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Senator Mark Johnson handing his election certificate to the Honorable Wilhelmina M. Wright, U.S. District Judge at the Senate swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 3, 2023.

Senator Mark Johnson sworn into Senate, takes Minority Leadership Role

St. Paul, MN – Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) took the oath of office on Tuesday as the Minnesota Senate began the 93rd legislative session.

“It’s an exciting day to be here to begin building relationships with each other, and to build Minnesota up to being a greater state,” Johnson told Senators in his floor remarks. “Today we’re turning over a new leaf to help Minnesotans, to be the voice of Minnesota, and to work together on behalf of Minnesota. I hope we can enjoy the ceremony of today because tomorrow, we get to

work.”

Senator Johnson was also officially voted in as the Minority Leader for the Senate Republican Caucus. The leadership role gives him ample opportunity to advocate not just for the residents of our district, but also for the entire state. With a \$17.6 billion surplus, worker shortages, and families still struggling with inflationary costs, the legislature has many challenges ahead.

“I am ready to bring forth ideas to get the surplus back to the people, address our business and workforce needs, and make sure families can afford

to live in this great state, especially in Northwestern Minnesota, where we know many people and businesses can easily move over into North Dakota for lower cost of living and better jobs. We must regain our competitive edge if our part of the state wants to continue to thrive,” Johnson said. “That work is very important to me and our district this session.”

This is Johnson’s third term in the Senate, having first been elected in 2016. He previously served as Deputy Majority Leader for the Senate Republicans from 2021-2022.

9th Annual Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Farming Event

Saturday, February 18 at Lammers Town Hall in Solway is the 9th Annual Small Scale Sheep event. This year’s event features a variety of speakers and topics that center around sheep and goats and the products they produce. Jennifer Hofer from Minnesota Department of Agriculture will explain how producers can get their meat products to consumers. Fiber artist and shepherd Heather Schmidtke will be explaining different finishes for fiber and yarns, how fibers can be combined, color processes and what to look for when sending in a fleece. Margo Hanson and Stacy Dresow, SSFC board members and shepherds will be describing their farms and fiber operations and how they utilize meat from sheep. Information about age of animals, condition, cost of butchering, skins, and more will be discussed. Another SSFC board member and local producer Kelly Bellefy will be giving a virtual tour of his farm and talking about the goats he and his wife raise. He will focus on the good things goats provide, as well as how healthy their milk is and what it can do for the body.



The lunch is provided by SSFC board members this year using donated local lamb and products. Speakers Margo Hanson of Marsh Creek Crossing Farm and Stacy Dresow of Dresow Family Farm have donated delicious lamb recipes that will be available free for attendees to take home.

Jennifer Hofer has been working as a Meat Inspector for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for 12 years based out of the Park Rapids area. She enjoys gardening, quilting, raising chickens, hiking, hunting, fishing and spending time with her family.

Heather Schmidtke runs Beautiful World MN, a small Icelandic and Shetland cross sheep farm for fiber and meat. She recently started offering the service of washing, processing and turning fiber into roving or batts for other people. Heather has been doing fiber processing for her own use for about 6 years and would eventually like to expand to include yarn production. She also sells yarn, hand spun and processed, that she hand-dyes. Her products and yarns are available on her website, etsy

and in various craft sales and flea markets in the area where she is usually doing spinning demonstrations.

Margo Hanson and her husband Ray retired from Alaska to a picturesque property overlooking Marsh Creek, near Twin Valley, in 2006. After tearing out old barbed wire and completing a new high tensile electric fence, they decided to get into the sheep business, mainly to keep down the grass and overgrown brush. Their starter flock of registered Border Leicesters was OPP negative, which they have continued to maintain, adding various breeds such as Sire-Max and Gotland, and most recently Wensleydales. Selling the wool has become an important part of the business, with most sales being online. They try to keep their ewe flock around 30 with at least half a dozen rams.

Kelly Bellefy and his wife live and work on a farm south of Bagley. Stacy Dresow runs Dresow Family Farm near Lonsdale, with her husband and children.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The included lunch uses local ingredients donated by SSFC board members.

