



Tri County Canary

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Thea Ohmstad, age 10, from Plymouth, MN, had quite the showing at the 2023 Clearwater County Fair. Above, Thea is posing with her "sculpture" of an elephant that she sculpted from papier-mâché! The judges were so impressed that she won 1st place, then a Grand Champion in the Category - Creative Arts (17 and under) as well as receiving one of only two Judges Choice Ribbons in the "17-under" Division, which had over 150 entries. Thea also received 3 additional Blue Ribbons for her very creative wall arts. Thea is the granddaughter of Mike and Joyce Meyers of Bagley. Thea's family spends part of their summers visiting relatives in the area. - Photo by Pamela Hagen French

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Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) is getting ready to kick off the Fall 2023 lineup. NELL is celebrating its 20th year of bringing quality programs to Clearwater and East Polk Counties.

In 2003 the program was funded by the Minnesota Humanities Commission to serve rural communities in North-Central Minnesota. In its first year of operation, the targeted service area of the organization were the communities of Bagley, Clearbrook, and Golvick. Currently, the service area includes all Clearwater and East Polk County.

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning was originally conceived as the lifelong learning component of the ad hoc Center for Retirement and Learning. In its first two years of operation, NELL operated as an unincorporated entity. Because of the success of the program and name recognition, Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning submitted articles of incorporation November 2004 to the State of Minnesota, was officially incorporated as a stand-alone non-profit corporation, 501(c)(3), December 2004.

This Fall we are excited to present Joe Kimball, author of

"Secrets of the Congdon Mansion: The Unofficial Guide to Glensheen and the Congdon Murders, Dorothy Hoover "An African Safari, Arn Kind "Minnesota & the Vietnam War" (A special presentation brought to our area by Lake Agassiz Regional Library Bagley, Ann Marie Newman "You Are Story", Tamara Edevold-Executive Director Clearwater Co History Center "Quasiquintennial - Say that 10 x Fast", Dick Roue "The Art of Story Telling", Marty Wolf "The Nature of Artificial Intelligence and its Ethical Concerns", Mark Finstad "Antarctic Adventure 2022, and a very special collaboration w/ the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative, "The Lewis & Clark Expedition". Additionally, the trip committee is making final arrangements for a November 2023 roadtrip to the Glensheen Mansion in Duluth, MN, when they light up the 21 Christmas Trees for the holiday season.

The NELL Board of Directors thanks everyone who has helped make the NELL program successful throughout the 20 years. Your continued memberships and financial donations help make this program possible.

Closure statement for Erskine Country Place and Crossroads

Closure press statement for the Country Place and Crossroads, Erskine MN Healthcare Facilities across Minnesota are facing severe challenges with workforce shortages and cash flow difficulties. The Country Place and Crossroads Assisted Living Facilities in Erskine MN are no exception. Residents and staff were notified on 08/4/23 that the two facilities would no longer be in operation, closing on or before 10/03/23.

Resident transition teams are working with the residents and their families to guide them through the relocation process.

The Country Place and Crossroads have been a part of the Erskine community for over 20 years. Currently, it provides care services for 31 residents, and caregiving jobs for 14 staff who live in the area.

"A number of factors including ongoing staffing challenges, a decline in the number of residents at our location, increased operating costs, cash

flow challenges, and Medicaid reimbursement rates that do not keep up with the current cost of care have unfortunately led to a situation that is not sustainable," said Board Chair Nancy Jensen.

"This was a very difficult decision our Board did not take lightly; we hired consultants to help us determine short- and long-term options, but ultimately determined we cannot continue to maintain operations at our assisted living facilities.

"We are saddened by the loss of an important part of the community; however, we are grateful to our staff for their tireless commitment and willingness to help our residents through this transition," said Board Chair Nancy Jensen.

Ms. Nancy Jensen, Board Chair
Pioneer Memorial Care Center
23028 347th St. SE
Erskine, MN 56535-9466
Phone: (218-280-3858)

Minnesota Farmers Union president participates in farm bill listening session

Rep. G.T. Thompson, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, hosted a Farm Bill Listening Session at Farmfest. The Farm Bill covers a variety of programs and touches every part of the country through its farm and food spending. The bill funds crop insurance, conservation programs, rural development and nutrition programs. It is updated every five years and the current bill expires on Sept. 30.

Thompson has held 55 listening sessions across the country to gain farmer input on the 2023 Farm Bill.

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish talked about the importance of a competition title in the Farm Bill during the listening session. "The concentration in the marketplace hits agriculture the hardest. We can't keep raising more and selling it for less," Wertish said. "Rural communities are struggling, with the farmer's share of the food dollar dropping from 50 cents in the 1950s to just 14 cents today. The new Farm Bill has the opportunity to not only be a safety net for farmers, but also to provide a launch pad for rural

America to grow and prosper by increasing competition and investing in rural development." MFU leadership and members have been speaking with members of the state's federal delegation throughout Farmfest about the importance of an on-time, comprehensive Farm Bill that promotes security for farmers, addresses hunger and contributes to rural economic vitality. MFU leaders have also been talking about Fairness for Farmers, a campaign launched to raise awareness about the need to increase market transparency and competition in the

marketplace.

Farmers Union priorities in the farm bill include:

- Increasing enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.
- Supporting local and regional food systems that increase competition and resilience in the food system.
- Reinstating mandatory Country of Origin Labeling.
- Increasing loan rates and other price-based triggers to reflect higher commodity prices and higher input costs.
- Strengthening the Dairy Margin Coverage program.

Starry Stonewort confirmed in Blackduck Lake in Beltrami County

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the presence of the invasive algae starry stonewort in Blackduck Lake, near the town of Blackduck in Beltrami County.

Minnesota DNR staff found starry stonewort while conducting an LCCMR-funded aquatic plant survey with researchers from the New York Botanical Garden. Blackduck Lake is near three other lakes where starry stonewort was previously confirmed. Available treatment options could include hand pulling, herbicide applications or other methods as appropriate.

Starry stonewort has now been confirmed in 25 water bodies in Minnesota. It was first confirmed in Minnesota in 2015.

Starry stonewort has never been eradicated from any U.S.

lake or river, but treatment or careful removal can help reduce the risk of spread and relieve associated nuisance impacts on water-related recreational activities. Early detection is key to effective management.

Starry stonewort is an algae that looks like some native aquatic plants. In late summer and early fall, starry stonewort's small white star-shaped bulbils become more visible, making it easier to distinguish from other aquatic plants. Information on how to identify starry stonewort can be found on the Minnesota DNR's website (mndnr.gov/invasives/aquaticplants/starrystonewort). If people think they've found starry stonewort or any other invasive species new to a lake or river, they should report it to the DNR by contacting their area invasive species specialist

(mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html).

Starry stonewort can form dense mats, which can interfere with recreational uses of a lake and compete with native plants. It is most likely spread when fragments have not been properly cleaned from trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or other water-related equipment.

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law requires people to:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- Never release bait, plants or

aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.

- Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one waterbody to another.

These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

- Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free stations on the courtesy decontamination page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/decon).
- Spray with high-pressure water or rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another water body.

More information is available on the aquatic invasive species page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/ais).



