1000 scholarships are available for students in the region who plan to pursue music in college.

"Art and music are critical components of life. They help humans persevere during difficult times, like during the pandemic," said Troy Rogers, the foundation president. "It's always important to cultivate and encourage the next generation of musicians, but maybe even more so right now."

Friends of Brad was created in 2010 to honor the memory of Bradley Edward Rozman, a percussionist and native of Virginia, Minnesota, who passed away in 2009. The foundation honors Rozman through its programs that seek to cultivate and celebrate young Minnesota musicians.

Applications are due on Monday, May 16, at 5 p.m. More information and an application are available online: www.friendsofbrad.org/scholarships.

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COMMUNITIES

AREA EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Carlton Area Lions Club coney night 5-7 p.m. at the Carlton VFW. \$7 for two Deluxe Coney Island coneys, chips and pickle spear. Proceeds toward community needs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Earth Day celebration 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for all ages at the Cloquet Public Library. Activities include kids' clothes swap, DIY no-sew T-shirt bag, grow your own cucumber seedling, book sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and more.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-12 p.m. hosted by the Beehive Community Club, 6 miles west of Mahtowa on County Road. 4. Cost: \$8/adult, \$5/ages 5-12, free for age 4 and under. Proceeds to Barnum and Cromwell-Wright scholarships.

Senior dance at the Cloquet VFW 1-4 p.m. with music by Two for the Road.

Potluck, \$8 cover. 218-210-7793, 879-5717, 249-6981.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

The Lake Superior Chapter of the Us TOO prostate cancer support group meets 5-7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Community Memori-

al Hospital, in the Birch Room. Questions, call Mike Sullivan at 218-384-3448 or Phil Maunu at 218-879-3506.

Carlton County Republicans meeting, 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month, 208 Ave. C, Cloquet. Questions, call Tony Sheda, 384-4734.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Carlton County Trailblazers 55 and older group (formerly the Retired Men's Group) welcome men and women 55 and up to their luncheon meetings at the Cloquet VFW. The final meeting of the season will be April 27 with social hour at 11 a.m., and Creamy Italian Chicken lunch (\$10) at 12 p.m. Guest speaker: Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency director Cindy Slater. Public welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Bingo at the Barnum Area Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments provided.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Trash, Treasure & Bake sale 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Barnum Area Senior Center, 3794 Main St. Proceeds to building expenses fund.

Cloquet High School Theater presents its spring show, "Puffs" — the

reimagined adventures of "potential heroes" just trying to make it through magic school. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/students and Seniors; purchase at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/64283.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Guided bird walk 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Cloquet Forestry Center. Registration required, call 218-879-1531.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Antique appraisals with Steve Wesely of Crescent Auctioneering, 1 p.m. at Fires of 1918 Museum, Moose Lake. Suggested donation \$3 per person; 2-item limit, please. No charge for MLAHS members. Masks may be required. 218-485-4159, 485-4234.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Nutrition assistance program for seniors (NAPS) food distribution 9:30-10:45 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 615 12th St., Cloquet.

Senior dance at the Cloquet VFW 1-4 p.m. with music by the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Potluck, \$8 cover. 218-210-7793, 879-5717, 249-6981.

WRIGHT/CROMWELL NEWS

As I sit down to write this week's news, it's snowing — again. When will this winter weather end? I guess we'll just have to wait and see. And see we must have gotten over 6 inches of the white stuff.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Lincoln Hansen, who passed away at the Villa Vista in Cromwell. Funeral arrangements are pending.

More than 30 members of the Young Old Timers met for the annual Easter dinner and get-together on April 12 at the Cromwell Pavilion. It's always great to gather for friendship, food, and entertainment. The next meeting is on May 10, and new folks are always welcome.

Mayor Zelazny let me know that on March 2 the City of Cromwell received a state grant award letter for up to \$2.25 million to construct a shared-use trail in 2025 between Villa Court Drive and Minnesota Highway 210. There are no sidewalks in this area, and the grant will focus on pedestrian and bike safety. Walkers and bikers now need to use the highway shoulder. This is a big grant award for the city and will go a long way in improving safety.

The City of Cromwell will once again be offering a prescription drug collection event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the fire hall in Cromwell. This is a perfect time to dispose of unused prescription drugs in a safe and convenient way. I'll have more details on this program in my column next week.

