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Food shelves adapt to high demand

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Demand at the Mora Food Pantry was up 20% the first two weeks of April, with a large number of people utilizing the pantry for the first time.

Mora Food Pantry executive director Jodi Gerner reported that the events of March and subsequent "panic buying" kept them very busy. A typical day of serving 30 households per day jumped up to 50.

In March, the pantry served 311 households; one third of those had not been to the food pantry yet in 2019. Around 50 were brand new households.

Gerner and food shelf volunteers have taken steps to transform food distribution to minimize contact.

Volunteers wear gloves and masks while distributing pre-packaged boxes of food in a drive-up system. Clients are not asked to fill out any forms.

Clients are asked to stay in their vehicles and volunteers load the boxes so there is no person-to-person contact at pick up.

"I want our clients to know that it is safe still to use the food pantry without waiting inside in a crowded hallway," said Gerner.

"Our current process moves clients through the line pretty quickly. Although we'd love to allow our clients to choose their own foods, this is the safest way to do things right now and still be able to provide food."

The Mora Food Pantry is operating during its regular



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Seventeen-year-old Katyln Wicklund rolls a cart of boxed food to a waiting car. Food shelf volunteers wear gloves and homemade face masks as they distribute boxes of food in a drive-up style pick up.

hours: Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at its regular location: 214 Railroad Ave. NW, Mora.

Clients are asked to enter by Johnson's Hardware. Clients may use the Mora Food Pantry once per month.

Donations may be brought to the food shelf at 214 Railroad Ave, Mora (north entrance) on Tuesday and Friday mornings 9 a.m. to noon.

Ogilvie Food Shelf
 The Ogilvie Food Shelf

has adjusted its pick-up to a similar drive-up style.

Ogilvie Food Shelf is open to clients every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 8-10:30 a.m. at Quality Disposal, 225 George Street, Ogilvie.

Ogilvie Food Shelf Coordinator Marian Beier said they typically serve 25 families each Saturday. On April 11, the number served was nearly doubled. Beier said their supplies have kept up with demand.

FOOD SHELF DETAILS

Mora Food Pantry

Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
 214 Railroad Ave NW, Mora
 Drive-up delivery system
 320-679-5513
 morafoodpantry@gmail.com

Ogilvie Food Shelf

2nd & 4th Saturdays from 8-10:30 a.m.
 Pick up at 225 George St, Ogilvie.
 Mail monetary donations to PO Box 117, Ogilvie, MN 56358
 320-703-8025 or 612-747-4277

Imperial Plastics sold

New CEO: 'We're staying in Mora'

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Imperial Plastics was sold to Commercial Plastics last week, affecting both of Imperial Plastic's manufacturing plants in Lakeville and Mora.

Imperial Plastics is the fourth largest employer within the City of Mora with approximately 200 employees in that location.

Commercial Plastics acquired the assets of Imperial Plastics on Friday, April 10, 2020. These assets include the 400,000-square foot facility in Mora; the Lakeville property is leased.

Commercial Plastics has three other plastic manufacturing plants located in Mundelein, Illinois; Waverley, Nebraska; and Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Commercial Plastics is co-owned by brothers Bill and Matt O'Connor.

CEO Matt O'Connor said the purchase will increase Commercial Plastic's overall footprint — especially with the addition of the Mora location. The acquisition of Imperial Plastics assets will approximately double the size of Commercial Plastic's employees and square footage.

Matt first toured the Mora location in January.

"To be honest, we were excited

about what we saw ... The equipment and capabilities in Mora is extremely impressive," he said.

All of Imperial Plastic's employees have been asked to re-apply to their jobs as part of the on-boarding process. Matt said he was excited about future growth, hiring more employees and expanding.

"We're excited about coming to Mora and we are staying in Mora," Matt said.

While the purchase process began before the coronavirus pandemic struck the United States, it has complicated the change in ownership.

Matt said distancing restrictions has made it difficult to introduce themselves to their employees and customers.

Still, Matt was hopeful, "We're very excited and we think this is going to be great for Commercial Plastics."

Lakeville-based Imperial Plastics purchased Engineered Polymers Corporation (EPC) in Mora in September of 2014.

'... Mora is extremely impressive'

Matt O'Connor
 CEO Commercial Plastics

Mora starts emergency funds for local business; Kanabec County EDA begins fundraising

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The City of Mora Economic Development Authority approved a temporary program to provide emergency assistance to commercial businesses affected by COVID-19.

Approved during an emergency meeting of the Mora EDA on April 9, the COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund will provide up to \$80,000 in loans and \$10,000 in grants to businesses located in city limits. The maximum loan amount per business is \$4,000 at 0% interest for 24 months. Grants will be awarded at \$500 per

business. Businesses are eligible to apply for a loan or grant, but not both.

Loans and grants will be reviewed and awarded on a first-come first-served basis and must be complete to be considered. The city began accepting applications on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

For more information about the City of Mora COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund, contact Community Development Director Beth Thorp at beth.thorp@cityofmora.com.

Money for the fund comes from \$90,000 of existing funds from the Mora Industrial Commercial (MIC) Loan Program.

COMMISSIONERS TO DECIDE

Unlike the city of Mora, the Kanabec County EDA does not have a large existing loan fund to assist businesses.

On April 7, Kanabec County EDA Director Heidi Steinmetz and County EDA Board Chair Lonnie Ness asked the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to authorize the County EDA to establish a similar Emergency Loan Program and to begin fundraising. The measure was approved 4-1; commissioner Dennis McNally voting opposed.

The County EDA will ask the county to contribute \$10,000 to the fund during the board's April 21 meeting.



KANABEC COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following charges were filed in Kanabec County Court on April 9-13, 2020. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Griffin James Allman (10/07/1990) of Mora was charged April 9 with one felony count of possession of pornographic work computer disk/electronic/magnetic/optical image with porn.

David Lawrence Robertson (12/24/1984) of Hinckley was charged April 9 with one felony count of fugitive from justice from other state.

Jerome Thomas Clepper (02/07/1963) of North

Branch was charged April 9 with one gross misdemeanor count of driving restriction alcohol /controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the fourth degree and one misdemeanor count of reckless driving.

Scottie Ray Blacketter (11/09/1982) of Cloquet was charged April 10 with one gross misdemeanor count of issuance of dishonored check.

Johnathen Jeramie Johnson (12/07/1985) of St. Paul Park was charged April 13 with one misdemeanor count of theft.

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS April 7, 2020

The following Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officer weekly reports explain the activities performed by Division of Enforcement personnel in protecting Minnesota's natural resources through effective law enforcement and education. Provided by the MN DNR on April 7, 2020.

Mora: Conservation Officer Mike Krauel spent the past week checking anglers and patrolling for ATV activity. Krauel also spent time on equipment maintenance and handled several calls about nuisance bears and dogs on the loose.

Cambridge: Conservation Officer Angela Londgren patrolled local lakes, rivers, state parks and WMAs.

