



Tri County Canary

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Essentia Health-Fosston’s \$317,836 grant is part of a \$26.4 million ultrasound initiative in Minnesota.

Essentia Health-Fosston receives grant for state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment

Essentia Health-Fosston is honored to receive a grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust for the purchase of state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment. Several other Essentia facilities received grant funds, as well, totaling more than \$1.4 million overall.

Essentia Health-Fosston’s \$317,836 grant is part of a \$26.4 million ultrasound initiative in Minnesota. The initiative includes nearly \$18.3 million to help Minnesota hospitals and health centers purchase ultrasound imaging devices and an additional \$8.1 million to boost sonography and point of care ultrasound (POCUS) training opportunities across the state.

“We are so very grateful for this generous donation that will allow us to expand our sonography offerings and deliver these services to our patients close to home with the best available

technology,” said Julie Singewald, vice president of medical imaging for Essentia.

Ultrasound uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images of structures inside the body. This safe, cost-effective tool supports other clinical information to help providers make timely diagnoses and deliver appropriate treatment.

Walter Panzire, a trustee for the Helmsley Charitable Trust, said the grants will help improve access to exceptional medical treatment for all Minnesotans, whether they live in the heart of Minneapolis or a smaller rural or underserved community.

“Our hospitals and health centers need to stay current with rapidly advancing technology so they can continue to provide top-notch health care close to home,” Panzire said. “These grants help ensure that facilities across Minnesota have the

latest and greatest ultrasound equipment and training.”

The grants were announced Tuesday during a news conference at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis.

They will result in the purchase of 109 POCUS machines, which are used by providers at the bed or bedside for immediate assessment of a patient to quickly determine a course of action. The grants also will yield 69 general ultrasound systems and 18 cardiovascular ultrasound systems, to aid in imaging of the heart.

The Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting exceptional efforts in the U.S. and around the world in health and select place-based initiatives. Since beginning active grantmaking in 2008, Helmsley has committed more than \$3.5 billion for a wide range of charitable purposes.

Winter load increases end and spring load restrictions start March 29

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation will end winter load increases – and start spring load restrictions – in the NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH zones Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 12:01 a.m.

Spring load restrictions are already in effect in the other zones.

Seasonal load limit zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map.

Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

Overweight permits for more than 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal (axle weight limits).

Full-summer overweight permits can be issued, during the spring load restriction period, for travel on the interstate system only.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each zone when spring load restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits become available two to three weeks after spring load restrictions are lifted.

Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable and based on how weather is affect-

ing roadway strength.

MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

For questions about legal axle weight during SLR; Gross Vehicle Weight Schedule, call: Minnesota Department of Public Safety

State Patrol – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 651-350-2000

For questions about oversize/overweight loads/permitting call:

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Freight and Commercial

Vehicle Operations – Oversize/Overweight Permits 651-296-6000

Or email: ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us

All changes are made with a minimum three calendar-day notice.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT’s automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, or 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT seasonal load limits website at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

For updated road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.

FREE movie at the Fosston Theater April 1

MCCL Chapter No. 45 is again sponsoring a FREE movie at the Fosston Theater April 1. A pregnant woman. Parents who miscarried. A nurse. A young woman surrounded by secrets. What would you do if you were desperate? Desperate not to have a baby? Desperate to be parents? Traumatized by the memory of the baby you rescued because you had a hand in trying to kill it? What if you were desperate to know the truth of where you came from? Who you really are?

The story unfolds in “October Baby” to be shown Saturday, April 1, at 12 p.m. Can any of them handle the truth? Will the truth really set them free? This compelling account is based on a true story. What would you do in the face of life altering circumstances?

This is a precursor to the LIFE MATTERS special evening event Wednesday, April 19, at the McIntosh Community Center. Watch and listen for details soon.

County announces elimination of Home Care Nursing and Hospice Program

Programs have experienced large budget deficits for 10 ten years

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

During the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners’ meeting on March 21, the commissioners stated that they had come to a very difficult, but necessary decision by adopting Resolution 3-21-23 which eliminates the Home Care Nursing and Hospice program in Clearwater County. The full resolution can be seen in the article “Board of Commissioners’ meeting report”.

The board issued the following press release:

At its Board meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners decided to terminate its Home Care Nursing and Hospice program, which has been operated through its Public Health Department for many years.

The decision was financial. The program has operated with a significant deficit for many years, including deficits exceeding \$160,000 per year in each of the last two years. The program is intended to be self-sustaining, but that has not been the case.

Unlike other public health services, the home care program is not a mandated service. It is increasingly rare for Minnesota counties to provide home case nursing and hospice services. Private providers are offering these services.

On March 21 after the resolution was approved, the Board of Commissioners met with some of the affected nursing staff to give them the news. Commissioners Mark Larson and John Nelson addressed those in attendance by stating that they appreciated the dedication of the nursing staff and the quality of care they have given to residents in the county. They went on to explain that it was a difficult decision, but after 9 years of deficits totaling over \$500,000, they had reached the point that for financial reasons, something had to be done. Commissioner Larson stated that he was on the board 10 years ago when the county sold the hospital. At that time, the commissioners were encouraged to eliminate home care and hospice because of reimbursement issues. The commissioners believed that the county should continue the service and hoped that reimbursements would get better. But in 2012, the county had to transfer \$300,000 into the Nursing Service Fund to offset the losses. Within 6 years of that transfer, there was only \$50,000 left of the 300k. In those 10 years, there were only two years that the budget was in the black. In 2021, the Nursing Service ended the year with a 166 thousand dollar loss and 2022 was in the red by 300 thousand. These deficits were caused by non-reimbursement from private insurance companies, Medicare and Medical Assistance.

and information about COBRA insurance would be mailed to each of them next week. Another caregiver stated that she was concerned for her patients and thought that April 28 would be too soon for the patients to transfer to other providers. Commissioner Larson, stated that the commissioners would do everything in their power to make sure no patients “fell through the cracks” and would continue to receive care after the April 28 deadline.

For those staff members that were not in attendance for the meeting, Syverson will be delivering letters within the next day. Clients will begin to be notified starting that afternoon. With no other questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Even though Home Care Nursing and the Hospice program will no longer be offered by the county, they are still mandated by the State of Minnesota to provide public health services. The county has responsibility for these six local public health items:

1. Assure an adequate public health infrastructure.
2. Promote healthy communities and healthy behaviors.
3. Prevent the spread of infectious disease.
4. Protect against environmental health hazards.
5. Prepare for and respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery.
6. Assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Tasks that the County Public Health Department will continue to do include:

- Communicable disease investigation and control
- Assessing health needs of their local communities (statutory authority and responsibility)
- Developing policies to foster healthy communities
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics
- Immunization clinics
- Providing health care services for those in county correctional facilities
- Youth tobacco and chemical use prevention programs
- Public health nuisance investigations and abatement
- Public health emergency planning and response

During the question-and-answer session, it was clear that the announcement came as a shock to most of the nursing staff. One of the staff members asked about severance pay and how it would reflect their retirement plans. Commissioner Nelson started to address the questions, but County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach reminded him that those types of questions would need to be handled by the Human Resources Department on a case by case basis. The commissioners asked Auditor/Treasurer Allen Paulson to join the meeting to help answer questions. Paulson explained that regarding severance, employees would be paid for any PTO they had accrued

Severe Weather Awareness Week

The Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting general weather safety and emergency preparedness to Minnesotans during April 17 - 21 for Severe Weather Awareness Week.

In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 20. Outdoor sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound.

This is the perfect time to engage with your communities, schools, and local businesses to talk about their emergency plans and how they can prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week highlights an important weather safety topic.

- Monday: Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday: Floods
- Thursday: Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- Friday: Extreme Heat

Promote Emergency Preparedness in Your Community

- Hold preparedness seminars.
- Consult with local businesses.
- Host a preparedness and health fair.
- Start a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Meet with homeowners associations.
- Post newsletter, social media and website articles with preparedness tips.
- Encourage others to know how to contact their county emergency manager.

More information about these emergency preparedness steps is provided on the HSEM Weather Safety and National Weather Service websites.

General, all-hazards emergency preparedness best practices for businesses, communities,

individuals and families can be found on this HSEM website.

April 17 - 21, 2023
Statewide Tornado Drill Day is April 20.