The Art of Quilling at the Bagley Public Library

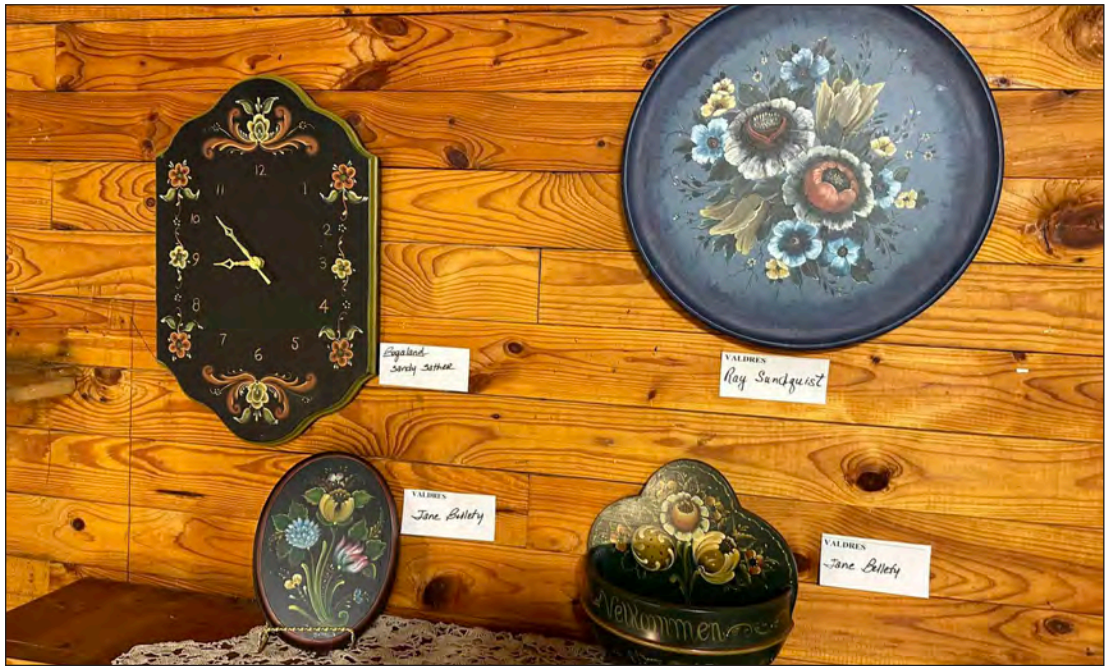
If you have never seen the art of Quilling, or have a love for art in many forms, this is the gallery show to see.

- August 1 - September 29, 2023

- Bagley Public Library
- Opening Reception and Artist Talk: on Thursday, August 10, 5 pm
- Based in northern Minnesota

sota, self-taught artist Nikki Besser uses hundreds, often times thousands, of strips of rolled paper, glued and shaped together in various forms to

create original, one of a kind artworks. Her paper quilled artworks capture positive life moments of joy, happiness, love, and beauty.



The Clearwater County Fair is over for this year and what a year. With more livestock, exhibits and more people it made a great fair.

The fair had several buildings that housed a variety of things. These two pictures are of Scandinavian works by many people. Above are rosemailed items by Sandy Sather, Ray Sundquist and Jane Bellefy. To the right is the table and chairs that belong to the Hoi twin sisters, Cheryl Grover and Charlene Olson.



Nursing home funding flowing to facilities

ST. PAUL – Nursing homes across the state are seeing the result of the legislative session as funding fought for by Senate Republicans is flowing to their facilities.

"One of the Senate Republican's top priorities from the first day of session was taking care of Minnesota's seniors. With a massive surplus and even bigger need, we had to fight Democrats tooth and nail because they wouldn't agree to provide the support for our nursing homes," Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson, R- East Grand Forks, said. "We need to recognize the challenges of running a nursing home in Minnesota. Between staffing shortages, delayed reimbursements, and long wait lists for beds, we should be doing everything we can."

The bipartisan agreement reached in May means more than 300 nursing homes are eligible for a base payment of \$225,000 plus an estimated \$3,900 per bed, and \$12.35 in additional funding per day per resident for an 18-month period.

A total of 15 nursing homes in Senate District 1 began

Nursing home...
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Congratulations to Prudi GWilliam, the winner of the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center drawing held on Saturday, August 5th. Prudi won a gift certificate towards an annual membership to the Nature Center in Fertile. The Mentor Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 am - Noon through September 30th. Pictured from left: Prudi GWilliam and Donna Spaeth, AELC Director.

Join Us for a "Wild Time" at the Minnesota State Fair

Wild rice recipes, taste samples, and "wild wear" featured in the Dairy Building!

While it's hard to believe the end of summer is approaching when it feels like it just began, it's a bittersweet time in Minnesota as it also marks the anticipated arrival of the "Great Minnesota Get-Together," better known as the Minnesota State

Fair. If you're looking for one last opportunity to celebrate summer, be sure to make your way to the Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council's booth for a "wild time" enjoying the taste, history, and affordability of Minnesota's state grain - wild rice!

The Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council's booth has been a fixture at the state fair

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for decades, educating fair-goers about how cultivated wild rice is grown, promoting its impressively healthy nutritional profile, and most importantly, offering delicious taste samples of newly developed wild rice recipes.

The Council's cooking school, one of the fair's signature destinations, features taste samples of the latest wild rice creations, all of which can be found in the 2023-'24 edition of "Recipes and Answers to Often Asked Questions." This year's version contains wild rice recipe categories of Soups, Salads, Appetizers, Sides, and Entrees. A sampling of some of the recipes in this year's brochure include Corn, Ham & Wild Rice Chowder; Sweet Asian Chili Chicken Wild Rice Bowl; Beef & Wild Rice Mini Tacos; Wild Rice Street Corn, and Wild Rice Cheddar Apple Biscuits & Gravy just to name a few. In all, our latest edition includes 14 all new, mouthwatering recipes which are finalists from the Council's 2023 "Get Wild with Wild Rice" recipe contest.

Also, be sure to check out the brochure's wild rice preparation instructions and answers to the most often asked questions about wild rice.

Located in the Dairy Building just across the street from the Haunted House, the Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council booth features its incredibly popular wild rice cooking school, where culinary specialists demonstrate and offer samples of its newest wild rice creations. Every hour on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., these demonstrations offer great-tasting samples and little-known facts detailing the rich history of cultivated wild rice production in Minnesota.

The booth also features a wild rice informational video, a "grain" teaser to quiz fair-goers about their knowledge of wild rice, and our fashionable "wild wear" (design shown here) - bargain-priced t-shirts and caps promoting Minnesota's state grain!

The undeniable star of the Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council's booth, however, remains the inexpensively-priced, Minnesota cultivated wild rice. Be sure to get yours early though, because at just \$5.00 a pound supplies won't last!

Market Day Quilt Show

August 12th, 2023 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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receiving payments in August. Each facility and the payment received on Aug 1, 2023 is below. A second payment is planned for Aug. 1, 2024.

