



Tri County Canary

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Randy and Kathy Wetenkamp being presented with their award from Travis Klaven.

Wetenkamps receive Generac award

Clearbrook Electric is pleased to announce they have been awarded the prestigious top honor of "Power Pro Protector Plus Premier Award" by Generac. They are honored to accept this award which recognizes their accomplishments and dedication to the indus-

try and their customers. The award was presented by Travis Klaven, Territorial Development Manager for Midwest Generac. Clearbrook Electric was awarded this prestigious honor based on their continued demonstration of excellence in sell-

ing, installing and servicing Generac home standby generators. Clearbrook Electric serves all of Northern Minnesota. Randy and Kathy Wetenkamp are proud to be a leading Generac Dealer in Minnesota and look forward to their continued future success.

Enjoy the Fourth of July week in Itasca State Park at a naturalist program, July 1-7

Circle Time Under the Pines—N is for Nature Hunt, Preschool Program
Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Meet by the Lakeside Museum (Look for a large blanket underneath a big pine tree) in the picnic grounds (In between Lake Itasca and the picnic shelter)

Children 2-5 years old, join a naturalist volunteer and have fun at Itasca as we learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery. NOTES: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal at the park after the program.

Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 12:30-2 p.m. (come and go at your leisure)

Held at the Old Timer's Cabin, located along the boardwalk of Dr. Roberts Trail, below Douglas Lodge

Only 4 (massive) logs tall, learn more about this Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed building as well as what life was like in the CCC. Feel free to stop by at your leisure.

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Songs and Stories of Itasca and Minnesota State Parks with Charlie Maguire
Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 7-8 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Itasca Amphitheater in the picnic grounds (in-between the swimming beach and the picnic shelter) If raining, meet at Forest Inn.

Charlie's written award-winning songs about Minnesota's parks and rivers as the Singing Ranger for the National Park Service and the Centennial Troubadour for Minnesota State Parks. Hear the stories he's uncovered about our state's people and places.

Songwriter/Musician Charlie Maguire returns to Itasca State Park, the place that inspired his well-known songs about Itasca and other Minnesota State Parks, the second-oldest state park system in the world. Hired by the state as the Centennial Troubadour, Charlie was commissioned to research, write, and produce an album of original songs for the 100th anniversary of Minnesota State Parks.

Enjoy this award-winning musical program for all ages, as

Charlie weaves history, legend, and Folk-style acoustic music together to bring to life Itasca's characters:

- Jacob Brower's foresight for preserving the park
- the courage of Mary Gibbs, first woman ranger in the history of the world
- the guiding paddle of Ozindib to find the headwaters
- the Voyageur grit of George Bongas

These men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, all had significant parts to play across the length and breadth of those sacred acres known as Itasca, the "true head" of the Mississippi River. Their stories are forever enshrined in Minnesota's oldest state park.

This free concert is sponsored by Friends of Itasca who will be selling ice cream to raise money to upgrade the park's playground equipment.

Outdoor Kids—Let's Get Loony

Sunday, July 2, 2023 from 2-3:30 p.m. (come and go at your leisure) Meet by the Swim Beach/ Playground (at the south end of the picnic grounds on Lake Itasca)

Kids of all ages come out and explore nature at your leisure. This program series allows kids to connect with nature through hands-on activities that focus on life around the lake. Have fun discovering Itasca while hanging out at the swimming beach or playground.

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Jim and Molly Bauer

Sunday, July 2, 2023 from 7-9 p.m.

Meet at Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Join Jim and Molly, a Minnesota-based duo at historic Forest Inn as they perform familiar folk and folk rock songs. With Jim playing acoustic guitar, they will share stories and songs and of course you can't miss the "Jim and Molly Bauer concert" collector T-shirts!

Itasca Park...
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Deputy Meagan Pereria caught these youngsters in Itasca Park wearing their helmets while riding their bikes and rewarded them with coupons for free ice cream.

Polk County Fair coming up July 5 to 9

Five big days of action of excitement, entertainment and celebration.

Wednesday, July 5th - starts with the Triple B Rodeo, Karaoke and the Chocolate baking contest.

Thursday, July 6th - The Talent Contest on the free stage and the Triple B Rodeo again

at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 7th - Senior Citizens Day, Kid's Pedal Pull and Baja Racing.

Saturday, July 8th - The 5K walk/run, Dock Dogs, State Championship Baja Racing.

Sunday July 9th - Will be church services at 10 am and the community parade at 2 pm.

Dock Dogs in the afternoon and Super Demo Derby at 6:00 p.m followed by fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

Other events include: Kids bike drawings Thursday-Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Petting Zoo, Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo. See ad on page 8 for more info.

Polk County Commissioner Joan Lee Elected to Leadership Position

(St. Paul, MN)—Polk County Commissioner Joan Lee has been elected to serve as a district director for the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). Previously the alternate director for the district, Lee will now represent AMC's district 3, which includes Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Norman and Mahanomen Counties, on the association's board of directors beginning July 1.

