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Not as Scary as They May Seem

On Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 Cindy Kolling will present “Memoir vs. Memoirs” --- Not as Scary as They May Seem - at the Gonvick Community Center, in Gonvick. Doors open at 9 am, program starts at 9:30 am. Light refreshments will be served.

Cindy will share what a Memoir actually is, what it is not; and when to start and when to stop writing a Memoir. She will discuss some reasons “why” folks write no Memoirs. Cindy will share some nuts & bolts tips to get you going. Cindy will read some short pieces demonstrating different Memoir Styles.

If you have already been working on a memoir project, or just briefly thought about writing “stuff down”; or you would like to encourage someone you know to do it; or just want a cup of coffee and a cookie while memories trigger inspiration; come join us.

Cindy Kolling lives and works near Gully, Minnesota. Cindy's Artist-owned business (Kolling Cards and Things Made Here! www.kollingcards.com) has been sustainably serving wholesale customers since 1986. Woods, Water, Grassland, and the life in and around them are inspirations for many drawings and hand printed art.

Writing of varying styles has also been part of Cindy's everyday for as long as she can remember. “As a grade school



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kid, I used to write mystery short stories, inspired by Nancy Drew, Trixie Beldon and July Bolton series stories. All kids do that, I think.”

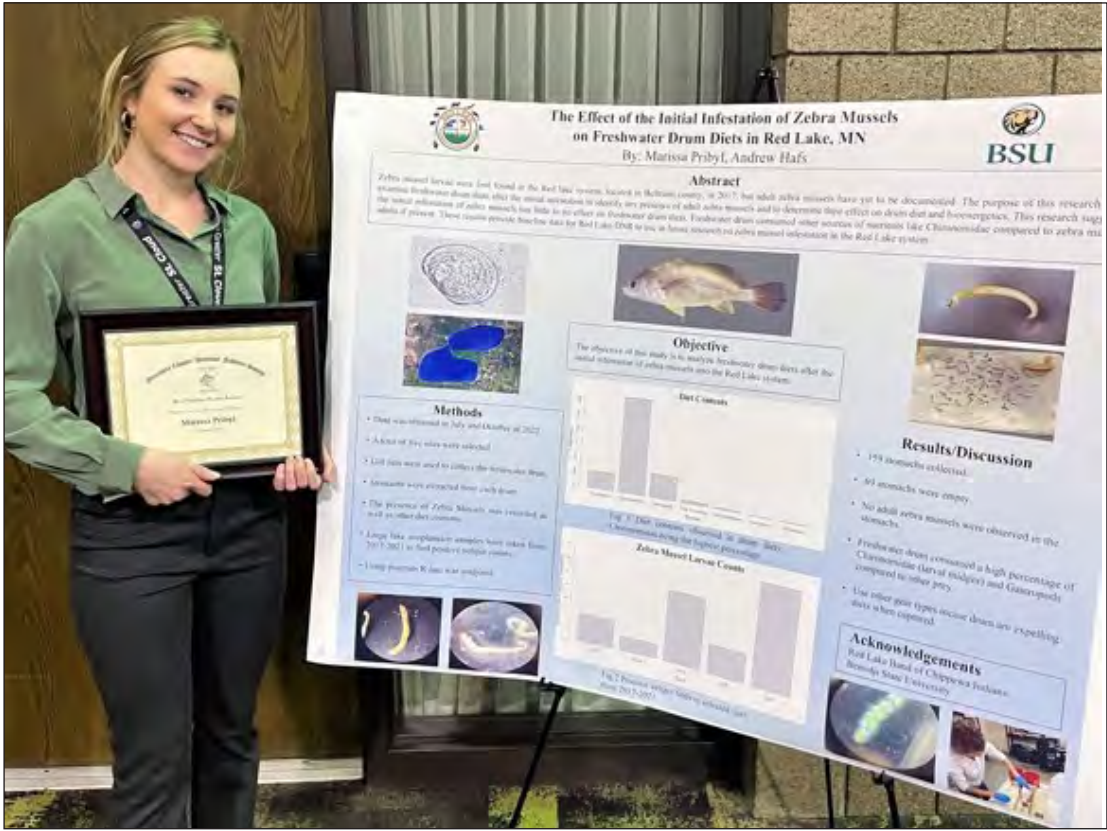
Along with art, Cindy studied journalism in college, starting with print reporting/writing which evolved to focus on broadcast journalism. Jobs in that field and others that focused on Promotional Writing and Technical Writing (kind of opposites) along with Writing for Fun have all helped hone different perspectives in writing skills and styles.

Cindy's art business re-

quires considerable research and writing in subjects of Nature, History, Heritage, Art and Science. “It's like taking a field trip with each new project!” Cindy says of this aspect of her work.

As possible, she attends the free monthly “writer's gathering” which is part of the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative.

Cindy has been involved with numerous volunteer “projects” that involved writing, interviewing, organizing and connecting many forms of “memoir” style writings.



Marissa Pribyl, an aquatic and wildlife biology double-major at Bemidji State.

BSU's Marissa Pribyl honored for research on Red Lake zebra mussels

Marissa Pribyl, an aquatic and wildlife biology double-major at Bemidji State University, recently presented prize-winning research concerning a possible link between an un-

derstudied fish species and one of Minnesota's most concerning aquatic invasive species.

Red Lake -- Minnesota's largest inland lake covering over 288,000 acres -- has been infested with zebra mussel larvae since 2019, likely introduced unintentionally by boaters after hitchhiking rides on boats brought from other infested lakes in the state. Populations of harmful adult zebra mussels are low,

however, leaving many area fisheries researchers scratching their heads.

What keeps adult zebra mussel numbers low in Red Lake, even while they cause massive ecosystem impacts in other northern Minnesota lakes? Could the lake's freshwater drum be keeping zebra mussel populations in check?

Pribyl, who is from Bemidji, was determined to find out.

Agassiz ELC Bluebird Program at Fertile Community Center

The first bluebird sighting of the year provides hope that spring is here to stay. Learn all about bluebirds on Sunday, April 23rd at 2 p.m. at a program provided by the Agassiz ELC at the Fertile Community Center auditorium. Discover bluebird's migration patterns, their life history, and placement and maintenance of boxes to provide nesting habitat for these beautiful birds.

Eastern bluebirds are songbirds that readily take to nesting boxes put up for their use. With our late spring this year, there is still time to clean out your nest boxes and have them ready for the arrival of this year's bluebirds—and put up additional houses for returning bluebirds.