The SSFC has their annual meeting and nominations for board of directors will be accepted. Please consider joining your board of directors or volunteering to help out in the coming year.

The SSFC works with adults, 4H and area children

to teach about wool and natural fibers. In addition to the Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Event, volunteers also organize the Farm Fiber Festival in the fall. At this festival, fiber vendors can promote and sell their products and share and learn about fiber techniques. These events would not be possible without the help of local volunteers. No experience necessary.

This event also marks the beginning of the membership year and members not already renewed for 2023 will need to pay their dues.

The Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Farming event provides information for those interested in raising sheep or fiber sustainably and those interested in purchasing local products. Consumers interested in local products find this event helpful in connecting them with the right producers.

Please Pre-Register by 2/11/2023 for meal planning at sustainablesheep@gmail.com or 218-657-2502. Cost: \$25/ person, \$40/couple, \$20/SSFC members, \$35/SSFC member couples

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GVT begins search for Scholarship Applicants

[Erskine, MN January 2023] Garden Valley Technologies has begun a search for 2023 scholarship candidates. If selected, students will receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship from the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation.

Local telecom companies participating in the MTA’s scholarship program are approaching high schools in their serving areas looking for potential scholarship winners.

To be eligible for the five general scholarships, applicants must be a high school senior planning to attend post-secondary education at a university, college, or technical college; be a Minnesota resident, and the applicant’s family must subscribe to at least one service from Garden Valley Technologies. To be eligible for the \$2,000 Jon Tollefson Technology Scholarship: applicants must be a high school senior

with plans to major in either Telecommunications or Information Technology (IT) at a university, college, or technical college and be a Minnesota resident.

A telecom alliance panel reviews each application and selects the finalists based on applicants’ grades, academic achievements, and extra-curricular activities. Preference to receive the scholarships is given to students who have an interest in telecommunications technology and rural communities. Students and their families can obtain more information by contacting their school’s guidance counselor, or by going to:

<https://www.mnta.org/resource/resmgr/forms/MTA-Scholarship-Form-2023.pdf>

“We’re happy to have this chance to make an investment in our community by helping young people get a technical

or college education” says Tim Brinkman, CEO and General Manager of GVT. “Last year, a student from our service area was selected from over 100 applications across the state and we’re hoping the same thing happens this year.”

Contact your school counselor to receive an application. Applications must be submitted to Garden Valley Technologies by February 17, 2023. Students may send the properly completed applications to Garden Valley Technologies, Attn. Jessica Nelson, PO Box 259, Erskine MN 56535 – OR – may be dropped off at any GVT retail location, prior to the February 17, 2023 deadline.

The Foundation is part of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, a trade association representing 44 telecommunications providers in the state.

Birch bark canoe exhibit

Manidoo Ogitigaan is a Native grassroots organization based in Bemidji, Minnesota with connections spanning throughout the United States and Canada. Together with the Great Lakes Lifeways Institute based out of Michigan and Obaashing University, they teach, share and relearn land-based life skills that include birch bark canoe building, basketry, woodworking, and weaving. Manidoo Ogitigaan and Great Lakes Lifeways Institute work together to revitalize art forms and cultural knowledge in a meaningful way while bridging gaps and building lasting relationships to rebuild a cultural legacy for generations.

Says a representative of the exhibit, “Our exhibit features the artwork of community members from various backgrounds who have attended our workshops and participated in our Artist Collective. It is always our goal to gather materials in a manner akin to the original inhabitants of the land. We process materials in a way that is not harmful to the land with the mindset of protecting the land and its resources for generations to come.



“We are honored to build relationships with Indigenous people throughout Turtle Island and respect our relationship with the land and people from many walks of life who are connected to Anishinaabe communities through personal and meaningful relationships.”

In association with the exhibit, Mary Moose, a first language Ojibwe and Cree speaker from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, Ontario Canada, will present Ojibwe Storytelling on February 3 from 6 to 8pm, and Ojibwe Star Knowledge with Joseph Sutherland on February

ary 4 from 1 - 3pm at Watermark.

