

WINTER ATHLETES READY: Coaches give insights into season. P14-19

School pool incident hospitalizes 11 students

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Eleven ninth-grade students were taken by ambulance to Welia Health and treated for chlorine exposure following an incident at the Ogilvie school pool on Thursday, Dec. 2. All were released from the hospital the same day.

According to Ogilvie Schools Superintendent Kathy Belsheim, 37 students

were swimming as part of their physical education class. Belsheim initially reported an issue with the pool filtration system may have caused excessive chlorine exposure, however the investigation into the cause is still underway.

Emergency medical personnel were notified and responded to the excessive chlorine exposure to students. The first responders were able to attend to the students. Families of the affected stu-

dents were notified by school officials.

“We are very fortunate that the physical education teachers and pool maintenance staff acted quickly to get everyone out of the pool and moved into areas with good outdoor ventilation,” wrote Belsheim in a press release.

“We are very thankful that the incident was contained to just the pool and locker room areas.”

Belsheim reported that some of the

affected students returned to school the next day, while others will take the weekend to rest.

Ogilvie’s First Responders and Fire Department, Welia and Princeton Ambulances and Kanabec County Sheriff’s Office all responded to the incident. The swimming pool is shut down until a full investigation is completed by the state.



TOM YOUNGBLOM | SUBMITTED

Bemidji and Mora wrestlers appear for a photo, making history as the first two girls wrestling teams to duel. Back row (l-r): Macie Webb (Bemidji), Lindsey Nosbush (Mora), Elizabeth Oster (Bem), Nora Houglum (Mora), Jaydn Kelly (Bem), Annabel McGriff (Mora), Alli Lillquist and Kylie Donat (Bem). Middle row: Rebecca Bullington and Tori Bahr (Bem), Aspen Anderson (Mora), Imrie Mystic and Kiera Hagman (Bem). Front row: Amber Kremper (Bem), Lindsay Sigstad, Sammie Reller, Mikayla Rush and Kennedy Wagner of Mora.

Girls make history in Minnesota’s first all-female wrestling match

BY NICK HOFFMAN
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Mora High School girls are making history as Mora’s new girls varsity wrestling team, competing at the Minnesota State High School League’s first-ever girls only dual meet in Bemidji on Thursday, Dec. 2.

The newly formed team consists of 10 wrestlers, six of whom are in their first year of wrestling. They are seventh grader Madi Nieman, freshmen Makayla Rush, Kodi Rodenborg, Aspen Anderson, Violet Peterson, and Sammie Reller. Sophomores Lindsay Sigstad and Nora Houglum and juniors Annabel McGriff and Lindsey Nosbush.

“Coaching wrestling in Mora is

all inclusive,” said Head Wrestling Coach Tom Youngblom. “All of our coaches coach all of our kids regardless of size, experience or gender.”

A GROWING INTEREST

Girls wrestling is the fastest growing sport in Minnesota and in the country.

Mora sophomore and wrestler Nora Houglum said her interest in wrestling started young. “I have always been interested in wrestling since I went to my first match in fourth grade. I am intrigued by the physicality and toughness of the sport,” she said.

‘Mora wrestling has always been about the team and this new area is no different.’

Tom Youngblom
Head Coach

The number of girls wrestling across the U.S. has increased by 500% in the past three years.

In May of 2021, the MSHSL voted (44-4) to add a girls wrestling state tournament starting this school year.

Girls will remain part of each school’s boys’ program for regular season training and competition but will have a girls division within the wrestling state tournament.

The decision by MSHSL allows girls the option of wrestling against

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DEAR SANTA,

Letters from local children to the big man in red are sure to make you smile!

SECTION B

St. Lucia brings light

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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During the darkest days of winter, the St. Lucia program will bring light and warmth to Mora in true Scandinavian style. Hosted by the Dala Heritage Society, the annual celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 414 S Wood St., Mora.

The event will feature a musical performance by the Svenskarnas Dag Girls Choir and crowning of the 2022 Lucia. The new Lucia will spend the next year serving the community.

In Sweden, St. Lucia’s Day is Dec. 13, which was the darkest winter day according to the old-style calendar. In the morning, a young girl of the household dresses in a white robe, red sash and wears a wreath of candles on her head. She serves her family the traditional breakfast of coffee and saffron buns.



KANABEC COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following charges were filed in Kanabec County Court on Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2021. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Darwin Allen Lange (08/08/1974) of Mora was charged Nov. 30 with one gross misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the third degree-under the influence of alcohol and one gross misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the third degree-with alcohol concentration of 0.08 within two hours.

Dwight Preston Steele (06/22/1980) of Sacred Heart was charged Nov. 30 with one felony count of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle and one felony count of drug possession in the fifth degree-not small amount marijuana.

Kyle Samuel Stein (07/07/1988) of Cambridge was charged Nov. 30 with one felony count of theft.

Anthony Joseph Flora (06/03/1989) of Mora was charged Nov. 30 with one gross misdemeanor count of failure to stop for a school bus.

Mikele Maureen Bandow (12/08/1971) of Isle was charged Dec. 1 with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the fourth degree-under the influence of alcohol and one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired-with alcohol concentration of 0.08 within two hours.

Scott William Soderlund (03/20/1963) of Mora was charged Dec. 2 with one misdemeanor count of trespass.

Cory Robert Piringer (08/05/1992) of Grasston was charged Dec. 2 with one gross misdemeanor count of driving after cancellation of license.

Jake Richard Anderson (02/27/1997) of Mora was charged Dec. 3 with one gross misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the third degree-under the influence of alcohol and one gross misdemeanor count of driving while impaired in the third degree-with alcohol concentration of 0.08 within two hours.

Mora school bus driver dies in crash

STAFF REPORT
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Mia L. Besemann, 58, of Finlayson died after a head-on collision on Highway 65 at approximately 6:35 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2.

Besemann was a bus driver for Mora Public Schools. The school provided additional counseling and grief sup-

port for students following her death. According to the Minnesota State Patrol incident report, Besemann was driving south on Hwy 65 near mile post 73 (approximately 8 miles north of Mora) in a 2007 Buick Lucerne. Her vehicle was struck head-on when a northbound Ram truck crossed into the southbound lane.

The driver of the truck was Christo-

pher G. Stafford, 46, of Braham which had two occupants: Scott E. Axell, 31, of Brook Park and Trenton I. Broll, 30, of Brook Park. Broll received non-life threatening injuries and was taken to Welia Health hospital in Mora.

According to the report, Besemann was wearing a seatbelt; the occupants of the truck were not. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Mora Area Fire Department sees improvement in ISO rating

CITY OF MORA
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The Mora Area Fire Department recently participated in a Public Protection Classification evaluation with Insurance Services Office, Inc., and is pleased to announce an improved PPC grade.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the U.S. on their structure fire suppression capabilities. ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a PPC grade – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program, and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire suppression program does not meet ISO’s minimum criteria. The evaluations are conducted approximately every five years, or whenever it appears that there is a possibility of a PPC change. MAFD’s current PPC grade is Class 4, an improvement from the previous grade of Class 5.

“MAFD staff has worked hard to make great progress over the last few years to improve our ISO rating,”

shared Brett Anderson, fire chief. “Ensuring excellent fire protection services are available to our community is our highest priority.”

ISO evaluated MAFD according to a uniform set of criteria, incorporating nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. MAFD’s PPC grade depends on:

- Needed Fire Flows, which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.
- Emergency Communications, including emergency reporting, telecommunications and dispatching systems.
- Fire Department, including equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations and community risk reduction.
- Water Supply, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply oper-

tions and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute.

ISO’s PPC plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most U.S. insurers use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

PPC is important to communities and fire departments as well. Communities whose PPC improves may see lower insurance prices. PPC also provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark, and is used by MAFD as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

A copy of the updated PPC Summary Report can be viewed at Mora city hall. Please contact Chief Anderson to arrange a viewing.

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We’re proud to introduce you to our new *Nurse Practitioner, Cara Winn*, who will be serving patients at our Mora Clinic and Hospital. Cara received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Metropolitan State University and her Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner from Purdue University Global. She is passionate about preventative medicine and helping patients achieve their wellness goals.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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Alexis Hughes will pass on her Santa Lucia duties to the 2022 Dala Heritage Society Lucia on Dec. 12.

Featured Events

DEC. 12

St. Lucia Celebration

The Svenskarnas Dag Girls Choir will provide special music for the crowning of the Dala Heritage Society's 2022 Lucia. We look forward to celebrating our community's Swedish heritage with you at 3:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Mora. For more information, check out the Dala Heritage Society's Facebook page.

DEC. 9

Veterans Dinner

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism the MDVA has designed a commemorative coin to honor Minnesota GWOT veterans. The Kanabec County Veterans Service Office is inviting you and one guest to a dinner in your honor. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. at the Northwoods Steakhouse, 2732 Hwy 65, Mora.

RSVP is required for attendance. Call 320-679-6380 or email jessica.olson@kanabec.mn.us. Veteran's meal is free. There is a charge for the guest meal.

DEC. 10, 11,

Christmas Concert

East Central Minnesota Chorale and Unum Vox present their Christmas Concerts at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 10, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Princeton; 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 11, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Mora; and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11, at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Free-will offering. Masks requested, social distancing observed.

DEC. 11

Braham Santa Day

Tusen Tack Programs is presenting Santa Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Braham Event Center. Free admission and masks required for ages 2 and up. The event will feature photos with Santa and Santa's Shoppe.

DEC. 12

East Central Grad Band

Join the East Central Grad Band for "A Winter Concert" at 2 p.m. at the Cambridge-Isanti High School Hardy Center. It will be a holiday mix of festive seasonal favorites. The concert is free. Donations are accepted. For more information contact Lynn Wedlund, East Central band director at 763-689-4121.

PFLAG Meeting

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

ECMN PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) is an all-volunteer organization that provides support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning persons, their families and friends by being a visible presence in communities across the five-county region of east central Minnesota.

PFLAG welcomes everyone who is interested in supporting the LGBTQ+ community and their friends and families. For more information, go to www.ecmnpflag.org, or search for us on Facebook.

Please Note: We are requiring masks and social distancing at our meetings.

DEC. 13

Old Wheelers Car and Tractor Club

The "Old Wheelers Car and Tractor Club" will meet at 6 p.m., at McBees on Ann Lake, McBees, 2198 Hwy 47, Ogilvie. This open to all vintage car and tractor enthusiasts. For further information, call Clayton Berg at 320-272-4387.

Women's Christian Connection

The Women's Christian Connection will host a Christmas gathering at 7:00 p.m., in Tobies' Big Kettle Room in Hinckley. All ladies are welcome to attend this festive and uplifting event. The program features the opportunity to enjoy samplings of holiday goodies provided by the planning team, and the enjoyment of warm fellowship with friends.

Jenny Thyng of Braham is the music guest and speaker. Her joy in all seasons is evident in her delightful expression in music and message for all women.

Reservations may be made by calling Maxine at 384-6413. Please do not call Tobie's.

American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary holiday luncheon at noon at Kev's Depot. Please consider bringing gas and/or grocery gift cards that we will be donating to Veterans Services.

DEC. 14

Kanabec County DFL

The Kanabec County DFL meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Kanabec County History Center, 805 Forest Ave. W. Mora. Questions call 612-455-0448. Everyone welcome.

DEC. 15

Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball Dinner

Enjoy a Scandinavian dinner from 4-7 p.m. at the Mora Masonic Lodge 223, 800 S. Union, Mora.

DEC. 16

Suicide prevention for ag community

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is offering a free online suicide prevention class tailored to farming communities. Called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) for Agricultural Communities, the program helps individuals learn the three steps anyone can take to help prevent a suicide. More than one million adults in the U.S. have been trained in QPR. This 1.5-hour class is for members of rural and agricultural communities over the age of 16 who want to learn best practices in suicide prevention.

It will be offered from 1:00-2:30 p.m. To register, see "Classes" at namimn.org. For further information, call 651-645-2948.

GET THE VACCINE



COVID-19 VACCINATION OPPORTUNITIES

Daily Vaccination Availability:

Welia Mora Clinic or Mora Community Pharmacy, 301 Highway 65 S., Mora

- Vaccinations are available between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sat.
- Appointments are required.** Call 320.679.1313 for the clinic or 320-225-3999 for the Mora Community Pharmacy.
- The following vaccines are administered based on availability.
 - Pfizer vaccine** (5+ eligible). A second dose will be scheduled **21 days** from the date of your first dose. **Booster** available at least 6 months after completion of the two-dose series (18+ eligible).
 - Moderna vaccine** (18+ eligible). A second dose will be scheduled **28 days** from the date of your first dose. **Booster** available at least 6 months after completion of the two-dose series (18+ eligible).
 - Johnson & Johnson vaccine** (18+ eligible). This is a single dose. **Booster** available at least 2 months after completion of the single-dose vaccine to individuals 18+ years.

Kanabec County Community Health will administer vaccine to those who are unable to leave their home. To schedule an appointment, please call 320-679-6330.

Kanabec County Community Health offers Flu Shots on Monday afternoons by appointment only. Please contact Kirsten at (320) 674-0778 to schedule an appointment.