Bluebirds usually begin lay-

ing eggs by mid to late April. One egg is laid each day until a clutch of 4-5 pale to deep blue eggs are laid. The female waits until the last egg is laid to begin a 12-14 day incubation period so the chicks will all hatch at about the same time. The chicks will usually fledge from the nest about 16-21 days after hatching.

Bluebirds will often produce two broods in a year—sometimes three. Bluebirds build a new nest for successive broods. It is generally recommended to clean out the old nest between broods to minimize parasites and keep the nest lower in the box so predators can't readily reach in for eggs or baby bluebirds. Cats, raccoons, and snakes are all predators.

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Pioneer Memorial Care Center announces facility closing

Skilled nursing facilities across Minnesota are facing severe challenges with workforce shortages and cash flow difficulties—Pioneer Memorial Care Center is no exception. Residents and staff were notified on 4/13/23 that Pioneer Memorial Care Center would no longer operate its skilled nursing facility, closing on 6/12/23. Resident transition teams are working with the families of the residents to guide them through the relocation process.

Pioneer Memorial Care Center has been a part of the Erskine community for 73 years. Currently, it provides care services for 29 residents and their families, and caregiving jobs for over 65 staff who live in the area.

“A number of factors in-

cluding ongoing staffing challenges, a decline in the number of residents at our location, increased operating costs, cash flow challenges and Medicaid reimbursement rates that do not keep up with the current cost of care have unfortunately led to a situation that is not sustainable,” said Board Chair Nancy Jensen. “This was a very difficult decision our Board did not take lightly; we hired consultants to help us determine short- and long-term options but ultimately determined we cannot continue to maintain operations at our nursing facility.

“We are saddened by the loss of an important part of the community; however, we are grateful to our staff for their tireless commitment, and willingness to help our residents

and their families through this transition. We are helping them pursue employment opportunities at other nearby facilities,” said Austin Ver Steeg, LNHA, administrator, Pioneer Memorial Care Center.

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Reminder to keep drones away from wildfires

Warming temperatures and longer daylight hours indicate spring wildfire activity is soon to follow. On average, more than 500 wildfires are recorded throughout Minnesota between April and May. Putting out a wildfire is dangerous work. The Minnesota Interagency Fire Center reminds everyone that using drones in a fire area endangers the lives of pilots and firefighters.

“Much like last year, we are seeing a delayed start to spring wildfire activity with the amount of snow still covering the ground,” said Leanne Langeberg, Public Information Officer with the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center. “Once the snowpack melts, wildfire activity, influenced by warmer, dryer weather, is expected to pick up. We experienced similar conditions last year, and by early May, aircraft were responding to active wildfires throughout Central Minnesota.”

Thick, heavy wildfire smoke significantly impairs first responder visibility, and unauthorized drones become unwelcome distractions in an already hectic environment. Yet drones continue to pop up unannounced on wildfires throughout the United States. Last year alone, the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, reported 22 drone encounters on wildfires.

“Minnesota was fortunate not to be involved in the 22 reported encounters last year,” said Langeberg. “Keeping drones away from any wildfire reduces unnecessary risk and helps our firefighters to focus on doing their job safely.”

The last known drone en-



counter on a wildfire in Minnesota occurred in May of 2021. When a drone is spotted near a wildfire, all responding aircraft must land or return to the airport until the airspace is clear, lengthening the time it takes to slow down a rapidly moving wildfire. Minnesota law prohibits interfering with a firefighter in their official duties, including unauthorized drones that delay

or restrict responding aircraft.

While drones have incredible capabilities, using drones to capture photos and video during an active wildfire is not worth the risk to pilots, firefighters, and even community members in the path of an active wildfire. Remember, when you fly, we can't. Please, keep drones away from wildfires.

Walz Announces Appointment

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz announced the appointments to various boards.

Dixie Hoard – Thief River Falls, MN was named to the Metropolitan Airports Commission .Commissioner
Effective: April 17, 2023
Term Expires: January 4, 2027
Reappointment



The WoodPicks to perform in Shevlin.

Dinner and concert April 22 in Shevlin

The Clearwater County Historical Society and the Clearwater Lutheran Church have teamed up to offer an evening of delicious food and boot stompin' & toe tappin' music on Saturday April 22. A free will donation will be accepted for both events.

The Clearwater Lutheran Church will offer a scalloped potato and ham dinner from 5:00- 6:30 before the concert.

At 7:00 The WoodPicks will take the stage.

Who are the WoodPicks? These five talented members of northern Minnesota's WoodPicks are from Thief River Falls, MN. They offer a unique blend of instrumental dexterity and vocal presence. Their enjoyable stage show incorporates strong harmonies and musical style that features their own arrangements of original music and old favorites including Gospel, Blue-

grass, Country and Americana music.

Members of the WoodPicks include Greg Dally, fiddle; Billy Kezar on bass mando; Gene Lunsetter, guitar; Milo Ballingrud, banjo; and J.D. Kezar, fiddle, harmonica, jaw harp and guitar. All five contribute vocally to the band. The WoodPicks have been fortunate to share the stage with such great acts as the Grascals, Monroe Crossing, Dailey and Vincent, actor/singer Ned Beatty, JD Crowe, John Cowan, High Plains Tradition and Special Consensus.

Both the dinner and the concert will be held at the Clearwater Lutheran Church in Shevlin. Proceeds from the dinner will support church and museum activities.

Both events are free will donation for more information call 218-785-2000 or tamara 218-533-0146.

Anhydrous Safety Should be Top Concern This Spring

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3

St. Paul, MN: Many farmers and applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) prior to planting or sidedress after planting. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Accidents involving anhydrous ammonia have proven how dangerous and deadly the chemical can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

- Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

- Be sure to have a clean, adequate emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons.

- Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

- Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

- Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammo-

nia equipment. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem

Before Online Dating, there were Cupid Columns: History Program April 20, noon at the Beltrami County History Center

Long before we began swiping right to find true romance, our ancestors picked up the pen to place advertisements in papers and magazines nationwide to seek love — or, at least, marriage. Women were scarce in the developing Midwest, and advertisements for “mail-order brides” helped bridge the miles between husbands and brides-to-be. Corresponding couples could only hope that their partner turned out to be an ideal companion.

Join local author and historian Wendell Affield on April 20 at noon to hear the story of his parents, who met through Cupid Columns. Wendell will share excerpts from his book, Herman, about his stepfather responding to the personal ad of a New York pianist with four children. In 1949, Barbara moved to his rural Minnesota farm with her young children, including the author. Participants will be able to see examples of original mail-order bride advertisements and cor-

respondence and learn more about this centuries-old tradition and its impact on one Minnesota family. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

If an accident or spill occurs, immediately call 911 and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

Participants are invited to the Beltrami County History Center (130 Minnesota Ave. SW, Bemidji) to attend this program FREE. Participants are welcome to bring lunch to enjoy during the program.

