



Tri County Canary

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Joe and Michelle Skerik were selected as the King and Queen for the Debs parade. The event was held again on July 4th. The parade started out with sunshine and then it turned to rain. But the parade went on. Joe and Michelle live in Debs where Joe raises cattle and she works in a bank. Joe was born and raised in the area and Michelle came from Chisholm.



Legion members who led the parade with the colors were Merlin Vold and Delbert Olson.



Horses in the Debs July 4th parade with these four waiting for the parade to begin. From left to right Tilden Vettleson, Tina Vettleson, Tana Sorensen and Tesa Vettleson.



All decked out for the Debs July 4th parade and waiting to throw out the candy.



Umbrellas came out before the start of the Debs parade but they were ready.

Lund Lutheran Church celebrating 125 years

Your own level of “Home-Made” is Best !
Pot-Luck in Gully for Lund Church 125th on July 16. Bring it on!

Summers are short in this neck of the woods. Every day is heavily loaded with scheduled activities and unscheduled surprises. For many people in such a short season of working and/or playing overtime, a culture of convenience develops.

Still out on the road or just coming home as the evening summer sun aims westward for the day, many people look for something “quick” to eat. Maybe it’s a stop for a drive-in burger or a take-out pizza or something easy from the home freezer. “Pick-up food” has become everyday diet fare for a lot of folks, even whole families. There is a place for convenience and we each make our choices on the trade-offs.

But remember when food was all Home-Made? Remember when ingredients were fresh and unprocessed and you knew what they were? Which hot dish or cold summer salad was your favorite? Whose recipe was the best? Do you still make it today?

In 1896, the Gully area was opened for homestead and two years later in 1898, the Lund Norske Luthereske Menighet (Lund Lutheran Church) Congregation was formed (125 years ago). Of course, part of the upcoming 125th Celebration will be a Church Dinner. It’s tradition. We all know that Gathering of Friends and Family is greatly enhanced with good food, and lots of it. Plan to enjoy the adventure of participation and preparation!

At traditional Pot-Luck Church Dinners, everyone brings a homemade dish to contribute to the meal. Well, actually, not every person always brought food. Every family brought food. Historically, it was generally the women who prepared it. Today, we know many men who have excellent food preparation skills and we know we will see some of their best. We know many kids who can cook up a storm. Home-Cooking isn’t just for the Ladies any more. It’s a creative and cultural experience that we all can enjoy and share. It’s true that Minnesota Norwegian-Lutherans are a modest bunch and not brought up to brag and show off. However, an exception is at a Pot-Luck. This is where your best dish will do the showing off for you. Bring it on!

125 years ago and still continuing today, Pot-Luck Church Dinners have always been an eagerly anticipated event. Folks start to drift through their old recipe card boxes and books from area churches and towns where neighbors have shared their best recipes. Their names are on them and through the years there are little handwritten notes such as “good”, “use whole milk” or “cut the sugar



Lund Lutheran Church congregation in Gully invites all family, friends and neighbors to join in a 125th year celebration on July 16.

in half”. When it says “double this”, we know it’s a keeper! It’s great fun to browse through these books.

For practical reasons, planting, weeding and harvesting a garden, gathering eggs, milking the cows and feeding the cattle and chickens were all part of the preparation for “homemade” food in the late 1890’s when the Lund Church Congregation was formed. Today, a scary number of people do not cook! There are people who have ridged themselves of all their collected cookbooks. No fear: call your sister and ask for details on the potato salad that your mother made... or get Grandma’s oatmeal cookie recipe because you know a canister of those will travel well and you are coming from afar. Check in with your old confirmation classmates and get in a chit-chat, compare favorite food notes and encourage them to come! What better way to reconnect with friends, neighbors, family and hometown heritage than at a traditional 125th Sunday After-Church Pot-Luck Dinner? See you in Gully on July 16th!

Times, tastes and eating habits do evolve. What constitutes “home-made” meals now varies widely from family to family and various ages, lifestyles and taste-buds.

We see the word “Homemade” used a lot. “Homemade” might be just paying attention to the food groups while serving canned or packaged ingredients quickly heated on the stove or oven from a nice bowl.

For many folks, there has evolved what is become known as “Homemade from a Box”. This is kind of a hybrid between truly home-made and convenience food. Part of the ingredients might be canned or pre-mixed or pre-seasoned and whole ingredients are added to make the dish and “whala!” it’s food. There are many levels of “Homemade from a Box” and most cooks go there at least once in a while.

We see a lot of old recipes that call for Sweetened Condensed Milk or a can of Cream of Something Soup or Jello. These are fore-runners of “Homemade from a Box” cooking. We can

almost date the recipe by the ingredients it calls for!

Should we make an old favorite? Or bravely test out a new one? Should it be hot or cold? Sweet or savory? Filling or fancy? One wonders how many people they expect? (Well, the goal is to gather 300 people for this celebration, so load up your family, friends and neighbors and help get to this end! The Ladies Aid will provide the coffee, punch, water, condiments and tableware. There will be Bar-b-q on a Homemade Bun and cake and ice-cream. Your job will be to bring something to work around those starters.)

Whether you take this opportunity to delve into your best old handwritten recipes for some wholesome heritage; choose a “Homemade from a Box” option; or make a stop at the snack aisle at the grocery store; your pot-luck will be heartily welcomed, appreciated and enjoyed by all. What better way to extend a tribute to all small rural churches for the important part they play in our communities and specifically to celebrate the decades of dedication of sustaining the Lund Lutheran Church Congregation in Gully, than to gather together for a meal with everyone in participation? We won’t call this meal just “Home-made”, we will call it “Heart-Made”, and will look forward to your company.

Lund Lutheran Congregation will host the 125th year Celebration on July 16, 2023. Worship Service will be at 10 am with special programming and historical displays. (Probably the coffee pot will be on in the church basement.) After the service, all the members and visitors will pause for a group photo in front of the church. Families: be sure plan to all participate this photo! Then we will head across the street to the Gully Hall for the dinner and visiting. (FYI the hall is air conditioned and accessible.)

As you plan your pot-luck dish, also plan to stir up your friends and neighbors to come and make this a day of remembrance. Contact any Lund member with your questions or call the church (listed under Gully-Trail Parish).

Northwest School of Agriculture holds reunion

Northwest School of Agriculture classmates and friends gathered to reminisce, reconnect, and celebrate their 2023 All-School Reunion on Friday, June 23 on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus. There were over 120 alumni and friends in attendance and this year’s Top Aggies, Donna (Miller) Swan 1955 and Larry Rivard 1968, were honored during the annual luncheon and program.