AMC member counties belong to one of 10 regional districts around the state. District meetings are held two times per year (usually in June and Octo-

ber) to refine the association's legislative policy positions and provide valuable information on specific county issues. District directors preside over district meetings, assist in the development of agendas and invite legislators to participate and attend district meetings. District director terms are two years, and each director can serve up to three terms in the position.

"We're very excited to have Commissioner Lee in this position on the AMC board," AMC Executive Director Julie Ring said. "Her interest in working with others to find real solutions to common problems is a true

asset to the district, its citizens and the association as a whole.

AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials. Visit us online at www.mncounties.org.



Association of Minnesota Counties, (AMC) District 3 Director Joan Lee (Polk), AMC President Mary Jo McGuire (Ramsey), and District 3 Alternate Director Theresia Gillie (Kittson) at the district's spring meeting on June 15 in Ada.

Headwaters Music and Arts announces contestants for Bemidji Vocal Competition

Headwaters Music and Arts announces the contestants for Bemidji Sings Vocal Competition. Headwaters hosts the vocal competition annually to celebrate the talents of local amateur vocalists who live, work or attend school in Bemidji. This year's event is set for 6pm September 8 at Bemidji State University.

Hosted by local singer/songwriter and musician Eric Carlson, the show will highlight 14 singers in three age divisions: 9-12, 13-20, and 21+. The 2023

featured contestants are Emily Brown, Aubrey Johnson, Tom Lucas, Adrienne Eickman, Alex Lundin, Genevieve Oakes, Brooke Kemp, Maren Eickman, Kelyse Engel, Addie Dauner, Leah Scanlan, Ocean Mendoza, Natalie Corcoran, and Lyla Mahaffey.

On September 8 contestants will compete for cash and prizes. Finalists in the 13-20 and 21+ category will also compete for a chance to move onto the statewide Minnesota Sings Vocal Competition in October. The

judges for the September Bemidji Sings Vocal Competition will be Zachary Swank, Caige Jambor, and NikkiLee Nolden.

Tickets for the September 8 event will be sold on a sliding fee scale, between \$5-\$20, to make the music event accessible to all. To purchase tickets visit HeadwatersMusicAndArts.org. For more information or to get details about becoming a Bemidji Sings sponsor, contact Headwaters at 218.444.5606 or info@headwatersmusicandarts.org



Alex Lundin auditioning in Early June 2023.



Pictured from L-R: Sue Christianson (Sec/Treas), Cheryl Byrne (Founder and Board Chair), Mark Worshek (President of Fosston Lengby Lions Club), Shauna Reitmeier (CEO of Alluma), Rachel Benbo (Board of Directors).

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/tack from the Fosston Lengby Lions 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 experiential 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-making, 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-horshumanpartnerships

Mentor Farmers' Market Vendor Extravaganza!

Please stop by the Mentor City Park and stock up on locally grown vegetables, baked goods, and more, for your 4th of July celebrations. The Mentor Farmers Market will be hosting several "Guest" Vendors on Saturday, July 1st.

Also, the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center from Fertile will be in the Market Center Circle and invites you to discover all about northwest Minnesota's abundant native flowers summer blooms. Miss Donna will share tips and various resources to help you identify native wildflowers, along with non-native wildflowers and invasive wildflowers.

The Market hours are each Saturday from 8 AM to Noon.

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3rd and Tuesday, July
4th for the holiday.

include: 1st place - \$75.00, 2nd place - \$50.00, 3rd place - \$40.00. Youth prizes include: 1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00.

For more details and entry criteria, visit the Polk County Fair website at polkcountyfair-fertilemn.com/chocolate-contest or call Zina Ivanov at 612-710-1558. Can't wait to see you all there with your chocolate masterpiece!

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celebrate. No gifts please.

Gonvick Lions

Rodeo July 14 -15

The Gonvick Lions will be putting on their 33rd annual rodeo July 14 and 15. Wojo's Rodeo company will be starting at 6:00 p.m. each day. There will be a parade on Saturday followed by the fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion. The legions normal fish fry will also be held on July 8th. Tickets will be sold at the gate.

More information will be coming.

Debs parade July 4th

The group has decided that the Debs parade should go on as usual. They will have line-up starting at 9:30 with the parade at 11:00 July 4th for the 43rd annual event.

They will have a Bouncy House for the kids and raffles prizes for the adults.

A food wagon will be set up with Crosswire Ministries "Cowboy Church" providing the refreshments.

Trail 4th of July

Trail will again be celebrating the Fourth. There will be a Kiddie Parade at 1:00 and street games at 2:00 p.m. There will be food available all day.

The day will also include free ice cream and a Ping Pong drop.

There will be a Jam Session from noon to 4:30 in the pavilion. A dance is being planned from 5 to 9 pm with Julie Lee and the White Rose Band.

Polk County Sheriff

Polaris Ranger Roll Over

On 6/24/2023 at approximately 2023 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a ATV roll over at the intersection of 150th Ave SW and 220th ST SW.

