



Tri County Canary

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The Gonvick Lions 33rd annual Rodeo started out with the National Anthem. Riders stood at attention. The very large flag was unfurled by the Gonvick Lions Club with President Kim Solberg second from the left in charge.



The Gonvick Lions Club had some very good help from two area Lions Club members with their 33rd annual rodeo. Roland and Joanne Anderson from Wannaska Lions Club and on the right Jim and Donna Rystad from the Red Lake Falls Club.



Lake Itasca water access closed

Lake Itasca Public Water Access in Itasca State Park closed through the 2023 summer season

It began on Tuesday, July 11, the Lake Itasca Public Water Access in Itasca State Park will be closed through the 2023 summer season due to construction of a new public water access facility.

During the project, visitors will not be able to launch boats from the Lake Itasca drive-in access sites and will have limited access to launch carry-in watercraft, such as canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Itasca Sports bike and boat rental will remain open with limited parking for customers.

The project will include expanding and paving the existing parking lot and creating two drive-in access ramps, a designated carry-in access site, an accessible dock, a watercraft inspection area, and a modern restroom facility.

Visit the Itasca State Park website (mndnr.gov/stateparks) for visitor alerts or call the park at 218-699-7251 for more information.

Strategic Farming:

Dry conditions continue to intensify, impacting crop and insect pest development. Despite delayed planting, corn development is ahead of normal. According to Dr. Jeff Coulter, University of Minnesota Extension corn agronomist, warm temperatures during the early summer accelerated corn growth, compensating for the late spring.

"The heart of the pollination period will occur next week," he explains. While temperatures are expected to be favorable, it has continued to be very dry. Drought stress during this critical pollination period has the potential to reduce yield.

Fertilized kernels, especially near the tip of the ear, have a high demand for moisture. When plants are under drought stress, the end kernels may dry up, shrivel and be lost.

By mid-August, the crop should be past the critical pollination period and into the grain-filling period. While not as critical as the pollination period, drought stress during grain-filling can significantly reduce kernel size and consequently yield.

Hail occurs in Minnesota each year and 2023 is no exception. In corn, hail just prior to tasseling is a major concern. Since most of the crop's leaves have already emerged, there aren't many new ones to replace the hail-damaged leaves.

A hail-damaged crop could lose quite a few tassels and still have enough pollen to fertilize the silks if the remaining tassels are distributed evenly. Similarly, if the primary ear is damaged, the secondary ear will often develop into the full ear.

In hail-damaged fields, look for the degree of stalk damage, which can cause lodging later in the season. If damage is severe,



On Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, at 2330 hours, two young males (pictured below) were seen stealing 2 bottles of liquor worth approximately \$90.00 from the Mentor Liquor Store. The males appear to have been driving a white Ford Explorer Sport Trac with North Dakota plates, shown above.

Investigation is ongoing. Please contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office at 218-470-0431 if you know who the identity of the individuals pictured or have any information regarding the theft.



Strategic Farming... Continued on page 5



Friends, Neighbors and Family gathered to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Lund Lutheran Church congregation on Sunday, July 16, 2023. It was a good day. Look for more photos next week! Photo courtesy of Cindy Kolling.

Kiddie Vendor Day at the Mentor Farmers Market, Saturday, July 22

The Mentor Farmers Market has a fun filled day planned:

The Mentor Farmers Market will be hosting young entrepreneurs during the Kiddie Vendor Days, Saturday, July 22, 2023. Come and check out their products.

The Mentor Farmers' Market meets every Saturday through the end of September from 8

am - Noon. Products include a variety of seasonal produce, flowers and vegetable plants, breads, baked goods, bagels, preserves, local honey, soaps, skin care products, jewelry, craft items, and doll clothes. Barnyard Bites Food Truck is available most Saturdays for breakfast and lunch.

Mentor Farmers' Market 2023
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Mentor School yard (east)

Large variety of local foods, produce, baked goods, ready-to-eat foods, flowers, gluten-free products, local honey, firewood, local beef, soap & lotion products, unique craft items and entertainment.
Barnyard Bites Food Truck from Fertile will be at the park most Saturdays.

Like us on Facebook at
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College News

Northland Community College President's List

The President's List for students earning academic honors for the spring 2023 semester at Northland Community & Technical College - East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls has been released. Students must have at least 12 earned credits as of the last day of the semester, and a semester grade-point average of 3.75 to 4.0 must be achieved to be eligible for the Northland Community & Technical College President's List.

Congratulations to the following students:

Erskine - Lewis Nicole, Marketing & Management
Fosston - Duppong Kin-sley; Landsverk Annika; Norland Cullen; Pederson Kyla; Vesledahl Katelyn
Gatzke - Nelson Chel-sie

Goodridge - Beavis Lily; Henrickson Jennah; Jensen Kansas, Liberal Arts & Sciences; Johnson Emilea
Leonard - Tollefson Theodore, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
Oklee - Olson Aurimyr;

Liberal Arts & Sciences; Prickett Carli
Plummer - Majeres Shawna; Liberal Arts & Sciences; Quick Surabhi, Liberal Arts & Sciences

Northland Community College Dean's List

The Dean's List for students earning academic honors during the spring 2023 semester at Northland Community & Technical College - East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls has been released. Students must have at least 12 earned credits as of the last day of the semester, and a semester grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.74 must be achieved to be eligible for the Northland Community & Technical Col-

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lege Dean's List.