The all-day event included an Aggie Huddle with former NWSA student-athletes, morning refreshments, luncheon, business meeting, group photo, classroom meetings with graduates from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s plus special meetings for the classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968 who celebrated their 70th, 65th, 60th, and 55th reunions, a happy hour social, and signing of the historical guest book.

2023 Top Aggies
Donna (Miller) Swan 1955
Donna (Miller) Swan graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1955 and continued her education at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., where she received a bachelor’s degree in music. She went on to be a vocal music teacher for two years at the public school in Ba-



Donna and Larry

laton, Minn., followed by a choir and music teacher at a school in Murray, Minn., now known as Murray County Central. Swan also directed the Balaton community choir for 10 years and, as part of this work, compiled 10 cantatas that were performed throughout southwestern Minnesota.

While at the NWSA, Swan received a National Honor Society scholarship for half of her senior year and received the Home Economics Award. Later, in the 1970s, she received the Citizen of the Year award from the Balaton Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, Swan belonged to the local Home Extension group and was a leader for the Skandia Scouts 4-H Club in Murray County. After marrying her husband, Dennis, she joined

Sillerud Lutheran Church, and served as the choir director, organist, and pianist over a span of 58 years. Additionally, she taught piano students for approximately 50 years, led the quilting ministry at Sillerud for 40 years, and led the inter-denominational Bible study for 40 years. The quilting ministry was a group who made quilts for underserved people through the local food shelf, to families suffering illness and loss, and to celebrate high school graduates and babies who were baptized.

The Swans have three children: Rita Everhart, Carmen Sondrol, and Kathy Ellingson. “Coming from a country school with never having more than three in my class, Mrs. Ittner made me feel welcome and important,” Swan said about life at the NWSA. “Miss Bede was a close second favorite teacher.”

Larry Rivard 1968
Larry Rivard graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1968 and went on to pursue accounting before becoming president of Rivard’s Quality Seeds and Rivard’s Turf & Forage. He held memberships and various committee

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Mentor Farmers Market introduces "Miranda Kulzer, Owner/Photographer of MJ Photography"

Miranda Kulzer is the Owner/Photographer of MJ Photography located on Maple Lake in Mentor, MN. Miranda and her husband, Paul are parents to 3 wonderful boys. She has been an accountant for many years but decided to stay home with her boys and pursue photography.

Miranda has photographed families, newborns, children's milestones, seniors, real estate and more. At the Mentors Farmer Market she sells prints and wall art of her Wildlife and Nature photographs. She also has sample work of her portrait work and details of everything she offers.

Miranda also sells prints and wall art at Royal & Rust located in Fertile, MN!
Contact Miranda
Phone: 218-280-4934
Email mirandakulzer@mj-photographyllc.org
Website: <https://mjphotography.zenfoliosite.com/home-owner>

College News

Fredrickson graduates from Northwest Technical

Julie Fredrickson of Leonard, Minn., (56652), graduated from Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, Minn. on May 5, 2023 at a ceremony at Bemidji's Sanford Center.

Fredrickson earned an Associate of Science degree in Nursing - Generic Track and was one of 218 graduates from NTC class of 2023.

Northwest Technical College engages, supports and prepares students for rewarding careers through innovative programs and hands-on learning. For more than 50 years, NTC has offered accessible, affordable programs that help more than 900 students match their education to the needs of employers, supporting the region's ever-growing need for a highly skilled workforce.

Local students named to Dean's List at Bemidji State University

Local students were named to the Dean's List at Bemidji State University in Bemidji,

Minn. for the spring 2023 semester.

The following students were among the 563 students named to the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, Bemidji State University students must be enrolled for at least 12 letter-graded credits and earn a GPA between 3.5-3.99 during the semester.

From Clearbrook, Rachel Lavin and Emily Zittel.
From Leonard, Jayna Tronnes

Bemidji State University, located amid the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota, occupies a wooded campus along the shore of Lake Bemidji. Enrolling around 5,000 students, Bemidji State offers 70 undergraduate areas of study and eight graduate degrees encompassing arts, sciences and select pre-professional programs.

Engen and Rose named to Dean's List at Northwest Technical

Local students were named to the Dean's List at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, Minn. for the spring 2023 semester.

Abigail Engen and Sarah Rose of Clearbrook were among

the 90 students named to the Dean's List. To be eligible, NTC students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA or higher during the semester.

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Bernice Ostfelle

The Gonvick Rodeo and more

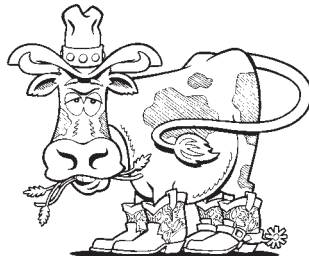
The 33rd annual Gonvick rodeo put on by The Gonvick Lions is coming soon - July 14 & 15, 2023 (Friday and Saturday). It starts at 6:00 pm both days and is put on by Wojo's Rodeo. Tickets are \$15 and are sold at the gate for those at least 18. Age 6-17 \$12, 5 and under free.

There will be a DJ and a covered dance area/street dance both Friday and Saturday from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am at The Trap! Also, ride the mechanical bull for \$5.00. After that, Kandi's Kitchen is serving a midnight brunch on Saturday at 1:30 pm until 2:00 am, but their daytime hours over these two days are 6:30 am to 1:30 pm but doors will close promptly at 1:30.

Both days will have city-wide garage sales. People will have their wares on display.

The Gonvick parade is at 2:00 on Saturday with registration at the Gonvick Community Center. That will be followed by the fabulous fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion, serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Giddy-up and come on out for the fun!



UMC reunion..

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positions with the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, North Central Turf Grass Association, and the University of Minnesota Crookston turf department Program Advisory and Improvement Committee. In 2022, Rivard was presented with the Premier Seed Grower Award by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association of St. Paul.

Rivard served many boards and committees over the years including vice president of the Argyle School Board, member of the Argyle Lions Club and American Legion, member of the Argyle St. Rose of Lima Church board, treasurer and trustee of the Grand Forks Holy Family Knights of Columbus, treasurer of the Hearing Loss Association of Grand Forks, and secretary for the Grand Forks Longbow Court Homeowners Association.. He also served on the Argyle, Minn., volunteer fire dept for a number of years and was part of a committee for after school youth activities in Argyle. In recognition of his service, Rivard was named Knight of the Month several times by the Grand Forks Holy Family Knights of Columbus.

Rivard and his wife, Elaine (Kovar) 1968, have four children: Bill Rivard, Angie Rivard Pulczynski, Vicki Bunn, and Patti Rivard.

Rivard's favorite motto is: "Be consistent and accountable", which he learned at NWSA. "All of the staff at NWSA had a positive impression on me and the most impressionable coach was Mr. Lysaker," he added. "Our trip up to Winnipeg my sophomore year was a really bonding experience. Leadership Camp at Itasca State Park was another great trip and the class trip to St. Paul also."

