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Little Bobby is now located in McIntosh, MN where he owns and operates one of the best live music venues and only music museum in northern Minnesota, Little Bobby's Bar and Grill. The historic building also houses Little Bobby's state-of-the-art recording studio, Untouchable Productions. You can buy/order T-shirts, CD's and DVD's in person or by mail at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill, 295 Cleveland Ave., McIntosh, MN 56556 or by telephone at 218-563-3008.

Little Bobby has hit the charts with his new album, "God Made Me Blue"

Born in Red Lake, MN and raised in Thief River Falls, MN, blues musician and multi-instrumentalist Robert Houle III has hit the blues charts with his new album, "God Made Me Blue." Upon releasing, it entered the Roots Music Report charts at #28 for the Top 50 Blues Albums and #17 on the sub-genre Top 50 Contemporary Blues Albums and has held those positions for two weeks and has been on 1,700 blues stations all over the world. It was also Album of the Week on The Bear Blues Show and ranked #37 on the Top 40 Most Played Blues Album (IBBC).

Little Bobby is a third generation Native American musician who has followed in his father's and grandfather's musical footsteps. Little Bobby's music interest is a family affair. From his father Robert Houle II ("Big" Bobby), to his grandfather, Robert Houle, (MN Music Hall Of Fame) and to all his cousins that are musicians in some way, it's no surprise that Little Bobby is one himself. His first instrument was a set of drums he got from an aunt and uncle. His passion soon changed as he was turned on by the sound of the guitar style of Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix.

Of course, there was going to be diversity in this story... Little Bobby ended up serving time in prison where his blues story actually begins. While doing time, Bobby met a native brother who said, "You have a blues voice!" After already be-

ing mostly self-taught, that improvising blues style seemed like a natural fit to the youngest Robert Houle. In 2005, Little Bobby released his first CD "Before The Storm" Later that year he landed a spot on the Last Ride Blues Festival in his home town of Thief River Falls, Minnesota which featured blues legend Buddy Guy. What a way to kick off a blues career!

Since then, Little Bobby has released a handful of blues albums including "Down, Dirty & Mean" (2007), "I've Got A Woman" (2009), and a live DVD "A Night At The Empire" (2009). At the end of 2009, Little Bobby hooked up with Nora Jean Bruso. Nora Jean and Little Bobby started doing concerts and touring.

They performed at the RAWA Blues Festival in Katowice, Poland and in the USA at the Chicago Blues Festival where the Chicago Sun Times rated Nora Jean & Little Bobby the number one band to see. In 2011 the two put together the CD "Good Blues" which Little Bobby not only played on but wrote and produced. The album not only appeared on the blues charts but helped push Nora Jean to her 7th BMA nomination for "Best Traditional Female Blues Performer."

From there, he went on to release more albums including "Life of the Blues" (2010), "Showbiz" (2015), "Super B" (2016), the single "Grow Old With You" (2018), a biograph-

ic DVD "Music Is My Life" (2018), "Simple" (2020) and his newest release, "God Made Me Blue" (2022).

He's now on every jukebox in the world and the only artist from Minnesota to be featured on the largest syndicated blues show in the world, "The Beale St. Caravan Radio Hour" (2009). Since the release of "God Made Me Blue" he's been on 1,700 blues stations all over the world including The Blues Odyssey in Washington, The Mayflower Hills Blues show in Maine and Sittin' At The Crossroads in Louisiana, all in the USA. He was featured on the Black and Blues Show in the Netherlands, The Monster Blues Show and the Bear Blues Show in the UK, and The Sunday Morning Hangover Cure in Canada just to name a few.

This album hit the Roots Music Report charts at #28 for the Top 50 Blues Albums and #17 on the sub-genre Top 50 Contemporary Blues Albums and has held those positions for two weeks. "My Favorite Mistake" (track five) entered the Top 50 Blues Singles list at #20 and "Bring Back The Old School" (track 6) went from #43 to #36 on the same list. "My Favorite Mistake" entered the Top 50 Contemporary Blues Singles at #13, "Bring Back the Old School" moved from #31 to #22 on the same list. This album was also Album of the Week on The Bear Blues Show and ranked #37 on the Top 40 Most Played Album 2.

Jesme has a PhD in Higher Education Administration, an MBA, and a BA in Accounting. She is also a CPA with an active license.

"We are very excited to welcome Shannon into our leadership team here at the Foundation," said Karen White, NMF President/CEO. "Her expertise in financial management and administration will support a culture of high operational excellence and strengthen our efforts in building better lives for all who live and work throughout Northwest Minnesota."

Jesme and her husband James are long-time residents of Thief River Falls. They have three adult children: Kayleigh, Evelyn and Gunnar.

To learn more about NMF, its staff and its work, visit www.nwmf.org



Vice President of Administration of Northland Community & Technical College, and served as Interim President for 6 months.

Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 100 races postponed

The Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 100 races for December 17th and 18th, 2022 had to be POSTPONED to New Years weekend, December 31st and January 1st. Please spread the word and let everyone you know that do not have Facebook.