Several inspections were conducted on public water and wetland violations. Enforcement action was taken for allowing illegal operation of an ATV by youth, fire-related calls and taking frogs out of season.

Hinckley: Conservation Officer Bret Grundmeier spent time checking area creeks for trapping activity. Trappers who were out setting traps for beavers were having very good luck. Lake ice has pulled back quite a distance from shore and ice was dark and very unsafe for foot travel. Rivers were ice-free and had shore anglers and a few boaters trying their luck fishing. A few grass fires also popped up as conditions were dry enough to cause some spring burning to get away from homeowners.

Hiljus chief judge of Tenth Judicial District

STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
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Judge Stoney L. Hiljus has been elected to serve as the next chief judge of the Tenth Judicial District by his fellow judges in the district. He will assume the chief judge duties from the Honorable Douglas B. Meslow, who has served as chief judge of the Tenth District since July 1, 2016.

Judge Hiljus was appointed to the bench on April 9, 2012, by Governor Mark Dayton. He serves as the sole judicial officer chambered in Kanabec County (Mora) and has served as assistant chief of the Tenth District since July 1, 2018. He is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato and Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul. His previous employment includes time as city attorney for Coon Rapids, city administrator for Cambridge, chief deputy in the

Isanti County Attorney's Office, legal services director for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and law clerk for the Honorable James R. Clifford.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected by my colleagues to serve as chief judge of the Tenth Judicial District," said Judge Hiljus. "I am incredibly fortunate to work with such a diverse, intelligent and hard-working group of judges and staff. The justice system is here to serve the citizens of the district, and we are doing our best under the pandemic response to allow access to justice for those who need it urgently. I look forward to working with the judges and staff of the Tenth District as we plan for the future."

Judge Elizabeth H. Strand was elected as assistant chief. Judge Strand was appointed to the bench on Sept. 10, 2012, by Governor Mark Dayton. She serves as one of

six judicial officers chambered in Wright County. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and William Mitchell College of Law. Her previous employment includes time as a prosecuting attorney for the cities of Annandale and Buffalo, a public defender in the Tenth Judicial District and private practice in the areas of family, criminal, juvenile and immigration law.

A chief judge exercises general administrative authority over the courts within a judicial district, including assigning judges to serve in locations throughout the district. The chief judge also serves as a member of the Minnesota Judicial Council.

Chief judges and assistant chief judges are elected to two-year terms by the judges within each district. New two-year terms begin on July 1.

Burning restrictions reduce strain on emergency system

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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With this year's spring wild-fire season coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency response, the DNR and state agencies are working to reduce additional risks and stressors on an already taxed emergency response network. The DNR is putting cautionary measures in place for the safety of all Minnesotans. Burning restrictions limit the number of emergency responses, which keeps first responders focused on critical public services.

These restrictions apply to the counties where DNR administers open burning. The state will not activate burning permits in these counties until restrictions are lifted. Small recreational fires or campfires are still allowed. The DNR will grant variance permits only for agricultural field and construction site preparation and limited prescribed burning. Call your local DNR Forestry Office if you are seeking a variance.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Visit the DNR's fire danger and burning restrictions webpage for

FORESTRY OFFICES

Kanabec -Restricted -Variance required. Contact jason.kern@state.mn.us (320) 232-1074

Pine-Restricted -Variance required. Contact john.furr@state.mn.us 320-245-6789

Isanti Restricted -Variance Required. Contact lisamueller@state.mn.us (763) 284-7206

Mille Lacs-Restricted -Variance Required. Contact jason.kern@state.mn.us (320) 232-1074

daily updates at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/>.

Kanabec County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, May 16, 2020 · 8:00 a.m. to Noon

— The HHW and Clean-up Day events are supported by Kanabec County Commissioners —

The collection event is free of charge to all Kanabec County property owners and residents to safely dispose of household hazardous wastes.



Pre-registration must be submitted by Friday, May 8, 2020.

How To Package And Transport

Protect yourself. Wear protective clothing, gloves and goggles. Do not smoke. Do not wear contact lenses if handling solvents. Do not expose yourself to toxic chemicals if pregnant.

Bring Materials in original containers. If original container is not available, clearly mark on your container its present contents.

Pack Carefully. Place containers in a cardboard box lined with plastic. Pack them in an upright position. Tighten all lids before transporting.

Transport. Place boxes in car trunk. If you must transport...

Work in a well-ventilated area. Avoid breathing dust or fumes.

Canceled — Rescheduled for October

What To Bring

- Acids, bases
- Fluorescent lights, compact and tubular (this includes the new bulbs)
- Paint thinner, solvents, oil based paint, stain, varnish
- Pesticides and herbicides and other garden and agricultural chemicals (Raid*, Roundup*)
- Aerosol containers (full or partially full)
- Thermometers (older mercury)
- Any other household products that are either poisonous, flammable, or corrosive.
- LATEX PAINT: We now have a state contract for disposal

What NOT to Bring

- Alkaline batteries: if in doubt bring them to the event
- Empty containers
- Industrial/commercial waste (residential only)
- Propane tanks or compressed gas
- Radioactive material or explosives
- Auto batteries, used motor oil (this can be recycled locally)
- Unidentified waste
- Other non-hazardous waste

Kanabec County HHW Day is being held in conjunction with Kanabec County Clean-up Day.

ALL HHW materials need to be registered. The day of the event all registered HHW participants will be directed to the HHW drop off before any clean-up/recycle materials are dropped off, please have HHW materials accessible for easy and fast drop off.

If you have questions, please contact Kanabec County Environmental Services • 320-679-6456

Send completed pre-registration form by **Friday, May 8, 2020** to:
Kanabec County Environmental Services
903 Forest Ave E, Mora, MN 55051
Phone: 320-679-6456 • Fax 320-679-6433

NEWS BRIEFS

City-wide garage sales postponed

The Mora Lions Club's annual city-wide garage sales originally scheduled for May 2 have been postponed to a date yet to be determined. Club President Steve Schulz made the announcement on April 8.

Trump approves disaster declaration for Minnesota

WASHINGTON — FEMA announced April 7 that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Minnesota to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020, and continuing. Federal funding is available to state, tribal, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

MDH awards COVID-19 emergency health care grants to about 350 organizations statewide

The Minnesota Department of Health announced it has awarded \$50 million in emergency health care grants to nearly 350 provider organizations across the state for preparing for and

responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. MDH awarded grants to a variety of providers including ambulance services, health care clinics, tribal health organizations, pharmacies, hospitals, assisted living facilities and health systems. MDH received more than 1,600 grant requests for the available \$50 million, requesting a total of more than \$300 million.

Providers most commonly applied for funding to cover staffing costs, equipment and supplies, including personal protective equipment.