Lund Lutheran Church Congregation of Gully
Sunday, July 16, 2023

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10 a.m. Worship Service
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for
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Sunday, July 23rd
from 1-4 pm at the Gully Hall
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DINING & entertainment

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in Gonvick
Saturday, July 15th
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Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a custodial position. This is a full-time, 12 month position, with benefits. Pay is negotiable dependent on experience. Job requirements include the ability to thoroughly clean while paying attention to detail with some lifting and bending required. Boiler's license is helpful but not required for the position. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.

Please submit resume, letter of interest, and application to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR



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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Maintenance Worker I (Facilities):
\$19.36 - \$25.28/hr. Closes July 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Custodian I:
\$18.26 - \$23.85/hr. Closes July 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Maintenance I (Highway) Crookston:
\$23.05 - \$30.11/hr. Closes July 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Maintenance I (Highway) Angus/Crookston:
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CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

OPEN POSITIONS

Business Manager position. Preference given to applicants with a 4-year business or accounting degree and a background in school finance and payroll. Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Position will remain open until filled.

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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ASSISTANT COOK POSITION

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, MN has a full-time Assistant Cook position open for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire the required Food Protection Manager Certifications.

Applicants interested in the position, should submit their completed application and any current food service credentials to: Mr. Randall Pederson, Principal
Red Lake County Central High School
PO Box 100
Oklee, MN 56742
218-796-5136

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application forms are available at www.rlcc2906.org
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FLOATING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is searching for a floating substitute teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2023-2024 school year. A MN Teaching License or Substitute teaching license is required for the position. This teacher would receive a daily substitute assignment based upon absences within the District.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Or email the materials to: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
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COACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

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
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RLCC Coaching Position

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Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Saturday, July 15, 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.

Jr. Naturalist: Tall Tales of Itasca
Saturday, July 15, 2023
from 2-2:30 p.m.
Meet outside of the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter). If raining, meet inside the Museum.
Many great authors have been inspired by nature. Both legends and biographies merge or blend together overtime, making incredible stories to be remembered. Join us for a story and chance to create your own.

All About Fire, Campfire
Saturday, July 15, 2023
from 7-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
Gather around the campfire for a family friendly educational program, all about fire. Learn about the fire triangle, fire extinguisher use, fire safety, and fire history. Remember to bring s'more fixings for after the campfire talk!

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Dragonflies
Sunday, July 16, 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.

Outdoor Kids—Fabulous Fish
Sunday, July 16, 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: Julie and Bill Kaiser
Sunday, July 16, 2023
from 7-9 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.
Sit outside with a view of Lake Itasca and enjoy an evening of music with Bill and Julie Kaiser. From the north woods of Minnesota, Bill and Julie's music has been described as acoustic "folkgrass" with a mix of bluegrass, folk, and original.

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Loons by the Lake
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Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
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Jr. Naturalist: Extraordinary Owls
Tuesday, July 18, 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.

Take Me Fishing Tuesday
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the Lake Ozawindib Pier, on Lake Ozawindib
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Five Facts in Five Minutes: Tenacious Ticks
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

from 1:30-3:00 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 ticks.

Smokey Bear Event Day
Thursday, July 20, 2023
from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Family Fishing Fun
Friday, July 21, 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).

Jr. Naturalist: Geocaching
Friday, July 21, 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.

Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps
Saturday, July 22, 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.

Jr. Naturalist: Nature Photography
Saturday, July 22, 2023
from 2-2:45 p.m.
Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom
Kids, come to the classroom and learn about nature photography tips and tricks. We will then head outdoors and try your newly learned skills on a guided photo safari.
Bring along your digital camera or your cell phone camera or borrow a camera from us for the photo safari.

Good 'Ol Days Campfire
Saturday, July 22, 2023
from 7-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
Do you remember being at camp, singing songs, telling stories, and making crafts around the campfire? It's time to do it all again. Join us for a night filled with laughter and fun as we relive these memorable moments around the fire. Bring a chair/blanket to sit on, and s'more supplies for after the program!

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- Check tires for proper inflation and for defects.

- Service wheel bearings regularly and check often.

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4th of July Fun

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



It was another fun 4th of July day in Plummer, Minnesota! One of the main attractions as usual was the parade. The Tri River Pioneers sponsor a tractor show following the parade. It is always fun to see the nice variety of entrants and of course for me the nice bunch of tractors. This year our winner for the best restored tractor was a 1956 444 Massey Harris owned by Mark Ryden. Our second winner of the judges choice award was a 420 John Deere pulling an L John Deere manure spreader. The 420 is owned by Phil Klopp. My favorite tractor at the show was a Gambles FARMCREST 30 owned by Goodwin Kvasager. What was even more fun is that Goodwin and his wife Lucille were at the parade and 4th of July celebration. That reminded me of a story.....

A fellow member of the Tri River Pioneers, Goodwin Kvasager, told me a story that caught my attention a few years ago. It was about 1955 and Goodwin was looking for a tractor. There was an ad in the Grand Forks Herald advertising a Sheppard Diesel at a dealer in Reynolds, ND. Goodwin thought this might be a pretty good tractor. By the time he was able to make it to Reynolds to check it out it was sold. But the dealer did have another tractor and Goodwin ended up buying the Gambles/Farmcrest 30. That Gambles/Farm Crest turned out to be a pretty nice tractor too! It looks as good as new today, and I was lucky enough to get to drive it for Goodwin in the 4th of July parade in Plummer a few summers ago. What if he would have bought that Sheppard Diesel, I might have drove that in the parade!

Let's talk about the Sheppard Diesel for a moment. The R. H. Sheppard Company was started in 1937. They began producing diesel engines. With more and more uses being found for these engines the company was able to succeed selling these engines. The story has it that in 1949 the company had an idea for a diesel tractor. They re-powered an M Farmall with a Sheppard Diesel engine. It was not that successful a transition, but it paved the way for the actual manufacture of the Sheppard Diesel tractor. Sheppard Diesel tractors were built from 1949-1956. Only about 2000 were produced. Some say they were ahead of their time. Whatever the reason they are a collectors item today! But, that Gambles FARMCREST, that is a collector's item too.

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. How many different models did the Sheppard Tractor Company build?
A) 2 B) 3 C) 4 D) 5

2. The smallest was the SD-1, a small 5hp tractor. What was the most popular model?
A) SD-2 B) SD-3 C) SD-4 D) SD-5

3. The 444 Massey Harris was tested at _____ belt horsepower..
A) 40hp, B) 45.5hp C) 49.24hp

4. True or False: The Gambles Farmcrest 30 was the same tractor as the Cochrane 30.

5. True or False Sheppard Company makes power steering units for trucks and buses today?

Answers: 1. C) 4 models 2. B) SD-3 most popular 3. C) 49.24hp 4. True 5. True, today Sheppard makes power steering units.