There is no registration required nor charge to attend these events. Visit WatermarkArtCenter.org for detailed information. Watermark galleries are free and open to the public Monday - Saturday from 10 to 5pm and located at 505 Bemidji Avenue N. in Bemidji, Minnesota, 218-444-7570. Sponsorship for this exhibit comes from Minnesota Public Radio and is made possible in part by the Blandin Foundation and the McKnight Foundation.

Minnesotans have until January 15 to sign up for health insurance through MNsure

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Want to get healthy or stay well in 2023? Start the year off right by adding “get covered” to your new year’s resolutions and signing up for comprehensive health insurance through MNsure, where Minnesotans choose medical and dental coverage. January 15, 2023, is the last day of Minnesota’s open enrollment period and the deadline to enroll in health coverage that begins on February 1.

Getting covered ensures that you can access the health care you need throughout the year, putting you one step closer to achieving your new year’s health and wellness goals. All plans sold through MNsure are guaranteed to cover a list of essential health benefits that includes prescription drugs, emergency services, and preventive care like flu shots and

cancer screenings.

Plans sold through MNsure can help you meet your personal health care goals. Have you been putting off getting help for mental health? Do you want to finally get your diabetes under control? Hoping to start a family in 2023? Behavioral health treatment, chronic disease management, and maternity and newborn care are all on the list of covered benefits. Some plans cover more services. You can learn more about what each plan offers when you compare plans online.

MNsure enrollees are expected to save an average \$6,700 (or \$560/month) on health insurance this year. That’s because most Minnesotans, including middle-income families, qualify for discounts that lower the cost of monthly premiums. Access to these sav-

ings is only available through MNsure.

Get started with free application and enrollment help from a MNsure-certified broker or navigator. Search the Assister Directory to find free help from a health insurance expert near you or contact MNsure representatives directly through the Contact Center at 651-539-2099 (855-366-7873 outside the Twin Cities). Hours of operation are available online, including extended hours ahead of the January 15 deadline. The January 15 deadline does not apply to Minnesotans with coverage through MinnesotaCare or Medical Assistance, or members of federally recognized tribes, who can enroll through MNsure any time of year, including outside of the annual open enrollment period.

USDA Funding Available to Help Low-Income Individuals and Families Buy or Repair Homes

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communi-

ties of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year. Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Special-

ist in your area today, to see if you qualify (218) 751-1942 ext 4.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

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Secretary of State Steve Simon Announces Top Legislative Priorities to Strengthen Democracy

SAINT PAUL — Secretary of State Steve Simon today announced his top legislative priorities to Strengthen Democracy that will expand access for voters, increase security, and maintain the highest standard of accuracy in our elections.

"In 2022, Minnesotans spoke loudly and clearly – they want us to build on Minnesota's success story as a leader in elections and voting," said Secretary Simon. "The proposals I'm bringing forward to legislators are the best practices for democracy tested in red and blue states around the country."

These legislative priorities feature policy changes that will modernize our election laws and ensure that every Minnesotan has access to elections that are free, fair, secure, and accurate. Among the proposals are a broad array of reforms that will also reduce disparities, expand access, and strengthen voter participation.

Automatic Voter Registration

Minnesota is a leader in voter participation, but there is more work to be done to ensure every eligible voter has access to the polls. As of November 2022, more than 575,000 Minnesotans were eligible to vote but not registered. Automatic voter registration ensures eligible individuals are automatically registered to vote when providing information to certain government agencies, such as when applying for a driver's license.

"Automatic voter registration is a win-win-win for Minnesota,"

said Secretary Simon. "It would allow us to expand voting access and improve the accuracy of our voting rosters while saving taxpayer dollars."

Automatic Voter Registration would use information gathered from the government agency that an eligible voter interacted with to create a new voter record or update an existing registration. It is estimated nearly 450,000 voter registrations would be added or updated each year in the Statewide Voter Registration System as a result of this policy. Prospective voters would still have an opportunity to opt out of this process.

If enacted, Minnesota would join 25 other states - including Georgia, Oregon, and Virginia - and the District of Columbia in implementing Automatic Voter Registration.

Restoration of Felon Voter Rights

Nearly 66,000 Minnesotans who have left prison behind are unable to cast a vote in our democracy. Secretary of State Steve Simon is calling for the legislature to restore voting rights to individuals convicted of a felony once they have completed any term of incarceration resulting from that conviction.