Yoga meets on most Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Cromwell Pavilion. The cost of \$3 per person covers city rental. Gear is provided. Questions, call Ann Markusen at 218-428-3300. The Arrowhead Bookmobile will be near the post office in Wright from 1:00 to 1:45

p.m. on May 3, May 24 and June 14.. Residents and staff of the Villa Vista and Cardinal Court facilities observed Good Friday with a beautiful worship service. Friends and relatives were welcomed, music was presented by Augustas on piano and guitar and by the Bethany Choir, and there was a special presentation of a Quilt of Valor to a veteran.

The Mae Prachar Band will be at the Villa Vista at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 22.

The next Senior dance with Jerry's One-Man Band will be held 1-4 p.m. on April 28 at the Cromwell Pavilion.

The Women of Bethany Lutheran in Cromwell are hosting their annual rummage and plant sale from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 30. Clean, good and gently used donations can be dropped off anytime.

The senior award banquet will be held on May 9. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m., with presentations at 6:15 p.m. All seniors attending need to sign up, with the number of guests (those who are not seniors of the graduating class of 2022 and who are dining); there is a charge of \$5 per guest. Questions, email jbrekke@isd95.org or call 218-644-3737, extension 2146.

ATV training classes will be held May 7 in Lawler, and May 21 in Tamarack. Visit dnr.state.mn.us, "Education & Safety" tab, "Recreational vehicle safety" then "All-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety training" for information on completing the online safety course first and then registering for the hands-on safety class.

That's all the news from The Edge of Wright.

COMMUNITY COLUMNIST



Jennie Hanson

SUDOKU

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Using only the numbers 1 through 9, complete the grid so that no number is repeated in any row, column or grid. Each puzzle has one, and only one, unique solution.

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Across

- Peek-_____ (baby's game)
- Coagulate
- Andean ancient
- Arbitrators, for short
- Actor in a Bananarama song Robert De _____
- Tennis tie
- Very cold time, for many
- Like some college walls
- Disperse
- Early computer name
- ____ reflex
- Windhoek's land
- Worldly ones
- German cry of dismay
- Like overworked muscles
- Scandinavian language, to natives
- Let fall
- Pool ball type
- Off-Broadway award
- Job for the exterminator
- Burden
- Time off of work, for short
- 1983 Michael Caine film
- Speaker's platform
- "____ calls?"
- Talmud expert

- Grade just above average
- Words of agreement
- Ace _____
- Harriet Beecher _____
- Cast of mind
- Plastic ingredient
- Construct
- Selves
- Look to be

Down

- Prepares for battle
- _____ known
- Robert Louis Stevenson's "Strange Case _____ Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"
- Lake Ontario port
- Blitzer's station
- Guitarist Ford
- City near Provo, Utah
- Turin, locally
- Ugandan despot
- Carson City's st.
- Who, in Latin
- High card
- "Waking _____ Devine" (1998 film)
- "When _____ Lad" (Gilbert & Sullivan song)
- Four quarts (abbr.)
- Some trucks
- Words of agreement
- Ms. Streisand
- One way to live

- Griller
- Repeated part
- Palindromic cry
- Airfield tower
- European viper
- Doctrine
- Peace agreement
- Like Dvorák's Symphony No. 8
- _____ mater (brain cover)
- Dawdled
- From the time of
- Your in Italy
- Drink
- Feverish malady
- Uncommon blood type, briefly
- "I Can't Take _____ More" (John Fogerty tune)
- Folk wisdom
- Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda in
- 1997
- Dress line
- Banned fireproofing product (abbr.)
- Three after R
- "____ make myself clear?"
- Woodsy, for one
- Elevs.

Puzzle answers on Page 16

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF CARLTON CITY CODE CHAPTER 4 City Code Regulating Utilities
 The City Council of the City of Carlton, Carlton County, Minnesota hereby ordains:
 Summary Chapter 4, Part 1, Section 401.05
 Part 1 Water/Sewer Rates and Regulations
 401.05 Protection of Public and City
 Subd 2. Liability Insurance
 Any person performing utility construction work authorized by the city shall have liability coverage as follows:
 General Liability: \$1,500,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 aggregate
 Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
 Workers Compensation: Statutory if the insurance coverage will be inadequate in amount, the person shall indemnify and hold harmless the city and its personnel in like manner.
 This summary ordinance was approved by the City Council of Carlton, Minnesota on April 13, 2022 and becomes effective upon publication.
 The above published material is a summary only. A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available during regular office hours or on the city website at www.cityofcarlton.com.
 Mike Soderstrom, Mayor
 Carol Conway, Clerk-Treasurer
PKN April 22, 2022

