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Employee Service Awards



Cameron Lundberg
(Property Management)
10 Years

Duane Buytaert
(IT)
10 Years

Michael Blankenship
(Sheriff's Office)
10 Years

Courtney Collins
(PHHS)
10 Years

Laura Sieben
(PHHS)
10 Years

Brandi Hastings
(PHHS)
10 Years

Nicole Lourey
(PHHS)
10 Years

Todd Ballou
(Transportation)
10 Years

Carlton County Assistant Jail Administrator Receives Lexipol Connect 2021 Silver Award



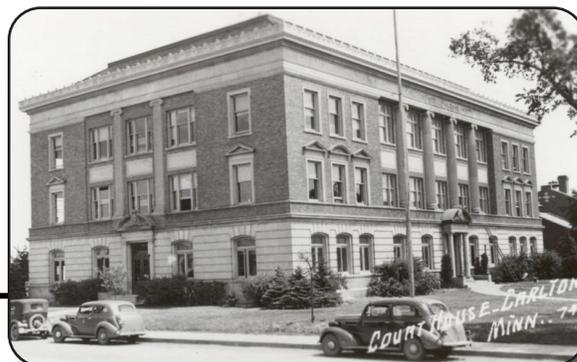
At the Carlton County Board of Commissioner's regular meeting on August 9, 2022, Sheriff Kelly Lake presented the Lexipol Connect 2021 Silver award to Assistant Jail Administrator Jason Wilmes.

Lexipol is the nation's leading provider of policy, training, and wellness support for first responders and public servants. The Connect program tracks agency performance on five metrics proven to measure success in policy management. Carlton County Jail was recognized by the Lexipol Connect program for achieving Silver level for consistently and effectively disseminating policies to staff, issuing timely policy updates as laws change, and ensuring corrections officers are trained on policies.

Assistant Jail Administrator Wilmes manages the Carlton County Jail custody policy manual. He ensures the timely update of policies, and that staff are understanding and training on the policies. Excellence in policy and training enhances community safety by ensuring consistent, effective responses based on national best practices.

Carlton County Courthouse Celebrates its Centennial Anniversary

The Carlton County Historical Society created an exhibit during Carlton Daze as a celebration for the County Courthouse reaching its centennial year. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



2022 Carlton County Board of Commissioners



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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.

Solwold Family Recognized as a 2022 University of Minnesota Farm Family



Left to Right: Mychal and Lori (Solwold Franklin), Julie Solwold and Don Solwold

Photo credit: Dave Harwig / Pine Know News

The Solwold family of Esko has been named Carlton County's "2022 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

In 1873, Abel Palkie, along with his wife and three children arrived and staked a claim for 160 acres in northern Thompson Township. A century later, Don and Marlene Solwold and their children bought a portion of that homestead with the intent of raising bison. The family's goal was to target a small but growing consumer trend that sought to reduce animal fats and cholesterol in the diet by switching to naturally leaner meats, including bison.

The first pair of bison arrived on the family's farm in 1974 and the Solwold family has been actively raising the animals on their property under the Quartermaster Buffalo label ever since. The Solwolds provided bison steaks, roasts, and burgers to restaurants, hospitals, and a loyal group of gracious customers for many years.

While the current enterprise has been scaled back from the 90-plus animals required to sustain the slaughter production of early years, the Solwolds' bison operation has become a cow/calf business. Yearlings are sold to other bison farmers for future breeding purposes and/or meat production.

Don and Marlene's son-in-law, Mychal Franklin, is the right-hand man of the operation, involved in all aspects of the farm including feeding, fencing, sourcing, maintenance and transport. Don and Marlene's daughter Lori Franklin brings her decades of experience raising bison and is a second pair of hands around the farm. Don and Marlene's daughter Julie Solwold provides additional labor and helps with the farm's accounting.

In the mid-1980s, the Solwolds became very involved in another fledgling industry: peat as an energy source. Don and Marlene organized the Minnesota Peat Association and Marlene served as the group's first executive director.

Don is a charter member of the Minnesota Bison Association. He served as president for two terms and started the group's newsletter in 1993. Don was an officer in the Minnesota Air National Guard, serving over 37 years in the Guard and the US Air Force.

The families were officially recognized in a ceremony on Thursday, August 4th at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls, Minn. Profiles of the 2022 honorees and information on the recognition event can be found on the University's farm family website, <https://extension.umn.edu/farm-families>. Additionally, the Solwold's were recognized at the Carlton County Fair on Friday, August 19th along with the Century Farms and Outstanding Senior Citizen.

Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities," said Bev Durgan, dean of the University of Minnesota Extension. "The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contributions to agriculture and their communities."

To view the Pine Knot article [click here](#).

State Fair and Farm Bureau Program Salutes Minnesota Family Farms

The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau recognize 78 Minnesota farms as 2022 Century Farms. Qualifying farms have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau presidents and Governor Tim Walz. Since the program began in 1976, nearly 11,000 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms.