"Right now, we have a law that says it is safe enough for a person to live in our community but too dangerous for them to vote," said Secretary Simon. "It is long past time for legislators to change this unfair law to welcome Minnesotans working to rebuild their lives back into our democracy."

In addition to supporting re-

entry efforts, this policy would aid in elections administration by setting a clear standard for when someone's rights are restored.

Twenty-one other states, including Colorado, Montana, and North Dakota, currently allow for voting rights to be automatically restored after release from incarceration.

Election Worker Protection

Each statewide election requires nearly 30,000 Minnesotans to step up for their communities and uphold democracy by serving as election workers. Unfortunately, the current political climate has created dangerous conditions for those public servants.

Secretary Simon is calling on legislators to protect our election workers by passing enhanced restrictions on activities and behaviors that can put them in harm's way. The proposed policy would prohibit:

- intimidation of an election official;
- interfering with or hindering the administration of an election;
- dissemination of personal information about an election official (known as 'doxing');
- knowingly making false allegations about an election official;
- and, obstructing access to a location where election duties are performed.

Violations of this law would be subject to criminal penalties and a civil enforcement process.

In 2022, four other states passed legislation to protect election workers.

Preregistration for 16- and 17-year-olds

Inviting youth into our democracy early can increase the likelihood they become lifelong voters. By allowing preregistration for 16- and 17-year-old Minnesotans who are otherwise eligible to vote, we can encourage voting participation from the moment a person turns 18.

Secretary Simon's proposal would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to complete registration paperwork before their 18th birthday. Teens would be listed as "pending" until they reach adulthood when they would automatically appear on their polling place roster on Election Day.

Currently, 15 other states and the District of Columbia allow 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote.

Removing Restrictions from the Help America Vote Act Funds

Elections administration is an evolving task that requires continuous investment in security. Congress has responded by

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Theology in the Trenches
By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Inviting You In...On An Outreach

My final column of 2021 talked about an outreach trip to Guatemala and that by the time you read it, I'd be back. Well, I'm back, and for the next several weeks, you are invited on a journey. We'll be traveling to Hogar de Vida, Homes of Life, a children's home in the mountains of Guatemala.

This journey will not change the world...but it will change the perspective from which you see it. And in case you are wondering, we'll be heading to the village of San Andreas, Sajcabaja—high into the mountains regions approximately five hours from Guatemala City. This home was established and continues to be anchored by Tim and Dena Stromstad. Tim grew up in the Fertile-Beltrami area of northern Minnesota and many a team from around the area and beyond have served on short term teams alongside them. I thank you ahead of time for entering in.

A few thoughts came to mind as I wondered which story you might like to hear.

• Should I share that going up a mountain is a whole lot easier than coming down?

• Should I share that sometimes obedience means GO and other times it means STOP...turn around...GO BACK!

• Should I share we almost turned around in Fargo as we missed our connecting flight to Dallas? However, when someone said, "There's a good chance we'd lose the fourteen fifty pound totes already checked through to Guatemala"—we suddenly became like "The Little Engine that Could" as we needed to get those goods to the children up the mountain even if it meant quickly dropping them off, turning around, and coming home?

• Should I share that at that moment the trip became 100% about the children and zero percent about any expectations we had as a team?

• Should I share about Oralia? The word for prayer in Spanish is ORAR. The word

for cry in Spanish is LLORAR. Oralia was the overseer of the children's home for a season. Often times our prayers are linked to tears and our tears to prayers. And there is so much more to Oralia's story...so much more to share.

• Should I share that when we went up into the mountain to Hogar de Vida one day we went even further up the mountain to wash, braid, and cut the hair upon 75 little heads?

• Should I share that this was the school Oralia was doing extended outreach in when she found twin girls extremely malnourished in a home nearby?

• Should I share she built relationships of trust and was able to get the little girls physically stronger and even able to get them to attend the school? And a Church? And make a connection to a living faith?

• Should I share about Oralia and how she—while working at Hogar de Vida had not only the staff fast until noon each Friday but also the children in the home?