This is a general list of suggested common items that you should keep handy at home in an emergency supply kit or nearby. Everyone may have slightly different needs but those on this list have been found through experience to be the most useful. Keep them in your preparedness bag or a bin or other easily accessible location. If you don’t keep a kit, know where they are on short notice.

Drinking water – If clean water is not available for an extended period, try to keep about a gallon of drinkable water (bottled) per person per day on hand for drinking, cooking or basic hygiene. Juices or soft drinks are okay for drinking in limited quantities. Avoid alcohol.

Extra non-perishable food – In an emergency, power may be out for an extended period. Try to keep a couple days’ worth of canned or packaged foods that don’t require refrigeration in your pantry. Soups, stews, canned pasta, etc. are good to have. Use it periodically to refresh your stock.

Flashlight and spare batteries – Extended power outages are the most common emergency. Being able to see at night – especially in a damaged area - is critically important for safety. Also, you may need to get into unlit spaces for inspection or repairs. Make sure everyone in a household has at least one with extra batteries.

Whistle - If you should ever become trapped in a damaged building or car or isolated in any way and need to attract help immediately, keep a small whistle on hand in your kit.

Tool kit – Being able to make small repairs or clear

damages during an emergency could be critical. Always keep a basic set of household tools close by including screwdrivers (flat and Phillips-head, claw hammer, adjustable wrench, saw, clamps, crowbar).

First Aid kit - It’s always good to have a proper First Aid Kit on hand for any emergency or event. If you have one, make sure it gets refreshed with new supplies every year.

N95 Dust Masks or Respirators – If a flood or other disaster should cause damage that leaves mold or other toxic dust in a home, a dust mask or respirator may help keep you breathing safely while you are recovering. (The N95 respirator masks are not approved for chemicals or gases in the air, such as carbon monoxide, and will not protect you from them. If you smell a strong chemical odor, you should leave the area right away.)

Plastic garbage bags – A roll of large plastic garbage bags can serve a multitude of uses including gathering belongings, debris clean up, waterproof cover, poncho or even serve as an emergency toilet.

Extra Shoes and work gloves - Many people go barefoot at home. Yet even minor damages can result in dangerous debris or broken glass both inside and outside the home. Keep an extra set of sturdy shoes or boots on hand. Work gloves are for use for moving broken or rough materials safely. Winter gloves may keep your hands warm but may tear easily when moving debris.

Battery powered radio- During any kind of emergency, staying informed is essential. Power, cable (including internet) services may be down for an extended time. A portable, battery powered radio can keep you up to date and give weather forecasts.

2023 TORNADO DRILL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20



DRILL ONE

1:45 P.M. statewide mock Tornado Warning

DRILL TWO

6:45 P.M. statewide mock Tornado Warning

Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for schools and businesses. The evening drill is intended for families.



Sign up for April's Poetry SLAM Live at Fozzie's BBQ

Bemidji, MN - Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ in Bemidji is hosting Watermark's Spoken Word April Poetry SLAM live event at 7pm on Thursday, April 20. There is no charge to participate and no charge to watch. Poets can pre-register by calling Watermark Art Center at 218-444-7570 or sign up early at the door beginning at 6:30pm as space allows. This event is popular, so it's advised to arrive early.

What's a Poetry SLAM? A poetry slam is a competitive art event in which poets perform spoken word poetry before a live audience and a panel of judges. While formats can vary, slams are often loud and lively, with audience participation, cheering and dramatic

delivery.

Poets should prepare three original SLAM poems, one for each of three rounds. Poems must be under three minutes reading time; notes are allowed. Judges, selected from the audience, score each reading. The poets with the highest scores move forward through consecutive rounds. The top three in the final round win cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

More information and rules available at watermarkartcenter.org/2022-spoken-word-series/. Contact Watermark Art Center at 218-444-7570 or email lgrunzke@watermarkartcenter.org for pre-registration or questions.

Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Friends,
It's busy up here at the Capitol. In the span of 24 hours, I've received some really depressing news: The Democrat trifecta has come to terms on spending, opting to spend just shy of \$18 billion dollars of new General Fund Spending. Our budget from the last two year cycle was around \$52 billion, the Democrats are now pushing a total budget increase well over 25%, with spending coming in above \$65 billion. One question I want to ask you, after two years of record inflation under the Biden economy, are you, your friends or family seeing a fixed increase in your pocket of 25%?

Here are the spending targets, add 6 zero's behind the figures to fully appreciate the new budget:

What's worse is now, as legislative deadlines are fast approaching, Senate Democrats have positioned themselves to take up Gun Control Legislation just three days before



Committee bills finalize. The bills in question are linked here SF 2909 and SF 1116. These bills are whole sale assault on your 4th and 2nd amendment rights, and have strong backing from Tim Walz.

Red Flag gun grabs being issued with no crime, Judges having the option to ban a person for possessing fire arms for up to 2 years without committing a crime, 21 year old requirement for ownership, magazine capacity limits, and the end of personal transfers are just a few to name:

Please let me know your thoughts, or concerns with the Budget, proposed gun bills, or any legislative matter that you think needs consideration.

Cheers,
Steve Green
Minnesota Senate,
District 2
Capitol Address
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg.
Room 2319, St. Paul, MN
55155, Phone: 651-297-8063

Banned books introduced in Little Free Library at the State Capitol

In celebration of Reading Month, Governor Walz unveiled the first ever Little Free Library in the State Capitol. With more than 1,600 book titles banned or restricted by other states last year, the Little Free Library celebrates books and helps to ensure they remain accessible in Minnesota.

"In Minnesota, we are focused on investing in education, our future, and children and families across the state. We're not in the business of taking books away from kids and schools - and we certainly don't believe in banning books that tell our history," said Governor Walz. "This Little Free Library is one way we're doing our part to ensure books remain accessible to teach, tell our story, and inspire the next generation of readers in Minnesota."

Pruning by John Reff, Master Gardener

A topic I'm often asked about is why, when, and how to prune trees and shrubs.

There are reasons why we prune: damage, disease, appearance, and fruit production. It is also a way to help maintain a shrub's desired appearance in our yards.

If you have a large tree that has some damage, such as a broken limb, I highly suggest that unless you can reach the branch and remain standing on the ground, that you hire a professional to do the work. YouTube has a lot of videos-mostly men-standing on ladders with saws in hand, crashing down to the ground! Leave it to the pros who have the equipment and tools to do the job properly and safely.

When to prune depends on what the plant is. Most often, early spring is the best time as plants are in their dormant stage. A lot of guides tell us to prune in late March, but for our area, it's sometimes not very practical due to too much snow! The best time is before the leaf buds start to open.

Evergreens require little to no pruning. Someone once told me that spruce and fir trees can be pruned whenever you have a sharp knife. True to some extent because they grow continuously. If you cut off the end a branch, lateral growth will continue. Pines are a bit different as they grow only from the tips of the branches. Control the size of the tree by cutting the new growth only. Evergreens have a tendency to have dead branches on the bottom. Remove those branches near the tree trunk leaving 1/4" to 1/2" of the branch.

Pruning...
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Polk County Sheriff

2023 SkyWarn Training

Polk County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will be conducting a Skywarn Storm Spotter training class. This training class is beneficial for those who simply wish to become better informed, as well as those who want to be designated storm spotters. The training will be conducted by a Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

Individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what constitutes severe weather, and how to report this information. Additional information on severe weather safety is also covered. This class is a multimedia presentation which includes detailed video.

We ask that you alert citizens of the upcoming Training. Training will begin at 6:00 pm and will run approximately two hours, with a break in the middle to allow for questions and refreshments. This training will be held at the time and locations listed below.

April 3rd 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Embassy Community Center, Fosston, MN
April 4th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Knutson Community Center, Fertile, MN
April 5th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Kiehle Auditorium, UMC, Crookston, MN

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Department. We can be reached at 218-470-8263, 218-470-8290, or by emailing jody.beauchane@co.polk.mn.us or jill.moreno@co.polk.mn.us.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continuing assistance and support.

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Fri. & Sat., March 31 & April 1 - Ribeye
Friday - Live Music by Sean Wallin "Elvis" 7 to 9 p.m.

SHORTY'S PLACE, 268-4199

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March 31st, 2023
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF FOSSTON TRI-COOP
Fosston, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of stockholders of Fosston Tri-Coop will be held at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston, Minnesota on Friday, March 31, 2023. Meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow.