The Cupid Columns and correspondence are on temporary donation by Wendell Affield for the History Center's I Thee Wed exhibit, featuring histories and images of marriage in Beltrami County. This exhibit is available in the History Center and through the Historical Society's Facebook page through mid-May. For more information about the Historical Society's exhibits, programs, and volunteer and membership opportunities, please visit <https://www.beltramihistory.org>.



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Polk County Sheriff

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis

As the Sheriff of Polk County, I was elected to enforce our laws and keep our community safe. With the Minnesota Legislature considering the legalization of recreational marijuana (cannabis). These bills have been moving through the legislature at a rapid pace, and I am concerned that state lawmakers may not address some key public safety issues that would arise if cannabis became legalized this session.

This is especially important considering that in states with legalized cannabis, the number of traffic deaths involving drivers who test positive for cannabis has increased substantially. Adding more impaired drivers to the road without a roadside testing method will likely lead to more deaths and serious injuries on our roadways.

Currently, law enforcement lacks an instant, on-site test for cannabis intoxication, like a breathalyzer. We also lack a standard to determine if a driver is unfit to be behind the wheel, such as the .08 BAC standard used for alcohol intoxication. While the current bills contain provisions for developing a test, it won't be ready until long after commercial cannabis becomes available on the market. During the interim, how are law enforcement officers expected to keep our roads safe from intoxicated drivers?

I feel it is important that our law enforcement agencies receive adequate funding to address the harms of legalized cannabis. Proponents cite increased tax revenue as a benefit of legalization. Legalization also brings substantial new costs. A 2019 study in Colorado found that for every dollar of tax revenue received from recreational cannabis sales, \$4.50 was spent on addressing the adverse impacts of cannabis. Minnesotans must be ready to make that investment and have a plan to fund projects like developing a roadside test, roadway safety initiatives, drug expert training, dependency relief programs, and other public health and safety costs if cannabis is legalized.

According to a research study done by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the frequent use of marijuana can cause disorientation, unpleasant thoughts, anxiety, paranoia, depression and in some cases suicide. Temporary psychosis and schizophrenia are also more likely to be developed by those who use marijuana. The National Institute on Drug Abuse stated marijuana is considered a “gateway” drug linked to other substance use disorders including nicotine

DINING & entertainment

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Saturday, April 29th, 2023
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addiction.

Before making this decision, it's important that our lawmakers address Minnesotans' concerns about the real harms of cannabis and develop a plan to help law enforcement keep our state safe. I oppose

the intent to legalize cannabis. It would be counterintuitive to legalize the use of cannabis and as a result, expand a public health crisis. I urge the state to proceed with caution.

Sheriff Jim Tadman
Polk County, MN

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\$20.65 - \$26.97/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Public Safety Telecommunicator:
\$24.13 - \$31.52/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR BUS DRIVERS POSITIONS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is hiring for Extra-Curricular bus drivers. The District will pay for the cost of training, health card, and one road test as well as allow qualified candidates to use the District's buses for testing. Rate of pay is \$22.00 to \$25.00 per hour, dependent on qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should submit an application to:

 Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Temporary Construction Workers 2023 Construction Season

Primary duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Installation and maintenance of underground copper and fiber optic cables
- Use of plowing and digging equipment
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Preference may be given to those with prior experience with cable splicing and locating, as well as telecommunications and construction equipment
- Preference may be given to those who possess, or are willing to obtain, a Class A CDL license

**Resumes must be received by
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CROSS-COUNTRY COACH FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is seeking a cross-country coach for the 2023-2024 season. Requirements of the position include being present for all practices and cross-country meets beginning on August 14th, teaching the fundamentals of running, and being a positive role model for our athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

 Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
Email: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING POSITION

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an Elementary Special Education teaching position open for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire a Minnesota special education license. Preference will be given to applicants with additional licensure in special education areas including EBD, LD, ASD, or DCD. Individuals interested in extra-curricular coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Clearwater County will be taking applications for an Engineering Technician position in the Clearwater County Highway Department. This position will include construction inspection, material testing, surveying, computer aid design, plan preparation, and other Department functions.

Preferred qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, or experience related to civil engineering in surveying, inspection and drafting plans, and experience in using computers.

Salary Range: \$20.63 to \$29.71/hour depending on qualifications, plus benefits.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until May 15th or until the position is filled.

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Red Lake County Office Support Specialist

Position assists with administration of financial services programs, transportation coordination, assists Director with special projects, and other duties as assigned. Communicates with the general public, community agencies, and agency clientele. Position is full-time, 35 hrs./wk.; wage is \$18.72/hr. and benefit package is available.

To be considered for the position applicants must be Minnesota Merit System eligible, be able to maintain confidentiality, knowledge of general office practices and equipment, previous experience with computers and communicating with the public.

Applicants must complete a Red Lake County application AND MN Merit System application. To request a Red Lake County application or for further information, contact Human Resources at 218-253-2590, email: hr@co.red-lake.mn.us, or visit www.co.red-lake.mn.us/employment. The required MN Merit System application and full job description are available at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/mnmeritsystem>. Search 614-OL-63. Merit System testing must be completed by midnight on April 26, 2023. Initial deadline for application is Friday April 21, 2023.

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Part Time Extension Secretary Clearwater County

Applications are being accepted for an Extension Secretary position, under the general supervision of the 4-H Program Coordinator. This position serves as the first point of contact for customers and performs general office duties including: responding to public inquiries or requests by providing resources and referrals, typing correspondence, entering detailed program and financial data, maintaining detailed office records, provides clerical and technical office support for the 4-H Youth Development Extension Program and staff. Assists 4-H program coordinator in planning and developing 4-H county fair resources and events, exhibitor cards and processing of fair premium checks.

Required Qualifications are a high school diploma/GED and two years post-secondary education in administrative course work or two years of related clerical office experience.

Salary range \$15.98-\$20.87

Applications may be obtained from the Clearwater County Service Center located on the 2nd floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse or on the website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

More information can be obtained at the Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at the Clearwater County Courthouse on second floor or by calling 218-694-6130.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE CLEARWATER COUNTY

Now accepting applications for the position of:

GENERAL FOREMAN

Clearwater County will be taking application for the General Foreman position at the Highway Department. Under the direction of the County Engineer, the General Foreman is responsible for overseeing and supervising the operations, crews and personnel of the Highway Department engaged in maintenance and repair projects to all County roads within the County. A complete job description is available upon request.