MINUTES OF THE WRENSHALL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2022
 The Wrenshall Board of Education, Independent School District No. 100, Wrenshall, Minnesota held its regular board meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wrenshall School Library Media Center. Chairperson Bergman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 Members present: Misty Bergman, Cindy Bourn, Debra Washenesky, Nicole Krisak and Ben Johnson.
 Member absent: Jack Eudy.
 MOTION by Washenesky seconded by Krisak to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Washenesky seconded by Bourn to approve the consent agenda including checks #53121 through #53208 but wait to approve the Deposit Summary, Electronic Funds Transfer, Current Cash Flow Report, and the Multi-Year Expense/Revenue Summary until received. Motion carried unanimously.
 Superintendent Belcastro recognized:
 · Staff and Board Members who were present to help with the Facility Open House – thank you!
 · Beth Peterson and Maggie Furlong – ARI, for their work on the website for the Open House.
 Report of Superintendent Belcastro:
 · Enrollment update – getting calls for next year and scheduling meetings for next year.
 · Phase III Rec Building will be basic finishing for Health & Safety.
 Employee Spotlight: Mental Health Supports – Erik Holter – High School Guidance Counselor, Caitlin Anderson – Elementary Guidance Counselor, Mike Schmidt – Family School Support Worker, Annalisa Harty – North

Homes Mental Health Therapist. Erik Holter discussed how he talks to families and does short-term counseling with students with referrals to Annalisa. He also does restorative circle activities and pre-college testing. He works with students for credit recovery and career exploration. Caitlin Anderson discussed how she works with students on problem solving and group instruction. She finds that doing lunchroom duties helps with seeing how her work with certain students is helping them. She works with individual students depending on their needs. Mike Schmidt discussed how he helps families interpret court actions and that he is currently working with 15 families for case management. He works with student conflict management and solutions as well as creating team building circles. Annalisa Harty has a caseload of 38 students and holds individual sessions, family sessions, and group sessions. She can also do telehealth using the hotspots supplied by Wrenshall School.
 Report of Principal Blanchard:
 · Spring Conferences are next week and trying a different way of scheduling with high school parents using an online link while conference slips were sent to elementary parents.
 · MCA testing begins week of April 4 with the kickoff Test Prep Assembly on April 6.
 · Open House was last week and felt it was a success.
 Report of Business Manager – Angela Anderson (Kim gave her report):
 · 2022-2023 Budget meetings – Scheduling meetings started today/teacher assignments mid-May.
 · Will have some information about 2022-2023 scheduling by the April COTW meeting.
 Report of Community Education – Ashley Laveau:
 · Lego Club on Mondays – 4 sessions – 30 kids signed up.
 · February 25 – Outdoor event for families near the Wrenshall Skating Rink was a success.
 · No Father/Daughter Ball this year due to Covid but thinking about a summer family dance.
 · April 12 – Easter craft scheduled.
 May 9 – MAGIC Gathering event for older kids.
 · Thinking about a Fall Flannel fundraiser event with older students involved with food offerings.
 Report of Buildings and Grounds:
 · Rec Building cleanout is being worked on in preparation for the Phase III construction project.
 Informational items:
 · Terry Olson, Hallberg Engineering, Commissioning Services for Phase III Rec Building HVAC.
 · MSHSL approved Girls Softball cooperative sponsorship application with Carlton and Wrenshall