The business meeting will include the presentation of the annual report and election of three directors, who will serve a term of three years.

Curtis Bartz
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LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER



Bagley Early Childhood has an opening for a Long Term Substitute Teacher May 1, 2023 through May 25, 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure is required.

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching licensure, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

R1-2C

Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Loader Operator I/Fosston:

\$20.65 - \$26.97/hr.

Closes March 29, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Public Safety Telecommunicator:

\$24.13 - \$31.52 /hr.

Closes March 29, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I/Fosston:

\$22.77 - \$29.73/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Assistant County Attorney:

\$37.74 - \$53.24/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Sort Line Operator I or II/Fosston:

\$17.18 - \$23.56/hr.

Position Is Open Until Filled

Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including but not limited to affordable family healthcare plans and PERA retirement.

For an application, full job description and general job opening information go to www.co.polk.mn.us and click on "Careers" or call 218-281-5408 Polk County Administrator's Office. EOE

R491C

ANTICIPATED OPENING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an anticipated open position for an Elementary School Teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2023-2024 school year.

Requirements: MN K-6 elementary teaching license is required. Individuals with alternative licenses and those who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Or email the materials to:
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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R50-2C

CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a custodial position. This is a full-time, 12 month position, with benefits. Pay is negotiable dependent on experience. Job requirements include the ability to thoroughly clean while paying attention to detail with some lifting and bending required. Boiler's license is helpful but not required for the position. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.

Please submit resume, letter of interest, and application to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR

R52-3C

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

TEACHING POSITIONS

Secondary Science Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in Physical Science/Physics and Earth Science is required.

Secondary Special Ed./SLD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in SLD is required.

Secondary CTE Business Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure is required. Possible courses include but are not limited to HS Accounting, Marketing, Personal Finance, Computer Graphics and Web Design, in addition to Jr. High Computers.

Secondary .4FTE Spanish Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure is required.

Elementary Special Ed./EBD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in EBD is required.

Elementary Special Ed./SLD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in SLD is required.

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching licensure, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

Substitute Teacher opportunities are available. Applicants should submit their teaching license (or substitute licensure with a 4-year degree) and resume.

OPENINGS

Paraeducator position openings in the Elementary and High School, candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Substitute Para opportunities are available. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Native American Home School Liaison Positions - Full-time positions open for 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024 school year. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

Substitute Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

Full-Time Route Bus Drivers and Substitute Bus Drivers positions. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a school bus driver's license endorsement. The District is willing to help applicants obtain their school bus endorsement. New drivers will receive a \$200 stipend after six months of driving to help defray the cost of certification. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Stuart Dukek at 694-6122.

Cleaner-Sweeper/Custodian position. Bagley Independent School District #162 is accepting applications for a cleaner-sweeper/Custodian position. Applications can be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For questions about the position, contact Nichole at 218-694-6184 or Ron at 218-368-8314

Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Nichole Ekre at 694-6184.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



Just thinking these days—and I suppose if I'm thinking about things—you must be, too. I sure hope you feel free to clip this out and pass it on to those whom you love because sometimes it's easier to hear through the words of others. Not sure why, but I suppose as my husband says—you're always an expert far from home.

So here's what I'm thinking: Isn't it just like all of us to be all stubborn like and not receive what others are trying to pour in. Pride, I suppose, gets the best of us. Thoughts ramble through: Don't you think I've already thought of that? Do you think I can't figure that one out? You just don't understand! I already know that! Why do you always have to be so critical?

Then again, isn't it just like all of us to have what we're trying to express come out all wrong—upon those whom we love? Sometimes words come out differently than what we intended. Perhaps voice intonations echo those from our own past with an inflection of shame here and there. Perhaps in our deepest desire for those whom we love to run the race better than we—we sound like we're lodging complaints about those whom we love not being good enough just as they are.

Just Thinking

Usually those who sound the trumpet warnings can see the flip side of things and don't want others to end up on the flip side of the coin toss which reads tails I win—heads you lose.

And this is the part I can't figure out. Rather than receive that which is given in love, the lines of communication wane into silence and other voices in the round-about carry more weight.

Here's the question I pose. Why do those we love, often times reject that which we desire to lavish upon them? Why is it easier to step off the front porch and pick up that which the world lays at the feet—as if we've been hiding the goods from em all along?

Is it more tantalizing to pick up what the world offers than to trust those who have gone before us? Why is it so easy to turn from instead of turn towards those who love you with an everlasting love?

Why the need to have identities recreated into anything but His? How, when He created, do we think we can recreate? Why the need to blow past His boundaries which He set up for protection?

Deep down we know He came out of love and why He came has not changed. Why did He come? He came because He knew we'd stumble all wayward like.

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After all, it was “while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).

He not only died, but rose. God is in the resurrection business. Therein lies our not just our hope, but our only hope. And here's a little reminder for those who are trying to love in ways everlasting the ones God has placed within our lives. Our hope is not in what we say to our loved ones, although that may act as a guide. Our hope is in Him. And if our hope is in Him—so is the hope of those whom we love.

Which reminds me...all of us who are trying to love, protect, guide, flag down and warn those whom we love against the whiles of the world—we, too, need merely turn back to Him and allow Him to resurrect our hearts of trust so that we may trust in His ways over our own. He sees the panoramic view and we a small portrait of that which He desires to paint within all whom He loves. And who does He love? He loves all He created and who He is recreating anew every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.

What shall we do? We shall pray. He not only hears the cries of our hearts, but “He knows our needs before we even ask” (Matt. 6:8). Yet, He desires we ask. We shall ask. In Jesus name we pray...Amen.

Trip to Buxton

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



A couple of years ago I acquired a 720 John Deere tractor. After discovering the motor was not stuck I began checking on what else the tractor needed. I knew one thing it needed was a manifold as this one is crumbling. I have since learned that this is somewhat of a typical problem on the some 70, 720, and 730 tractors. I thought this is a great excuse to call Don Dufner in Buxton, ND. I found his phone number and called and got ahold of his wife, Sylvia, and yes he had the part I needed. Yes, it was my turn to take a trip to the Dufner farm for parts.

Here is where you maybe need a little background. Those of you who know me personally know that I am what you might call a lifelong tractor lover, especially John Deere. When I was a kid, my mom and dad would take me to the county fairs and go to tractor pulls. This is where I first learned of Don Dufner. I enjoyed watching him pull so much with one of his green and yellow machines! I couldn't help but cheer when he lined up and was ready to pull. I heard stories and witnessed the great engineering wonders created by Don. The triple D, the G set up for cultivating multiple rows, an 830 with another “helper” tractor behind. Oh the list could go on and on. When collecting started getting “bigger” I bought a tractor book called John Deere Tractors: Big Green Machines in Review, by Henry Rasmusen. I read the book from cover to cover especially the stories about the legend in my mind, Don Dufner. Whenever I went to an auction sale, a pull, or a tractor show where Don was I would make sure to nose my way in and try to get a few words in with what you might call my “tractor hero!”

So you see heading to the Dufner Farm to pick up the part for my old 720 was a trip that I was anxiously waiting for. It was harvest season so Don was busy and I did not want to be too much of pest but when he called and said he would be around

my wife and I quickly got in my truck and headed out. Pulling in the yard the first thing I saw was the jumping Deere emblem on one of his sheds, so I knew I must be at the right place. Then up to the house where there was a steel wheeled Deere mounted on a steel beam some 10 or 15 feet above the ground. Underneath the high flying tractor is the “John Deere Man”, with feet of flywheels, legs of crankshafts, a radiator body, connecting rod and piston arms, and a belt pulley for a head, and an old school bell for a hat to top it off.

When I knocked on the door and Patty and I were invited in where we had a chance to visit a bit before getting a peak at some of Dufner tractor collection. You have heard the saying, what is it, excited as a kid in a candy shop....that was me. I am a teacher and adhere to the saying you learn something new everyday, so I asked quite a few tractor questions. When you have the “expert” in front of you, you want to learn something!

My sons are pro sports fans and I know if they had a chance to meet lets say Adam Theilen, or Michael Jordan I can only imagine how they would feel. My mom was a huge Minnesota Timberwolves fan and she got to take her picture with Karl Anthony Towns...I also know how

cool that was to her. Well, now I got my chance! Talking tractors with Don Dufner was my equivalent! I want to tell Don and Sylvia, thank you so much for the hospitality and the education. This trip was the best! I did get my manifold and have since been back for another visit. Just another fabulous day in the life of tractor lover, Eric Mickelson.