SENIOR DINING MENU

Location: Dala Apts. 470 Bean Ave., Mora

Phone: 320-679-4029 between 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Senior Dining will be closed until Jan. 3, 2022 at the earliest. **Please call ahead to see if dining is available.

Up to seven frozen meals can be picked up at the Dala Apartments between 9:30-11:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays are preferred for food pick up but other days work as well.

RECURRING

MONDAYS

KCAA Open Studio

All artists are invited to join the Kanabec County Art Association for its weekly in person open studio at 11 a.m. at the Kanabec History Center. Bring a dish to share for potluck lunch and an art project to work on. For more information, email Barb Orstad at art.kcaa@yahoo.com.

Narcotic Anonymous

7 p.m. at Mora United Methodist Church, 500 Clark St., Mora.

Flu shots

Kanabec County Community Health offers flu shots on Monday afternoons by appointment only. Please contact Kirsten at (320) 674-0778 to schedule an appointment.

TUESDAYS

TOPS Meets

TOPS will be meeting every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Mora United Methodist Church. For information call Linda Skramstad at 679-4733.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Pickleball

Pickleball will be held Mondays and Thursdays in December from 6-8 p.m. at Mora Elementary School on Court 5. Go to moraschools.org to the Community Ed page for more information and to register.

Who will help operate local government? 'Not I,' say the constituents

The Hillman Township board has been wrestling with the issue of Hornet Street and access to the Crisman family property since 2017. The conflict went largely unnoticed until recently. Today, the board is drowning in comments and input from residents with criticisms of the board's approach to the issue.



Editor

Kirsten Faurie

Several board members publicly lamented: Where was this interest in the township's decisions before now?

The easy answer is because the media brought the topic into the spotlight, but the question brings up a deeper issue: very few people are involved or even pay attention to local government.

It's like the fable of the Little Red Hen, but instead of growing wheat and baking bread, she asks, "Who will help me operate the township?"

"Not I," say the constituents.

TOO MANY VACANCIES, TOO LITTLE CHOICE

While criticisms are plenty, participants are difficult to recruit. Glance through this paper and you'll often see ads, articles and public notices announcing vacancies on park boards, planning commissions, utility boards and various other committees.

On page 13 of this issue is a Kanabec County ad seeking to fill positions for nine different groups. These groups impact local water quality, infrastructure, health, emergency services, economic development and more.

All are practically begging for participation. (Psst —some boards, councils and commissions pay participants for their time.)

When it comes to township board elections there are sometimes vacant seats with no candidates to fill them — let alone offer choice to voters of which candidate they would prefer. That is if residents choose to vote in those elections in the first place.

In November 2018, Craig Smith and Kim Smith were candidates for the Kanabec County Commissioner District 5 seat. Craig won by a mere two votes and there was a recount. When the count was finished, Kim noted how "disappointing" it was that many voters cast ballots but did not vote in the commissioner race.

FINDING PARTICIPANTS

I understand why people don't participate. It takes time. It takes effort. It can feel unfamiliar, or perhaps they feel under-qualified or intimidated.

The time requirement makes it difficult for young persons who are working and raising families to participate. It's no surprise many seats are filled by retirees.

Not to mention, these meetings can be flat out boring talking about budgets, permits, contracts, assessments — little decisions made every month that go unnoticed by the general population.

So why do people participate?

There are some common ways I've seen individuals become involved in local government.

The first is person-to-person recruitment. Just a few weeks ago former Mora mayor Roger Crawford was reminiscing to me and other mayors past and present about finding people to sit on boards, councils and commissions.

Crawford recalled one of the most effective ways was if a current council member recruited their acquaintances and friends.

A direct, personal invitation is effective and has filled many seats.

While intended or not, it's an approach that leads councils to fill with similar or like-minded people. Pretty soon, a governing body starts looking like a good old boys club.

There are also a lot of family relations among various boards: father and son pairs, siblings, or husbands and wives who end up serving together.

I'm not saying it's wrong in itself, but these close relations can limit the perspectives represented on a board; at worst, they can create opportunities for corruption.

The second way I've seen a person become involved in local government is

because they disagree with a decision and run for election hoping to make a change on that single issue.

Maybe an individual doesn't like the Ogilvie school 4-day school week structure and wants to change it. Sometimes they are able to effect the issue they are passionate about; sometimes not.

Often their passion doesn't extend to the more day-to-day issues facing a school board like head lice policies, union negotiations and bus fleet maintenance.

Other times people can become involved in small government simply because they see the need and want to help their community improve.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU

Please consider the impact you can have in strengthening our local governing bodies, not just in critiques, but through your direct involvement.

Watch this paper and inquire with your county, city or township about the ways you can help.

Thanks are also in order to those who have chosen to serve on the various boards and councils. It's a job often unrecognized despite its immense impact.

KIRSTEN FAURIE is the editor of the Kanabec County Times. She can be contacted at editor@moraminn.com or by calling 320-225-5128.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What more do people need to know?

To the editor,

Please, please, please, get vaccinated. Nearly 75% of local hospital beds are occupied by COVID patients in Mora. Nearly all of them were unvaccinated. People are going to die - for lack of hospital beds. Kanabec County is now the highest (by far) in the state of Minnesota. What more do people need to know?

Ron Pearson
St. Paul

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'The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.'

Winston Churchill



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HEARD ON THE STREET BY KIM LUECK-FOSS

At the Kanabec County Art Association Affordable Art Sale, on Dec. 4, we asked the following question:

If you had a full year off with pay, what would you spend your time doing?

**Donavon Stromberg Mora**

I am already retired so more traveling, reading, deliveries and driving for the Amish.

**Peggy Paulson Mora**

Traveling to warm places.

**Kathy Hovland Mora**

Reading a lot, doing some art, cooking a lot and doing what I can to avoid housework.

**Samantha Maser Hinckley**

Travel to Italy, get my house in order and spend time with my new baby.

**Dee Kotaska Mora**

Travel, cruise the Danube. I have seen all 50 states, but there are many I would like to visit again. It's been 50 years so I would like to go back to England.

**Valerie Raivo Brook Park**

Traveling places like around the world, donating and giving to the less fortunate and animals.

1896: Old settlers reunion held for first county residents

125 YEARS AGO (1896)

We predict an electric light system in the near future.

Not being a resident of the county long enough by a number of years to attend the old settlers reunion Saturday as an old settler, ye editor was very thankful when an invitation by Mr. A. J. Conger was tendered him to attend with wife, and enjoy the company of the old land marks of the county who were to congregate for the first time since the organization of the county in an "Old Settlers Reunion" and to enjoy the feast which had been prepared by Mrs. Conger for the occasion.

Here we wish to give a short history of Mr. and Mrs. Conger's early life in Kanabec county. Mrs. Conger or Miss Pennington, as she was yet unmarried, settled with her parents on what is now known as the old Brunswick farm in the year 1856, the

county was yet unorganized. Mrs. Newport, a sister of Mrs. Conger also came at the same time. Mr. Pennington and family were the first settlers of Kanabec county. A. J. Conger made his first appearance two years later in the year 1858 and one year later wed his present wife. He established in 1859 a trading post on Spring Brook, about two miles south of Mora and traded with the Indians. Mr. Conger says there were but four families in the county when he came and these were: George Staples, Daniel Gordon, Pennington's, Alvin Lauger. The organization of the county was on June 10th 1859 and there were fifteen votes cast at the first election, which was held Oct. 11th 1859, twelve of these voters were candidates for office.

100 YEARS AGO (1921)

Three young men, who are said to have hailed from Isle, passed through Mora Tuesday afternoon in a car and about 11 o'clock in the evening returned here. Night watchman Wilson and Marshall Edin became suspicious that the auto contained moonshine and held the car which was found

to contain about twenty quarts of the liquor. A warrant was sworn out and one of the men arrested, the other two escaping. Earl McCullough, the man arrested, charged with transporting liquor, was taken in charge by Sheriff Sellstedt and on Wednesday was arraigned before Justice Almond Johnstone. He entered a plea of not guilty, waiving an examination and he was placed under a bond of \$500 for his appearance before the grand jury at the next general term of court, when a jury is called.

The new Swedish Baptist church of Quamba was dedicated last Sunday with very inspiring and interesting services.

75 YEARS AGO (1946)

Next Saturday will be a big day in Mora for the children, when Santa Claus will be here to join with them in taking part in the pre-Christmas day program being sponsored by the local business.

Pine City overpowered the Mora Blue Devils on the home floor Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, Pine City 46, Mora 39.

Pine City commenced this high scoring, spectacular

match with a series of skyscrapers executed from the center of the floor, followed by Goldsmith and Johnstone, Blue Devil guards, duplicating this feat for Mora.

50 YEARS AGO (1971)

Michael Parent, 17, who was expelled from the Mora High School last September for violation of the school dress code, is still waiting to be readmitted, Michael and his father, William J. Parent of Mora, have brought suit against the Mora school. Last Thursday they appeared in U.S. District Court at Duluth where they asked a court injunction permitting Michael to return to class until the suit comes to trial.

Michael was expelled from school for violation of the school dress code which prohibits students from wearing mustaches. Michael has a small, neat mustache.

25 YEARS AGO (1996)

Among those who followed the 1996 Mora High School football team's run to the state championship were three members of the 1927 team. Mora High's very first football squad.

Much has changed in 70 years! The '27 did play 11-man football, but their schedule consisted of only three games --- against Osseo, St. Francis and Pine City. The scores respectively, were 12-13, 6-12, and -- the lone win -- 13-0.

Back in '27, none of the guys who went out had ever seen a football, or a football game, so coach Zamjahn took them to see a scrimmage at the U of M between the Gophers and Washington State, just to familiarize the boys with the game.

The three players still living from the 1927 team are Vern Smith, Frank Turnacliiff, and Lyle Richards. Vern and Frank still live in Mora.

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. The articles may contain language with ethnic and racial prejudices that were once common but are no longer acceptable in today's society. These articles are being presented as they were originally published.

**News from Yesteryear**
Matt Anderson

50 YEARS VASALOPPET

This weekly series counts down the history of the Mora Vasaloppet leading up to its golden anniversary on Feb. 12-13, 2022.



VASALOPPET USA

Artists in the area often donate their art to the Vasaloppet fundraiser such as stained glass items, watercolor prints, photos, articles of clothing, carvings, metal sculptures, pottery, furniture and more. A few artists go a step further. They create a larger piece of art that Vasaloppet can display in the community. Through planning and project grants, Keith Raivo creates a winner's sculpture, a 'rune' stone and a set of three award platforms, all carved from stone, for placement in front of Headquarters. The unveiling of the art pieces is held in January with Vasaloppet board members and city officials.

2013

Future Traks funds the purchase of a Yellowstone Groomer to be pulled by snowmobile. Cost is \$3,600.

Logging on the 35km trail is scheduled by the DNR; involves about 25 acres per year.

The high school ski team begins to use The Garage for their pasta feeds.

It is the first year of offering a celebration tent with bands scheduled to play on Thursday and Saturday.

The race is shortened due to lack of snow. All races start and lap Knife Lake before skiing south into downtown.

Members of the Vasa relay teams also start together at Knife Lake and will follow the 13km course into downtown.

A snowstorm arrives during the race. The worst of the storm is delivered after the end of the race.

Skiers are surveyed for their opinion on switching from a Sunday race to a Saturday race.

A task force committee for snowmaking is organized.

Rita Sundberg retires after serving 21 years as a Vasaloppet Board member.

Hillman offers ultimatum: accept a new route or prolong court battle

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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The Hillman town board has offered the Crisman family an ultimatum: let us reimburse costs to build a new driveway connecting with a new road, or face an appeal.

In January 2020 Andrew and Renee filed a lawsuit against Hillman Township, with the hopes the judge would make declarations regarding Hornet Street's length and status as a road, as well as declare the township has an obligation to maintain the road.

At first the judge ruled in favor of the township, then, in an amended ruling signed Nov. 9, 2021, Tenth District Court Chief Judge, Stoney L. Hiljus, ruled that Hillman Township could not choose to maintain only a portion of the road.

The ruling ordered that Hillman Township's maintenance of the first quarter mile of Hornet Street requires

it to maintain all portions of Hornet Street—including the portion that leads to the Crisman property.

On Monday, Nov. 29 Hillman Township met in closed session to discuss legal strategy in the litigation with Andy and Renee Crisman regarding Hornet Street.

Upon re-opening the meeting, the board passed a resolution authorizing the town's attorney to work toward a resolution with the Crismans. If a resolution cannot be reached, the township said it will appeal the district court's decision.

The offer being made by the township is to build the Crismans a new driveway that would connect their home to another road. The township built this road by extending 297th Street from a cul-de-sac in the Raspberry Acres subdivision.

Board Chairman Ryan Martens explained to those present on Nov. 29, that based on his personal measurements,

the road approaching the Crisman property is kinked. In order to maintain the road, Martens claimed the township would need to straighten the road, dig new ditches and purchase an easement from a neighboring property in order to build a turnaround.

Martens estimated the cost as "well over \$100,000."

