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Steve Olson's hitchhike adventure to Conrad, Montana

By Pamela French
On the morning of Saturday June 8th, with only a backpack and 1/2 bottle of water, Steve Olson was out on Hwy 2 thumbing for his first ride on his adventure to hitchhike to Conrad, Montana.
Steve was inspired by the story of Tom Nass, et al, who re-enacted the mule driven covered wagon trip his ancestors made 90 years ago from Iowa to Bagley. The group had \$66.00 when they left Iowa and had \$33 remaining upon their arrival in Bagley.
Back in 1963, at the age of 15, Steve left Bagley on foot, with his thumb, and not a penny in his pocket, heading to Conrad, MT in hopes of finding work. He said Chuck Sather and Gerald Dyrdaahl were already there;



Steve Olson getting a send off from daughter Amanda and Son Matt.



First ride!

they had a car! Soon after Jerry Brovold, Steve Hughes, Richard Nybo, Butch Peterson, Ronny Eck and Michael Dyrdaahl joined the bunch. They too had cars!
Gary Bonik was the first driver that came upon Steve at the Cenex Gas Station. He told Steve he had read on Facebook about Steve's cryptic adventure, and out of concern, wanted to see what Steve was up to. Gary took him to Fosston!
Steve said the trip to Conrad, MT was 1000 miles. It took him two days to get there, going about 500 miles and 10 hrs each day.
One of Steve's memorable rides came near the end of day one, about two miles West of Williston, ND. Steve noticed the western skies were very dark and filled with ominous clouds.

A driver heading east towards Williston saw Steve and turned around. The driver offered Steve a ride back to town, as he didn't want him to be caught in the huge storm that was coming.
Steve accepted the ride back to Williston. The driver stopped near a Hampton Inn. He told Steve he would take him to the other side of town, closer to the oil fields, as motels were much cheaper. Steve said the Hampton Inn was fine. A very perplexed driver asked Steve why would he be hitchhiking if he could afford "this" hotel. Steve shared his adventure to the amusement of the driver.

On day two, Steve got several rides and was in Havre, MT, 150 miles from Conrad, MT. He was across from a Walmart parking lot. He said it was a very hot, humid 93 degree day. A woman and her son in the parking lot saw Steve. She thought he looked haggard, his face very red, and concerned there was no place for him to find shade. She drove up to him, she only had but 2-3 miles to go, but thought this would get him out of the sun for a moment. Steve didn't want to leave the city speed limits of 30 mph, as interstate speed limits were 80 mph. She told Steve to get in, she would take him to the next town. During the drive Steve shared the story of his adventure, as well as other stories as only Steve can tell. Steve noticed they had passed through several small towns, yet they were still heading west. Finally, the woman said, "I'm going to take you the whole way, I can't stand the thought of you out there in this heat burning up!" Once in Conrad, Steve offered to pay the lady several times for her trouble and gas. She refused saying, "You don't have to be paid to be a nice person!"
Steve stayed in Conrad 3 days visiting a friend, who then drove him to Great Falls, ID, to the home of former Bagley resident and friend, Dwayne Ottness. Dwayne would then drive Steve to the airport for his flight home to Fargo, where son Matt would pick him up.

Steve recalled the low point of his adventure came on Sunday morning (day 2). He got his first ride that morning in Williston, ND. The driver said, "If you are out at the State Line Club, there are two casinos, (one on each side of the MT/ND border) that would be your best bet to get your next ride!"
After being dropped off, Steve noticed neither casino was open. Steve ended up walking 3-4 hrs in the heat. He was eventually picked up. Steve said, "That was the longest trip to Havre, MT I've ever had to endure!" God must have seen Steve's plight, as the high point of Steve's adventure was his next ride from the lady and her son in Havre, MT.
Steve's final thought, "My hitchhiking days are over!"
(Note: I do not recommend hitchhiking in any way.)



Cabin Owners Association, (Poopla) People of our Pine Lake Association, have put up a new sign for Pine Lake just south of Gonvick. The first sign was installed by Larry Skala. Cabin owners, Ralph Wittendorf and Cindy Bushelle were present. Building materials were donated by Quiet Nook Lumber and the sign was designed by Steve Ballard of Leonard.

Highway 59 south of Thief River Falls enters third and final stage of construction

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced the Highway 59 project south of Thief River Falls is near completion. Crews began Stage 3 activities on July 24. This stage includes removal of the bypass lane at Pennington County Road 3, and begin construction of the east leg of the roundabout. The roundabout will be open at the north, south and west legs. This stage also includes a complete resurfacing of the rest of the corridor from Pennington County Road 53 to Thief River Falls.
Motorists can expect a detour beginning July 24 for eastbound

traffic on Pennington County Road 3. The project includes replacing culverts, resurfacing Highway 59 as well as constructing a roundabout at Pennington County Road 3. The project is on schedule to be complete mid-August, weather permitting.
The contractor for this \$8.6 million dollar project is RJ Zavoral and Sons. This project will create a safer, longer lasting driving surface, improve drainage and a safer intersection. Visit the project website below for more information, detour maps and sign up for email updates. www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/hwy59-s-trf

Important reminders for motorists regarding work zone safety:
• Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate through with care and caution.
• Stay alert; work zones constantly change.
• Watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.
• Obey posted speed limits. Fine for a violation in a work zone is \$300.
• Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
• Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.



Roundabout near completion south of Thief River Falls.