Local organizations awarded grants included:

- Elmhurst Commons Assisted Living, Elmhurst Commons Apartments, LLC (\$67,750)
- St. Clare Living Community of Mora; Villages of St. Clare, Benedictine Living Community of Mora (\$10,650)
- Welia Health, County of Kanabec (\$75,000)
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (\$213,986)

MNsure expands health insurance enrollment during COVID-19

MNsure, the state's health insurance exchange, reminds Minnesotans who have recently lost a job, experienced a reduction in hours, or are otherwise uninsured to visit MNsure.org to get connected to health insurance. On MNsure.org, Minnesotans looking for health insurance coverage can compare plans and see if they qualify for financial help to cover the cost of insurance premiums or low-cost or no-cost health insurance either through

Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare. MNsure is offering a COVID-19 Emergency Special Enrollment Period through April 21. This special enrollment period is open to uninsured individuals who need health insurance at this critical time.

The MNsure Contact Center is open between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, at 651-539-2099 or 855-366-7873.

Free Online Mental Health Peer Support Groups for Individuals and Families

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors a variety of online peer support groups for adults and young adults living with a mental illness, their families, friends, spouses/partners, as well as parents of children and teens. Led by trained peer facilitators the support groups help individuals and families learn coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences.

Find a complete listing of group meetings and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on "Support Groups"

Access Post Office services from home

The Postal Service loves to see customers in Post Offices, however, there are some convenient alternatives that will save the trip.

Many postal services are available at usps.com where customers can purchase stamps, hold mail, lookup a ZIP code, rent or renew a P.O. Box, submit

a change of address, set up Premium Forwarding Service, as well as track and manage their mail from the convenience of their own home or business.

Grace period extended for Sales and Use Tax payments

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is extending the Sales and Use Tax grace period on Sales and Use Tax payments for businesses identified in Executive Order 20-04. Identified businesses with a monthly Sales and Use Tax payment due March 20, 2020, will now have until May 20, 2020, to make that payment.

Identified businesses with a monthly or quarterly Sales and Use Tax payment due April 20, 2020, will now have until May 20, 2020, to make that payment. The department will not assess penalties or interest during this time. These businesses should still file their returns by the due dates but do not have to make payments until May 20, 2020.

Traffic drop continues

MINNESOTA STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Traffic volumes continue to decrease; remain significantly below 2019 levels. State wide traffic volumes on April 1 were down 38 percent compared to Wednesday averages for April 2019.

Traffic may be reduced on Minnesota roads during this challenging time but the number of road fatalities is rising. Of the 28 preliminary fatalities on Minnesota roads since March 16, half (14) are either speed-related or caused by careless/negligent driving.

Canceled Events
 The April 23 spring wine tasting event at Fish Lake has been moved to June 25. Tickets that have been purchased will be honored.

Snake River Canoe Race-May 2

26th Annual Kanabec County Clean Up & Hazardous Waste Collection-May 16-postponed until Oct. 10, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 the Trap, Skeet, Rifle and Pistol shooting leagues will be postponed until Stay at Home Orders are lifted. Then it will start up the first Tuesday and Wednesday after that.

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Board lacks focus to act on pressing county issues

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recently seems easily distracted and lacks the ability to focus and solve critical problems facing the county.

ATTITUDE SWITCH

After years of firmly rejecting calls for it to become involved the school bond debate, the county board on April 7 approved sending a letter on behalf of the commissioners, urging the school board and Governor Tim Walz to delay the May 12 special election until the November general election, citing coronavirus concerns. The motion was approved 3-2.

Moved by Craig Smith, commissioners Gene Anderson, Dennis McNally and Smith voted in favor. Kathi Ellis and Les Nielsen voted against the measure after questioning if it was the county board's place to

become involved in school board issues. After the vote, Smith left it to Ellis to actually write the letter.

They spent valuable time debating this decision rather than focusing on critical county issues such as how to protect county workers during the COVID-19 crisis.

They are the City of Mora's third largest employer with about 225 employees and can't seem to arrive on an agreement about how to manage employee PTO, furloughs, work from home and personal protection as deputies, nurses, social workers and others stand on the brink.

Increases in medical needs, domestic violence, foster care, unemployment and more will test the limits of county services. Meanwhile, the employees will be worried about their own income security, safety and needs of their families.

LEAVING BUSINESS TO CHANCE

Furthermore, the board talks about how they are for supporting and working for economic development, yet they consistently fail to seize opportunities offered up by the county's Economic Development Authority board and director.

The most recent example was April 7 when the board hemmed and hawed at establishing an emergency loan fund to help area businesses.

Economic Development takes an active effort to create incentives, recruit, build relationships and seize opportunities. It seems our commissioners would rather leave the development and health of area businesses to chance.

Overall, the board has reacted stiffly—not swiftly—to this crisis.

The commissioners are elected to lead and create policies that will make life better for county residents, but many members of the board would rather poke their nose in the business of the school district or national politics rather than focus on the needs of county residents and employees.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER

Let's get it done now

To the editor,

My family has been in this area since 1909. I've had grandparents, parents, myself, my two sisters and three kids graduate from Mora High School, and currently my two daughters are in high school.

I work as a foreman for an industry leading, mechanical, electrical, fabrication and building technology company in the electrical construction division. This company specializes in school construction which includes new, remodeling and school additions.

Regarding the remodel of the high school, I have huge concerns which come from my working on school remodeling. According to the school board, if the referendum doesn't pass, they will do a five year band aid on the school to fix the ventilation system (other mi-

nor repairs too), what next do they fix? With a new school the taxes will be \$230 a year for 20 years. If it is a band-aid fix the taxes will also be \$230 a year for a \$100,000 home for five years. After that five years then there will be another five years of repairs. The taxes will certainly be more than \$230 for that next period of time because repair costs and interest rates will definitely rise. But that's not the end - the five year increments are expected to continue until 2040 and we will still have an old school structure and paid much more in interest and taxes than for a new school.

Another huge issue is how long will the remodeling take – an estimate may be given for the different phases but it's a complete guess until the work begins. And if remodeling is done piece-meal as it would if the referendum fails, it will be YEARS before all is done

and the construction costs will continue to rise. Also, because so much of MHS is extremely old, it is very likely that the architects and engineers will miss important issues, which is not all their fault – it is because with the age of the building there will be too many unknowns, which could be expensive unknowns.

I whole-heartedly support a new high school at the Trailview location, and as a member of this school district I want the best for this district and the town of Mora. Remodeling this old school is not the answer... we need a new high school, have the land, and I wish that the very first referendum would have passed. Let's get it done now.

Steve Sigstad
Mora

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FROM PAGE 4

PAID LETTER

Yes vote makes sense

To the editor,

As a senior citizen, I want to make the best decision for my financial wellbeing as well as the future of our community when it comes to deciding how to vote on the referendum to build a new high school. In this time of uncertainty and downright chaos, the decision that I make could affect the future of our community. After all, every vote counts.