We have not called everyone, but we will be calling everyone shortly. Facebook is the fastest way to spread the word

at this point for those that are on the way here.

It was not an easy decision at all, but with the current forecast of 6-11" of wet and heavy snow on the amount of ice we have, we just don't feel confident in not having major flooding issues on the lake. It would have been a coin flip to pull it off, but we made the decision not to risk it and wait until New Years weekend.

The raffle will also be held after the races January 1st.

Everyone that is currently registered, your registration will be good for New Years weekend. Registration deadline has also been extended to 7:30 PM December 28th. If you'd like a refund, please contact Kyrsten at (218) 779-5268.

Thanks everyone, we hope you understand. See you New Years weekend

Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2023 Scholarship Program for high school juniors

(St. Michael, Minn.) – The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2023 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,500 submissions and 97 winners.

Applicants should submit

a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by June 1, 2023. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified in September 2023. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in December 2023 in St. Cloud.

The 2023 essay question on promoting township government is, "Representation of people and ideas is the hallmark of government in the United States. No level of government is as close to

its constituents as the township. Today's townships face several challenges, including decreasing populations, annexation pressures from cities, declining interest in public service, growing demands from constituents, and a distrust of government. Considering these challenges, what do you see as the future role of townships in local government?"

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit <https://www.mn-townships.org/about/scholarship-program>.

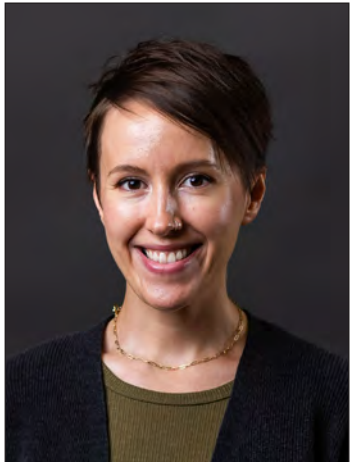
Flexibility in meals at holidays can usher in good habits in 2023

Food is often the centerpiece for holiday gatherings. It brings us together, cultivates community, evokes feelings of comfort and celebrates culture.

But as the holidays grow close, families may be worried about how inflation will impact their holiday plans with increased prices for festivities, gifts and especially holiday meals. With a dash of flexibility, you can still share comforting and nutritious meals with your loved ones without breaking the bank. Extension educator Susie West has tips that can guide families through the holiday season and create new ways to approach celebratory meals.

What guidance do you have for people when organizing their holiday meal this season?

Plan your menu in advance and split up your holiday grocery purchases across several visits so you don't end up with a huge grocery bill for special holiday purchases on top of your usual shopping. Grabbing some canned, frozen or shelf-stable ingredients well in advance of your holiday meals can also help you make the most of sales and avoid ingredient shortages.



Susie West

With rising grocery prices, grocery shortages, and inflation, how can families use flexibility to their advantage?

It can be a really great opportunity to reassess traditions, reconsider what food items we make each year but don't get eaten or those we just don't enjoy.

One of my favorite holiday meal traditions that my family changed up was opting for each family to bring a soup to the gathering instead of doing the typical holiday spread. It was so fun to try a bunch of

different types of soups. We even did a chili competition one year, which was a blast. It also spread out the cost of the meal more evenly since everyone was tasked with bringing something comparable.

How can we shift attitudes toward meals and time with loved ones?

Remember it's less about the meals we have on the table and more about who we share them with.

Some of my fondest memories of the holidays are not about eating the food but revolve around the preparation of the food and cleaning up afterwards. Yes, the meal is important but when the leftovers are gone, the memories of making that meal will remain.

I will never forget making oyster soup with my Grandma Jane on Christmas Eve, listening to "The Nutcracker" while trying my hand at cracking walnuts with Grandpa Paul or having dishwashing competitions with my cousins after everyone was finished eating. Take an active part in making meals together, dancing, singing, making messes and cleaning up together.

Energy Assistance Program increases payments

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program has raised the maximum amount eligible Minnesota households can receive to pay for emergency fuel deliveries this winter by 150 percent. The Energy Assistance Program, administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, increased the maximum crisis benefit from \$600 to \$1,500, allowing eligible homeowners and renters to avoid the anxiety of a nearly empty fuel tank.

Funding for the benefit increase is part of a \$1 billion federal resolution passed in September. The total budget for the program in Minnesota is nearly \$129 million this heating season.

"We understand that many Minnesotans are concerned about the cost of heating their homes," said Michael Schmitz, director of the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program. "Commerce's goal is to help Minnesotans stay safe and warm in their homes by reducing their energy burden – especially for families struggling to pay their energy bills. More than doubling the maximum crisis benefit is another way to meet that goal."

In the past few years, the annual cost of heating an average Minnesota home with heating oil has risen to nearly \$3,000 and to \$1,900 for propane-heated homes. Since the current Energy Assistance

Program year began Oct. 1, nearly 36,000 households have received an average of \$561 in Energy Assistance Program benefits. Minnesotans who are eligible to receive assistance are also eligible to request additional crisis benefits to avoid running out of fuel or to prevent utility disconnections. In the program year that ended Sept. 30, more than 58,000 households received crisis benefits.