MFU encourages farmers to comment on FTC-DOJ guidelines

ST. PAUL – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish released the following statement on the updated merger guidelines proposed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) today.
"For decades farmers and rural communities have been increasingly squeezed by corporate monopolies," Wertish said. "Updating the existing merger guidelines is a critical

step in reigning in powerful corporations and creating a level playing field for farmers, workers and other small business owners."
The FTC-DOJ merger guidelines reflect the agencies' interpretation of antitrust law and explain the kinds of mergers the FTC and DOJ will challenge. The first merger guidelines were written in 1968 and have received occasional updates and changes since. The new revisions can be found

here and individuals can submit comments on the revisions here. The public comment period will close on Sept. 18, 2023.
"MFU will be reviewing the guidelines and submitting comments and I encourage farmers to provide comments too so that antitrust enforcement agencies understand the conditions on the ground in rural communities and within agriculture," Wertish said.
In recent decades the agricultural industry has become

extremely concentrated with just four firms controlling 54 percent to 85 percent of meat-packing, 85 percent of corn seeds and 76 percent of soybean seeds while just three companies make 95 percent of large farm tractors. This consolidation is one reason that farmers have seen their share of each dollar spent on food decline from 50 cents in 1952 to 14.3 cents in 2021, the lowest on record. This consolidation is not only impacting agriculture

but is pervasive across the economy. Between 1997 and 2012, 75 percent of industries became more consolidated and since 2005 the economy has become 50 percent more concentrated. If consolidation is left unchecked, the Economic Security Project estimates that the United States will have one company by 2070.
Minnesota Farmers Union has been a leader in the effort to reign in the power of corporate monopolies. In addition to being

a part of the National Farmers Union's Fairness for Farmers campaign, MFU has worked to pass groundbreaking antitrust legislation. This includes a new law passed during the 2023 legislative session that establishes oversight of large hospital mergers and provides the Attorney General with new authority to block mergers that would create monopolies, increase prices or reduce access to care.

St. Croix Watershed now in drought warning phase

Affected communities directed to implement water use restrictions
With drought conditions continuing to expand in Minnesota, the St. Croix Watershed has moved from the Drought Watch to Drought Warning Response Phase. Public water suppliers in the watershed area must now implement water restrictions. The Minnesota portion of the St. Croix Watershed includes all or part of Washington, Anoka, Isanti, Chisago, Pine, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Carlton and Aitkin

counties and an extreme north-east portion of Ramsey County. Per Minnesota's Statewide Drought Management Plan, the DNR will be convening the State Drought Task Force and taking other actions specified in the plan, as drought conditions continue and intensify in some portions of Minnesota.
Additionally, suspensions of surface water appropriation permits in watersheds experiencing continued minimum stream flows will begin Sunday, July 23. Permits are under

review in watersheds having recently reached critically low flows, which is described in Streamflow Water use types considered for suspension include irrigation, dust control, sand and gravel washing, and some types of construction-related water use. Permits for public drinking water are not suspended. The DNR contacts permit holders directly if and when permit suspensions will be required.
The weekly U.S. Drought Monitor released Thursday,

July 20 shows that more than 80% of Minnesota is experiencing abnormally dry and/or moderate drought conditions. Areas of severe drought are expanding and, for the first time this year, small areas of the state, located in southeastern Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metro area, have moved into the extreme drought category.
• 30% percent of Minnesota is experiencing abnormally dry conditions
• 52% percent of the state is in moderate drought, un-

changed from last week
• 17% percent of Minnesota is in severe drought, up from 11% last week
• 1.5% of the state is in extreme drought, up from 0% last week
Eleven watersheds in Minnesota remain in the Drought Watch Response Phase.
When a watershed reaches the Drought Warning Response Phase, public water suppliers in that watershed are required to implement water conservation measures, with the goal

of reducing water consumption to 50% above January levels. Importantly, municipalities need not be in a warning phase watershed to implement restrictions for water conservation while current dry conditions persist.
Drought conditions typically lead to increased irrigation for crops, lawns and athletic fields, which leads to additional strain on Minnesota's water resources.

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Bemidji Speedway "Father & Daughter Race Teams"



Matt and Alexa Sparby.

7/19/2023

By Dennis Peterson

It has always been true that fathers and sons would enjoy racing stock cars together but in the last few years a new race team has developed. The "Father and Daughter" race team. This year at Bemidji Speedway there are seven such teams.

The Sparby family race team consists of Matt "52" and Alexa "20". Matt began racing in 2004 and has raced in the Super Stock, Midwest Modified, Modified and Late Model classes. He was named track champion in 2016, 2017, 2021 and 2022. His favorite race memory was a clean sweep in both the Midwest Modifieds and the Super Stocks all in one night at Bemidji. He qualified for the Wissota 100 and raced his Late Model in Arizona during the winter months.

Alexa raced a mini stock once when she was just 14 years old in 2017. She is now in her rookie season in the Wissota Pure Stocks. She says, "no championships or wins yet, but working on it." She is in her final year of studies at Bemidji State University in the criminal justice program and plans to graduate in the spring. She also enjoys flying and has her private pilots license in both an airplane and helicopter and is almost finished getting her float plane rating.

The Sparby's can be seen each Sunday at Bemidji Speedway with races starting at 5:30.



Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and food that friends and neighbors provided for us in the time of Tony's death. Thank you to Carlin Funeral Home for the caring services they provided. A special thank you to the ladies of St. Francis who provided such an awesome meal for the family after the services. And thank you Father Bryan for your comforting words and help. We would not have gotten through this time without everyone's kindness and prayers. We live in such a great and caring community.

Virginia
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Grandsons and great grandchildren

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University of North Dakota posts 2023 spring semester graduates

The University of North Dakota's Office of the Registrar today issued its Spring Semester 2023 list of graduates, including Doctor of Medicine graduates from the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences.