Mark Ryden and his 444 Massey Harris.



Phil Klopp and his 420 John Deere.



Goodwin Kvasager's Gambles Farmcrest 30.



Goodwin Kvasager out and about for the 4th of July.



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Fabric of Life

The hand stitched quilt lay delicately over dad. With dignity it covered as the street lights added yet another layer of reflective peace surrounding the situation. What was the situation? Dad passed. It was 10:30 in the dark of night—when the lights shone down upon the sacred quiet on May 24, 2023.

Part of this small town's tradition was to blanket those who died—with reverence—in hand stitched coverings fashioned by the church ladies. As he was placed within the vehicle which had arrived to carry him on this next leg of his journey, he wore well the quilted covering.

Once within the vehicle, the quilt was removed. The hands dad had once held through the years—now held tight to the edge of the fabric. Each member present took hold to fold just so—so it could now be brought back into the building and placed atop the bed where he'd slept for the past six months. There it would remain for a while—so those who had cared for him could take pause and remember dad.

"I know your needs before you ask," says Matt. 6:8. The ones who had stitched the cloth not only knew what would be needed, but responded through faith in action.

When the Chaplain arrived, he spoke life into those who

remained. Would you like to know what was spoken in the quiet of the silent night? I will tell you in a minute, but first, let me explain. I was not there. Listening in was the gift given through a phone connecting our worlds long distance. In the sacred moments somewhere between dusk and dawn the Chaplain spoke.

"The Apostle Paul said, 'To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord—at home' (2 Cor. 5:8). We are nothing but broken pots. We cannot live forever because our bodies won't let us nor were they meant to. Thus, he took his last breath here and his next breath in heaven."

The following words made their mark. "Before he was ever ours—he was His. We give him back to the Lord." I'd never thought of it like that. I've thought of my children being gifted for only a season upon this earth, but never did I think of dad in this way. My mindset shifted as I thought about the truth revealed in these words. "Before he was ours—he was His."

Then, there was this gem. "The man wasn't perfect—but his life was a blessing." Not sure anyone believes they are capable of perfection, but the Chaplain wasn't suggesting that. What he was saying was that in our imperfection, He still uses us in ways which

bring blessings to others when we so much as glance in his direction. I wonder if dad knew he was a blessing. He knew he had shortcomings and would readily admit that. I suspect if he did know he was a blessing, he wouldn't have wanted to talk much about because he never liked to direct too much attention to himself. That's what I loved about dad. He was always interested in the other. And if he was a blessing to others, he most certainly saw it in a way that made the others seem more like a blessing to him.

The Chaplain ended by referencing the book of Timothy and what Paul, the Apostle, focused on at the end of his life. What did he focus on when passing from this world to the next? He focused on three things and mentioned that we, like Paul, could gain by doing likewise.

1. Fight the good fight. 2. Finish the race. 3. Keep the faith. (1Tim. 4:7)

How that looks in each of our lives will be different, but one thing remains the same. We are all cut from the same cloth—His. It says so in Genesis, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him" (Gen. 1:27).

I thank God He created church ladies in His image who keep the faith by covering others with the sacred fabric of life for such a time as this. Amen.

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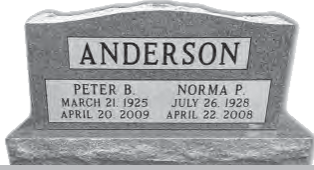
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for LaRae Martine

LaRae Martine, 57, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died unexpectedly as a result of a motorcycle accident on Thursday, July 1, 2023.

Visitation services were held on Friday, July 7, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley with a visitation one hour prior with Pastor John Swanson officiating. Interment was held at the Bagley City Cemetery.

LaRae Lynn was born on May 11, 1966, in Bagley, Minnesota; daughter of Roy and Lois (Fredrick) Martine. LaRae grew up in Shevlin, MN where she was baptized and confirmed at Clearwater Lutheran Church. She attended elementary school in Shevlin and graduated from Bagley High School in 1984. LaRae married Tommy Iverson on October 13th, 1984, and blessed to that union was Travis, Lindsey, Sara, Brooke, Emiley, and Abbey.

LaRae was a very diligent person and gave her all in everything she did. She worked at the Bagley Nursing Home and provided the residents love through a good meal. LaRae flourished in the restaurant business; having worked at Dairyland, Hitch in Rail, D&R Café, and recently at K&K's Café where she was blessed to work with her daughters and grandchildren and make memories that they will all cherish. Customers loved LaRae, they always knew they would be greeted with a friendly smile and a cheerful hello, mixed with a little direct sass. Some even fortunate enough to get one of her special hugs! If you were lucky, you could even hear her singing from the kitchen where she could whip up an order and have it out in lightening-speed. She had a one-of-a-kind spirit, with a bubbly personality, full of energy, and her contagious laugh would light up the room. Everyone who knew

LaRae, felt her big heart and giving nature, always one to offer help and give an extra hand. She loved cooking and baking and was continuously giving out baked goods or goodie baskets during the holidays. LaRae shared her baking and cooking skills with her children, by teaching them all her recipes and secret ingredients – traditions that will be carried on for generations.

LaRae cherished spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was always thinking of her grandchildren and wanted nothing but the best for them. LaRae prioritized her family above everything else in life. She cared deeply for them, constantly providing love and support. In 2009, LaRae met the love of her life, Mike Paulson; they have been engaged for 12 years. The two of them enjoyed riding motorcycle and looking at all that nature offers. In LaRae's spare time she enjoyed cruising in her truck, tending to her flower gardens, going to the casino, and playing Pinnacle and watching movies and mysteries with her family. One of her biggest highlights was visiting her daughter and granddaughters in Alaska. LaRae will be remembered for all her joy and laughter...most of all she will be remembered for living life to the fullest!

She will be lovingly remembered by her Fiance' – Mike Paulson of Clearbrook, MN.

Son – Travis Iverson of Clearbrook, MN.

Daughters – Lindsey (John) Earnest of Anchorage, AK; Sara (John) Bjerke of Clearbrook, MN;

Brooke Iverson of Clearbrook, MN; Emiley Iverson of Anchorage, AK; and Abbey Iverson of Fargo, ND.

Grandchildren – Kaydence Jorgenson, Kaylie Bjerke, Kalista Earnest, Madison Earnest,

Harper Earnest, and Brynlee Lang.

Mother – Lois Martine of Bagley, MN.

Sisters – Lorie (Tim) Sorenson of Bagley, MN; and Lisa Martine of Madison, WI.

