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James Hardy, General Manager CHS Northern Grain and Jesse Bushelle, Location Manager CHS Northern Grain CHS presented Emma Howard, East Polk North Star Softball player, with a check for \$5,000. The Stars held a fundraiser in August to raise funds for a new softball field to be built at the WEM school location. East Polk North Stars softball team is a collaboration between WEM and Fosston school districts. “We hope to have enough money to add lights, music, and maybe a press box with our new field. The program has grown so much over the past few years and now includes summer leagues starting at 12 years old. We appreciate everyone who donated to our fundraiser” stated Emma Howard. If you would like to make a donation to this team field project, please contact Mikaela Goodwin at 218-435-1909 or mjanicke@isd601.org

2 Minnesota forests to join national Old-Growth Forest Network

Two renowned Minnesota old-growth forests — the Lost 40 Scientific and Natural Area in Itasca County and the Itasca Wilderness Sanctuary SNA in Clearwater County — will be the first in the state to join the national Old-Growth Forest Network. The network recognizes existing old-growth forests across the nation and highlights the importance of preserving these areas.

“Minnesota has 48,000 acres of protected old-growth forest” Minnesota DNR Forest Ecologist Emily Peters said. “It provides unique habitats for native plants and animals, and important recreational and spiritual opportunities for Minnesotans. The DNR has a longstanding goal to protect this rare and important forest resource on state lands.”

Events in October will celebrate Minnesota’s additions to the Old-Growth Forest Network and kick off a series of public hikes over the next several years in publicly accessible old-growth forests in Minnesota state parks and SNAs:

- Lost 40 SNA: A short in-

terpretive hike will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, 12. Meet at the parking lot off Forest Road 2240 (Lost 40 Road).

•Itasca Wilderness Sanctuary SNA: A full day of fun and educational activities Friday, Oct. 13 will celebrate old-growth forests in Itasca State Park. More information is available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/state_parks/events.html).

The Old-Growth Forest Network is a nonprofit working to connect people with nature by creating a voluntary national network of protected, publicly accessible forests. The network’s goal is to identify and ensure the preservation and recognition of at least one forest in every county in the U.S. where forests grow, focusing on celebrating our nation’s oldest forests. The Old-Growth Forest Network has recognized more than 200 forests in 35 states.

The 114-acre Lost 40 SNA owes its 32-acre old-growth pine forest to a surveying error during the Public Land Survey in 1882. As the story goes, the pines were missed by loggers

because surveyors mistakenly mapped the area as Coddington Lake. The site was re-surveyed, and the error corrected in 1960. Shortly after, it was incorporated into Big Fork State Forest and its old trees have since endured. The DNR designated this old-growth forest in 1995.

The 1,600-acre Itasca Wilderness Sanctuary SNA is located within Itasca State Park. The natural area holds an important place in Minnesota’s conservation history. It was established in 1939 within the park at the suggestion of the Minnesota Academy of Science, to preserve a part of the wilderness character of the state that existed prior to European settlement. In 1965, it became Minnesota’s first National Natural Landmark. Most of the sanctuary was designated a state SNA in 1989, as the finest example of Great Lakes Pine Forest in north-central Minnesota.

“These are outstanding examples of old-growth forests protected on state lands,” Peters said. “We’re pleased to have these sites incorporated into the national network.”

A Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette

Are you ready to enjoy some good music and share a few laughs with your neighbors?

The Gully 100! Committee will be hosting a production titled A Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette on October 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Gully Hall. The show is all about having a good

time. It loosely portrays a radio show on a live stage.

Just because the show is about Texas, it’s not just about cowboys. It also addresses some of the peculiarities of Texas and the wealth and variety of its musicians. People are encouraged to wear their best cowboys duds,

however you’re all welcome to dress any way you wish (like normal people).

There will be prizes awarded to the best dressed cowboys.

At the conclusion of the show, you’re welcome to go to Shorty’s and have a bowl of Texas chili on us.

Dorothy Hoover speaks about her African Safari in McIntosh

The NELL (Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning) program was excited to host Dorothy Hoover, Detroit Lakes, on September 13th, who wowed the crowd of over 30 people with pictures of her private African Safari! (herself and three family members). Dorothy had well over 1000 photos that she paired down to 101!

As you can see from the picture, Dorothy was able to get quite close to MANY animals, including this warthog! Dorothy shared that many of the animals are quite used to tourists and seem to want to pose for pictures. But don’t let that fool you, the animals are VERY wild! I did find it curious that the guide was not armed with a gun of any kind, but a knife, “a very big knife” according to Dorothy! She also shared that when the small group was up close to several animals, such as the big cats, the guide is “quite” attentive and very “close by”!

It was intriguing to learn about other cultures and cus-



Dorothy Hoover from Detroit Lakes.

toms completely “other worldly” from our own.