- Karlstad Healthcare Center, \$204,880
- Kittson Memorial Hospital in Hallock, \$202, 913
- LifeCare Greenbush Manor, \$192,830
- LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau, \$212,913
- North Star Manor in Warren, \$202,872
- Oakland Park Communities in Thief River Falls, \$182,789
- Thief River Care Center, \$243,037
- Warroad Care Center, \$210,905
- Benedictine Care Center in Ada, \$210,905
- Essentia Health Fosston Nursing Home, \$212,913
- Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile, \$196,847
- Halstad Living Center, \$200,863
- McIntosh Senior Living, \$202,872
- Villa St. Vincent in Crookston, \$321,359
- Viking Manor Nursing Home in Ulen, \$202,872

Agassiz ELC Nature Program

Agassiz Environmental Learning Center is excited to welcome Minnesota Mycological Society educators John and Claudette Lamprecht for Magnificent Mushrooms, a free public nature education, on Sunday, August 20th, at 1:00 at the Nature Center. Having more than 100 combined years as mushroom foragers, John and Claudette will share the basics of mushroom identification, some favorite Minnesota edible mushrooms and highlight four of our most dangerous mushrooms. We can guarantee you will learn some new words and discover things about mushrooms you never knew. We will then explore the trails to seek some of those yummy fungi.

Libraries to Host Concerts for Kids Featuring Gaelynn Lea

MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA - Children are invited to join musician and composer Gaelynn Lea for an educational children's concert featuring her original music. Kids will learn about using a loop to record sounds and how to add layers to music you are playing. This program is most appropriate for youth ages 5+ and is offered free-of-charge thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

See Gaelynn in a concert at a location near you:
Roholt Park, 3rd St., McIntosh, Minnesota (Lions Park), Wednesday, August 9 at 1 p.m.
Climax Public Library
Thursday, August 10 at 1 p.m.

JD Mason Park Farmer's Market, 400 2nd St. SW., Fertile, Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Westside Park Picnic Shelter, 4th Ave. and 3rd St., Ada Friday, August 11 at 1:30 p.m.

About Gaelynn Lea
Gaelynn is a disability advocate who speaks about her experience with brittle bone disease and her journey learning to play the violin like a cello. Since winning NPR Music's Tiny Desk Contest in 2016, she has captivated audiences around the world with her haunting original songs and traditional fiddle tunes. She most recently composed and performed the music for Macbeth on Broadway, which was nominated for three Tony Awards, including one for Best Sound Design.

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Address:
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23130 345th St. SE
Ersine, MN 56535



M21-22C

ASSISTANT COOK POSITION

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, MN has a full-time Assistant Cook position open for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire the required Food Protection Manager Certifications.
Applicants interested in the position, should submit their completed application and any current food service credentials to:
Mr. Randall Pederson, Principal
Red Lake County Central High School
PO Box 100
Oklee, MN 56742
218-465-4222
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application forms are available at www.rlcc2906.org
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Job Opening County of Clearwater

JOB TITLE: Full-Time Deputy Sheriff assigned as Investigator

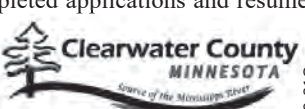
JOB DUTIES:

- Enforces state laws, juvenile codes and selected statutes, as necessary.
- Pursues and executes arrest warrants including probation violators and other persons wanted by the court.
- Serves warrants in accordance with department policies, state, and federal mandates and regulations.
- Answers questions of the public in person or over the phone concerning a wide variety of issues and topics. Provides direction, assistance and information. Performs proactive community policing and crime prevention activities. Works with citizens and community agencies to identify and reduce crime.
- Conducts and assists in investigations.
- Testifies and appears in court regarding incidents, details, actions and events.
- Performs all other duties assigned to them by administration.
- Position is currently assigned to the Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum of a two year associate degree in either Criminal Justice or related field.
- Full-time active Minnesota Peace Officer License required.
- Minimum of 3-5 years of current full-time law enforcement experience required.
- Knowledge of computer systems and ability to use several software programs helpful.
- Possess a valid Minnesota driver's license or ability to obtain one.
- Must be a US Citizen or have proper work authorization with no felony convictions.
- Experience with investigations in a wide variety of areas.

The successful applicant will have to successfully pass an oral interview, a thorough background investigation, a physical agility test and pass a medical exam and a drug test.
Salary range \$25.17 to \$32.97 as of the current union contract for 2023. If interested, applications can be obtained online at www.co.clearwater.mn.us or at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office located at 213 Main Ave. N Dept. 102, Bagley, MN. Completed applications and resume must be submitted to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office by 4:30 pm on August 11, 2023. The anticipated start date will be September 1, 2023.



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FULL TIME KITCHEN COOK

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a full-time kitchen cook for the 2023-2024 school year. Hours are Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Wage is negotiable dependent on experience, with a new minimum hourly wage of \$15.27 per hour. Must enjoy working with kids, pass a ServeSafe food safety course, and be able to pass a background check. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.
Please submit application, resume, and letter of interest to:
Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us



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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Maintenance I (Highway) Crookston:
\$23.05 - \$30.11/hr. Closes August 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Maintenance I (Highway) Angus/Crookston:
\$23.05 - \$30.11/hr. Closes August 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Loader Operator I/Fosston:
\$23.56- \$28.67/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Public Safety Telecommunicator:
\$24.44 - \$31.91 /hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I/Fosston:
\$25.97 - \$31.91/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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The great weather brought out many visitors to the 14th Annual Car show held in Fosston each year and sponsored by the Highway 2 Cruisers Car Club. The show was held on Saturday, July 29th.

Bringing 2 of his cars to the Highway 2 Cruisers Car Show in Fosston was Al Aasaby from Thief River Falls, Minnesota. The cars are a 1934 Plymouth and a 1934 Dodge Coupe.

Gabby Gustafson from Grand Forks, North Dakota, with his 1959 Ford Skyliner at the Highway 2 Cruisers Car Show in Fosston.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

If You Aren't Willing

"If you aren't willing to tell a story poorly, you'll never be able to tell it well," said the man on the radio. These very words rolled right on out of my mouth as I tried to pass on this wisdom to the one standing beside me. Blankly, she stared back—not having a clue as to what I was talking about. I suppose that is how it goes when one has not yet reached double digits age wise. I expounded on the meaning behind it. "You know, if you aren't willing to make some mistakes while getting better at something, then you'll give up and not even try. Perseverance is what it's about, not perfection." It wasn't easy for this first born to catch the drift of what I thought was a meaningful conversation, but I'm a second born. Thus, I do not have the innate desire to do things right the first time. Lollygagging is my style, not forced determination of the task at hand.

When growing up, I'd heard the words, "Practice makes perfect." I actually never liked that phrase. It always sounded

more like a shame based admonishment rather than an encouragement. To me, the goal of perfection would feel more like a tightrope than a gentle journey through life. This is not to say that some things shouldn't be as precise as possible because for sure they should be for the safety of all.

When the speaker suggested we must be willing to do things poorly before we'd be able to do it well, suggested that it is normal to not be good at something right away—and in fact it would be nearly impossible. By suggesting that the goal was to do it well felt like an invitation to endless possibilities. It also seemed more mutually inclusive than a solo flight to the top announcing we were an exclusive club of one. The words the man spoke, "If you aren't willing to tell a story poorly, you'll never be able to tell it well" sent the signal that doing something well was worthy of time and effort.

By attempting to do something well, one could imagine many things along life's journey they might like to try. By not

making everything a contest of conquest—even with self—sounded much less stressful and way more appealing.