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The John Deere 720 was made from 1956-_____.
2. John Deere claimed the 720 had 53 drawbar hp. When it was tested it had _____ hp.
A) 53.41hp B) 55.9hp C) 57.15hp D) 60hp
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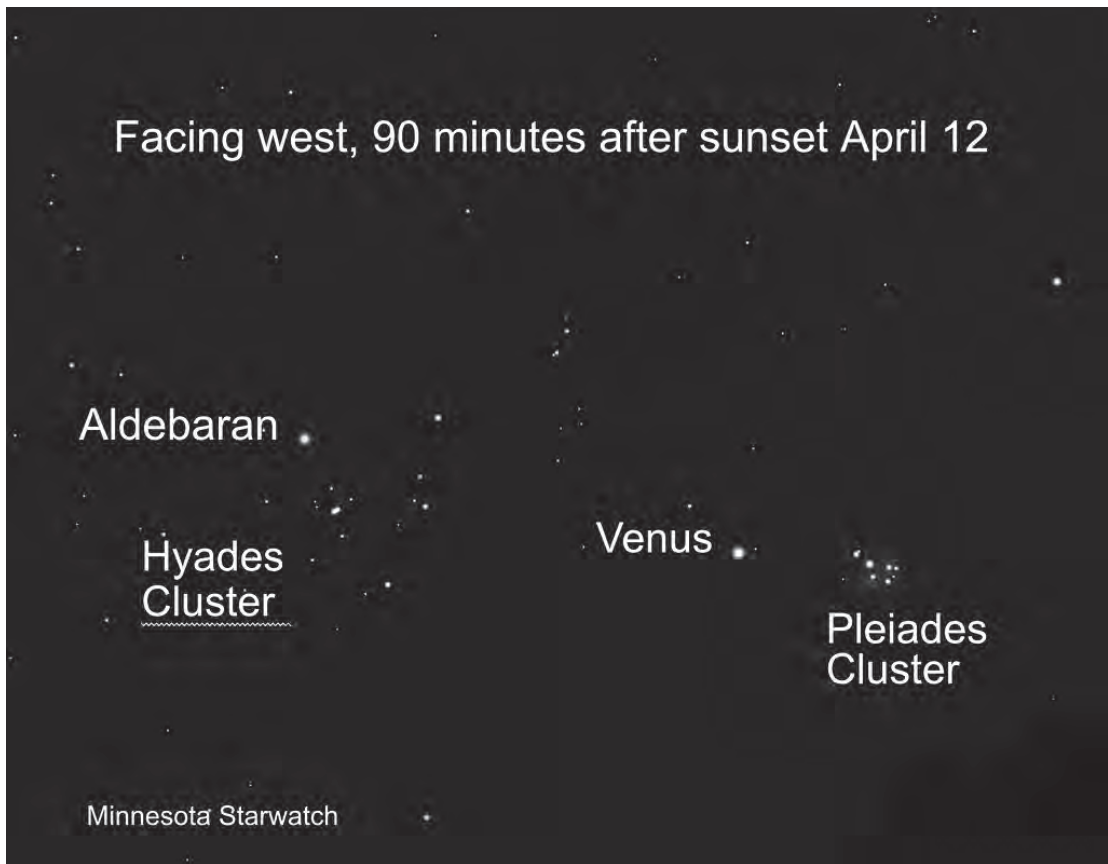
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Minnesota Starwatch for April 2023

By Deane Morrison

Venus spends April chasing Mars, but—spoiler alert—won't catch up to the red planet. At least not anytime soon.

Our sister planet is an unmistakable "evening star" in the west. Meanwhile, Mars sojourns through the Gemini twins as the bright winter stars stream past it toward the sunset. Nightfall in mid-month will be the last good time this season to compare Venus to Sirius, the brightest of stars, which will be low in the southwest.

Watch the Pleiades star cluster slip by Venus between Sunday, the 9th and Wednesday, the 12th. Just east of Venus, look for the V-shaped Hyades cluster,

which forms the face of Taurus, the bull. The bull's eye is the bright star Aldebaran, which is not part of the Hyades.

The spring constellation Leo, the lion, reaches its highest point in the south at nightfall this month. Look for the backward question mark of stars outlining Leo's head. This figure, called the Sickle, is anchored by bright Regulus, the lion's heart. The lion's hindquarters are a triangle of stars pointing eastward. On moonless nights, grab a star chart and binoculars and try to spot the lovely but subdued Beehive star cluster between Regulus and Pollux, the brighter of the Gemini twins.

In the northeast, the Big

Dipper balances on its handle at nightfall. Follow the curve of the handle to Arcturus, the brightest star in the northern hemisphere of sky. Its kite-shaped constellation, Bootes, the herdsman, is a pleasing staple of the summer night sky.

Watch for a somewhat bright star to climb over the southeastern horizon to the lower right of Arcturus. This is Spica, the only landmark in large but dim Virgo, the maiden. To the west of Spica you'll find the irregular four-sided figure of Corvus, the crow.

April's full moon arrives at 11:34 p.m. on Wednesday, the 5th. That night it leads Spica across the sky.

Take Back the Night: Sexual Violence Awareness Month Support Within Reach Staff

Sexual violence, as many of you know personally, is an epidemic that runs rampant in our community. Sexual violence can look very different from person to person, but whether it is exploitation, trafficking, sexual assault, rape, or whether it is sexual violence by a stranger or by a loved one, the destruction that is caused by it runs deep and impacts the lives of everyone around it. We want to remember the primary victims (someone directly involved in the assault) and secondary victims (someone associated with the primary victim, who has been affected by the assault) and be a support and guidance through the healing process.

April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month and for it Support Within Reach wants to invite you to our Take Back the Night events over the week of April 10th – 13th. These events are open to the community and are a way that we can acknowledge those who are victims and survivors of sexual assault, violence, trafficking, and exploitation. Take Back the Night events are held annually around the world throughout communities and college cam-

puses alike. The Take Back the Night event will be on April 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the American Indian Recreational Center on Bemidji State University's campus. There will be a booths hosted by community partners, a drum circle, extraordinary speakers, and a candle light vigil where sexual violence survivors are welcome to share their stories.

In addition to this event, Bemidji State University and Support Within Reach will be hosting a week of events leading up to Thursday. Support Within Reach advocates will be speaking on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation, there will be a presentation on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and more. Please find us on Facebook and Instagram @SupportWithinReach for more event details.

If you find that before or after the event you have any questions or if anything has triggered personal emotions from past events in your life, please feel free to reach out to one of our advocates at Support Within Reach. We understand that sexual violence can be a very heavy topic, but we encourage you to attend and stay

at the events for as long as you are able. Although, these are hard topics to discuss, it is imperative for our community to be a part of these conversations to enable growth and healing. To find more information on the Take Back the Night Foundation specifically, please see the link to the National website below.

If you are an organization or business in the area that would like to support the event or host a booth, please email contact@supportwithinreach.org.

If you or someone you know has experienced Sexual Violence, advocates are here and ready to help you. Reach out to Support Within Reach at our 24/7 crisis hotlines: 1-800-708-2727 (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Cass) or 1-866-747-5008 (Itasca and Aitkin). Please like, follow, and share our social media platforms, and visit our website at supportwithinreach.org.

National Take Back the Night Website: <https://takebackthenight.org>

Pruning...
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Pruning to promote the growth of flowers or fruits is another important task. Fruit trees should be pruned yearly; early spring is the best time. Prune to make the tree easy to harvest, to keep its health, to improve air circulation, and to allow the sun to reach the fruit. If your fruit tree needs more attention, look up a "How To" for the specific tree, or hire a professional. Eventually, pruning will produce more and better fruit.

Some parts of the plant to prune are easily identifiable. New growth around the base of the tree should all be removed. Water sprouts-branches that grow straight up from the branches-serve no purpose. Broken or damaged branches where two branches are rubbing against other should be removed.

Pruning shrubs is not as critical as pruning trees. We prune shrubs to control their size and shape. You can thin them by removing some branches. You can shape them by cutting back the tops and sides. In some cases, where the plant was damaged or has just gotten too big for the space it was intended, you can cut all the branches down nearly to the ground. In most cases, new growth will appear and the shrub will start growing again.