• Should I share with you that what touched deepest was visualizing a little child's fasting and prayer being poured out for me—for you—that we knew nothing of?

• Should I share about a little boy and his sister who arrived about a month earlier than we had and how he spoke not Spanish, nor Quiche but a different dialect altogether that

no one in the home spoke?

• Should I share that we had one team member who was a carpenter and built a wall within a room that needed to be a secure area in which to place certain items so the children couldn't get at them—and one night the little guy went missing? And as we spread out to find him, we found him under the shelving unit within that room, sleeping on the cement because that was his comfort zone from street life?

How do you tell a million stories in a few hundred words or less? The answer? You read between the lines. Between the lines is the fine print, and in the fine print are His footprints.

"As we make our plans, He orders our footsteps" and weaves the stories both the seen and the unseen (Prov. 16:9). And in the unseen are the miracles. Look for the miracles and therein lies a million more. They are His as it's not about us—rather, it's all about Him.

Perhaps Guatemala is not so different than where you sit at the moment as His handiwork is everywhere. Yet, I had the privilege of seeing with new eyes while serving at Hogar de Vida and I pray this glimpse given will help you view each story as sacred.

May God bless your presence here as now you, too, will forever see the world through the eyes of Hogar de Vida. Amen.

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Twin City
By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Three companies provided the start of one of my favorite companies. The Moline Plow Co., Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co., and the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co. merged in 1929, to form a single company that could find success. The Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co. was the result. As they moved to the future they continued the Twin City tractors that had been produced by the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co. The "gray" tractors were now called Minneapolis-Moline Twin City tractors.

John Deere, Massey Harris, Case, International Harvester, and Allis Chalmers all produced a full line of equipment and were part of very competitive industry at this time. The new merger hoped that using each companies strengths could catapult Minneapolis-Moline into a spot of leadership in this market.

Although they were trying to develop their own tractor, Minneapolis-Moline kept the Twin City name and gray paint job. The Twin City models FT, KT, and MT were updated. In 1934 the new model JT was released, and sported the "new" pneumatic rubber tires. Eventually the new tractor the ZT was introduced. It was a big change with stylish sheet metal and a new yellow paint scheme! The gray model J sort of disappeared. The J was the Minneapolis Molines first gray tractor, and it's last gray tractor!

Many years ago I attended a

sale and there was an old KTA Twin City tractor on it. It had been literally drug out of the woods. The tires were rotten and several parts were missing and I think it sold for \$40! I don't know why I didn't bid!!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. One of Minneapolis Moline/Twin City's advertising slogans was, "Dependability of _____ cylinder economy."
A) 2 cylinder B) 4 cylinder C) 6 cylinder D) 8 cylinder

2. The model J tractor initially used a _____ F-head engine, which proved unsatisfactory.
A) Hercules B) Waukesha C) Twin City D) Briggs/Stratton



Minneapolis Moline, Twin City KTA tractor!

3. The model JT tractor was tested at Nebraska to _____ drawbar HP.

A) 18hp B) 22hp C) 25 hp D) 29 hp

4. The model JT tractor had rubber tires. This was a good addition because of its _____ speed transmission capable of speeds of 12 mph.

A) 3 speed B) 4 speed C) 5 speed D) 6 speed

5. The model ZT has a new paint job. The yellow paint was called _____.

A) Mustard Seed B) Honey Bee Yellow C) Prairie Gold D) Flambeau Red

Answers: 1. B) 4 cyl. 2. B) Waukesha 3. A) 18hp 4. C) 5 speed 5. C) Prairie Gold



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was driving on the freeway during the worst part of a recent storm. Just had a question—are people supposed to use their emergency flashers when they are driving? So many cars on the freeway were, and it made it impossible to tell if someone was actually stopped or moving slowly (also, if they changed lanes, there was no way to tell). I was having trouble seeing anyway, and this made it worse. Is this something they teach in drivers' education these days?

Answer: This is a great question. A driver can use their hazard lights to warn other

motorists of a vehicular traffic hazard that requires caution in approaching, overtaking or passing.