The University, with this notice, also is re-issuing its 2023 spring semester Deans List and President's Roll of Honor, in case you missed it when those lists were previously issued in June. Spring 2023 Commencement names:

LaFerriere, Dylan M., Bachelor of Business Administration, Bagley

Bergman, Emily R. Bachelor of Arts**, B.S. in Social Work** Clearbrook

Bodensteiner, Elizabeth G., Doctor of Physical Therapy, Golvick

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Drought...

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Moderate drought (D1) is characterized by dry soil conditions, stressed crops and river/lake levels being lower than normal. Severe drought (D2) is characterized by very low river flow, hard ground and a higher potential for severe impacts on agriculture. Extreme drought (D3) may result in early harvest of corn and increased risk of wildfires. Some degree of drought occurs in Minnesota nearly every year.

"Even in a state with 10,000 lakes — actually, 11,842 of at least 10 acres in size — it is important for all residents to have a water conservation mindset," Minnesota DNR Climatologist Kenny Blumenfeld said. "It is important for all water users to look at how much water they're using and commit to using less, not just during drought but on an ongoing basis."

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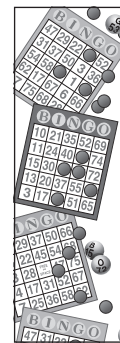
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The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a full-time kitchen cook for the 2023-2024 school year. Hours are Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Wage is negotiable dependent on experience, with a new minimum hourly wage of \$15.27 per hour. Must enjoy working with kids, pass a ServeSafe food safety course, and be able to pass a background check. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.

Please submit application, resume, and letter of interest to:
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Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us



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

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching licensure, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us

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Director of Indian Education position. Applicants must have a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree as well as a valid driver's license. Experience in Indian Education is preferred but not required.

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.

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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 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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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Stuck Truck (Remnants from a trip to Guatemala)

“It's important to live life from the perspective of reception rather than being reactive in any given situation.” This quote came from a husband/wife psychologist team I listen to on the radio from time to time. I listen in whenever possible because they are cool, calm and collected. They speak daily and people from all over the United States call in. It's free advice, free wisdom, another birds-eye-view upon the world and it's fascinating to hear what they have to say. Their rationale is from a Christian world view and I learn.

The quote above was good advice and the thought of being receptive sounded better than the flares that fire up from within when being reactive to things I have no control over. Being receptive is apparently living with arms wide open when something happens that you are not expecting. Opening up to the Lord and asking Him—“What do you want me to learn from this situation and how can I respond to it in a way that reflects the best You created me to be?” In other words, how can I stay tuned in to Your perspective, Lord, and trust that You have the best interest in mind for all involved.

It all sounded good alright, until I was descending a mountain from on high in a foreign country with a plane to catch. As our van load of travelers enjoyed the magnificent surroundings while descending the mountain, there before us, was a stuck truck. I mean, it was going nowhere and neither were we. There was no way around it; it was hogging both sides of the road as it failed to make the turn. This was no ordinary truck. It was a huge semi loaded with things for people up the mountain. We needed to go down, and it needed to go up.

Once we stopped, most of us within the vehicle did the only logical thing. We piled out of the van and gawked. We marveled at the men yelling to one another as they gave commands as to what they thought the trucker should do. They weren't yelling at one another in anger; they just couldn't hear one another above the loud noise of the truck.

I looked at the time and cal-

culated that it might be a long journey back up the mountain from whence we'd come...and a long time coming before we could get another flight out...and it looked to be a long time before that truck was going to be able to get up and running anywhere. As the traffic began to pile up behind us, hope gave way to every negative thought about what could be the result of this happenstance.

However, another unexpected turn came when what looked to be an impossible situation changed as inch by inch that truck began to move. It gave one last mighty try, and sure enough was soon out of our way. The total delay time was not much more than about ½ hour and soon, we were off—“like a dirty shirt” (as dad would have said). As it moved up, we were able to move down and to make it more clear as to why this was so important....there was no other way down the mountain. This was the route and we were either going to make it, or we were going to have to turn back.

From our vantage point we believed the driver had been remiss in trying to pass another on the road and thus, got stuck. However, once we were on the other side and into the area where the truck had been, we

saw the other side of the situation more clearly. The driver had been a victim of a mudslide and was merely trying to survive without causing more damage to the vehicles coming and going. In fact, ultimately, had it not been for the truck blocking the road, other smaller vehicles may have skidded right off the mountain.

So, in the end, perhaps when we are receptive to believing the best about situations people find themselves in, we will become less reactive in our conclusions attached. Our personal presuppositions about others in life—and the circumstances surrounding them truly doesn't do much good for any involved.

One of the commandments states that we are not to bear false witness against our neighbor. Of this I had been guilty in my thoughts and no doubt in a few words I let escape from my mouth while waiting to see if that which was before me would cramp my style.

Rather than bearing false witness in thought, word, and deed, perhaps we might turn to 1 Cor. 13:12 for better reception. “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. So now faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.” Amen.

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720 John Deere update!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



A couple of summers ago I made two trips to Crystal, ND. I had never been to Crystal but I made two trips there that summer....why you ask....I think you know.....a tractor! A 720 John Deere tractor that has been sitting in a backyard and was nearly hidden by a lilac bush. Trip number one was to measure for the trailer and trip two was to haul it home!

I enlisted the help of my friend Jon Smith to come along and that is good because I needed a foreman! The old 720 had been in that spot for a while and had settled into the ground. We tried to tug it out but it would hardly budge?!? We discovered the brakes were locked up. Project one was to remove the brakes. After some fighting and maybe some swearing the brakes were removed. Now we could pull it out into the open. It was fun to see it in the daylight. Now came the labor intensive part, winching it up on the trailer. Click, click, click, and click, slowly the 720 came up on the trailer! Mostly cranked by Jon!! Now just the 2 hour trip home! I had to take some pictures of loading and unloading because that is the way I am.