Special Aunt – Connie Helgeson of Shelvin, MN.

Brothers-in-law – Jason (Angela) Paulson of Gonvick, MN; and Darren Paulson of St. Paul, MN.

Nephews and Nieces – Trent Sorenson, Tyler (Amber) Sorenson, and Tiffany (Trent) Sorenson all of Bagley, MN.

She was preceded in death by her Father – Roy Martine; Grandmother – Elaine Martine;

Father-in-law – Dave Paulson; and Mother-in-law – Sue Paulson.

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



Obituary for Marie Seeger

Our dear mother and grandmother, Marie Seeger, went home to her lord and savior and was reunited with her loving husband, Wally on July 5, 2023, at the age of 101.

Funeral services for Marie were held 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls, MN with Reverend Jonathan Dodson officiating. Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery near Red Lake Falls, MN.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Marie Johanna Waldal was born to Alfred and Rose (Thoreson) Waldal on August 11, 1921 in the small farmhouse where her parents raised 10 children in rural Plummer, Minnesota. Marie was baptized into the Lutheran faith on September 4, 1921 and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran country church. She attended Cloverland Country School, District 214 in Emdarville Township where she walked or skied the 1.5 miles to school with older brothers, neighbors, and younger sisters. She graduated from Pershing High

School in Plummer with the class of 1939. Marie was also an active member of the Busy Bee 4-H Club.

After high school Marie worked at the Agricultural Adjustment Act offices in Red Lake Falls, which later became the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). She took a 6-month break from working to attend the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston and completed the Business Training program in 1941, after which she returned to working at the ASCS office for many years, which later moved to Crookston.

Marie met the love of her life, Walter Seeger at a Leap Year Valentine Party in 1940 and they were united in marriage October 14, 1942. Following their wedding, they lived west of Red Lake Falls on the farm homesteaded by Wally's grandfather in 1917. It is on this farm that they raised their four children, Kathleen Rose Lee, Michael Jack, Steven Ernest and Bradley John together. Wally and Marie were charter members and instrumental in the starting of Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls in 1948. It was also that year that Marie and the newly created Ladies Aid started the tradition of the fall Norwegian-style Smorgasbord. It had been Marie's joy to watch the congregation grow from just six families to its present size. Throughout her life Marie was a member of various Bethany ladies' organizations, involved in 4-H work in the Lake Pleasant Club and the Lake Pleasant Homemakers Club and took part in the Red Lake County extension home study program.

Marie was an accomplished folk art painter, specializing in Norwegian Rosemaling, who honed her skill alongside her sister-in-law, Lois in California

on their annual trips to visit. Her passion for painting grew as she took classes to learn new painting techniques and styles and travelled to 15 European countries with Wally and on a French folk art tour she took with other American artists. In 1976, they built the Hytta on the banks of Seeger Pond next to their farmhouse. It is there that Marie enjoyed 30 years of teaching women from the surrounding area folk art painting and where she held her annual Boutique where she offered for sale many of her painting projects and those of her friends and students. Wally and Marie enjoyed exploring new places and over their years traveled to all 50 states at least once, with trips to California to visit family and Philadelphia to visit their daughter as a constant, as well as many countries visited overseas. Later in life she enjoyed her annual "Sisters on a Lark" getaways with her sisters, where they chose a new destination every year for a week of gabbing, shopping, and playing cards.

Marie was a great example of what it meant to enjoy life's simple pleasures; her first cup of coffee each morning – made by Wally, her daily devotional, tending to her flower gardens, painting in the Hytta, reading a great book, a visit from a dear friend, sharing a laugh, a tear or a hug and writing; correspondence, journaling, poetry, and family history.

Marie lived together with Wally almost inseparably for 60 years until Wally's death in 2001. She continued to live on the farm they loved so much for 19 years, with her sons just down the road before she made the decision to move to Sunset Court in town in early 2020. It is there that she lived out her final years. Those left to carry on her legacy include: one daughter;

Kathleen Baluarte of Philadelphia, PA and three sons; Michael (Cheryl), Steven (Carol) and Bradley (Tricia) all of Red Lake Falls, MN.

Grandchildren; Giselle (David) Gordon, David (Beth) Baluarte, Mark (Nicole) Wright, Beth (Jeff) Engebretson, Sara (fiancé Barry Trebil) Blake, Anne (Ryan) Archer, Nicholas (Julie) Seeger, Tania (special friend Shannon Gunderson) Waldal, Matt Wilson, Bryce (Karli) Wilson, Cole (Hannah) Seeger, Kelly (Ben) Pahlen, Dana (Jeremiah) Johnson, Travis (Katie) Seeger, Jacqueline (Ben) Gilles, Hilary Teiken, Joselyn, Tyee, Phillip and Andrew Seeger and 42 Great-Grandchildren. Sisters; Rosella McDonald of Portage, IN, Helen Ober of Flat Rock, MI, special cousin Audrey (Larry) Powers of Lakeport, CA and special nephew Robert (Suzanne) Ober of San Antonio, TX. Brother-in-law; Wes Myhre of Plummer, MN and sister-in-law; Erlaine Seeger of Santa Barbara, CA. She is also survived by many other relatives and countless friends.

Marie was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven by her husband Wally; grandson Levi Seeger; great-grandsons Tate & Tyson Seeger; parents Alfred & Rose Waldal; sisters; Selma Waldal, Clara (Jack) Auch, Beatrice (Clayton) Larson and Carolyn Myhre, brothers; James (Lydia), Alvin (Myrtle) and Lawrence (Emma) Waldal and brothers-in-law; Kenneth McDonald and Wayne Ober. In-laws Ernest and Lydia Seeger, Alvin Seeger, Reinhart (Lois) Seeger, Clara (Wayne) Lantz and Michael Seeger.

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Obituaries for Peter and Carol Marchand

Peter & Carol (St. George) Marchand, age 93 and age 88, respectively, of Bagley, MN. Peter passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 5th, and Carol on Monday, February 6th, at Essentia Health Living Center in Fosston. A Memorial Mass celebrating both of their lives will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley with Father John Melkies Svakeen presiding. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Bagley. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Friday (July 21st) and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. A Rosary will be said beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning prior to the Mass. All visitation and services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley. Military honors for Peter will be provided by the Air Force Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. Messages of condolence may be shared and a live-stream of the service viewed at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Peter George Marchand was born March 27th, 1929, in Rice, MN. Carol Lois St. George Marchand was born August 5th, 1934 in Bagley, MN. Peter attended high school at Bemidji High School, graduating in 1947. Following graduation, Peter attended Bemidji State University-then known as Bemidji State Teacher's College-graduating in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in Education. Following a year of study at Northern Michigan University, he received a fellowship to attend the Graduate School of Notre Dame in 1967, graduating with a double master's degree in Art History and Near Eastern studies. Carol graduated from Bagley High School in 1953, and attended Bemidji State Teacher's College from 1953 to 1955, majoring in Education and Music. Peter and Carol were wed October 15th, 1953 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley. They raised five children; Stephanie (Saylor), Peter, Susan (Roland), Priscilla (Waterhouse), and Jonathan. Apart from brief stints away for graduate study, Peter and Carol lived at the family farm south of Bagley for nearly all of their sixty-nine years of marriage.