Schmitz said, "The increase in crisis benefits is especially important for households that heat their homes with delivered fuels or that are paying too large a share of their incomes to stay warm this winter."

Before the pandemic, the maximum crisis benefit was \$600 per household.

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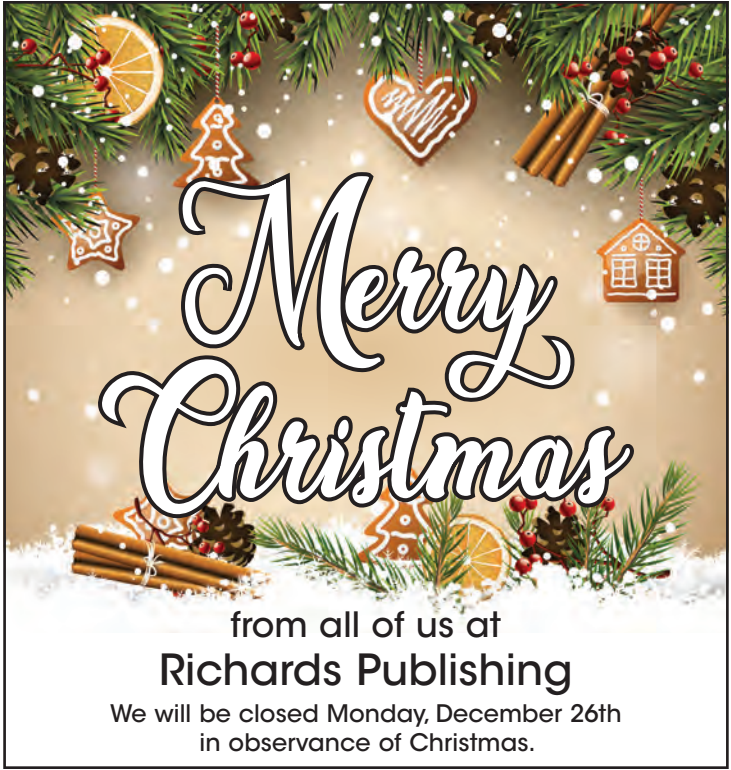
Shannon Jesme named senior vice president for finance and administration

December 16, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – Shannon Jesme has joined the staff at Northwest Minnesota Foundation as the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration.

The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration is a new position for NMF. In this role, Jesme will oversee NMF's financial activities, human resources, facilities, information technology, contract management, and investment funds.

"I have a strong sense of responsibility and also of community. I am excited to contribute my skills to the work of NMF, serving and strengthening our communities," Jesme said. "I am truly blessed and honored to be part of the work of this organization."

Most recently, since 2010, Jesme had served as the CFO/



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We will be closed Monday, December 26th
in observance of Christmas.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Announces Holiday Closures

In observance of the upcoming holidays, Lake Agassiz Regional Library announces the following closures at all of its branches.

All locations will be closed Saturday, December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve and Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas Day. The Crookston Public Library will also be closed Sunday, December 25. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, December 27.

In observance of New Year's Day, all locations will close at or before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2022 and will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023. The Crookston Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

LARL's branch libraries are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mah-

omen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.



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hold. In March 2022, Commerce temporarily increased that amount to \$3,000 after receiving an additional \$167 million in onetime funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). With ARP funds exhausted, Minnesota's available funding allows the Energy Assistance Program to provide a maximum of \$1,500 per household this program year.

ABOUT MINNESOTA'S ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance Program helps Minnesotans who own or rent their homes to pay for electricity, natural gas, oil,

biofuel and propane, and repair or replace homeowners' broken heating systems. Commerce administers the program through a network of local community service providers.

To request an Energy Assistance Program application or to find your local service provider:
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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
I graduated from high school 60 years ago, in 1962. Not too sure what I wanted to do with my life, I followed the example of my Dad and three older brothers, and enlisted in the military. (US Air Force). Having been raised on a dairy farm by a military veteran father, I was used to a very structured lifestyle. I always knew where I had to be, what time I had to be there, and what I had to do when I got there. I thrived on the military, because even though I wasn't milking cows and cleaning barns and feeding pigs, I was assigned specific tasks, and always knew where

to be, when to be there, and what to do when I got there. I loved it. If I had gotten the "job" I wanted, I'd have likely been a "lifer" – a career military man. In those days, you didn't always get the job you wanted, you got the job they needed to fill, but there was a great sense of pride in serving in the military, and even though the draft wasn't in effect in the early 60s, none of the military branches (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and US Border Patrol) had any trouble filling their ranks.

Over the past couple of years, enlistment numbers across the board have been pitifully low

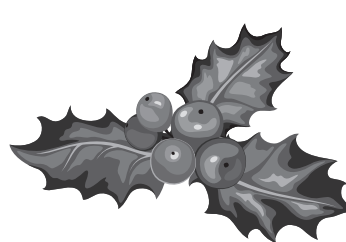
– far below quotas. The Army fell 15,000 troops short of its recruitment goals for the last year. Is anybody asking why? I can tell you why in three words: "Equity, Diversity, Inclusion." Our military has gone "Woke." They are more concerned with providing a playing field that includes every kind of diverse and perverted lifestyle than they are with providing a military force that is prepared and ready to defend our country.