Must have a High School Diploma or GED, Minnesota Class A CDL Driver's License, and minimum 8 years of related highway maintenance and construction experience that includes a minimum of 1-year experience supervising work crews and projects.

Salary Range: \$26.56 to \$34.79/hour plus benefits.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until May 8th, 2023.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach position.

Bagley High School has an opening for the Head Varsity Basketball Coach. Candidates must meet the Minnesota Statute for Head Coaching requirements before beginning coaching responsibilities.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume of coaching and playing experiences and three references to nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

Dance Coach positions. Bagley High School has two openings for Dance Coaches. Candidates must meet the Minnesota Statute for Head Coaching requirements before beginning coaching responsibilities. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume of coaching and experiences and three references to nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

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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.

Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Coach position starting Fall of 2023. This is a Teacher on Special Assignment opening and requires the proper Minnesota licensure, BA/BS in education, Teacher Certificate in Elementary Education.

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.

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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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As for the license plate that is no longer attached to the front bumper, placing it up in your windshield is not allowed. You can mount it to the metal bumper or the vehicle's grill. You will need to fasten it securely



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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Grandma Got Pulled Over

me a warning? Do I have to tell my husband?

When she did finally returned, she slipped my insurance card back into my hands and apologized that her computer had taken so long to do what it needed to do. No ticket was written, no shame based admonition was given—rather—a smile and a wave of the hand was extended as she explained that the various county roads have different speed limits and I need to be aware of it for my own safety.

Her accent was familiar, and we began chatting in her native language. As she told me from whence she'd come, I was proud of her for not only traveling the distance it takes to become a contributing member of the United States of America—but proud that our country offered a way for her to do so. The uniform flagged in the red, white and blue was indicative of those who'd gone before her along life's roads and the hands extended to her along the way was what she now extended to me.

No fine was paid, and all was forgiven.

Sort of reminds me of another man who bore red stripes on our behalf. Who was this? His name was Jesus. Why would He do something on our behalf? He

did it because "He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). He did it "so we might have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). No fine need be paid—all is forgiven. How does this happen and when? "When we confess our transgressions—our wrong doings—He is faithful and just to forgive them" (John 1:9).

Isaiah 53:5 speaks to the heart of the matter. May you not only know this, but believe what has been given. "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Amen.

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The Farmall F-20

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

This past weekend my wife and I traveled to Iowa for her uncle's 100th birthday celebration. We stayed with a cousin, Ron Spangler, and his wife Linda. As usual it was a great time to spend with family. Ron and Linda farm near Eagle Grove, Iowa. So it is always fun to me to visit about farming in Iowa.

So I asked my usual question to Ron, "What was the first tractor you ever drove?" He answered it was his grandfather, A.M. Spangler's F20 Farmall. He was pulling the rope to lift bales into the hayloft with the sling. He also remembered driving the F20 while picking shocks. Being a youngster he had a harder time reaching the clutch and was strictly instructed NOT to drive on the shocks! As usual I had a fun time talking tractors!

The Farmall Regular came into production in the 1924. The new tricycle design proved popular and Farmall sales boomed through the late twenties and through the stock market crash of 1929. 1928-1930 average production was about 34,000 tractors per year. By 1933 barely 1000 were built, affects of the Depression were being felt.

The F-20 had replaced the Regular in 1931 for production year 1932. It's an improved engine gained approximately 10% more horsepower, about 20 on the drawbar and 27 on the PTO. The F-20's tricycle design continued to be popular with row crop farmers. The F-20 easily handled a 22 in. threshing machine and most equipment of the day.

When my dad moved to the

farm a steel wheeled F-20 came with the farm they purchased. Being somewhat new to the farm he wanted his dad to start the tractor, but his dad was content to do the chores with the horses. But one March day dad talked grandpa to starting the F-20. They pulled it with the horses and dad got to drive it. The steel lugs and the frozen ground were not a good match, maybe the horses weren't so bad after all. But dad developed a love of tractors and something that has stuck with me all my life. I love talking tractors! So don't be surprised if you and I get into a conversation, eventually I will turn the subject to tractors!!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. T or F International Harvester came up with the name Farmall because of their desire to build an affordable row crop tractor.

2. The F-20 was in production from 1932-_____.

3. The F-20 was replaced by the A) Model C B) Model H C) Model M.

4. In 1936 International Harvester decided to change their paint scheme from _____ to _____.

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Lake Bemidji State Park to host 100th birthday celebrations

Lake Bemidji State Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023 by hosting a variety of free and fun activities at the park on April 22 and June 10. Both anniversary celebration dates are among the four Free Park Days in 2023, when vehicle permit fees are waived at all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.

On Earth Day (April 22), visitors can celebrate the park's birthday by learning about the history of the park told through historical newspapers at the Visitor Center, enjoying cake and ice cream, and listening to live music. They can also celebrate Earth Day by joining other visitors to clean up the park.

On June 10, the birthday celebration continues with a summer picnic, live music and an Archery in the Parks program. June is also the perfect time of year to explore one of the park's feature attractions, the Bog Walk. Visitors can hike the quarter-mile boardwalk to explore the beauty of a tamarack bog carpeted with blooming showy lady slippers, pitcher plants, insect-eating sundews and other flowering bog plants.

In 1923, the Minnesota Legislature established Lake Bemidji as a state park. It is the ninth-oldest of Minnesota's 66 state parks. The park has served an average of over 198,000 visitors each year over the last five years (2018-2022) and it's a fantastic playground any time of the year. The park offers swimming, boating, fishing, wildlife, birding, hiking, camping, biking, picnicking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and year-round naturalist-led programs.

For more information on the history of Lake Bemidji State Park, visit the Lake Bemidji State Park anniversary page (mndnr.gov/state_parks/lake_bemidji/lake-bemidji-state-park-history).

For information on Lake Bemidji State Park in general, including an events calendar with more details about anniversary celebration programming, visit the park website (mndnr.gov/lakebemidji).

For more information on Free Park Days, visit the DNR's

Free Park Days page (mndnr.gov/freeparkdays) or contact the DNR Information Center by emailing info.dnr@state.mn.us or by calling 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, or 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The schedule of anniversary celebration activities includes:

April 22
Earth Day Clean-Up, 10 a.m. to noon

Help with a special Earth Day clean-up in the park. Bring work clothes and meet at the Visitor Center.

Voices from the Past: The Fight for Lake Bemidji State Park, 1-2 p.m.

Attend a presentation to learn about park history through historical newspapers at the Visitor Center.

Gifts of the Land: 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate the park's 100th birthday with cake and ice cream and listen to live music at the Visitor Center.



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Voices from the Past: The Fight for Lake Bemidji State Park, 10-11 a.m.