Case in point: I enjoyed knitting a pair of mittens years back and was quite content when I made nothing else with my knitting needles—ever. I enjoyed learning a new language and communicating without being graded on what it was I did not know. I like playing Wordle (a daily word game played across the nation) and not being one bit bothered when I missed all six words. After all, tomorrow will be here before you know it—along with a new Wordle word.

As far as I know, there was only One who was perfect and I can tell you this much, it wasn't me. In fact, it's important to acknowledge our imperfection knowing that there is grace for tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

Knowing He is able means that He can and will work through me. Only then will I, too, will be able. And when I am able, I will be able to tell His story and tell it well. And that is enough. Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: We are well into summer, but can you

please talk about some basic vehicle checks? I stopped to help someone who had broken down alongside the road the other day, and they had no clue to what I thought was common sense stuff: coolant, fluids, battery maintenance and lights. Thanks for keeping people informed.

Answer: It's amazing how many people don't know much past putting fuel in the vehicle and hoping it will just keep going. As a state trooper, we see a lot out on the highways, and I am always glad to help educate and provide some insight. I'd rather you read it here than experience it along the side of the road. Here are some things to look at:

- Cooling System — Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle, and that the coolant meets the manufacturer's specifications. See your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations

on coolant. You or a mechanic should check the cooling system for leaks, test the coolant, and drain or replace old coolant as needed.

- Fluid Level — Check your vehicle's oil level periodically. As with coolant, if it's time or even nearly time to have the oil changed, now would be a good time to do it. Also check the fluid levels for your brake, automatic transmission or clutch, power steering, and windshield washer. Make sure each reservoir is full; if you see any signs of fluid leakage, take your vehicle in to be serviced.

- Batteries — Have a mechanic check your battery and charging system, then have them make any necessary repairs or replacements. For hybrid-electric vehicles, keep gasoline in the tank to support the gasoline engine.

- Lights — Check your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and interior lights. Be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary.

- Wiper blades — After the

heavy toll imposed by winter storms and spring rains, windshield wiper blades may need to be replaced. Like rubber belts and hoses, wiper blades are vulnerable to the summer heat. Examine your blades for signs of wear and tear on both sides. The blades can also deform and fail to work properly in both directions. If they aren't in top condition, invest in new ones before you travel.

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Tractor Fun In Iowa, Again!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



This northern Minnesota boy got lucky and married a beautiful woman with roots in Iowa. Every other year or so we make our way down to a family reunion or two. Both of my in-laws grew up on Iowa farms. The first reunion is Saturday and the second is Sunday of the same weekend. Of course I always scope out the tractor shows taking place that weekend to see if we can squeeze one in on Friday. Last year we headed to Marshalltown, Iowa, for the Mid Iowa Antique Power Assn Show. This year we stopped in Forrest City, Iowa, at the Heritage Park of Northern Iowa for their Steam Threshing Show featuring International Harvester. It did not disappoint! Although as usual in Iowa, in August, the temperature was hovering around 90 with humidity!

I wrote a story a few years ago about "Tractor Family Trees." I have always enjoyed trying to follow my family tree. Many times over the years I have asked my dad about his tractor family tree! Yes, all the tractors they have owned over the years. It started in 1946 with an F-20 Farmall on steel. That was traded for a 1925 D John Deere also on steel with a spoked flywheel. Later they sold the spoked D and bought a 1939 D John Deere.....and the list goes on! I spent some time asking my father-in-law Leonard Follmann and his family members about their "Tractor Family Trees" again. His father Clifford bought a new 49 B John Deere in Bridgewater, Iowa. The 49 B had rollamatic. Clifford's son Russell Follmann was intrigued with the rollamatic and would throw clods of dirt in front of it to watch the rollamatic work. In 1951 Clifford bought a 39 B. The B had been reconditioned and high compressioned at Sulgrove Implement in Bridgewater and also had a mechanical lift added. Later Clifford thought he would like something with power steering so he bought a model 50 John Deere. When Clifford passed away in 1979 he still had the '49 B, '39 B, and the 50. The family kept the '39 B which Leonard's brother Russel still owns and has had restored.

In talking more with the Follmann family I found that Clifford had three brothers Ralph, Roy, and Clarence. We talked about the days of threshing and heard stories about the local thresherman that a Rumley Oil Pull that traveled (at maybe 2 miles per hour) from farm to farm and later they bought their own McCormick Threshing machine. In talking tractors I asked Leonard and



A BIG 4 tractor plowing in Forrest City, Iowa.



A nice looking F20 at the Forrest City Show.

his cousins what was the first tractor they ever drove. Three of the four that I asked that question all answered a 1938 A John Deere that Roy had purchased and lucky for me the tractor was still sitting in a shed at one of the Follmann Farms. Last year I got to take a trip and see it! The A hasn't been run for a while but it is a big part of the Follmann Tractor Family Tree.....Going to a family reunion like this is great, visiting people and learning about tractors.....you just can't beat it!!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. T or F More B John Deeres were produced than any other JD tractor.

2. The B John Deere was introduced in _____.
A) 1930 B) 1933 C) 1935 D) 1937

3. The early unstyled model Bs were rated at 16 belt hp. By the end of their production the late styled Bs were rated at _____ hp.
A) 22hp B) 25hp C) 28hp D) 31hp

4. What model replaced the Model B in the John Deere line up?
A) Super B B) B Special C) Model C D) Model 50

5. What is the rollamatic front end?

Answers: 1. True (about 300,000) 2. C. 1935 3. C. 28hp 4. D. Model 50 5. The rollamatic was an invention allowing the front wheels to individually pivot up and down.



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Itasca State Park Nature Program Update for August 1-24

Circle Time Under the Pines—A is for Animal Tracks, Preschool Program
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)

Children 2-5 years old, join a naturalist and have fun at Itasca as we learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery. **NOTES:** Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal at the park after the program.

Take Me Fishing Tuesday
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 6-7 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Ozawindib Pier, on Lake Ozawindib

Kids and adults, are you a 'first time' fisher person wanting to try the new skill of fishing? Learn to identify the common fish species, how to tie a knot, bait your hook and cast for fish. Suitable for ages 6-12. **NOTES:** An adult must accompany children. Bring your own fishing pole or use one provided (limited number). Poles are available on first come first serve basis. Bait provided. Non-Minnesota residents will need a fishing license (within the park, purchase at Itasca Sports Rental).

Tree ID Walk
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet under the porch at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center

Interested in learning about the trees of Itasca State Park? Join us for a walk as we discover the different kinds of trees and how to identify them.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Lookin' at Lichen
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.)

Only have a minute to learn about Itasca State Park? Check out a unique feature at the naturalist station as you visit the Headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Jr. Naturalist: Dragonflies
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 2-2:45 p.m.

Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)

Kids, come learn about the unique life of a dragonfly and its cousin the damselfly. Did you know that dragonflies existed on Earth before dinosaurs?!

Five Facts in Five Minutes: MN State Symbols
Friday, August 18, 2023 from 10:30-Noon

Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.)

Only have a minute to learn about Itasca State Park? As you visit the Headwaters of the Mississippi River, stop by the nature cart and learn about some of the Minnesota state symbols that are in the park.

Jr. Naturalist: Geocaching
Friday, August 18, 2023 from 2-2:30 p.m.