Well, I have done some tinkering over the last couple years, but finally this summer I did get the head removed and the carburetor rebuilt! Maybe a little progress! This past weekend I had my 40th class reunion. What fun! We came to my place to sit around the yard, grill burgers and low and behold someone said let's take a picture on Mick's tractor. Well, sitting in my yard is the 720, so we climbed up on it and got a Class of 83 reunion picture! I

love pictures. So this one will go in one of my albums or maybe up on the wall!

I am sure you all have family albums with pictures of days gone by, but do you also have “tractor albums?” I sure do! I have pictures of old family tractors, new family tractors, and tractor show after tractor show. I have two huge tractor scrap books. One is full of pictures of tractors my family had or has now. The other is full of tractor pulls and shows I have been to over the years. I am sure when I am dead and gone my kids will say, “Why the ---- did dad take so many tractor pictures?!” well he loves tractors!

On my wall I already have a picture of a 720 from the summer of 1998. It features my 9 year old son, Nickolas, driving my friend Duane Whyte's 720 John Deere diesel. It was a row crop 720 with a wide front and pony motor start. The pony motor did not work so when you wanted to start it you had to give it a pull! After that it ran like a top. In fact, I wish I had it today!

You see back in 1956, the model 720 Diesel came to Nebraska to be tested. Low and behold the 720 continued the two cylinder tradition and broke yet another fuel economy record!! What was amazing about this accomplishment was that the 720's record would stand for 27 years!! John Deere engineers attributed the reason for the great fuel efficiency was the two cylinder design, a 16:1 compression ratio, and the geometric design of the pistons and the cylinder head to create increased turbulence in the cylinders. They referred

to this as “cyclonic fuel intake!” Whatever the reason, for a long period of time the John Deere two cylinder diesels were the kings of fuel economy.

I can remember watching my nine year old son, Nick, heading back and forth and back and forth with that 720 and a 10 foot tandem disc. It was dry and no danger of getting stuck and the disc had no hydraulics so he didn't have to worry about extra controls. I was proud of Nick! Like I said I have a 5 X 7 picture of Nick driving that 720 that day on my wall! Now I have two grandsons. Maybe someday one of my grandsons Archer or Callan can drive the 720 I brought home. I sure hope so!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. The Pony Motor(starting motor) on an R John Deere had how many cylinders?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

2. The 720 Pony Motor had _____ cylinders.
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

3. The 70, 80 and 720 all had _____ forward speed transmission.
A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 6

4. T or F the 720 had all fuel, gasoline, LP, and Diesel versions.

5. T or F the 720 was made in row-crop and standard tread versions.

Answers: 1. B. 2. D. 4. 3. C. 6 4. True 5. True



Some of the Oklee High School Class of 83 on the 720 John Deere. Front: Matt Radniecki, Barb (Lessard) Guzek, Shelley (Olson) Thompson, Roxanne (Plante) Finseth, Liz (Gunderson) Westlake, Jon Lindquist. Back: Liz (Olson) Deraney, Jeanne (Dulka) Lindquist, Randy Koralewski, Eric Mickelson.

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UMN Crookston STEM/CREST program raising funds for mobile lab to provide opportunities to K-12 students



The Center for Rural Education in Science and Technology (CREST) was established at the University of Minnesota Crookston in 2022 to allow surrounding underserved, under-represented schools to afford equal opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Their focus is on enhancing, improving, and impacting STEM accessibility in education, and they provide professional development, classroom instruction, STEM competition support, and on-campus educational opportunities for students and educators.

In order to best serve the education needs in northwest Minnesota, one of the needs to address is equipment that students and educators can use to better understand agricultural based STEM concepts.

"These items can be expensive and not feasible for each school district or home-school group to purchase," says CREST and STEM Outreach Coordinator Amber Murry. "CREST plans to offer groups the opportunity to experience activities that more affluent communities have access to. This could be done either by bringing a mobile lab to their location or visiting the UMN Crookston campus."

CREST is currently fundraising to purchase the equipment and infrastructure needed to make a mobile lab possible. To make a donation to the Center for Rural Education in Science and Technology (CREST), visit <https://makingagift.umn.edu/give/fund.html?id=24884#0>.

Another need that CREST could address with a mobile lab is the lack of resources and logistics of school districts offering out-of-classroom educational experiences. Schools are having a hard time finding support personnel (e.g., substitute teachers, bus drivers) to provide opportunities for students to engage in educational activities outside of the classroom. With the mobile lab traveling to the school, it eliminates that barrier.

Over the 2022-2023 academic school year, CREST events included:

- 6th-8th grade scientific inquiries with Franklin Middle

School of Thief River Falls

- 43 students from Homelife Homeschool Group K-12 doing a tour of the University Teaching and Outreach Center, and learning about potato enzymes, robotics, and food analysis

- 20 students from Crookston Boy Scouts learning about copper chemistry, DNA, robotics, and fingerprinting

- 12 students from a home-school group learning about fatty lab, DNA, robotics, and virtual reality

- 43 students from Ada-Borup High School 9th-12th grade learning about copper chemistry, potato enzymes, VR, robotics, 3D printing, and food analysis

- 175 students from East Grand Forks Middle School 8th grade learning about Earth science and plate tectonics

- 57 students from Warroad High School 9th-12th grade doing a tour of the greenhouse and steam plant, and learning about copper chemistry and potato enzymes