beginning with the 2021-2022 school year season.
 · Recall petition information – Ben Johnson: contacted Carlton County and Secretary of State of Minnesota and verified Minnesota State Statute says our Filing Officer (Beth Peterson) verifies all petitions for accuracy.
 Open Forum:
 Community member asked for an apology.
 Teacher stated opinion about actions Board is dealing with.
 Board Chair stated opinion about recent happenings.
 MOTION by Johnson seconded by Krisak to approve Commissioning Services agreement for Terry Olson, Hallberg Engineering, for the ongoing Wrenshall School construction project including the REC Building HVAC project. Motion carried unanimously.
 TABLED – MOTION to adopt Minnesota School Board Association's (MSBA) Policy 413 – Harassment and Violence along with the accompanying report form to be added to the Wrenshall School District Policies that can be accessed on the Wrenshall School website.
 TABLED – MOTION to approve 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.
 TABLED – MOTION to approve recall petition expenses.
 MOTION by Krisak seconded by Washenesky to approve Class of 2022 trip to the Wisconsin Dells with class advisors John Peterson and Aaron Lattu. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Krisak seconded by Washenesky to hire Kayla Hlava for position of Assistant Girls Softball Coach effective 2021-2022 school year season. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Bourn seconded by Krisak to accept with deep thanks and appreciation the \$250.00 anonymous donation for Class of 2022 class trip. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Krisak seconded by Johnson to accept with deep thanks and appreciation to Tomhave Dental Associates of Cloquet for the donation of 12 trial size toothpastes and 36 toothbrushes for students at Wrenshall School that have need for supplies to do oral hygiene during the school day. Motion carried unanimously.
 Board Discussion and Scheduling:
 · ED MN Wrenshall Mediation – March 15 at 10:00 a.m.
 · Thursday, March 17, 2022 – Meet and Confer – Teachers – Library Media Center at 4:30 p.m. – Washenesky, Bourn, and Krisak.
 · Special Meeting – Closed Session – Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
 · Committee of the Whole meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Library Media Center.

· Board Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Library Media Center.
 MOTION by Washenesky seconded by Krisak to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
 Minutes approved at the April 11, 2022 regular Board meeting.
PKN April 22, 2022

MINUTES OF THE WRENSHALL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CLOSED SESSION HELD MARCH 23, 2022
 The Wrenshall Board of Education, Independent School District No. 100, Wrenshall, Minnesota held a Closed Session Special board meeting per Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a) for discussion of evaluation of two employees on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wrenshall School, Room 123. Chairperson Bergman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. (technical difficulties).
 Members present: Misty Bergman, Nicole Krisak, Debra Washenesky, Cindy Bourn, and Ben Johnson.
 Member on phone: R. Jack Eudy.
 In-person attendees: James Hopp, Alex Johnson, Valerie Dahl (union).
 Virtual attendee: Terry Olson, Commissioning Agent for HVAC Project.
 MOTION by Washenesky seconded by Johnson to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
 STATEMENT: Closed meeting as per Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a) for discussion of evaluation of two employees.
 CLOSED SESSION
 MOTION by Bourn seconded by Washenesky to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
 Minutes approved at the April 11, 2022 regular Board meeting.
PKN April 22, 2022

MINUTES OF THE CARLTON BOUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED SESSION HELD MARCH 28, 2022
 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: Bodie, Peterson, Proulx and Thell.
 Absent: Brenner.
 Proulx by Bodie all yea, to approve the Agenda as amended.
 Bodie by Proulx all yea, to approve the Minutes of the March 8th, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
 Retiree Eva Johnson recognized for her years of service to the county.
 Visitors from PFM Financial Advisors were available to answer bonding questions.
 Bodie by Thell all yea, except Brenner who was absent, to issue, sell and deliver \$27,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022A, for the purpose of financing a portion of a new building consisting of a law enforcement center, judicial center, and jail serving a regional female offender program. The Bond Contract and Registration Certificate is available to view in its entirety in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours.
 Proulx by Thell all yea, to approve out-of-state travel for the Veterans Office staff to attend the NACVSO June 4-10 in San Antonio, Texas.
 Bodie by Thell all yea, to approve reclassification of a 0.5 Office Support Staff to a 0.5 Case Aide in the PH&HS Department.
 Proulx by Thell all yea, to approve a Foster Care Transportation Contract with Carlton Schools not to exceed \$10,000.00.
 Bodie by Proulx all yea, to approve a Minnesota Department of Health Local Public Health Act Grant Fund Balance Project Agreement with the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board in the amount of \$18,877.00.
 Proulx by Bodie all yea, to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Mary Ann Marchel and Partner to provide reflective practice consultation not to exceed \$36,000.
 Bodie by Thell all yea votes, to increase the transportation reimbursement for Medical Assistance enrollees for non-emergency medical transportation per joint powers agreement with MTM. Estimated annual increase is \$11,040.00.
 Proulx by Bodie all yea votes, to approve a three-year term