Congratulations to the following students:

Goodridge - Horachek Jordan, Construction Electricity; Nelson Lydia, Animal Science; Vettleson Natalie, Liberal Arts & Sciences

Oklee - Mitzner Aurora; Liberal Arts & Sciences; Sandeen Gunnar, Liberal Arts & Sciences; Svendsen Lucille, Liberal Arts & Sciences

Plummer - Fougner Kaleb, Liberal Arts & Sciences; Fougner Sydney; Altendorf Allie Jo, Early Childhood & Paraprofessional

Red Lake Falls - Ellefson RyLee, Nursing; Landman Frederick, Liberal Arts & Sciences

Shevlin - Bennett Madisyn

Polk County Sheriff

Sentencing for Ahmed scheduled for September 19,

On July 12, 2023, a Polk County jury found Mohamed Abdulgani Ahmed, age 34, of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Controlled Substance Crime in the First Degree - Sale, Controlled Substance Crime in the First Degree - Sale, Controlled Substance Crime in the Third Degree - Sale, Controlled Substance Crime in the First Degree - Possession, Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree - Possession, and Failure to Affix a Tax Stamp. This case arose from an investigation by the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force, the Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force, and the East Grand Forks Police Department and resulted in the largest seizure of fentanyl pills in Polk County history to date - just over 800 pills. Sentencing for Mr. Ahmed currently is scheduled for September 19, 2023.

This case involved small round light blue pills bearing the imprint M on one side and 30 on the other. These pills are very dangerous and are the cause of multiple overdoses and deaths in the East Grand Forks-Grand Forks area in recent years, although none are linked directly to this case. The Polk County Attorney's Office and law enforcement continue to warn the public about the extreme dangerousness of these pills. We continue to urge all citizens, especially parents, to be vigilant about the activities of their children, friends, and neighbors and watch for any unusual behaviors or suspicious substances or pills. Please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately if you believe you believe you know of the existence of any unexplained blue pills similar to those described in this press release.

9th Annual "Bryan Stordahl"

I WANT TO INSPIRE PEOPLE.
I WANT SOMEONE TO LOOK AT ME AND SAY "BECAUSE OF YOU, I DIDN'T GIVE UP."

Memorial Silent Auction Event
Saturday, August 5th, 2023
"The Deuce" in Erskine, MN
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
If you would like to donate an auction item contact Dave Stordahl at 218-791-5127
LIVE MUSIC BY KELLY & ACE
Come join us for a fun-filled event to raise funds to FIGHT cancer in memory of Bryan and Jim.
All net proceeds donated
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HIGHWAY 2 Cruisers

14th Annual 2023 Classic Car Show

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Free Admission & Dash plaques to the first 100 participants!!!
Hubcap Grill will be serving Brats, Burgers, BBQ's
Music by DJ Wild Wes
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(Old Fosston Implement, west side of town)
For more information, call Roger 218-790-2488

You Are Invited

Gospel Tent Meetings
presented by
Gloryland Gospel Team
in Cooperation with Area Churches

Enjoy music & testimony by
Dan & Merilee Ottoson
Ray Clyde & Rick Clyde

Sunday, July 23rd-Sunday, July 30th, 2023
7:00 p.m. each night
Located on the Clearwater-Polk County Line on Hwy 2

Dan and Merilee Ottoson
Ray Clyde
Rick Clyde

DINING & entertainment

BINGO Starting at 57#s Progressive Blackout 6pm, Saturday, July 22nd, 2023
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 394, Section 26, and the Clearwater County Shoreland Management Ordinance that it is the intention of the Clearwater County Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to consider a Variance application (VA-306-23) by William & Elinor Gervasio, Long Lake (15-57) Lot 6, Long Lake Addition, Rice Lake Township, Clearwater County, Minnesota. This Variance application is for an addition to the existing home with a setback from the OHWL of 48ft (100ft required.) This public hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota on August 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as possible.
Dave Hallan, Chair
Planning Commission
Board of Adjustment

Red Lake County Central Buses for Sale by Bid

#1 Old Oklee -2005 IC School Bus, 65 Passenger, 365 IC diesel engine, Automatic Transmission, Air Brakes, 205,443 miles (This bus is not in running condition)

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Oklee, MN 56742
Any questions please call Marlan at 218-796-5196.

Itasca State Park Nature Program update for July continued from last week's Canary

Five Facts in Five Minutes: The Weasel Family
Sunday, July 23, 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 about some of the animals in the weasel family.
Outdoor Kids—Snakes
Sunday, July 23, 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: The Hoot Owls
Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meet on the lawn outside Douglas Lodge, inside the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center if raining
Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and sit outside historic Douglas Lodge as the musical group "The Hoot Owls" perform an eclectic mix of roots, bluegrass, and folk music on bass, mandolin, guitar and banjo.

Mississippi Headwaters Mysteries, Walk
Monday, July 24, 2023 from 11-11:30 a.m.
Meet under the porch at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center
Did you ever wonder: why are there two different lengths recorded for the river? How did Lake Itasca get its name? Have those rocks always been there? Does the river ever freeze? Discover the answer to these mysteries about the Mississippi River and Lake Itasca as we walk to the headwaters.
Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Monday, July 24, 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: Simply Stunning Snakes
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 from 1:30-3 p.m.
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 the snakes of Minnesota.
Take Me Fishing Tuesday
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the Lake Ozawindib Pier, on Lake Ozawindib
Kids and adults, are you a 'first time' fisher person wanting to try the new skill of fishing? Learn to identify the common fish species, how to tie a knot, bait your hook and cast for fish. Suitable for ages 6-12. NOTES: An adult must accompany children. Bring your own fishing pole or use one provided (limited number). Poles are available on first come first serve basis. Bait provided. Non-Minnesota residents will need a fishing license (within the park, purchase at Itasca Sports Rental).