Peter taught at Bagley High School for a total of forty-three years, forty full time and three post-retirement teaching the Humanities class. He was involved as a local lecturer, Vice Chair and educator with Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) for ten years after teaching his final high school class, bringing his total teaching years in the community to fifty three. Among the many subjects he taught were 20th Century World History, Ancient World, World Religions, Sociology, and the Humanities. Among his many duties and activities during his time at the district, Peter was the teacher advisor of the Bagley High School Yearbook, which was entirely student drafted, edited, and published. He was also President of the Teacher's Union for several years and was a staunch advocate and firm negotiator for his fellow teaching peers. Along with two tribal representatives, Peter was instrumental in authoring the licensing standards for the State of Minnesota Teacher's Board regarding human rights and dignity pertaining to Native Americans. Peter was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for many years, having been a Lector, Lay Minister, and Church Board member. Peter also worked for the Rural Energy Association with the Electrify American program as an electrician, working to supply

power to homes in rural Minnesota, and to restore power to storm-darkened households. As strong as his love for teaching was Peter's love of farming. He spent countless hours attending to every aspect of the family farm, from constructing buildings, to stringing fence, raising livestock, fixing machinery, harvesting alfalfa, and keeping painstakingly detailed farm ledgers. He often helped many neighbors to cut and haul hay, and was nearly (but not quite) a match for the Hromidko girls when it came to tossing bales, especially Loretta. Peter loved his tractors, his old cars, tuning in a Twins game on a Summer night as he tinkered in the garage, and most of all, he adored his wife.

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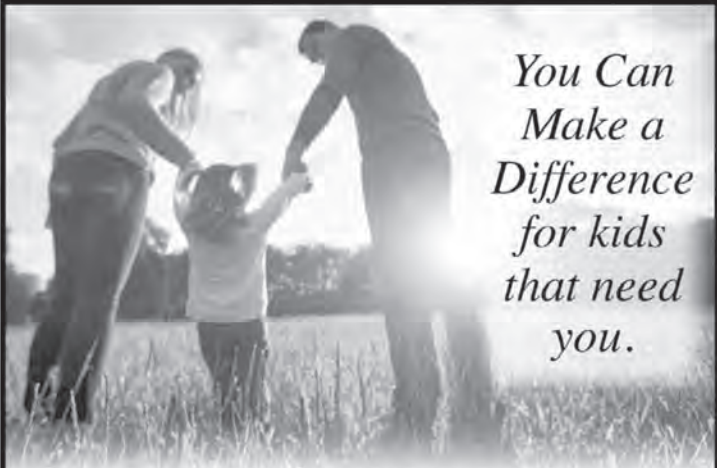
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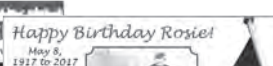
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Obituary for Randall Sundquist

Randall "Randy" Sundquist, 63, of Gonvick, Minnesota died on July 3, 2023, at his residence in Gonvick.

A private family service will be held. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Randy was born on June 9, 1960, at Chester, Montana, the son of Walter and Jan (Torgerson) Sundquist. He was baptized in Minneapolis and confirmed in Gonvick. He attended Elementary School until fourth grade in Minneapolis. In 1969, the family moved to Gonvick, where he went to school in Gonvick. Randy worked in construction and did a great deal of traveling for his job. In 2003, he was injured at work and had to retire.

Randy had the knack to make friends wherever he

was. He had the gift to gab with his delightful sense of humor and had the ability to wheel and deal. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, gardening, and drawing. He adored old cars, and he reveled in working on them. Randy played the harmonica and was a great Chess player. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Berner, MN. Randy's family was especially important to him, and he loved them very much.

He is survived by wife – Mickey Sundquist of Gonvick, MN; Daughter – Angie Sundquist of Farmington, MN; Son – Joey (Elise West) Sundquist of Gonvick, MN; 4 grandchildren – Austin Carter, Hailey Sundquist, Dawson Sundquist and Wesley Sundquist; Mom – Jan Nyland of Leonard, MN; Brother – Fred (Julie) Sundquist of Gonvick, MN; Sister – Julie (Kevin) Erickson of Leonard, MN; Brother-in-law – David (Cheryl) Erickson of Clearbrook, MN; Terry (Penny) Erickson of Leonard, MN; Elmer Erickson Jr. of Gonvick, MN; Mark Erickson of Superior, WI; Sister-in-law Nancy (Kenny) Eck of Duluth, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his dad- Walter; Brother – Joel; his in-laws – Elmer and Anna Erickson; Sister-in-law Darlene (Donnie) Peterson and Brother-in-law Gary Erickson.

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Obituaries for Charles & Faye Brinkman

Charles "Chuck" & Faye Brinkman, age 76 and age 69, respectively, passed away on June 18, 2022, and July 19, 2022. A graveside service and interment for both Chuck and Faye will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, at Asphult Cemetery, rural McIntosh. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Chuck was born on October 25, 1945, in Fosston, Minnesota, the son of Ervin and Gina (Vasend) Brinkman. He graduated from McIntosh, MN High School in 1963. He was baptized in the Christian faith as an infant in northern Minnesota. He moved to the Twin Cities in 1967 and bought into a machine shop in 1969. He later started his own enterprise and, after 46 years, retired as a machinist. Chuck married Faye Weber in 1985 and the two enjoyed over 37 years of marriage. He raised his two sons, Jeff and Rich, and stepdaughter, Rachele. Later in life, Chuck was baptized at and was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Chuck is survived by his son, Richard (Carole); step-

daughter, Rachele (Chris) Lister; grandchildren, Kristine and Lukas Brinkman; and step grandchildren, Owen and Dylan Lister. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Brinkman; his parents; three brothers and one sister.

Faye was born on October 11, 1952, in Karlstad, Minnesota, the daughter of Harvey and Dorothy (Turner) Pederson. She joined a family of five brothers and loved growing up on the farm. Faye graduated from Karlstad High School in 1970 and then went on to vocational school and worked in various avenues in the medical field. She eventually went back to school and earned her nursing degree. She worked at Methodist Hospital as an oncology nurse for 25 years. She believed God called her to be of service to others. She loved her patients and loved people in general, making friends wherever she went. She volunteered in hospice, memory care, children's ministries and more, always lending a hand to those in need. She enjoyed entertaining, gardening and traveling. Faye was baptized in 1981 and later became an active member of Berean Baptist Church. She married Charles (Chuck) Brinkman in 1985 and raised her only child, Rachele, who followed her footsteps with a nursing career.