Meet in front of the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds

Come learn about geocaching as we practice how to correctly use a GPS. Your newfound skill will then be tested by navigating your way through waypoints until you find the final cache. Kids will be able to take home a small prize afterwards.

Circle Time Under the Pines—S is for Stars, Preschool Program
Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Meet by the Lakeside Museum (Look for a large blanket underneath a big pine tree) in the picnic grounds (In between Lake Itasca and the picnic shelter)

Children 2-5 years old, join a naturalist volunteer and have fun at Itasca as we learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery. **NOTES:** Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic meal at the park after the program.

Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. (come and go at your leisure)

Held at the Old Timer's Cabin, located along the boardwalk of Dr. Roberts Trail, below

Douglas Lodge

Only 4 (massive) logs tall, learn more about this Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed building as well as what life was like in the CCC. Feel free to stop by at your leisure.

Jr. Naturalist: Let's Go for a Hike!

Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 2-2:45 p.m.

Meet outside Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Kids, plan your hike, check out some hiking tips, and then head out for a short nature walk. Use some cool hiking sticks to help search for interesting things along the trail.

Historic Buildings Walking Tour

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet outside of Forest Inn (Across from Douglas Lodge)

The historic buildings of Itasca tell stories of the people who have enjoyed the park before us and contributed to the way we currently experience it. Come explore the history of Itasca's oldest buildings, the people who constructed them, and how the buildings have changed over the years.

Jr. Naturalist: Fabulous Frogs

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 2-2:30 p.m.

Meet outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds

Green spots, brown stripes, a black X, and a dark mask... learn about the different frogs that make Itasca's ponds and wetlands their home.

Try yoga outdoors under the pines in Itasca State Park.

Yoga in the Park

Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meet in the picnic grounds by the Lakeside Museum, watch for signs (lakeside from Wegmann's Store/cabin). If raining, held inside the Lakeside Museum

Relax and unwind with Yoga in the Park, catered to all ages and levels of physical fitness! Begin your day/End your day with healthy stretching. Enjoy nature while benefitting from yoga as the calming view of Lake Itasca and the towering pines overhead center you.

Participants should bring a mat, blanket, or beach towel and should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely. Led by personal yoga trainers. All levels welcome.

Enjoy an evening of music in Itasca State Park this August.

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Jim and Molly Bauer

Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 7-9 p.m.

Meet at Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Join Jim and Molly, a Minnesota-based duo at historic Forest Inn as they perform familiar folk and folk-rock songs. With Jim playing acoustic guitar, they will share stories and songs and of course you can't miss the "Jim and Molly Bauer concert" collector T-shirts.

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Basement Brass
Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 7-8 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Itasca Amphitheater in the picnic grounds (in-between the swimming beach and the picnic shelter) If raining, meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center.

Get ready to tap your feet with this fun-filled musical group. Basement Brass is a musical group from the Twin Cities area, bringing a variety of popular songs you are sure to recognize. Join them for a fun filled evening and some exciting crowd interaction all at the same time!

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Northern Bass
Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 6—7:30 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Itasca Amphitheater (near the swim beach in the picnic grounds)

If rain, inside Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Gather by the shores of Lake Itasca for an evening sunset and music by the local group Northern Bass! This trio plays a variety of music from the 50's through the 70's. From Pop, Rock, Instrumentals, Jazz and Standards, Louise, Mike and Dan combine their unique style with familiar tunes from the past.

Louise Plays keyboard, bass keyboard, and sings. She has experience in many musical endeavors including working as a Woodtick Musical Theatre band member and a public-

school music teacher. Mike, an experienced drummer, and singer, is involved with a number of musical groups and has been a touring musician. He is a master of providing playing styles from simple surf beats to complex Jazz rhythms. Dan plays guitar and sings. He has been a member of a variety of musical groups and trios covering styles from Instrumental surf to acoustic Bluegrass.

Celebrate S'mores at Itasca State Park

Get Roasting on National S'mores Day

Thursday, August 10, 2023 from 2:30-3:15 p.m.

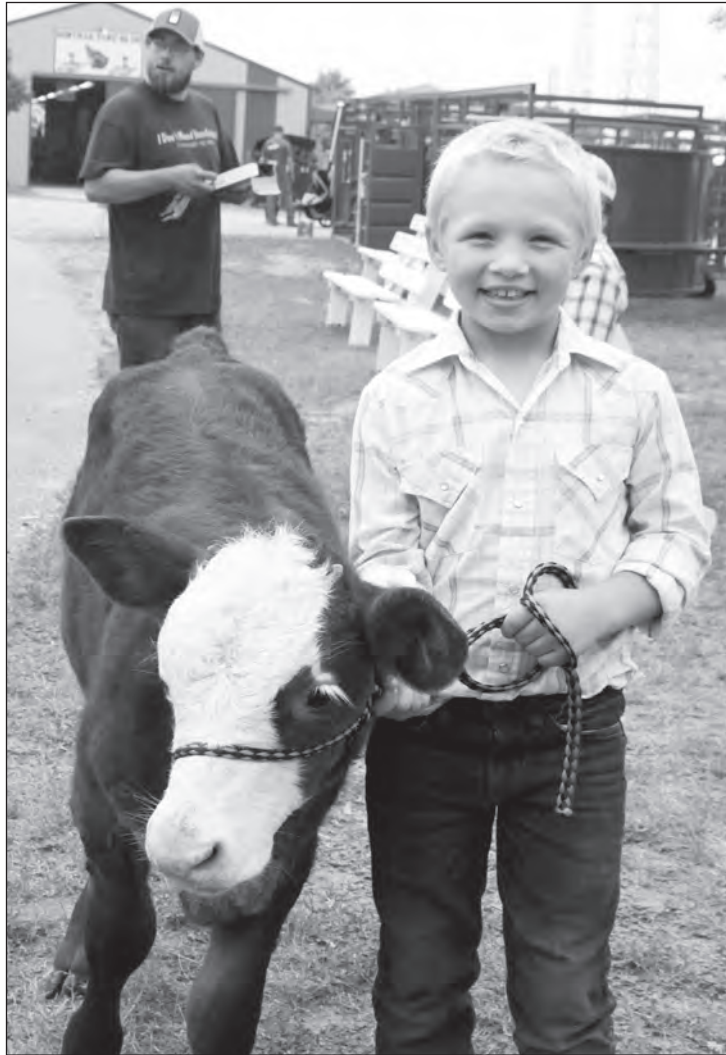
Meet outside of Douglas Lodge, event cancelled if raining.

Discover everything marshmallow as we celebrate National S'mores Day. Roast marshmallows for the perfect ooey-gooey-toasted summer treat. S'mores consist of roasted marshmallow with a layer of chocolate bar sandwiched between two pieces of graham cracker. Learn your marshmallow roasting personality (are you a couch-mallow, a torch bearer, back-seat roaster or one of the other 3 types), sample homemade marshmallows, discover how marshmallows are made, and, yes, roast a marshmallow. If you want a s'more, bring your own filler fixings (try switching it up with your favorite candy center or cookie base). Marshmallows and graham crackers will be provided.

Uncover the mysteries of nature!

Tracking Dragons: The Science of Darter Dragonfly Migration, Science in Nature Series

Friday, August 11, 2022,



Matsen Hoie with Billy getting ready for the calf show at the Clearwater County Fair.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

The other night it was hot. Hot during the day, hot at night. Heat seems to define this time of year for us, in many ways.