Upon investigation, it appeared that the 2017 Polaris Ranger was traveling north bound through a field and attempted to turn causing the ATV to roll over. The parties involved were two juvenile females ages 13 and 15. The 15 year old was transported by personal vehicle to the hospital and the 13 year old was cleared at the scene by Crookston Area Ambulance. The driver and passenger were not wearing seatbelts or helmets. Alcohol was not suspected.. The crash remains under investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

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CUSTODIAN-FULL TIME

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

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
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Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
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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.

Junior High Girls 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 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.

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Email: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us



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

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

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

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

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

Substitute Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. **Custodian** position. Bagley Independent School District #162 is accepting applications for a Custodian position.

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

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

COACHING

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

JV Boys Hockey Coach position. Bagley High School has an opening for the JV Hockey Coach. Candidates must meet the Minnesota Statute for Head Coaching requirements before beginning coaching responsibilities.

JV and JH Dance Coach positions. Bagley High School has two openings for Dance Coaches for the upcoming season.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume of coaching and playing experiences and three references to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

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Minnesota Starwatch for July 2023

By Deane Morrison

In July Venus ends its long run as an evening star by plummeting into the sunset, a spectacular fall that begins its next trip between Earth and the sun.

But it won't be gone for long. Our brilliant sister planet will reappear in the morning sky in the last days of August.

At nightfall the Summer Triangle of bright stars rides high in the east to southeast. Its brightest star is Vega, in Lyra, the lyre. The lyre, often associated with the mythical Greek musician Orpheus, is represented by a parallelogram of stars below Vega. The next brightest Triangle star is Altair, in Aquila, the eagle. The third Triangle star—Deneb—forms the tail of Cygnus, the swan, and the “head” of the Northern Cross. Grab your binoculars and explore these stars and the whole Triangle area.

In the predawn sky, Saturn and Jupiter appear low in the southeast and east, respectively, on July 1. As the month goes by, both planets drift higher and westward. Low in the northeast



is the brilliant star Capella, in Auriga, the charioteer.

The evening of the 2nd, a super moon—a full moon that's near the closest point to Earth in a lunar orbit—rises in the aptly named Teapot of Sagittarius. That night the moon follows a low trajectory across the night sky and sets in the west half an hour before sunrise on the 3rd, shortly before reaching perfect fullness. The waning moon

visits Saturn on the 7th and Jupiter on the 11th and 12th. On the 14th and 15th, an old moon makes a pretty sight with Jupiter, Capella, and the Pleiades star cluster. The star below the Pleiades will be Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the bull.

On July 6 Earth reaches aphelion, the farthest point from the sun in its orbit. At that moment our planet will be 94.5 million miles from its parent star.

Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



Holy, Holey, Whole

He knelt. Fervently his lips moved as whispers lisped their way into existence. He knew not those around could hear, but they did. As eyes focused on the cross, it was obvious he was in deep communion with His Lord. Intently his prayers continued unabashed that there were others in the room. Hands intertwined tightly with the beads held, he pressed on.

To his left was another warrior engaged in similar posturing. Leather shoes planted on floor, this one was in sitting position as he leaned in. Each time he did, the creased leather upon one shoe opened just enough for one to notice a hole exposing sock within. In holy prayer he was and ever so oft, his head bent in accordance with his giving over that which was within.

It was late and it was cold. The storm raged outside as the battle within was handed over

in the wee hours of the evening as communion with their Maker continued. Perhaps the prayers spoken were for you. Perhaps the prayers were on behalf of me. I do not know for whom they prayed but I do know to Whom they did.

We see not such reverence upon the street but every so oft in the quiet corners we take note. “Where two or three are gathered, there I am” (Matthew 18:20). “I Am” said it and thus it is so (Ex. 3:14).

Throughout the years I've entered into many a little side chapel. The quiet offered within is an offering and the pause pure gift for such a time as this. Jesus went to the quiet. He went away to hear His Father's voice and I suppose all the more must we do likewise. I trust this is so because I've done so and no doubt, you have too.

Thing is though, sometimes in the ever present times of trouble we don't go to the quiet.

We stumble along thrashing and crashing for things to make sense that make no sense. He's the panoramic view maker and caretaker of as it is He who knows the beginning and the end. After all He says so in Rev. 22:13. “I am the Alpha and the Omega—the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Back in Isaiah 48:12 He declared. “Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called: I am He; I am the first and I am the last.”

So, to Whom shall we go? Who has the Words of eternal life? According to John 6:68, many left because of what He was proclaiming. Yet the disciples before Him who chose to stay said something rather profound in the very next verse. “And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Thus, we bow before Him because He is who He says He is. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



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Vacation is Fun Part 2

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



My wife and I are still basking in the glory....we had a great vacation! Our first stop as you know, if you read last weeks article was at the Waterloo Tractor and Engine Museum in Waterloo, Iowa. We left Waterloo staying in Peoria, IL the first night! The next morning we were off to Lebanon, TN, and the tractor show! Oh but wait, first stop Nashville, TN, and a trip to the Grand Ole Opry, a first for both Patty and I. Now the Opry has changed a lot since it's early days and the stories my dad would tell about listening to legends like Roy Acuff, The Louvin Brothers, Bill Monroe, and Little Jimmie Dickens. My wife and I were glad to see some older members of the Opry like Jeannie Ceily, Lorrie Morgan, “Whispering” Bill Anderson, and The Whites. Along with them were some new performers that I personally was not familiar with but I also enjoyed very much. If you get a chance.....go to the Opry!!