"I don't know how I, as somebody who is looking out for the entire township, can justify spending that much money for a short piece of road that works for one family."

Martens questioned if those present would want their property taxes to "go up drastically" as audience members of the board meeting questioned if this option was necessary.

"The cost to build that driveway is substantially less than dealing with fixing Hornet Street," said Martens.

The board is offering to reimburse the Crismans to build a new driveway in a way of their choosing, up to a set

dollar amount.

Board member Elaine Pierson said, "The board has made a very good offer to them."

The Crismans have thus far rejected the offer, citing the new driveway is unnecessary and cuts across their cattle pasture.

"We really just want everyone to know that we are rejecting the idea of spending taxpayer money on unnecessary roads or driveways. There is an over 100-year old road that's in good condition, let's use that one."

Furthermore, the Crismans have built a turnaround on their property that they have repeatedly offered to the township.

A press statement from the Crismans reads, "... all the Crismans are asking for, is that snow plowing is provided to allow the school bus and emergency vehicles to have access to their driveway. This is a simple and inexpensive request."

Mars makes an appearance at the end of December

After a long stint as an evening "star," Venus plunges into the sunset on its next trip between Earth and the sun. It's a short trip, though; in less than a month, Venus reappears in the morning sky.



Minnesota Starwatch
Deane Morrison

Jupiter remains a beacon in the southwest, while dimmer Saturn shimmers to its lower right. But over the next couple of months they, too, will tumble over the horizon. Next year they will

join Venus—and Mars—as morning planets.

The Great Square of Pegasus and the constellation Andromeda ride high in the south at nightfall. Andromeda is basi-

cally the line of stars extending from the Great Square's northeast corner. If you follow that line to the second star and take a 90-degree right turn, you'll see first a fainter star and then a fuzzy patch of light. This is the Andromeda Galaxy, the Milky Way's closest large neighbor. A star chart and binoculars will help.

In the east and southeast, the bright winter stars are making their annual grand entrance into the evening sky. You'll know the whole assembly has appeared when you see Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, below hour-glass-shaped Orion.

In the morning sky, Mars has begun a slow climb above the southeastern horizon. As New Year's Eve dawns, the Red Planet appears to the lower left of a thin waning moon. Almost directly below the moon glimmers Antares, the giant red star whose name means "rival

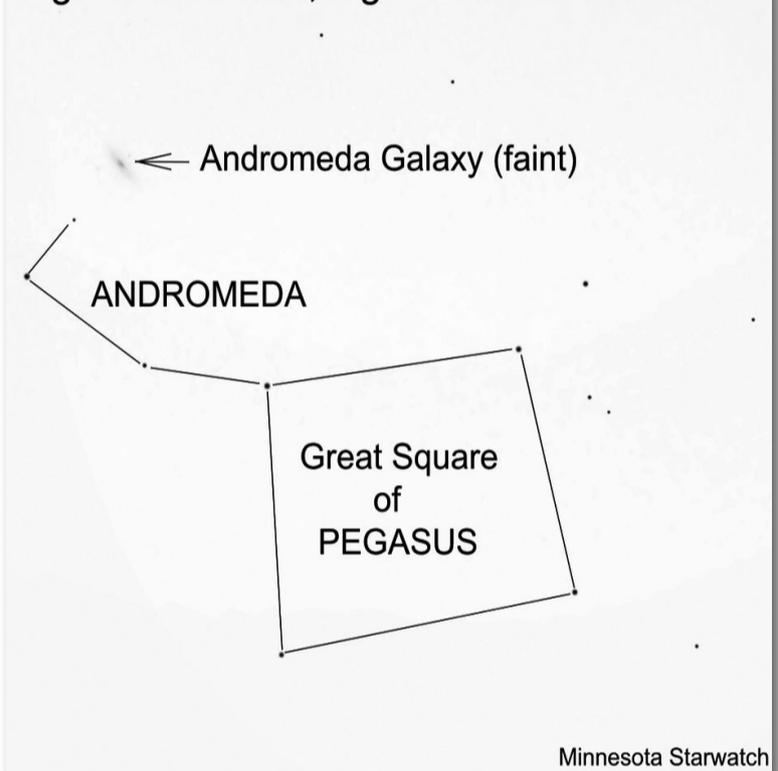
of Mars."

On the 6th, a young moon and Venus form a celestial semicolon above the sunset horizon. The moon goes on to hang below Saturn on the 7th and Jupiter on the 8th. December's full moon rises shortly before sunset on the 18th. Although it traces a high arc across the night sky, it will be near its maximum distance from Earth and so appear smaller than most full moons.

Winter arrives with the solstice at 9:59 a.m. on the 21st, when the sun reaches a point over the Tropic of Capricorn. At that moment an observer in space would see Earth lighted from the Arctic Circle down to the South Pole and up to the Antarctic Circle on the dark side of the planet.

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High in the south, nightfall mid-December



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East Central Regional Arts Council offers grant information sessions

BY KATINA EKLUND
CONTRIBUTED

Are you curious about the East Central Regional Arts grant programs? Do you have questions like: When can I apply? What grant should I apply for? Is my art project eligible for a grant? How do I apply for a grant? What type of art projects are funded? What are the requirements to be eligible for funding? Join us for a grant info session and we can help answer questions like this and many more. The next grant deadlines to apply are Feb. 1 and April 1. If you are in Minnesota's Region 7E, the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine, art grant funds are available now.

ECRAC is offering grant information sessions for December and January. These sessions cover basic information about ECRAC grant programs, as well as recent changes to the grant application processes. If you have already

attended a grant information session in the past, a refresher is always a good idea to keep you up to date.

Grant information sessions for artists who want to learn about funding available for the upcoming grant deadlines will be online via Zoom from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.

Are you with an art group, non-profit, school or public entity and want to learn about funding available for your organization's art project for the upcoming ECRAC grant deadlines? These information sessions will be online via Zoom from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022.

For more information, please contact Katina Eklund, grant program officer, East Central Regional Arts Council, at grantinfo@ecrac.org or by calling 320-591-7034. The links to the Zoom meetings can be emailed to you or found on the ECRAC Website: ecrac.org.

Author explores last wishes, mortality in newest fiction

BY JAKE OLSON
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Local author Rachel Norby is set to publish her fourth book “Just in Case I Die” Dec. 17. Her work of inspirational fiction follows the lives of several characters who have taken the “Just in Case I Die Challenge” introduced in the first chapter of the book.



Norby

The idea behind the challenge is that one would think through things they want to make sure they have done before they die.

Some characters need to make amends, some need to say things or write things to friends or family members—the basic challenge is to do what needs to be done before the end.

A TITLE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

A woman of faith, Norby describes her writing process; “God usually gives me a title... and then I get more details on it.” In this case, she felt strongly that the title was “Just In Case I Die.” Although

she found it a bit morbid, she pursued it.

As she engaged in the writing process, which usually takes a few years, she found that the project she was birthing with the book was particularly timely.

“I actually finished writing the last few chapters in the spring of 2020 when the plague hit.” She found it “Ironic and intriguing” to be writing a book about last wishes at a time when so many people were facing their own mortality.

From the time of writing, the process involves having the book reviewed by a number of editors and making changes according to their suggestions — after which Norby, is able to make some final additions.

“It takes a while for all the editing to get it to where you want it to be. I had a few different people look at it and give insights about how I should market it and who I should try to get it published with... it takes a while. It was longer than I wanted it to be. I was hoping it would be out earlier in 2021. It’s how it goes.”

A WOMAN WITH MANY ROLES

Norby is not only a published author, she is also an English teacher at Mora High School, a youth director at Trio Community Church, a cross country running coach, a wife and mother of two.

In all of her pursuits, Norby shows a passion for people; “I like a lot of things... I really love people, I like talking to people and hearing their stories.”

“I write mostly in the summers because I have more time. When I’m actually teaching, I don’t have time to write at all.”

She loves writing fiction because she finds she is able to share meaning without being preachy.

In the epigraph of her book, she shares a quote from Tim O’Brien who calls fiction “the lie that helps us to see the truth... about ourselves and other people.”

A PERSONAL TOUCH

The COVID-19 pandemic was not the only event that made an imprint on Norby’s writing process, but it had a significant impact. After the initial edit-



ing, she added a chapter about a business owner dealing with struggles as a result of the pandemic.

“There’s a chapter about a Chinese American who is struggling with xenophobia during the plague and getting a lot of racial remarks, especially to his dad... and the things people are saying or not saying, and the looks they’re giving and people not coming into his store.”

Norby notes that after she’d

finished the primary writing of the book she “had a little scare with cancer.”

“They weren’t sure what it was, and they had to go in for more tests and that made me think even more about my book.” “I added a little bit in there about that.” The cancer scare made her think “what if I do die?”

A PASSION FOR HER STUDENTS

On a recent school day, Norby was able to show her creative writing students the first copies of her new book.

“I showed them my book and was like ‘guys, this is so exciting, you can do stuff like this when you get older,’ it’s fun to show them they can do something with their writing.”

“Just In Case I Die” will be published Dec. 17. The book is described as “Book-Club Fiction” with short chapters and discussion questions in the back of the book for book clubs.

Local patrons will have a chance to purchase a signed copy at the Stocking Stuffer Boutique at the Trio Community Center (111 E Maple Ave. in Mora) Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or visit rachelnorby.com.

From from ‘semi-pro to the average Joe,’ musicians make joyful return

BY HOPE MURRAY
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Fifty-four musicians, ages 15 to 85 and from all walks of life, hope to make a joyful noise at 2 p.m. on Dec. 12, when they present the East Central Grad Band’s annual Winter Concert at the Cambridge-Isanti High School Hardy Center.

Sharing a love of music with the public has been one of the band’s goals for the last 32 years. Starting in 1989 with 13 members, the band has grown over the years, sometimes with more than 60 in its melodic arsenal. This will be its first concert in two years.

“We canceled our spring concert the last two years (and the winter 2020 concert) because of the pandemic and just returned to practice this fall with COVID protocols,” said Lynn Wedlund, founder and current director of the band. Those protocols include having musicians masked when they are not playing and throughout the building; a separation of at

least 3 feet between musicians; and covers on the bells of instruments that point up or out. Vaccinations are not required but are strongly encouraged.

Wedlund started the band more than three decades ago to offer a place where musicians who graduated could continue to perform.

“I started the band because, as a school band director here in Cambridge-Isanti, I was dismayed that so many people had no outlet to play after high school,” said Wedlund. “Hence the name ‘Grad Band.’”

The group practices once a week for 90 minutes at the Cambridge Middle School band room and performs two concerts per year. Anyone with experience tooting a horn or banging a drum can join the band.

“Our musicians range from semi-pro to the average Joe,” Wedlund said. “The nice thing about band music is that there is a place for everyone from the highly skilled on down.”

Wedlund always considers

the various abilities of her musicians when choosing the music for concerts, but combines that with what she believes the audience wants to hear.

“When I choose our music I keep in mind our skill level, the instrumentation we have and what the audience likes and what we like to play,” she said “It only makes sense to have fun and enjoy what you play.”

Wedlund touts the fellowship — that love of gathering and playing — as one of the group’s greatest successes. Musicians typically stand in the parking lot after rehearsals to visit with one another, and, of the 13 original members of the band, 10 still perform with the group. That camaraderie was something that the band has sorely missed, as COVID-19 prevented them from performing together. Some band members chose not to return.

“We did lose a few people due to the COVID,” Wedlund said, adding that she doesn’t begrudge anyone who made that



SUBMITTED

Members of the East Central Grad Band perform together in 2019.

choice. Not playing together as a group can have its setbacks.

“It isn’t fun for musicians to practice alone; there is no incentive,” she said. “But now that they’ve been together — when they play together and they see their progress — it becomes more fun for (the musicians), and the spark comes back. Something’s happening; things are getting done.”

Wedlund, who retired from teaching after 27 years in the Cambridge-Isanti district and is a member of its school board,

has directed bands “for a long, long time. You’d think I’d be tired of it.” But observing the Grad Band’s accomplishments inspires her to continue.

“Seeing the light in their eyes when they achieve something, something happening, things are getting done, it uplifts your spirit,” she said. “That’s why I do it.”

The upcoming concert was chosen with the almost two-year layoff of the musicians in mind, as well as the hope that the audience would be uplifted by this year’s menu of holiday music. The program is an eclectic mix, ranging from suspenseful numbers by prolific film composer John Williams and Mussorgsky’s “Night on Bald Mountain” — popularized in Disney’s “Fantasia” — to holiday favorites such as Manheim Steamrollers’ arrangement of “Greensleeves” and the Spanish carol “Fum, Fum, Fum.”

“We wanted to make this a joyful concert for the audience,” she said.

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The Dala Heritage Society cordially invites all community members to join in the Swedish celebration of St. Lucia!



St. Lucia Celebration

When: 3:30pm Sunday, Dec. 12th

Where: Calvary Lutheran Church in Mora
The Svenskarnas Dag Girls Choir will provide special music for the crowning of the Dala Heritage Society's 2022 Lucia. We look forward to celebrating our community's Swedish heritage with you! For more information, check out the Dala Heritage Society's Facebook page.