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Frogs
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 from 1:30-3 p.m.
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 the frogs of Minnesota.
Yoga in the Park
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meet in the picnic grounds by the Lakeside Museum, watch for signs (lakeside from Wegmann's Store/cabin). If raining, held inside the Lakeside Museum
Relax and unwind with Yoga in the Park, catered to all ages and levels of physical fitness! Begin your day/End your day with healthy stretching. Enjoy nature while benefiting from yoga as the calming view of Lake Itasca and the towering pines overhead center you.
Participants should bring a mat, blanket, or beach towel and should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely. Led by personal yoga trainers. All levels welcome.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Dragonflies
Friday, July 28, 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 Dragonflies.

Historic Buildings Walking Tour
Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Meet outside of Forest Inn (Across from Douglas Lodge)
The historic buildings of Itasca tell stories of the people who have enjoyed the park before us and contributed to the way we currently experience it. Come explore the history of Itasca's oldest buildings, the people who constructed them, and how the buildings have changed over the years.
Outdoor Kids—Bird Beaks
Thursday, July 27, 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.
Archery in the Park
Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meet in the back lot of the Indian Mounds/North Picnic Grounds Parking Area
Archery in the Parks is hands-on instruction shooting a bow and arrow from certified instructors in a safe and supportive environment. Aim for a family adventure with kid-friendly equipment designed for beginners aged 8 and older. Children aged 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided. Personal archery equipment is not allowed.
Participants will be outside for the program. Be prepared for standing in the sun. Bring along sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent and water. Program cancelled if raining.
Family Fishing Fun
Friday, July 28, 2023 from 9:30-11 a.m.
Meet at the Lake Itasca Fishing Pier, below Douglas Lodge
Kids and adults, are you a 'first time' fisher person wanting to try the new skill of fishing? Learn to identify the common fish species, how to tie a knot, bait your hook and cast for fish. Suitable for ages 6-12. NOTES: An adult must accompany children. Bring your own fishing pole or use one provided (limited number). Poles are available on first come first serve basis. Bait provided. Non-Minnesota residents will need a fishing license (within the park, purchase at Itasca Sports Rental).

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Tree ID Walk
Friday, July 28, 2023 from 2-2:45 p.m.
Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
Young naturalists, join us as we learn about Minnesota's owls and the traits that make them so well adapted for life at night! After the interpretive talk, complete an owl craft to take home with you.
Five Facts in Five Minutes: Poison Ivy
Saturday, July 29, 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 about poison ivy.

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Jr. Naturalist: Fabulous Frogs
Friday, July 29, 2023 from 2-2:30 p.m.
Meet outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
Green spots, brown stripes, a black X, and a dark mask... learn about the different frogs that make Itasca's ponds and wetlands their home.
Minnesota's Beloved Bats- Evening Talk
Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 7-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the Lake Itasca Amphitheater in the picnic grounds (in-between the swimming beach and the picnic shelter)
Did you know that almost one-fifth of all mammals on Earth are bats? Join us as we learn about the bat species found in Minnesota and the amazing adaptations that make them unique among mammals.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Black Bears
Sunday, July 30, 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 the bear that resides in Minnesota.

Tree ID Walk
Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 2-2:45 p.m.
Meet under the porch at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center
Interested in learning about the trees of Itasca State Park? Join us for a walk as we discover the different kinds of trees and how to identify them.

Outdoor Kids—Animal Tracks
Sunday, July 30, 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: Caleigh
Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 7-8:30 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.
Caleigh is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. The three female musicians present a fusion of world folk, Celtic, bluegrass, American Old-Time and original compositions. Caleigh has shared their twenty-year musical journey with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the Internet.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

A Painter's Portion (In honor of dad.)

The arches within the church bowed low as if reaching out to those kneeling beneath them. Under their protective covering, safety was offered to all who entered.

One day, entering under the arches was not possible. The doors were precariously ajar and as I peaked past the solid oak doors, someone within the sanctuary looked familiar. It was dad. He was at work and it was obvious that protection under the arches had now reached new heights. Scaffolding was helter-skelter holding each painter who had begun their work well before dawn.

Uniformed in white, the angelic forms had a bit of color splashed upon them here and there but what else would expect from painters? One whistled diligently while he worked and it was no surprise that as I looked up, the familiar sound of cheerfulness were coming from dad. When he noted it was I who was peeking through, he

paused. His smile was affirming as he chatted for a few minutes before I was sent on my way. You see, the job of painting the arches was important work as it was the painters who now protected the arches by placing a fresh coat of paint upon them. Dad's smile and wave greeted not only me, but each parishioner who had chosen to take a gander to see what was going on in the church. Stroke by stroke the artists worked on until their job was completed over the next several days.

With ease the brown tones blended and bended as the painters brought restoration to the arches. It was holy ground upon which they stood as they gave of their talents. Their gifts multiplied as they poured out from the cup of the painter's portion.

Years have passed since then; and no doubt the arches have been painted by others. However, as I lifted my face towards the arches today, I could not help but remember the day I

watched dad paint them. Today, however, the arches covered dad instead of him covering them with paint.

You see, the small birch box holding the painter's portion within the sanctuary contrasted nicely with the memories of dad. He'd found himself on Birth Lake for a season after retirement...right where you could "Snack'n Shack in Hackensack."

Dad was dad and the simplicity of the box in which he now rested reflected the humility which authenticated who he was. Dad lived a faith he spoke little about but when he did—the devout whispers reverberated deeply.