But in spite of that, after a day in the outdoors, we built a fire. A small fire. A "hat" fire, which mountain people define as one you can put in your hat. Why so small? Because it was hot and we didn't need the heat. Why the fire? Because we need the fire.

It is the hearth. It is the touchstone to our past. It is a link with countless generations of ancestors who have sat here looking at the flames licking up on the chunks of firewood and taking us back endless years, countless years, to what was then. Through the flames and later the glow of the coals, we can see things that we can't see at any other time. We can hear music in the crackling. We can be comforted by the fire, which is our best friend as well as a potential destroyer, at the same time.

How many times have we looked into the flames of a small fire, just like this? It's beyond counting. Sometimes the fire has been in a fireplace with all kinds of louvers and vents and controls, and yet even then we shut off the lights and sat quietly, looking into the fire and taking ourselves back to

from 11 a.m.– noon

Meet at the Biome Center, University of Minnesota Itasca Biological Station (along Main Park Drive, watch for signs)

Are you curious about how nature functions? Uncover the mysteries of nature!

This program will focus on some of North America's largest dragonflies - the darners. Some of these species are known to migrate long distances every year. Come learn about how researchers are working to understand their migratory behaviors and pathways. Get up close and personal with dragonfly nymphs - the juvenile life-stage of these amazing organisms - and try to catch some adults if we see any flying.

Today's guest is Emily Schilling; Associate Director, Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories. This program is co-ordinated by the University of Minnesota's Itasca Biological Station and Itasca State Park.

Itasca's Presenters Under the Pines: Loons- A History of a Minnesota Icon

Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom

"A loon's call is unmistakable; its presence serene; and its image – unspoiled wilderness."

Join guest presenter and storyteller, Steve Maanum as he takes you on a photographic journey into the lives and welfare of our state bird. Learn about the daily habits and behaviors of loons as well as the very successful loon conservation project on Mantrap Lake (located just east of Itasca). Steve also will share current loon research initiatives to protect the future of loons.

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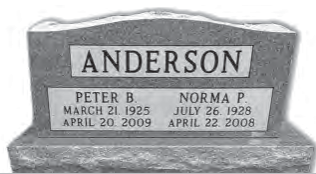
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Joan (Brown) Aagenes

Joan (Brown) Aagenes, age 72, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Saturday, August 5th, at her home with family by her side. A Celebration of Life is pending and will be

announced at a later time. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com



Obituary for Justin Erickson

Justin Lee Erickson, 33, of Gonvick, MN died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Essentia Hospital in Fosston, Minnesota.

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Life Center (The Old Gonvick School) in Gonvick, MN with a time of visitation one hour prior. A visitation was held the evening before on Friday, August 4, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, MN. Arrangements were entrusted with the Cease Funeral Home of Bagley, MN.

Justin was born on April 5, 1990 to Ricky Erickson and Sue Bergman in Bagley, MN. He was baptized at Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN and attended school at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. Over the years, he worked at Wally's Meat Market, Dennis Lee Construction, Charps LLC, Minnesota Limited, Precision Pipeline, and Frontier Services, and enjoyed helping his uncle Glen.

Justin was a member of the Gonvick Fire Department, the Gully Sportsman's Club, the Minnesota Trail Hound Association, and the Local 1097. He loved spending time with his friends, ice fishing, and riding motorcycle. He left a trademark everywhere he went with his infectious smile and giggle. He was always just a phone call away. His last generous act was to donate his eyes to the Lions Gift of Sight.

Justin is survived by his father, Ricky Erickson; his mother, Sue Bergman; his sister, Amanda (Bradley) Erickson; his nieces, Brooklyn and Addison; his grandmother, Jewel Erickson; and numerous family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Elvin Erickson; his grandparents, Carl and Dolly Bergman; his uncles, David Bergman and Buddy Erickson; and his friends, Kyle Rouland and Josh Jorgenson.

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Obituary for Mary Bardwell

Mary Ellen Bardwell, 75, of Clearbrook, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023, at her residence near Clearbrook, Minnesota.

Services will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be held at Elim Lutheran Cemetery near Clearbrook, Minnesota at a later date.

Mary was born on June 27, 1948, at Cottonwood, Arizona, the daughter of Jack and Zella Gill. As a child, Mary traveled the world from base to base, to several places when her dad was in the Air Force. In the summertime, she spent time with her relatives in California. While in California, she worked at a candy factory in Los Angeles. When she was on an Air Force base in Omaha, she met Wayne Bardwell. They were married on August 16, 1969, in Clearbrook, Minnesota. The couple were blessed with two children, Jeff and Patty. They lived in Lake City for a while and then moved to Clearbrook area and Wayne worked road construction. In 1979, the couple bought a

plane and did crop spraying. In 1990, Mary and Wayne started dabbling in breeding Ostriches. At one time, they had a herd of over 100 birds. They also got their hands into Potbellied Pigs. In 2000, they got out of the breeding business and Wayne went over the road trucking, which Mary joined him, spending winters south. After retirement, they went full time in their motorhome, spending summers in Clearbrook and winters in Arizona. Mary was famous for making homemade buns which everyone loved. She was also notorious for her Lefse and cheesecake. She would always have goodies around for anyone who came to visit. Mary enjoyed sewing, quilting, baking, canning and animals. She loved fishing, especially ice fishing. They would often spend weekends on the ice and even would take their plane out on the ice and make, make- shift tents off the wing of the plane. Mary was well-known for her infectious laugh, that made everyone smile. Mary didn't have an enemy in the world and was everyone's friend.

Mary is survived by her husband – Wayne Bardwell of Clearbrook, Minnesota

Daughter – Patty (Erik) Erdahl of Warren, Minnesota
Grandchildren – Austin (Megan) Erdahl of Bemidji, Minnesota; Dallas Erdahl of Warren, Minnesota; Madison Bardwell of Missoula, Montana; and Allyson Lund of Missoula, Montana

Daughter-in-law Heidi Bardwell is Missoula, Montana and her aunt – Eleanor Vega of California.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her son – Jeff Bardwell; Her in-law's – Russell and Ruby Bardwell; and her brother – Melvin Summers.

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Obituary for Steven Ask

Steven Mark Ask, age 63 died on February 23, 2023 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Steven was born August 1st, 1959, in Bagley, MN, the son of Stanley and Marion (Sand) Ask. He attended Gonvick High School then went on to U of M, North Dakota where he earned his CPA degree.

He enjoyed researching his heritage and was Vice Presi-

dent of a Norwegian Club and attended many Norwegian festivals and events.

As a talented Alto Saxophone player, he was part of the Hopkins West Wind Orchestra for 35 plus years.

He was also part of the Minneapolis Police marching band.

Steven worked at Knight Seed company for 20 plus years, following semi-retirement, then working as a seasonal Tax Preparer at Boyum Baronscheer.

He is survived by his brothers Michael Ask of Phoenix, AZ, Daniel (Paula Woolley) and nephew Ryan Ask of Big Lake, MN.

Steven is preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Marion Ask, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousin.

The family is grateful for the care Steven received in his final days from the Abbott Northwestern ICU Care Team.

Services were held on Saturday, March 4th, 1:00 p.m. at All God's Children, 3100 Park Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407.



