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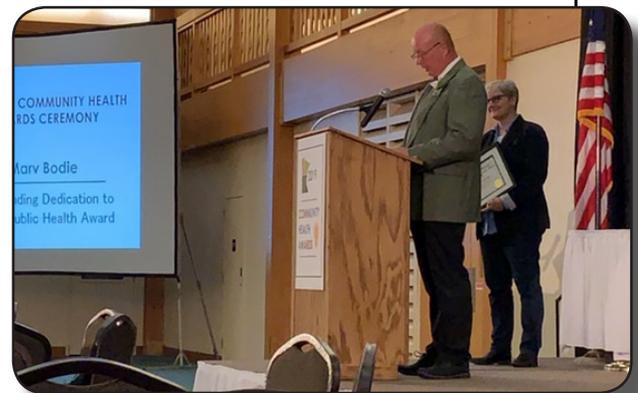
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2019 Award for Outstanding Dedication to Local Public Health

Marv Bodie, Carlton County Commissioner, chair of Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board received the 2019 Award for Outstanding Dedication to Local Public Health. This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the promotion and implementation of local public health in Minnesota.

The Award for Outstanding Dedication to Local Public Health was created in 1998 to recognize locally elected officials who make a significant contribution to promoting and implementing local public health in Minnesota. This award reflects the dedicated spirit of elected officials whose significant contributions have defined community health services and local public health today. The first Award for Outstanding Dedication to Local Public Health was presented in memory of Kal Michels, Wilkin County Commissioner and 1990 SCHSAC Chair. *(Article and photo credit: MN Department of Health)*



Carlton County Commissioner Marv Bodie

Carlton County SWCD Farmers Recognition

Conservation is an important consideration when managing a farm. Improved water quality, plant productivity, soil health and wildlife habitat are common goals in a conservation plan. These plans can be tailored to a specific resource concern identified in the field or be written to encompass an entire farm. When developing a conservation plan, the SWCD technician relies heavily on the landowner's experience managing the land. A landowner's perspective can go a long way in developing a successful conservation plan that addresses resource concerns seen daily.

Carlton County SWCD and U of M Extension Office would like to congratulate the following farm families who have achieved this honor over the past four years:

Wendell Lund, Steve Risacher, Troy Salzer, Jason Paulson, Caleb Anderson, Sue Sulowali, Peter Laveau, Duane Laveau, Tom Gervais, Michelle Boyechko, Jeff Rypka, Rick and Karola Dalen of Northern Harvest Farms, Janaki Fisher-Merritt and Annie Dugan of Food Farm, and Steve and Rita Schulstrom of Spectrum Farms.

For Carlton County residents who are interested in this program, please contact Ryan at (218) 384-3891. For residents who are outside of Carlton, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District office.

Employee Service Awards



Russell French
Sheriff's Office
10 Years

Dave Lee
PHHS
20 Years

Carlton County Rural Child Care Innovation Program

Carlton County has been accepted into the Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP), a community engagement process designed to address the challenges of child care in rural areas through the lens of economic development. This program is led by First Children's Finance and funded through the MN Department of Human Services. Additional local partners include the United Way of Carlton County, Carlton County, Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet Community Development, Child Care Aware, Northland Foundation, Carlton County Department of Economic Development, Cloquet Memorial Hospital.

The RCCIP guides communities in developing solutions that address their unique needs. Access to quality child care in the early years helps to prepare children for kindergarten and success in school. It's essential to working families, to employers in recruiting and retaining employees and to growing rural communities. The purpose of RCCIP is to support existing early care and education businesses and to increase the supply of high quality affordable child care. Part of this process involves gathering information about the current child care climate in Carlton County and the needs of county residents. Representatives from the county and Fond du Lac Reservation are working together to help find solutions to address the child care shortage in the area and are inviting anyone interested in the subject to help contribute to find local solutions.

Carlton County employers, residents utilizing child care, and child care providers of all types are encouraged to complete a brief online survey via the following links to gather valuable feedback:

- Child Care Center survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CV6K26V>
- Family Provider survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C6RPY6D>
- Employer survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JH8KTFF>
- Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QXJJ7T3>

Surveys must be completed by January 3, 2020.

Additionally, please mark your calendars for the following local community engagement events if you are interested in contributing:

Saturday, January 4, 2020 9:30-11:30 AM: Child Care Provider Brunch
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carlton-county-child-care-provider-appreciation-brunch-tickets-85151840447>

Tuesday, January 14 from 6:00-9:00 PM: A Town Hall Community Meeting
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carlton-county-town-hall-tickets-81543999297>

To find out more about First Children's Finance and this program in Carlton County, contact Tess Christensen at jumpstart@co.carlton.mn.us or visit <https://www.ruralchildcare.org/articles>.

Let's Get Acquainted with the Carlton County Chief Deputy County Attorney

Let's get acquainted with the Carlton County Chief Deputy County Attorney Jeff Boucher.

What was your first job?

My first job was a paper route when I was eight years old. My stepdad had a side business doing landscape and irrigation installs. We would install sprinkler systems and lay sod on the weekends.

