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COVID-19 outbreak hits jail

By Maria Lockwood Superior Telegram

The Douglas County Jail has been dealing with a COVID-19 outbreak since late October. Thirty-three inmates, roughly 24% of the jail population, have had positive tests for the virus since Oct. 26. It started with a few inmates who weren't feeling well, according to jail administrator Tyler Edwards. One or two tested positive, and the unit was quarantined automatically. "And then they went and tested everybody, and that's how we came to the numbers we're at," he said. The number of positive cases ballooned to 33 within four days. The jail has had sporadic cases of the virus crop up since the pandemic began. "We caught it right away, isolated them, OUTBREAK: Page A8



Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram Randy Freeman, the facilities manager at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, cuts string to tie down Santa Claus while he decorates the M60A3 Main Battle Tank in front of the Bong Center in Superior on Wednesday. Freeman painted the tank this past summer.

Schools in need of subs

Superior, Maple try to attract substitute teachers

By Maria Lockwood Superior Telegram

School board members in Superior and Maple discussed ways to boost the number of substitute teachers during separate board meetings recently. In Superior, District Administrator Amy Starzecki said they are looking outside the box for ways to recruit and retain substitute teachers. "We're really facing a substitute shortage across our country and it's a challenge. It was a challenge before COVID, and now it's an even greater challenge," Starzecki said on Monday, Nov. 8. The shortage has put added stress on staff who are being asked to cover classes when TEACHERS: Page A8

FESTIVE DECOR

By Jed Carlson Superior Telegram

Randy Freeman, the facilities manager at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, was on top of the M60A3 Main Battle Tank Wednesday, Nov. 10, to secure inflatable Santa Claus

legs to the vehicle outside of the Bong Center. Freeman used part of three days to add lights to the tank that he painted this past summer. "I'm glad it's not cold out ... yet," Freeman joked as he tied down Santa.



Randy Freeman, the facilities manager at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, ties down Santa Claus on the M60A3 Main Battle Tank in front of the Bong Center in Superior on Wednesday.



Red holiday lights form an explosion from the end of the M60A3 Main Battle Tank as Randy Freeman, the facilities manager at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, decorates in front of the Superior museum on Wednesday.

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By Maria Lockwood Superior Telegram

The Northwestern High School Athletic Department received a \$100,000 check from alumnus Ron Maki in September. The amount of the gift led school board members to do a double-take at the Oct. 11 meeting. "Could you repeat that figure?" asked

board Treasurer Adam Landwehr. District Administrator Sara Croney did, adding that at first they wondered if it was a typo. "That's a lot of zeroes," said board President Nancy Lind. According to admin-

istrators, Maki's gift is the largest donation ever made to the athletic department, which has an annual supply budget of \$22,500. And there were no strings attached. Maki, who graduated from Northwestern High School in 1967, had no preference for how the money was used. "This gift will have a huge impact on our students," Croney said, and could be spent on one-in-a-lifetime purchases — items the district

The district has a list of potential uses for the money, including a roughly \$12,000 high jump landing mat. Other items that cost more than \$25,000 would be brought before the board for approval. Croney said 66% of Northwestern High School students participate in athletics each year. "Education based athletics is important as it teaches students skills

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