Obituary for Harlan Mostrom

Harlan Mostrom, 80, passed away on Thursday August 3, 2023 at Sanford Medical Center, Thief River Falls, MN

A Memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN, with Steve Dahlen officiating. A private burial will be held at Little Oak Cemetery, Trail, MN.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN.

Harlan Albert Mostrom was born March 23, 1943 at Mercy Hospital, Thief River Falls, MN, the son of Albert Milton and Viola Willamenia (Anderson) Mostrom. He was raised and educated at Thief River Falls, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1961.

He served in the U.S. Navy from September 1961 to September 1965. He served aboard 5 Navy Ships, the USS St. Paul, USS Tulare, USS Monticello, USS Piedmont and USS Halsey Powell. He served in the Far-East 3 times, which included ports in Guam, Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand and Hawaii.

Harlan and Judy Van Der Veen were united in marriage, June 3, 1967. They resided in Thief River Falls, where Harlan was employed by Prichard Brothers and Ram Construction Company for several years, also farming which consisted of raising hogs and beef cattle. For many years he provided handyman services for neighbors and friends.

He was a member of St. Pauli Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, where he served for 6 years on the church council and a member of Ecklund-Holmstrom American Legion Post #117.

He enjoyed fishing, both winter and summer, wood-working (loved making things for the family and friends) and cooking, especially when he could cook with the grandchildren. Also when he had time, he liked 4-wheeling and motorcycling. He loved spending time with family, especially with the grandchildren. He also made frequent stops by the farm to check on how things were going and leave an occasional surprise package.

He is survived by a son: Scott (Kris) Mostrom, Thief River Falls, MN and daughter: Loretta (Dellas) Herbel, Fertile, MN; 5 grandchildren: Cassidy and Kaden Mostrom, Micah, Macrina and Anastasia Herbel; brother-in-law, Merlin Drangstveit, Goodridge, MN and a brother: Merle Mostrom, Thief River Falls, MN; as well as several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Harlan was preceded in death by wife, Judy; parents; grandparents; an infant brother, Larry and sister Marlys Drangstveit.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to the Salvation Army or Veterans Hospital, Fargo, ND.

Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Lucille Roragen

Lucille Roragen, age 94, of Moorhead, MN, formerly Bejou, MN, died on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Eventide in Moorhead, MN.

Lucille Harriet Barlund, the daughter of Albin and Elma (Solberg) Barlund, was born at home near Erskine, MN, on February 26, 1929. She grew up on the family farm and attended a country elementary school. She attended high school in Erskine; graduating in 1947. Lucille continued her education earning her teacher's certificate in Red Lake Falls, MN. She taught school in a one room schoolhouse near Erskine.

On November 12, 1949, Lucille was united in marriage to Ernest Roragen at Dove Lutheran Church in Winger, MN. The couple lived on his parents' farm for two years, then purchased Ernie's grandparent's farmstead, near Bejou. As their three daughters became of school age, Lucille had an opportunity to continue her work in the educational field when she was recruited by the Bejou School District to work in a new education program. Upon the Bejou school closing, she was employed with the Mahnomen Public School working as an elementary and special education paraprofessional until her retirement in 1994. Lucille enjoyed working with children and took great pride in helping them through their educational journey.

In 2015, Lucille and Ernie moved to Eventide Assisted Living in Moorhead. Ernie moved to the Eventide Care

Center in March 2016 and passed away on April 19, 2017. Lucille continued to live at Assisted Living and enjoyed her apartment, participated in lots of activities and formed many new friendships. In April 2023, she moved to the Care Center.

Lucille loved gardening, quilting and embroidery. Reading and crossword puzzles were a daily activity. Lucille enjoyed traveling and took many trips with family and friends; one of the highlights was a Scandinavian tour. She was well known for her white sugar cookies and received frequent requests for them. When her grandsons were young, all four of them would spend a week at the farm--at the same time! Lots of fun and antics! She loved her family. Her memory will be cherished.

Lucille is survived by three daughters: Nancy (David) Kruse of West Fargo, ND, Jane (Robert) Iverson of Glynndon, MN, and Sandy Olson of Lakeville, MN; four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren: Brian (Jessica Camara Saenz) Iverson, Bennett and Elliott of Logrono, Spain, Brad (Sarah) Iverson, Ted and Quinn of Bloomington, MN, Darren (Alicia) Kruse, Max and Elise of West Fargo, ND and Justin Kruse and son, Henry of Fargo, ND; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Uhlir and Audrey Douglas; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and four siblings: Raymond Barlund, Doris Nephew, Carol Lende, and Willard Barlund.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bejou. A Time of Gathering will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment with take at Bejou City Cemetery.

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available on the website.

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Bemidji Speedway “First Responders/ Salute to Service Night”

8/6/2023
By Dennis Peterson

Veterans, Active Duty military, Firemen, Police, Deputies, Sheriffs and EMS were all honored at Bemidji Speedway on Sunday on “First Responders/ Salute to Service Night”. All were presented free admission to the races.

86 cars were on hand to provide the entertainment with clean sweeps in the Wisconsin Super Stocks by Maxwell Dondelinger and by Shannon George in the Mini Stocks.

Next Sunday the speedway will host “Kids Night” with all kids under 12 receiving free admission. School Back Packs will be given away and Box Car Races will take place on the track during intermission.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature:
Josh Bitker and Bonnie Farrington brought the Wisconsin Pure Stocks down the front straight for the opening feature of the night. Farrington powered to the lead with Bitker, Josh Sautbine, Dustin Puffe and Cam Labelle in the top five early in the race. But National Point leader Josh Berg was charging forward from his fifth row starting position cruising through traffic into the lead. Surviving several restarts Berg picked up his sixth feature win of the summer at Bemidji speedway. Dustin Puffe, Justin Barsness, Bonnie Farrington, and Kade Leeper followed in the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature:

The Bemidji Mini Stocks were up next led by Kaylie Wingie and Shannon George. George raced to the lead with Ashton Schwinn, Hayden Engen, Kalin Honer and Wingie trailing in the top five. Peyton Emerson was on the move charging up from his fourth row start but a caution slowed the race and he was sent to the rear of the field for a restart. George held off the hard charging Ashton Schwinn to pick up his first feature win of 2023. Schwinn, Honer, Engen, and Conrad Schwinn took home top five honors.

Wissota Super Stocks Feature:

Making his second appearance at the track Max Dondelinger was on the pole position with Kevin Salin to his right. Dondelinger raced to the front with Salin, Doug Koski, Brandon Bahr, and Dexter Koch trailing. A spin and caution in turn three sent Salin tailback for the restart. As the green flag once again waved Matt Sparby and Dalton Carlson moved up into the top five behind the leaders Dondelinger, Koch and Koski. Koch and Koski raced door to door down the back straight with Koski on the high side and Koch down low with Koski gaining the advantage. Five cars were all in contention for the race bunched up battling around the track. Koch moved to the outside and passed Koski for second as Dondelinger picked up his first feature win Bemidji Speedway. Koch, Sparby, Bahr, and Koski filled the top five positions.