Situations with limited visibility such as a blizzard, thick fog and heavy rain could constitute a traffic hazard. Other hazardous scenarios could include:

• A vehicle having issues maintaining a minimum safe speed.

• A flat tire or mechanical breakdown on the shoulder of the road.

• An impaired driver or driver conducting dangerous behaviors.

If a line of traffic is moving along at the same speed, I am not sure it would be in the best interest for anyone in that

lane to be using hazard lights. It is important to know which vehicle is moving at a slower speed than the rest of the flow of traffic or for those needing to make lane changes and needing to signal. As mentioned earlier, it's generally for the lone vehicle causing the hazard.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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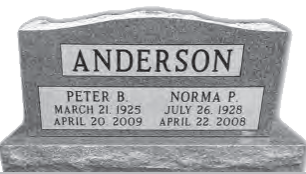
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Obituary for Bernice Magnussen

Bernice Magnussen, 89, of Fosston, formerly from Clearbrook, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at McIntosh Manor in McIntosh, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lund Lutheran Church in Gully, Minnesota with Reverend Gene Lilienthal officiating. Visitation one hour prior. Interment will be held at the United Lutheran Cemetery in Berner Minnesota in the Spring. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Bernice was born January 22, 1933, near Gonvick in Pine Lake Township, Minnesota, the daughter of Roy and Julia (Kise) Graftaas. Bernice was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. She graduated from Gonvick High School in 1950. Bernice was united in marriage to Harvey Berg on October 5, 1951, in Gully. Two sons were blessed by this union Marvin and Bruce. Harvey passed away in 1958. Bernice married Oswald Erlandson in 1961, three children were also blessed to this marriage, Kathy, David, and Brenda. Oswald passed away in 1985. In 1988, Bernice married Herbert Magnussen and he passed on September

6, 2014.

Bernice was active in WELCA, taught Sunday School, served in various positions on the church council, and served as President of the Thrivent Branch for several years. She was a 4-H leader, enjoyed volunteering at the Good Samaritan Home and was a member of the Legion Auxiliary #603 of Gully, where she held several offices. Bernice worked as a nurse's aide at the Pioneer Memorial Home for a short time and for the Clearwater County Nursing Services. She was a hard worker whether it be milking cows, baling hay or several other farm duties. She liked canning, gardening, and especially baking. Bernice was famous for her delectable lefse and made lefse for many people all around. She also had "Bernice's Lefse Bakery" and prepared serval baked goods for several people.

Bernice is survived by her children: Marvin and Rhoda Berg of Gully; Bruce (Anita Larson) Berg of Duluth, MN; Kathy (Dennis) Omang of Winger, MN; David (Lesley) Erlandson of Valley City, ND; Brenda Rosnow of Christine, ND.

Brother-Ray (Kay) Graftaas of Barnum, MN; Sister-Phyllis Jacobson of Pelican, MN; Sister-JoAnn (Rueben) Garcia of Sterling, IL

Sister-in-law-Shirley Graftaas of Fosston, MN.

Several Grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren

Many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins.

Long Time Best Friend-Carmen Whitten.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; husbands- Harvey, Oswald, and Herb and brothers-Stan and Albert.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

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Obituary for Michael Englund

Michael Englund, 61 of Warroad, MN passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 15, 2022 at his residence with his loving family by his side.

The service to celebrate Mike's life will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Warroad Baptist Church (34649 County RD 5) with Frank Norling officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Burial will be held at Falun Cemetery, rural Roseau, MN.

Michael Jon Englund was born February 12, 1961 son of Melvin and Polly (Gram) Englund in East Grand Forks, MN. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at the Log Church East of Grygla. He attended Grygla High School graduating in 1979.

Growing up he worked for local farmers Wally and Karol Byklum, Tom, Danny and Ronnie Waling and Ralph Smith Construction.

He went to work in Rock-spring, WY in the Spring of 1980 for HB&R Hot Oil Service for one year. He then moved to Watford City, ND and worked for Trails End

Ranch for Al Powers, and for Ernie Hellickson for three years. He moved back to Minnesota and started working for Marvin Windows where he worked 39 years until his retirement.