If you're going to try pruning, make sure your tools are sharp, you wear gloves and safety glasses, and stay off ladders!

Wow! That seems like a lot of information, but I have just touched the surface of the what, why, when and how of pruning. You can use reliable websites such as extension.umn.edu or consult with area experts. Or, if you feel adventurous, just start pruning and see what happens! My personal motto is "prune aggressively." In most cases, that has worked out!

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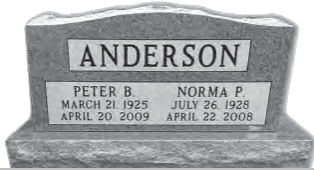
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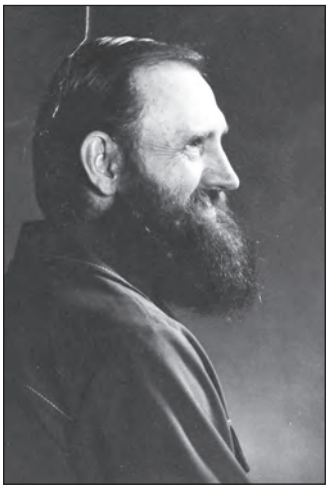
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Celebration of Life for Ronald Edevold

A Celebration of Life is being planned for Ronald Edevold on Saturday, June 24, 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Gonvick Legion.

Ronald Franklin Edevold was born February 10, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to parents Oscar and Laura (Ness) Edevold. Ron passed away on February 23, 2023 at 83 years old. He had struggled for several years with Parkinson's disease prior to his death at Brookdale Senior Living in Sun City West, Az.



Obituary for Oliver Kimbro

Oliver Kimbro of Oklee, died Saturday, March 18th, 2023 at the age of 86 as a result of a vehicle accident near Thief River Falls.

Visitation for Oliver was held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Johnson Funeral Service in Oklee, MN. Oliver will be interred with his beloved wife at the Meadow Ridge Memorial Park cemetery in Faribault in a private ceremony this summer.

Oliver was born February 12, 1937 to James Kimbro and Bessie (Bailey) Kimbro. He attended school in Waterville, Minnesota. He married Mary

Jane Walters on October 13, 1966 at Hope United Methodist Church in Faribault, MN, and they lived in Faribault Minnesota throughout their marriage.

Oliver worked at Mercury in Faribault for 30 years. He loved visiting with family and friends including his good friends Mae and Gloria as well as with everyone he met. And he would stop to visit anytime, everywhere he went. Besides visiting, he liked doing scrap iron work, trips to the casino, working in his yard with the scrap iron and splitting wood.

Oliver is survived by his children, Ralph of Oklee and Brian of Faribault; grandchildren, April (Trapper Stine) Kimbro of Trail, Brenton (Samantha) Gerholdt of Oklee, Dustin Gerholdt of Burnsville, MN; great-grandchildren, Robert, Mason, Izayah, Mackenzie, Isaac, Spencer, Liam, Kayden, Austin, Addyson & Joshua; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1999, his parents, his daughter-in-law, Renee, in 2020, and his siblings, Lola, Jim, Ben and Bill.

May his memory ever be blessed.



Obituary for Eunice Schulz

Eunice Schulz, 83, of Grygla, MN passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023 at Sanford Medical Center, Fargo, ND with her loving family by her side.

The service to celebrate Eunice's life was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 17, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN with Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial at Northwood Cemetery, rural Grygla, MN.

Eunice Mae Blokzyl was born March 14, 1939 in Crookston, MN daughter of Cornelius and Helen (Butenhoff) Blokzyl. She was baptized and confirmed at the Christian Reformed Church and attended school and graduated from Central High School in Crookston. Eunice worked at Irishman Shanty, Wayne Hotel Café and Sweet Shop in Crookston.

On September 28, 1957 Eunice was united in marriage to Harold Schulz and the couple moved to Euclid, MN where they farmed. To this union four children were born, Dan, Doug, Tim and

Tami. Eunice always felt very blessed to be home to raise her family.

In 1977, they moved to a farm north of Grygla along the Moose River where they farmed and raised cattle. Eunice went to work at Marvin Windows for 19 years until Harold's death in 2001.

Eunice was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, WELCA, and Red Hats. She had a strong faith, loved reading her Bible and listening to gospel music.

She loved being with her family and made quilts for all of her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Eunice enjoyed her garden, flowers, baking, manicuring her yard, playing cards, Aggravation with friends, and picking blueberries.

Survivors include her loving children, Dan Schulz; Doug (Jodi) Schulz, Tim (Kim) Schulz and Tami (Daron) Morey; daughter-in-law, Jean Schulz; grandchildren, Nicole (Scott) Hilgeman, Tyler (Kinzie) Schulz, Miranda Schulz, Ethan Schulz, Leah (fiancé Jamison St. Germain) Schulz, Kallie (Luke Hol-land) Schulz, Whitney (Tyler) Gangl, Ashley Schulz, Bailey (Garth) Berg, Dylan (Shantel) Morey; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Logan, Charlotte, Braxton, Theo, Ayla, Asher, Brielle; brother, Bob (Rona) Blokzyl; brothers & sister-in-law, Sid Anderson, Arlene (Dale) Huot, and Cliff (Lindy) Schulz; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Eunice is preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Charlie; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and special friend Grant Satre.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Robert Turner

Robert Carl Turner, age 71, of Trail, MN, passed away March 21, 2023, at Essentia Living Center Hospice in Fosston. A celebration of life with military honors will be held this summer. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Robert was the son of Mable Lund and William Turner. Robert grew up near Trail, graduating from Gonvick High school where he was an impressive football player and athlete. After high school, Robert joined the Army and after basic training in Fort Lewis, WA, was dispatched to Vietnam. While in training and Vietnam, Robert earned



two overseas bars, Vietnam Campaign medal and a M-14 sharpshooter medal. He saw hostile action near Da Nang where he was an MP and heavy-duty equipment operator.

After returning home, Robert lived many years in Georgia where he ran a crew installing irrigation for Ron Steile, who along with his family, was a lifelong friend. Many young men from the Northwoods got jobs from Robert and the rumor was, if you were from northern MN, you had a job if you came down south. After that, Robert became an over the road trucker for Transport America where he set many mileage and safety records. Robert developed severe medical issues in the late 90's and had spent many years living in an apartment at the old Gully school.

He enjoyed sports, particularly the Vikes and being outside. Recently medical issues forced him to move to Cornerstone in Fosston and then the Pioneer home. He never lost his sense of humor.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by 7 siblings—Bill Turner, WA, Mary MacBeth, CA, Leslie Schmit (Shirley), Red Lake Falls, Tom Schmit (Chris), Truman, MN, John Schmit (Audrey) Trail, MN, Julie Schmit, CA and Peter Schmit (Phyllis), White Bear Lake, MN. In the words of Robert "Love Ya ".



Obituary for James Paulson

James Paulson, age 85, of Trail, MN, passed away on Friday, March 24th, at Essentia Living Center in Fosston. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th, at New Journey Church in Fosston with Pastors Jarred LeBon and Tyler Stynsberg officiating. Interment will be in Rosehill Cemetery, Fosston, at a later date. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Military honors will be conducted by the Army Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. Live-stream of the service may be viewed and messages of condolence shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

James Allen Paulson was born June 17th, 1937 to parents Alvin and Catherine (Schmit) Paulson. He was born in the house on the farm, where he lived the majority of his life. He attended grade school at District 242, a country school about a mile from home. He often told stories about the adventures of walking, and skiing in the winter months, to school.

He attended Fosston High School and then attended the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston MN for his final three years of high school education, graduating in 1955. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1957 thru 1959 at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After that he returned home to farm in partnership with his father.

He was married to the girl across the road, Janice Anderson, on September 10th 1966. To this union two sons were born, Daniel James and Darald Allen Paulson.

Later in years he farmed in partnership with his son Darald. He loved the soil and animals. He was in the dairy business, had a herd of beef cows and raised many hogs along with crops during his lifetime of farming. Farming was not only his occupation, but his passion. It was his favorite thing to do and he did it for over 60 years.

He had few hobbies, as farming was his hobby as well. However, deer hunting was an important part of the

year to him. He was proud that he used the same deer rifle, a 30-40 Krag, for 55 years. Spearing fish in the winter was also a must do thing for him. He provided many neighbors with fish over the years.

