



Tri County Canary

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Pasque Flower Hike in Fertile Sand Hills

Pasque flowers are finally blooming in the Fertile Sand Hills. Come out and enjoy a guided spring hike to view pasque flowers in the Fertile Sand Hills at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6th. It is expected that quite a few pasque will be blooming by May 6th, but two additional guided hikes will occur the following Saturday, May 13th—at 10:30 and at 2:00 p.m. That weekend might be closer to “peak” bloom this year.

The lavender pasque flowers, sometimes referred to as prairie crocus, are one of the first prairie flowers to bloom each spring. Hundreds of pasque flowers annually bloom throughout the Fertile Sand Hills with a high concentration in the Death Valley area—the primary destination of Saturday’s hike.

Pasque flower is the Manitoba provincial flower and the state flower of South Dakota, along with the motto “I lead,” complimenting pasque’s first bloom of the spring. There are many reported medicinal uses of the pasque plant by Ameri-



can Indians and European herbalists.

For those interested in joining the hike to check out the pasque flowers and the Fertile Sand Hills, take Summit Ave west off of MN Hwy 32 (just south of the Fertile downtown area). Go west past the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center Nature Center about a quarter mile where we will meet at the parking area and

trailhead at the top of the hill.

The hike will leave from the parking area at 10:30 a.m. with return expected by noon. The hike is about 1.4 miles and will go along some uneven terrain and through a sand dune area. For more information, contact the City of Fertile at 218-945-3136.

For further information, contact Wayne Goeken at 218-280-0516, wgoekenmn@gmail.com.

“Understanding Equality and Equity When Society Seems to be Confused”



On Wednesday May 10th, 2023 the NELL speaker will be David Wall “Understanding Equality and Equity When Society Seems to be Confused” The Embassy Community Center in Fosston - 603 3rd St. NE. Mr. Wall spent 20 years working as a missionary linguist in Papua New Guinea, just north of Australia. During Dave’s tenure in the country, he and his family lived among an isolated tribal

group in the rainforest learning their language and culture. The experience of living among remote tribal people gave Dave the opportunity to learn how to navigate the delicate issues of equality and equity.

I have heard Mr. Wall speak in the past and his presentation is captivating! I highly recommend it.

Program starts at 9:30 am, doors open at 9:00 a.m.

New guidance for pet owners to combat community spread of canine influenza virus

St. Paul, Minn. - The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is releasing new canine influenza guidance for dog owners, dog care facilities, and veterinarians as it continues to track more confirmed and suspected cases of this contagious canine disease. Four more cases of canine influenza have been confirmed outside of the original outbreak the Board announced on April 6. There are also strong indicators of community spread of canine influenza in the Twin Cities. Additionally, the Board has been inundated with calls from veterinarians on suspected cases of canine influenza when testing is either denied or results are inconclusive.

“Unfortunately, testing for canine influenza is cost prohibitive for many dog owners, and we aren’t receiving as many confirmed positive results as the numbers of sick dogs veterinarians are reporting at their clinics,” said Senior Veterinarian in charge of Companion Animals, Dr. Veronica Bartsch. “If a dog is symptomatic and an owner elects not to test or a test comes back negative, we’re still encouraging veterinarians to treat and advise patients for canine influenza out of an abundance of caution.”

The Board recommends the following precautions until the outbreak subsides:

- Dog owners
 - Avoid direct dog-to-dog contact with dogs outside of your household or dogs known to have been boarded, attended dog day-care, or visited a dog park in the last seven days.
 - If your dog is sick, keep them at home, away from other animals, and call your veterinarian.
 - Consider avoiding dog parks and other locations with uncontrolled dog-to-dog contact.
 - Keep your distance (six feet) at places where dogs congregate like dog parks and while on walks with your dog.
 - Canine influenza can also spread via contaminated surfaces, including skin and clothing. If your dog is sick or you have contact with dogs outside of your household, wash your hands and change clothes before interacting with other animals.

Dog day-cares, kennels and shelters

- Direct staff to be on alert for clinical signs.
- Immediately separate symptomatic dogs from others and contact your veterinarian. Signs of influenza include coughing, runny eyes or nose, hard swallowing or throat clearing, fever, and lethargy. Signs often appear suddenly, and a dog that appears healthy in the morning may show signs in the afternoon.
- Any dog showing signs of respiratory disease should be immediately sent home and not allowed to return to the facility for 30 days. Even a dog that appears to have recovered can continue to shed infectious virus for 30 days.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection measures and frequency. Advise staff to wash hands and clean their clothes between dog interactions.
- Consider reducing the number of dogs in play groups and keep group membership consistent.
- Screen new arrivals for upper respiratory symptoms.
- Veterinarians
 - Report positive canine influenza test results to the Board

via our online case report form. Once the Board receives a case report, our agents conduct all follow-up investigations and quarantine procedures with your client.

• Treat symptomatic patients with caution and advise a 30-day in-home quarantine even without a positive influenza test.

• Practice good biosecurity in the clinic. Isolate dogs with respiratory illness and thoroughly clean and disinfect surfaces and instruments used during the exam. Wear full PPE when treating these patients.

When canine influenza is confirmed, the Board of Animal Health works with the reporting veterinarian and dog owner to initiate an in-home quarantine of the affected animal(s) to stop the spread of the virus. Additionally, the Board works to trace back any known direct contacts the dog has had with other dogs to monitor for disease spread. Symptomatic dogs often exhibit a cough, low grade fever, tiredness, disinterest in food, sneezing, runny nose, and shortness of breath.

Find additional canine influenza updates and guidance documents on the Board’s website.

Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge Thief River Falls, Nordicfest

Schedule
Saturday, May 13
• Uff Da Day: 11am 4 pm, Pioneer Village. \$3 per person. Viking reenactments, Lefse demonstration, Norwegian foods, and more.
Monday, May 15
• Concert Justin Spenner and his Near Norse Band from Mpls: 7 pm at the Northland College Auditorium. Justin is the winner of the Advanced Artist Division of the 2022 quadrennial voice competition of the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota. Tuesday, May 16
• Speaker at the TRF Library: "Norwegian Immigration to Thief River Falls" 7 pm by Debbie Miller, retired librarian at the Minnesota History Center and current board member of the NorwegianAmerican Historical Association.

Wednesday, May 17
• Syttende Mai Smorgasbord torsk and pork chop buffet dinner: \$15. Serving 6-7 pm at the Eagles Hall. Reservations REQUIRED by May 12 to 218-686-0733. 200 tickets only.
Thursday, May 18
• Movie: “The Lutefisk Wars”: 7 pm at the Northland College Auditorium. This comedy looks into troubles that recently escalated in Newford, N.D., a small town with a large population of Norwegian descendants. Karl Larsen, a Schwan’s deliveryman, says it all started when an odd and agitated old man knocked on his door.
Friday, May 19
• Dance at the Eagles Hall: Honky Tonk Troubadours (classic country) 7-11 pm. \$7.50 with lunch served.

Red Flag Warning Issued for area

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for several counties in parts of northwest and west central Minnesota effective Monday, May 1, from noon through 8 p.m. due to extreme fire risk conditions.

Affected counties include Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Wadena, Wilkin

A Red Flag Warning means fires can spread quickly and easily progress out of control under the current weather conditions, including gusty winds and low humidity. Residents should not burn in those counties where a Red Flag Warning is in effect and should check any recent burning they may have done to ensure the fire is completely out. The DNR will not issue or activate open burning permits during the Red Flag Warning, and campfires are discouraged. “Any spark could become a

wildfire under Red Flag conditions,” said Karen Harrison, DNR wildfire prevention specialist.

Red Flag Warnings are evolving situations. Visit the National Weather Service, (weather.gov) for updates.

For more information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions).

U of M Crookston 56th graduating class with a commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. on May 6

The University of Minnesota Crookston will celebrate its 56th graduating class with a commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. on May 6, 2023 in Lysaker Gymnasium, and the four-year institution’s first chancellor, Donald ‘Don’ Sargeant, Ph.D., will provide the keynote address. Close to 400 students have been invited to participate in the ceremony and approximately 160 graduates will walk across the stage.