After a good night's sleep, the moment I was waiting for, off to the tractor show! It was an easy commute from the hotel and we arrived at the grounds! Two years ago the show was at the Ohio State Fair grounds, but this venue was what I might call perfect! The show was held at the Wilson County Expo Center. It featured several buildings to house exhibits and vendors, some even air conditioned! Part of the grounds was called Fiddler's Grove which was basically a sort of wooded area featuring many historic buildings set up as a sort of Pioneer Village. It was in the Fiddler's Grove that all of the model D tractor's were displayed. Being the 100th anniversary of the model D it was one of the featured tractors of the show. I didn't hear a final count but I would assume there were over 100 model D tractor's on display! At 3:30 each day they would start them all up. It was quite a sound about 100 Ds running at one time in close proximity!

We were able to cross paths with my cousin, Gloria Power and her husband James. They made the drive up from Alabama to visit with us at the show. What a treat to visit with people that up to this time I had only seen twice in my life. Back in 1982 they came up to visit and one of the side trips we took was to the Larson Brother's Farm north of Oklee to look at their Belgian horses. We walked around and talked and looked at rows and rows of John Deere tractors and implements. Other features of the show were John Deere bicycles, the 110 lawn mower, and the newer Generation 2, 30 series tractors, like the 4030, 4230, 4430 and 4630 tractors. What a day!

Day two found us heading out in the morning for the Country Music Hall of Fame. In the afternoon we returned to the show and checked out more exhibits and attended a mini-seminar on growing cotton. If was an interesting talk! The fellow showed us a scale model of the new John Deere Cotton Picker which picks the cotton and be for it is done had it wrapped in a “round” bale with a wrap showing the farm it came from and the cotton gin it is going to. Oh these cotton pickers command a large price!

I also got to take a look at the Gold Leaf model D. The Gold Leaf Model D was made in 1937 and was painted gold to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the John Deere company, as his first plow came out in 1837! I saw the D before at Rollag and I was able to talk with the owner there as well as in Tennessee. His name is Charles English. We'll talk more about the Gold Leaf D next week.

The evening finished with a tough choice. There was a tractor pull or a night of John Deere trivia. Patty and I picked trivia! We went into the south hall and everyone sat at a table. Your table became a trivia team. What fun but it was a little disappointing. I was pretty confident in my John Deere knowledge. There were about 30 teams. It was kind of set up like Jeopardy and each table had a team and one person at the table had their phone logged in and it was used to answer questions. Some were easy and some were difficult! When it took 13th place. I forgot to mention the top 12 teams got prizes! Another fun day and night!

Saturday morning we were off again to another fun site. We visited the Hermitage, home of

one of our Presidents, Andrew Jackson. The tour began with a guided tour of the “mansion.”

As usual the mansion was well kept. One interesting fact was in the restoration some of the wallpaper was not in good shape. They were able to find the same antique wall paper in a chalet in Switzerland. They were able to buy it, strip it from the walls, and bring it back to Tennessee and put it up in the mansion. It was an incredible story to me.

Now the afternoon, back to the show. I was able to visit with Kurt Aumann from Aumann Auctions and Bruce Keller owner of the huge Keller collection in Wisconsin. The evening ended with a banquet. Patty and I were at a table with Richard Hain, editor of the Green Magazine, along with his wife, Carol, and son, Benjamin. It was at the banquet they announced the location of the 2025 Classic Green Reunion. The next show will be in West Bend, Wisconsin! So the planning begins for Classic Green. What tractor will be featured, who will speak, and all the other logistics. I also have begun planning, planning a vacation for the summer of 2025!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What is considered the birthdate of the Grand Ole Opry/
A) 1915 B) 1920 C) 1925

2. What exactly was a “Nickel Hole” D?

3. Approximately what is the cost of a new John Deere Cotton Picker?
A). \$800,000 B) \$900,000 C) \$1,000,000

4. George Washington was our first President. What number was Andrew Jackson?

5. About how many tractors does Bruce Keller have in his collection?
A). 500 B) 575 C) 620

Answers: 1. C. 1925 2. After the spoked flywheel was discontinued the next models had a solid flywheel with a small nickel sized stress hole. 3. C. \$1,000,000 4. Andrew Jackson was our 7th President. 5. C. Bruce and his dad Walter Keller started an amazing collection. It is now contains about 620 tractors.



A nice 4010 outside the Waterloo Tractor and Engine Museum.



Patty and I all ready for the banquet.



Two nice dualled up Ds from Georgia!!



Several Ds lined up in Fiddlers Grove!



Myself at the Country Music Hall of Fame. Above me is the plaque of Willie Nelson my favorite performer.

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DNR removes deer feeding and attractant bans in 24 counties, adds 5 new counties

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has removed deer feeding or feeding and attractant bans in 24 counties to focus restrictions on areas where risk of chronic wasting disease spread is of greatest concern.