Attend a presentation to learn about park history through historical newspapers at the Visitor Center.

Summer picnic sponsored by the Friends of Lake Bemidji State Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs, non-alco-

holic drinks and enjoy a hamburger and hotdog cookout at the picnic shelter, along with live music.

Archery in the Parks program, 1 p.m.

Get hands-on instruction in shooting a bow and arrow from certified instructors. Meet at the west picnic area. This program is for ages 8 and older.

Drug Enforcement Administration Announces Spring Take Back Day

OMAHA, NE – The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its partners will host the 24th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at more than 4,000 sites nationwide on Saturday, April 22, in an effort to safely collect tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Take Back sites will be open for collection between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at more than 150 locations across the DEA Omaha Division.

For more than a decade, DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day has helped Americans easily rid their home of unneeded medications – those that are old, unwanted or expired – that too often become a gateway to addiction.

"We're encouraging families to look through their medicine cabinets and remove the temptation for experimentation that

can come when others know you're holding onto a medication," DEA Omaha Division Special Agent in Charge Justin C. King said. "If you're no longer using a prescription medication, we're encouraging you to take this opportunity to stop by one of our Take Back sites where you can drop them off both safely and anonymously."

In partnership with local law enforcement, Take Back Day has removed more than 8,300 tons of medication from circulation since its inception in 2010.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information and to find a collection site near you, visit www.DEATakeBack.com

Region 2 Arts Council awards \$16,128 in Arts Project Grants

With support of a community panel review conducted on January 10, 2023, the Region 2 Arts Council awarded a total of \$16,128 through the Arts Project Grant program to support capacity building activities and arts project programming for non-profit organizations in Beltrami and Clearwater counties.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$2,500 to bring the musical Treasure Island back to the stage.

Bagley Area Arts Collaborative was awarded \$1,428 to hire "Farm to Fiber" artists in our region to bring 8 different afterschool fiber arts activities to students at the Bagley Elementary School.

Headwaters Music & Arts in Bemidji was awarded \$2,500 to hold a five-day Fiddle Camp for youth and adult musicians, featuring instructors Brian Miller, Mary Varnorny, Carrie Dlutkowski, and Eric Carlson, June 26-30, 2023.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$2,500 to present Songs of the Sea concert with Dr. Beverly Everett

conducting and guest cellist Eric Haugen performing Max Wolpert's Cello Concerto no. 1, Leviathans and Hovhanness' And God Created Great Whales.

The Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick was awarded \$2,500 to hire Lake of the Woods County Anishinaabe Artists Cindy Hamilton and Teresa McDowell to teach wearable-art workshops focusing on mittens and moccasins.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$2,500 to assist in starting an online service that will allow the public to watch select recordings and concerts from the past six years for free via YouTube.

The Watermark Art Center in Bemidji was awarded \$2,200 to host two storytelling workshops and three public performance "Story-Slam" competitions.

Region 2 Arts Council Arts Project Grants are made possible by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund

MN Commerce Fraud Bureau unveils campaign to prevent auto thefts: Take Your Keys ALWAYS

Minnesotans are being asked to take a simple – but critically important – step to help prevent auto theft. "Take Your Keys ALWAYS" is the message for a statewide auto theft prevention campaign by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Fraud Bureau that launched this week.

The campaign is intended to help put a dent in the recent surge in auto thefts. More than 16,000 cars were stolen in Minnesota in 2022, representing over \$200 million in losses to victims.

"This campaign has been developed through the Commerce Fraud Bureau's collaboration with local law enforcement to tackle auto theft," said Commerce Assistant Commissioner of Enforcement Jacqueline Olson. "With this campaign, we're asking car owners and drivers to join with us and take action to help prevent auto thefts."

The campaign is being implemented across TV, radio, gas stations, social media and other locations to encourage Minnesotans to take action to prevent these thefts.

See the campaign: Take Your Keys ALWAYS – mn.gov/StopAutoTheft

According to law enforcement, the majority of auto

thefts involve vehicles with the keys being left inside by the drivers, including cars left running and unoccupied. Moreover, statistics show auto thefts can happen any time of day, in any location, no matter what kind of car you drive or where you park it. Your car is at risk of being stolen especially when you leave the keys inside.

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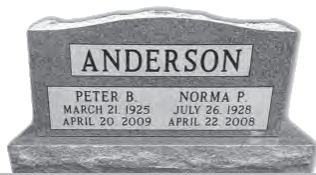
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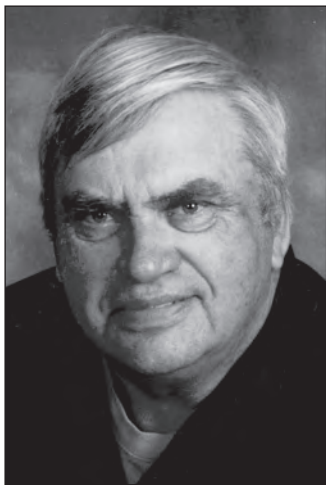


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Obituary for Gordon Solberg

Gordon Allen Solberg, 85, of Leonard, Minnesota died on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at his home in Clover Township with family by his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Leonard, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. A private interment will be held in Clover Township Cemetery at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Gordon was born on March 5, 1938 to Art and Alma (Engelbreton) Solberg in Eddy Township, MN. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. He went to country school until the 8th grade, then he attended Clearbrook High School, graduating with the class of 1956. After graduating, Gordon worked on the Iron Range, and in North Dakota, before moving to Minneapolis to work at the Coast to Coast Warehouse. He married Virginia Olson on June 14, 1958. To this union

was born three children, Jeff, Kevin, and Joni. A chance to buy a Coast to Coast Store came up in Bagley, and the family moved to Clearbrook and ran the store from 1970 to 1976. Gordon then sold the store and bought a garbage business. After some life changes, Gordon met the love of his life, Donna Halvorson in 1987. They were married in 1990 and Gordon was blessed with the addition of the Halvorson kids, Sheree, Mike, Shelley, Tracy, Randy, and Brian.

Gordy loved to hunt, especially deer and partridge in his younger years, and drive about and check on the locals.

Gordy knew so many people throughout the Clearwater County communities, over his years of driving around the countryside, through the years of selling guns at the hardware store and being head of Gonvick City Maintenance and Sewer Management.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Solberg; his children, Jeff (Shari) Solberg, Kevin Solberg, and Joni (Rod) Twito, Sheree (Dean) Sunderland, Shelley (Pat) Halloran, Tracy (Randy) Maple, and Randy (Laura) Halvorson; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Alma Solberg; his infant brother, Edmund; his siblings, Ray Solberg, Carol Lindgren, and Arlene Bergman; and his sons, Mike Halvorson and Brian Halvorson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for Dolores Longtin

Dolores Longtin, age 91, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away on Thursday April 6, 2023 at Poplar Meadows in McIntosh, MN.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee with Father Bryan Kujawa officiating. Visitation will start at 10 AM and run until the time of service at the church. Burial will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery near Oklee.