Chancellor Emeritus Don Sargeant came to UMN Crookston in 1970 serving as a professor and chair of the agriculture division followed by academic dean from 1973 to 1985, and as chancellor from 1985 to 2003 before retiring in 2006 as the director of international programs. He was instrumental in the transition from a two-year to a four-year institution as well as enhancing the athletic program from a junior college to a four-year NAIA athletic program, and ultimately to NCAA Division II. Sargeant was elected into the UMN Crookston Athletic

Hall of Fame in 2007. He and his wife, Mary Beth, reside in Prior Lake, Minn. and have two sons, Doug and Dan.

This year marks the campus’ 115th graduation ceremony after its inception in 1906 as an agricultural high school, the Northwest School of Agriculture. The NWSA held its first ceremony in 1909 and, over its history, 5,433 graduates completed their education at the high school. In the fall of 1966, classes began for students at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute and the U of M “Tech” and NWSA shared the campus for two years. In the spring of 1968, a torch was passed from the 60th and final graduating class of NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute. From 1968 to 1994, there were 4,693 graduates who earned associate degrees.

The University of Minnesota Crookston earned its approval to offer baccalaureate degrees in the early 1990s and made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty



Donald “Don” Sargeant

members with laptop computers to become the first public “Laptop University.” By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor’s degree requirements and were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremony. UMN Crookston will celebrate its 30th anniversary as a four-year institution in 2023 with a number of events.

Bemidji graduation ceremonies

Bemidji State University college graduation

Bemidji, Minn. – Nearly 1,000 Bemidji State University graduates have been invited to celebrate their accomplishments at Bemidji State’s 103rd commencement ceremony on May 5, 2023.

The University will hold three graduation ceremonies at Bemidji’s Sanford Center — one for each of the university’s colleges.

268 graduates from the College of Arts, Education and Humanities will be celebrated beginning at 9 a.m., followed by a 12 p.m. ceremony for 345 College of Business, Mathematics and Science graduates. The final ceremony of the day will recognize 401 College of Individual and Community Health graduates and begin at 3 p.m.

Each ceremony will last about an hour and will be live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo with ASL services available. Members of the media are invited to attend.

Commencement Speakers
Bemidji State’s class of 2023 will hear from a number of speakers including university President Dr. John L. Hoffman and Dr. Allen Bedford, provost and vice president of academic affairs. BSU’s Commencement address will be delivered by the 39th Distinguished Minnesotan award recipient, who is to be

announced at a later date.

Each ceremony will also feature a student speaker:

- Caleb Travis, social studies education graduate from Pine River; College of Arts, Education and Humanities.
- Peyton Barber, marketing communication graduate from Madison, Wisconsin; College of Business, Mathematics and Science.
- Tiffany Anderson, social work graduate from Bemidji; College of Individual and Community Health.

Vocal music performance graduate Emily Hixon from Bemidji will perform the national anthem for all three ceremonies.

Tickets & Parking

Commencement ceremonies at Bemidji State are free and open to the public. No tickets are required, but students are asked to limit guests to 10 or less. If the Sanford Center reaches capacity, guests will be directed to an overflow location offsite where the live stream can be viewed.

There are approximately 1,000 parking spots at the Sanford Center available at no charge.

Northwest Technical college graduation

Bemidji, Minn. – Over 200 Northwest Technical College graduates have been invited

to celebrate their accomplishments at the NTC Commencement ceremony on May 5, 2023.

218 graduates from NTC’s five diverse career paths will be recognized at Bemidji’s Sanford Center beginning at 7 p.m. The ceremony will last about an hour and will be live-streamed on Facebook and Vimeo with ASL services available. Members of the media are invited to attend.

Commencement Speakers

NTC’s class of 2023 will hear from a number of speakers including college President Dr. John L. Hoffman and Alyx Johnson, a nursing graduate from Bemidji.

The NTC Commencement address will be delivered by the 39th Distinguished Minnesotan award recipient, who is to be announced at a later date.

Christian Breczinski, associate director of accessibility services, will perform the national anthem at the ceremony.

Tickets & Parking

The NTC commencement ceremony is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. If the Sanford Center reaches capacity, guests will be directed to an overflow location where the live stream can be viewed.

There are approximately 1,000 parking spots at the Sanford Center available at no charge.

DNR reminds off-highway vehicle riders to prioritize their safety

With a tragic start to the off-highway vehicle riding season, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds all riders to make safety their top priority.

Recently, two 10-year-old riders and a 13-year-old rider died in OHV crashes. The Washington and Chisago county sheriffs’ offices are investigating the crashes. In the past six years, an average of 22 people each year have died in OHV crashes. In that same timeframe, the number of all-terrain vehicles registered in Minnesota has risen from 428,060 to 510,383.

“We continue to see an abundance of new riders who, regardless of their age, don’t have much experience operating these big, powerful machines,”

said Capt. Jon Paurus, safety training education manager for the DNR Enforcement Division. “Among the crashes we see, there’s one distinct commonality: the majority of people involved have not completed ATV safety training.”

Minnesota law requires anyone born after July 1, 1987, and who is 12 years or older, to complete safety certification before operating ATVs on public lands or waters, public road rights-of-way, or state or grant-in-aid trails. However, safety officials recommend all riders complete safety training, regardless of whether they’re required to.

Among the most common violations conservation officers have seen in recent years is youth riders not wearing

helmets. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a DOT-approved helmet, unless they’re on private property. The DNR recommends all riders wear one, regardless of where they’re riding or whether it’s required. Other ways riders can help ensure a safe ride include:

- Ride only on designated trails. Stay to the right and travel at a safe speed.
- Ride sober.
- Remember that riders under age 15 are not allowed to operate Class 2 ATVs, except on private property. However, the DNR does not recommend operators under 15 operate Class 2 vehicles in any location.

Off-highway...
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Pictured from L-R: Sue Christianson (Secretary/Treasurer), Andrea Stordahl (Ex-Officio), Cheryl Byrne (Founder and Board Chair).

GRACE AND GRIT: Health and Healing Thru Horse-Human Partnerships, a newly established 501(C)3 Non-Profit Organization located near Erskine, Minnesota has received a generous donation to purchase a youth saddle from the Fosston Sportsmans Club.

As a newly established non-profit, the board of directors is working on implementing its mission of "using science and evidence based hands-on exper-

iential tools and techniques to provide a thriving, flourishing life for horses and the people in their lives".

Grace and Grit provides educational opportunities for horses and people who can most benefit from these experiences. Hands-on interaction with the horse provides immediate feedback for people as they practice skill development including but not limited to: self-regulation, decision-mak-

ing, body language, conflict resolution, de-escalation, honesty, trust, healthy relationships and more.

For more information on our program please contact:

Cheryl Byrne: (218) 686-3838; graceandgrithealthandhealing@hotmail.com; www.graceandgrithealthandhealing.com; facebook: @graceandgrithealthandhealingthru-horsehumanpartnerships

Gardening Affects Mental Health

By Helenruth Schuette

Gardening has been around for as long as humans have been growing food. Gardens today not only provide sustenance but are places to relax, to focus and to connect with nature and each other. This is the definition of BIOPHILIA-the innate human instinct to connect with nature and other living beings. Edward O. Wilson introduced and popularized the idea in his book, Biophilia. He defines biophilia as "the urge to affiliate with other forms of life."

Some examples of common biophilia design elements include skylights to provide natural light, green walls or living walls covered with living greenery; and the presence of water, such as fountains inside the house or outside or ponds.

Various studies have shown that when people are close to nature they are more productive, focus better and study harder. Research supports that plant life reduces stress. Gardening is the number one hobby in America and for good reason. The health benefits are good for the mind and the body. Surrounded by plant life people recover quicker from illnesses and injuries.