- 15 students from NW MN Achievement and Integration 8th grade learning about potato enzymes and food analysis, and doing a tour of UTOC, sustainability on campus, steam plant, and solar panels

- East Grand Forks Library group learning about DNA in food and DNA gels

- 33 students (13 families) from Polk County Homeschool Group in the food analysis lab, environmental lab, and ELISA DNA lab

- World Food Prize Immersion session for 15 Grand Rapids 10th-12th grade in the protein analysis lab and teacher training

- 11 students from Crookston homeschool 5th-12th grade running water quality analysis, food analysis, and in the ELISA DNA lab

- 43 students from Homelife Homeschool Group K-12 running water quality analysis, freshwater sponge lab, macro-invertebrate lab, and citizen science demo

- 98 students from Mahnomon Elementary K-3 learning about streams, tables and pollution tables, soil science, and water quality

CREST's summer schedule includes stops at the Mahnomon STEM Camp, Norman County Fair, Wadena County Fair, Mahnomon County Fair, Polk County Fair, Kittson County 4-H Camp, Pennington County Fair, Roseau County Fair, Marshall County Fair, Robotics & Technology Camp,

Kittson County Fair, Rock County Fair, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Summer Adventure Camp (July), Marshall County 4-H Camp, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Summer Adventure Camp (August), Steven County Camp, and East Grand Forks Summer STEM Camp.



14th Annual 2023 Classic Car Show

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Facing east, nightfall August 30

• Saturn

Full Super Moon (x2)

August Minnesota Starwatch

By Deane Morrison

August serves up a smorgasbord of celestial delights, starting with a full "super" moon on August 1. As it rises that evening, the moon will look bigger and brighter than usual, thanks to being less than a day from perigee, its closest approach to Earth in a lunar cycle.

Saturn begins August very low in the east at nightfall. All month long it climbs higher as it drifts westward. On the 27th it reaches opposition, when Earth laps it in the orbital race and it appears opposite the sun in the sky. Mid-month will be a great time to view the ringed planet, with a small telescope if possible, because no moon will interfere.

In the last few days of August, you may catch Jupiter rising in the east in the late evening. Don't confuse it with Capella, the bright star low in the northeast on those nights. Also at month's end, Venus rockets into the eastern pre-

dawn sky. Our sister planet joins Sirius—the night sky's brightest star—and all the iconic winter constellations.

The night of August 30, we're treated to a second super moon. It rises less than an hour before reaching perfect fullness and on the same day as perigee. As the second full moon in a calendar month, it will be dubbed a blue moon.

The renowned Perseid meteor shower is expected to peak the night of August 12 to 13. This should be a good year for the shower because we'll have five hours of moonless sky, starting around 10 p.m. August 12. The Perseids represent the fiery demise of dust particles left by Comet Swift-Tuttle, which last whipped around the sun in 1992 and won't return until 2125. According to NASA, the nucleus of Swift-Tuttle is about 16 miles across, or about twice the size of the rock believed to have wiped out the dinosaurs.

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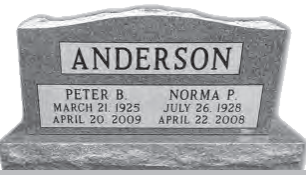
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Lucille Roragen

Lucille Roragen, age 94, of Moorhead, MN, formerly of Bejou, MN, died on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Eventide in Moorhead, MN.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bejou. A Time of Gathering will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place at Bejou City Cemetery.

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available on the website. Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen. www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Death Notice for Opal Rognstad

Evelyn (Opal) Rognstad went to be with her Heavenly Father July 18, 2023.

A memorial service will be held at Ron and Marian Vold's farm 14899 Great Valley Rd. NW. Pinewood on August 19th, 2023. 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Norway Lake Cemetery Leonard MN.



Service for Sherry Harmon

A gravesite service for Sherry Harmon will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th, 2023 at the McIntosh Cemetery in McIntosh, Minnesota.



Obituary for Kari Abel

Kari Jeanne (Lee) Abel, age 62, of Bagley MN, passed away on July 19th, 2023 after a courageous second battle with cancer.

Kari was born on December 9th, 1960, to Irvin (PeeWee) and Jeanne (Jacobson) Lee in Bagley MN, the youngest and only daughter of four children. Kari was baptized, confirmed, and married in faith at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley, MN. During high school, she worked at the family Bagley Mercantile, participated in school choir and band, musicals, was a cheerleader and participated in track. After Kari graduated from Bagley High School in 1979, she went on to study at the University of North Dakota. Kari married Richard Abel (Bagley 1978 graduate) on June 5, 1982. She and Rick moved to the Sauk Rapids/St. Cloud area for 33 years, where they went on to have three children: Scott, Nicole, and Peter. Kari worked various jobs while raising their family, including having her own basket business, Painted Petals, selling Young Living essential oils and acting as office staff and closing agent for Heartland Title and Title Professionals until her retirement.

In 2015, Kari retired and she and Rick moved back to Bagley, Minnesota and became active members of Grace Free Lutheran Church. In recent years, they split their time between their Bagley home, their cabin in Osage, MN and their retirement community home in Casa Grande, AZ.

Kari was a member of NELL, the Bagley American Legion Auxiliary and a member and treasurer of the

Women's Mission Federation. Kari loved singing and playing piano, participating in the MN Center Chorale, multiple church choirs and the Jammers music group in Casa Grande. During her time in Sauk Rapids, she played in a monthly bridge group, loved going to garage sales, going on motorcycle trips with friends, baking various treats (and not sharing her recipes), hosting people at her house, quilting, traveling, being outdoors and spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, family, and friends. You could often find Kari walking outside, with a cup of coffee in her hand, baking in her kitchen or immediately making friends with anyone she encountered. Kari sported various hairstyles over the years and always had complimentary jewelry to match her outfits. Kari was a bright light in this world. Her music, cooking, faith, and friendships will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and her light will continue to shine through those touched by her.