August of 1985 he was united in marriage to Lynae Langevin. To this union two daughters were born, Jessica Marie and Jamie Lynn.

April of 2013 he was united in marriage to Lynette Otto Brateng. They lived on a farm south of Warroad where they farmed and raised cattle. They also raised a garden, chickens and a llama and horses.

Mike was an avid deer hunter, enjoyed trapping, reloading shells, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife Lynette, daughters Jessica (Spencer) Lahr of Darwin, MN, Jamie (James Elwood) Englund of Thief River Falls, MN; 3 grandchildren Bexleigh and Benelli Lahr and Trevor Johnson; step-daughter Karlea Ellenson, step-grandchildren Bailee Ellenson and Addison Brintnell of Warroad, MN; step-son Kelly (Kelsey) Brateng, step-grandchildren Alexia, Tanner, Aubrielle, & Everly of Thief River Fall, MN; siblings Robert (Wendy) Englund of Grygla, MN, Margie (John) Jones of Mounds View, MN and Stacy (Kris) Petrich of Thief River Falls, MN; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his mother and father, Polly and Melvin, grandmother Clara Gram, grandparents Swan and Olga Englund, uncle Duane Gram and Arnold Englund.

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Obituary for Janet Olson

Janet Olson, 70, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at United Lutheran Church in Berner, Minnesota with Pastor Kris Snyder officiating. A visitation will be one hour prior. Interment will be held at Bagley City Cemetery in Bagley, Minnesota in the Spring.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Janet Faye Klema was born on August 1, 1952, in Ogden, Utah to Alvin and Hulda (Johnson) Klema. Janet was baptized and confirmed into Faith at Assembly of God in Ogden, Utah. She attended Club Heights Elementary, TH Bell Jr. High and graduated from Bonneville High School in 1971. Her first car was a bright yellow Chevy Vega and she was very proud of it. During high school she worked as a housekeeper cleaning motels. When she was younger Janet learned and loved to square dance. In 1975 she

went on a trip of a lifetime spending a month in Japan traveling and square dancing with a friend. Later she worked at Pepperidge Farms in Richmond, Utah packaging cookies, and for Presto Products in Lewiston, Idaho until her retirement.

She married Marlin Olson, on June 30, 2001, at United Lutheran Church in Berner, MN. They made their home in Clearbrook, MN. Janet was a very special person to many people, as she always remembered holidays and birthdays with cards and phone calls each and every year. Her nieces and nephews were very important to her; she cherished being with them and enjoyed taking them out to eat. To them she was always "Auntie Faye"! Janet liked to try her luck at the Casinos and going out to eat. Her greatest joy was always visiting with family and friends. Janet was a part of planning and organizing local blood drives. She collected spoons, owls, and smurfs.

Janet was a member of the Clearbrook American Legion Post # 56 Auxiliary, a member of the Clearbrook Community Club, and a member of the Square Dance Club for 30 years.

Janet is survived by her husband Marlin Olson of Clearbrook, MN. Sister-Julie Eshbach of Utah. Brother-Gary Klema of Utah. Brother-Paul Klema of Utah. Sister-in-law-Virginia (Jim) Faldet of Gonvick, MN.

Numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents-Alvin and Hulda Kelma; brother-Brad Cody and sister-Carol Wirth

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Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life

The monthly meeting of MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) local Chapter #45 will be held Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church in McIntosh. All interested persons are invited and welcome. For more information call Eileen at 218-563-3152.

Pro-Life March/Rally, Saturday, January 28 in Fosston. Guest Speaker: Matt Grossell speaking on Minnesota and National level topics of prolife and abortion. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the original Palubickis parking lot. March starts at 10:00 a.m. walking to New Journey Church. Program begins about 10:30 at the church. You are welcome to bring your own positive signs. Come join the march or come to the church. A light lunch will be provided. Hosted by MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life). Any questions contact Todd Lundell at 218-431-0156.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library to Close January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, with regular hours of operation resuming Tuesday, January 17.

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.

DNR to fly elk surveys in northwest Minnesota

Public can document elk observations using new elk sightings tool on the DNR website

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will conduct aerial elk surveys beginning the second week of January. DNR staff will survey the Kittson County and Grygla elk herds in northwestern Minnesota and the border elk herd in both Minnesota and Manitoba.