BERNADINE DAMANN | SUBMITTED

Candy bags sent overseas to military personnel

Members of the Sugar and Spice Homemakers, Grasston, joined Royal Neighbors in packing 101 candy bags for care packages to be sent to military personnel serving overseas. Members also assisted Blue Star Moms in packing the boxes for shipment. Pictured left to right- Helen Swenson, Homemakers and Royal Neighbors, Denise Weis, Homemakers, Bernadine Damann, Homemakers and Royal Neighbors.



SUBMITTED | GUS SCHILL

Gifts head to children overseas

This holiday season, First Presbyterian Church of Mora served as a drop-off point for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The program collects shoeboxes filled with gifts to be delivered to children overseas, focusing on children who have been affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease. Reverend Gus Schill at one time traveled to Bosnia to deliver the gifts. "I've seen first hand what a difference these make," he said. Last week, he and others loaded and delivered the gifts to another collection point to begin their journey. "We're glad we are able to participate," said Schill.

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W O R S H I P G U I D E

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
West Central Drive & County Road 4 in northwest Braham
320-396-2755
Pastor Julie Beck
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on KBEK 95.5 FM.; 10:15 a.m. Worship Service Live on Facebook.
Office hours - Tues. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Calvary Lutheran Church (ELCA)
414 S. Wood St., Mora
320-679-1706
www.calvarymora.org
Pastor Dean Oelfke
Deacon Susan Williams
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion celebrated on first and third Sundays of each month.
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Youth Check-in; 6:30 p.m. Keeping Connected.

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, Mora
551 Wood St. South, 320-679-1969
Dr. Gus Schill, Pastor, 828-329-9307
schillg28@gmail.com
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Adult class and kids chaos
Thursday 6:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study
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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
Micah Rogers, Pastor
Church: 320-679-1125
Sermon Message: Discipleship Personalified - Reflecting Jesus.

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
Senior Pastor: Gary Guptill
moragrancelutheran@gmail.com
www.gracechurchmora.com
8 a.m. Sanctuary Worship (recommends mask wearing).
9:30 a.m. FLC Worship (Council asks every person to wear a mask).
10:15 a.m. KBEK 95.5 FM.
GLC YouTube: <https://www.gracechurchmora.com/videos?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-k9dd0c2k>
Facebook: @moragrancelutheran

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

Hillman Baptist Church
2748 Jade Street, Mora
320-679-1756
David Melin, Interim Pastor
www.hillmanbaptist.org
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
Piecemakers - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:15-7:45 p.m. AWANA (Sept.-April).

Hope Lutheran Church
Grasston, 320-396-3925
Dean Oelfke, Pastor
hopelutherangrasston.org
11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service; Holy Communion first and third Sundays and festival days

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Brunswick, 320-679-2015
Pastor Sierra Westerman
2088 Highway 70, Mora
9:00 a.m. Worship; 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. Communion held every week.

Lewis Lake Covenant Church
1030 Grand St., Ogilvie
320-396-3293
www.lewislake.org
Sunday: 8 a.m. Social Hour/Coffee, 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation for ages 4-adult.
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Living Hope Church
East Hwy. 23 and N. County Rd. 11, Mora
320-679-2586
Steve Ekholm, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Adult Class; 10:15 a.m. Worship Service; 7 p.m. Youth Service.

Maple Ridge Free Church
801 401st Ave. NW, Stanchfield
320-396-2246 or Rick Eichholz - 763-412-9397
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Worship.

Mora United Methodist Church
500 Clark St., Mora, MN 55051
320-679-2713
Pastor Debra Schaffran
debraschaffran@gmail.com
952-240-3836
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. In-Person or YouTube Worship Service.
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moraumc.org

Ogilvie United Methodist Church
201 W. Bragg St., Box 257, Ogilvie, MN 56358
320-272-4255
Pastor Debra Schaffran
debraschaffran@gmail.com
952-240-3836
9 a.m. In-Person Worship.
10:30 a.m. Online Worship.
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Open Arms Church of God
406 Pine St., Grasston
320-396-3373
www.openarmscog.org
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26340 Whited Ave., Quamba
320-679-5365
Ivan Fiske, Senior Pastor
Joel Ostrom, Associate Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11:15 a.m. Christian Education.
Wednesday at QBC: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Prayer & Study.

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A spirit-filled Church Service at the True Vine Lutheran Church
130 S. Park St., Mora
320-679-4076
Saturday: 6 p.m. Worship Service.

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318 S. Hill Ave., Ogilvie,
320-679-1593
Father Derek Wiechmann
Tuesday: 7 a.m. Mass.
Saturday: 6 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary's Area Catholic Community
201 East Forest, Mora,
320-679-1593
Father Derek Wiechmann
Friday: 7 a.m. Mass.
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
(The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)
301 Church Ave., Ogilvie
320-272-4352
Vacancy Pastor Vernon Dorn
Sunday: 9 a.m. Divine Worship, 10:15 a.m. Bible Study.
Second and fourth Wednesday: 6 p.m. Divine Worship.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)
400 SE 8th Street, Braham,
320-396-3103
Pastor Tim Renstrom
www.ststephensbraham.org
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Trio Community Church
Trio Community Center,
111 E. Maple Ave., Mora
www.triochurch.com
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry.
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service; nursery and children's ministry available.

True Vine Lutheran Church (AFLC)
130 Park St. S., Mora
320-362-4823
www.truevinelutheran.org
9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship with Communion.

Whispering Hope Community Church
9884 Mallard Rd., P.O. Box 57,
Brook Park, 320-362-4176
Pastor Jon Van Rider
Service Times: 10 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Zion Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod) and Preschool
401 S. Hwy 65, Mora, 320-679-1094
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HISTORIC: Mora High School girls embrace wrestling as a team

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other girls as an individual for section and state tournaments. There are 12 weight brackets approved by the MSHSL: 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185 and 235.

“There will be two sections for girls, one in the North and one in the South, just one class,” explained Youngblom.

“The top four girls from each weight in each section will go to state. So there will be eight girls at each weight at the state tournament. The High School League is waiting until all the schools have certified their girls and are going to group them into as many evenly sized weight classes as possible.

That way there won't be any open weights where girls are certified.”

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Boys wrestling girls has always sparked debate amongst wrestlers and wrestling fans.

“For small town coaches, it probably really isn't that different. Coaches from rural towns coach K-12 kids. Our high school girls haven't wrestled as much as their boy counterparts. So, as far as coaching the technique part, the coaches treat them like they treat all new wrestlers. Basics first and repetition.

“The only other issue that



TOM YOUNGBLOM | SUBMITTED

Lindsey Nosbush (160#) records the first ever pin in Mora girls wrestling history.

has come up is the elephant in the room: the awkward moment of a teenage boy wrestling a teenage girl,” said Youngblom.

“But it is 2021 and our boys have embraced the sport and our girls. The girls that are out for wrestling are doing their absolute best to become great wrestlers. The boys have picked up their cause and truly believe wrestling is an empowering sport for girls to learn. Mora wrestling has always been about the team and this

new area is no different.”

THE FIRST MEET

Seven Mustangs competed in their first duel meet Thursday, Dec. 2 at Bemidji High School. The Mora vs. Bemidji wrestling dual could be Minnesota's first ever girls only wrestling dual in the history of Minnesota wrestling.

Bemidji won 30-16.

The night included Nora Houglum recording Mora's first-ever girls win by a score of 10-5 and Lindsey Nosbush

recording the first ever pin in Mora girls wrestling history. Other highlights of the evening include:

- Mora's Makayla Rush won 5-4 in OT in the 100 lb. weight class
- Nora Houglum (105 lb.) won by fall against Kiera Hagmann
- Nora Houglum (120 lb.) won 10-5 against Allie Lillquist
- Lindsey Sigstad (125 lb.) lost by fall to Imrie Mystic

- Sammie Reller (130#) lost by fall to Tori Bahr
- Aspen Anderson (135#) lost by fall to Jayden Kelly
- Annabel Mcgriff (140#) lost by fall to Kylie Donat
- Aspen Anderson (150#) lost by fall to Elizabeth Oster
- Lindsey Nosbush (#160) won by fall against Macie Webb

“The girls that have picked up the sport are really doing a great job. We have four girls that have started this journey a while ago,” said Youngblom.

“Nora Houglum, Lindsay Sigstad, Lindsey Nosbush and Violet Peterson, since last year they have been going to camps, going to clinics, getting extra coaching from Gabby Skidmore (a current All-American wrestler for Augsburg College).

“They may be relatively new to the sport of wrestling but they are certainly veterans in knowing how to work hard.”

FUN FACT

In Tom Youngblom's first year coaching in Mora (1997), Violet Peterson's mother Britane (Rittenour) Peterson competed in USA Wrestling in the girls division; there were no girls wrestling with the boys at that time.

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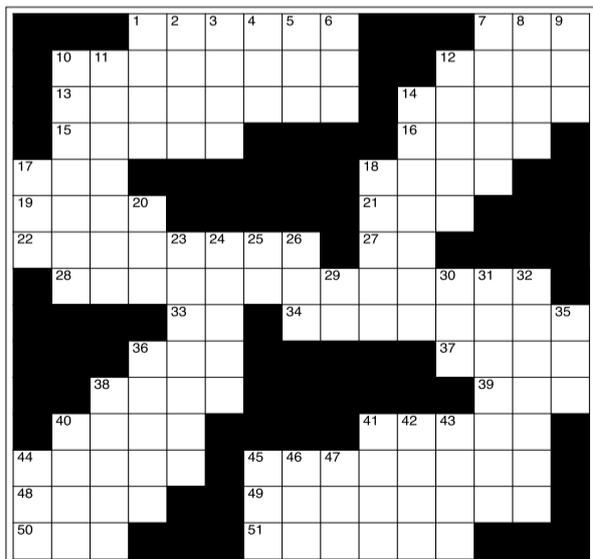
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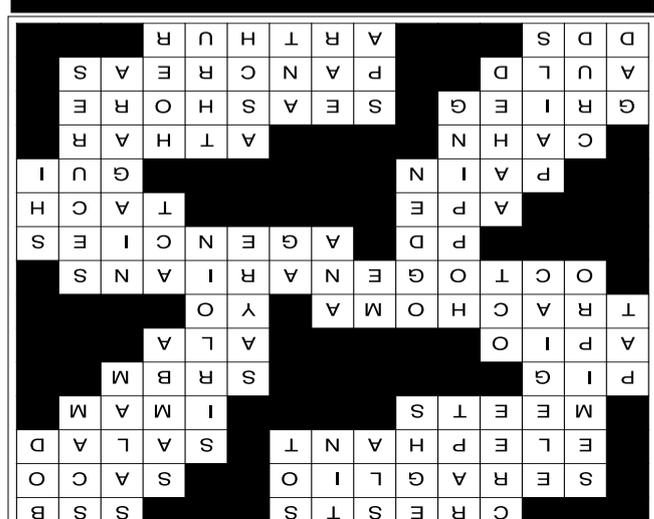
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7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. A Sultan's court
12. Maine city
13. Largest living land animal
14. Appetizer
15. Encounters
16. Leader
17. The source of bacon
18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
19. Celery (Spanish)
21. Pie ____ mode
22. Eye disease
27. Hello (slang)
28. Those in their 80s
33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
34. Business organizations
36. Mimic
37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
38. Feeling
39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Norwegian composer
45. Coast
48. ____ lang syne, good old days
49. Gland behind the stomach
50. Tooth caregiver
51. King of Camelot

CLUES DOWN

1. N. American indigenous people
2. Fascinated by
3. Root of out
4. Patti Hearst's captors
5. Atomic #50
6. Habitual drunkard
7. Arabic for "peace"
8. Trickery
9. One's physique (slang)
10. Not quite there
11. Wistfully mournful
12. Popular dance
14. Cut of meat
17. A way to stand
18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
23. A way of jumping
24. Utah town
25. Of I
26. Actress de Armas
29. Silver
30. Play a role
31. ____ Falls
32. Attaches to
35. Japanese title
36. Expressed pleasure
38. Buckets
40. Dirt
41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)
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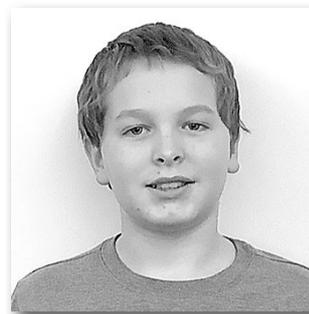
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Mora High School releases 1st quarter honor roll

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MORA Grade 6



Bella Kelash

Bella is an amazing student, a wonderful friend, and an even better citizen. She works hard and is always willing to help others, including her teacher. She even donates her time to read with other students in

the school. She is organized, responsible, and respectful. She also knows when to have fun and joke around. She will become a strong, and effective leader in whatever she chooses to do in the future. Her teacher can't wait to hear about all her success. It's an honor to have her in class.

Jude is a true sixth grade leader.



Jude Houglum

He always works hard, is kind and respectful and puts forth extra effort to get along with everyone.

He makes solid choices, has a fun sense of humor and is a great role model to his classmates!