Kari was predeceased by her father, Irvin (PeeWee), mother, Jeanne, and brothers, Jon and Doug Lee. She is survived by her beloved husband of 41 years, Rick, children Scott (Kaila), Nicole (Rocco), Peter (Mandy) and 10 grandchildren, Wyatt, Anika, Corrine, and Soren Abel, Leo, Alexander, and Aubrey Terrigno and Hayden, Riley, and Colton Abel, brother, Dave (Cindi) Lee, sisters-in-law, Sandi (Jon) Lee, sister-in-law, Penny (Doug) Lee, 23 nieces and nephews and more than 35 great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Grace Free Lutheran Church on July 25th at 11AM with luncheon to follow the burial at the American Legion in Bagley, MN. Visitation will be July 24th from 5-7 PM at Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN, with a prayer service and sharing of memories at 6:30 p.m. Interment will be at the Bagley City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and because of Kari's love of music, donations can be sent in memory of Kari to Clearbrook-Gonvick School Music Program at 16770 Clearwater Lake Rd, Clearbrook, MN 56634.

Messages of condolence can be left at ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary 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. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Winger with the Rev. Mark Richardson officiating. Interment was in Calvary Lutheran Cemetery, Winger. Family greeted friends for one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

David Allen Horn was born to Sander and Evalyn (Lewis) Horn on December 18, 1937, on the family farm near Fertile, Minnesota. He attended Union Lake School until grade 3 and continued his education in Fertile. David graduated from Fertile High School in 1955.

Following high school, David worked various jobs, including surveying. He married Nollie Lien in 1956. To this union, four children were born: Shawn, Richard, Deborah, and Rebecca. They later divorced.

David married Faye Hoidahl on December 28, 1968. He became father to Tawnia, and together they had Nicole in 1971. They made their home in Winger, MN. David was quite a family man and

they spent time out at the area lakes. He enjoyed camping and fishing. He worked in millwright work and had his own trucking business, Dave's Trucking.

In 1981, David and Faye moved to Williston, ND to work in the oilfield, starting Dave's Welding Service. Later, he took on a job as a millwright once again and traveled all over, even New York City where Faye accompanied him. David also drove truck again for various companies, including Red River Supply and Astro Chem. Trucking was truly where his heart was. He loved traveling in his truck and seeing the country, even traveling several times to British Columbia.

David was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren in any activities they participated in. He faithfully followed the UND-Williston Tetons college basketball teams as well. He loved driving the bus for the Tetons for years, logging many miles going to games and tournaments. He was long-time member of the Teton Booster Club and served as president for a time. In 2011, David was inducted into the Teton Booster Club Hall of Fame.

David moved into Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston in 2015 and resided there until moving to Valley Senior Living on Columbia in August 2022. He enjoyed talking and joking around with the staff at both places as those who know him, knew he loved to visit.

David is survived by his wife, Faye, Grand Forks; and six children: Shawn (Julie) Horn, Richard (Kathy) Horn, Deborah Anderson, Rebecca Horn, Tawnia Hoidahl, and Nicole (Paul) Burtman; 15 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren; sisters, Darlene (Dave) Halvorson and Donna Rae (Paul) Carlson; and brother, Derald Horn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sander and Evalyn Horn; and grandson, Alexander Hoidahl.



Obituary 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 was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21st, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee with Father Bryan Kajawa presiding. Interment was held in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Trail. Visitation was 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. Reviewal was for one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Anthony Andrew Weber was born on June 25, 1935, in Fosston, Minnesota to parents Andrew and Maggie (Agnes) Weber. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church near Trail. Tony almost died two days before his sixth birthday. He exploded a dynamite cap in the kitchen, losing several fingertips and his left eye. Tony was able to continue with school, attending school through the eighth grade at the Trail School. From 1958 through 1960, he was in the Army stationed in Port Whit-tier, Alaska.

Tony was united in marriage to Virginia Ann Agnes on May 12, 1962, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic

Church. After their marriage, they made their home and raised their family on Tony's family's home place. He worked hauling gravel for Norris Brekke, then bought his own truck. He worked for over 30 years for Northern Sand and Gravel in Trail. He also worked for 15 years for Gully Fertilizer and was a substitute mail carrier for 17 years.

He enjoyed traveling with trips to Colorado, two trips to Alaska, several trips to Branson, Missouri, Medora, North Dakota and many trips to Hostfest in Minot, North Dakota, and 1 trip to Hawaii. For years he could be found Sunday evenings dancing in Trail. He still enjoyed listening to old time music.

Tony was the caretaker of St. Charles Cemetery. He also enjoyed snow removal for children and neighbors. Summers he could be found on the lawnmower or his tractor helping anyone who needed help. He enjoyed woodworking, making each child an end table out of oak from our farm and other miscellaneous items. He was a member of the Trail Community Club since 1960. Tony lived on his home farm near Trail for all of his life.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Virginia, of Trail; six children, Andrew "Andy", Michelle, Karen, Alice (Eldin) Okstad, Paula, Tom, and Tim; grandsons, Michael (Michelle) Okstad, Daniel (Brittney) Okstad, Jason (Mandy Murphy) Okstad, Nolan (Jenna Beckstrand) Weber, Logan Weber, Wyatt Weber, and Devan Weber (Jami Schocker); great grandchildren, Caliray Wiseman, Hunter Foldoe, Kaitlynn Weber, Owen Okstad, and Kennedy Okstad. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Michelle; granddaughter, Elizabeth Okstad; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Francis & Marian Weber, Fillmore & Joyce Agnes, Jerona & Roger Hanson and Franklin & Lucy Agnes



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Obituary for Richard Brock

Richard Joseph Brock, 76, passed away after a brief illness on December 21, 2022, at McIntosh Senior Living Center with his sister-in-law, MaryJane, by his side.