Let me throw out a few examples. One of Joe Biden's first acts as president was to welcome transgenders back into the military. Very shortly after that decision was made public, Army Chaplain Major Andrew Calvert was severely punished for objecting to transgenderism

in the ranks. He cited the legitimate security risks, as well as the exorbitant expense involved in providing the facilities to accommodate the integration of transgender troops into the ranks of the regular military community. I guess "Inclusion" doesn't include those who disagree with the woke agenda. Just a couple months later (March 2021) the White House announced taxpayer funded gender reassignments for troops. That same month, the Navy came under fire for a Recommended Reading List that depicts America as 'Systemically Racist.' In June of 2021, The Space Force removed Lt Colonel Matthew Lohmeier from duty for denouncing Marxism and Critical Race Theory. That same month, Critical Race Theory infiltrated the US Military Academies, and the Pentagon warned chaplains that they must "affirm" the LGBTQ etcetera lifestyles. About a year later, the military offered 'Compassionate Reassignments' for service members stationed in states that have laws they felt discriminated against them based on gender, gender identity, sex, religion, race or pregnancy. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, at the same time, considered including nonbinary or polygender troops into the ranks. June 2022 was a busy month for the woke military. The Marines celebrated Pride Month with rainbow bullets. The Pentagon hosted a "Transgender Visibility and Progress" event. Langley Air Force Base hosted a taxpayer funded Drag Queen Show. (They called it art.) The Navy launched a training video on the "correct" use of personal pronouns. The Army investigated Chaplain Major Brian T. Hargis, who spent twelve years as an enlisted Green Beret before becoming a chaplain officer in 2007 for sending his unit an email celebrating the end of Roe vs Wade. Major Hargis wrote: "This is a monumental victory of the highest spiritual context, as it upholds the sanctity of life of the unborn, honors the US Constitution, makes right the wrong of 1973, and ends the murder of millions of people. "REJOICE AND CELEBRATE!" At that same time, the Pentagon expanded access, leave and travel benefits for service member abortions. A couple months later, Veterans Affairs announced the start of taxpayer funded abortions, the military was accused of indoctrinating kids with woke gender ideology and critical race theory in Base schools, and Air Force Cadets were warned not to use 'Gendered' words, such as Mom or Dad in their written correspondence.

I have no regrets – in fact, I take great pride in my years of service in the Air Force. Since I got out 56 years ago, I have encouraged many young men to enlist for a hitch in the military, touting it as a valuable life experience, with discipline and training you don't get in the civilian world. Observing how the character of the US military has deteriorated in the past couple of years, I can no longer recommend it to anybody. We need to spend more time thinking about how to counter the looming threat from China and Russia, and less time thinking about which pronoun to use. The rot starts at the very top, and oozes its way down to the lower ranks, but the military hierarchy force feeds it, and severely punishes those who stand in the way. Now I begin to understand why the catastrophic withdrawal fiasco in Afghanistan turned into an unmitigated disaster.

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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

They Say

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in. ~Leonard Cohen

Savior is celebrated.
In our home we have a stable, a manger, an ox, a donkey, some sheep, and camels. We have the wise men all looking on and there are three. We have some hay, a star, an angel, and all the makings of a home away from home like a make-over just for Jesus. And in our stable Jesus rests within the manger all December long because I like it that way.
In the book of Luke chapter 2 they say, "Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger... There were shepherds in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them saying, 'You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.' When the angels had left... the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was

lying in the manger."
May you, like Mary, ponder these things in your heart as the holiness of the season invites us to enter in. Whether it be a cave in which He was born, or a stable, it matters not. What matters is that He was born. It matters not the hour, but rather, like the wise men may we become seekers of. It matters not if there was an ox but rather that we not be as stubborn as one by hardening our hearts of the good news heralded that night.
What was it they say in the book of Luke? If you read the story in print it says: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."
"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten son of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).
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Stoneboats! And A Christmas to Remember!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

What is a stoneboat? If you are younger than I am you probably don't know. When I was growing up we had a stoneboat and it was used for many things on the farm. So, what is a stoneboat? Well, it is a big sled used on the farm, often for hauling rocks or stones, hence stoneboat!! Ours had a curved metal front and to that we attached probably six 2x12s. Probably one of the jobs we used it for the most was cleaning manure out of the dairy barn and hauling hay back to the barn. Now, we had no barn cleaner. If you had a manure spreader you could pitch it full then take it out and spread it. But, with a stone boat you had to pitch it on and then pitch it back off again!
I happened to be reading one of my farm magazines and there was an article about Remembering the Stone Boat. I didn't know that some companies actually made, a nose, the front metal part of the stone boat so you would buy it and add the wood. Included in the article I read was a "restored" stone boat. A couple of the stories in the magazine talked about hauling home a baby calf on the stone boat and hauling the kids to school on the stone boat when the roads were blocked!