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MORA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hoopsters win home opener

BY NICK HOFFMAN
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After losing their first game of the season 80-48 at Pine City on Nov. 30, the Mora girls basketball team wanted to even things up as they faced the Mille Lacs Raiders, the newly formed team made up of Isle and Onamia, Thursday, Dec. 2.

It was a slow start of the first half but it didn't take too long for Mora to shake off the nerves of playing in front of their home crowd for the first time this season. Mora's Hannah Gravich hit a three to open Mora's home opener against the Raiders. Both halves were dominated by Mora, holding Mille Lacs to only 19 points in the first half.

Mora's offense wasn't firing on all cylinders, credit to Mille Lacs' defense for making it tough on Mora. Mora only had a three-point lead with under two minutes in the first half before Mora scored four unanswered points to make it 26-19 at half time.

The Mustangs found a spark from Sophie Steffen with a steal and a bucket to start the second half. She went coast to coast again with another steal and bucket to make it 30-19. The team put up 25 points in the second half, allowing Mille Lacs to score only 14.

Despite being out rebounded 40-65 by Mille Lacs, Mora used 47 Mille Lacs turnovers, including 28 steals, to comfortably control the ball game. Jaiden Robb recorded two charges and led the team in scoring with 15 points and three assists. Sophie Steffen scored all 12 of her points in the second half. Hannah Gravich and Katie Yoder each had six points. Katie Yoder led the team with 11 rebounds while Shea Asmus grabbed five boards of her own.

"After starting the season versus a very talented Pine City team, I was very impressed with the way the girls played Mille Lacs," said new girls head coach, Dale Strelow. "We were playing a team that was brand new and overlooked the Raiders to start the game before we settled in. I thought the last six minutes of the first half and the first six minutes of the second half we played our best basketball of the night. Ultimately, I was very happy with the girls getting an early season victory."

UP NEXT

Mora travels to Aitkin on Friday, Dec. 10, before hosting three consecutive home games, starting with Braham on Monday, Dec. 13, home vs Cathedral on Thursday, Dec. 16 and home vs Rush City on Friday, Dec. 17.



MICHELLE PAUTZKE/TIMES

Senior Jaiden Robb puts up a shot, scoring 15 points, against the Mille Lacs Raiders.

MORA/MILACA BOYS HOCKEY

Boys conclude opening week with a 1-1-1 record

BY NICK HOFFMAN
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The Mora/Milaca men's hockey team opened their season at the East Bethel Ice Arena to play Northern Edge (St. Francis and North Branch high schools), Tuesday, Nov. 30. Mora/Milaca was down 2-3 in the third period before Mora's Parker Mitchell netted a hat trick to tie it up at 3-3. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Head coach Kevin Nolt and his team came into their home opener with high expectations against their Two Rivers Conference foe. They exceeded those expectations with a 7-1 victory over the Moose Lake Rebels Friday, Dec. 3, at the Mora Civic Center. Parker Mitchell scored the game's first goal, giving Mora/Milaca a quick 1-0 lead. Sam Knezevich, assisted by teammates Jaxsyn Schmidt and Henry Ribich of Moose Lake tied the score up at 1-1 in the first period. From there it was all Mora as they would get goals from Korbin Kahle, assisted by Carter Ashworth, and Dylan Prokosch, assisted by Parker Mitchell and Cameron Price, to make it 3-1 after the first period.

Parker Mitchell scored his second goal of the game six minutes into the second period. Hunter Cokley, assisted by Parker Mitchell and Austin Rudek, made it 5-1 before Austin Neyssen, assisted by Hunter Cokley and Jack Kritzeck, made it 6-1 at the end of the second period.

Mora/Milaca would score one final goal, an unassisted goal by Brody Anderson to make it 7-1 in the third period.

Scoring their first varsity goals were Dylan Prokosch, Austin Neyssen, Hunter Cokley and Brody Anderson.

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VARSITY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY DEC. 9

Mora Boys Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Aitkin

Mora Boys Hockey

HOME 7:00 p.m. vs. Duluth Marshall

Pine City/Mora Girls Hockey

AWAY 7:00 p.m. at Prairie Centre

Ogilvie Wrestling

HOME 5 p.m. Multiple schools

Mora Nordic Skiing

AWAY Proctor Sprint at Spirit Mountain

FRIDAY DEC. 10

Mora Wrestling

AWAY 5:00 p.m. at Pequot Lakes

Mora Girls Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Aitkin

Ogilvie Girls Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. vs Mille Lacs

Ogilvie Boys Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Mille Lacs

SATURDAY DEC. 11

Pine City/Mora Girls Hockey

HOME 2:00 p.m. at Pine City vs North Shore

Mora Boys Hockey

HOME 3:00 p.m. vs. Ashland

MONDAY DEC. 13

Mora Girls Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. vs Braham

Ogilvie Wrestling

HOME 4:30 p.m. Multiple schools

TUESDAY DEC. 14

Ogilvie Girls Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. vs St. Cloud Apollo

Ogilvie Boys Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Floodwood

Pine City/Mora Girls Hockey

AWAY 7:00 p.m. at Princeton

Mora Boys Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. at Rush City

THURSDAY DEC. 16

Mora Girls Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. vs St. Cloud Cathedral

Ogilvie Girls Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle

Mora Nordic Skiing

HOME Mora Home Team Sprints

FRIDAY DEC. 17

Mora Wrestling

AWAY TBA p.m. at Cass Lake Tourney

Mora Girls Basketball

HOME 7:15 p.m. vs Rush City

Ogilvie Boys Basketball

AWAY 7:00 p.m. at Lakes International Language Academy

Mora Boys Basketball

AWAY 7:15 p.m. at Kimball Tourney

Mora Boys Hockey

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HOCKEY: Playing games are like learning in a classroom; playoffs are the test

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“As a coach I am not concerned with our record (1-1-1),” head coach Kevin Nolt said. “As a team we played the worst periods of the season in the game we won. It’s more important for us to continue to understand when we are making mistakes. As a coaching staff we are able to watch the film and give player comments on the game. Playing hockey is really no different than taking a class in school. As a team we make mistakes that need to be identified. Once we can identify them, we learn how to fix them and then apply it in practice and in games. Playoffs are the test and that’s what we are trying to get ready for.”

PENALTIES COSTLY AS PRINCETON EKES OUT WIN OVER MORA

Mora/Milaca hosted the Princeton Tigers on Saturday, Dec. 4. Princeton was down 1-0 after Parker Mitchell, assisted by Korbin Kahle and Jack Kritzeck, scored in the first period. Princeton would end up scoring three goals in the second period.

Penalties in the second period allowed Princeton to score two goals within the same power play to make it 3-1. Trenton Fore, assisted by Dylan Prokosch and Korbin Kahle, brought Mora/Milaca within one goal before the second period ended.

Parker Mitchell, assisted by Trenton Fore, tied the game at the 6:40 mark in the third period. Princeton pulled their goalie at the

16:06 mark to allow Dalton Wille, assisted by Brody Lindquist at even strength, to score the winning goal.

“It’s been early in the season, but I have been happy with the effort from the players,” said Nolt. “I felt we have played eight good periods out of the nine this season. At times we have had some defensive lapses but for the most part we are doing a nice job locking up the other teams in the d-zone, which has led to opportunities on the other side of the rink.”

Up Next for Mora/Milaca: Home vs Duluth puck drops at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. Home game vs Ashland, Wisconsin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.



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No. 16 senior forward, Hunter Cokley guides the puck down the ice for the Mustangs.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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Mora wrestlers at the Ellsworth Individual Tournament on Dec. 4.

MORA BOYS WRESTLING

- Dec. 3, 2021**
- Mora 69, Norwood-Young America 9
- Mora 30, Blaine 39
- Mora 66, Robbinsdale Armstrong 12
- Dec. 4, 2021**
- Ellsworth Individual Tournament**
- Team-3rd place with 188 points**
- 113-Braydin Eakman-5th
- 120-Anthony Nelson-2nd
- 126-Mason Nelson-1st
- 126-Carter Gmahl-5th
- 132-Cooper Sjodin-8th
- 138-Nathan Nelson-2nd

OGILVIE GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Nov. 30, 2021**
- Ogilvie 83, Hinckley-Finlayson 46
- Dec. 3, 2021**
- Ogilvie 60, East Central 38
- Record (W-L) 2-0**

OGILVIE BOYS BASKETBALL

- Dec. 2, 2021**
- Ogilvie 76, North Lakes Academy 38
- Record (W-L) 1-0**

OGILVIE WRESTLING

- Dec. 2, 2021**
- Ogilvie 20, Mille Lacs 40
- Ogilvie 30, Milaca/Faith Christian 45
- Ogilvie 24, Staples-Motley 50
- Dec. 4, 2021**
- Rush City Invitational
- Ogilvie finished fifth out of 10 teams with a score of 131.5
- Record (W-L) 0-3**

MORA GIRLS HOCKEY

- Dec. 4, 2021**
- Pine City/Mora 4, Northern Lakes 3
- Record (W-L) 1-4**

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Economic Development Authority. Serves as an Economic Development Authority Advisory Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes and its affairs shall include, but not be limited to, encouraging and promoting commercial and industrial growth and development, housing, and redevelopment in the County of Kanabec. There are three openings on this board; two city representatives and one township elected official.

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Mustangs hope intensity will earn them trophy

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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The roster of Mora's varsity boys basketball team has a number of new faces with some tough competition ahead — but don't count them out just yet. Head Coach Curt Grachek and senior captain Jansen Siems provided their perspectives on the upcoming season:

Describe the make-up of this year's varsity team:

Siems: Our team consists of a couple seniors and a large junior supporting cast, with only three of those players as returning varsity players. We will still be playing at a high level but we will be almost all new faces on the court.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

Siems: As a team this year I think we all have the same goal: simply to win as many games as possible. We will still be striving to be the conference champions as well as having the trophy by the end

of the year. The trophy is a traveling trophy that is defended by the possessor: win and you keep it, lose it goes to the other team. We will also be looking to make a deeper playoff run as well.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

Siems: Our opponents are looking strong as the Granite Ridge Conference is always full of fierce physical competition. Some top teams to look at this year are most likely Albany and Milaca.

Grachek: Our section will again be very tough with the No. 5 rated Annandale team. Also, Sauk Centre, Spectrum, and a perennially strong Melrose team will give us problems.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

Siems: Hopefully they are observing and understanding the energy and intensity that is brought to every practice. The atmosphere that is created goes a



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Mora boys basketball (l-r) back row: Seniors Connor Arnoldy, Garret Honstrom, Jansen Siems and Dominic Beaulieu. Front row: Manager Ada Krueger, Seth Hatch and manager Lanah Ingebrand. Not pictured: Manager Ellie Faber.

long way in games.

Grachek: I want them to have a great experience. I want them to be proud that they were a part of this program.

Is there anything else you want to share

about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

Siems: Our team may be full of fresh faces and some different skill sets such as a much taller team but don't count us out. We are still the Mora Mustangs basketball team.

Mora boys wrestle with dedication, dignity

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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This wrestling season sure is bright, according to Mora Head Coach Tom Youngblom. Providing insights, he expects some of this year's wrestlers may make all-state; as a team, Youngblom said there may be a chance to make it to the state tournament.

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

Youth, experience, and depth. We currently have 30 wrestlers ninth-12th grade signed up. We have 16 wrestlers back with varsity experience, 12 of them with a great deal of varsity experience. Yet, even with that experience we only have two seniors on the team. We will start the year with more than half of our weights covered by freshmen and sophomores. So, our season is bright, but our future is even brighter.

Several key wrestlers to watch are:

- Connor Gmahl, a junior, has 111 career wins and is a two-time state entrant.
- Avery Nelson, a junior, (87 career wins and a 1-time state entrant)
- Tucker Hass, a junior, (77 career wins and a 1-time state entrant)
- Anthony Nelson, a junior, (1-time state entrant)



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Mora wrestling seniors Josh Gardner and Captain Cael Sjodin.

- Nathan Nelson, a junior
- Cooper Sjodin, a freshman, will be returning all-conference.
- Cael Sjodin is a senior and captain

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

We try to keep it simple, improve a little bit every day and prepare for the end of the season. The coaches try to keep the focus on eating healthy, practicing hard, and avoiding as many injuries as we possibly can.

Individually, we have a handful of wrestlers that are looking to be all-state wrestlers.

Team goals, as always, we would like to win the conference, win the section, and bring home a trophy from the state tournament. In 2019 we were the consolation state champions.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

The wrestling program always seeks out the best competition across the

state. We do have a nice team, but there are some teams that are better than us around the state, so we have five teams on our schedule that are rated in the top 10 that are better than us. We see Princeton, Pequot Lakes-Pine River, Foley, Big Lake, and Annandale-Maple Lake. We also travel to Ellsworth Wisconsin to compete against some of the best schools across the border.

Within our section; Grand Rapids, Virginia, and Aitkin will be the teams we need to beat to go to state.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

All of the coaches on staff hope our kids learn sacrifice, dedication and grit. We hope all of our wrestlers learn how to win and lose with dignity. We hope they learn that being part of Mora Wrestling is more than just a high school sports experience, it's a lifestyle.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

The coaches and wrestlers are so grateful that we get to have a season. We want to make sure that we take advantage of it and be safe at the same time.