Faye is survived by her daughter, Rachele (Chris) Lister; stepson, Richard (Carole) Brinkman; grandchildren, Owen Lister, Dylan Lister, Kristine Brinkman and Lukas Brinkman; brothers, Wayne (Lynette) Pederson, James Pederson, Glenn Pederson and Rick Pederson as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Dale Pederson and stepson, Jeffrey Brinkman.

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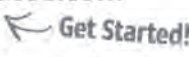
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The Rhizosphere

By Dan Sherman
Beltrami County Master Gardeners

I gardened for a lot of years without knowing the term rhizosphere but it seems very relevant and useful to me now. The rhizosphere is a thin layer of soil surrounding plant roots where the plant secretes liquids and sugar that support soil microbes which in turn make essential nutrients available to the plants. It isn't new. The term first appeared in Germany in the early 1900s. Rhizo is a Latin word for root.

Gardeners have been working with the rhizosphere for a long time without knowing about it. Rhizobium is a bacteria which helps legumes like garden beans and peas and farm crops like clover and alfalfa convert atmospheric nitrogen into a form of nitrogen that plants can use. If you are growing legumes in a new soil that hasn't been growing legumes it is worth your time and money to add microbial rhizobium (inoculate) in your seed rows. Rhizobium is available at seed stores and in seed catalogs. It is proven by science.

An internet search on biostimulants will reveal a great abundance of new products that you can purchase to supply and support the microbiome of your garden soil. I don't have additional knowledge of these and I haven't tried them. I am confident that I have good soil microbes in my garden that are working for me.

The microbiome extends beyond bacteria to include fungus, single celled microbes like amoebas and parameciums and insects like springtails and also wormlike nematodes. The larger organisms including garden worms serve as chewers to break down larger particles for bacteria to consume plus they move the tiny microbes around in the soil.

Bacteria, along with the very similar archaea, is tiny. It is said that 250,000 to 500,000 bacteria can fit on the period at the end of this sentence. They are not very mobile so they are dependent on other soil organisms to move them through the soil.

Microbes don't directly feed plants but when they die or excrete waste the nutrients are available to plants. If they are in the rhizosphere the chemicals will be available to plants for a while before converting back to more stable molecules. There is a group of beneficial fungus which grows into plant roots which may directly feed plants.

Our vegetable garden soils are dominated by bacteria while our perennial gardens and trees are dominated by communities of fungus. We can support these communities by applying organic mulches, compost, and compost teas. Compost teas are made by putting compost in water and aerating it with air bubbles for several days.

Microbes can be destroyed by chemical insecticides and herbicides, by concentrated fertilizers of salts and by soil tillage. I haven't given up my rotor-tiller yet. I have my excuses.

Much of what I have learned about soil microbes I have read in book called Teaming with Microbes by Lowenfels and Lewis. It is good reading for gardeners. A book which I have read excerpts from and have recently ordered is Building Soils for Better Crops by Magdoff and Van Es. I especially like their description of carbon in the soil which begins with the Living microbes; the dead; the fresh residues of microbes, dead plants and animals, and the very dead which are organic substances that don't break down easily which is where I think peat comes in. Their last category is char or charcoal which has some interesting history and shows



The 2023 Polk County Fair Chocolate Contest was held during the fair, and boy did they have some amazing desserts! But of course there is only 3 winners for adults and 3 for the youth. The adult winners from right to left, 1st place Jesiah Showers made Flourless Chocolate Torte. 2nd place Emily Boucher made Smore cake. 3rd place Cheri Hasbrouck made White Chocolate Raspberry Ripple.



The youth winners (starting from the right) 3rd place Karl Schwartz made Brownies. 2nd Place Sadie Wishard made Chocolate Lava Cakes. 1st place Klaudia Kutsev made Chocolate Cream Roll.

a lot of potential but I haven't found a place for it in my garden.

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.

Agassiz ELC Nature Programs

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Sunday, July 16th, 2:00-3:30 PM, Nature Center Building and Restored Prairie

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Bemidji Speedway “Young Guns & Kids Night”

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By Dennis Peterson

The “Young Guns” took over Bemidji Speedway on Sunday and claimed four of the seven feature wins. Young Guns is a term used in racing describing the under 20 year old racers. 29 of the 80 cars in attendance on Sunday were introduced prior to the start of racing on Sunday.

Windy and warm temps greeted a packed house once again with the threat of rain coming from the west the program was kept moving to get the action- packed events in. During intermission it was also “Kids Night” with all kids 12 and under getting free admission to the races. During the intermission everyone was invited on track to meet their favorite drivers and pick up treats and hero cards from the drivers.

Next Sunday is “Women of Racing” night where all the women who race Bemidji Speedway will be introduced. All women in the grandstands will receive \$10.00 admission to the races.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature:

Brandon Puschinsky and Cam Labelle led the field of Wissota Pure Stocks to the green flag with #35 Josh Berg from his second row outside position taking the lead following a couple of yellow flag restarts. Austin Carlson and Deryk Weleski followed Berg up into second and third. A four car battle developed Justin Barsness, Weleski, Josh Bitker and Labelle before another caution sent Kade Leeper to the rear for a restart. Leeper made up the ground lost ground quickly regaining a top three spot by the end of the race. Berg went on to win the race and complete a clean sweep. Carlson, Leeper, Bitker and Weleski finished in the top five.

Wissota Hornet Feature:

14 Wissota Hornets were next on track with Dylan Black on the pole and Brooke Vernlund outside. After two unsuccessful attempts at a start and several cars dropping out the race went green with Vernlund in the lead followed by Black, Chad Reller, Travis Olafson and Cejay LaValley. Reller moved up to pass Black for second with Olafson following as Black dropped off the pace. Olafson moved up high on the track and into second. Following a restart Olafson raced inside down the front straight and into the lead. A excellent duel between LaValley and Reller racing door to door for third with Cejay LaValley taking it at the line. Olafson picked up the win with Vernlund, LaValley, Reller, and Jayme Gordon in the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature:

14 Bemidji Mini stocks cruised on track led by Jason Hunter and Ashton Schwinn. Lap one went to Schwinn with Hunter, Shannon George, Hayden Engen, and Conrad Schwinn trailing. The elder Schwinn, Conrad raced to the top and into third before a caution flag was thrown for a spin by Hunter. The restart had Ashton Schwinn out front trailed by George, Conrad Schwinn, Cory Nelson and Peyton Emerson. A series of spins and debris cautions slowed the racing before a single file restart was declared. Kalin Honer started in the fourth row inside worked his way up into third following an excellent duel with Cory Nelson. Ashton Schwinn picked up the win with his dad Conrad close behind him. Honer, Engen, and Emerson finished in the top five.