Dorothy has recently returned from a private tour of Thailand (the rest of the group didn’t show up) this past Spring 2023 and is working on a presentation. I’m not one to travel long distances over expansive bodies of water, so this kind of travel is perfect for me.

The NELL event was held at the McIntosh Community Center in downtown McIntosh.



MnDOT installs Road Weather Information Systems in northern Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation recently added new Road Weather Information Systems at 10 locations in northern Minnesota to collect data that will help support agency maintenance decisions. The information, which includes camera images, is also sent to the National Weather Service and MnDOT’s 511 traveler information system. MnDOT now has 163 RWIS sites throughout the state.

The new RWIS locations are:

- Northwest Minnesota
- o Highway 1 near Warren (MP 11.5)
- o Highway 2 near Solway (MP 99.7)
- o Highway 11 near Karlstad (MP 37.7)
- Northeast Minnesota
- o Highway 1 near Stony River (MP 309.9)
- o Interstate 35 near Moose Lake (MP 216)
- o Highway 53 near Piedmont Avenue, Duluth (MP 2.7)
- o Highway 61 near Grand Marais (Milepost 110.8)
- o Highway 61 near Schroeder (MP 78.9)
- Central Minnesota
- o Highway 169 near Princeton (MP 176.9)
- o Highway 371 near Nisswa (MP 46.2)

Construction on the new RWIS sites took place during

the summer. Three current RWIS sites were also upgraded during this work. Those locations are Highway 61 near Grand Portage, Highway 38 near Marcell and Highway 171 near St. Vincent.

Each RWIS site is an environmental sensor station used to collect weather data, such as temperatures, wind speed, pavement conditions and visibility. RWIS sites also offer camera views of the highway. The information is accessible on MnDOT’s 511 traveler information website and mobile apps.

This recent RWIS project cost \$1.5 million and the contractor was Design Electric.



Front Row (L to R): Minnesota Farm Bureau Vice President Carolyn Olson, Katie Drewitz, Cindy Durheim and Katie Wiese.

Back Row (L to R): James Dodds, Corey Ramsden Scott, Nathan Drewitz, Peter Bakken, David Durheim, Dustin Wiese and Kaytlin Bemis.

Minnesota Farm Bureau Members Visit Washington

Members and leadership from the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) traveled to Washington, D.C. September 11-13 to share agriculture’s story with our state legislators and meet with other agriculture leaders.

The group shared their farming and ranching experiences, providing personal examples of the impact of current and proposed legislation on agriculture in the state. Primary focuses included programming in the 2023 farm bill, Prop 12, drought conditions in the state and conservation programs.

Members on the fall trip included: Minnesota Farm Bureau Vice President Carolyn Olson, Nathan and Katie Drewitz (Fillmore County), David and Cindy Durheim (Pine County), Corey Ramsden Scott (Washington County), Dustin and Katie Wiese (Cass County) and MFBF staff members Kaytlin

Bemis, Pierce Bennett and James Dodds.

The Farmers to D.C. trip is held twice a year and open to all MFBF members. The next trip will take place in the spring of 2024.

About the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

To ensure Minnesota’s agricultural vitality, the Minnesota Farm Bureau amplifies its members’ voices through engagement, grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness. Learn more about our efforts as an advocate for our nearly 30,000 members and 78 county Farm Bureaus at www.fbmfn.org.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com



Here's an ensemble of some of the cowboys who will be performing at the Gully Hall on October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Two Invasive Insects Found for First Time in Minnesota



Adult elm seed bugs are about 1/3 inch long and are a dark red and black color.

St. Paul, MN: Two invasive insects new to Minnesota were reported to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Report a Pest service in August. Both insects were reported by two separate vigilant homeowners and were later confirmed as invasive insects: The elm seed bug (*Arocatus*

melanocephalus) and Asiatic garden beetle (*Maladera formicosa*).

Elm Seed Bug

The elm seed bug is an invasive insect that has piercing sucking mouth parts and primarily feeds on elm seeds but can also feed on linden and oak. The elm seed bug is

mostly considered a nuisance pest like the box elder bug, as they can enter homes in large numbers. Box elder bugs are active in late summer and fall, but the elm seed bug is active in mid-June.

Native to Europe, elm seed bug was first confirmed in the United States in 2012. It is established in several western states, such as Oregon, Washington, and Utah.

Adult elm seed bugs are about 1/3 inch long; they're a dark rusty-red and black color. The underside of the insect is red. On the back behind the head, there is an upside-down black triangle set inside two rusty-red triangles. Next to the edges of the wings where the abdomen is exposed are alternating white and rusty red-black patches.

Best management practices include sealing cracks and crevices on the exterior of buildings so the insects cannot enter and vacuuming up insects that make it inside. To limit entry into structures, there are certain insecticides that can be applied as a barrier treatment.