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Strelow returns as head coach, senior athletes return to the court

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Leadership is the name of the game for the Mora girls basketball team. Coach Dale Strelow is back as head coach and senior athletes are ready to lead on the court. Strelow gives all the details below that looks like a fun season ahead:

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

This year's team has six seniors, two juniors, four sophomores and one freshman.

Jaiden Robb is a two year returning starter that will play with high energy and will be one of the leaders on the floor.

Elli Schritz is in the process of returning from ACL surgery earlier this year. She will be another great leader on the court. These are the two captains on this year's team.

Katie Yoder is another senior that will play the game hard and with a high intensity.

The other seniors that will contribute huge minutes are Hannah Gravich, Madison Pierce and Nikcole Sundet.

Sophie Steffen and Shea Asmus are the two juniors that will play a big part in the success of the team.

Parker Ennis is a sophomore with great speed on the court as well and is able to be a bothersome player on the defensive perimeter.

Lauren Kohlgraf and Karla Qual are two other sophomores that will play a



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Mora girls basketball seniors and captains (l-r) back row: Captain Elli Schritz, Captain Jaiden Robb, Madison Pierce and Nikcole Sundet. Front row: Manager Sierra Pierce, Hannah Gravich, Kaitlyn Yoder and Alexis Sylvander.

few minutes a game in subbing roles. The other sophomore is Quincy Asmus, she is out with an injury and we are hoping for her return at some point during the season.

The lone freshman is Amber Fix that will have a role like Karla and Lauren.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

One of the team's biggest goals this season is to have fun and enjoy playing the game which will in return assist the girls in having a successful year.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

In the Granite Ridge conference Albany and Foley should be two of the top teams. Other section teams that will be tough to play are Pine City and Sauk Centre.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

I hope the girls can look back on the season knowing that they played as hard as they could while still enjoying playing with their teammates. We hope the girls have fun playing while learning life has many lessons to teach all of them.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

This is my first year back as a head coach in 15 years or so. I am looking forward to this season being able to coach the girls and live through the ups and downs that are sure to come during the season. The girls have stated that they are going to do their best to play hard while also having fun.

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Ogilvie senior players left to right- Mateusz Piasecki, Andy Berg and Alex Vandervegt. Not pictured-Bryce Nelson.

Ogilvie boys build a strong foundation

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Sam Weaver, Ogilvie boys basketball head coach, said he expects some exciting match-ups for the team, offering these insights:

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

Ogilvie boys basketball is returning our core group of boys from last year, with three seniors at the front (plus the addition of a senior foreign exchange student).

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

The team's goal for this season is to continue to work hard and get better on a daily basis; win the battle everyday on the basketball court.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

Our opponents will be tough like always, what is exciting for this year is how we'll match up with other teams.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

As a coach, I hope the athletes I have the privilege of coaching will learn lessons and build a strong foundation of work ethic, dedication and accountability that they can carry along with them throughout their life.



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Mora's first all-female wrestling team (l-r) back row: Annabel McGriff, Samantha Reller, Lindsey Nosbush, Kodi Rodenborg and Violet Peterson. Front row: Sydney Reed, Lindsay Sigstad, Nora Houglum and Aspen Anderson. Not pictured: Makayla Rush and Madi Neiman.

Mora's first ever female wrestling team excited despite unknowns

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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What's ahead for Mora's first all-female wrestling team? Head Coach Tom Youngblom said there is "literally no way knowing" but it sure is exciting.

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

We are brand new to wrestling. Although we have nine fairly inexperienced girls out, we do have four girls that have put a lot of time into wrestling in the past year:

- Lindsey Nosbush, grade 11

- Lindsay Sigstad, grade 10
- Nora Houglum, grade 10
- Violet Peterson, grade 9

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

From what I am hearing around the state, Mora has quite a few girls out (nine) compared to everyone else. Our goal would be to send a few girls to state and to win the section.

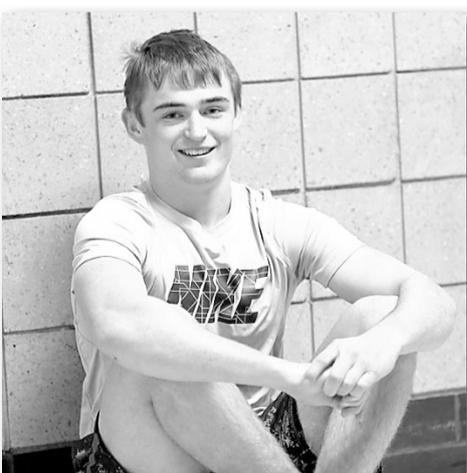
What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

For the girls, this sport is empowering. Being able to defend

yourself is a motivating factor for a lot of the girls that came out this year.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

We are all excited and nervous for the year to start. There is literally no way of knowing what is coming our way. But our inexperienced gals are working just as hard as the experienced boys, so we know they will be prepared for whatever comes.



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Ogilvie senior captain, Beau Hudoba.

Self discipline goal of Lion grapplers

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Ogilvie's wrestling coach Adam Halvorson said this season will be all about teaching wrestlers self-discipline and goal setting as they prepare to face some tough opponents:

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

We have only one senior on the team

but a large group of juniors, sophomores and freshmen. We have many wrestlers with varsity experience.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

We would like to repeat as Great River Conference champions and send as many individuals to state as possible.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be

the most challenging competitors?

Mille Lacs is a tough opponent in the conference and Royalton is a tough opponent in the section.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

We hope to have a lot of fun while improving as wrestlers. Successful wrestlers will learn self-discipline and how to set and pursue goals.

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Mora/Milaca athletes learn meaning of 'varsity'

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Mora/Milaca varsity hockey has retained many of their top players but other changes may throw wrenches into the season. Head Coach Kevin Nolt provided insights into the coming season, including that their main goal is to focus on what they can control.

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

This year's squad has 33 players in grades eight through 12. We have three players from Milaca and two of them are new to our team. Six of our top seven scorers, including our top three, are back for this season. We are an experienced group with 13 seniors leading the team. Jack Kritzeck and Parker Mitchell are two returning captains to the team and will be joined by fellow senior and newly elected captain Carter Ashworth.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

As a team we have goals that we want to accomplish, but

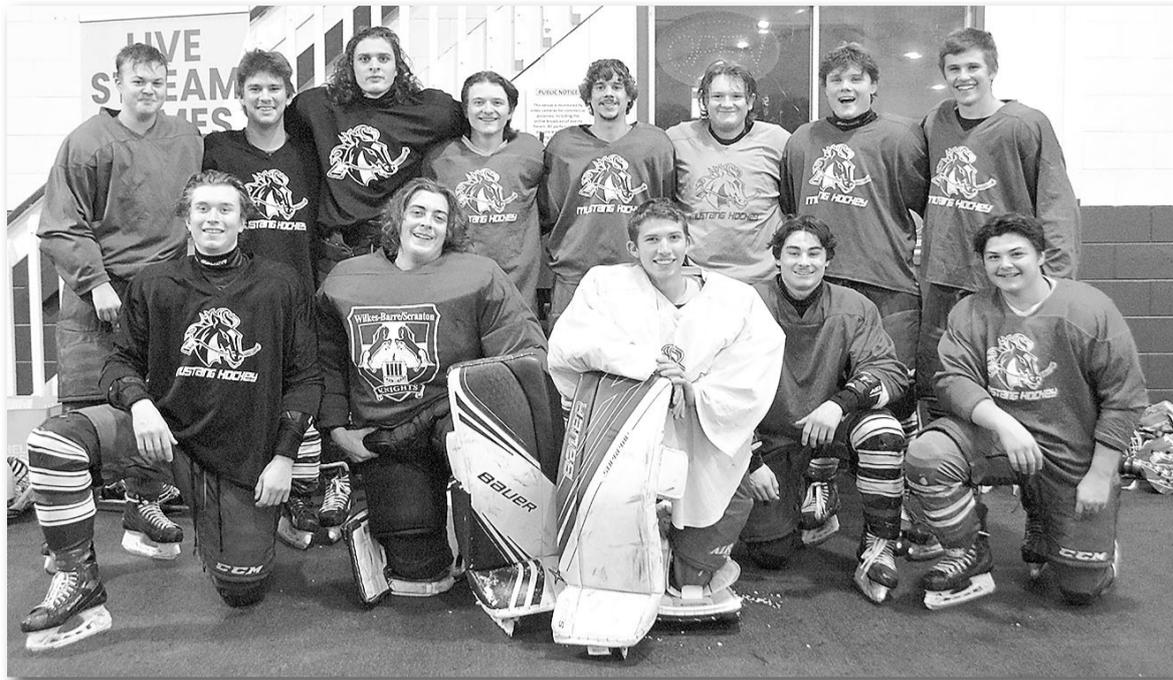
the main goal is to get better every week on and off the ice. If we do that we are going to be very competitive come playoff time.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

This year the section has realigned so the defending section champion is no longer in the section, however the section added two historically strong programs in Little Falls and St. Cloud Cathedral. It's a long season and we are going to focus on what we can control as a team.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

In hockey we are able to put 20 players on the ice to compete every game and all of those players will be contributing to the team's success. This team game allows players to learn what it takes to trust and support each other, because they need each other for true success. I am also excited for our younger players to learn



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Mora Hockey seniors and captains (l-r) back row: Tyler Hagman, Matt Madison, Daniel Stillday, Brody Anderson, Austin Rudek, Hunter Cokley, Captain Parker Mitchell and Ty Graves. Front row: Captain Jack Kritzeck, Presley Patrin, Derrick Diethelm, Captain Carter Ashworth and Korbin Kahle.

what it means to be a varsity hockey player in Mora from our senior heavy squad.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

We are excited to get the season going. The boys have put a tremendous amount of time

and energy throughout the off-season and they have been putting in the work during the early portion of this season, too.

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Good Luck to the Basketball Team!

More than a game, basketball a vehicle for building better lives

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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Ogilvie girls basketball Coach Jonathan Nelson has high hopes for this year's team, not just on the court, but in the community and in the athlete's lives. He detailed his expectations and hopes with the Times:

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

The Ogilvie Lions girls basketball team is loaded with seniors with a few younger girls waiting to make a huge impact. This has been the year we have been pointing to for the last several years to be one of the best in quite a long time. We have had a couple of very significant injuries but this group has a lot of depth and should still be able to make a serious run at the conference championship and a deep post-season run.

Grace Heins will be back as a sophomore for her third varsity season full time as our point guard. She was an all conference player last season and should be the focal point of the Lion's offense this season.

Alyssa Lang was also an All Conference selection along with Ailee Fratzke, both seniors who can light it up from the perimeter while also attacking the basket hard. Both of these senior girls should contribute in a major way offensively and spearhead a loaded offensive squad.

Maddy Anderson will be the post in the middle after a year that had her break the all time school record for blocks in a game (13) but should see a major increase in offensive production. She has worked hard in the off-season on her perimeter game which should bring her defender outside to open up penetration lanes for the rest of the team. She will be a handful for every team we



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Ogilvie senior basketball players left to right-Kailey Arnold, Alyssa Lang, Ailee Fratzke, Maddie Anderson, CeCe Sanborn, Katelynn Beck and Ella Heins.

face and once again be a force on the interior of the defensive end.

Kaitlyn Beck is back after a year off with an injury but will run our point guard position as well as a guard position when she isn't running the show. She has a knack for attacking the basket and finishing well around the hoop. Her impact will be felt this season and could be a difference maker on the defensive end of the floor as well.

CeCe Sanborn and Kailey Arnold should also see significant minutes as they will come off the bench this season and make some major contributions both offensively and defensively. They will provide our bench with much needed depth and experience.

Kadence Pierce is an eighth grader but should see some extended time on the floor in varsity and bring a spark to

an already loaded offense. She averaged about 28 points per game as a seventh grader on JV and should make an immediate impact on the Lions team this season.

Jerah Nelson could also see some time on the floor against teams that run zone against us as she is a zone buster with her three-point shooting prowess.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

Our goals are pretty consistent with what we have striven for over the last several years. We feel we can win 20 games this season and contend with Pine City and Rush City for a possible conference championship.

We also want to maintain a high GPA in the classroom and qualify for the Academic All State award once again. We are looking to improve on our defensive end of the floor

by limiting teams to 55 points or less and have a plus-five rebounding advantage along with limiting our turnovers to 12 or less per game as well.

Our final goal is to not only win our sub-section but win our section with a state tournament appearance on the line.

How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

We have several teams that we will face this year that will present big challenges for us. As always, our toughest conference opponents will be Pine City and Rush City who return with a lot of talent. Hinckley-Finlayson is very well coached and could be a player in our conference as well. We also have scheduled Heritage Christian to come to Ogilvie which is a perennial powerhouse in 1A and usually

compete for state championships year in and year out.

We also have the defending sub-section champions, Swanville, on the schedule and play a very good 2A school in Menahga when we play in the holiday tournament in December. This will provide us with several litmus tests to see where we stack up against some of the best teams in the state.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

This group of girls and I have been together now for the better part of 5-6 years and it's time all of our hard work will pay off.