According to Emily Hansen, University of MN Extension, "Gardening is a mindfulness

practice where you can just exist in the moment. Use our senses next time you are outdoors. See the colors around you, smell the forest air, listen to the birds, touch the plants and taste what the garden has to offer. Surprisingly, the soil can improve your mood. One kind of bacteria found there has been found to stimulate areas of the brain to produce serotonin which helps us feel good." Next time you are in the garden get your hands dirty and test this theory.

Gardening brings peace and contentment day to day as plants sprout and bloom due to the gardener effort. Seeing our plants succeed gives our sense of pride a boost. Self esteem is enhanced as one values one's efforts and decisions for a successful garden. If you struggle with staying focused on tasks, conversations, or topics in your daily life, gardening can help you learn to concentrate on what's right in front of you without getting distracted. Studies have shown that outdoor activities such as gardening can reduce some symptoms of ADHD.

Things like weeding, digging, and raking provide good exercise, providing you use good body mechanics and pace yourself-especially when starting out each Spring. Regular exer-

cise reduces anxiety, depression and other mental issues and can help prevent dementia.

There is no end to the benefits of time spent in the garden. However, it is also good to understand the garden is subject to limits beyond our control. Our work can fail due to too much rain and not enough sun, insects, plant loving animals if there is no protection and our own mistakes. Gardeners have to be realistic especially here in the north where our growing season is limited. I hope many will find a space or a pot to plant and enjoy what is growing there.

If you're interested in learning more about container and raised bed gardening, check out the class offered this Saturday, May 2, via Bemidji Community Education! Dan Sherman and John Reff, who are Beltrami County Master Gardeners, will be guiding community members in how to grow plants in raised beds and containers, and will be available to answer your questions after the class!

For general gardening questions, contact our Master Gardener hot line at 218-444-6245. A member of our group will return your call as soon as possible. Always state your name, question and phone line where we can reach you.

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Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

It will be held at the Vernes Church north of McIntosh, Co. Rd. #5.

Look who is turning 100!

Alice Forsberg will be 100 on May 18th!

and a luncheon in her honor is planned for

Saturday, May 20th at the Gully Community Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Please join the celebration for Alice on her special day! We are coordinating her party with the Bergman annual gathering.

If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to:

Alice Forsberg
Prairie Pines
900 Hillgoss Blvd SE
Fosston, MN 56542



Engagement announced

Rod & Toni Johnson and Janet & Levi Holm are happy to announce the upcoming Marriage of their daughter Katie Lynn to Dustin Grimsley son of Brenda Gersich and Tim Grimsley. She is also the granddaughter to Janice Svalen of McIntosh.

They will be joined in marriage June 3, 2023, together with Family and Friends.

DINING & entertainment

13th Anniversary

Stop by on Friday, May 5th for lunch and get a free cupcake to celebrate 13 years of being in business!

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BAND TEACHER NEEDED

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an open position for a Band Teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2023-2024 school year. Courses currently include Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Elementary Band. Course offerings are flexible based upon a candidate's interest and experience.

Requirements: MN Teaching Licensure in Instrumental and Classroom Music. Individuals with other music licensure in lieu of Instrumental and Classroom Music, 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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COACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has the following Extra-Curricular Coaching Positions Available for the 2023-2024 school year:

Varsity boys head basketball coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching young players the fundamentals of the game of basketball, being present at all games and practices beginning in November, and collaborating with the Activities Director for scheduling and transportation.

Assistant varsity boys basketball coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of basketball, being present at all games and practices beginning in November, and collaborating with the varsity head coach.

Assistant Varsity Football Coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of football, being present at all games and practices beginning in August, and collaborating with the varsity head coach.

Junior High Football Coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of football, being present at all games and practices beginning in August, and being a good role model to young athletes.

Positions are available until filled.

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

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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OFFICE MANAGER

The Red Lake Watershed District is taking applications for a full time Office Manager position. General tasks include: Assistant to the Administrator; assist with carrying out the day-to-day operation of the District; management of software systems and M-File management; data entry and database management; customer service; organization and planning for public events, meetings, and hearings; perform a variety of administrative duties and assist in accounting support functions; recommend and implement policies, procedures and staff training. Applicant should have excellent computer skills and be able to multi-task. This is a full-time position with an excellent benefit package including medical, dental, and life insurance; paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays; and Retirement Pension (PERA). Hourly range: \$20.52-\$29.68. Pay is dependent upon experience.

Application is available at the RLWD office at 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 or visit our website at redlakewatershed.org. Please submit an application and resume to the RLWD.

Application deadline: May 12, 2023
Red Lake Watershed District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Red Lake County Landfill Operator I

The position mainly works out of the Oklee location but may assist with the Red Lake Falls site as needed.

The duties include: monitor loads delivered to landfill, maintain landfill property, assist patrons, work with Household Hazardous Waste, operate and maintain equipment as needed, and work outdoors in varying weather conditions.

This is a part-time position. The general work schedule is as follows: May 1st - Oct. 31st: 24 hrs. per month; Wednesdays, and 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Candidates must be 18 years of age, able to lift 50 lbs., and have a valid MN driver's license. Wage starts at \$18.72 per hour.

Applications are available at www.co.red-lake.mn.us/employment Questions call the HR office at 218-253-2590 or email hr@co.red-lake.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

EOE

CASE MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE



Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for an opening in our Family Services department:

Case Manager: The Case manager will recruit, coach, and provide comprehensive coordination of services to homeless and at risk of becoming homeless youth, individuals, and families. The position is full time / 40 hours a week working out of our Thief River Falls Office.

Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycouncil.org. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Applications must be received by **4:30PM on Monday, May 8th**. Call 218-796-5144 x1017 for more information.

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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

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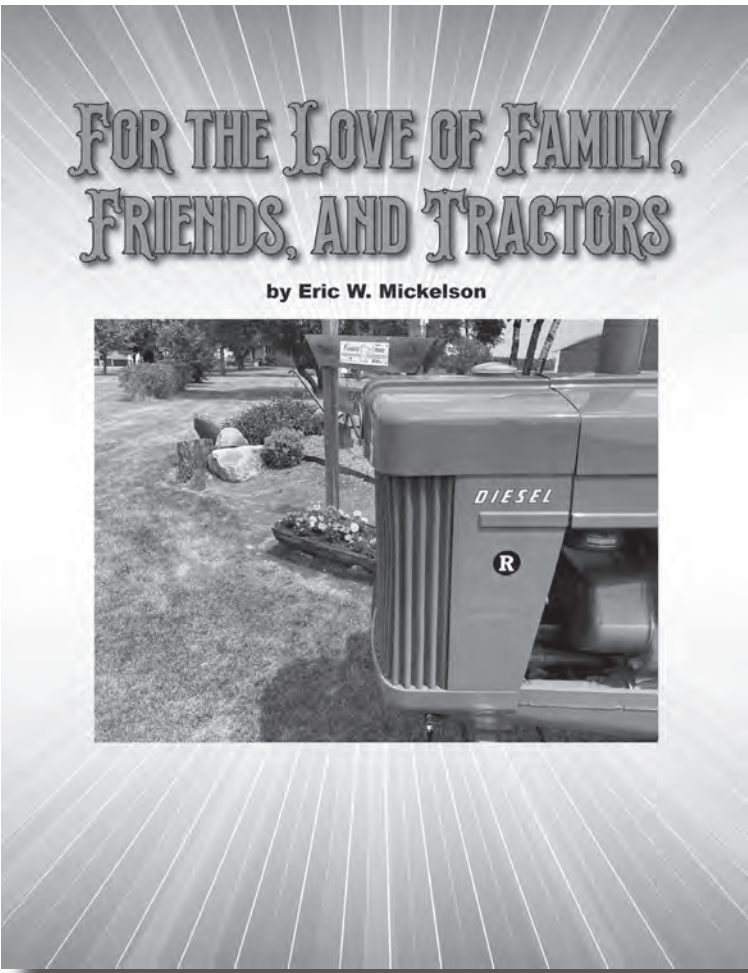
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

If You Give A Moose A Muffin, Church Style

“If You Give A Moose A Muffin” is a children’s book that is difficult to forget as the rhythm and rhyme pour forth the lessons within. Those who haven’t read it, here’s the gist of it. One thing leads to another and in the end it all swings back to begin again. It’s life application through the eyes of a child.