He was active in the area community. He served on the board of directors for the Gully Cooperatives for 27 years, many of those years as President. He was on the Land O' Lakes board, the Eden township board, and the Fosston School Board for 12 years. In 1974 he was selected as East Polk County King Agassiz candidate and fulfilled that position at the Red River Valley Winter Shows in Crookston. He was a member of the Fosston Baptist Church, now known as New Journey Church, where he held many positions.

He also enjoyed performing for audiences as his character, Lars Peterson. For many years he entertained crowds at functions in the area telling stories and jokes, having the crowd rolling in laughter. He was sort of a Scandinavian stand-up comic. He loved his Ole and Lena jokes. If you knew him you have heard many of them. Recently at a Gully, MN days celebration he was awarded a "Gully Oscar" for his years of entertainment. This meant a lot to him. For many years he wrote a Christmas letter that incorporated his sense of humor, poking fun at the relatives and neighbors that he loved dearly.

James passed away on Friday, March 24th, 2023 in Fosston, MN at the age of 85 years and 9 months.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janice; his son Daniel Paulson and his wife Tina of Gully, MN; his grandson Ryan Paulson and his wife Hillary of Trail, MN along with their expected child, whom James was very excited to learn about recently; his granddaughter Nicole (Paulson) Halbur and her husband Jonathan of Fosston, MN and their daughter's Brynlee and Blakely Halbur, whom he loved every minute with; and his granddaughter Hannah Paulson of Sun Lakes, AZ. He is also survived by his two sisters Kathleen Spears of Cottage Grove, MN and Shirley Graftaas of Fosston MN. Brothers-in-law Neal, Larry, Alan, Peter (Beverly), Dale (Cheryl), David (Becky) Anderson and sister-in-law Marilyn (Bob) Benjamin. His in-laws were just like siblings to him. He is also survived by many cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his son Darald Paulson, his brothers-in-law James Spears and Albert Graftaas, his sisters-in-law Sandra Anderson and Jolene Anderson, his father and mother in-law Leo and Doris Anderson, and his parents Alvin and Catherine Paulson.



Obituary for David Lundmark

David E. Lundmark, 76, of Brainerd, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Essentia Health – St. Joseph's Medical Center with family by his side.

Services for David will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Nelson-Doran Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to gather for one hour prior to the service. Interment at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Camp Ripley.

David was born October 30, 1946, in Roseau, the son of Paul and Alice (Wildmo)

Lundmark. After graduating from Brainerd High School, David enlisted in the US Air Force and served his country for four years. Unfortunately, his contact with Agent Orange rendered David blind for the last 40 plus years. But – David never complained or stilled his circumstances. He still made sure to socialize at the American Legion and VFW; even counting the steps from his house there and marking each intersection. Before he became blind, he would hunt and fish but after he enjoyed listening to current events and or an audiobook. He had a sharp mind and a big heart – his stubborn, proud independence stayed with him until the end. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his sisters, Susan (Wayne) Kampen and Shirlee (Mike) Allen; step-children, Shawn Barnes (and family) and Staci (Tim) Stangl (and family); sister-in-law, Sally Lundmark; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dennis; sister, Sandra Hanke; and nephew, Shane Bjornson.



Obituary for Lynn Lee

Lynn Rowland Lee was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend during her 72 years of life. She passed away peacefully on Monday, March 6, 2023, at Sanford Hillsboro Hospital in North Dakota.

Lynn was born on September 11, 1950, to Harold and Martha Rowland. Lynn was raised in Gonvick, Minnesota where she graduated high school in 1968. She met and fell in love with Wayne Lee and moved to Perley, Minnesota. During that time Lynn worked as a crop adjuster and was active in her children's lives. She was also a part of the 4H Club with her daughter, Mercedes, and was active with the Garden Club.

Lynn was married for thirty-five wonderful years and after retiring, she enjoyed raising sheep and spending time with her family and friends.



Obituary for Dennis Dahlke

Dennis Dahlke, 83, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Monday, March 20, 2023 at his home.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born on March 11, 1940 in Holst Township near Clearbrook, MN to Carl and Mabel (Baumann) Dahlke. He attended Rufflybrook Country School and went on to attend Bagley High School. Dennis briefly went to Trade School and specialized in Electronics before joining the National Guard in 1960. On May 29, 1965, Dennis married Sheryl Hanson and together



She also enjoyed reading, traveling, playing cards, and going on vacation with family and friends. Later in life she especially enjoyed going with friends to Florida during the cold months and getting pedicures. Lynn adored her children and prided herself on being a loving mother.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne; children, Mike Boone, Edward Boone (Michelle), Tony Lee, and Mercedes Lee Murphy (Hoang); grandchildren, Jazmine Allman (Kevin), Kolby Boone, and Piper Lee; great granddaughter, Romy Allman; sister, Beatrice Rowland McNichol (Stephen); brother, Leroy Rowland (Laura); many nieces and nephews and their families, and extended family and friends.

Along with her parents, Lynn was preceded in death by her uncles, Art Rowland and Ruben Rowland.

She will be missed by all. When production is complete, the funeral home will post a recording of Lynn's Celebration of Life Service on their website.

Celebration of Life Service: 2:00 PM, Friday, March 31, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, Ada, MN.

Visitation: One hour before the service at the church.

Please view our guestbook and share condolences online at www.fredriksonfh.com

Arrangements with Fredrikson-Ganje Funeral Homes Ada & Halstad, Minnesota

they raised a family until later parting. Dennis worked briefly in construction before working for Headwaters Mill and Fletcher Lumber. He was inspired to build his own mill and ran it from 1974 to the present day, though he had slowed down a bit in his eighties. The sawmill was his life's work and he cherished it.

Dennis was a hard worker, never really stopped and always seemed to have a lumber or pallet order to fill. He was quite the handy man and could fix just about anything. He was always building and engineering new sawmill equipment for new projects. Though he was a man of few words, he was very generous and always ready to help. When he was younger, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his five children, Kenny (Joni), Gaylene Zilic, Chad (Yolanda), Greig, and Ashley (Dave) Dahlke; eleven grandchildren, Kali, Kelsey, Alisha, Alex, Azalea, Cole, Henri, Sofia, Hunter, Johanna, and Dresden; his great grandchild, Odin; his siblings, Dalton Dahlke, Arlan Dahlke, Mary Haugen, Linda Bergland, and Carl Dahlke, Jr.; his bonus son and friend, Little Dennis Stevens; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Mabel Dahlke; his brother, Duane Dahlke; and his significant other, Ida Mae Stevens.

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

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Obituary for Lois Bricks

Lois M. Bricks, age 87, most recently of Selby, SD and formerly of Shelby, MT, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2023. Lois Marie Giske was born October 1, 1935 in Bagley, Minnesota, to Carl and Mabel Giske. She grew up on a farm north of Berner, Minnesota. After graduating from Gonvick High School, she went west to Great Falls, Montana, to "find a cowboy like Tim Holt in the movies." She met Ronald Bricks on a blind date in 1955 and they were married May 12, 1956 in Great Falls. While raising their young family, they lived for a time in La Puente, California and Kalispell, Montana, before settling back in Great Falls. Lois was a Sun-

day School teacher and choir member for many years at Peace Lutheran Church in Great Falls. She taught Ron how to dance and together they enjoyed dancing to live bands and later square dancing. Lois wore many working hats over the years, including telephone operator at Mountain Bell, baker in the lunchroom at Longfellow Elementary School, Avon Lady, and shoe and clothing salesperson at The Bon department store. She was a bank teller while she and Ron lived in Sidney, MT, Lewistown, MT, and Shelby before becoming a deputy in the Toole County Clerk of Court's office in Shelby. Ron passed away in 2008, and Lois moved to the Walworth County Care Center in Selby, South Dakota. She had a good strong handshake and expected nothing less of others when greeting them.

Lois is survived by daughter Karen (Dale) Hamre of Selby, SD, and grandsons Steven, John, and Eli. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Alvin Phillip, her husband Ron, and her son David.

Inurnment will take place this summer at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum in Great Falls.

Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge, South Dakota is in charge of arrangements.