Dolores Longtin was born December 29, 1931 at Plaza ND daughter of Knute and Tildy (Helle) Knutson. She grew up at Thompson, ND and later moved to Red Lake Falls with her parents where she went to High School.

She married George Longtin November 12, 1952 in Red Lake Falls, MN. The couple lived in Fergus Falls, MN, and Rapid City, SD for a very short time, returning to Red Lake Falls, MN in 1954. In 1959 they moved to Oklee, MN. In 2020 Dolores moved to Poplar Meadows in McIntosh, MN.

She worked at Oklee Manufacturing, Oklee Farmers Club, Arctic Cat, and The Oklee Municipal until her retirement.

She was a member of St. Anne's Society, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Thief River Falls, MN, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee.

She was a volunteer at the Oklee Senior Site for many years helping set up senior meals on her day, being a bingo caller and playing hand and foot. She also was a volunteer for the One Fund Drive in Oklee. Dolores enjoyed a good game of bingo and slots, especially with her twin sister Dorothy. She traveled with her twin sister

Dorothy and they went on some great trips together, giving family members that were with them a few good chuckles. It was unbelievable how similar they were in looks and personalities throughout their lives.

Dolores thoroughly enjoyed being a Grandma and great Grandma. She spoiled them every chance she got. Even with memory issues, she remembered each one and asked about them until the day she passed.

She is survived by her children Linda (Dick) McCloskey, Connie (Joel) Strom, George (Lourdes) Longtin, Joe (Kim) Longtin, Randy Longtin, David Longtin, Kathy Heden, Sue Humphrey; grandchildren Kimberly, Stacy, Tina, Kelsey, Toby, Brady,

Bobby, Cole, Jered, Troy, Christine, Katie, Ryan, Tony, Breanna, Cory, April, Adam, Ashley, Emma; numerous great grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her husband George, granddaughters Natasha Strom and Brandi Lambert, parents Knute and Tildy; sibling Harvey, Halvor, Kermit, Jorgen, Inga, Elvina, Alice, twin sister Dorothy; son-in-law Darryl Heden; father and mother-in-law Leo and Rose Longtin.

Arrangements are with Johnson Funeral Service.



Obituary for Adele Stenmoen

Adele (Gunderson) Stenmoen, age 93, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Wednesday, April 12th, at McIntosh Senior Living. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17th, at Vernes Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh, with the Rev. Lee Laavig officiating. Interment was in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, McIntosh. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Arrangements with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Adele Delores Gunderson was born September 22, 1929, at home near Bejou, MN to Hilmer and Mary (Uhlir) Gunderson. She grew up and went to school in Bejou.

Adele married LeRoy Stenmoen on January 20, 1947, in Mahnomen, MN. The couple made their home in rural McIntosh MN. Adele and LeRoy were blessed with three daughters: Mary Ann born in 1958, Linda born in

1960 and Julie born in 1964.

Adele spent several years as a stay-at-home mother and home maker. She enjoyed gardening, baking, canning, and cooking several meals for family and friends. The family also enjoyed camping and took several trips in their camper.

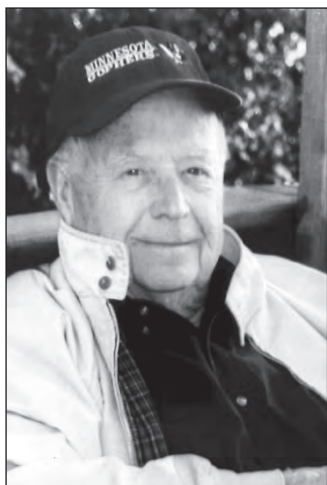
When the girls were older Adele started working at McIntosh Manor as a nurse's aide. She devoted much of her time to her family and to her Church. Her faith was always important to her.

In her golden years Adele enjoyed her many grandchildren and continued baking, canning, gardening and entertaining. She continued to do all that she loved until her health would not allow her to do so.

Adele is survived by her daughters: Mary Ann (William) Senn, Linda (Severet) Egge, and Julie Shimpa. Brother Arnold (Diane) Gunderson. Sister Elaine Cole. Grandchildren: David (Cassie) Senn, Daniel Senn, Kathrine Senn-Howard, Richard Cole, Samantha (Jesse) Pulczynski, Allison (Chris) Cole, Joseph (Jessica) Shimpa, Tiffany (Jonathan) Omundson, Andy (Angela) Shimpa. Great Grandchildren: Seth, Morgan, Bella, Malania, Karl, Ava, Bergen, Chloe, William H, Iris, Miles, Emmett, Ethan, Annika, William S, Scott, Hope, Faith and Krista. Great Great Grandchildren: Natiley, Bristol, Amelia and Everly. Several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband LeRoy, her parents and siblings along with several relatives and friends.

Blessed be her memory.



Obituary for Kermit Kjolhaug

Memorial services were held at Atonement Lutheran Church, in St. Cloud, on Monday April 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the life of Martin "Kermit" Kjolhaug, age 96, who passed away on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at Country Manor senior care facility in Sartell, Minnesota. Burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota in the summer.

Visitation was held on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, both at Atonement Lutheran Church in St. Cloud.

Kermit was born on July 10, 1926 to Florence (Anderson) and Martin Kjolhaug at the Bagley, MN hospital. His younger brother Charles Dean "Dean" was born in 1928. The family lived in Red Lake, MN where Martin was a road engineer on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Following the death of his father in 1940, the family moved to the Oak Park Farm (Florence's family farm) in rural Clearbrook, MN. Kermit graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1944.

Kermit served in the Marines (1944 to 1946) during World War II, including tours in Guam and China. He maintained a deep sense of patriotism and love of country his entire life. After the military, Kermit earned a degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and took a job teaching agriculture in Alvarado, MN where he met Barbara Sisler. They were soon engaged and later married on June 6, 1953. The couple welcomed daughter Kristine Lynn in 1954, followed by Peter, Paul, Kathryn, Mark, and John.

Kermit returned to the University of Minnesota, earning a M.S. degree in Animal Science. He worked at Peavey in Minneapolis, followed by a few years in

Chisago City before moving to Springfield in 1966. There Kermit began a 23-year career at Vigorena Feeds and Barbara was Director of Nursing at the local nursing home. Kermit and Barb returned "Home to Roost" in 1988 and lived the next 25 years on the hill in the north woods in rural Clearbrook. In 2016 they moved to the St. Cloud area where Barbara and Kermit lived until his death.

