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## Klubertanz named to lead YMCA

New CEO says that Superior has a strong foundation of community support

By Shelley Nelson  
Superior Telegram

SUPERIOR — A new leader is taking the helm at the Superior Douglas County Family YMCA.

Carl Klubertanz will succeed Chris Stenberg as chief executive officer, said Jeff Manion, chief volunteer officer. Stenberg left to become director of YMCA Alliance services in Minnesota.

Klubertanz takes on the new role March 2.

He was selected among a strong field of candidates in a nationwide search and has the necessary background and experience, Manion said.

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## Red Cliff man gets life sentence

Judge rejects plea agreement, rules that LaGrew will die in prison

By Tom Olsen  
Duluth News Tribune

WASHBURN — Jody Ricard was many things: a wife, mother, grandmother, skilled seamstress and talented cook.

But she truly left her mark on society as an advocate for others, her family recalled. Ricard long worked in social services, hoping to improve the lives of those who were less fortunate.

It was in her final role, as administrator of the Even Start family literacy program on the Red Cliff Reservation, where

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# SNOW AND WIND SLAP NORTHLAND



**Above:** Two people pass by each other through heavy wind and falling snow on the way to the Yellowjacket Union on the UW-Superior campus Monday morning. Classes were canceled for students Monday. **Right:** A snow-covered squirrel looks up from eating sunflower seeds from a feeder Monday morning in Superior's Central Park neighborhood while snow continues to fall.

Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

## Area man's screenplay earns 4th award

Lake Nebagamom's Botten lands honor by NYC group

By Maria Lockwood  
Superior Telegram

LAKE NEBAGAMON — A screenplay about the 1920 lynching of three Black circus workers in Duluth earned a Lake Nebagamom man his fourth award for the project.

Dale R. Botten's third revision of the script, currently titled "The Law Lover," won the 2022 Best Feature Script Award at the New York Movie Awards competition in New York City.

Botten purchased the media rights to Duluth native Michael Fedo's book, "The Lynchings in Duluth," in 2007. The first edition of Botten's screenplay, then titled "Alamo-Duluth: Anatomy of a Lynching," won grand prize at the 2010



Botten

Screenwriting Expo in Los Angeles, sponsored by Creative Screenwriting Magazine. It was also staged as a reader's theater piece at the University of Wisconsin-Superior in 2009.

Revised and retitled as "Hate Storm," Botten's work earned the Screenplay of Merit Award at the 2015 Catalina Film Festival on Catalina Island, California.

"The first two editions were ensemble pieces, which makes it tough to sell," because no single character can be considered the star, Botten said. "With an estimated budget of \$10-20 million



Courtesy / Dale Botten

for this film, producers would need to attract major A-list actors to generate enough box office revenue for the film to at least break even."

In 2016, Botten pro-

duced a short film, used to attract producers, titled "Hate Storm: a Prologue." It was accepted into the online 2018 Great Lakes International Film Festival and the 2019 Tylerman Film Fes-

tival in Wheaton, Illinois. The short film, which includes an appearance by Superior teacher turned actor Don Scribner, won the Alethea Ligon Social Awareness Award.

In December, Botten's screenplay garnered the top spot, Best Feature Screenplay, at the Hollywood Script Award competition in Los Angeles.

Botten said he's committed to bringing the story to the big screen, despite the high price tag.

"One common thing nearly everyone has said to me or my team is that, 'This is a story that needs to be told,'" Botten said. "There seems to be little discussion about that."

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