The surveys are typically conducted each year during the winter, weather permitting.

Aerial survey information is used to monitor elk populations

and help the DNR make decisions about future elk management and harvest regulations.

"We have sufficient snow cover now to start our elk surveys," said Doug Franke, acting assistant regional wildlife manager and elk survey coordinator. "We anticipate the surveys will be completed in about two weeks."

DNR pilots will fly surveys during daylight hours at an altitude of approximately 200 to 300 feet.

The DNR is also asking for help from those who have recently seen elk in their area. People are encouraged to contact their local DNR office with sighting information:

- Karlstad area wildlife office, 218-436-2427
- Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, 218-633-7671
- Thief River Falls area wildlife office, 218-219-8587

People can also document observations using the elk sightings tool on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/elk/elk-sightings.html).

"Thank you to everyone who has reported elk sightings to us," Franke said. "These reports provide an important supplement to data from our aerial surveys and help us better understand elk movement and distribution in Minnesota."

Did you know?

The burden on health care costs in retirement could be a significant hurdle for retirees without a sizable nest egg or effective strategy to cover such expenses. According to the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate, an average retired couple aged 65 in 2022 could need around \$315,000 after taxes to cover their health care expenses in retirement. Thought traditional retirement goals like financing travel or relocating to a warmer climate are worthy pursuits, it's vital that individuals of all ages, including those on the cusp of retirement, recognize the importance of saving for health care expenses as well. Such expenses, which include medication costs, are easy to take for granted when individuals are still working. However, Fidelity notes that generics, branded drugs and specialty drugs account for roughly 17 percent of retirement health care expenses. That equates to around \$53,500 that might be needed to pay for medication alone.

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Red Lake Falls girls traveled to Clearbrook-Gonvick for a match on Thursday, January 5. The Varsity and Junior Varsity teams went home with victories. Red Lake Falls Eagles with their coaches Brian Remick, Ryan Brumwell and Morgan Williams. Final score: Red Lake Falls 66-35. Top scores: Clearbrook-Gonvick - Emma Fawver 11 points, Allison LaVine 11 points, Jacie Bergerson 7 points. Red Lake Falls - Gabby Casavan 16 points, Alexis Swendra 15 points.



A group of Bear defenders including Skylar Ballard, #33, Tavia Johnson #10, Allison LaVine #20 and Aliyah Ballard #2 surrounding Red Lake Falls Eagle player.



Three point shooter Savanna Nelson looking for an opening against Sarah Imle.

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Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships welcomes new program coordinator to the northwest region



Crookston, Minn. (01/06/2023)— University of Minnesota Extension has hired Zachary Paige, an experienced grower from Vergas, Minnesota, as a program coordinator for sustainable agriculture in northwestern Minnesota.

Paige will begin his work in January with Extension's Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (RSDP). In addition to sustainability and food systems, he will provide statewide support for initiatives focusing on rural grocery stores. "As a grower myself, I understand the challenges that small scale farmers go through," Paige said. "I am excited to bring my years of farming, community development and food systems experience to this new RSDP role by connecting Minnesota farmers, grocers and others with University resources to foster thriving, resilient local economies."

Paige also has several years of leadership experience with RSDP as a northwest regional board and working group member. His work on the board helped connect local communities with University of Minnesota expertise and supported several innovative sustainability projects in the region.

Paige holds a master's degree in plant breeding from Iowa State University and has been farming for a decade in Minnesota. Paige was the farm manager for the White Earth Land Recovery Project, where he grew diverse vegetables for the farm-to-school program and grew important rare indigenous seed varieties for the White Earth community including



Bear Island Flint and Ojibwe Spirit Island Corn.

Paige is the proprietor of North Circle Seeds, a certified organic vegetable and herb seed company and farm. He has taught seed-saving workshops, including hands-on trainings on his farm and with community organizations such as Hmong American Farming Association, Indigenous Seed Keepers Alliance, White Earth Tribal members, garden clubs, and more. In his spare time, he plays klezmer clarinet and enjoys hiking, archery, and taking trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

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