It is hard to separate feelings and facts in a difficult decision, but this is a referendum of facts and not feelings. Even if the building itself was in tip top shape, which it is not, it would still have major problems. It needs a safe and secured entry system to protect the students and staff in our society today. It needs renovated parking to allow students and the public to enter the school without crossing a busy street. It needs physical accessibility for all the students to allow them to attend all the classrooms, the athletic facilities, the fine arts facilities and the bathrooms with safety and dignity. It needs an expanded industrial arts area to prepare our students to enter the workforce. It needs air quality that protects our students from disease. Our school needs to be as relevant to the needs of the students today as the current high school was to the students in 1936 when it was built.

A yes vote will allow the school board to proceed with Plan A which will provide a new, modern, accessible school for our students and the community. A no vote will leave us with Plan B that would start a series of updates every 3-5 years which won't have to be voted on. Unfortunately, it would still leave the school outdated and pieced together. Each option will result in higher taxes and both plans have comparable yearly tax rate increases. There is no getting around that fact. There is no Plan C.

These facts lead me to the only conclusion that makes sense to me. I will vote YES on the referendum to build a new high school for the Mora community.

Nancy Peterson
Mora

PAID LETTER

The school throw away plan

To the editor,

How old is old? We throw things away when they get old, but our grandparents didn't. Our grandparents made the best of what they had because that's the way they were raised. Maybe another reason was because they did not have a lot of money. Times were tough. Is this anything like what's happening in Kanabec County right now? We're a poor Minnesota county, going through the Coronavirus National Health Emergency with 20-30% unemployment. The

casino all but closed (how many jobs?) We are all "hunkered down," hoping for the best. But what are school leaders doing? They want to spend \$61.9 million and throw away our high school.

When was Mora High School built? The oldest current part was built in 1936 and was re-modeled almost completely in recent years, but the main structure is concrete and brick. The bottom floor is being used mainly for storage. This addition makes up a small portion of the facility.

The administrative wing on the east side was built in 1958 which houses the superintendent's office. This wing does need new windows and doors.

Most student classrooms are located in the '76-'89 addition. Town leaders know that the lower level of the '76-'89 addition was designated as a fall-out shelter both for the community and the students. It's bomb-proof and is probably the most well-built structure in Mora.

Most private homes in Mora, as well as most downtown businesses are older than the oldest sections of Mora High School. These homes and businesses were not made of bricks and mortar. Should we get the city of Mora housing officials to tear down these older homes and businesses, if we apply the same logic.

Also, school leaders get around \$500,000 a year from the State of Minnesota for regular maintenance. It has been difficult for citizens to get the records for money spent on this maintenance. We know that the custodial staff has been told to not make repairs because the school will be torn down, so they follow orders. School leaders want to demolish the high school and re-locate to the Trailview site, and jam all of the district's 1600-plus students together. Everyone knows that there is considerable bullying that takes place now, but what would it be like if all the K-12 kids were at one site. That's not good planning.

Over the years, since 2012, Mora leaders have hired consultants to plan referendums. To date, they have spent nearly \$250,000 on these advisors. The predominate consultant was a company named Johnson Controls. They have been involved in some questionable practices with other schools, and were a bad choice from the beginning. Many of the same people from Johnson Controls are now working for a consulting firm know as ICS, which the school has recently hired. ICS was involved in an investigation by the FBI.

Upon a successful referendum, the school will spend \$61.9 million. Included in this amount will be a new administration/ superintendent's suite. The interest on the bond will be approximately \$30 million. Fees to ICS will be 24-26% or \$13-14 million.

A lot of money will go out of the community for interest/ fees, etc. How much will benefit students? ICS will require a long-term exclusive maintenance contract, where the school cannot hire any other company for repair and maintenance.

It used to be that school boards did

their own supervision of school building projects, so they made sure a good job was done. The current school leadership does not directly oversee these projects. What about the quality and workmanship? What about protecting the taxpayer's investment?

School leaders have put the community through hell for the past eight years. They have a fixation on moving the high school, and they are willing to "do and say anything." They can't be trusted. Is it nice to have something brand new? Yes. Do we need a brand new school? Can we afford a brand new school? The answer is no. Schools of the future will be small, and students will spend most of their time getting their education from home. The Coronavirus has changed everything, and we may have to re-evaluate more things than how our children are educated.

Members of the 2019 School Task Force determined that the cost of re-pairing the existing high school would be between 8-10 million. That's a whole lot cheaper than \$61.9 million. Let's use some common sense, and not be a throw away town.

Pat Cook
Mora

PAID LETTER

Why the vote will go on

To the editor,

Teachers for Truth is a group of four Mora teachers seeking to highlight the facts related to the Mora Public Schools May 12 referendum. Through our Facebook page, we receive questions from community members and do our best to provide honest, straightforward, unbiased answers.

One question we received recently was, "Why is the school board continuing with the referendum with the pandemic going on?"

The school board has determined that they can no longer wait to address the current and rising needs of the high school. In addition, Governor Walz's Stay at Home Order 20-33 states, "Individuals are permitted and encouraged to vote in all state and local elections."

At the last regular board meeting on March 26, Superintendent Schultz said, "We have to be sensitive to the business owners. We have to be sensitive to the taxpayers. But we also have to be sensitive to the students and the parents that trust us to send their kids here as well." Superintendent Schultz also referenced the businesses and workforce impacted by the COVID-19 closures and reminded the school board that if the referendum on May 12 is successful, the first taxes would not be collected until May 2021.

School board member, Bob Woods, said that the in depth conversation about continuing with the referendum and safe ways to vote underscores the needs of the high school building. "If it wasn't a need, we would just pull it. We're well beyond need."

School board members, Bob Jensen and Scott Moe, discussed the state law governing school board special elec-

tions (205A.05) which says that a school board may not cancel an election less than 74 days from the election date. The board agreed that if Governor Walz determines the election will put the general public at risk, he will cancel or delay local elections.

Teachers for Truth contacted Kelly Christianson, the election clerk for Mora Schools, to seek information on the protocols that are being used to ensure the safety of voters should they want to vote early. She provided the following information:

The school being in distance learning has allowed us to expand into the hallway directly outside the district office. We have 6 foot tables set up in the hallway to allow for safe distancing; one voter per table and tables and chairs are spaced more than six feet apart. We have one election judge in the hallway at all times. All equipment and chairs being used are sanitized after voters use them. Pens for voting are placed in a box for sanitizing and not reused until sanitized. We have Personal Protective Equipment available for the election judges.

Curbside voting is an option for those who have difficulty entering the building. This allows a voter to vote from his/her vehicle with the assistance of election judges who bring the materials to the vehicle. As always, absentee voting by mail is encouraged.

Jenny Berry, Patty Ennis, Daryl Lindstrom, Jackie Stevens
Mora

PAID LETTER

Not a war

To the editor,

People don't always know when others are trying to help them. It is often our first instinct to think that we are being used or taken advantage of to aid another's goal.

Unfortunately, we live in a "what's in it for me" culture; especially when it comes to money.

As a person who is always trying to help people open their minds to progress and change, I suffer a lot of criticism. I've been called everything from "nuts" to "Nazi" due to my writing and opinions. It just doesn't bother me. I'm very grateful for the freedom and courage to be "me."