Since Jesus says, “we must become like little children,” (Matt. 18:3) let’s use life application for we, adults, who often think the realities of adulthood should look differently than what they do.

Let us begin. If you give an adult a church, they will make a friend within.

If you give an adult a friend, the friend will eventually disappoint.

If you give an adult disappointment, it will spread throughout the church community.

If you give an adult a church community, chances are there will be more disappointments because there are more people.

If you give an adult more people who disappoint, chances are the inner-child will begin to see through the eyes of man.

If you give an adult a view of church through the eyes of man, out onto the street they will return so they won’t have to put up with the church.

Now let us begin a new chapter and perhaps with it, a new perspective.

If He gifts the adult faith, when people disappoint, faith moves mountains as He sustains.

If He sustains, then He will be their vision and guide.

If He guides, then into a Word driven church they will remain as Christ holds fast.

If Christ holds fast and, “He is for you—so then who can be against you?” (Rom. 8:31)

If He is not against you, then neither is the Word driven church nor the communion of saints within.

“Knock and the door will be opened. Seek and ye shall find” (Matt. 7:7).

But let us suppose one doesn’t continue to knock or seek? What then? Let us begin again.

If one goes off into the world, the world will eventually disappoint.

If one is disappointed with the world, the world will continue to tempt by offering false gratification and one will remain empty.

If one remains empty, to whom shall they go?

If one does not know where to go, one will not hear the promise that “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

If one does not hear the words of the risen Lord, they will not know of His promises.

If a one does not know of His promises, then one will believe the lies of the world.

If a one believes the lies of

the world, they will make the world their God.

If one makes the world their God, there will be a void.

When one has a void, it will need to be filled.

When one needs to be filled, one will need the church.

And as the church fills, He promises “The gates of hell will not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18).

May each church be a branch deeply rooted so others who are invited in may grow. I implore you to remain not only faithful but faith-filled so the Gospel will not only be heard, but believed and made manifest through faith.

And to those who have not entered into a community of faith, I beg you to do so. The church needs your gifts, and in all honesty, you need their covering. The world’s promises fall short and they will be empty. The church has been given wisdom through His Word for the past 2000 years and counting. There are answers to the questions you have.

Saints who have handed on the baton of faith have protected those Truths from the beginning. May you continue to not only seek, but knock and continue knocking until you find your home. Do not fear or be dismayed for He is with you (Isaiah 41:10). It is transformative and it is restorative along this journey called life.

Know that He is for you (Rom. 8:31). Amen.



Infestation of Johnsongrass along a roadway.

May Weed of the Month: Johnsongrass

Johnsongrass is a tall perennial grass that grows up to 8 feet and can cause millions of dollars of lost agricultural revenue

Emilie Justen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

In January, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) added Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense) to the Prohibited Eradicate Noxious Weed List. Johnsongrass is a tall perennial grass that grows up to 8 feet and can cause millions of dollars of lost agricultural revenue. It was first introduced into the United States as a forage crop in the early 1800s.

Johnsongrass prefers full sun and disturbed soil and can tolerate a variety of habitats. Johnsongrass grows in pastures, roadsides, ditches, abandoned lots, and waste areas. It spreads vegetatively by rhizomes, growing vigorously up to 60 feet in a single year. It produces large quantities of seed that are moved by humans, animals, and water.

Johnsongrass has several identifiable characteristics;

each leaf grows up to 8 feet long and has a distinct white midrib down the center of the leaf. The stems of the plant are hairless. Johnsongrass flowers occur in loose, spreading, purplish panicles. The panicles produce small seeds enclosed in spikelets.

Because Johnsongrass is adapted to a wide variety of habitats, it is challenging to manage. It spreads aggressively, forming dense colonies which displace native vegetation and suppress other plant species. For the agricultural industry, Johnsongrass infestations can significantly reduce soybean and corn yields if not properly managed.

Johnsongrass produces toxic amounts of cyanide if grown under stressful conditions like extreme heat, cold, and drought. Levels of cyanide can accumulate within the plant and become toxic to livestock when ingested. It also can accumulate excess nitrogen from the soil, causing potential nitrate poisoning in sheep and cattle if ingested.

Since Johnsongrass is not

known to be present in Minnesota, early identification and treatment of any newly discovered infestations are the keys to managing it. For small populations, mechanical removal of the whole plant and root system may be effective. Exposing the rhizome to extreme heat or cold can also effectively kill the rhizomes. Herbicide treatments are also an option; please contact your local University of Minnesota Extension office for herbicide recommendations.

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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straight stretches of road. It should be used only when you are able to drive at a steady speed with safe road conditions.

When deciding if you should set your cruise control:

- Ask yourself if it’s safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn’t safe to set your cruise.

- Is there limited visibility? If it’s foggy, snowing, or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don’t set your cruise.

- Is traffic moving smoothly? If it’s stop-and-go, or there’s heavy traffic around you, it’s not safe to use cruise.

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Doing a Little Seeding..... Soon I hope!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



The last few years I have had fun seeding with a couple of old tractors. It dates back to last June when I bought an old A John Deere at an auction sale. I had no intention of buying an A. The sale had an R John Deere that I was looking at. Low and behold I bought the R, a tractor I had always hoped to buy. Late down the line up for sale came a 1940 A John Deere with an odd aftermarket wide front on it. The A did have brand-new tires on it. As the bidding began no one seemed to want the old A so I threw in a bid thinking I could “steal” the tires off it and put on something else. Guess what I got the old A too. My son Heath drove it home for me as I drove the R home. I love a 20 mile tractor drive!

When I got the old A home I realized the strange aftermarket wide front was pretty nice. The old A handled well. The fellow at the sale said they had bought the A and planned on switching it back to the original narrow front, but as I said they thought it steered and handled nicer than it would if they switched it back to the original front! So they left it and so did I. My next revelation was that the old A ran like a top. My plans changed. I now was not going to steal the tires off of the A and put them on another tractor, but keep the A together and use it around the farm. So a couple of years ago I used the A to plant a little barley.

The only Farmall I really had anything to do with in my life was the H Farmall my dad bought from Steen Birkeland in Oklee. I think dad had grown up with John Deere tractors and had always had a desire to try a Farmall. I am putting words in dad’s mouth by saying that, but I think he was probably quite happy to have a Farmall H! As it turned out the old H used a little oil. Dad

took it to Plummer to be overhauled. I can remember using the H for many jobs around the farm. Dad used it to mow hay. What a champion mowing machine. It was coupled with a John Deere #5 mower and worked quite well. That was probably the job I remember most. It was used in the winter time to do chores. I remember seeing it hooked to the manure spreader or stoneboat for barn cleaning time. Eventually the head cracked and a few other problems came up and it was retired to what we call “machinery row” where it still rests today. I hope to get to it someday!

It was the hope of getting that H running again that brought me to Berberich Sale in Brooks last fall. I was hoping to get an H to use as a parts donor to fix up dad’s H. Well, as it turns out I found a donor H and another H....just for posterity! When an H comes up for sale with new rubber all around and was just simply a nice looking machine, well, then even a John Deere man may raise his hand and bid on a Farmall. So now I am the owner of an H Farmall..... well, I guess 2 H Farmalls. You see a little farther down the line that “donor” H came up for sale and yes, I had to raise my

hand again. Well, last year I use that H to seed a little oats and a little barley!

I wonder what tractor I will find at auction next? Still deciding what to seed with this year!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. When the H Farmall was new it was advertised to be perfect for a _____acre farm.