"The DNR uses feeding and attractant bans as a tool to reduce unnatural crowding of deer and reduce the risk of exposure to CWD," said Todd Froberg, big game program coordinator. "We are using these tools where we think they will provide the greatest potential to benefit the health of Minnesota's white-tailed deer. This approach limits CWD risk and helps reinforce the connection feeding and using attractants have on the risk of spreading disease."

Deer feeding, or feeding and attractant bans, will remain in place for 23 counties. A summary of the changes:

- Feeding or feeding and

attractant bans have been removed from the following counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Clearwater, Douglas, Freeborn, Isanti, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnom, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pennington, Pine, Pope, Ramsey, Red Lake, Roseau, Stearns, Steele, Todd and Wadena counties.

- Feeding and attractant bans are in effect for the following counties: Beltrami (new),

Carver (new), Cass, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca (new), Le Sueur (new), Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Rice, Scott, Sibley (new), Wabasha, Washington and Winona counties.

For a list and map of counties affected by feeding and attractant bans, visit the DNR website (mndnr.gov/cwd/feeding-ban.html).

The changes to counties

affected by feeding bans reflect DNR's commitment to an adaptive CWD management strategy.

The DNR does not encourage the public to feed deer. Residents interested in helping deer, especially during severe winter conditions, should focus efforts on improving habitat during the growing season to provide long-term food resources and shelter that deer can reliably find year-after-year.

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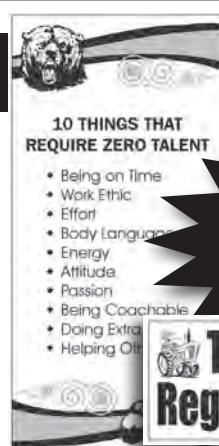
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Obituary for Robert Turner

Robert Carl Turner, age 71, of Trail, MN, passed away March 21, 2023, at Essentia Living Center in Fosston. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5th, at Sand Valley Lutheran Church in Trail with Dawn Hanson officiating. Military honors and interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, at a later date. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday (July 5th) at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Robert was the son of Mable Lund and William Turner. Robert grew up near Trail, graduating from Gonvick High school where he was an impressive football player and athlete. After high school, Robert joined the Army and after basic train-

ing in Fort Lewis, WA, was dispatched to Vietnam. While in training and Vietnam, Robert earned two overseas bars, Vietnam Campaign medal and a M-14 sharpshooter medal. He saw hostile action near Da Nang where he was an MP and heavy-duty equipment operator.

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

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

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



Obituary for Artis Kirkpatrick

Artis ‘Artie’ M. Kirkpatrick was born the eldest of three children on March 19th, 1925, to parents Willard and Lula (Pickrell) Bowen. Artie passed away peacefully on the morning of June 13th, 2023.

She grew up in Waco, NE during the great depression. Though it may have been a difficult time, she only spoke fondly of her years with her family and her trips and adventures with her girlfriends and sisters.

While working as a phone operator in 1956 Artie met her love, Tom Kirkpatrick and they married on December 7th, 1957. Tom and Artie made their home on a farm near Bradshaw, NE until, along with Tom's brothers, they purchased a second farm in 1967 in Oklee, MN, and took up residence there with their two sons Mark and Mike.

In 1983 they retired to their dream home in Cody, WY where they quickly became beloved members of their community. They lived out the next 22 years joyfully together until Tom passed away in 2004.

Artie had a full and active life in retirement. She spent her early years in Cody

volunteering at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West Museum. She was a member of a bowling league and the Cody Newcomers Club. She enjoyed her regular visits from the Avon Lady and the Schwan's Man and always had an adored Chihuahua by her side. Most mornings Artie could be found enjoying a cake donut at Daylight's and she never missed a Sunday breakfast at Granny's.

Artie lived with kindness and carried herself with patience and grace, but this did not deter her strength. She volunteered with the USO during WWII, she was a breast cancer survivor, and even through the loss of her husband, she remained positive with a zest for life. Her generosity was known to many as whenever given the opportunity to support a cause she did so enthusiastically.

Artie was an incredible Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-Law, Neighbor, and Friend. Artie was a light and a blessing to all who crossed her path – she was adored by many and an inspiration to all.

Artie was preceded in death by her cherished husband: Thomas Kirkpatrick; Parents: Willard and Lula Pickrell Bowen; Sisters: Doris (Roy) Price and Jean (Bob) Pittman. She is survived by sons: Mark (Cathy) Kirkpatrick and Mike (Becky) Kirkpatrick; 7 grandchildren: Kelsey, Fawn, Colt, Cory, Naomi, Michel, Kelli; 4 great-grandchildren and honorary family: Bob, Joan, Daniel, Ashli, Adam Nickola.

A private memorial will be held on July 22nd for close family and friends.

In her memory, donations may be made to your local animal shelter.



Obituary for Daniel Molden

Daniel Molden, age 58, of Miami Beach, FL, and formerly of the Fosston area, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 12th, at his home in Miami Beach. A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 16, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Miami Florida. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday July 1st, at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Gonvick. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Daniel was born on June 5, 1964 in Fosston, MN, to Neil and Linda (Wood) Molden.