However, what does bother me is the name calling and disrespect that many in this district have voiced against our school board and subsequent management. I mean, these are good people of a devoted nature selflessly doing what we pay them to do. Their concerns about the condition of our old school is to our advantage. We are aiding our own goal through their help and guidance. Our support for their concerns is support for our own concerns. This is not a war to be won. It is the pain of change; our sacrifice for a better, more sustainable future.

Pete Stewart
Mora

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Soup, grilled cheese are a great lunch – it's even better with chutney

Grilled cheese may be a staple of many children's diets, but with the substitution of different cheeses for the traditional cheddar or American and the inclusion of other ingredients, grilled cheese can enjoy a gourmet, adult makeover.

While it is certainly possible to enjoy grilled cheese on its own, the meal is made even better when paired with a favorite soup. Enjoy these two recipes for the perfect soup and sandwich combination, courtesy of "Real Simple: Dinner Tonight Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) by the Real Simple Kitchens.

MINI GRILLED CHEESE AND CHUTNEY SANDWICHES

Serves 8

Sandwiches:

- 12 slices white sandwich bread
- 12 ounces fontina or Gruyère, thinly sliced
- 1 cup fruit chutney (such as cranberry, fig or mango)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Directions

Form six sandwiches with the bread, fontina, and chutney. In two batches, melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat and cook the sandwiches until the bread is golden and the fontina has melted, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Cut each sandwich into quarters before serving.

French Onion Soup

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 pounds onions (about 6 medium), thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups low-sodium beef broth
- 8 1/2-inch thick slices country bread, halved crosswise if necessary to fit serving bowls
- 1/2 pound Gruyère or Swiss cheese, grated (2 cups)
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

Directions

Heat the butter in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the onions, 1 1/4 teaspoons salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and cook, covered, stirring

occasionally, until tender, 12 to 15 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the onions are golden brown, 50 to 60 minutes. Add the wine to the pot and cook until slightly reduced, about 2 minutes. Add the broth and 6 cups water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, heat broiler. Place the bread on a broilerproof baking sheet and broil until golden brown and crisp, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Sprinkle with the Gruyère and broil until melted, 1 to 2 minutes. Top the soup with the toasts and sprinkle with the thyme before serving.



Victims' Rights Week is April 19-25

Every year, millions of Americans are affected by crime. April 19-25 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to celebrate the progress achieved, raise awareness of victims' rights and services and stand with our families, neighbors, friends and colleagues whose lives have been forever altered by crime.



Victim Services
Cheryl Terhaar

This year's theme, Seek Justice/Ensure Victims' Rights/Inspire Hope – underscores the importance of seeking justice for all victims of crime, ensuring that justice for all

victims of crime are honored, educating the public about these rights and inspiring hope for individual survivors and communities.

Victimization and its aftermath may be one of the most difficult periods in a person's life – and victims' families, friends and communities often face their own challenges as well. Loved ones struggle to understand what kind of support victims need, or even how to talk to them about what happened. Reach out; speak up because when you give victims a voice, you give them hope.

Survivors face many barriers, resulting from both internal and external factors when deciding whether to report their victimization. The National Crime Victimization Survey adminis-

tered by the Bureau of Justice Statistics found that in 2018, less than half (43%) of violent victimizations were reported to law enforcement. Some victims may not know the benefits of reporting a crime.

The decision to report is not always easy to make. For some victims, the consequences of reporting may outweigh the benefits. They may be afraid that their offender may retaliate and commit another more severe crime. In other cases, victims may be reliant on their offenders for financial support, caretaking or other resources.

Some victims may not have the necessary additional support if their offenders are jailed or if protection orders are issued. To protect their own safety and wellbeing these victims may choose not

to report their victimizations.

Reporting a personal victimization is a decision that requires consideration of numerous factors, which differ dramatically in each case of victimization. We should support victims no matter which path they choose and encourage them to recover in a way that keeps them safe and encourage resilience.

Contact Kanabec County Victim Services at 320-679-6423 or Family Pathways Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program at 800-338-SAFE (7233) to learn how you or someone you know can get the help they need.

CHERYL TERHAAR is the Kanabec County Victim Services Coordinator.



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Local company joins fight against COVID-19

BY MIKE GAINOR
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A Pine City company is pitching in to help in the global fight against the spread of COVID-19. Advance Design & Systems has been designing and building equipment for medical manufacturing since 2007. In February, they were asked to build – as quickly as possible – three machines capable of making millions of pieces of personal protective equipment to meet the shortages for health care providers around the world.

Advance Design Chief Financial Officer Melanie Knutson said their customer asked them to deliver the equipment in roughly a third of the time it would usually take.

“We have staff in both the shop and the assembly that are working weekends, 20-some days in a row,” Knutson said. “It’s totally awesome how our staff is stepping up.”

Knutson said that the Advance Design team completed and shipped out those three machines just last week – and they already have an order for two more machines, to be delivered by the end of April.

“Before we committed to the second order we had to get buy-in from our staff,” she said. “We knew they were exhausted after working a lot of weekends to complete the first three, so when we got the request for the additional two, they pulled the team together and asked how many people would be in. Everybody raised their hand to work the weekend.”

Knutson said that while they are working hard to produce the



Advance Design & Systems employees show off their “Essential Employee” shirts on the company’s horizontal machining center. Many of the staff have been working long days seven days a week for seven weeks now. They are manufacturing the parts in Pine City and assembling them at the company’s Vadnais Heights location.

equipment, they are also trying hard to keep their employees healthy and safe.

“Obviously, we want to protect our own staff, so we do have all of our nonessential staff – designers, staff, engineers and sales – working from home, because we want to limit the exposure to everybody else who needs to be here to complete this equipment,” she said. “We are kind of on a mini-shutdown, if you will. The doors are locked. We canceled all customer and vendor visits unless they’re critical. Every employee who

walks in the door has to have their temperature taken every morning before they come in. It would be terrible for us to have someone get sick and then have to shut down an entire location and not be able to complete our commitment to our customer.”

She said that their team finds inspiration in the thought that their work will help protect people’s health and save lives.

“It’s commitment all the way around,” Knutson said. “It has just been great.”

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Last week’s most read stories



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Below are last week’s most read stories on the Kanabec County Times website, www.MoraMinn.com.

1. Grief interrupted - Bereaved families adjust to ‘new normal’ amid pandemic: “It’s not at all what I would have wanted.” Tim Zacharias, of Cambridge, was honest in describing the recent visitation service held for his wife, Tracy, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer on March 22. (4,067 pageviews)

2. Hospital revenue drops 50%: Welia Health notified its employees late last week of cost-reducing measures, including decreasing staff workloads, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (916 pageviews)

3. Landlord faces consequences after cutting family’s power: Minnesota’s attorney general is taking legal action against a Minnesota landlord who attempted to evict a Pine County family – including a 4-year-old child – who were attempting to shelter in place during the COVID-19 state of emergency in their home in Sandstone. (442 pageviews)

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Easter Bunny brings joy to Mora

BY STEVE EKHOLM
CONTRIBUTED

What began as just a neighborhood idea turned into a four hour tour around Mora neighborhoods. With honking horns notifying people, the Easter Bunny rode in the back of a truck waving and bringing much needed joy in a difficult time. People took pictures with their kids from a distance and received a bunny sucker.