for both Cindy Pattison, District 1 and Jerry Pederson, District 5 to the Human Services Advisory Committee.
 Thell by Proulx all yea, to approve the direct sale of non-conforming tax-forfeited parcels 06-510-1812 and 06-510-1830 to Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
 Bodie by Thell all yea, to approve the Board Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant for the CSAH 61 Reconstruction, Streetscape & Recreational Trail Project.
 Bodie by Proulx all yea, to approve refilling a Deputy Sheriff position in the Sheriff's department.
 Proulx by Thell all yea votes, to approve refilling a Public Safety Dispatcher position in the Communications department.
 Thell by Bodie all yea, to approve a contract with Swim Creative to provide professional direction and project management for public education related to the Justice Center project. The range of the contract is \$24,898 to \$26,290, depending on printing and postage costs.
 Bodie by Proulx all yea, to sign the \$5,400 2021 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant Contract Agreement.
 Bodie by Thell, all yea, to approve a contract with RS Consulting and Services, LLC for \$2400 between October 2021 and May 2022.
 Proulx Bodie all yea, to accept and approve Applications for Property Tax Adjustments for parcels 39-010-1215 and 78-020-2010 both payable 2022.
 Thell by Bodie all yea, to authorize the release of Jim and Jeanna Montero as Guarantors and all liability on the mortgage, loan, and guarantees executed by Country Corner Properties, LLC, Mahtowa Market, Inc., Glenn and Renee Gaffney, and Jim and Jeanna Montero on June 28th, 2019. Glenn and Renee Gaffney will fully assume the mortgage, loan, and guarantees.
 Discussion on the State Legislative session and the bonding request of the county.
 Bodie by Thell all yea, that this meeting be adjourned.
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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Pandemic wanes, but vigilance remains

Catharine Richert
MPR News

From her perch at the Minnesota Department of Health, commissioner Jan Malcolm says the Covid-19 pandemic isn't over — but it's better.

"There's a lot of virus still circulating out there," she said. Medically vulnerable people are still at high risk of getting very sick from the virus.

"But the cases are fairly low as well as stable, and cause less disruption in our communities and less risk to health," said Malcolm.

Going forward, people will base risk on a variety of factors including community spread, but also on factors such as vaccination status, previous infections, willingness to wear masks and hospital capacity in their area, she said.

"Folks are going to be in different risk situations for themselves and their families," she said. "And so we're in a phase now where there's a much more individualized picture of risk."

And with this new phase of the pandemic, Malcolm said daily Covid case counts — a metric so many have been conditioned to pay close attention to — don't mean as much as they used to; the numbers are muddled by the use of at-home Covid tests and changes in how Covid test results are reported.

It signals a shift in how public health will track, and potentially respond to, future Covid waves, she said.

"The big thing to watch now is really the impact on the health care system," Malcolm said.

An incomplete view

Earlier this month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that negative test results no longer need to be reported. This week, the state health department stopped reporting testing volume too, a decision tied to the new federal guidance.

That's made the positivity rate



Mobile testing is set up at Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet in the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pine Knot News photo

less meaningful. Those rates have been used as a key Covid metric that teases out how many new tests resulted in positive cases.

At the same time, over-the-counter rapid tests are easier to get at retailers; free tests are available through federal and state programs. Many of those results, positive or negative, are never reported to the health department, giving public health experts an incomplete view of how many new cases are being detected through testing.

While new Covid cases are still being taken into account, federal, state and local public health departments are relying more on how the virus is showing up in hospitals — people who are coming in with the virus, being hospitalized for the virus and dying from it.

All these data points are layered into a new tool from the CDC that helps people assess Covid's seriousness in their communities and how they should react to those levels of risk.

"It's kind of a more refined measure of how concerned we should be," said Malcolm.

Layers of detection

While case counts and positivity rates may be a less useful

Covid measurement now, state epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield said there are a lot of other tools to track the virus in the health department's toolkit — many refined in the state's ongoing efforts to track other respiratory viruses.

"There are a number of surveillance systems that we stood up during the pandemic and some that predated it," said Lynfield.

For instance, the state will track Covid emergency department visits and hospital admissions; they're gleaning information from electronic medical records around the state; and they're monitoring how many hospital beds are being used for Covid patients.

"There's a lot of eyes looking in through different windows to the house to give us a sense of what is going on," she said.

At the University of Minnesota Medical School, Dr. Tim Schacker is involved in an ongoing effort to better detect new Covid surges and variants by measuring the virus in wastewater.