Richard (also known by many as Dick and by a few as Dickie) was born on April 16, 1946, at Garfield Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., the second son of John Olin Brock and Bernadette (also known by many as Peggy) Stefonik Brock. His father passed away suddenly and unexpectedly when Richard was 3 years old. Richard was then raised by his mother and his maternal grandparents. In his dad's absence, an uncle became his father figure. As a young boy growing up in Washington, D.C. in what Richard described as "a very close family", Richard fondly remembered visiting the Lily Pad Pond in Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens and riding his bike around the Lincoln Memorial. Richard lived within walking distance of numerous Federal Government buildings. Since his mother worked at the nearby Blair House (the President's Guest House), Richard was privy to meeting visiting dignitaries and seeing prominent American political figures on occasion.

Richard attended school in Washington, D.C., until 7th grade; he then attended school in Mt. Rainier, Maryland. He eventually earned his GED years later with the assistance of his older brother, Bill.

Richard's first job was working at a newspaper when he was 13 years old. Other places of employment throughout his lifetime included American District Telegraph, Judd and Detweiler Printing Firm, Salvation Army, ADT Alarms, correction facilities, bars, gas stations, swimming pools, a demolition company, an automotive repair shop, a magazine factory, and a law enforcement agency. Richard also served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged.

For the first 59 years of his life, Richard lived in the Hyattsville, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., areas. In early August of 2005, Bill found Richard and brought him back to Minnesota. Richard would say he was "absolutely shocked," and he "felt fantastic" when Bill showed up. Richard truly felt his brother rescued him and saved his life.

Richard was placed in Riverside Board and Lodge in McIntosh, MN, on September 9, 2005. He lived at "the house" until it closed

on November 24, 2021. After a couple of weeks stay at Bethany Assisted Living in Fosston, Richard made what would become his final move to McIntosh Living Center on December 7, 2021.

Richard enjoyed telling stories, showing hot rod cars, tinkering with the guitar (he even played in a band), watching old movies (especially westerns), playing tricks on people, eating a great burger (with his favorite being a "Mighty Mo" triple-decker hamburger from the now defunct Hot Shoppes drive-in restaurants back in D.C.), drinking coffee, eating squirrel nut zipper chews candy (a bite-size vanilla caramel with peanuts wrapped in wax paper) and cotton candy (he definitely had a sweet tooth), watching lava lights, and cheering for the Washington Redskins. Richard liked the color blue, and he fiercely loved animals, especially his childhood white and black spotted terrier, Micky, and his brother's Shih Tzu, Angel.

Richard will be remembered for his charming and friendly ways, his authentic D.C. accent, his Brock dimples, his inquisitiveness (he was known to wander off in stores and would be found reading labels; he also preferred walking around the restaurant rather than sitting in his seat), his resilience (despite many physical and mental health challenges), his mischievousness (of which he was very proud), his story about placing copper pennies on the railroad tracks, and his trademark question to almost everyone he encountered, "Have you ever had jailhouse cocoa?" (Jailhouse cocoa is a Three Musketeers bar melted in hot water.)

Richard is survived by one daughter, Kimberly Ann (Brock) Jamer and her family, Savage, MN. Richard was delighted that he and Kimberly were born on the same day in the same city (exactly 23 years apart) and shared this interesting fact often. In the fall of 2018, MaryJane arranged a surprise meeting, and after almost 50 years, Richard reunited with Kimberly. The reunion would be one of the highlights of his life. In Richard's words, "I couldn't believe it...what a beautiful ending to the story."

Richard is also survived by his sister-in-law, MaryJane Kurpius-Brock, Crookston, MN, his nieces, Larissa Kurpius-Brock, Crookston, MN, and Marinda Kurpius-Brock, Aliso Viejo, CA, his great-niece, Kendra Strommen, Crookston, MN, and his long-time care-givers and close friends, Gordy and Cindy Ostenaar, McIntosh, MN. Richard is preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, and "his hero", brother Bill Kurpius-Brock.

A remembrance gathering will be held for Richard on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston, MN, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a time for sharing memories at 7:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Crookston, MN, on Friday, August 4, at 10:00 a.m. with Deacon Denny Bivens officiating. Richard will be laid to rest near his beloved brother Bill. Arrangements are with The Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston.

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Bemidji Speedway “Humane Society Night”

7/23/2023

By Dennis Peterson

Bemidji Speedway held its “Humane Society Night” at the track for Great River Rescue on Sunday night with 83 cars on hand to provide the excitement. Everyone who brought a pet related item was given \$2.00 off admission.

Joining the field of stock cars were the Northern Renegade Sprints with the Wissota Super Stocks having the night off. They will return next Sunday July 30th for “Hall of Fame Night” when the speedway will induct six new members to the Bemidji Speedway Hall of Fame.

IT was a “Clean Sweep” night at the track with five classes finishing with clean sweeps. In the Sprints Ken Hron was a clean sweep winner. In the Wissota Pure Stocks Cam LaBelle, in the Wissota Hornets Justin Barsness, in the Wissota Mod Fours Ashton Schwinn, and in the Wissota Midwest Modifieds Brennan Schmidt were all double winners in winning both their heat and feature races.