Pastor Steve Ekholm, Corey Willis, Ginger Ekholm and Isaiah Ekholm came up with this idea after one of their neigh-

bors recently passed away. Our neighborhood is close, and a lot of us were grieving a hard loss. We wanted to bring some joy to the family so we thought a bunny in back of a truck on Easter weekend would do that. Then we thought what if we went around the whole city? So we notified people through social media, and the rest is history.

It was so much fun seeing adults, children and families come out. Everyone was touched in a deep way and children were excited to have the bunny visit their home.



Easter Bunny and Mora Mustang.



Pastor Steve (Bunny), Ginger Ekholm, Isaiah Ekholm and Corey Willis.

guide

Due to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for limiting the spread of COVID-19, some churches have either canceled their normal services and other events or gone to an online broadcast. It is recommended to contact your individual church for information regarding any changes to their schedules.

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
320-396-2755. West Central Drive & County Road 4 in northwest Braham.
Pastor Julie Beck
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship Service; 10 a.m. Little Lambs (for children under 5).
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Youth Night for ages 3 years old thru 6th grade, Confirmation and Senior High Youth.
Office hours - Tues. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Radio service Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (KBEK 95.5FM)

Calvary Lutheran Church (ELCA)
414 S. Wood St., Mora
320-679-1706
www.calvarymora.org
Pastor Dean Oelfke; Associate in Ministry, Susan Williams
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship; Holy Communion celebrated on first and third Sundays of each month; 6:30 p.m. Calvary Bell Choir, grade 7 to adult.
Wednesday: 3 p.m. KOK Choir, grades K-6; Chimes following KOK Choir; 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Sr. Choir, Sr. high school to adult.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
536 Union St. S., Mora
320-679-2530
Mike Rue, Senior Pastor
David Everson, Associate Pastor
Jeanine Kitterman, Children's Director
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages); 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday: 6-7:30 p.m.: AWANA Pre K-6th grade and Youth Group 7th-12 grade.

First Presbyterian Church (EPC)
551 S. Wood St, Mora
320-679-1969
www.moraepc.org
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, 11 a.m. Sunday School. Communion first Sunday of the month.

Fish Lake Chapel
Non-denominational
1602 Jade St., Ogilvie
Just off Fish Lake Road
Pastor Dale Clifton
320-982-1017
Services posted on: https://www.facebook.com/fishlakechapel/
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Friendship Church of the Nazarene
525 2nd St., Mora
Interim Pastor
Church: 320-679-1125
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service.

Generation Church
300 E. Forest Ave., Mora
Lead Pastor Randy Mitchell
Associate Pastor Bob Herder
Church: 320-679-1708
www.generationchurchmora.com
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Children's Church and Nursery provided.

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)
301 E. Forest Ave., Mora
Church Office: 320-679-1062
Pastor Paul Lutter
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sanctuary Worship; 9:30 a.m. FLC Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.
Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 10 a.m. on 95.5 FM KBEK.
Website: www.gracechurchmora.com

Grasston Baptist Church
402 N. Oak St., Grasston
www.grasstonbaptist.org
info@grasstonbaptist.org
320-396-2645
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Henriette Community Church (Free Methodist)
One mile North of Henriette on HWY 107.
320-679-4875
Pastor Marvin Miller
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 10:15 a.m.

Hillman Baptist Church
2748 Jade Street, Mora
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www.hillmanbaptist.org
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hopelutherangrasston.org
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East Hwy. 23 and N. County Rd. 11, Mora
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Steve Ekholm, Pastor
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Maple Ridge Free Church
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Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Worship.

Mora United Methodist Church
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debraschaffran@gmail.com
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201 East Forest, Mora,
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass.

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301 Church Ave., Ogilvie
320-272-4352
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Sunday: Confirmation classes for grades 5-8 at 8:45 a.m., Divine Service at 10 a.m., Bible Study at 11:15 a.m.
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400 SE 8th Street, Braham,
320-396-3103
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Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:15 a.m. Worship.

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200 N. 9th St., Mora
www.triochurch.com
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry.
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service; nursery and children's ministry available.

True Vine Lutheran Church (AFLC)
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Pastor Marlin Harris
www.truevinelutheran.org
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It's Mora vs U.S. Post Office in deciding location of new office

125 YEARS AGO (1895)

Owing to our crowded space we are compelled to omit the dairy and poultry columns this week.

There is some talk of organizing a boating club on Lake Mora this season. The lake is a most convenient field for this sport and a club of our young men could make it interesting.



News from Yesteryear
Matt Anderson

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Farmers south of Ogilvie are leading many other communities when it comes to installing modern conveniences in their homes. Nearly all the farmers along the state road for a distance of five miles have electric light, not the farm electric lighting plants but the same kind of a system that the man in town has.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mora business places closed last Saturday afternoon from one to six o'clock in memory of the late President Roosevelt, for whom funeral services were being held that afternoon.

A memorial program was held at the creamery auditorium from two to four o'clock, including the "America," sung by the audience.



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A SNAPSHOT IN TIME: Mora High School Band. This photo and others are preserved through the efforts of the Kanabec History Center.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

A new Mora school superintendent may be selected within a few days, Robert Ardner, school board chairman, told the Mora Commercial club.

Ardner said the board interviewed 72 applicants as possible successors to retiring Supt. Merrol Larson, and had narrowed the choice to four men.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

As of April 4, the verdict on post office relocation is still on hold, and the standoff between U.S. Postal Service officials and the city of Mora continues.

The latest word received from Ruth Ann Coburn of the U.S. Post-

al Service was a correspondence, dated March 24, to city administrator Steve Jones and Mayor Mary Schwartz. Coburn described the lot on east Minnesota Highway 23, just south of Glen's Tire, and asked that Jones and Schwartz, "Please sign ...at the bottom of this letter ... if you feel this site would be suitable for the proposed new postal facility."

THE NEWS From Yesteryear is compiled by Matt Anderson from the Times historical editions housed by the Kanabec History Center. The "News from Yesteryear" contains articles published in historic issues of the Times. These articles are being presented as they were originally published.

Be aware of bears

MN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CONTRIBUTED

As bears emerge from hibernation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds homeowners to check their property for food sources that could attract bears.

- Avoid feeding birds from April 1 to Nov. 15.
- Do not put out feed for wildlife.
- Replace hummingbird feeders with hanging flower baskets.
- Do not leave food outdoors, especially overnight.
- Standard coolers are not bear-proof.
- Clean and store barbecue grills after each use.
- Pick any fruit left on trees from last fall and collect any fallen fruit promptly.
- Store pet food inside and feed pets inside.
- Store garbage in bear-resistant garbage cans or dumpsters.
- Keep garbage inside a secure building until the morning of pickup.