2. T or F The H was the greatest produced Farmall tractor.(Number of tractors produced)

3. What model replaced the H Farmall?

4. The A John Deere was built from 1934-1952. The 1940 A was tested with _____drawbar hp.

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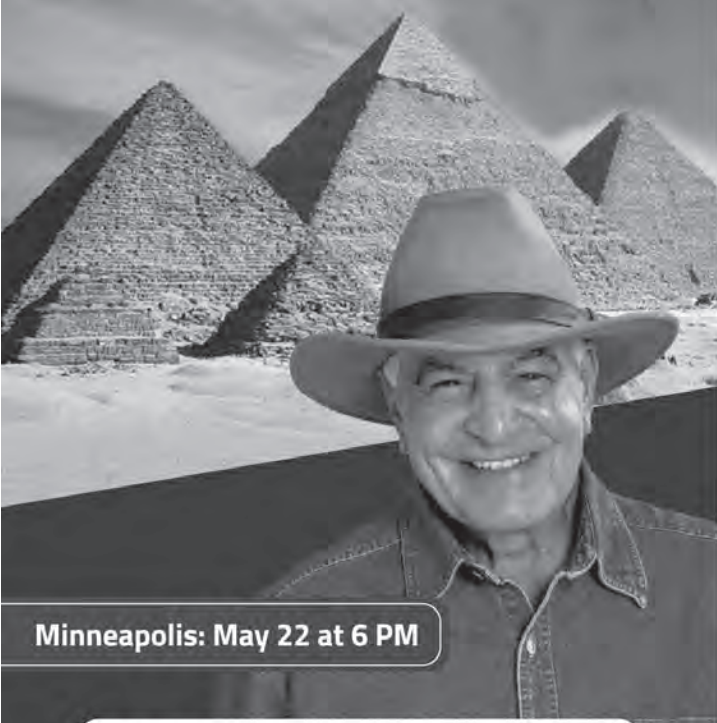
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Minnesota Charities May Lose Pull-Tab Revenue with DFL Legislation

ST PAUL, MN – Representative Krista Knudsen (R – Lake Shore) is sounding the alarm against recent legislation brought to the House Floor by DFL legislators. HF 1938 sponsored by Tax Chair Rep. Gomez (D – Minneapolis) would eliminate the use of electronic pull tabs to generate revenue for charitable organizations across Minnesota. Rep. Knudsen's district covers Becker, Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena counties putting the East Hubbard Fire County Fire District, Elks Lodge 2386, CFW Post 1676 Detroit Lakes, and Confidence Learning Center as just a few of the organizations at-risk of losing funding from e-pull tabs.

Organizations and nonprofits that support Minnesota youth, veterans, seniors and more will no longer be able to receive revenue from these sources. To bring attention to this issue Rep. Knudsen is sending a letter to all of the non-profits in District 5A that would be affected by this provision urging them to speak up on the potential loss of this crucial funding.

"I own a bar in my community. My patrons utilize the e-pull tabs and are proud that the money goes back to organizations they support. By changing this law, organizations like American Legions, Fire Departments, Youth Soccer organizations and more will no longer receive funds. The DFL is harming some of our most-needed organizations," said Rep. Knudsen.

Rep. Knudsen Supports Repealer of Type III Vehicle Retirement Age

St. Paul, MN — Representative Krista Knudsen (R – Lake Shore) urges Senate action on legislation to end the forced retirement of Type III transportation for schools. Type III vehicles include buses and vans with a passenger capacity of 10 or fewer which are important tools in public school transportation services.

Authoring HF 2028 to allow schools to maintain these functional vehicles past the current

Governor Walz Signs Three Bills Protecting Minnesotans' Rights

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today signed three bills into law protecting people seeking or providing abortions in Minnesota, banning the practice of conversion therapy, and protecting people seeking or providing gender-affirming health care in Minnesota. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan were joined by legislators and advocates to celebrate the bill signing. Photos from the event are attached and linked here.

"Today, we're protecting the rights of Minnesotans and making sure our state remains a place where people have the freedom to get the care they need to live their fullest lives," said Governor Walz. "We're also protecting young and vulnerable Minnesotans from the harmful and discredited practice of conversion therapy. We're putting up a firewall to ensure Minnesotans have the freedom to make their own health care decisions."

"Everyone deserves to feel safe to be who they are, love who they love, and live without fear of violence and discrimination," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "I am proud to live and raise a family in Minnesota knowing that young people, especially our LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit youth, can be their full, authentic selves and exercise agency over their bodies and lives. In this state, we will continue to fight for love over hate every single day."

Chapter 28, House File 16 prohibits mental health practitioners or mental health professionals from providing conversion therapy to vulnerable adults and clients under age 18. The bill also prohibits

fraudulent or deceptive advertising practices relating to conversion therapy.

Chapter 29, House File 146 prevents state courts or officials from complying with child removal requests, extraditions, arrests, or subpoenas related to gender-affirming health care that a person receives in Minnesota. As states across the country move to ban access to gender affirming health care and restrict access to gender-affirming care, the bill protects the rights of Minnesota's LGBTQ+ community to seek and receive gender affirming health care in Minnesota.

Chapter 31, House File 366, the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act, ensures that patients traveling to Minnesota for abortion care, and the providers who serve them, are protected from legal attacks and criminal penalties from other states.

In response to these historic bills, Governor Walz also issued Executive Order 23-06 today. The executive order rescinds Executive Order 21-25, which the Governor issued to protect Minnesotans from conversion therapy. Because of Minnesota's new law prohibiting conversion therapy, Executive Order 21-25 is no longer necessary. Today's executive order also amends Executive Order 22-16, which protects Minnesotans' right to reproductive health care services, and Executive Order 23-03, which protects and supports Minnesotans who seek gender affirming health care services, by rescinding provisions that are no longer necessary due to the new laws.

Report fish die-offs to help DNR, others respond as needed

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans to contact the state duty officer if they see evidence of a fish die-off in a lake or stream. Fish die-offs can result from a variety of natural and human causes.

"People can help by reporting fish die-offs right away," DNR Limnology Consultant Tom Burri said. "These reports alert state agencies to the situation and help us determine appropriate next steps."

To report fish die-offs, people should call the Minnesota duty officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 (the officer line is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week). An early report allows timely water and fish sampling or other response actions, if needed. It's especially helpful to know what sizes and types of fish people see in a fish die-off.

In early spring, the retreat of lake and stream ice can sometimes leave behind fish that died during ice cover, commonly referred to as winterkill. When snow and ice cover a lake, sunlight reaching aquatic plants is limited. The plants, in turn, reduce the amount of oxygen they produce. If vegetation dies from lack of sunlight or other cause, the plants start to decompose, which uses the limited

oxygen that is dissolved in the water. If oxygen depletion becomes severe enough, fish die.

In mid-spring and summer, fish die-offs are often the result of warming water and opportunistic infections that spread in fish populations that are already stressed after the spawning season. Species commonly observed in these die-offs include sunfish, crappies and bullheads, and, occasionally, largemouth bass and northern pike.

When die-offs of wild fish are the result of disease issues, the affected fish tend to be of a single species and size range. By contrast, when die-offs include multiple species and size ranges, human activity is more likely to be the cause.

Human causes of fish kills can include water discharged at high temperatures; discharges or spills of toxic chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers; manure runoff; and low oxygen levels in a lake resulting from storm water that runs off urban or rural landscapes. Often, there are multiple causes contributing to fish deaths.

More information on fish kills is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/fisheries/fishkills.html).

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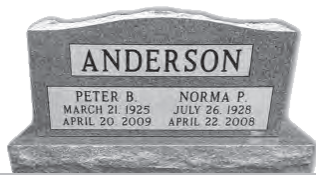
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Obituary for Richard Miller

Richard Miller, age 80, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Monday, April 24th, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th, at Thriving Life Church in Erskine with Pastor Jim Binder officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Free Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. Messages of condolence may be sent and live-stream viewed at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Richard Allen Nordean Miller was born on December 6, 1942 in McIntosh, Minnesota to parents Alvin and Gladys (Salvhus) Miller. He grew up on a farm in Hill River Township and graduated from Fosston High School in 1960.