The Carlton County 2022 Century Farm is Anderson's Swede Lake Farm in Cromwell. 2022 Century Farm families are listed by county, then by the farm's city or township, family or farm names and year of original purchase. [Click here](#) to view the list. For more information, email centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org or call 651-288-4400 or [click here](#) for the full Pine Knot article.



Left to Right: LeeAnn, Joan and Guy Anderson

Photo credit: Dave Harwig / Pine Know News

Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards



Shirley Magnuson and Dan Reed were named 2022 Outstanding Seniors during the annual awards at the Carlton County Fair.

Photo credit: Dave Harwig

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Article credit: Pine Knot



Dan Reed shows the map that he and Ross Anderson marked with numbers that correspond with stories in an index marking various sites of stories about the 1918 fire.

Photo credit: Lois E. Johnson

Veteran's Corner - Did you Know

Veterans Omnibus Bill

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) has a long history of awarding service bonuses to Minnesota Veterans who served in America's wars. Starting in 1919 after World War I, through World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and now the Global War on Terrorism. MDVA recognizes the sacrifices and courage Minnesotans took to defend our country.

The 2022 Legislature passed and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veterans Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/2001 to 8/30/2021. MDVA is honored to facilitate this program for eligible Veterans, currently serving service members, or Veterans' beneficiaries.

The application period began on July 7, 2022. The last day to apply is June 30, 2024, unless the funds have been exhausted by then. Please contact the Carlton County Veterans Service Office to see if you qualify at (218) 499-6838.

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line's new number—988 then Press 1—helps make it easier to remember and share the number to access help in times of need.

Signed into law in 2020, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act authorized 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. As part of the law, all telephone service providers in the U.S. had to activate the number no later than July 16, 2022.

Veterans can use this new option by dialing 988 and pressing 1 to contact the Veterans Crisis Line. Veterans may still reach the Veterans Crisis Line with the previous phone number 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, by text (838255), and through chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.

HomeHelpMN

HomeHelpMN is Minnesota's program to help homeowners who were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you had an increase in expenses or lost income due to the pandemic and are now behind on your house payments, property taxes, or other related expenses, you may qualify for up to \$35,000 to help you get caught up.

Thousands of Minnesotans have already applied. There are still funds available to help you. Get started by calling 800-388-3226 or visit HomeHelpMN.org.

Carlton County Committee's

Building Committee -
2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
(Government Services Building -GSB)

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

Diversity Committee -
4th Tuesday 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. (GSB)

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

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

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
December 16, 2022 deadline to:

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

Let's Get Acquainted With Carlton County Agriculture Educator



Hello! My name is Mercedes Moffett and I am the new Agriculture Educator for Carlton County. I have my Bachelors from North Dakota State University in Animal Science. I am also currently working on a Certified Veterinary Technician degree to complement my Bachelors.

I am very excited to be back working in Carlton County where I grew up. I was raised in the agriculture industry as my family raises registered black angus cattle. I am most excited to be back working with producers in Carlton that I know and getting to know new producers. I have worked throughout the state, but am thrilled to be back working in an area where I know what grows and what the agriculture focus of the area is. Together, I'm

hoping we can help agriculture thrive in our county.

I have been with the University of Minnesota Extension since 2019. I was an intern for St. Louis County and have worked as an interim Educator for Rice and Steele Counties in Southeast Minnesota. I also have provided technical support managing the University of Minnesota's statewide call line, the Farm Information Line.

For any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me at moffe029@umn.edu. I'm looking forward to working with as many people here in the county as I can!

Let's Get Acquainted With Carlton County 4-H Extension Educator



Hello! My name is Katie Siltanen. I grew up in Barnum, Minnesota. My family raises thoroughbreds which we race at Canterbury Park. I was involved in Carlton County 4-H raising and showing livestock including sheep, rabbits, horses, goats and swine, along with participating in various status project areas. I was involved with the county's federation as the federation treasurer. I was also involved at the state level as a Dan Patch finalist, Key Award recipient and State Ambassador.

I attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota and graduated in May 2019 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Animal Science Specialization Business & Production and

Agricultural Leadership with minors in Agricultural Business and Leadership & Nonprofit Management. I was actively involved with the Collegiate Farm Bureau, Alpha Zeta Agricultural Professional Society, Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority and Little International. I had the opportunity to be the intern for Carlton County 4-H in 2016 and 2017 under Marna Butler Fasteland and was able to learn the ins and outs of the 4-H program in Carlton County. This is also when I found my passion for youth development. I have had multiple opportunities to work with youth including being the Animal Husbandry Specialist at The Hills Youth and Family Services and a Behavioral Therapist at The Minnesota Autism Center.

For any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me at silta006@umn.edu. I'm looking forward to working with both the youth and volunteers in Carlton County!

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