Kermit took great comfort in his faith and pride in his military service. He was active in various church and community roles over the years. His love of outdoors that began in his early years continued throughout his life. In retirement, Kermit and Barb enjoyed a steady stream of visits from family and friends. They also explored northern backroads, observing wildflowers in the spring, autumn colors, and farming activities in all seasons.

Kermit enjoyed hunting and fishing. He especially looked forward to the annual "Kjolhaug Deer Camp" when his sons and grandsons and an occasional granddaughter joined to celebrate family and secure venison for the year.

Kermit's connection to his family heritage was rooted deeply at Oak Park Farm and he was comforted by the knowledge that he would someday join his grandparents, parents, and brother in the Oak Park Church cemetery, a short walk from the Farm.

Nothing was more central to Kermit's identity than his family. He was a devoted husband to Barbara - his wife of 70 years, and a loving and supportive source of truth and wisdom for his 6 children, his 23 grandchildren and his 36 great-grandchildren. He spent many days cheering for his children and grandchildren at sporting contests and attending various family and social events. Kermit will be profoundly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Kermit was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Florence, and his beloved brother Charles Dean "Dean". He is survived by his wife Barbara, his children Kristine Boyle (Phil), Peter (Kathleen), Paul (Jodi), Kathryn, Mark (Tamy), and John, along with his 59 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Obituary for Susan Paulson

Susan Marie Clemenson Paulson, 77, of Bagley, Minnesota passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, April 14, 2023, at Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley, Minnesota.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at the United Lutheran Church in Berner, MN with the Reverend Kris Snider officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, April 21, 2023, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the services at the Church. Interment will be held at the United Lutheran Cemetery in Leonard, Minnesota.

Susan was born on October 12, 1945, in Clearwater County at the Bagley Hospital. She grew up in the Berner area and graduated from Gonvick High School in 1963. After graduation, Susan was employed in Montana for a year, then returned to Grand Forks where she attended St. Joseph's School of Hair Design. During that time, she was united in marriage to David Paulson, and they

started their family. They had three boys, Mike, Darren and Jason. Sue and David later divorced.

When Sue's family moved to Clearbrook, Sue was employed at the Good Samaritan Center. She loved the residents there and they became like family to her. Sue worked there until her retirement. After retirement, she worked part time at the Pipers Inn in Clearbrook, MN.

Sue loved springtime. Her flowers were her passions. Sue was always willing to help someone in need. She never forgot a family member's birthday which is pretty amazing for a family the size of Sue's. Susan entered Cornerstone Assisted Living in 2021 and recently was admitted to Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley, Minnesota.

Sue is survived by her three sons - Michael (LaRae) Paulson of Clearbrook, Minnesota; Darren Paulson of St. Paul, Minnesota; Jason (Angela) Paulson of Gonvick, Minnesota.

Sisters - Sharon (James) Solheim of Berner, Minnesota; Linda (Keith) Barcus of Bemidji, Minnesota; Cindy (Jerry) Erickson of Gonvick, Minnesota; Sandra (Ken) Charpentier of Clearbrook, Minnesota.

Brother - Dennis (Harriet) Clemenson of Bemidji, Minnesota

Sister-in-law - Marlene Baatz.

Several nieces, nephews and 2 great great nieces.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law - Dick Watne, former husband - David; former mother-in-law and father-in-law- Gladys and Delvin Paulson.

Blessed be her memory!
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Gardening with Chickens

By Dan Sherman

The high price of supermarket eggs last winter has many consumers considering raising chickens. To vegetable gardeners, I will say that a small flock of chickens can make you a better gardener. This is mostly by making manure fertilizer available but they also rake the garden after tilling in the Spring and Fall. I would rather give my kitchen scraps to chickens than put them in the compost where they might attract undesirable animals.

Chicken manure has a higher concentration of the macronutrients nitrogen Phosphorus and Potassium (NPK) that plants need. Many farm manures can bring in weed seeds but the gizzard of a chicken grinds up most of those weed seeds. Manures from hay eating animals can transfer still harmful herbicides from the hay crop that can kill your garden. Know the source of your manure and make sure the chickens get grit (small stones) to grind the seeds.

Chicks can be bought at any of the farm stores in the area. High demand for chicks means you probably won't get chicks before June now. Be sure to ask for pullets only and no roosters. Chickens purchased in the spring will begin laying in the Fall and will produce up to one egg per day the next spring and summer. I order a mix of white, red, and blue-green egg layers for a mix of chicken and egg colors. The white egg layers are the most feed efficient and best layers but they fly out of coop more. Red egg layers are the most colorful birds and Americanas produce the colorful eggs.

Chickens can survive our cold winters in a draft free building without heat. Some people with heated chicken houses have lost all of their birds when the electricity went out and the chickens were acclimated to the cold. Make



This Buff Brahman chicken was a good layer, a good garden helper, and a friendly pet for the writer of this article.

sure they get some drinkable water each day.

After 16 years of raising chickens my garden is pretty fertile, so I give a buckets of manure to friends who can take it directly from my chicken house. It looks like they are helping me clean the house but I would never ask my friends to do that for me.

I rotate six sections in my annual vegetable garden and I chicken manure fertilize before planting corn and squash which both use a lot of nitrogen. I let it decompose for two years before planting root crops like carrots. Manure can be bad for fruiting crops like tomatoes and especially peppers. The high nitrogen will produce big, beautiful, healthy plants that don't produce or ripen fruits. I once side dressed fresh manure around small squash plants and they immediately started wilting because of the ammonia. I raked it away and they

recovered. My potatoes are amazing when planted over a trench filled with corn stalks, squash vines, leaves, compost and a scoop of chicken manure. Water it in thoroughly to activate decomposition.

Fall is a good time to apply chicken manure directly to the garden. Chickens produce manure all winter long and the house needs to be cleaned in the spring so put this on the compost pile to mellow out over the summer.

Chickens can be raised in town but check with your neighbors first and find out if the city has regulations. The Bemidji Joint Powers Board handles livestock permits in Bemidji for a \$50 dollar fee. Any where you are, avoid noisy roosters and have a plan to control odors and flies. There are plans available on line for small chicken coops.

Beltrami farmer named to Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board Mike Skaug to serve three-year term

MANKATO – Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan announced that Beltrami farmer Mike Skaug, a director and past president with the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association, has been named a farmer representative to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Skaug's term began April 5, 2023, and expires on Jan. 4, 2027.