up a bit and he and his grandson decide to take their melodian (organ) to the church in the middle of the night Christmas Eve, to surprise his grandmother as the church has needed one for a long time. So in the middle of a stormy winter night the grandfather goes to the shed, cranks up the flywheel start GP John Deere, hooks up the stone boat, and cross country on a blizzardy night they haul the melodian to the church! Man, I wanted to drive that GP though the night with a lantern hanging on its radiator! One of my favorite lines from the movie comes from the grandfather as they are getting ready to haul the melodian on that stormy night. Jason Roberts character says, "Put on an extra pair of long underwear, this night is going to kill what it can!!" Probably that is a fitting line for a cold, stormy, Minnesota night!
This may be my favorite movie. I love a story that takes place in God's country, Minnesota. I also love small dairy farms and John Deere tractors! Now you see why this movie is a hit for me!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

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2. The GP was manufactured in Waterloo, IA, and came out in what year.
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3. The Model GP had _____ forward speeds and _____ reverse.
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5. The Moore Plow & Implement Company made a stone boat nose that you could purchase. In what state was the Moore Company located?
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Karen Olson

Karen Olson 84, of Leonard, Minnesota died on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley, Minnesota.

Funeral Services were planned and then canceled for Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

Rescheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Clearbrook with a visitation one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at Clover Cemetery in the Spring. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Karen was born December 14, 1938, the daughter of Alfred and Claire (Lathrop) Everhart at Park Rapids, Minnesota. She was baptized in the Baptist faith. She graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1956. Karen married Gordon Allen Olson

on November 11, 1957, at Clearbrook, MN. They lived in Mt. Iron until 1967, when they moved to Bellevue, Iowa. The couple finally settled in Leonard in 1976, where they dairy farmed. Karen was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook. Faith was especially important to Karen, and she enjoyed reading the Bible. She enjoyed going on drives through Itasca State Park, listening to Gordy play the guitar and riding motorcycle with her husband. Karen loved Poinsettias and had a love for animals. She adored her dairy cows and had a passion for horses, dogs and cats. Karen had a soft comforting voice, and her door was always open, family and neighbors were always welcome and stopping by. She watched over everyone and loved her family very much.

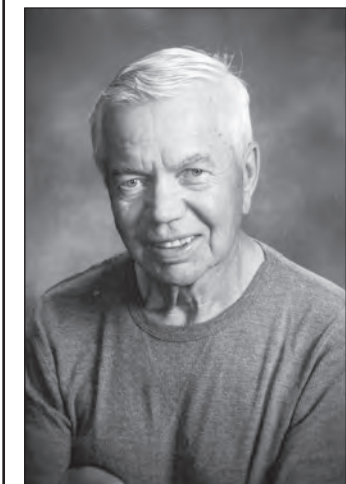
Karen is survived by her son – Allen Olson of Leonard, MN

Grandchildren Amy Rankin of Clearbrook, MN; Audrey (Justin) Kachena of Thief River Falls, MN; Amanda McPherson of Thief River Falls, MN; Neltson McPherson of Thief River Falls, MN. 5 great grandchildren.

Sisters – Julie Gladen of Fargo, ND; DeAnn (Frank) Dyrdahl of Clearbrook, MN

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; Her husband - Gordon; two sons – Harlan Olson and Marlan Olson; one daughter – Vicki McPherson; Sisters – Lois and Alice Ann.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for James Jacobson

James Leland Jacobson, 81, died peacefully with his wife by his side on December 1, 2022, at Essentia Oak Crossing Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Jim was born in Fertile, MN on April 23, 1941, to parents Emil and Agnes Jacobson of Shelly, MN. He grew up on the family farm near Shelly with his four brothers and one sister. He was the youngest of five siblings.

He graduated from Hilstad (Minnesota) High School in 1959, and enrolled at North Dakota State University, in Fargo. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and Applied Science. After graduation, he was an FHA Loan Officer in Bagley, MN, and was with the Soil Conservation Service in Roseau, MN and Moorhead, MN. He owned and operated Jacobson Oil in Shelly, MN, for two years. He also worked at the University of Minnesota in Crookston, MN, as a Research Farm Manager.

In 1970, he married DonnaRae Bryan. Two sons were born to this marriage, Bryan James Jacobson in 1973, and a premature son who died at birth in 1974. When the family resided in Clearbrook, MN, Jim was active with the Clearbrook Fire Department, the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and was on the school board. Because he loved to work, he went part-time with the guard and became manager of the Clearwater Wild Rice Farm for 11 years.

In 1987, he relocated to Fargo, and joined the Air National Guard full-time, where he was a Parachute Rigger and did parachute safety training for the “Happy Hoiligans”.

On January 3, 1998, Jim married Beverly “Beth” (Carlson) Bomstad at Hope Lutheran Church - South, Fargo, where they were active members. He attended Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for several years in Fargo and in Arizona. Jim and Bev would have celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on January 3, 2023.