"I pray mostly at night," he said one day as we talked. "I like that prayer," he said as he pointed to one in his prayer book which remained nearby.

Psalm 73:26 gives perspective on dad as I reflect on his portion poured out. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Q u e s - tion: Hello, I want to work for a farmer during

planting and harvest season driving a semi. I have a valid Class D driver's license but no Commercial Driver's License. Can I cross a state line while working for the farmer, Minnesota into North Dakota?

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and space than other vehicles. These vehicles also have large blind spots for operators and make wide turns and sometimes cross over the center line. All these factors can and do result in serious crashes.

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- Slow down and use caution when approaching farm equipment. Don't assume the operator can see you.
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- Wait for a safe place to pass.

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- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
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- Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night.

- Properly secure your load.
- Ensure all lights are clean and fully visible.

- Ensure all safety equipment, including brakes and tires, are well maintained.

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Strategic Farming...

Continued from front page consider harvesting those fields early.

While there is variability in crop development, Coulter estimates that we're on track for somewhat below- to average yields. However, it's too early to make predictions with any kind of confidence.

From University of Minnesota Extension Soybean Entomologist Bob Koch's perspective, it's been an interesting year for soybean pests. It started with armyworms and shifted to pests linked to dry weather. Moisture and temperature conditions have a significant impact on which soybean pests become issues and how their populations develop.

Reports and concerns about grasshoppers have built as dry conditions have continued. Grasshoppers often move into fields from surrounding habitats and can cause significant defoliation.

Spider mites are also favored by drought conditions. While numbers had been low, some fields in western Minnesota recently started showing injury symptoms.

Unlike these pests, soybean aphids don't tolerate high temperatures. With moderating temperatures, population growth may be favored.

In recent years, Koch noted populations that would increase to about 100 aphids per plant and then plateau. Prior to this, populations would frequently skyrocket to very high levels. The new parasitic wasp or other natural enemies may be reducing populations, but more information is needed. The bottom line is that fields need to

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be scouted to determine which fields have populations that need to be treated.

Research shows that 250 aphids per plant is still a conservative economic threshold (ET) for protecting soybean yield. The ET is the trigger point for scheduling an insecticide application and is significantly lower than the level where economic injury occurs.

While it may be tempting to treat soybean aphids before ET is reached, there are significant downsides to spraying early. It kills beneficial insects and increases the risk for insecticide resistance development for the soybean aphid and other pests in the field.

Green cloverworm has been

the main caterpillar in Minnesota soybean. High numbers were reported in northwestern Minnesota this season.

Soybean gall midge has been in the state for several years, though it's found mainly in southwestern Minnesota. If you find its larvae, contact Koch at koch0125@umn.edu.

The soybean tentiform leafminer is native to Minnesota, but only recently decided to feed on soybean. The caterpillars feed inside the leaves, leaving a tented appearance on the upper leaf surface.

Source: Phyllis Bongard, UMN Extension educational content development and communications specialist.

Tandem Tractors and toys!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

My wife likes to make fun of me! I like to watch youtube videos about old tractors. For example I love this one that is 39 minutes long. It is a G John Deere plowing snow for all 39 minutes! My wife thinks I am especially goofy when I come across that video. Well this week I came across some of my favorite videos and there are a lot of them.....old tractors plowing! The one that caught my eye was a couple of old A John Deere hooked in tandem pulling a plow. It made me think of tandem tractors.

When I was a kid going to tractor pulls there were some guys with two WD9 McCormicks hooked together. It was fun to watch them pull. A couple times at the Clearwater County Fair I saw a U Minneapolis Moline hooked up with a 44 Massey Harris. Then of course Don Dufner from Buxton, ND, came up with 2 D John Deeres hooked together, then 3 Ds hooked together! Now you may have seen his triple 830 John Deere. It is an engineering marvel!

A couple of years ago I did an article about Oklee farmers Einar and his brother Bjarne hooking together a WD9 and a 44 Massey Harris to give them more power on the farm! In around 1958 or so their dad Ole Kvasager purchased a WD-9 McCormick Deering tractor. In January 1959 Einar was off to Korea. Shortly after he returned in 1961 he and Bjarne took the WD9 and hitched Bjarne's 44 Massey Diesel to the rear of it. They also joined two 11 ½ foot cultivators together to make a 23 footer to pull behind their "new" machine. They also pulled two 4 bottom plows, 8 bottoms, that was quite a plow for the day! The hard part of this connection was the length!! Sitting on the WD-9 up front and looking back at the back 4 bottom plow, well it was a long way back there!

I don't have a shop or probably the skill to build a tandem unit, although I would love it. But I also love toys. I went on-line and ordered a couple A John Deere toys like the ones I saw in the video and I hope to make a tandem A toy! I also have a couple old 3020 toy John Deere tractors from my childhood that I plan to hook up. Well I have spent a little

time this summer working on my toy tandem tractors and I hope I will have pictures for you soon. There is not enough hours in the day to have a little more tractor time!.

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. The WD9 McCormick Deering tractor was made from 1940- _____.
A) 1948 B) 1950 C) 1952 D) 1954

2. According to tractor Data.com, what was tested with more drawbar horsepower;
The R John Deere or the WD9 McCormick?

3. The 44 Massey Harris Tractor was manufactured in _____, although the company had factories in Ontario and overseas.

4. T or F: The 44 Massey was available in gas, diesel, or LP versions.

5. When the A John Deere came out in 1934 it was rated at about 18hp. By 1952 it was rated at _____ drawbar horsepower.
A) 22 hp B) 25hp C) 29hp D) 34 hp

Answers: 1. D. 1954 2. R John Deere 43.15, and the WD9 42.57 3. Racine, WI 4. True 5. D. 34 drawbar hp



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The Irvin Blix Post 16 of the American Legion are the Friends of the Food Shelf for June 2023. For decades, the Clearwater County Food Shelf has been housed in the basement of the American Legion at no charge. This amazing act of generosity has allowed the CCFS to concentrate their efforts on providing food to the community instead of expending resources on facilities.