Northern Renegade

Wingless Sprints Feature:

Zach Olson and Chris Lewis led the first feature race on track as the Northern Renegade Sprints rolled on track. Lewis powered to the front followed by Travis Case, and Ken Hron. Hron moved up quickly into second and then drove inside down the front straight to race side by side with the leader. Lewis was out front by a mile when he slid up and tagged the front wall damaging his sprint and sending him over turn one. When racing resumed Ken Hron held the lead position and cruised to the win. Case, Olson, Scotty Messner, and Danny Wait rounded out the top five.

Bemidji Mini

Stocks Feature:

An even dozen Bemidji Mini Stocks drove on track next with Cameron Schwinn and Jason Hunter in row one. The two drove side by side into turn two and spins created a caution and restart situation. On the second try similar spins slowed the race once again. The third try gave second row outside starter Hayden Engen the opportunity

to take the lead with Hunter, Ashton Schwinn, and Justin Honer trailing. Again contact and spins brought out the caution flag. With the green flag waving Conrad Schwinn made progress towards the front from his fourth row starting position. Schwinn raced inside into third and then grabbed the lead from his son Ashton to take the win. Ashton Schwinn was second with Honer, Cory Nelson, and Cameran Schwinn trailing.

Wissota Pure

Stocks Feature:

Thirteen Wissota Pure Stocks were led on track with Cam Labelle on the pole and Bonnie Farrington to his right. Labelle powered to the lead with Farrington, Josh Berg, Deryk Weleski and Josh Bitker close behind. Kade Leeper was on the move from his fourth row outside start racing up into fourth with Dustin Puffe following into fifth in the 1-2 corners. Labelle had a two car length lead over Farrington with a three wide duel between Farrington, Berg and Leeper getting the fans on the edge of their seats. The three way battle ended with Berg second, Leeper third and Farrington fourth. Puffe found and opening and raced up to pass Farrington for fourth. A great side by side race developed between Berg and Leeper for second with Leeper finding new power in recent weeks to take the back up position behind Labelle. Labelle won his first ever feature and brought home a clean sweep for the night. Leeper, Berg, Puffe and Farrington filled the top five spots.

Wissota Hornet Feature:

Malakai Wilson and Malachi Albrecht led the pack of hornets to the green flag but it was fourth row starter Chad Reller who led the pack after one lap charging from deep in the field. Wilson, Albrecht, Cejay LaValley and Justin Barsness trailed the leader. Barsness and LaValley put on a show for the crowd racing door to door for third with Barsness taking the advantage. Barsness continued forward catching Reller and racing metal to metal for two laps before securing the lead and cruising to a flag to flag win and clean sweep for the young

driver. Reller, LaValley, Brook Vernlund, and Wilson trailed in the top five.

Wissota Midwest

Modified Feature:

Sixteen Wissota Midwest Modifieds lined up side by side with Cory Peterson on the pole and Skyler Smith outside. With a tremendous fast start Peterson raced to the lead with Smith, Devyn Weleski, Brennan Schmidt and Gary James Nelson in the top five. Trying to make a move up on the outside Joey LaValley from his fourth row start was flying before engine issues slowed him on the track for a restart. The restart was held by Peterson with Weleski, Smith, Schmidt and Nelson still in line. The restart was a MESS at the flag stand with a multicar pileup tearing up a bunch of cars. When all was cleaned up it Peterson was sent tailback with Weleski in the lead. Schmidt was on the gas taking second and grabbed the lead and ran away from the field for his third feature win. Smith, Doyle Erickson, Nelson, and Weleski made up the top five in a wild and exciting race.

Wissota Mod

Four Feature:

As the sun set into the smoky western sky the Wissota Mod Fours drove on track with Ashton Schwinn Schwinn and dad, Conrad Schwinn leading the way. The younger Schwinn took the lead with Conrad dropping out of the race early moving Nick Seitz in to second, followed by Nick McCann, Kalin Honer, and Blake Erickson. A few laps later McCann spun and was sent tailback following the caution situation. The restart was held by Schwinn

with Seitz, Honer, Erickson and Rowan Tramm in the top five. The field spread out around the track except for tight race between Erickson and Honer with Erickson moving up to third and then challenging Seitz who has gained confidence with each race he’s run in his rookie season. The final pass was by Erickson moving down low in turns 1-2 to pass Seitz for second as Schwinn picked up the clean sweep win. Erickson, Seitz, Honer and Tramm trailed.

Wissota Modified Feature:

The final race of the night was the Wissota Modifieds with 15 cars led by Lance Schilling and Skyler Smith in row one. Smith flew to the lead with Schilling, Alan Olafson, Nic Jacobson and Tanner Williamson in the top five. Olafson likes the high side and was working it. A caution for debris on the track created a restart with Smith, Schilling, Olafson, Williamson and Johnny Broking chasing the leader. Side by side racing all over the track had the fans on the edge of their seats. Broking slowing caught and passed both Williamson and Olafson and then found and passed Schilling for second but Smith had a huge lead, would there be enough laps left to catch the leader? With the white flag being brought out Broking caught raced low in two and into the lead. Smith tried a crossover move and looked like it might work but Broking held his foot on the gas and took the incredible win with Smith taking a strong second followed by Williamson, Olafson and Schilling ending a thrilling night of racing.



Northern Renegade Sprint clean sweep winner Ken Hron. Photos by Dennis Peterson.



Winner of the Wissota Pure Stock feature was Cam Labelle, his first feature win and a clean sweep.



Wissota Mod four clean sweep winner Ashton Schwinn.



Johnny Broking and son Colt won the Wissota Modified feature.

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