Rainfall monitors needed

MN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CONTRIBUTED

The State Climatology Office is looking for volunteer rainfall monitors for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network.

Volunteers will be trained on how to observe weather trends and submit their reports. All training material is available online. They must purchase or provide a standard 4-inch rain gauge (available at discount through CoCoRaHS), and have internet access to submit reports.

To sign up or for more information, visit CoCoRaHS.org or contact Pete Boulay at peter.boulay@state.mn.us.

Hats Off To Students

MORA Grade 6



Lia Timm

Lia Timm is an exemplary student. She demonstrates kindness, empathy and respectfulness each and every day. Lia is dedicated to being the best version of herself and puts a great amount of effort into everything she does. Her classwork is of the highest quality and often exceeds expectations.

Lia is a positive influence on others and is always willing to lend a hand or ear to help others. She absolutely deserves to be recognized as a Mora top student!

Jenna Lukenbill is a Mora sixth grade student in Mr. Wright's class. She is a wonderful student that always demonstrates respectfulness and perseverance by having her work in on time, volunteering often and always being ready to learn.

She is also a great leader and role model for her classmates by showing kindness and compassion in all situations.

The best quality she demonstrates is her sense of humor and willingness to smile. This is a well-deserved award.



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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 3, 2017

MORTGAGOR: Leon A Schoumaker, a single man. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Land Home Financial Services, Inc. its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 16, 2017 Kanabec County Recorder, Document No. 261343.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Land Home Financial Services, Inc. Dated July 27, 2018 Recorded August 3, 2018, as Document No. 263704.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1001338-0000320005-7

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Land Home Financial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Land Home Financial Services, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2964 Ivory St, Mora, MN 55051 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 080181500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 9, Block 2, Raspberry Acres, Kanabec County, Minnesota. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kanabec

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$98,090.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$121,922.44

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 18 North Vine Street, Suite 143, Mora, MN 55051

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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

November 5, 2020, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032,

DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: March 2, 2020

Land Home Financial Services, Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Published in the Kanabec County Times March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$53,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): George Vedder, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 13, 2012 as Document Number 243053 in the Office of the County Recorder of Kanabec County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Green Tree Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on August 19, 2013 as Document Number 247548 in the Office of the County Recorder of Kanabec County, Minnesota;

thereafter assigned to New Residential Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on January 24, 2019 as Document Number 265390 in the Office of the County Recorder of Kanabec County, Minnesota;

thereafter assigned to LoanCare, LLC by assignment recorded on February 18, 2020 as Document Number 269197 in the Office of the County Recorder of Kanabec County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 39, Range 23, described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the East line of said tract intersects the North right-of-way line of County Road lying along the South of said property; thence running North along the East line of said tract a distance of 369 feet; thence running west parallel to the South line of said tract a distance of 354 feet; thence running south parallel to the East line of said tract a distance of 369 feet, more or less to the North right-of-way line of said County Road; thence running East along the North right-of-way line said County Road a distance of 354 feet to the point of beginning, said tract consisting of three (3) acres, more or less and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 39, Range 23, County of Kanabec State of Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2322 200TH AVE, MORA, MN 55051

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kanabec County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$34,106.66

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Bank of America, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04.00640.00

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been

instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Kanabec County Sheriff's Office, 18 North Vine Street, Suite 143, Mora, MN 55051.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2021.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 5, 2020

LOANCARE, LLC Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.

Michael van Muelken, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee

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NOTICES

NOTICE GRASS LAKE TOWNSHIP

Grass Lake Township Board of Equalization is scheduled to meet at the Grass Lake Town Hall on Thursday April 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Kellie Kelling 763-464-4674 with any questions, or if you'd like to be added to our agenda.

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NOTICE PEACE TOWNSHIP

The Peace Township Board is canceling the scheduled meeting of April 21, 2020.

The next meeting will be May 12, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club building.

Betty Caza, Clerk Peace Township

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE PEACE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Peace in Kanabec County, Minnesota will meet at the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Building in said Township, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday the 20th day of April, 2020 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said township for the year 2020. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting, and show cause of having such assessment corrected.

No complaint that another person

is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

Given under my hand this 1st day of April, 2020.

Betty Caza Clerk of the Township of Peace

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SOUTH FORK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of South Fork in Kanabec County, Minnesota will meet on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by phone conference or if you are unable to appear by phone at the South Fork Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of April, 2020.

Jen Teigen South Fork Township Clerk

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE COMFORT TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Comfort in Kanabec County, Minnesota will meet at 1948 Olympic Street, Mora, MN, Comfort Town Hall, at 5 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday the 21st day of April, 2020 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said township for the year 2021. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting, and show cause of having such assessment corrected.

No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, 2020.

Patty Kruse Clerk of the Township of Comfort

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NOTICE COMFORT TOWNSHIP CANCELED MEETING

The scheduled land use meeting to be held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at the Comfort Town Hall is canceled due to the Governor's stay at home order. The business meeting scheduled on May 4, 2020 is being rescheduled for May 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the town hall 1948 Olympic St, Mora, MN.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization will still be held on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the town hall with social distancing practiced.

Patty Kruse Clerk Comfort Township

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF KANABEC TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: REFORMATION/DECLARATORY JUDGMENT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Court File No.: 33-CV-20-52 JEROME HENNESSEY, Plaintiff, vs. TROY TROMBURG, JOEY E. TROMBURG, SUZANNE L. TROMBURG, JEFFREY B. TROMBURG, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GAIL TROMBURG, REBECCA HENNESSEY, JOHN DOE, AND MARY ROE, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO REBECCA HENNESSEY AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GAIL TROMBURG

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Trott Law, P.C., 25 Dale Street North, St. Paul, MN 55102.

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

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

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

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

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

PARCEL 1

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4), Section Thirty-four (34), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22), Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01605.00

AND

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section Thirty-four (34), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22), Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01600.00

PARCEL 2

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4), Section Thirty-four (34), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22), Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01595.00

AND

The North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 of SW 1/4), Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22), Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01625.00

PARCEL 3

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N 1/2 of NW 1/4), Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22), Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01625.10

PARCEL 4

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1/2 of NW 1/4), Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty-two (22),

Kanabec County, Minnesota.

PID: 13.01625.20

That object of said action is to obtain a court order pursuant to Minn. Stat. §555.01 reforming the personal representative's deed, document number 248352, nunc pro tunc and declaring said personal representative's deed a valid conveyance.

Dated: April 2, 2020

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /S:/Michael van Muelken Michael van Muelken (0399062)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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Telephone: (651) 209-9792

Mvanmuelken@trottlaw.com (19-1651-LIT01)

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE POMROY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization of Pomroy Township will meet on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pomroy Town Hall, 3047 - 320th Avenue, Brook Park, MN. The purpose of the meeting is to review and correct the assessment of said township for the year 2021. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting, and show cause of having such assessment corrected.