While we want to win on the floor, they also know that I care about them to win off the court as well. We have a family oriented atmosphere both on and off the floor and will continue to do team dinners and bond as a group this season.

Basketball is a vehicle we use to better our student athletes not only in the sport but also in the classroom and in their lives to come. My hope is that they build solid character qualities from their experience in our program and take these values into their college careers and someday the families that they start in the future.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

Despite starting the season with a lot of adversity, this team is excited to make a run this season. This team went to Iowa, where Coach Nelson is from, this summer and competed against some of the best teams in the state of Iowa. The Lions found themselves beating the number two ranked team in 2A in Iowa which had only lost on game all year, that being in the state champion


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Section switch pits Mora skiers against similar teams

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
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With commitment, accountability and respect at their core, the Mora Nordic ski team has a reasonable expectation to compete at the state tournament. A switch to Section 7 will mean Mora skiers will compete with schools that, like Mora, are small but tend to have strong ski programs.

Head Coach Peter Larsen provides more insights into the upcoming season:

Describe the makeup of this year's varsity team:

On the boys side our top returner will be Tommy Mulford. He individually qualified for the state meet last season and is looking to lead the team to more success this year. Zethan Schultz and Ted Anderson are also top returning skiers- they will also be leading the rest of the team demonstrating the hard work it takes to get to post-season racing.

On the girls' side only one senior graduated from the varsity team of last year. The girls will be looking to repeat their trip to the state meet although out of a different section this season, the returning team from last year are Nora Kerr, Tayah Anderson, Mattea VanHale, Lily Erickson, Lola Schwinghamer and Anneliese Moe—the team will certainly be rounded out with any of a number of up and coming skiers who didn't ski varsity



This year's Mora Nordic ski team seniors and captains are (l-r) back row: Jake Felger, Captain Tommy Mulford, Captain Lily Erickson, Captain Mattea Van Hale, Brianna McKinnon and Skylar Mattson. Front row: Margo Niskanen, Eva Holmgren, Ria Edberg and Maren Sanders.

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How are your opponents looking this year? What schools do you believe will be the most challenging competitors?

We have moved to Section 7 for this season, which is effectively the arrowhead schools along with us and Grand Rapids. This is exciting for us as it is smaller schools than we had been racing but with good ski programs- similar to our school and team. On the girls' side Duluth East and Grand Rapids were the state qualifiers from last season and both teams did not graduate many seniors from last years team as well. For the boys, Duluth East also looks very tough and didn't graduate any seniors from their top boys last year.

What do you hope these young athletes will take away from their sports experience?

Our team values are useful no matter what our athletes do after high school, but our other hope is that they continue to ski and participate in the awesome ski and ski racing culture that Mora and Minnesota has to offer.

Is there anything else you want to share about the team or Winter 2021-2022 season?

Our home meet is Dec. 16 in the afternoon and evening, hoping to race under the new lights installed by the Vasaloppet.

last year.

What are the team's goals and priorities this season?

We have six team values that were determined at our summer leadership camp with the junior and senior athletes- these are our guiding principles for the season and will help us achieve our goals.

They are:

1. being committed and

2. dedicated to excellence being professional and accountable
3. being inclusive of all teammates
4. have and showing respect for the sport, self, teammates, competitors and coaches
5. communicating effectively with all team members and most importantly
6. having fun.

The team will keep these values at the forefront of everything we do and that will help lead to our success.

The goal of the team is for both boys and girls' varsity team to not just qualify for the state meet, but perform well at that event. The ultimate goal of the program however is to develop a love for skiing and instill the team values in all the athletes in the team.

Girls hockey continues to build program

BY T. A. LEBRUN
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Head Dragons Girls Hockey Coach Bill Aagaard said this year may be another building year for the team that is in its second year of existence, and Aagaard is in his second year coaching this group. The team combined Pine City, Mora and Rush City players to form the Dragon co-op two years ago. Prior to this co-op, Pine City was combined with Mora and Cambridge/Isanti.

The team is fairly young with only three seniors, one junior, 11 sophomores, seven freshman, and five eighth graders. Coach Aagaard notes that "buy-in" is needed from every single player with "all players working hard every shift giving 100%."

He said the one big spot to fill is goaltending as last year, they graduated all-conference goaltender, Jordan Milam.

"We have varsity experience to grow off of coming off last year," said Aagaard. The team will play opponents such as Chisago Lakes and Mound Westonka, who went to state last year, along with Class A champion, Proctor/Hermantown.

"We have a good all-around skilled team that when we are all working hard for each other and do the little things every shift, we are successful," noted Aagaard. "Each player brings a strength that is valuable to our team. We are pesky and never give up." He



Pine City/Mora/Rush City Hockey team.

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added that success can be measured on many different levels, as they grow as a team, and is not only reflected on the scoreboard.

Last year's record was 4-12, but Aagaard feels the team has a lot of potential as all skaters are returning from last year and all the seniors are multi-sports athletes that have a passion for the game. "They are leaders on and off the ice," said Aagaard.

Of the players, Coach Aagaard said, "Senior, Erin Radeke (Mora), is a welcome addition to our team. She didn't play last year with the girls but was a manager of the Mora boys high school team. Senior Allison Fix is in her third

year of goalie. She brings a lot of energy to the team.

Senior Emma Kirby (Rush City) has a calmness to her, along with being Rush City's homecoming queen."

This year's captains are Emma Kirby (Rush City senior and returning captain) and Arissa Rydberg (Pine City sophomore and an alternate captain last year). Alternate Captains are Erin Radeke (Mora senior) and Allison Fix (Mora senior).

Paul Kirby is an assistant coach that brings a lengthy history of coaching multiple sports to the team. Kirby began his hockey coaching career at Bemidji State, coaching the first female club

team there. Brandon Dornfield is the team's goalie coach and has coaching experience with youth, high school and junior programs. Brietta Clementson is a volunteer coach who played girls hockey in Pine City when Pine City was a co-op with Chisago Lakes. Each coach is in their second season with the team.

Last year, the team was forced to miss two games due to quarantine but Aagaard said the team will continue to follow the COVID-19 rules set in place by the government and schools.

It will be good to get back to normal with fans in the stands," he said. "Thank you to the community and schools for your support."

PUBLIC HEARING

HAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing of Partial Cartway Vacation. The Haybrook Township will have a hearing on this matter at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 13, 2021 at the Haybrook Town Hall. **Published in the Kanabec County Times Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2021**

CITY OF MORA NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT NORTH GROVE STREET

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Mora will meet in the council chambers of Mora city hall at 6:30 p.m. on December 21, 2021 to obtain comments and consider the making of the North Grove Street Improvements, trail and infrastructure improvements of North Grove Street between the centerline of West Forest Avenue and the centerline of West Maple Avenue and North Grove Street between the centerline of West Maple Avenue and the centerline of West Central Avenue and West Central Avenue from the Centerline of North Grove Street to 300 feet west of the centerline of North Grove Street, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The estimated total cost of the improvement is \$2,585,000. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. **Published in the Kanabec County Times Dec. 9, 16, 2021**

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POMROY TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Pomroy Township, Kanabec County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town offices will be held for the two-week period, beginning December 28, 2021. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk (or designee) for the office of supervisor 3-year term and for the office of Clerk 2-year term at 3099 Uniform Street, Brook Park, MN 55007, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. beginning December 28, 2021 and ending January 11, 2022 at 5 p.m. Hours on January 11th, 2022 will be from 1-5 p.m. Office to be elected at the March 8, 2022 Annual Election. Dated this 6th day of December, 2021. **Published in the Kanabec County Times Dec. 9, 16, 2021**

Renee Petersen, Clerk, Pomroy Township
3099 Uniform St,
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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 04, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$110,732.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Ronald Bradehoft, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Towne Mortgage Company, DBA AmeriCU Mortgage, A Michigan Corporation, its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: July 18, 2012 Kanabec County Recorder

Document Number: 243451

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

Dated: September 22, 2021

Recorded: September 22, 2021 Kanabec County Recorder

Document Number: 276037

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1000637-0000411726-0

Lender or Broker: Towne Mortgage Company, DBA AmeriCU Mortgage, A Michigan Corporation

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kanabec

Property Address: 1700 Rainbow St, Mora, MN 55051-7210

Tax Parcel ID Number: 04.01507.00

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: West 228 feet of the South 191 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section Twenty-six (26), Township Thirty-nine (39), Range Twenty-three (23), Kanabec County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$91,738.25

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to

OGILVIE SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND 2022

m DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY 2022				ED-00110-44
General Information: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name: Ogilvie Public Schools		District Number: 333						
Fund	FY 2021 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2021 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2022 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2022 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2022 Projected Fund Balances	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 311,054	\$ 592,285	\$ 495,125	\$ 408,214	\$ 476,405	\$ 582,207	\$ 302,413	
General Fund/Other	\$ (16,892)	\$ 6,863,275	\$ 6,068,788	\$ 777,595	\$ 5,924,981	\$ 6,677,248	\$ 25,327	
Food Service Fund	\$ 123,723	\$ 570,360	\$ 525,852	\$ 168,230	\$ 411,217	\$ 372,425	\$ 207,023	
Community Service Fund	\$ 15,828	\$ 226,152	\$ 197,971	\$ 44,010	\$ 220,273	\$ 254,119	\$ 10,164	
Building Construction Fund	\$ 147,849	\$ 5,827,057	\$ 2,282,334	\$ 3,692,572	\$ -	\$ 3,665,047	\$ 27,525	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 347,341	\$ 1,831,915	\$ 1,781,615	\$ 397,641	\$ 813,556	\$ 404,206	\$ 806,991	
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ 109,994	\$ 146	\$ 38,027	\$ 72,113	\$ 2,000	\$ 40,986	\$ 33,127	
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,185	\$ 126,317	\$ 118,009	\$ 9,494	\$ 123,588	\$ 123,954	\$ 9,127	
Total - All Funds	\$ 1,040,083	\$ 16,037,506	\$ 11,507,721	\$ 5,569,868	\$ 7,972,020	\$ 12,120,191	\$ 1,421,697	
Long-Term Debt				Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81				
Outstanding July 1, 2020	\$ 2,049,458			Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2021		None		
Plus: New Issues	\$ 6,650,000			Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2021				
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 1,106,458			Total Operating Expenditures		\$ 7,134,880.23		
Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$ 7,593,000			FY 2021 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM		482.87		
Short-Term Debt				FY 2021 Operating Cost per ADM				
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ 1,055,000.00					\$ 14,775.99		
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	None							

The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.

Comments:

Above FY21-22 figures are based on preliminary budget approved by the Ogilvie School Board on 6/21/21. Fund balance includes One Time Transfer of \$700,000, which has not officially been approved yet by the MN Commissioner of Education.

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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: January 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 18 North Vine St., Ste. 143, Mora, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on July 11, 2022, or the next business day if July 11, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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: November 11, 2021

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

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SCHOOL BOARD

OGILVIE PUBLIC SCHOOL - DISTRICT #333 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Approved minutes - Monday - October 25, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Ogilvie Board Room

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members present: Gunderson, Heins, Koenings, Peterson, Smith and Student Member Arnold

Board Member absent: Hickerson

Also present: Superintendent Belsheim, Becky Meyman, Cory Schroeder, Scott Bowman and Paul Jacobs

Vice Chair Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Member Heins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion followed. Motion seconded by Member Smith. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Open Forum: Cory Schroeder addressed the open forum.

Reports: Reports were provided by: Superintendent Belsheim, High School Principal Davis, Elementary Principal Koenigs, Member Heins and Student Member Arnold. Administrative reports found on school website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Koenings moved to approve September 27, 2021 and October 11, 2021 School Board Regular Meeting minutes and Cathy Stucky, unpaid leave request (10/26/2021 through 6/2/2022). Motion seconded by Member Smith. Motion prevailed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Member Smith moved to continue with the services with InGensa, Inc. to complete the potential scope of work as presented for the Health and Safety Project. Motion seconded by Member Koenings. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Member Heins moved to accept Enrollment Numbers of 521. Motion seconded by Member Smith. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Member Heins moved to accept donations from Mystic Rider Snowmobile Club - \$2400 for Girls Softball Florida Trip. Ogilvie Lions Club - \$2500 (\$1500 - Halloween Party; \$1000 Dig Pink Volleyball), Jaunice Carda family - \$50 donated back rental fee of school chairs, Munstersteiger family - Pottery and Ceramics DVDs (Ginto Naujokas collection) with our thanks. Motion seconded by Member Koenings. Motion prevailed unanimously.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Fund-Raiser: Ogilvie Early Childhood -SCRIP gift cards (10/19 - 11/3/2021)

November 2nd Election Update: October 29th from 6-7 p.m. "Meet the Candidates" forum in the Ogilvie School Board Room.

Student School Board Interviews: Applications due October 26, 2021 and committee will schedule interviews from Wednesday October 27th through October 29th.

4-Day School Week Discussion: Application process was discussed, new surveys to be conducted, older surveys to be reviewed. Action to be taken regarding to move forward with the application process to be done at the November 8, 2021 board meeting. The application is due April 1, 2022.

COVID-19 Update: Dashboard updated 3 students and 2 staff members positive. Vaccination clinics will become available soon.