Jim loved sports, especial-

ly the North Dakota Bison and Minnesota Vikings. An avid outdoorsman, he was in partnership owning a condo at Copper Mountain, CO, where he spent time skiing. He also loved snowmobiling, hunting, and spending time fishing and swimming, all with his son and families. He was very mechanical and would buy cars and anything on wheels to fix and resell. His family was very important which resulted in many get-togethers for special occasions, always ending with playing cards.

The last 15 winters were spent at their home in Marana, AZ. He loved hiking in the Tucson Mountains and playing pool with his buddies. He also enjoyed trips with his wife to Hawaii, Curacao, the Netherlands, where he was deployed. Jim retired as Senior Master Sergeant in 2000, with 37 years of service.

James is survived by his wife, Beverly; grandson, Matthew James Jacobson; daughter-in-law and mother of Matthew, Vicki Schneider; stepsons, Jeff and Joel Bomstad; stepdaughter, Jana McLean; step-grandchildren, Tanner, Cole, Drew and Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Cody McLean, Cassie (Logan) Suter, Robby Bernard, and Jacob and Josh Bomstad; great-grandchildren, Kaige and Kayson McLean, and Layla and Stella Suter; brothers, Malvern (Joan), Dilworth, MN, Ordean (Maureen), Fargo, ND, and Luther (Ileen) Shelly, MN; sister, Elaine, (Orley) Gunderson, Bloomington, MN; sister-in-law, Josephine Jacobson, Yakima WA; brother-in-law, James Carlson (Connie); sister-in-law, Ginger (Tom) Achter and all of his special nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Gladys Carlson, Breckenridge, MN; brother, Curtis Jacobson, Yakima, WA; nephews, Ricky Jacobson and Chad Gunderson; son, Bryan Jacobson, Fargo, ND, who passed away on July 26, 2022.

James will be remembered for his smile, kindness, devotion to God and his family, and willingness to help anyone in need. His determination with the struggles he endured with his diagnosis of Vascular Dementia was beyond belief.

A special thank you to Mayo Clinic, his doctors, nurses, caregivers, the Veteran's Primary Care Team, hospice, and family and friends for all their wonderful support. God bless you all!

James Jacobson, you will be missed by all who loved you and look forward to being united again when we meet with our Heavenly Father.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home at 2:00 PM with a visitation one hour prior. Burial will be held following the service at Holy Cross Cemetery - North. Officiating will be Pastor Lauryl Ivers from First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, where Jim and Bev were active members.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Red River Valley in Fargo, ND.

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Obituary for Laura Dodson

Laura Sue Dodson returned to God peacefully at a hospital in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 7, 2022, at age 86. Her loving family was with her during her last hospital stay and held her hand at the time of her death.

A Memorial Service will be held on December 21st at 1:00 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Ebenezer Lutheran Cemetery rural Oklee, MN.

Laura was born October 5, 1936, in Dallas, Texas, to Thomas Hal Dodson and Mildred Julia Dunbar Dodson. She was the second child; her brother Tom had arrived two years earlier. Laura began elementary school in Dallas. In 1945, the year she turned age 9, the family moved to Grand Prairie, Texas, just west of Dallas, so that her father could be nearer his work at North American Aviation. In 1946, a sister, Gay Dodson was born.

In 1969, Laura married George Anthony Cronin; he died in 1975. In the year 2000, she married Royce Delmer Forsyth; he died in 2007. As a single person, she adopted two children-in-1978, Jonathan Anthony at 4 days old (born in Denver) and in 1983, Corina Catherine at age 3 (born in Peru).

Laura graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1954. That year she entered Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where, in 1958, she earned a BA in Education, Psychology, and History. In 1961, she received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Denver. In 1975, she received a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Union Graduate School. Her dissertation, Family Therapy: A System Approach, was published in 1977. She was a visiting professor at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver

for the 1983-84 school year.

From 1961 to 1969 she was a full-time Psychiatric Social Worker for Fort Logan Mental Health Center in Denver. In 1967, she began a private practice as a Jungian Psychologist in Denver. That practice lasted until semi-retirement some 40 years later. Dr. Dodson always had a sympathetic ear for everyone, wanting to do her best to help. She was quite well-respected in her profession and conducted many conferences in the U.S. and abroad, was author of *Psyche and Family*, and of several published professional articles. She led the Satir Family Camp in California for over two decades, working with other therapists to bring healing using concepts introduced by her close friend and mentor Virginia Satir.

In her work abroad, she especially loved working with people suffering from the ravages of war. She was the founder of the Institute for International Connections in 1988 that continues today. She led cross-cultural camps in the former Soviet Union outside Moscow with persons from 12 nations. In the past 20 years, she traveled multiple time to Azerbaijan and Thailand training other therapists. Laura always said that her passion lay in carrying psychology out of the office into cultural healing concepts and applications.

When she wasn't running through airports, she spent the winters in Round Rock, Texas, with her sister Gay, and for the balance of the year made her residence in Plummer, Minnesota. She loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends. She was terrible at small talk, but wonderful at BIG talk and getting to the heart of things.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors are son, Jonathan (Kelly) Dodson and their children Jack and Lyla all of Plummer, Minnesota, and daughter, Corina (Scott) Vilani and their children Scott, Jr., Veronica, and Giada all of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Also, sister, Gay Dodson, of Round Rock, Texas, and brother, Tom (Jean) Dodson of Fort Worth, Texas, and their children, Karen (Joe) Arrington also of Fort Worth; Kathy (Stan) Taylor of Van Zandt County, Texas; and Brian (Mary) Dodson of Austin, Texas. In addition, there are 5 grandnephews, one grandniece, three great-grandnephews, and one great-grandniece.