Richard was united in marriage to Lynette Johnson on December 16, 1961 at Vernes Lutheran Church in Hill River Township. After their marriage, they lived in Fosston and he worked at

Fairway Foods until moving to the cities.

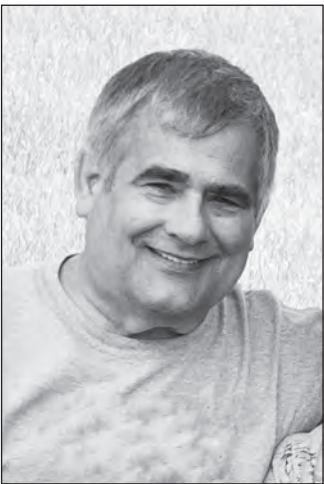
Richard has worked many jobs, but the longest was as a Plant Manager at Control Data in the cities; and evenings were spent working for Witte Trucking. Working for Nortech in Bemidji brought him back north, where he also farmed. After he retired, he worked for Ordean Sundrud at the Dehydration Plant in Trail and Fosston. He also spent time working at the Fosston Radio Station.

What he enjoyed most was farming north of Fosston on his family farm. He retired and moved to Fosston, into the house that his grandfather, Oscar Miller, had built.

Richard went home to be with his Lord and Savior early Monday morning, April 24, 2023 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks at the age of 80 years.

Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Lynette, of Fosston; four children, Tammy Carlson of Trail, MN, Nancy (Jeff) Stewart of Stacy, MN, Allan Miller of Thief River Falls, MN, and Lori (Cory) Carlson of Trail, MN; seven grandchildren, Leah, Kali, and Christopher Carlson, Dakota (Michael) McGrath, David and Shawn Miller, and Ted Carlson; one great grandson, Arthur McGrath; brother-in-law, Nordin Brinkman; sister-in-law, Donna Miller; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Gladys Miller; father and mother-in-law, Clyde and Evelyn Johnson; brother, Roger Miller; sister, Barbara Brinkman; brother-in-law, Tom Kipp; son-in-law, Lonny Carlson; and nephew, Steven Brinkman.



Obituary for James Olson

James Bernard Olson died in Fargo, ND, on April 27, 2023, at the age of 70. Linda, his wife of 48 years, and other family members were at his side. He wasn't always good at following rules and did things his own way, even up to the day he died. The family is grateful for the exceptional care shown by the staff at Fargo Elim, where he got to spend his final days with Linda by his side.

He spent many years experiencing severe pain, but never wanted that to be the focus. He loved talking with other people, was an excellent listener, and was able to make connections with people in a matter of minutes. Jim enjoyed giving gifts to others, whether people wanted them or not.

Jim valued family and relationships over material possessions. He talked with his brother, Joe, on a nearly daily basis. Jim and Linda welcomed his parents, Orville and Shirley, into their home and cared for them in their final years.

He was born at a young age on May 5, 1952, in Clarion, IA, and moved to Fergus Falls, MN, after his father entered the Lutheran Brethren Seminary (LBS), which began a lifetime of many moves. Jim lived in Japan, where his parents served as missionaries, Fergus Falls

where he attended Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, and Vietnam when he joined the Army after high school. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he started school at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in two years. Jim married Linda Erickson on December 28, 1974, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church.

Jim spent his career serving people. While working for the Social Security Administration in St. Paul and Boston, he felt a call to ministry and entered seminary (LBS). After serving a church in Hatton, ND, he began a career as a nursing home administrator because of a desire to share Jesus with people in their final years of life. He served in this role in Steele, Erskine, Austin, and Houston.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Shirley; his brother, Dennis; and his parents-in-law, Walley and Jewell.

He is survived by his wife Linda; brothers, David and Joe; children, Rachel, John (Caristy), and Ole (Kim); grandchildren, Ingrid, Kale, Daniel, Reagan, Nikolas, Mikah, Hadassah, Steven, Gideon, Stella, and Evelyn; and special family.

Visitation for Jim will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 5 – 7 PM, with a prayer service at 6:30 PM, in Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service, Moorhead. The funeral service will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 11 AM, in Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church – West Campus, West Fargo, ND.

Memorials can be sent to the Lutheran Brethren Seminary (J&L Scholarship) - 1020 W. Alcott Ave, Fergus Falls, MN, 56537 or given online - www.clba.org

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.korsmofuneralservice.com



Obituary for Jeffrey Zavoral

Jeffery Paul Zavoral, 65, of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Sanford Medical Center, Thief River Falls, MN.

Jeff has requested that a private graveside service will occur in the summer.

On December 3, 1957, Jeff was born to Jerome and Donna (Barrett) Zavoral in East Chicago, IN. The family moved to Lansing, IL, where

Jeff attended school, graduating in 1977 from TF South High School. Jeff worked in the janitorial services with companies for most of his life. Jeff lived in Illinois, Denver, CO, and in about 2000, he moved to Thief River Falls, MN, to be closer to his father.

Fishing at Lake of the Woods, Red Lake, Red Lake River, Thief River Falls, and Alaska by himself and with his father was highlighted in his life. Four-wheeling, Bicycling around town, and having dinner with friends and family was meaningful to him. Jeff was a very generous person who would literally give the coat off his back.

Survivors include his family, Jerome Zavoral, Grygla, MN; brother, Scott (Brenda) Zavoral, Foxworth, MS; special nephew, Joe Pitzer; several cousins, nephews, and nieces.

His mother, Donna, and sibling, Joe Zavoral and Karen Pitzer, preceded him in death.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Gene Oak

Gene LaMont Oak, 85, of Albuquerque, NM passed away at his home on August 3, 2022. Gene was born to parents John and Adeline (Barsness) Oak in their rural farm home on July 3, 1937.

Gene, the second born of four children, grew up on the Oak family farm in McIntosh, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran church in McIntosh. He graduated from McIntosh High School in 1955. Gene participated in all things musical: voice, saxophone & piano where he developed his love for classical music. Knowing the farm life wasn't for him, he began college at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and obtained a business degree graduating in 1959. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity and the UNDE band. Upon college graduation he was drafted into the United States Army serving overseas in Korea and the last six

months on Governors Island, NY, being discharged in the spring of 1961.

It was there he met his future wife, a WAC, Fabi Romero of Taos, NM. They married and Gene began his business career for several companies in New York. Their son, Kim, was born October 19, 1971. Soon they decided not to raise their son in NY and moved to Taos. They later divorced.

After a period of time Gene met and married Judy Romero on July 25, 1987, in Taos. They also lived in Socorro, NM where Judy was a Methodist pastor and then they moved to Albuquerque. Gene worked for H & R Block and had other business pursuits. He enjoyed singing in various groups wherever they were living. He was an avid reader. He also enjoyed cooking, being especially proud of his cheesecakes, crepes & scalloped potatoes.

He is survived by son Kim (Suzanne), granddaughters Camille & Erica. Stepchildren Tim, Elisa & Joy Romero, grandsons Kaelin & Silviano (Marissa) Romero & great granddaughter Lydia. Brother Wayne (Jan) Oak, Sandstone, MN, & sister, JoAnn Manlove, Park Rapids, MN, nieces, nephews & cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judy, his parents, brother Larry, and brother-in-law Richard Manlove.

The Oak family will have a Committal Service of Gene's remains at Our Saviors Cemetery Monday, May 22 at 11:00 am. Anyone in the McIntosh surrounding area who remembers the Oak family are welcome to join them for the service.