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Chief Deputy County Attorney Jeff Boucher

Carlton County Department of Transportation Awarded the AMC/BWSR Conservation Award



The 2019 Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference Awards Committee selected the Carlton County Right-Sizing Culverts for Infrastructure and Environmental Benefits as its 2019

recipient of the County Conservation Award that was presented at the 2019 AMC Annual Conference! Will Bomier, Carlton County Transportation Department Right of Way/Permits Technician received the award on behalf of Carlton County for the work he and others performed under the direction of County Engineer JinYeene Neumann and her predecessor Mike Tardy. The basis for the award is summarized as follows:

“Using lessons learned following large flood events that have hit the county in nearly every year starting in 2012, Carlton County Highway Department has integrated stream protection and restoration into their road maintenance program by right-sizing replacement culverts using sound ecological analysis and watershed/floodplain information. Reconnecting the watershed, restoring damaged stream habitat and reducing erosion and nutrient contributions to streams have been accomplished. At the same time roads are able to stay passible for the traveling public and emergency management following large flood events and costly repairs at these sites are not needed following each event.”

Right-sized culvert installations have stood up to subsequent flooding events by protecting the roadbed and culvert from washing downstream. Miles of trout stream habitat have been gained as a result of reconnecting the road crossings with the floodplain and stabilizing damaged stream sections in conjunction with the culvert replacements.

Comprehensive watershed management is multi-faceted and requires many partners working together and bringing their particular area of expertise to the table. The Carlton County Highway Department has recognized that there are both ecological as well as economic benefits to managing their infrastructure with an eye to future conditions as well as present-day obligations. Congratulations to JinYeene, Will, and all the county staff associated with this valuable project!



Left to Right: 2019 AMC President Scott Schulte, Permit and Right of Way Highway Technician William Bomier, Executive Director of the Board of Water and Soil Resources John Jaschke



Left to right: Commissioner Mark Thell, Commissioner Dick Brenner, Commissioner Marv Bodie, Maintenance Superintendent Rick Norrgard, County Engineer JinYeene Neumann, Permit and Right of Way Highway Technician William Bomier, Commissioner Gary Peterson

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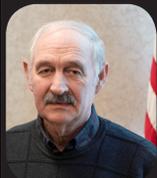
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*Board meetings are held at the Transportation Building on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. and the 4th Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Carlton County Committee's

Building Committee -
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
(Transportation Building -TB)

Committee of the Whole -
1st Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (TB)

Diversity Committee -
3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
(PH&HS)

Finance Committee -
1st Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. (TB)

Policy Committee -
3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
(Law Enforcement Center - LEC)

Management Team -
1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. (TB)

Supervisors Committee -
3rd Thursday quarterly at 2:00 p.m.
(Varies)

Wellness Committee -
2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
(PH&HS)

For a more detailed Carlton County
Committee list [click here](#).



Are you interested in submitting an article in the next Carlton County Newsletter? Email or mail your articles and pictures by the March 20, 2020 deadline to:

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*Please note that all submissions are subject to editing, as needed.

Let's Get Acquainted with the Carlton County Chief Deputy County Attorney

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Tell us a little something about your family.

My wife, Bridget, and I met at college in Colorado and have been married for seven years.

What are your hobbies?

I like to be outdoors: running, hiking, snowshoeing and tent camping.

What role do you play at Carlton County?

I have been an attorney in the Carlton County Attorney's Office for seven years. Recently, County Attorney Lauri Ketola asked me to serve as the Chief Deputy County Attorney and I now serve in that role. My primary role is to oversee our criminal caseload allowing me to seek justice on behalf of the citizens.

What work experiences and education led you to a career at Carlton County?

After college, I applied to law school while working at a victim service position in Alaska. Hamline University contacted me about applying. Everyone was so nice I scheduled a visit to the St. Paul campus. I had never been to Minnesota before, but it only took one visit to decide this was where I wanted to be. During law school, I worked in the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and knew this was the kind of work for me. My wife, Bridget, and I are not city people and after a few visits up north, we knew that we wanted to live in northern Minnesota. When positions in the Carlton County Attorney's Office opened, I kept applying until they hired me.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I get to come to the office every day and work with smart, dedicated people, people who see the worst of our society and decide that they want to help. Being part of such a great team is pretty cool.

Who was the biggest influence in your career?

Chris Bates, a friend from law school who now works in the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, told me about this great job he had clerking in the Ramsey County Attorney's Office where he got to appear on the record in real criminal cases. He encouraged me to apply and after one day on the job I couldn't imagine doing anything else.

What is your definition of 'happiness?'

A long day on the trail in the woods that ends with a good view and good company.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I keep busy, but try to take time to read.

What was your worst injury?

My only two serious injuries are football related. When I was three, I tried to tackle one of my dad's friends during a Super Bowl Sunday halftime football game and ended up with a skull fracture. My sophomore year, I tried to tackle a teammate during practice and ended up with eight screws in my right hand after breaking multiple bones. I didn't make either tackle, but I still love football.

What are the main lessons you have learned in life?

1. Never, never, never give up!
2. Hard work pays off and is often its own reward.
3. If you don't climb the mountain, you can't see the view.

What is on your bucket list?

1. Hike the length of The Superior Hiking Trail, Colorado Trail and Grand Canyon rim to rim.
2. Run an ultramarathon
3. Buy some land and build a cabin on it.

Congratulations, Jeff, on your promotion to Carlton County Chief Deputy County Attorney!

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