Daniel graduated from Fosston High School in 1982 and went on to earn a BA from the University of North Dakota (UND) in 1987. He started his career at Interval

International in customer service, and moved up to management. He was employed there for over 35 years.

Dan was best known for his love of genealogy, gardening, and travel. Dan was passionate about researching his family and history. He was able to discover and meet many "new" relatives. Dan had many traveling adventures. He visited all of the 50 states, except for Alaska, which he planned to visit this year. He traveled to several foreign countries and visited/camped in several national parks. Dan was active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he loved singing in the choir and participating in Bible study. He also created and maintained the community garden. He was famous for his lemon bars. Dan had Heinz and Pepper (his cats) for company.

Daniel is survived by his mother Linda Molden, his sisters Coleen Ferguson (Tom Norstuen), Stephanie (Michael) Brueggemann, Heather (Jimmy) Parra. He is also survived by his nephews Anthony Ferguson and Samuel Parra, his nieces Eva Parra, Elyse Brueggemann, and Amelia Brueggemann, his aunt Lois Molden, aunt and uncle Lorraine and Jim Baugh, many cousins and many Friends.

Daniel is preceded in death by his father Neil Molden, grandparents Otto and Ella Molden, grandmother Ellen Wood, uncle Donald Molden, and many great uncles, great aunts and cousins.



Obituary for Orlando Hofstad

Mr. Orlando Jerome “Swede” Hofstad, 91, of Mary Esther, Florida, passed away quietly and peacefully on June 17, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Orlando was born on June 30, 1931, in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Upon his graduation from Oklee High School in Oklee, Minnesota in the Spring of 1950, Orlando told his parents Osmund and Marie Hofstad that he had no intention of staying in the frigid area of Northern Minnesota and that he intended to join the United States Air Force. In December 1950, “Swede” as he was often referred to by his fellow Airman because of his larger-than life size joined the United States Air Force just as he said he would do. Swede served in the USAF for over 26 years, during which he volunteered for two combat tours in Vietnam as an Air Commando. He retired from the USAF in December 1976 and became part owner of S&H Lawnmower and eventually became owner of Charlie's Lawnmower and Small Engine Repair. From there he permanently retired in 1998 and dedicated all of his time to his church at First Baptist Church of Mary Esther and to his wife Lillian “Jean” Eugenia Hofstad.

Orlando met the former Ms. Lillian Eugenia Evans at a church service in Florala, Alabama in 1963 and in December of that year, Swede said he married the most beautiful woman he said had ever seen. Together they were blessed with three children. When Jean was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2004 dad committed himself to the care of his beloved Jean until her death in 2018.

Swede is survived by his three children, Paul Hofstad (Heidi) of Virginia Beach, VA; John O. Hofstad (Rose) of Holt, FL; and Kimberley K. Sikes (Allen) also of Holt, FL. Swede was Papa-blessed with 7 grandchildren, Jacqueline, Buddy, Tyler, Trevor, Holly, Spencer and Haley. He has

been double Papa-blessed with 13 great-grandchildren. Swede also leaves behind a brother Leslie (Alice) and two sisters; Carol and Elaine.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Eugenia Hofstad; his father Osmund Hofstad; his mother Marie Hofstad; his brothers, Paul, Stanley, and Raymond; and his sisters Doris and Lois.

Swede has been a good standing member of the First Baptist Church of Mary Esther since 1967. He loved being in his church around the folks who made up the body of the Church. He never missed Sunday Service, Sunday School, Sunday Night Service, Wednesday Night Service or Mondays with the ROMEO's (Really Old Men Eating Out).

Dadaism's: Things dad would say to make you laugh. When a bug hit the windshield while driving, he would say “I bet he ain't got the guts to do that again”, or when he was backing his truck up he would say “Back up until it sounds expensive”. When eating and he was full, he'd say, “I'm as full as a tick”, or when he was super-full, “Ooofta, I can't eat another thing, the only place I could put it is in my pocket”, “Ho-l-l-l-y Hannah” (he told me that once when I told him my weight), “What in the Sam Hill is going on in here”, “When I shake a man's hand, I better shake a man's hand”, when he got a steak too rare, “Ho-l-l-l-y Hannah, a good vet could bring that piece of meat back to life”, and my personal favorite to my brother John, “Gee whiz son, did you lower that thing by a rope” after he didn't flush the toilet.

Dad will be missed by all who knew him. He left an indelible mark on all those he came in contact with, he was larger than life, and like John Wayne once told him when they met while Mr. Wayne was filming The Green Berets, “Hey Mister, you're one of the few men that can look at me eye to eye... and Mister, you've got a man's handshake”.

Funeral service for Orlando Jerome “Swede” Hofstad was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Evans Funeral Home in Florala, Alabama. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

A lunch was held in his honor at 1:00 p.m. Saturday June 24, 2023, at the First Baptist Church of Mary Esther in Mary Esther Florida. Followed by a Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us in remembering Orlando Jerome “Swede” Hofstad by visiting our Memorial at evansfuneralhomeal.com. Through this site we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

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Paul Peterson



Itasca Park...