Other: Jr High sports bus driver shortage. One transportation trip was provided by Mora Schools for athletes with our thanks. Discussion regarding outdoor basketball court.

Member Heins moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Member Koenings seconded. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Reno Gunderson, Board Clerk

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PROBATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KANABEC
DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 33-PR-21-43

In Re: Estate of Merton J. Jensen, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTERSTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court via Zoom technology, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Charles H. Class, whose address is 11600 Jefferson Street NE Blaine, MN 55434, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration. Contact Court Administration 320-679-6400 for appearance instructions.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: December 6, 2021

Stoney L Hiljus

Judge of District Court

/s/ Heather Mickelson

Court Administrator

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MN# 139129

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

Filed in District Court

State of Minnesota

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OBITUARIES

Mia Besemann

Feb. 11, 1963 — Dec. 2, 2021

Mia Besemann of McGrath, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, as the result of a car accident. She was 58 years old.

She was born in Minneapolis on Feb. 11, 1963, the daughter of Berenice (Larson) and Oscar Quernemoen. Prior to marrying Anthony Nehotte in 1984, she worked in food service at Dayton's and the Hopkins House. The couple initially made their home in the Twin Cities and had four daughters, Amanda, Ashley, Ariel and Amber. The family moved to Mora while the girls were young.

After that marriage ended, she and her girls and their cat, Smudge, were living at their home on Fish Lake when she met a neighbor, Rick Besemann.

She and Rick were united in marriage in 1999 at the First Presbyterian Church in Mora, and she became a spare-mom to his children, Vaughn and Caitlin. The couple made their home at Fish Lake for a few years before moving to their home located on 26 acres on the Snake River outside of McGrath.

She was a fun-loving, devoted Christian wife, mother and grandmother. She loved the Lord with all her heart and studied her Bible and prayed daily.

She was a hard worker and liked to stay busy getting stuff done. She was a school bus driver for 27 years and also worked in the kitchen at Trailview School in Mora. For 10 summers she cooked at Camp Heartland outside of Willow River. One summer she ended the season by cooking at the Heartland Camp in the Malibu Hills, California.

She took care to feed and care for everyone. She maintained friendships for decades and made fast friends with many of the adults, youth and children everywhere she worked and played.

She and her husband raised all kinds of birds, chickens to ducks to exotics, the occasional ferret, cow and sometimes goats, lots of cats and dogs including her current cat, Gizmo, and her favorite dog, Chewy, plus Puddy, Wookie, Vader, Odie and Kia. They gardened and canned and fished and hunted together and recently built their dream deer stand, complete with carpeting and lounge chairs.

She was also an adventurer, maintaining her pilot's license for years, playing in mud puddles or swimming with the grandkids and always ready for a road trip whether it was to visit the grandchildren, drive to a school food service conference or go to a swap or pigeon show with her husband to 'maybe sell a few birds.' They would almost always come home with more than they sold.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Berenice and Oscar Quernemoen; brother, Brent Quernemoen; and cousins, Cindy Zepeda and Mike Quernemoen.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Besemann; children, Amanda (John) Barrie - Ethan, Oliver, Jesse, Ashley (Chad) Hanson - Taylor and Elijah, Ariel Nehotte; Amber (Dillon) Crum - Judah and Luka, Vaughn Besemann and Darla Nelson, Caitlin Besemann and Jason Lindenfelser - Natalia; siblings, Lois Taylor, Frederick 'Dutch' Quernemoen, Linnea Koska, Bradford (Nicki) Quernemoen, Kirsten (Tom) See and Kari Ervin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Mora Elementary at Trailview Campus in Mora, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Visitation is Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at Akkerman-Ingebrand Funeral Home in Mora from 4-7 p.m. Arrangements handled by Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

Shirley Lang

Shirley Lang, of Mora, died on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at her home. She was 87 years old.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at St. Kathryn's Catholic Church in Ogilvie. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Times. Arrangements are being handled by Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

Henry D. Voss

April 28, 1939 — Nov. 18, 2021

Henry Dean Voss, of Cambridge, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, at GracePointe Crossing The Gables. He was 82 years old.

He was born April 28, 1939, in Forest City, Iowa, to Vern and Clara (Schultz) Voss. He grew up in Ogilvie and graduated from Ogilvie High School in 1957. On June 23, 1962, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Roseland in Anoka. He worked at Farnham's School and Supply in Minneapolis, Brigg's Transportation and Murphy Trucking in Roseville.

He and his wife moved to Cambridge in 1968, and he worked as assistant administrator at Memorial Hospital for 25 years. He retired in 1992.

He was very involved in the community serving on the Springvale Township Board and Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery Board for many years. He was also a member of the Braham Moose Lodge for a time. He enjoyed the outdoors, farming and collecting John Deere tractors.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Clifford, and granddaughter, Amber Rose.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Carolyn; children, Dean (Ronda) Voss, Jolene (Darrell) Platz and Gayle (Phil) Satterstrom; brothers, Ray, Bill (Sharon), Larry (Eileen), Dennis (Rose) and Jerry (Peggy); sister, Judy (Steve) Taylor; grandchildren: Joey, Nicole, Zach (Ashley), Matt, Derek (Kayla), Rachel, Kristina, Kaelyn (Chase) and Brandi (Jacob); great-grandchildren: Rylee, Avah, Bentley, Brakten, Brayden, Olivia, Kreed and Axel; and by many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Online condolences can be made at StrikeLifeTributes.com.



James M. Peterson

Dec. 18, 1957 — Dec. 2, 2021

James Michael Peterson, formerly of Mora, who tackled trout streams and great books with equal enthusiasm, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 in a suburban Denver hospital. He was 63 years old.

He was born to Dr. Alvin C. and Gin Peterson on Dec. 18, 1957, in Mora. He was a 1976 graduate of Mora High School.



He was a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, and a good athlete. A two-way starter on the Mora High School football team, he also played basketball, golf and ran track, winning the Don Erickson Award as the outstanding student athlete in his senior year. He attended Carleton College, starting as a wide receiver as a freshman. He also played rugby. He later attended the University of Denver, studying literature.

Whether in Minnesota, Canada or the Rocky Mountains, his love of the outdoors was a driving force throughout his life. A meticulous rod-builder and an innovative fly-tyer, he could find fish where others could not -- often in places where other anglers would not consider a cast. He chased rock bass with the same intensity as he stalked rainbow trout. He brought that same passion to reading and was never far from a book ... or three.

He was preceded in death by his longtime partner, Sabre Brown, and his parents.

He is survived by his much loved daughter, Erika (Eric) Erickson and grandsons Finbarr, Gunnar, Hammish and Ivarr, all of Boulder, Colorado; brothers, Tom (Mary) Peterson of Kensington, Maryland, Rick (Susan) Peterson of Minneapolis; sister, Barbara (Jim) Hunziker of Anacortes, Washington; aunt, Gladys Gudahl; one niece; five nephews; and numerous cousins.

Marvin L. Sweeter

Sept. 9, 1956 — Dec. 3, 2021

Marvin Lee Sweeter died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. Heaven gained our angel. He was 65 years old.

Known as Marv to most, he was born to Hulga and Marvin Sweeter on Sept. 9, 1956 in Shiawassee, Michigan. He was united in marriage to Meladee Christianson on Dec. 7, 1992. They did trail rides together for years. They were together for 30 years.

He was in the Army for seven and a half years. He worked on helicopters while in the Army. When he left the Army, he went into roofing for years. He also worked with horses, driving horses, trimming hooves and caring for them. He was a truck driver for the remainder of his life.

When he wasn't working, he was working on vehicles, hunting, working on the farm and spending time with his family. He loved time with his family, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. The best thing all the grandchildren loved and will miss dearly is Paw Paw's bear hugs, beard and his horned eyebrows. His family was his world.

He was also known as Donkey or the other word, Jackass. The grandchildren always asked why he was called Donkey. We would tell them he was stubborn.

He was preceded in death by his mom and dad; sister, Jeanie; brother, Mike; and daughter, Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Meladee; son, Bryan; daughters, Amy, Tina, Delores and Anna; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Linda; and half-sister, Heather.

Services at a later date. Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Dresser Methven Chapel, Mora, Minnesota.



Bonita Bayerle Sinell

March 7, 1952 — Dec. 3, 2021

Bonita "Bonnie" Bayerle Sinell, of McGrath, died on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. She was 69 years old.

She was born in Minneapolis, on March 7, 1952, to Joseph and Agnes (Whipps) Bayerle. She grew up in McGrath, and graduated from McGrath High School. She worked at Little Joe's in Isle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Agnes Bayerle; brother, David Bayerle; sister-in-law, Marilyn Bayerle; nephew, John Bayerle and niece, Alison Bayerle.

She is survived by her son, Jesse Sinell; brothers, Tom Bayerle, Joe (Renee) Bayerle and Jess (Dani) Bayerle; sister, Mata (Brian) Bayerle Zimpel; and many nieces and nephews.

There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Dresser Methven Chapel, Mora, Minnesota.

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BIRTHS

Edmund Benjamin Boettcher

Edmund was born Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at Cambridge Medical Center, part of Allina Health, to Benjamin and Deanna Boettcher of Cambridge. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 and one half inches long.

He is welcomed home by sibling, James. Grandparents are Shannon and Kristie Boettcher of Cambridge and Don and Debbie Bursell of Stanchfield.

Kolt James Bemis

Kolt was born Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at Cambridge Medical Center, part of Allina Health, to Logan and Karlee Bemis of Milaca. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 and one half inches long.

He is welcomed home by sibling, Ada. Grandparents are Pam Bemis of Ogilvie, Cheryl Visser of Ogilvie, Don Bemis of Ogilvie and Guy Visser of Milaca.

OBITUARIES

Monica M. Voss

Dec. 27, 1980 — Nov. 26, 2021

Monica Marie Voss died and went home to be with Jesus on Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19 at the St Cloud Hospital. She was 40 years old.



She was born to Larry and Diane (Brooks) Hannu on Dec. 27, 1980. She graduated from Mora High School in 1999. She met her high school sweetheart, Jeremy Voss while working at the Mustang Steakhouse in Mora (former Pizza Pub building). She was united in marriage to Jeremy in Mora at St Mary's Catholic Church on Feb. 17, 2001. The couple had been married for 20 years this year. They have four children- Faith Voss-Paulson (20), twin

daughters Grace and Hope Voss (17) and a son Isaiah (15).

She pursued her passion of working with children by attending Rasmussen College for childcare. She spent many years being a preschool and toddler teacher at various child care centers as well as the YMCA.

When she and her husband moved back to Ogilvie; she pursued her second love of working with special needs children as a para-professional teacher at Ogilvie Public Schools until her death. She absolutely

loved going to the school every day to help the kids she worked with.

She would get excited every year during racing season watching Nascar racing and cheering for Kyle Larson as well as watching dirt track racing at Ogilvie Raceway. She also loved attending all of Isaiah's athletic events as well as having "girl time" with her daughters.

She was preceded in death by her favorite uncle Ron Murdock; and grandparents Pat and Donna Whiteford and George and Geraldine Brooks

She is survived by her husband, Jeremy Voss; daughters, Faith (Brandon) Voss-Paulson, Hope and Grace Voss; son, Isaiah Voss; parents, Larry and Diane Hannu; sister, Tammy (Gary) Shaw; niece, Selena Shaw; parents-in-law, Dennis and Roseann Voss; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jessica Bos, Jake Voss, Sara (Clint) Metz and Tamara (Mike) Ostervoss; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends.

A private service was held at Living Hope Church in Mora on Saturday, Dec 4, 2021 with Pastor Steve Ekholm. There will be a public celebration of life next spring with inurnment in the Oakwood Cemetery in Mora. Cards and memorials are preferred to the family and may be sent to the funeral home in care of Monica Voss. Arrangements are by the Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home in Mora. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.



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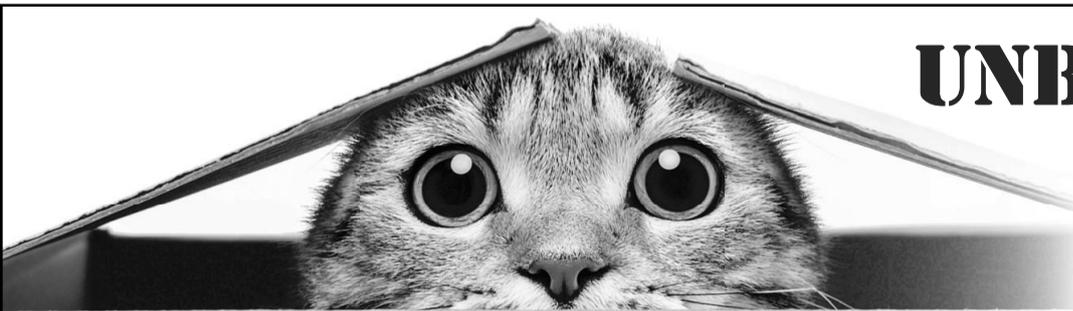
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Location: District-wide. Will have offices at Mora High School and Mora Elementary

Salary: Per Education Minnesota-Mora Master Agreement
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