Obituary for Jolene Anderson

Jolene Anderson, age 75, of Fosston, MN, passed away unexpectedly at her winter home in Mesa, AZ. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1st, at New Journey Church in Fosston with Pastor Jarred LeBon officiating. Interment will be in Rosehill Cemetery, Fosston, in the spring. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Friday, March 31st, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There will also be a review for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Jolene Ann Anderson (nee Jacob) entered the presence of her Lord on Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Mesa, Arizona.

Jolene was born on August 10, 1947, to Lloyd and Laura (Stover) Jacob in Postville, Iowa. In 1949 the family moved to her grandfather's farm near Sheffield, Iowa where Jolene would grow up with her sisters, Kathy and Anita. Jolene attended one year of country school near the farm before eventually attending and graduating from Sheffield-Chapin with the Class of 1965. Jolene had a kind and fun-loving spirit, and she loved to laugh. She was highly active in her church, Grace Baptist (now First Grace). At an early age Jolene developed a deep love and talent for music, which would continue to be a passion throughout her life. She started out in her school band playing clarinet and oboe, she sang in school and church choirs, and participated in a girls' trio with her sister, Anita. She became very proficient with organ and piano.

Jolene went on to attend Bethel College (now Bethel University) in St. Paul, Minnesota. While in college, she met Neal James Anderson who would eventually become her lifelong partner in marriage and life. During this time, Jolene was employed at IBM in Minneapolis.

Jolene married Neal on December 23, 1967 in Sheffield, Iowa. They made their first home in Nashville, Tennessee, where Neal served in the Coast Guard. Jolene continued to work for IBM in Nashville.

After Neal's discharge in the spring of 1971 they moved to Eden Township,

rural Fosston, Minnesota. Jolene was employed at Koehler Floral, First National Bank, Twin City Federal and AgCountry Farm Credit Services. She was a Loan Service Specialist at AgCountry and retired in 2013 after 23 years of service.

Neal and Jolene were blessed with five children: Lisa, Jason, Nathan, John, and Amy. They were also blessed with three teenage foster children: Mavis, Victor, and Doug Cavalier.

Jolene was gifted with many talents and was deeply generous. Because of this, she served her home, church, and local and global communities in several ways. Jolene was an active member of New Journey Church in Fosston and was the pianist/organist and financial secretary for many years. She was also involved in women's and children's ministries and the quilter's group. She was a member of the Eden Homemakers club. Jolene was a powerful role model and was invited as a guest speaker for Christian Women's Clubs in Minnesota and North Dakota and enjoyed sharing her gift of music singing and playing in local area churches, often alongside her friend, Karen Matson. Jolene's love for music extended to passing along that passion through piano lessons for many years. Beyond her music, Jolene was also an expert seamstress and quilter.

Neal and Jolene shared a deep love and passion for the people of Ukraine. They traveled there many times to invest in the local communities, both economically and spiritually, and built wonderful relationships with the people they met. These were life-giving opportunities for Jolene, who expressed such joy about her experiences and friendships.

For the past nine years Neal and Jolene have enjoyed wintering in Mesa, Arizona. An added blessing occurred when her sister Anita and brother-in-law Paul moved in across the backyard to keep things fun!

Jolene was a strong Christian woman who weathered many storms in life, leaning on her Savior, Jesus Christ, for His strength to carry her through every trial. She was a powerful example of resiliency and always knew how to find joy and laughter in life – and never lost that mischievous twinkle in her eye. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and the truest of friends.

She is survived by her husband, Neal Anderson, three sons, Jason Anderson, Nathan Anderson, John (Rebecca) Anderson, Doug (Joanne) Cavalier, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, her sister, Anita (Paul) Hauser, and brother-in-law, Robert Dowling, as well as many beloved friends, cousins, and in-laws. She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Lisa and Amy, Mavis (Cavalier) Davis, Victor Cavalier, grandson, Joshua, and sister, Kathleen (Robert) Dowling.

USDA Makes Grants Available to Help People in Rural Minnesota Repair Their Homes Damaged By Severe Weather in 2022

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27, 2023 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Minnesota State Director Colleen Landkamer today announced the availability of grants to help people repair their homes that were damaged by severe storms, flooding and tornadoes in 2022.

"When an unexpected crisis impacts our lives, it reminds us of our connection to our communities and to the places we call home," Landkamer said. "That's why USDA stands ready to help thousands of people across rural Minnesota access the resources they need to rebuild their homes, their communities and their lives. We do this work because we know that rural America is home to millions of people who make up America's spirit and character."

The grants are being made available through supplemental disaster funding under the Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program. Through this program, people may apply to receive grants of up to \$40,675 directly from USDA to repair their homes.

Funds will be available until expended. They may be used to:

- pay for home repair expenses that were a result of a Presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022.
- prepare a site for a manufactured home.
- relocate a manufactured home.
- To be eligible:
- applicants must have household incomes that do not exceed the low-limits based on their household size and county.

- homes must be located in an eligible rural area.
- homes must be located in a Presidentially declared disaster areas 2022.

Homes must be located in presidentially declared disaster areas. Residents in the following counties may be eligible for the funding:

Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Clearwa-

ter, Cook, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomens, Marshall, Morrison, Nobles, Norman, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Roseau, St. Louis, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine.

For more information on how to apply, contact your local Rural Development area office.

Background

The Biden-Harris Administration championed the bill known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, that made this funding possible.

In the coming weeks and months, USDA expects to announce additional funding availability under the bill to help rural people in presidentially declared disaster areas who were impacted by natural disasters in 2022.

This additional funding will assist eligible organizations help rural people repair and improve their homes. It will also help rural communities repair water infrastructure and essential community facilities.

Additional resources to support rural communities seeking disaster assistance are available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/rural-development-disaster-assistance>.

Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

To subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

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Obituary for Leslie Klinke

Leslie Allen Klinke, 57, of Fosston, MN passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 15, 2023.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota with Pastor Chris Thoreson officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Leslie was born on December 1, 1965 in Fosston, MN the son of Ronald and Janet (Aspen) Klinke. He grew up on the family farm where he currently resided.

Leslie met and married Julie Baumgartner. To that union, they had three children; Devin, Bailey and Taylor. Later in life, he met and married Tracy (Pletschett) and suddenly had a family of 10. He loved his children and was enjoying watching his grandchildren grow.

Leslie worked a variety of jobs. He worked at Gordon's Construction for many years until settling into what he called the perfect job at Poplar Meadows. He took pride in his work and loved his work family. He thoroughly enjoyed seeing and talking with the residents. He also got to work with his sister, Rhonda, which he treasured. Farming was his real passion and he had a special gift with the horses. The animals loved him.

Leslie enjoyed doing many

things. Some of his favorites included fishing, hunting and just riding around on his four wheeler. He also loved to dance. What he lived for most was football, he was an avid Vikings fan and always stuck by them through thick or thin. Farm chores always came first, and he was content in doing them.

Leslie was a no-nonsense man with a heart of gold. His faith was important to him and played a big part of how he lived his life. He never grumbled or felt bad for himself. He just always found the things to be thankful for. He was a rock that many leaned on. A very strong man with a soft and humble heart. He has a smile that melted our hearts. He will be greatly missed but forever in our hearts.

Leslie leaves behind his wife - Tracy of Fosston.

His children – Devin (Samantha) Klinke of Bemidji; Bailey (Tim) Palm of Trail; Taylor (Cody) Klinke of Clearbrook. Step-children – Jordan (Grace) Lendway of Bemidji; Jeremy (Kelly) Pletschett of Lindstrom; Taylor Pletschett of Gonvick; Tanner (Carlie) Pletschett of Gully.

His mother – Janet Klinke of Fosston, MN

Brother – Cory Klinke of Fosston, MN

Sisters – Gail (Jeff) Moody of Fargo, ND; Denise (Junior) Coyer of Fosston; Rhonda (Roger) Larson of Lengby; Marcy (Trent) Grover of Leonard, and his beloved dog Smurf

8 grandchildren – Cory, Bella, Zaidan, Emma, Everleigh, Ezra, Keziah and Amelia.

Numerous Aunts and Uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and some very special neighbors and friends that he considered family.

Leslie was preceded in death by his father – Ronald Klinke; Brother – Lance Klinke; Brother-in-law – Terry Lendway and Stepson – Tom Pletschett.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Did you know?

People choose pets for various reasons, including the size or appearance of an animal or even a natural affinity for a certain type or breed. Cats and dogs are wildly popular pets, and many households even have both.