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Morning Nature Walk
Monday, July 3, 2023 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet in front of Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Enjoy the benefits of nature on this morning walk. Explore what's blooming and living along the trail as well as learning some health benefits of nature walking. Walk distance is around one mile and remember your bug repellent.

Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Monday, July 3, 2023 from 12:30-2 p.m. (come and go at your leisure)

Held at the Old Timer's Cabin, located along the boardwalk of Dr. Roberts Trail, below Douglas Lodge

Only 4 (massive) logs tall, learn more about this Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed building as well as what life was like in the CCC. Feel free to stop by at your leisure.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Moths and Butterflies
Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from 10:30-Noon

Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.)

Only have a minute to learn about Itasca State Park? Check out a unique feature at the naturalist station as you visit the Headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Jr. Naturalist: Brilliant Bats
Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from 2-2:30 p.m

Meet outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)

Bats are the only mammal with the true capability of flight. These fascinating creatures fly dawn to dusk to catch bugs to eat, using their impressive echolocation abilities to navigate in the dark. Join us to learn about Minnesota bats and what makes them so special.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Porcupines
Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 10:30-Noon

Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.)

Only have a minute to learn about Itasca State Park? As you visit the Headwaters of the Mississippi River, stop by the nature cart and learn all about Porcupines.

Jr. Naturalist: Geocaching
Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 2-2:30 p.m.

Meet in front of the lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds

Come learn about geocaching as we practice how to correctly use a GPS. Your newfound skill will then be tested by navigating your way through waypoints until you find the final cache. Kids will be able to take home a small prize afterwards.

Lichen Hike
Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Meet at Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Hidden in plain sight, Lichens are a unique feature of our natural landscapes. Join a naturalist along Mary Lake trail and discover what lichen is, basic identification tools, and other fascinating facts. Trail distance is approximately two miles and includes some uneven terrain.

Outdoor Kids—Busy Beavers

Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 2-3:30 p.m. (come and go at your leisure)

Word Search Answers for this week

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Johnny and Bob Broking.

“Broking Race Team”

6/21/2023

By Dennis Peterson

If you’ve been a stock car race fan anywhere in the Midwest you no doubt know of the Broking Race Team. The father and son race team, Bob and Johnny Broking have been racing since 1993.

Bob Broking started racing in 93 but raced prior to that in dirt bikes in the 80’s. Bob has 100 plus feature wins including the Wissota Classic in Grand Rapids, two Labor Day Shootouts in Hibbing, and two Silver 1000 wins at Halvor Line Speedway. He also has numerous Track Championships at area tracks.

Bob’s son Johnny started racing Karts when he was just 8 years old and won two track championships of the three year’s he raced them with over 30 feature wins. When he turned 14 he made the move

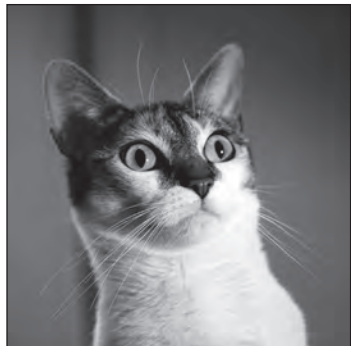
up to “big cars”. At 15 he was named Wissota Rookie of the Year in the Midwest Modified class with 3 feature wins including the Governors Cup at Hibbing Speedway. He moved up to the Wissota Modifieds when he was 16 won his first ever Modified Feature at Bemidji’s Stampede. Over the years Johnny has picked up six Stampede feature wins with 95 total feature wins the class. He won the Wissota Classic at Grand Rapids speedway, two Labor Day Shootouts at Hibbing Raceway and two Border Battles at Gondik Law Speedway in Superior, Ws. Johnny also has won 9 Advantage RV Modified Tour races including Bemidji’s tour race culminating with back to back championships in 2021 and 2022. Multiple track championships at area tracks highlight his racing career to date.

But it’s all about the family for the Broking’s race team with other family members who also work with the tracks and for all the racing community. The Broking’s own and operate Victory Lane Race Products providing all the parts and accessories a racer needs.

The Broking’s sponsors include Broking Transport, Meyer Welding, Cain Designs, 218 Style, Speedwerxs, and Lethal Chassis. The Broking’s thank the many fans for their support, “without them none of us would get to do the sport we all love,” Johnny said, “we look forward to talking to them every time were at the track.”

The Broking’s can be seen in the familiar #45 Modifieds at Bemidji Speedway and other area tracks throughout the summer.

Prepare pets for Fourth of July festivities



Many people are eager for Independence Day celebrations in early summer. There is much to be excited about, as festivities often begin in the afternoon with barbecues and pool parties, and commence late at night after fireworks shows that light up the night sky. Still, not everyone enjoys the extra noise and busy nature of July 4th parties, particularly furry members of the family.

Animal control services often report an increase in lost animals between July 4th and July 6th. That’s because the excitement of the holiday puts pets out of their comfort zones.