The American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America." The Irvin Blix Post 16 exemplifies this motto in our small community through all of the things that they do. In 2022, Irvin Blix Post 16 used gambling funds to donate over \$48,000 to many different organizations and individuals! The Post provides the community with local flavor on Friday nights with Joyce Moen's deli-

cious home cooked meals. Friday night Bingo is a social event for many people who come for the camaraderie ~ as well as a chance to win the big bucks. The Legion Auditorium is available for individual or organizations to host events with a state-of-the-art sound system and projector. The Post partners with the local Boy Scouts for proper disposal of the American Flag. Friends and relatives come to Bagley on Memorial Day for the patriotic and solemn service at the city cemetery, decorated with flags in commemoration of fallen comrades, all coordinated and provided by Irvin Blix Post 16. The Color Guard is present for parades and school events, as well as raising the flag at the football games. All veterans, whether a member of the legion or not, are afforded military honors by the Irvin Blix Post

16 Color Guard. In May, six Bagley High School seniors were awarded \$1000 scholarships. Veteran foot stones are set by volunteers from the post. Legionnaires rise early and place the flags on the light poles that line our streets on holidays. Individual flags are placed on all the veteran graves in the entire county on Memorial Day weekend. These are just some of the activities that our post does for us.

The Legion needs younger members to join so that they can continue to strengthen America through our community. To be a legionnaire, one must have served at least one day of active military duty and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The legion currently has 318 members and wants to exceed that number in the coming year.

The Post is honored to consider proposals for worthy causes. If your organization has a need, your proposal should be submitted five days prior to the executive committee meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday of each month, legion members have their post meeting and vote on proposals submitted. Your organization

could be the next recipient of a monetary gift from Irvin Blix Post 16.

"Veterans Strengthening America" ~ the Clearwater County Food Shelf is sincerely grateful to Irvin Blix Post 16 of the American Legion for sharing their facility with our organization as CCFS strives to serve our community with their food insecurity needs.



Steps to take before applying for a mortgage

A home is the single biggest purchase most people will ever make. That's perhaps become even more true in recent years, when the cost of homes has increased dramatically.

The sticker price of a home may come as a shock to first-time buyers, but few homeowners purchase their homes in cash. Mortgages are a vital component of home ownership for the vast majority of buyers. Mortgages are loans obtained through the conveyance of property as security. When homeowners pay off their mortgages, the title of the property officially transfers to them from their lenders.

Though most homeowners utilize mortgages to buy their homes, that does not mean the process is the same for everyone. A host of factors affect mortgage terms, and there's much prospective homeowners can do to secure the best agreement possible.

- **Recognize why a low interest rate is important.** Mortgage interest rates have drawn considerable attention in recent years, as rising inflation has led to rates that have reached their highest point in more than a decade. Even a seemingly small difference in interest rates can save or cost homeowners thousands of dollars, if not tens of thousands, over the course of a loan. For example, the financial experts at Bankrate.com note that the difference between a 5.5 percent interest rate and a 6 percent interest rate on a \$200,000 mortgage is roughly \$64 per month. That might not seem like a lot, but over the course of a 30-mortgage the borrower who gets the 6 percent loan will pay in excess of \$23,000 more in interest than the borrower who secures the 5.5 percent loan. Recognition

of the benefits of securing the lowest interest rate possible can motivate prospective buyers to do everything in their power to get a low rate.

- **Work on your credit score.** So how can borrowers get the best possible rate? One way to go about it is to improve credit scores. Average mortgage interest rates vary significantly by credit score, with higher scores earning borrowers significantly lower rates. According to data from FICO, as of mid-February 2023 borrowers with a FICO score of 760+ earned an average interest rate of 6.06 percent, while those with scores between 620-639 secured an average rate of 7.65 percent. By bolstering their credit scores before applying for a mortgage, prospective homeowners can improve their standing in the eyes of mortgage lenders, which can potentially save them tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

- **Identify how much you want to spend.** Prospective home buyers may be approved to borrow much more money than they think they will qualify for. That's because lenders do not consider factors like utilities, insurance, day care, or other expenses everyone has. That means it's up to borrowers to determine how much those expenses will be, and how much they should be spending on a home. Though it might be tempting to borrow up to the amount lenders approve you for, in general it's best to stay below that amount so you can capably meet all of your additional obligations.

Mortgages enable millions of people to buy homes each year. Some simple steps before applying for a mortgage can help prospective homeowners secure the best terms.



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100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from July 1923

The month of July has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in July 1923.

- A law banning Chinese immigrants from coming to the Dominion of Canada goes into effect on July 1. The Chinese Immigration Act remained in effect until May 14, 1947.

- Roughly 20,000 people attend a July 4 boxing match between champion Jack Dempsey and challenger Tommy Gibbons in the small Montana oil town of Shelby. Estimates indicated only around 35 percent of those in attendance paid to see the bout, which proved to be a financial punch to the gut for the promoters.

- The Cleveland Indians set an American League record on July 7 by scoring in every inning of a game they eventually win 27-3. The offensive onslaught includes a 13-run inning in which all 13 runs are charged to Boston Red Sox pitcher Francis "Lefty" O'Doul.