When it comes to selecting a breed of kitty or pup, certain options seem to be more popular than others. Across the globe, these breeds of canine and feline have recently been listed as top breeds, courtesy of The Cat Fancier's Association and Highland K-9 Training.

Dog

1. Bulldog: Most popular in the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico and Serbia, this muscular, medium-sized dog once was bred for fighting. Selective breeding has transformed bulldogs into calmer, more loveable companion animals.

2. German Shepherd: The German Shepherd's popularity shows no signs of waning. It's the third-most registered breed in the United States and its high trainability, speed, agility, and other traits make it a popular family pet.

3. Labrador Retriever: Whether they're chocolate, black or yellow, labs have been loved for decades. Canadians, Americans and people from all over flock to the affectionate Labs. Originally called the St. John's Water Dog, Labs originated in Newfoundland, but have since loved their ways into homes across the globe.

Cat

1. Ragdoll: This longhaired cat with a soft, plush coat has gained popularity in recent years. It was recognized as an official breed in 1998, and its mellow disposition and bright blue eyes have made it a favorite.

2. Maine Coon: This is the largest of all pedigree cat breeds, and is considered the "gentle giant" of the feline world. Shaggy-coated and attractive, these cats are quite popular around the world.

3. Exotic: The Exotic was developed as a more easily maintained alternative to the Persian (also a top breed). A short, dense coat with a variety of patterns has inspired the admiration of cat lovers across the globe.



4 quirks common to cats

Cat owners tend to be deeply devoted to their feline friends. Many factors inspire such devotion, not the least of which is the many quirky character traits cats possess.

Individuals considering adopting a kitten for the first time or even seasoned cat lovers may not know what to expect when bringing a feline home for the first time. That's because no two cats are the same. However, quirkiness comes with the territory when welcoming a cat into a home, and prospective cat owners can expect to encounter these four common quirks as they prepare to welcome a cat into the family.

1. Kneading: Sometimes referred to as "making biscuits," kneading may concern first-time cat owners, even though it shouldn't. Kneading occurs when cats push out and pull in their front paws against a particular surface, such as a piece of furniture. The action resembles kneading dough and is a good sign that a cat is comfortable in its surroundings.

2. Walking in circles: Cats may walk in circles for various reasons. The online cats resource Faqcats.com notes that some cats circle their owners in excitement when their human companions return home from work or other errands. However, cats may walk in circles to show dominance or because they're in pain or suffering from an illness such as vestibular disease. Vestibular disease affects the inner ear of cats, particularly older ones. Cats also may walk in circles while suffering from ear infections, hypertension or head injuries. So cat owners who sus-

pect their cat isn't walking in circles out of excitement to see them should bring those concerns to the attention of their veterinarians.

3. Hunting: Cats can be fascinating creatures to observe, and that includes their fondness for hunting, even if they've already eaten or know where their food is. The online cat resource Catster.com indicates that cats' eyes are designed to detect movement, so it shouldn't be a surprise or a cause for concern if they're suddenly stimulated by something that moves and go into hunting mode.

4. Staring at blank walls: One of the more curious and common quirks cats exhibit is the tendency to stare at walls for lengthy periods of time. Cats naturally have a wider peripheral vision than humans, so it's possible that a cat staring at a seemingly blank wall is actually seeing something on its periphery that its owner can't see. Cats also can hear better than their human companions, so they might be staring at a wall because they can hear something their owner can't. Cats also might stare at a wall where they had seen something earlier, such as a shadow, and are now awaiting its return. Some older cats may stare at walls out of confusion, which is a potential warning sign of cat dementia. However, in most instances there's nothing abnormal about a cat staring at a wall for a lengthy period of time.

Cats are quirky, and many of those quirks are part of what makes cats such enjoyable pets.

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A Class top five left to right....5th John Farrington, 4th Jared Miller, 3rd Kalin Honer, 2nd Nate Zanter and Champion Chad Tabaka.



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Nearly 130 Farmers Celebrate National Ag Day at the State Capitol

EAGAN, Minn. - On National Ag Day, nearly 130 Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFBF) members brought agriculture's story to the state Capitol, attending the organization's Day on the Hill.

Members started the day on the Minnesota Capitol Mall hearing from Gov. Tim Walz, Sen. Aric Putnam, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen,

MFBF President Dan Glessing and other leaders before heading into the Capitol to meet with their local leaders. Gov. Walz also presented the Ag Day in Minnesota proclamation, honoring all that agriculture contributes to the Minnesota economy.

"The 2023 legislative session has been busy, and our public policy team and members have been advocating for

our grassroots policy in a variety of ways," said President Dan Glessing. "But at the end of the day the best way to get our members' concerns heard at the Capitol is for them to meet with legislators in person."

"We have a world that needs fuel, fiber, and food and in Minnesota our agriculture economy is one of the diverse in the country to meet those needs,"

said Gov. Walz.

With a busy legislative session and lots of new faces in the House and Senate chambers, MFBF members were able to share their stories directly with their local elected officials and showcase the impact of legislative decisions on farming and ranching in the state.

"You being here today is an example of people trying to

Garfield Lake Ice Racers 2023 Awards Banquet

3/25/2023

By Dennis Peterson

It was a packed house at the Woodshed in Laporte, Mn on Saturday with a standing room only crowd gathered to celebrate and remember the 2023 Garfield Lake ice racing season. President of the club Kris Baker and flagman Tom Lindahl spoke to the crowd and distributed the awards for each class and a few special awards. They also thanked the drivers, crews, fans and especially the track workers, score keepers and plow truck drivers for a great season. Many door prizes and gifts were presented to lucky winners.

The evening events started with a happy hour from 6:00-7:00 PM with a pulled pork dinner following. Baker announced that the Akeley Ice Racing club and the Garfield Lake club would hold a couple of two day special races in 2024.

Special awards were given to Faye Lewis for Rookie of the Year and to Cam Labelle for the Hard Luck award. Plaques were awarded to the top five in both the B and A classes with Sam Delaney receiving the First place award in the B class and Chad Tabaka in the A class. A grand total of 51 drivers raced with the club in 2023. In 2022 the club donated more than \$60,000.00 to various groups and individuals in need the surrounding area.

TOP TEN, B CLASS

1. Sam Delaney .. 1216 points
2. Abe Forseman 1197
3. Bob Pawlitschek 1178
4. Hunter Weeks 1170
5. Jimmy Venem 1108
6. Cam Labelle 1105
7. CJ Roller 947
8. Tony Rohloff 945
9. Faye Lewis 830
10. Kyle Davis 828

TOP TEN, A CLASS

1. Chad Tabaka.. 1298 points
2. Nate Zanter 1168
3. Kalin Honer 1165
4. Jared Miller 1161
5. John Farrington 1093
6. Fritz Myers 1072
7. Josh Bitker 1052
8. Reid Watson 1002
9. Dillon Lutgen 999
10. Bonnie Farrington 956



Rookie of the Year honors went to Faye Lewis.



6474 Garfield Lake Ice Racers President Kris Baker and flagman Tom Lindahl hand out prizes on Saturday night.



#6479 Hard Luck Award was given to Cam Labelle by flagman Tom Lindahl.

work and advocate for future people," said Sen. Aric Putnam. "You're here working on behalf of farmers and the work that you do to benefit people you've never met."

"To see tractors in the front of the Capitol, and to see almost every type of agriculture represented here today is so important," said Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Minnesota is an agriculture powerhouse and to have you here today speaks volumes."

On the Capitol Mall, attendees were able to engage with the MFBF 'Farmers Produce More than Produce' 2-D displays, displays showcasing the impact of agriculture in Minnesota, and other educational materials.

Did you know?

According to the organization American Humane, each year approximately 10 million pets are lost in the United States. In Canada, Humane Canada™ reports 38 percent of dogs and 48 percent of cats taken into shelters in 2020 were strays. Tags and additional measures to identify cats and dogs greatly increase the chances that lost pets will eventually be reunited with their owners. In fact, such measures can be the most important step pet owners take to ensure the recovery of lost pets. American Humane notes that only 15 percent of dogs and 2 percent of cats that enter shelters without tags are reunited with their owners. In addition to tags, pet owners can speak to their veterinarians about microchipping, which involves the insertion of a tiny electronic capsule beneath the animal's skin that serves a similar function as a tracking device.

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