Wissota Midwest Modified Feature:

Noah Bitz and Cory Peterson led the Wissota Midwest Mods down the front straight but into the back straightaway it was Joey LaValley from his third row start taking over the lead with fellow young gun Brennan Schmidt following him into second. A fantastic start to the race had the crowd fixed on the action as LaValley danced around the track using mostly the highside berm. Behind the two leaders were Bitz, Peterson and Brandon Bahr in the top five. Making a move up from his fourth row starting position was Gary James Nelson racing high and low to make the passes. LaValley's lead continued to grow with each lap. Schmidt's lead over the third place car was about the same as the two former feature winners ran away from the field. In a flag to flag feature that took just 4 minutes and 35 seconds LaValley picked up his second feature win in two weeks. Schmidt, Brandon Bahr, Nelson and Peterson trailed.



Bemidji Speedway Fireman, Chris Oelrich handing out freezes during Meet The Drivers.



Fans on the track Meeting Drivers.



Modified driver, Lance Schilling handing out goodies to fans.



Pure Stock winner - Josh Berg.



Hornet Winner - Travis Olafson.



Super Stock winner - Jack Koranda.

Wissota Super Stock Feature:

Matt Sparby and Brandon Bahr led the Wissota Super stocks down the front straight and into turn one. Sparby grabbed the lead with Bahr, Jack Koranda, Garrett Masurka and Nic Lewis in the top five. Koranda moved up and challenged Bahr for second and inside turns one and two made the pass as Sparby had a huge lead Koranda began his quest to catch the #81 of Sparby. The battle between Koranda and Bahr wasn't over though with Bahr once again racing side by side for second and now with Dalton Carlson on their bumpers. A caution slowed the race and brought the field back together for the restart. Sparby led the pack with Bahr, Koranda, Carlson and Lewis chasing. Koranda moved up high and Sparby held the inside around the track they waged a side by side duel. The white flag waved and Koranda, from

Bluffton, Mn. made the winning pass. The young gun picked up his first win at Bemidji Speedway. Sparby, Bahr, Lewis, and Carlson filled the top five spots.

Wissota Mod Four Feature:

The Wissota Mod Fours were led on track by Jonathon Feda and Ashton Schwinn. In a wild start five competitors battle down the back straight for the lead with Feda, Kalin Honer, Ashton Schwinn, Nick McCann and Conrad Schwinn all in the mix. McCann moved up high and dropped back down looking for the fast lane. The field of mod fours spread out around the track with Feda gaining a three car length lead out front over Honer. Feda held his line and picked up his first ever clean sweep wins in the mod four class. The young gun was joined by his family in Victory Lane for a special celebration. Honer, Ashton Schwinn, McCann, and Conrad Schwinn finished in the top five in a flag

to flag race.

Wissota Modified Feature:

As the dark clouds surrounded the track to the north and south the final race of the night was the Wissota Modifieds. Billy Kendall was on the pole with Skyler Smith to his right. Kendall raced into the lead with Smith, Jeff Reed, John Farrington and Josh Beaulieu trailing on the super-fast track. Smith raced high and then low to move up side by side with Kendall. Reed powered up to join the leaders for a three car duel out front. Reed raced low in turns 3-4 as Smith stayed up high as Reed moved into second. Reed looked inside the leader Kendall with Kendall holding his line and the lead. On the final lap Reed and Kendall were side by side with the packed crowd on their feet Reed surged ahead on the back straight and picked up his first win of the season in a tremendous flag to flag race. Kendall, Smith,

Beaulieu, and Lance Schilling rounded out the top five ending a fantastic night of racing.

Rodin and Pederson take tour wins at GRP

by Keith Cumming

Well it was another great night for racing as the Greenbush Race Park hosted the Rebel Midwest Mod tour along with the Dirt Race Central Street Stock tour.

The Rebel Midwest Mod tour was rained out two weeks ago and luckily officials were able to reschedule the event. Haley Lee and Lucas Rodin would lead the 21 car field to the green. Lee lead the first lap before the first caution flew. On the restart Rodin got the jump on the leader and was out in front exiting corner two. Four more cautions flew with the last coming with five to go. Rodin was never challenged for the lead as he went on to get the win, but it was a great race for positions two through five with nothing being decided until the checkers flew. Jarrod Klein would finish second with Justin Jones third. Lee, Aaron Blacklance, and Alex Johnson picking up the heat wins.

The first two years the Race Park hosted the Street Stock tour, they ended in rain outs so as they say the third time is a charm as the Street tour was finally able to complete a feature. Tucker Pederson drew the number one spot for the feature and took full advantage of the starting position. The Streeters ran 25 laps caution free with Pederson in control. The second half of the race Pederson and second place runner Justin Vogel had to work their way through lapped traffic, but Vogel could not gain any ground on the leader. Pederson went on to pick up his first Street Stock tour win and second win of the year at the Park. Vogel finished second and won his heat and Jonny Carter was third. Josh Barker and Jaden Christ picked up the other heat wins.

A caution on lap two was the only thing that slowed the Wissota Modified feature as Aaron Holtan lead the last 19 laps to pick up his first win and sweep of the year. Josh Beaulieu finished second and Dustin Wahl was third. Mark Esala picked up the other heat win.

Dusty Caspers lead all 15 laps of the Wissota Pure Stock feature as he picked up his second win of the year. Aaden Olson finished second and Steve Nordhagen third. Brandon Puschinsky got the lone heat win.

Up next at the Park will be just a regular night of racing featuring the Wissota Modifieds, Streets, Midwest Mods, and Pure Stocks along with the 4 Cylinders. Pit gates open at 4:30, the grandstands at 5:30. Cutoff for the draw is at 6pm with racing starting at 7pm sharp. For more info follow us on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park of on the web at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>.

(SAIL) leader training and refresher course

Retired Seniors Volunteer Program of the Red River Valley will host a free Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) leader training and refresher course on Thursday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Master Trainer Sue Degallier will train new and current leaders in an evidence-based strength and balance fitness class designed for older adults.

Meals are provided and RSVP volunteers are eligible for travel reimbursement.

Contact RSVP to register today! Call 218-281-8289 or email rsvprrv@umn.edu. Visit www.umnccrookston.edu/rsvp for more information. If you would like to be a SAIL leader, but are unable to attend the course please contact RSVP.

This course is sponsored by RSVP of the Red River Valley, Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, AmeriCorps Seniors, and Active Aging Program Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota.

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