- On July 9, U.S. Army Lieutenant Russell Maughan lands his plane in a cow pasture in St. Joseph, Missouri, marking an end to his first attempt to make a dawn-to-dusk transcontinental flight across the United States. Maughan made a second unsuccessful attempt 10 days later.

- The Paraguayan Civil War ends on July 10, with former President Manuel Gondra and his supporters declaring victory.

- Harry Frazee, perhaps best known as the owner of the Boston Red Sox who traded Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees, thus beginning the alleged Curse of the Bambino, sells the team for \$1.25 million on July 11.

- The Hollywood Sign is officially dedicated on July 13.

- Retired Mexican guerrilla leader Pancho Villa is shot dead alongside many members of his entourage on July 20. Reports at the time suggest the assassination is retaliation for executions Villa had ordered during the Mexican Revolution.

- On July 22, the American oil tanker SS Swiftstar explodes and sinks after passing through the Panama Canal. Investigators later conclude a bolt of lightning had hit the tanker and caused the explosion.

- The Treaty of Lausanne is signed on July 24 in Switzerland. The treaty formally ends hostilities between the Allies and the Ottoman Empire.

- On July 29, Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini receives tens of thousands of missives from people across Italy wishing him a happy fortieth birthday.

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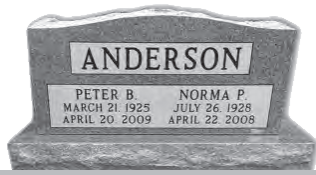
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Death Notice for David Horn

David Horn, age 85, of Winger, MN and Williston, ND, passed away on Sunday, July 16th, at Valley Senior Living in Grand Forks, ND.

Arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



Services for Anthony Weber

Anthony "Tony" Weber, age 88, of Trail, MN, passed

away on Sunday, July 16th, at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21st, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee with Father Bryan Kajawa presiding. Interment will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Trail. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Thursday, July 21st, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There will also be a reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

The Beltrami County Fair is Right Around the Corner

The County fair is my favorite summer event. My competitive nature "compels" me to look for the best specimens in my gardens from vegetables, annuals and perennials. This year the Horticulture area is open for specimen entries on Wednesday, August 9 from 12 noon to 7pm. All entries must be picked up at 5pm on Sunday, August 13. Our superintendent is Amber Bury and she can be contacted at 218-760-1422 or amber.bury1@gmail.com

Each year volunteers from the Master Gardeners and members of the Bemidji Garden Club work to set up the horticulture area and keep it running during the fair. You are able to register your specimen entries when you bring them in on Aug. 9 if you missed the pre-registration time. Have your entry list ready. The registration area is near the Home Arts Dept.c

Pre-registration speeds up the entry process and is encouraged especially for those with multiple entries. Late entries (arriving after 7pm to submit entries into horticulture) will not be accepted. There is usually lots of help during the entry process but if you have many entries come early to be done by the 7pm deadline.

The premium exhibitor list can be found on the Beltrami County Fair website or at the Extension office at the fairgrounds. Registrations should be postmarked by Friday prior to the start of the fair. Registrations may be dropped directly at the fair office as well. The fair webpage is: www.beltramicountyfair.org

There is a clearly written "general information" section under Department G for garden vegetables and fruit. Please read it for best results with your entries. Be sure you have entered the proper category for your entry-each year we see entries that are in incorrect categories. They are disqualified. Department F is for entries into the Agriculture category. This includes Home Brewers for beer and wine.

All flowers and herbs are under Department H. Our theme for 2023 is new this year and is "FUN UP NORTH." Under arrangements there are two levels. Those who have entered in the past and have won at least 2 blue ribbons are in the advanced category while anyone entering with less than 2 past wins are in the novice category. Each



In Memory of Einar Kvasager

Passed away July 24, 2022
Gone "But Not Forgotten"
Although we are apart,
your Spirit lives within me,
forever in my heart.

category has it's own identifying Number/Letter. We change the theme every 2 years and hope you enjoy this year's "FUN UP NORTH" theme.

Please use CLEAR glass vases or containers for all entries unless specified. For example an opaque container may enhance the theme for your arrangement. Follow the guidelines for size limits for container gardening. Use the new theme in your garden creations entries. All containers should be clean, insect free. This year there is a new category under garden creations called "Gardens on the Go." You can use decorative and live plant material on wheels like a wheelbarrow or wagon. I have a garden chair on wheels-this is a device to sit on to save my back when weeding and am thinking this might make into a good "garden on the go." Decorate to fit the this years theme.

There are many awards given to the best entries in the Horticulture Area and I would like to thank those individuals and businesses who have donated these awards. When you are in the Horticulture Area stop at the awards table to view winners and names of those who donated.

We hope to get many entries this year. I am writing this news article on Independence Day-following a good rainy morning-hope the moisture has given your gardens a boost for healthy specimens to enter into the fair in August.

The Beltrami County Master Gardeners operate a "Hotline" for gardeners who have questions from April 1 through October 31. Please call 218-444-7916 and leave a message with your name, phone number and a short description of your question or problem. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Tomatoes!!!

Beltrami Master Gardeners, by Carol Nielsen.

It's tomato time here in the North Country – time to slice into those wonderful ripe tomatoes! It is easy to see why tomatoes are the most popular home-grown "vegetable".