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Please contact your assessor's office first to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification, after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization via telephone conference call. The Board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally you must appeal to the Local Board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Call Diana Rankin, Clerk, at 320-384-0474, to schedule your appearance on the agenda and to receive directions for participation in the telephone conference.

Given under my hand this 13th day of April, 2020. Diana M. Rankin Clerk, Pomroy Township

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2020 ANNUAL PLAN & 5-YEAR PLANS

A public hearing regarding the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Mora's 2020-2024 Five-Year PHA Plan, 2020 Annual PHA Plan, and 2020-2024 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at 160 Valhalla Circle, Mora MN.

The public hearing will be held for the following purpose:

Provide an opportunity for members of community and residents to express comments regarding the HRA's 2020-2024 Five-Year PHA Plan, 2020 Annual PHA Plan, and 2020-2024 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Plan.

Draft copies of the plans are available for review at the HRA's business office, located at 820 Howe Ave., Suite 104, Mora MN 55051. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. During the COVID-19 business office closure, plans may be requested by emailing director@morahra.org or calling (320) 679-4789, ext. 101.

Written comments must be received by May 25, 2020, and may be sent to the following address:

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Mora PO Box 209 Mora MN 55051 or email director@morahra.org.

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David A. Dahlberg

Dec. 24, 1968 — April 3, 2020

David Allen Dahlberg died unexpectedly on Friday, April 3, 2020. He was 51 years old.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1968 to Chester and Doris Dahlberg in Mora where he resided in his younger years. He met Wendy Dahlberg of Hinckley 27 years ago and spent his remaining years being a loving, wonderful husband, stepdad and grandfather. He was a very hard worker and spent 18 years working at Imperial Plastics in Mora.

He was a sports fan and loved nothing more than spending time with his grandson Jaedin, in all of his sporting events in school, Gopher games, Twins games and Valley-fair.

He was preceded in death by parents, Doris and Chester Dahlberg.

He is survived by wife, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-kids.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Dresser-Methven Funeral and Cremation Services



Carol A. Kunz

July 1, 1925 — March 19, 2020

Carol Anne Kunz, died on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at her home in White Bear Lake. She was 94 years old.

She moved from Mora to White Bear Lake in March, 2012, to be with her family in White Bear Lake. She was a fun and lively woman. She was an avid reader and always had a book in her hand. She had beautiful flower gardens. She was a generous person and loved the years she could volunteer her time. She especially loved all the many places she volunteered when she lived in Mora. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A private family celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



Sherry S. Ruckle

July 28, 1953 — April 7, 2020

Sherry Susan Ruckle, of Ogilvie, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. She was 66 years old.

She was born on July 28, 1953, in Crookston to parents Anthony and Blanche (Sauve) DeLage.

On April 19, 1995, she was united in marriage to Sheldon Ruckle in Mora. They made their home in Ogilvie, where she loved to fish and tend to her gardens. She enjoyed canning the vegetables she grew and was an amazing cook (the spicier the better). She and her husband cherished the friendships they made with their neighbors who became like family to them. Her love and compassion for all animals could be seen by the numerous pets and strays she took in and cared for over the years. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Sheldon; step-daughter, Janice Fitzsimmons of Wabasha; siblings, Larry (Linda) DeLage of Crookston, Joe DeLage of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Faye Miller of Cape Coral, Florida, Richard (Linda) DeLage of Cambridge, Barbara DeLage of Minneapolis; and Lois (Vern) Losse of Pine Creek; her beloved babies, China and Lou; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, loving neighbors and friends.

The family would like to give a huge thank you to the Kanabec County Sheriff's Office for the kindness and compassion they have shown in locating and caring for her and her family at this time.

A celebration of her life will be held at a future date. Arrangements are by the Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home of Mora. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

CORRECTION: In the April 9 issue of the *Kanabec County Times*, the Lilienthal obituary on page 12 contained an error. Daniel Lilienthal was listed as one of the children. This is false. The name should have read Dalton Lilienthal.

The *Kanabec County Times* apologizes for this error. The *Times* is committed to accuracy. If you have a correction or clarification, please contact the editor either by phone at (320) 225-5128 or via email at editor@moraminn.com.



BIRTHS

Finn Alexander Degerstrom

Finn was born on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at Welia Health, to Ross and Lauren Degerstrom of Sandstone. He weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces and was 22 and one half inches long.

He is welcomed home by sibling, Oliver.

Grandparents are David Welte of Richland Center, Wisconsin, Dawn Welte of Westfield, Wisconsin and Kevin and Cindy Degerstrom of Sandstone.

Christine Emalyn Abuhamed

Christine was born on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Welia Health, to Danielle St. John and Nemer Abuhamed of Hinckley. She weighed 9 pounds 13 and nine tenths ounces and was 20 and one half inches long.

Grandparents are Lindsay Benjamin and Louis Franklin St. John III and Michelle Mustache and Imad Abuhamed.

Corbin Michael Cooper

Corbin was born on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Welia Health, to Matthew and Kimberly Cooper of Pine City. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 and one fourth inches long.

He is welcomed home by sibling, Bryson.

Grandparents are Bonnie and Michael Owens of Mora and Roy and Marsha Cooper of Ogilvie.

Oliver Jared Brust

Oliver was born on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at Welia Health, to Jason and Ashley Brust of Pine City. He weighed 9 pounds 4 and one half ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is welcomed home by sibling, Evelyn.

Grandparents are Jerry and Debbie Goepfert of Grantsburg, Wisconsin and Rocky and Cheryl Brust of Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

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EXPLORE MINNESOTA — BIRDING UPDATE

Spring species return to birders' pleasure

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During these times, we crave stability to remain grounded and hopeful. Fortunately, our birds can be counted on to return once again to our yards and outdoor spaces, bringing with them their sweet spring songs and lovely breeding colors.

Step outside, and you're likely to hear the music of birds announcing their arrival and searching for a mate.

Nature is key to staying healthy both mentally and physically. Birding is an excellent way to lift spirits and remind ourselves that there are heart-warming constants in this ever-changing world.

APRIL NATURE NOTES

After a long winter, we are in need of some uplifting spring color. Fortunately, the spring migration is well underway and our early spring migrants are adding color to our drab landscape. Watch for eastern bluebirds



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A red-winged blackbird makes himself heard among the cattails.

and red-winged blackbirds, as well as the first waves of warblers including yellow-rumped, orange-crowned, palm, Tennessee and Nashville warblers.

And toward the end of April, keep an eye out for ruby-crowned kinglets and scarlet tanagers.

Also adding to the beauty of the

season are the sweet spring songs of American robins, red-winged blackbirds, house finches, tufted titmice, hermit thrush and eastern phoebe.

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Get children interested in birding through Audubon for Kids programs through the National Audubon Society. Children can learn the names of various birds and use their imagination to create a new avian species at How Do Birds Get Their Names? Also, check out one way to help out our springtime friends at How to Make a DIY Bird Feeder From Recycled Materials.

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