Obituary for Polly Ann Smyithe

Polly Ann Smyithe passed away unexpectedly on Thursday December 8th 2022, at her home in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

A Celebration of Polly's Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2023 at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji. A second Celebration of Polly's Life and Interment will be later in Bentley, Louisiana.

Polly was born September 27th, 1959 in Rantoul, IL to her parents Bill and Geri Autrey. They lived in many locations across the country, because her father was in the military. Her family settled in Pineville,, Louisiana, where she graduated from Tioga High School.

Polly married Jeff Lindseth in March of 1978, sharing two children together, Jeffrey and Jessi.

On August 19th, 1995 Polly married the love of her life, Jim Smyithe. Polly and Jim met at Buena Vista Ski Area, as members of the National Ski Patrol. They were married on the top of Continental Divide at Buena Vista. They shared twenty seven wonderful years together. Polly and Jim owned Sathre Title & Abstract for twenty one years, where they worked happily side by side. Polly specialized in making gourmet gift baskets for her company Sea Maries. She en-

joyed creating these beautiful baskets with her daughter and close friends. She especially liked making the annual MLTA State Convention baskets, it brought her joy to see the recipients receive their “Polly Basket”, to which they were referred.

Polly always had a special love for dogs. She enjoyed helping and watching her dad train and run dog trials. She had a special passion for breeding Spinone Italiano puppies. She felt a close connection to the families who received these puppies, building lasting friendships.

Spending time with her husband, kids, family, friends and dogs was what she loved most in her life. Taking walks around her pond at the farm with her husband, children, grandchildren and dogs was what filled her days with happiness. Polly had a passion for cooking and feeding her family and friends delicious Cajun food. Polly enjoyed gardening vegetables, herbs and filling her flower beds with beautiful flowers. Polly loved the Minnesota summers, but very much looked forward to the warmth of Louisiana and spending time with her siblings and their family's down south each winter.

Polly was a Ragin' Cajun with a heart of gold, who loved to cook so you never left her home with an empty stomach, she always made you feel loved and gave you a hug and a kiss. When leaving the farm you always heard, “put your seatbelt on, watch for deer and don't speed on 92”.

Polly is survived by her beloved husband, Jim Smyithe; her children Jessi Winter (Scott) of Bemidji, and Jeffrey Lindseth of Bemidji, her father Bill Autrey of Bentley LA, her grandchildren Tatum Winter, Blake Winter, Landon Kniefel and Brynne Skaar; her siblings Steve Autrey (Donna) of Pineville LA, and Marty Autrey (Sharon) Pineville LA, and family friend Kirsten Molash-Searles. Polly is preceded in death by her mother Geri Autrey.

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2022 Bemidji Speedway Awards Banquet

12/17/2022
By Dennis Peterson

There were cheers, tears and laughs on Saturday night at the Bemidji Speedway's season ending awards banquet celebrating the 2022 season and presenting honors and awards to worthy recipients. A record turnout of over 200 drivers, fans and crews crowded into the ceremony held at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Dinner started at 6:PM consisting of either steak or walleye with all the trimmings. Following the dinner, Master of Ceremonies and longtime track announcer, Mark Ricci gave a thought provoking history of stock car racing and then proceeded to announce the top ten in each of the seven classes which raced at the track. But prior to the top ten awards a special induction ceremony was held to bring six members into the newly formed Bemidji Speedway "Hall of Fame".

Introducing each new Hall of Fame member Ricci announced the #07 of Donnie Matthews first, then Dick Jacobson, Bill Matzdorf, Brian Strand, Gordie Lancaster and Lyle Olafson. Each was greeted to cheers and applause as they were announced.

Also new at the banquet track photographer and media specialist Lisa Rhen announced the results of the People's Choice Awards. "Fans of the year" were awarded to Emily Weeks and Grace Halvorson. "Most Improved" went to Devyn Weleski in the Midwest Modified class. "Most Track Spirit" was awarded to Karen Puschinsky. "Pit Crew of the Year" went to the LaValley/Binkley crew. "Most Likely to Win on the Last Lap" went to Doyle Erickson. The "Sportsman of the Year" voted on by the drivers only went to Josh Berg.

Rookie of the Year honors were given to: Mini Stocks Josh Hanson, Wissota Hornets Carter Matthews, Wissota Pure Stocks Josh Bitker, Wissota Mod Fours Jenny Smith, Wissota Midwest Modifieds Travis Klein, Wissota Superstocks Nic Lewis and Wissota Modifieds Brandon Bahr.