"I'm happy to contribute to MSGA and Minnesota farmers in any way I can and appreciate the governor and the Department of Agriculture for endorsing my appointment," Skaug said.

Skaug is also chair of the Ag Innovation Campus in Crookston, which is preparing for its production launch in summer 2023. Skaug farms alongside his son, Ryan, and wife, DeAnn, on their fifth-generation farm in Polk County. He joined the MSGA board in 2012 and later served as treasurer before becoming vice president in 2019. Skaug was MSGA president from 2020-2021.

The Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board accepts applications for reimbursement from the Ag-



Mike Skaug

ricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account (ACRRA), determines eligibility and amount of reimbursement due, and notifies the Commissioner of Agriculture of eligible claims. The ACRRA was created to reimburse persons for costs incurred in cleaning up agricultural chemical (pesticide and fertilizer) incidents. The account is funded by annual surcharges on pesticide and fertilizer manufacturers, distributors, applicators and dealers. The surcharge rate is determined by Minnesota De-

partment of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen.

Additional information about the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

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Strategic Farming: Let's talk crops! session talks soybean planting

St. Paul, MN. (4/11/23)—As farmers are waiting for soil conditions fit for planting, University of Minnesota Extension soybean agronomist Dr. Seth Naeve talks soybean planting.

Should I plant corn or soybean first? A topic of debate relates to whether it makes sense to plant soybean before corn. Rather than thinking about planting date and order from a yield standpoint, consider thinking about it from a risk-avoidance stand-

point. Soybean yield potential in Minnesota with planting date tends to be flat through the middle of May, dropping by ½ to 1% per day that follows, with high yields possible when planted through May. Risks are higher early and late spring, with the beginning of May being the "sweet spot" between maximizing yield potential and minimizing risks due to a hard frost, cold or wet seedbeds. Naeve shares that planting order is a risk avoidance calculation, "The penalty

for replanting soybean is much lower than corn. Soybeans are fairly forgiving as far as timing and emergence dates. The corn yield response is sharper at the beginning of the year, we have a higher value crop, we're just going to make more money from that early planted corn; but when we figure risk into it, it changes the calculation a little bit."

Oftentimes one can replant soybean without the significant drop in yield potential one would encounter with corn. The key is waiting to plant until soil conditions are fit and with the 10-day weather forecast in mind.

Soybean maturity. One should consider planting full-season soybean varieties earliest. While shorter season varieties will not gain yield potential with an earlier planting date, a longer-season variety will, adding another couple of nodes of pods when planted earlier compared to later.

Changes to the USDA-RMA earliest planting date. Recently, a multi-state group of university-based soybean agronomists developed a more realistic earliest planting date map based on recent warmer temperatures. The team used planting date data generated over the years to develop a series of models to model risk and develop earliest planting date maps relevant to states in the upper Midwest (Figure 1).

A recording of the full discussion is online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQ665VJf82E>

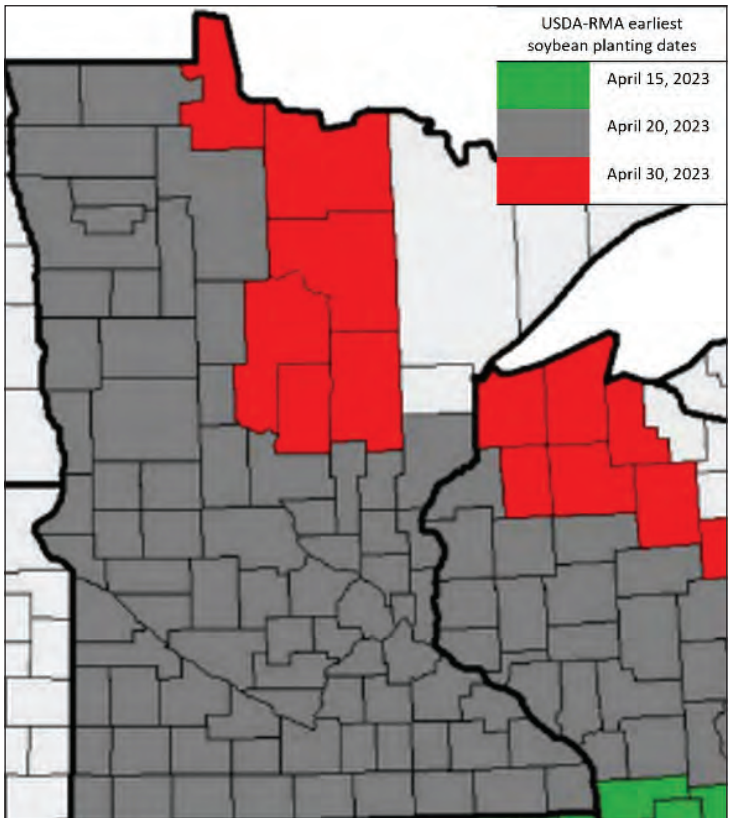


Figure 1. New earliest planting date map by county for a federally insured soybean crop. Source: USDA-Risk Management Agency.

MnDOT conducts aerial photography on Highways 34 and 71 in Park Rapids, Highway 11 near Warroad and Highway 75 near Hallock

Residents asked not to disturb temporary targets

Bemidji, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation is asking residents not to disturb aerial photography targets as crews begin aerial mapping in northwestern Minnesota. Landowners in the area that will have targets placed on or near their property will be contacted directly. Weather permitting, work will begin mid-April and conclude in late May. The mapping will take place in the following locations:

- Highway 11- Warroad to Roosevelt
- Highways 34 and 71 – Park Rapids
- Highway 175- Hallock

The aerial survey process relies on clear observations, and must be conducted after the spring melt and before the trees leaf out. To begin the process crews place an "X" on the ground as a reference point for the aerial photographer.

Aerial mapping is used to create a record of existing infrastructure and landscape along MnDOT right of way for transportation planning and highway design. In order to obtain accurate aerial mapping, MnDOT crews paint large white "X" targets on paved surfaces, and place plastic or fabric "X" targets on unpaved surfaces.

A survey crew then records the coordinate position and elevation of the temporary tar-



gets for the aerial photography company. The plastic and fabric targets are temporary and will be removed when the photography is completed.

There will also be Drone Lidar flights conducted on TH11 from Indus to Loman and Highway 175 at Bridge 35006 in Hallock. We ask that the public DO NOT disturb drone pilots when flight missions are

being conducted. Targets are not required with this flight method.

MnDOT requests that landowners not remove or disturb the targets, if possible, until the photography is completed. If a target must be moved, please contact the District 2 survey office at 218-755-6509 or by email at drew.mistic@state.mn.us.

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