Tracking Covid by relying on indicators that take a while to emerge — such as hospitalization — isn't enough, he said.

"[Wastewater detection] has turned out to be an extremely useful sort of early warning sys-

tem that something was going on in the community," he said.

"The folks in the hospital represent a small proportion of people who got infected. So it's a skewed population. If you look at wastewater, everybody contributes, and you really get a population-based analysis of what's going on with that particular pathogen," he said.

Wastewater samples are being collected regularly from 40 sites around the state, Schacker said. Right now, cases continue to be low.

"We may see wastewater levels rise, but we won't see the same dramatic rise in hospitalizations," he said. "And if that's true, we've got to determine what is a rise that is going to predict some level of increased hospitalization? And what's the proper response?"

'A difficult dance'

Wider use of unreported at-home Covid tests and new reporting requirements can make communicating the relative risk of the virus to the public challenging right now, said Carlton County public health nurse Jenny Barta.

"It's a difficult dance for us at public health," Barta said. "We want people to be able to live

their lives and to do it safely and responsibly but, also, how can we communicate those necessary protections that they need to take?"

In Olmsted County, cases have been fluctuating in recent weeks, but hospitalizations remain low.

Epidemiology program manager Meaghan Sherden said with masking and some vaccine requirements disappearing, her community is starting to get a sense of what it may be like to live with Covid-19 in the long run without major disruptions.

"As much as I would love to know every positive test in Olmsted County, the fact that people can do at-home testing and get those results so much faster, that's a huge mitigation and prevention strategy for us," she said.

Sherden said those tests are critical in helping people make real-time decisions about their individual behavior and susceptibility to risk, which she said are critical to continuing preventing transmission of the virus.

The tests tell us "how can we see our loved ones who maybe have underlying health conditions. And what are the potential risks that I may be exposing [to] others," Sherden said.

CRIME & COURTS

Details on shooting emerge; Esko man is charged

Pine Knot News

The case of an injured Wrenshall man found trying to flag down cars April 10 on northbound Interstate 35 between Midway Road and the Proctor exit turns out to be related to a drug deal that never transpired, the criminal complaint states.

The alleged shooter in the case is Esko resident Austin James Webster, 39, who appeared in St. Louis County Sixth District Court Friday, April 15,

charged with second-degree assault and felon in possession of a firearm.

Webster, who has several drug-related convictions in the past 12 years, including four as felonies, was charged with felony counts of second-degree assault and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The victim had bullet wounds from a .45 caliber handgun in both of his legs, the police report says. He was treated for his injuries at a hospital and released. While at first be-

ing reluctant to tell police what happened, he eventually identified Webster and a second person who was in the car.

The complaints state that Webster and a woman picked up the victim in a parking lot off Midway Road. They drove to a gravel road off Thompson Hill Road, allegedly to wait for another person in a drug deal. The victim grew impatient, the complaint said, and exited the car. Much of what happened next is in dispute, according to the

three people involved. The victim ended up getting shot and the bear spray hit all three. The victim then ran, got over a fence, and limped to the interstate that Sunday afternoon where responders eventually picked him up.

Police located bullet casings, a bullet and a phone in the area where the struggle took place. The cellphone led to Webster and the woman. There was contact discovered between the found phone and the victim's phone.

A search of the area, along with eyewitness accounts, led to the discovery of the car involved near Spirit Mountain Campground. Webster and the woman were seen in the car that was being driven erratically. They were also seen using snow to alleviate the sting of the spray in their eyes. The car apparently got stuck and the couple received a ride out of the area by another person.

A search of the car and the surroundings turned up a gun case and drug para-

phernalia used in a camping area, the complaint states. The woman, in a police interview, showed police where she had tossed the gun off West Skyline Parkway.

Webster was arrested April 12, about 48 hours after the shooting is said to have occurred.

He remains in St. Louis County jail awaiting another court date May 10. Other people involved in the case haven't been charged but the county attorney's office is reviewing it.

CONCERT HELPS FUND NONPROFIT



Earlier this month, many area churches and nonprofit organizations came together to sponsor a concert at Common Ground Coffee Bar & Deli with national recording artist Remedy Drive. For the last eight years, the alternative rock band has been using music to shine a light on human trafficking by helping fund the nonprofit The Exodus Road with more than \$500,000 in donations. The April 6 event was hosted and promoted by Kingdom Builders Ministries, who hopes to host more of these community action and fundraiser events in the future. Up and coming local band Presence Music was the opening act and also co-promoted the event with close to 200 in attendance from all around the Twin Ports. *Contributed photo*

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Threat ...