Wissota Hornets Feature:

The 15 car field of Wisconsin Hornets were led on track by Malakai Wilson on the pole and Malachi Albrecht to his right. After the first lap it was Brooklyn Vernlund in the lead from her second row inside starting position. She was trailed by Cejay LaValley, Carter Matthews, and Justin Barsness. Matthews raced by LaValley pulling Ellen Lange with him into the top three chasing Vernlund. Matthews found the high side to his liking and raced to the lead as Lange slowed on the top of the track and dropped out on the caution. Matthews held the lead on the restart with Justin Barsness, LaValley, Vernlund and Chad Reller in the top five. For Matthews it was his fourth feature win of the year at Bemidji Speedway.

Wissota Midwest Modified Feature:

Matt Schow and Noah Bitz led the pack of Wisconsin Midwest Modifieds to the green flag with Schow quickly pulling away in impressive fashion. Chasing the leader in second was Gary James Nelson, Devyn Weleski, Bitz and Darrin Lawler. Brandon Bahr was on the move from his fifth row starting position racing into fourth in turns three and four. Following a caution Doyle Erickson raced up into the top five as Lawler

B Mod slowed and pulled into the infield. The field of cars spread out around the fast and black track leaving Schow to cross the finish line the winner with Nelson second. But, in tech inspection both were DQ'd making Weleski the feature winner, his third of the year. Bahr, Erickson, Landon Gross and Brennan Schmidt finished in the top five.

Wissota Mod Four Feature:

With the upcoming AFCEC MPH Invitation 100 coming on September 10th the top racers in all of Wisconsin Mod Four territory have been coming to Bemidji to gain some track confidence. The field of Mod Fours was filled with the top five led on track by Nick McCann and Ashton Schwinn. With a fast and furious start McCann took the lead with Schwinn, Tommy Pogones, Conrad Schwinn and Dustin Holtquist in the top five. Ashton Schwinn slipped back to fifth as Pogones, Conrad Schwinn and Holtquist made the passes. Pogones moved to the outside with McCann inside door to door. Pogones powered to the lead as Holtquist raced around Schwinn for third. Holtquist stayed on the gas and passed McCann for second. The race went flag to flag in 3 minutes and 34 seconds with Pogones taking the checkered flag for his first win at Bemidji Speedway this year. Holtquist, McCann, Ashton Schwinn, and Tommy Bawden filled the top five spots.

Wissota Modified Feature:

The final race of the night was the Wisconsin Modifieds with Nicholas Jacobson on the pole and John Farrington to his right for the start. The battle was on with Jacobson, Farrington and Skyler Smith all racing three wide for the lead into the first turns. After one lap it was Jacobson, Farrington, Smith, Lance Schilling and Jeff Reed in the top five. Jacobson was blazing out front racing out to a four car length lead before

the caution flag was thrown for debris on the track. The restart was held by Jacobson with Reed on the move passing his way into third as Schilling raced high in turn 2 and dropped back. Jacobson continued on the gas rocketing to a 8 car length lead and finishing the race with a near ¼ lap lead



Maxwell Dondelinger Super Stock Winner.



Tommy Pogones Mod Four Winner.



Carter Matthews Hornet Winner.



Lilly and John Farrington.

Bemidji Speedway “Father/Daughter Race Teams” The Farrington’s

The Farrington family is deeply involved with racing in northern Minnesota. John Farrington has been racing since he was a kid racing dirt bikes and then in high school starting racing cars. John and wife Bonnie both race on the ice as well and are regulars at the Garfield Lake Ice Races each winter. John is currently racing

in the Wisconsin Modified class and currently sits in 4th place in the standings. John and wife have raced in the Wisconsin Pure Stocks, Midwest Modifieds, Super Stocks and Modified classes. Bonnie also is currently in 4th place in the pure stock class.

Lily Farrington is in her third year of racing starting in the hornet class and cur-

rently is racing in Wisconsin Pure Stock class. She is active in her church youth group and recently finished her second mission trip through Peace Lutheran Church.

The Farrington's can be seen Sunday at Bemidji Speedway. Starting time is 5:30.



Brennan Schmidt and Dawson Oelrich carrying Blue and Red Line flag on First Responder/Salute To Service Night.



Shannon George Mini Stock Winner.



Nick Jacobson Modified Winner.



Josh Berg Pure Stock Winner.

Wahl, Blacklance, Berg, Gust and Erickson park it in Victory Lane at GRP

by Keith Cumming

A warm overcast muggy evening greeted racers and fans for another night of Wisconsin racing action at the Greenbush Race Park.

Ward Imrie started on the pole of the Wisconsin Modified feature and lead at the flagstand, but when they come out of corner two, Dustin Wahl was out in front. Wahl had a good sized lead over the rest of the field until a caution with three to go put everyone on his bumper. Wahl got a good jump on the restart and Tanner Williamson tried to get beside him but Wahl went on to get his first win of the year, Williamson finished second and Aaron Blacklance third. Blacklance and Corky Thomas were the heat winners.

The Wisconsin Street feature saw Jeremy Gust lead from start to finish. Gust had an early challenge from Jerome Berger, but managed to hold him off. After that Gust was never challenged for the lead as he went on to get his first win of the year. Cole Gresheth finished second and Justin Pogones third. John Halvorson and James Meagher collected the heat wins.

Yellow was the favorite color of the night for the Wisconsin Midwest Mod feature. Six cautions by lap eight kept everyone close. Connor Drewry lead the way through all those cautions and had to hold off Aaron Blacklance and Taylor Jacobson. Blacklance got by Drewry coming out of corner four with three to go. On the next lap, Jacobson brought out the last caution setting up a green white checkered finish. Blacklance went on to get his second win of the year, Drewry finished second and Justin Olson third. Alex Johnson and Jacobson got the heat wins.

The Wisconsin Pure Stocks also had their fair share of yellow's, but polesitter Billy Binkley would lead the first part of this race. But four laps in, Josh Berg made the pass for the lead coming out of corner four. Berg went on to get his second win in a row and third of the year. Dave Meyer finished second and Dusty Caspers third. Binkley and Brandon Puschinsky picked up the heat wins.

The Wisconsin Mod 4's ran their feature caution free and featured three of the top six in national points. Blake Erickson sat on the pole and never looked back as he went unchallenged to pick up the win. Dustin Holtquist was second and Tommy Pogones was third. Dean Larson picked up the lone heat win.

The 4 Cylinders had their problems with the caution flag, but it was probably the most entertaining feature of the evening with the race not decided until the checkers flew. Justin Honer lead the first lap and on a restart with 14 to go Travis Olafson passed Honer down the back stretch. Through the middle portions of the race, Olafson had to deal with Kalin Honer, Shannon George, Justin Honer and Hayden Engen. Kalin Honer made the pass for the top spot coming out of corner four with four to go. Olafson lead at the white flag, but it would be Kalin Honer taking the checkers for his first win of the year. Olafson finished second and Justin Honer third. Johan Espe and Kalin Honer got the heat wins.

Up next, the Greenbush Race Park will be hosting night three of the four night MinnKota PowerI Lightning Sprint Nationals. Drivers from eight different states and Canada have preregistered to race this event. Also racing that night will be the Wisconsin Modifieds, Streets and Midwest Modifieds. Pit gates open at 4:30, grandstands at 5:30. Cutoff for the draw is at 6pm with racing getting under way at 7pm. For more info check us out on the web at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>, or follow us on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park.

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