

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”

— Fred Rogers

Thank you to Our Helpers!

Ways our community is caring for others:

- The Pope County Tribune, Starbuck Times, KMGK, Horizon Public Health, law enforcement, hospital and clinics, city offices, schools, Glenwood & Starbuck Chambers of Commerce and the Glenwood Welcome Center all help keep us informed.
- Restaurant and business Facebook and web pages are providing information on their “specials of the day”, hours and updates.
- Screen Prints Plus is printing t-shirts with the newly designed Pope County “Together We Are Stronger” logo created by Faythe Mills. Pat & Dan have also offered to make window clings of the logo for those who are interested.
- Faythe Mills created a personalized logo for the Pope County “Together We Are Stronger” group. She also donated the first run of tags that are attached to the masks and distributed throughout the county. Jim Palmer of Palmer Creations has offered to donate future runs of the tags.
- Gather Coffee + Bistro provided coffee for the Glacial Ridge Clinic Staff the Saturday before Easter Sunday.
- Jessica Wilmes invited children and families to color one of the over 100 wooden Easter Eggs placed in yards throughout Glenwood and the surrounding area. All were invited to take part in a Distant Easter Egg Hunt.
- North Country Counseling sponsored a window Easter Egg Hunt with a Golden Egg as the prize.
- Linda Jenson donated mask extenders to Glenwood Retirement Village staff.
- Healthy Options treated Glenwood Retirement Village staff to shakes/teas.
- Hearts, lights, Teddy bears & Easter Eggs in homes/business windows.
- Glenwood’s lit anchors & sailboats.
- Minnewaska Area Schools lighting up Marthaler Field and Veterans Field at Glenwood State Bank Stadium every Monday evening as a beacon of hope for our students, staff, and community members! The lights will be on from 8:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and be adjusted as daylight hours increase! GO LAKERS!
- Along with all the staff who are providing great lessons through distance learning, MAS is providing prep and pick-up for over 200 lunches while 91 children are receiving 3 “hot” meals/week. Staff are also providing care for children of those noted as essential workers: www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us

- FB “WaskaHarbor” Podcast (Minnewaska K-6 Podcast) MAES/MAIS Dean of Students, Caleb Greene “WaskaHarbor” Podcast (Minnewaska K-6 Podcast) bringing you thoughts from the Minnewaska Area: <https://anchor.fm/caleb-gree.../WaskaHarbor-Episode-7-episode5> make sure to scroll down to listen. to Episodes (Spotify is not needed to listen) [#waskapride](#) [#distancelearning](#)
- Glacial Hills Elementary School staff are also providing great distance learning lessons and are providing pick-up meals/delivered for a number of children. Each family received an Easter basket: www.glacialhills.org/
- Parents are supporting their children as distance learning continues.
- Parents are practicing extra caution in social distancing and supporting their child care providers by providing supplies and/or by following their provider’s contracts.
- Horizon Public Health ~ Health Educator, Shelley Svec has convened and provided information and support for various sectors throughout the county: info@horizonph.org, horizonpublichealth.org
- “Shower the Love” effort through Uptown Floral, promoted through the Glenwood Area Lakes Chamber & Welcome Center—flowers delivered to all 227 residents at Glenwood Retirement Village, Parkview Court, Glenwood Estates, Ridgewood Villa, Minnewaska Lutheran Home, Glacial Trails Memory Care and Holly Ridge Manor.
- EC/THRIVE & MAS collected greeting cards made by children for the nursing homes to wish them a Happy Easter & Happy Spring.
- BeKind members are making masks, sent out messages of appreciation for helpers as described by Fred Roger’s mother and are checking in with each other via email/phone calls while sharing inspirational stories of kindness, music and appreciation for each other and our community.
- Many non-profits are reviewing their event schedules and adjusting to current guidelines to keep everyone safe.
- Some churches are able to share online services and/or calling or emailing parishioners with greetings, prayers and support.
- “Pope County Masks for Front Line Workers” ~ Alisha & Justin Zavadil have set up a Go Fund Me Page for purchasing KN95 masks for essential workers.
- Douglas County Car Care (also serves Pope County) is helping with deliveries: carcareprogramevents@gmail.com, www.douglascountycarcare.org
- Pope County “Together We Are Stronger” FB page facilitates the making of masks ~ Karen Holte & Amy Roers
- Pope County United Way of Douglas & Pope County ~ Pope County Food Drops - call to learn how to sign up and about other program details or visit their website: 320-834-7800, uwdp.org
- American Solutions for Business packed UW Back Pack Attack food bags for students.
- All the businesses who have made special accommodations for patrons through curbside pickup or delivery.

Thank you to all the helpers ~ medical workers, civil service employees, delivery folks, nursing home workers, bank workers, pharmacy workers, mail carriers, sanitary workers, farmers, journalists, truckers, first responders, factory workers, restaurant workers, non-profit workers, grocery workers, child care providers, hardware store workers, utility workers, military workers, mechanics, schools/staff, business owners and...Everyone who is working to keep things going in these challenging times and to all who are Staying Home except for essential visits for groceries/supplies and outdoor exercise.

Thank you to the Pope County Tribune/Starbuck Times (pctribune.com) & the Glenwood Area Lakes Chamber (www.glenwoodlakesarea.org) for posting this list with contacts and updates in real time with ways our community is caring for others.

If you would like to add to the list, please email the Pope County Family Collaborative ~ famcolab@icloud.com Questions? Call 320-634-3909