While pet owners need not cancel their July 4th plans, they should take heed of the many ways to keep their pets safe during the festivities.

Update identification

Be sure prior to any July 4th events that pets are wearing collars with current identification information. If an address or phone number has changed since the last time you updated microchip records, be sure to check the account is current.

Be careful with alcoholic drinks

Party hosts typically serve beer, wine and cocktails. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets, says the ASPCA. Animals can become very intoxicated, severely depressed or go into comas if they drink alcohol. Keep spirited drinks well out of reach.

Check with the vet

Many pets are prone to anxiety from loud noises, such as thunderstorms and fireworks, and lots of commotion - something that occurs in spades come July 4th. Some veterinarians recommend a small course of anti-anxiety medication or a sedative to help pets cope with the stimuli.

Create a quiet space

Allow pets to ride out the day in their comfortable, quiet and cozy retreats. If necessary, create a space in an interior room. Cover the pet crate with a blanket and offer favorite toys or bedding to create a soothing environment.

Place notes on doors and gates

While it’s best to keep pets in a locked room away from the fray, some pets like to socialize with guests and are not bothered by noises. However, alert guests with notes posted on doors and fence gates to check to make sure pets are not trying to escape behind them. All doors should be closed firmly when entering or exiting.

Pick up debris

Firework debris can rain down on properties even if you were not shooting off the fireworks. Curious pets may pick it up or eat it, which runs the risk of an upset stomach or even an intestinal blockage. Check your yard before letting pets out to play.

Keep an eye on the grill

Pets can be opportunists, and those burgers and chicken drumsticks smell delicious to pets. Pets that get too close to the grill can become injured. And if pets eat leftovers, they may end up with digestive distress or even be poisoned by foods that are toxic to cats and dogs.

Pets need to be protected during summertime parties like Independence Day celebrations.



Heavy rain canceled races on Sunday

Bemidji Speedway
6/25/2023

By Dennis Peterson

For the first time in 2023 the races were cancelled due to very wet conditions from heavy rains over the last several days. The “Kids Night, Meet the Drivers” special will be held on July 9th in conjunction with “Young Guns Night”.

Next Sunday July 2nd is “Red, White and Boom” night with a very special Michael Fullerton race during intermission. Racing starts at 5:30.

Current Top 3 in Points for each class:

Bemidji Mini Stocks:

1. #90 Cory Nelson, 498 points
2. #115 Kalin Honer, 491 points
3. #18 Ashton Schwinn, 482 points

Wissota Pure Stocks:

1. #35 Josh Berg, 537 points
2. #47j Justin Barsness, 480 points
3. #3 Kade Leeper, 477 points

Wissota Hornets:

1. #47j Justin Barsness, 506 points
2. #07 Carter Matthews, 501 points
3. #28 Chad Reller, 498 points

Wissota Mod Fours:

1. #99 Blake Erickson, 408 points
2. #50 Nick McCann, 401 points
3. #6 Conrad Schwinn, 398 points

Wissota Super Stocks:

1. #81 Matt Sparby, 506 points
2. #57 Dalton Carlson, 490 points
3. #26m Garrett Masurka, 466 points

Wissota Midwest Modifieds:

1. #99 Doyle Erickson, 499 points
2. #32B Brennan Schmidt, 492 points
3. #13 Devyn Weleski, 459 points

Wissota Modifieds:

1. #32 Nicholas Jacobson, 402 points
2. #40 John Farrington, 397 points
3. #2R Jeff Reed, 363 points

Mother Nature wins at GRP

by Keith Cumming

Well Mother Nature got the win at the Greenbush Race Park this past weekend. Up next at the Park will be a regular night of racing featuring the Wissota classes of Modifieds, Streets, Midwest Modifieds Pure Stocks, and Hornets along with the MinnKota PowerI Lightning Sprints and the 4 Cylinders. Pit gates open at 4:30, grandstands at 5:30. Cutoff for the draw is at 6pm with racing getting under way at 7pm sharp. For more info follow us on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park or on the web at www.greenbush-racepark.com.

Minimize conflicts with bears this summer

In the absence of human-created attractions, bears rely on small, scattered patches of natural foods: specific types of young green vegetation in spring, certain species of ants and ant pupae in June, berries in summer, and nuts in fall. But if bears can get access to concentrated, high-calorie, easily accessible foods around people’s homes and campsites, they are quickly enticed away from their natural food sources.

It is important to secure anything that a bear would consider food. Don’t condition bears to associate homes or campsites with an easy meal by leaving out unsecured garbage, birdseed or pet food. Learn more about how to reduce property damage, and the chance of human-bear conflicts, on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/livingwith_wildlife/bears) and BearWise online resources (bearwise.org)



Cory Nelson of Leonard leading Mini Stock Points.



Josh Berg of Bemidji leading Pure Stock Points.



Matt Sparby of Bemidji leading Super Stock Points.



Nic Jacobson of Bemidji leading Modified Points.



Justin Barsness of Grand Rapids leading Hornet Points.



Blake Erickson of Bagley leading Mod Four Points.



Doyle Erickson of Bagley leading Midwest Modified Points.

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