Obituary for June Johnson

June A. Johnson, 91 of Hill City and formerly of Clearbrook and Ogilvie died Thursday, April 6, 2023 at her daughter's and son-in-law Pat and Ken Janssen home in Hill City where she lived the past 10 years. She was born May 20, 1931 in Mora to Arthur Miller and Mae Anna (Averill) Burris. She grew up in Ogilvie and graduated from Ogilvie High School. June was united in marriage to W. Patrick Johnson November 8, 1948 in Norwood, Iowa. They lived in Minneapolis then moved to Little Falls where Patrick was employed by Minnesota Pipeline. In 1958 they moved to Clearbrook where Patrick was promoted to supervisor with the pipeline. They were chosen as Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizens in 2003. She was a Girl Scout leader, a member of the Clearwater County Sheriffs Reserve, Town & Country Garden Club, Nordagonvic Rosemalers, and

was the former Clearbrook Senior Center Coordinator. In 2022 at the age of 91, June enjoyed camping at the family reunion. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, painting pictures, rosemaling, canning, picking berries, hunting, collecting Jewel Tea, and on most days she would go for long, 2 mile walks. She had a knitting machine where she made gorgeous sweaters and hats.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband W. Patrick Johnson, Son Wesley Arthur Johnson, and 3 sisters: Ruth, Rita, and Ruecel "Ruth Ann".

June is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Patricia "Pat" June (Ken) Janssen of Hill City; Grandchildren: (Pat & Ken Janssen's children): Justen Janssen of Embarrass, Kara (Eric) Craine of Ironton, Wade (Kendra) Janssen of Clarksville, IA. Daniel (Ashley) Janssen of Aitkin, Nathan (Cassy) Janssen of East Grand Forks; (Wesley & Kathy Johnson's children): Kris Ferguson (Gary) of Fargo, ND. Kyle (Britta) Johnson of Bend, OR. Kelvin (Monica) Johnson of Ecuador, Kenny (Hannah) Johnson of Fairbanks, AK; 19 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren; Many other special relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Graveside Committal Service will be 12:00pm – Thursday May 11, 2023 at Silver Creek Cemetery, Clearbrook. Arrangements with Sorensen Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

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Obituary for Alice Bergeron

Alice Marie Bergeron (Jensen) was born June 26, 1930 in a rural home to Arthur and Olianna (Garnes) Jensen in Oklee, MN. She attended grade school and graduated from Oklee high school in 1948 and then went on to graduate from the Dakota Business College, Fargo, ND in 1949. She worked as a secretary and demonstrated pianos at the J.M. Wylie Piano Company in Fargo.

Alice married Howard U. Bergeron April 20, 1952 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee. They moved to Racine, Wisconsin where their daughter Karen was born in 1954, and moved back to MN in 1955. Howard began partnership with his father in the construction business in the tri-state area. In 1967 Alice and her family moved to Owatonna, MN where Bergeron Construction, Inc was headquartered, and Alice became the secretary-treasurer of the company until 1988, after Howard's death. Alice worked as a legal secretary for John Smith of Owatonna during that time as well. She loved her home, her neighbors, and the community of Owatonna. Their home was a frequent gathering place for her daughter, six grandchildren, extended family, and many friends. Her grandchildren have many great and lasting memories of being with her.

Alice and Howard enjoyed traveling in and out of the country with Alice's favorite destination being Norway

and Denmark, accompanying Alice's mother Olianna on that trip. They visited her mother's childhood home, church, and relatives. During that time Alice and Howard enjoyed eight summers on their houseboat on the Mississippi and St. Croix with family and friends. Many winters were spent in Arizona where she was active in community events, and enjoyed playing poker with her neighbors.

Alice appreciated the efforts of volunteers and hosted several Volunteer Appreciation Dinners for various organizations in Owatonna. She was an advocate for victims' rights, and initiated petitions and letters to lawmakers in MN and AZ. She continued to fight on behalf of the victims with goals of justice by changing sentencing guidelines of the perpetrators.

Her love of playing the piano and especially her Hammond Chord organ lasted her entire life. She had never had a piano lesson but played her favorite hymns and songs by ear. She frequently said, "Words fill the mind, but music fills the sole." She especially took great pleasure playing in a small music group who played at nursing homes and other events such as the Saco Church where she played the old pump organ. In her later years she played her 60-year-old organ for her friends at the Heather Haus Assisted Living facility in Blooming Prairie, where she lived for the last three years of her life.

Alice Marie Bergeron (Jensen) passed to her eternal home on April 5th, 2023.

She is survived, was loved and will be deeply missed by her only daughter Karen Throckmorton and her son-in-law Michael Throckmorton, of Hertford, NC, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and two sisters in law.

She was preceded in death by her infant son Scott Howard Bergeron, husband Howard Bergeron, her parents and brothers William, Raymond, and Alvie Jensen, and niece Sharron Jensen.



Obituary for Linda Efteland

Linda (Holte) Efteland ("Gigi" to her grandsons) went to be with her Lord on March 8th 2023 at the age of 73.

Linda was born on November 19, 1949 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She grew up on the family farm outside Grygla, Minnesota with her mother, father and 3 sisters and 3 brothers. Life on the farm and doing chores nurtured a lifelong love for family and friends, a deep respect for all life, wild and domestic, and a commitment to hard work.

Linda graduated from Goodridge High School in 1967. After graduation, she moved to Thief River Falls where she worked at the A&W. She moved to Fargo, ND in the Fall of 1967 and worked at White Drug Store before moving to Minneapolis, MN in 1968 where she worked for Dunn and Bradstreet. She moved to Moorhead MN in 1969 and worked at Mr. Steak. She also worked at Zayers (Athens, GA) and then Younkers (Cedar Falls, IA) before moving to Knoxville in 1980.

In Knoxville, she worked at Miller's, Dillard's, Needle in a Haystack, and Old Northwest Insurance Agency before retiring in 2000.

She married Jon Efteland in 1969. They had just celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary February 22, 2023. Linda was a devoted mother and grandmother and adored her three grandsons. She loved working in her yard and in her flower gardens. Linda was fascinated by birds (especially bluebirds, chickadees, woodpeckers, osprey, and owls) and other wildlife (especially butterflies, moose, and wolves).

Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Georges (Mattison) Holte, father, Palmer Holte and brother Roger Holte. She is survived by her husband, Jon Efteland, son, Eric Efteland, daughter-in law, Shannon (Pedigo) Efteland, grandsons Jonas, Liam, and Phoenix, her sisters Judy Miller (Richard), Jane Dahlen (Galen), and LeeAnn Nelson and brothers, Paul Holte (Vicki) and Steven Holte (Shirley) as well as numerous nieces, great nieces, nephews and great nephews.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, a memorial donation be given to the Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East Tennessee (DSAG) at PO Box 53575, Knoxville, TN 37950-3575 or online at <https://dsagtn.org>.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, May 8th at Grace Lutheran Church, Grygla, MN. The service will be followed by a reception in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Arrangements are being handled by the Johnson-Green Funeral Home, 420 Labree Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN (218) 681-4331.



2023 Student Awards Ceremony held at UMN Crookston

The University of Minnesota Crookston held its 2023 Student Awards Ceremony April 20 in Bede Ballroom and students were honored at the formal event for their work over the school year. Among those recognized were UMC Students of the Year - Bren Fox, Laney Swiers, and Ben Olander.

The UMC Student of the Year award goes to a junior or senior who best demonstrates the skills and commitment required to succeed in college, business, and life while exhibiting Golden Eagle Pride, professionalism, and strong work ethic, all while excelling in academics.

In their Student of the Year nominations:

Bren Fox was described as a leader in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Her hard work and dedication led her to become a go-to recruiter for the last several years including study groups for the most challenging classes on campus. She has been on the Chancellor's

List for the past several years, and her determination and team spirit have earned her the NSIC Player of the Week award, plus her contribution to the women's basketball team helped lead them in an incredibly successful season.

Laney Swiers was described as a student who exemplifies what it takes to be a Golden Eagle and has been heavily involved in on-campus clubs and organizations including Ag Arama, Collegiate FFA, and NACTA. She has served on the full board and executive board for Golden Eagle Entertainment, and, for years, played a critical role in onboarding new students as an SOS leader. Swiers also stepped up off campus to assist a local FFA chapter that was in need of an Ag education teacher and helped provide essential opportunities for many young people. She continues to create inclusive environments infused with positivity and Golden Eagle Pride wherever she goes.