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Public safety, with the assistance of a bomb-sniffing dog from the Duluth Police Department, searched both buildings. Nothing was located and both buildings were given the all-clear just before 2 p.m. All after-school activities at both schools were canceled.

“It’s too bad this happened,” said one mother, who was picking up her son from St. Paul’s. “These kids need to be in school.”

Anyone with information regarding the threat is asked to contact the Cloquet Police Department at 218-879-1247. One can also send tips via text/SMS by texting the words TIP CLOQUETPD followed by a message to 888777. Tipsters can remain anonymous.



Area law enforcement agencies collaborated in response to a bomb threat directed at Cloquet High School Wednesday. High school and middle school students were cleared from the buildings and sent home, while officers and a Duluth bomb sniffing K-9 searched both buildings. *Jana Peterson / Pine Knot News*

Carlton ...

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A class section was eliminated at South Terrace Elementary School and district health classes will be migrated to online. Some business courses will also be offered only online.

Right now, there are two sections of band, senior high and junior high, with 57 students participating. Students in sixth grade were moved into the junior high program this year. The board earlier this year did not renew a contract for a small-band instructor, eliminating the pep band.

Sharrie Janovick, the district music and band teacher, said she doesn’t know if eliminating a section means all district students in one room or cutting the junior high or senior high band. She said after the meeting that she

also doesn’t know what one section will mean for lessons.

Janovick spoke in the public comment portion of Monday’s meeting.

She said there is “no more fat to cut” when it comes to band and spoke about the students who continue to participate despite the limitations of the program.

One of her ninth-graders also spoke. Lauryn Hilton praised Janovick for helping her stick through her clarinet training even though she “hated it” in fifth grade. She learned to love playing and the band, especially the camaraderie in the band room, calling it “a different place” where “we are a family.”

Board member Ann Gustafson also asked what one section will look like and it appeared there isn’t an exact answer. Chairwoman Julianne Emerson said the board could always

reverse course but needs to make cuts now because it can’t later, under statutory rules. The board will eventually have to define what the band cut entails.

Board member Tim Hagenah kept his vow of not voting for any cuts until he sees sports programs under the budget knife. He said sports has a small percentage of participants while the cuts in classes affect all students in the district.

Emerson repeated what she’s been saying for months, that sports are on the table. A committee was formed recently to look at savings by pairing more sports with Wrenshall. According to numbers provided Monday, extra-curricular activities, from math league, yearbook, instrumental music to sports, with revenue and expenses, costs the district \$132,227, a five-year average.

“Nobody here likes any of this,” superintendent

John Engstrom said quietly during the band vote discussion. He said the simple fact is that the board needs to find \$250,000 this year — and perhaps the same amount next year — in order to right the estimated \$500,000 district deficit. Some cuts are partial, some are whole, and some could be reinstated, he said. “It’s the reality of where we are.”

After the four of five suggested cuts were approved, the board moved on to other items, including approving voluntary visits by Ardis Williams and her therapy dog in the preschool classroom.

Gustafson quipped, given the gravity of the meeting and the cuts that still lie ahead, that maybe the therapy dog could visit the school board meetings as well.

How they voted

All board members were present at the meeting Monday: Julianne Emerson, Sue Karp, Eryn Szymczak, Sam Ojibway, Tim Hagenah and Ann Gustafson. The cuts approved so far total about \$115,000. The board has a goal of cutting \$250,000 from the budget this year and the same next year to clear an expected \$500,000 district deficit. Last month, the board approved cutting \$13,000 in benefits from superintendent John Engstrom’s contract.

- Reducing one classroom at South Terrace (\$45,000). **Passed** 4-2, with Hagenah and Karp against.
- Eliminating in-person art classes (\$54,731). **Failed** 3-3, with Hagenah, Karp and Gustafson against.
- Eliminating in-person health classes (\$11,345). **Passed** 5-1, with Hagenah against.
- Reducing in-person business classes to one at middle school, two at high school (\$30,023). **Passed** 4-2, with Hagenah and Ojibway against.
- Reducing band to one section of grades 6-12 (\$15,632). **Passed** 4-2, with Hagenah and Karp against.

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