Whether you call a tomato a fruit (botanically correct) or a vegetable (commonly accepted) tomatoes are delicious and have great nutritional value. A medium tomato has only 22 calories with no fat. Tomatoes also have vitamins A and C, along with potassium. They are a rich source of the nutrient lycopene. Lycopene is what makes tomatoes red. More importantly, it lessens the risk of developing certain cancers and is heart healthy.

Just when you are ready to pick those tomatoes you may encounter some unpleasant surprises. Of course, insects and diseases can attack our plants. But the more common tomato issues are due to mineral deficiencies or adverse environmental factors. You don't need a degree in plant pathology or expertise in binomial nomenclature to identify these problems. They have easy to recognize symptoms and simple (often vividly descriptive) names.

Some examples:

Blossom end rot. The bottom end of the tomato turns blackish and scabbed over or moldy. It often affects the first fruits in the season and then goes away. It is the result of deficient calcium uptake. Adding calcium (Epsom salts or eggshells) to your soil will not help the affected tomatoes. Uneven soil moisture is the real culprit. Your tomato plants need consistent watering to dissolve the calcium in the soil. Growing tomatoes in containers without consistent watering can lead to blossom end rot due to drying and drainage fluctuations disrupting calcium accessibility. To avoid such "swings" be sure to water your tomato plant container on your deck or patio until you see water seeping from the drainage openings in the base.

Growth cracks. This occurs when the tomato grows too quickly because of uneven watering or heavy rains and warm temperatures. Pick the cracked tomatoes right away.

If the crack is minor, the tomato is safe to eat.

Scarring ("cat-facing"). This is common on large tomatoes and some heirloom tomatoes. Normally this is a cool weather issue. These tomatoes are okay to eat.

Leaf roll. The affected leaves resemble curling bark. Leaf roll occurs when there has been a cold wet spring followed by hot dry weather. Unless there is reason to suspect a viral infection of the plant, the plant's produce is safe to eat.

Sunscald. Tomato skin can get burned by the sun. A sunburn or scald results in white spots and susceptibility to mold. The problem: insufficient foliage to protect the ripening fruit. If the scalded tomato hasn't rotted, you can cut off the damaged part and eat the rest.

Yellow shoulders. (No, this isn't a highway traffic sign.) Yellow shoulders describes when the top of the tomato stays hard and yellow and the fruit doesn't ripen. This can occur when the temperature is above 85 degrees F. Consistent high temperatures can impede lycopene production, so tomato tops remain yellow. These tomatoes are edible – just cut off the yellow section.

Zippering. This is when there are lines going down the sides of the tomato. This is purely cosmetic, and the tomato is edible.

The following tips are not 100% effective. But by applying these practices, many of the problems described above can be minimized or avoided altogether:

- 1) Apply water to the soil and not the foliage early in the a.m. so the leaves have time to dry in the sun.
- 2) Space your plants as recommended by the seed company or plant nursery.
- 3) Prune plant leaves to allow for air flow.
- 4) Plant leaves shouldn't touch the ground.
- 5) Mulch around the base of your plants.

After you harvest your tomatoes, they should be stored in a cool area out of the sunlight and away from your stove. You can refrigerate tomatoes in a paper or plastic bag with slits, but they do lose some of their flavor.



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Bemidji Speedway “Women in Motorsports”

7/16/2023

By Dennis Peterson

Sunday July 16th did not look good for the “Women in Motorsports” races with off and on rain showers and a brisk and cool wind blowing from the NW. As race time came closer the skies cleared to the west and races were held with special recognition given to all the women involved with racing at Bemidji speedway. 14 ladies were recognized for their contribution to racing at the track. All women attending the race were given discounted admission to the grandstand.

A somber moment of silence was held for the fallen police officer from the Fargo area with a procession of cars carrying the Thin Blue Line flag along with the American Stars and Stripes.

88 cars were on hand for the racing with an excellent crowd on hand to cheer them on.

Next Sunday July 23rd us “Humane Society Night” with discounted admission with a pet related item for Great River Rescue. Super Stocks will have the night off and will be replaced by the Northern Renegade Sprints. It was announced that the track will host the first ever AFco MPH 100 for Wissota Pure Stocks, Mod Fours and Hornets on September 9th & 10th.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature:

First on track for the features were 16 Wissota Pure stocks led by Billy Binkley and Bonnie Farrington. Dustin Puffe drove the high side to the lead on lap one with Farrington, Cam Labelle, Josh Berg and Justin Barsness trailing. Puffe raced out to a three car length lead over Farrington and Berg and Barsness dueling for third in side by side action. Barsness took third in a flag to flag win for Puffe, his first of the year. Farrington, Barsness, Berg and Austin Carlson held the top five positions.

Wissota Hornets Feature:

Malachai Wilson and Mateja Dreyer led the field of Wissota Hornets onto the track but before the race could start Wilson dropped out into the infield with mechanical issues moving Malachi Albrecht to the pole position. Albrecht charged to the lead with Justin Barsness, Chad Reller, Brooklyn Vernlund and Travis Olafson chasing the leader. Barsness raced inside and took the lead with Reller following into second. In a flag to flag race Barsness picked up another win with Reller, Olafson, Albrecht and Vernlund in the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature:

15 Bemidji Mini Stocks were next on track with Gordon Hunter and Kaylie Winge leading the way. Charging down the front straight a mass pile up occurred bringing out the caution flag and sending several cars to the pits for repairs. Once racing resumed Peyton Emerson powered to the lead with Kalin Honer, Hayden Engen and Shannon George chasing him. George raced up and took third but then slowed and pulled into the infield. Emerson survived several more cautions and restarts to claim his first ever feature win. He was joined in Victory Lane by his father Caley for the celebration. Engen, Honer, Justin Honer and Cory Nelson took top five honors.