Ben Olander was described as a friendly, outgoing, natural

leader who has taken leadership roles in state FFA, as an SOS specialist, and in multiple on-campus clubs and organizations. He was voted Ag Arama king and has been recognized on the Chancellor's List every single semester. His academic dedication shines through his roles as a peer tutor and earned him the Peer Mentor award in 2022. Olander has balanced all these responsibilities while maintaining an exemplary grade point average, and has been heavily involved and committed to enacting a positive change on campus and fostering a sense of community and belonging.

The full list of award recipients included:

- Peer Mentor of the Year - Elaina Knott
- Peer Tutor of the Year - Abigail Maunu
- Male Scholar Student-Athlete of the Year - Alex Koep
- Female Scholar Student-Athlete of the Year - Madeleine Schneider
- Outstanding Communication Student - Lauren Klein
- Programmer of the Year - Jackson Fuller
- Outstanding Student Orientation Staff Award - Rachel Meany
- UMC Computer Help Desk Students of the Year - Samantha Olek and Tseten Gurung
- Outstanding Student Employee of the Year - Lindsey Strendin
- Mestenhauer Student Award - Tseten Gurung and Madeleine Schneider
- Agriculture and Natural Resources Department Outstanding Spring Semester Student - Melissa Hammer
- Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Department Outstanding Spring Semester Student - Kathryn Halos
- Math, Science, and Technology Department Outstanding Spring Semester Student - Madison Klimek
- Business Department Outstanding Spring Semester Student - Brianna Hinman
- Outstanding Management Scholar - Mara Weisensel, Anjelica Moreno-Englebrecht, Zoe Christensen
- Outstanding Management Service and Leadership Award - Brianna Hinman and Ben

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- Outstanding Horticulture Student - Marie Wald
- Most Supportive of Students - Terrill Bradford
- Outstanding Educator - Leslie Lekatz
- Outstanding Service to Students - Mandy Gudvangen
- Outstanding CSA Senator - Braden Letourneau
- Outstanding Group Spokesperson - KJ Franklin
- Norman Pankratz Memorial Conservation Award - Eric Gunderson and Ryan Kalal
- John Polley Soil and Water Conservation Award - Hailley Olson
- The Wildlife Society Travel Award - Ryan Kalal and Hunter Kasprowicz
- Outstanding Future Educator Award - Syd Bly
- Outstanding Student in Equine Science - Carlee Oberlin
- Outstanding Student in Equine Business Management - Savea Zimmerman and Sydney Engel
- Animal Science Student of the Year - Rebecca Clark
- Animal Science Pre-Vet Student of the Year - Katie Orth
- Systemwide Sustainability Impact Awards - Sydney Campbell and Jordyn Ellis
- Outstanding Environmental Sciences Student - Sydney Campbell
- Outstanding First Year Biology Student Award - Emilee Haggadone
- Community Advisor of the Year - David Maschhoff
- Outstanding Accounting Student - Alyssa Pavlacic
- UMC Student of the Year - Bren Fox
- UMC Student of the Year - Laney Swiers
- UMC Student of the Year - Ben Olander

Presenters of the awards included Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Anthony Kern, Assistant Professor Rachel Lundbohm, Director of Residential Life Corey Klatt, Associate Professor Katy Chapman, Instructor Terrill Bradford, Assistant Professor Morgan Pyles, Professor Soo-Yin Lim Thompson, Associate Professor Matt Simmons, Associate Professor Eric Castle, Associate Director of the Veden Center Mitch Berg, Associate Professor Megan Bell, International Programs Advisor Rae French, Interim Dean of Student Services Chris Ehrhart, Director of Financial Aid Kayla Pahlen, Assistant Athletic Director/Media Relations Shawn Smith, Assistant Director of Student Success Josh Parrill, and Academic Advisor Kelsey Torgerson.

Minnesota fishing facts

The 2023 fishing opener is Saturday, May 13

The fishing opener refers to the start of fishing for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes on inland waters of Minnesota. Seasons for some other species, including sunfish, crappie and channel catfish, are open all year. Seasons also vary on Minnesota waters that border other states or Canadian provinces. Muskegon season opens on Saturday, June 3.

Although not every kind of fish lives everywhere, 162 species of fish can be found in Minnesota waters. Walleye are the most sought-after fish in Minnesota, followed by northern pike and muskie combined, then panfish, bass, crappie and trout.

Minnesota has 11,842 lakes that are 10 or more acres in size, 4,500 of which are considered fishing lakes. There are more than 16,000 miles of fishable rivers and streams, including 3,800 miles of trout streams.

There are about 1.4 million licensed anglers in Minnesota.

Fishing techniques and equipment vary depending on the species anglers are trying to catch. Popular walleye fishing techniques include casting a jig-and-minnow, pulling live bait through the water slowly, casting or pulling hard plastic lures through the water, and fishing with a bobber that suspends the bait in the water. Some of the same techniques can be used for bass, crappie, perch, sunfish, or other species, and anglers will use lighter line and smaller lures depending on the size of the fish they're after.

Fishing regulation highlights

To fish in Minnesota, anglers 16 years or older are required to buy a Minnesota fishing license.

The DNR offers a variety of fishing license types to fit the needs of anglers. Some of the most popular licenses are an annual fishing license for \$25, a married combination fishing license for \$40, a sports license that allows angling and small game hunting for \$41, and an annual license for Minnesota non-residents for \$51.

A trout stamp is required to fish in designated trout water or harvest trout from any water.

Minnesota fishing regulations, including those new for 2023, and more information

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can be found in the Minnesota Fishing Regulations on the DNR fishing page (mndnr.gov/fishing)

The DNR has translated the state's 2023 fishing regulations into Hmong, Karen, Somali, and Spanish, the four most commonly spoken languages, apart from English, in Minnesota. The translated booklets are available in digital format on the DNR fishing page (mndnr.gov/fishing) and in print at locations where they are likely to be in demand, including at select DNR offices, at license vendors and at some Minnesota state parks.

New gar limits are in effect this year. Anglers, spearers and bowfishers have a new possession limit in 2023 of up to 10 gar — the toothy, prehistoric fish native to Minnesota waters. The gar regulation change is part of a larger effort to sustainably manage gar and other native fish including buffalo, sucker, freshwater drum, bowfin, goldeye and bullhead, because these fish are critical contributors to aquatic ecosystems.

Economic benefits

In Minnesota, fishing supports \$4.4 billion in economic output through everything from angling-related tourism to the sales of boats and fishing gear, and fishing supports 28,000 jobs, according to the American Sportfishing Association (asafishing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Sportfishing-in-America-Economic-Report-March-2021.pdf).

Visit the DNR License Dollars at Work page (mndnr.gov/licensedollarsatwork) for more information about how the DNR spends fishing license dollars, and select a Fisheries area to find local information.

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Monday, May 15

- **Concert -- Justin Spenner and his Near Norse Band from Mpls:** 7 pm at the Northland College Auditorium. Justin is the winner of the Advanced Artist Division of the 2022 quadrennial voice competition of the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota.

Tuesday, May 16

- **Speaker at the TRF Library:** "Norwegian Immigration to Thief River Falls" 7 pm by Debbie Miller, retired librarian at the Minnesota History Center and current board member of the Norwegian-American Historical Association.

Wednesday, May 17

- **Syttende Mai Smorgasbord torsk and pork chop buffet dinner:** \$15. Serving 6-7 pm at the Eagles Hall. Reservations REQUIRED by May 12 to 218-686-0733. 200 tickets only.

Thursday, May 18

- **Movie: "The Lutefisk Wars":** 7 pm at the Northland College Auditorium. This comedy looks into troubles that recently escalated in Newford, N.D., a small town with a large population of Norwegian descendants. Karl Larsen, a Schwan's deliveryman, says it all started when an odd and agitated old man knocked on his door.

Friday, May 19

- **Dance at the Eagles Hall:** Honky Tonk Troubadours (classic country) 7-11 pm. \$7.50 with lunch served.

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