Track Promoter Tonja Stranger gave out special awards to employees Danny Schwinn and Lisa Rhen as "Employees of the Year". She also thanked her "Track Crew" of flagman Tim Jackson, announcer Mark Ricci, Chicken Shack Guru Randy Hayes, writer Dennis Peterson, Social Media/photographer Lisa Rhen and Security person Norm Berg. Also thanked were EMS & Safety by Bemidji Fire Dept. MRP Scoring Jackee Moffett and Dawn Parsons, gate attendants Sue & Amanda Berg, Lori Jackson-McClellan, Infield Officials Rick Karns, Howie Baxter, Ron Paulbicke, Guy Henskenfken, and Dave Christopherson. Track prep workers, Robert Weleski, Ricky Jacobson, Mike Bader. Also Kathy Burgoon, Terry & Kerri Jordain, Rebecca Church, Kala Henskenfken, Andy's Repair and ROGO Towing and Repair.

- Season Points Champion in the Mini Stock Class**
1. Conrad Schwinn
 2. Ashton Schwinn
 3. Kalin Honer
 4. Cory Nelson
 5. Hayden Engen
 6. Josh Hanson,
 7. Cameron Schwinn
 8. Gordon Hunter
 9. Brandon Hunter
 10. Peyton Emerson

- Season Points Champion in the Wissota Hornet Class**
1. Travis Olafson
 2. Carter Matthews
 3. Ellen Lange
 4. Brooke Vernlund
 5. Caylyn Binkley
 6. Megan Vernlund
 7. Chad Reller
 8. Malachai Albrecht
 9. Cody Davis
 10. Mateja Dreyer

- Season Points Champion in the Wissota Pure Stocks**
1. Austin Carlson
 2. Josh Berg,
 3. Dustin Puffe
 4. Kade Leeper
 5. Deryk Weleski
 6. Joshus Bitker
 7. Hunter Weeks
 8. Billy Binkley
 9. Landon Gross
 10. Brandon Puschinsky

- Season Points Champion in the Wissota Mod Fours**
1. Skyler Smith
 2. Blake Erickson
 3. Conrad Schwinn
 4. Nick McCann
 5. Pete Nelson
 6. Dean Larson
 7. Dean Shaver
 8. Jenny Smith
 9. Tommy Bawden
 10. Doyle Erickson

- Season Points Champion in the Wissota Midwest Modifieds**
1. Jeff Reed
 2. Brandon Bahr
 3. Devyn Weleski
 4. Joey LaValley
 4. Alan Olafson
 5. Doyle Erickson
 6. Brennan Schmidt
 7. Michael Jacobson
 8. Jason LaValley
 9. Conner Drewry

- Season Points Champion in the Wissota Super Stocks**
1. Matt Sparby
 2. Dalton Carlson
 3. Nic Lewis
 4. Fritz Myers
 5. Garrett Masurka
 6. Kevin Bahr
 7. Bonnie Farrington
 8. Tim Carlson
 9. Dexton Koch
 10. Jeffrey Frey

Season Points Champion in the Wissota Modifieds

1. Josh Beaulieu
2. Lance Schilling
3. Jeff Reed
4. John Farrington
5. Davey Mills
6. Ron Reed
7. Brandon Bahr
8. Weston Ramsrud
9. Cameron Brown
10. Matt Fullerton

The awards night festivities ended with promoter Tonja Stranger announcing that a Late Model Show will come to the track in June with the season opening double header of the Chicken Shack Nation-



Pure Stocks (L to R) - 5th Deryk Weleski, 2nd - Josh Berg, Track Champion Austin Carlson.



Mini Stocks(L to R) -1st Conrad Schwinn, 2nd - Ashton Schwinn, 4th - Cory Nelson, 5th - Hayden Engen.



Hornets (L to R) - 5th Caylyn Binkley, 4th Brooke Vernlund, 3rd - Ellie Lange, 2nd - Carter Matthews, Track Champion - Travis Olafson.



Mod Fours (L to R) - 3rd Conrad Schwinn, 2nd - Blake Erickson, Track Champion - Skyler Smith.

als on Memorial Weekend. A double header weekend on Track Championship night in August and ending the racing season with the annual Paul Bunyan Stampede. Also announced the Bemidji Speedway Calendars are available for \$20. with proceeds going to start a Bemidji Speedway Scholarship fund in 2023 with more details to be announced.



Midwest Modified (L to R)Track Champion Jeff Reed, 2nd - Brandon Bahr, 3rd Devyn Weleski, 4th Joey LaValley & Alan Olafson (tie in points).



Super Stocks (L to R) 5th - Garrett Masurka, 4th - Fritz Myers, 3rd - Nic Lewis, 2nd - Dalton Carlson, Track Champion - Matt Sparby



Bemidji Speedway 2022 Class Hall Of Fame - (L to R) - Lyle Olafson, Donnie Headbird accepting for inductee Bill Matzdorf, Dick Jacobson, Don Matthews, Gordie Lancaster.



Rookies of the Year - Brandon Bahr - Modifieds, Josh Bitker - Pure Stocks, Carter Matthews - Hornets, Josh Hanson - Mini Stocks, Jenny Smith - Mod Fours, Travis Klein - Midwest Modified, Nic Lewis - Super Stocks

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