Wissota Midwest Modifieds Feature:

18 Wissota Midwest Modifieds powered on track with Landon Gross and Connor Drewry leading the way. Drewry looking very strong raced to the lead with Darrin Lawler, Brandon Bahr and Gross in the top five early. Lawler challenged Drewry for the lead racing side by side with the leader before dropping back into the backup position. Bahr, Joey LaValley and Brennan Schmidt put on a three wide show for third that had the crowd on the edge of their seats. Late in the race Gary James Nelson joined the leaders from his fourth row starting position. In a fast and furious B Mod race that went flag to flag Drewry took the checkered flag, his first and drove to Victory Lane. Lawler, Gross, Bahr and LaValley trailed.

Wissota Super Stock Feature:

The Wissota Super Stocks were next on track led by Nic Lewis on the pole and Dalton Carlson to his right. Carlson grabbed control early with Lewis, Matt Sparby, Brandon Bahr and Jack Koranda in the top five. Koranda quickly started his charge to the front passing Bahr for fourth. Sparby raced inside turns 3-4 and into sec-



Dawson Oelrich and Jayme Gordon carrying the Blue Line Flag.



Hornet Feature Winner - Justin Barsness.



Midwest Modified Winner - Connor Drewry.



Super Stock winner - Jack Koranda.



Modified Winner - Tanner Williamson.

ond. The caution flag waved for a spin in turn two setting up a restart. With Carlson out front and Sparby behind him Koranda raced top side passing Sparby for second. Another caution involving three supers brought another caution flag out and setting up a late restart and sending three cars to the pits with only Carlson returning tailback. Koranda raced to the lead and picked up his second feature win in two weeks at Bemidji Speedway. Sparby, Doug VanMill, Carlson, and Lewis rounded out the top five.

Wissota Mod Four Feature:

Nick Seitz and Conrad Schwinn brought the Wissota Mod Fours on track. As the green flag waved it was Blake Erickson powering up from his second row outside starting position into the lead on the back straightaway with Seitz, Schwinn, Dean Larson, and Nick McCann in the top five. Erickson pulled away from the field with Larson moving up to take the back up position and several laps later was in contention for the lead with Erickson. Larson was able to

get up alongside the leader but could not get around the #99 of Erickson. Erickson picked up the win with Larson, Schwinn, Luke Erlandson and Seitz in the top five.

Wissota Modifieds Feature:

A tremendous field of Wissota Modifieds roared on track with Lance Schilling on the pole and Tanner Williamson outside. The Canadian driver Williamson powered to the lead with Schilling, Josh Beaulieu, Billy Kendall and Jeff Reed in tight formation from top to bottom on the fast track. Schilling slid up high and dropped back into the pack. Kendall passed Beaulieu for second behind Williamson as Alan Olafson charged up from his fourth row starting position into the top five. Racing high and low the field chased the leader Williamson who had a huge lead. Reed worked his way into third passing Beaulieu as Williamson picked up his second feature of the summer at Bemidji Speedway. Kendall, Reed, Beaulieu, and Olafson filled the top five spots ending another great night of racing.



Pure Stock feature winner - Dustin Puffe.



Mini Stock Winner - Peyton Emerson.



Mod Four Winner - Blake Erickson.

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Graff, Meagher, Delaine and Berg in Victory Lane at GRP

by Keith Cumming

Questionable and cooler weather probably kept a few fans and drivers away from the Greenbush Race Park, but despite the weather it was still a great night of racing.

From my announcers booth, I thought the best race of the night was the Wissota Midwest Modified feature. Connor Graff sat on the outside of the front row and was the leader from the drop of the green flag. Over the last 10 laps, Graff had to deal with Aaron Blacklance and Blacklance had to deal with Brian Kakela. The trio ran nose to tail never getting more than a car length apart, going the entire 15 laps caution free. When the checkers flew it was Graff getting the win, his first since 2020, Blacklance was second and Kakela third. Alex Johnson picked up the lone heat win.

The Wissota Street feature was another great race. Outside polesitter James Meagher was out in front early. Even through three cautions Meagher was out in front. Over the last seven laps Meagher had to deal with the hard charging Jerome Berger. But it was Meagher holding off Berger to pick up his first ever Greenbush Race Park win. Berger finished second and John Halvorson third. Halvorson and Terry Blacklance picked up the heat wins.

The outside of the front row was good for feature wins and the Wissota Modified feature was no different. Rick Delaine held that spot, but it would be Mike Tiani with the early lead. Delaine made the pass for the lead coming out of corner two with 17 to go. A caution at the halfway point bunched up the field but Delaine held the top spot. Jordan Duray got beside Delaine but didn't have enough to make the pass, as Delaine went on to get the win with Duray finishing second and Aaron Blacklance third. Nick Jacobson and Josh Beaulieu picked up the heat wins.

The Wissota Pure Stock feature ran caution free as Steve Nordhagen lead the first seven laps until he pushed in corner four and Josh Berg was their to take advantage of his mistake. Berg went on to pick up his second win of the year and a sweep of the night. Dusty Caspers finished second and Nordhagen third.

Hayden Engen lead the first half of the 4 Cylinder feature until Waylon Current made the pass down backstretch with seven to go. Current went on to get his second win of the year with Engen finishing second and Kalin Honer third. Engen and Shannon George picked up the heat wins.

Up next at the Park will be the Moonshine Mod tour. Joining the Mods will be the Streets, Midwest Mods, Pure Stocks, MinnKota 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 check us out online at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>, or follow us on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park.

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