Asiatic Garden Beetle

The Asiatic garden beetle is an invasive insect that feeds on over 100 hosts, including fruit, vegetables, perennials, and annuals. Grubs prefer roots of ornamentals and garden plants. Preferred hosts include butterfly bush, rose, dahlia, aster, and chrysanthemum. Adults feed on the leaves and flowers of their host plants. Heavy infestations can lead to complete defoliation except for the leaf midribs.

Native to Japan and China, this beetle was first found in the United States in New Jersey in 1922. It is established in New England and a few Midwestern states, including Illinois and Indiana.

Asiatic garden beetles are about 3/8 inch long, are chestnut brown, and may have a slight iridescent sheen. The abdomen protrudes slightly from the wing covers. Adults emerge at night and fly actively when temperatures are above 70 degrees Fahrenheit. They are related to Japanese beetles but differ in that Japanese beetles fly and feed during the day and Asiatic garden beetles feed at night.

Since both elm seed bug and Asiatic garden beetle are newly discovered in Minnesota, the MDA would like to better understand where these insects may be in the state. Residents can report suspected sightings of both insects to the MDA's Report a Pest line or call 1-888-545-6684. Please include clear photos when submitting a report online.

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The Motor Vehicle office in Fosston will be **CLOSED** Friday, Sept. 22nd for Annual Meeting.

East Polk Annual meeting held

The East Polk County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting September 11th at the McIntosh Community Center at 7 pm. Election results of that meeting are:

Officers

Brady Lee-President

Deb Whalen- Vice President

Directors

Aaron Iverson

James Lee

Curt Bartz

Katie Lee- Young Farmers & Ranchers Chair

Joan Lee- Promotion & Education Chair

Polk County Sheriff

Vehicle Located

On 09/17/2023 at approximately 3:30 pm the Polk County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an abandoned black Ford Focus near the intersection of 310th Ave SW and 450th St SW, rural Nielsville. It was discovered that the vehicle was believed to have been driven by Beth Super, who was recently reported missing in Morrison County, MN. The Polk County Sheriff's Office is asking residents in the area to be on the lookout for Beth. If you have any information, please contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office at 218-281-0431. Below is the original release from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office.

Missing person

Case# 23008370

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating Beth Super, age 60, from Flensburg, Mn. Super was last seen leaving her residence on Saturday morning in the city of Flensburg at approximately 10:44am. Super is believed to be driving Mn Lic# GKH846, a 2014 black Ford Focus sedan. The vehicle has a dent in the hood. Super was supposed to be going to a residence located in Todd County yesterday morning, but she never arrived. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Super or her vehicle, please call the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at (320) 632-9233. Thank you.

Update

On 9-18-23 with the assistance of the Grand Forks UAS Team, a deceased female was located in a cornfield in the general area of where the 2014 Ford Focus was located. The deceased was taken to the UND School of Medicine Forensic Pathology for autopsy and identification. There are no public safety concerns at this time. Beltrami Fire Department assisted. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is being released.

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Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
Email: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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



Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
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mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
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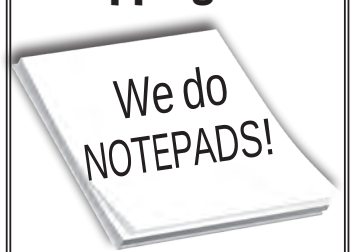
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For much more information on the position duties, qualifications and benefits visit our website at www.intercountycc.org/careers/ Application is available on the website. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycc.org. **Positions are OPEN UNTIL FILLED.** Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

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Minnesota's regular waterfowl season begins this weekend Contact: Steve Cordts, waterfowl specialist, 218-766-0112.

Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 23, with the same regulations as last year. Minnesota has three waterfowl hunting zones — north, central and south — that share the Sept. 23 season opener but have varying end dates. The central and south zones also have a mid-season closure Oct. 2-6.

Hunters are advised that water levels might be low due to dry conditions across the state. Scouting ahead of the season can help identify any changes hunters need to make in accessing their preferred hunting locations. Hunters should check the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's waterfowl hunting page (mndnr.gov/hunting/waterfowl) for complete information including season dates, regulations, a waterfowl identification guide and weekly waterfowl migration reports.

Teach a kid to hunt small game during Take a Kid Hunting Weekend

NOTE: Videos and sound-bites are available in the Minnesota DNR Media Room.

Contact: Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.

Getting youth outdoors in pursuit of squirrels, rabbits and other small game is the focus of Take a Kid Hunting Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24. During the weekend, adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 may hunt small game without a license, although they must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations.

Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting. Kids learn how to search for game sign, properly handle firearms and access hunting land — all without too much time sitting still and being quiet. Anyone who wants to

learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/gohunting) plus a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting (youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GPOASgCOW). Small game hunting regulations are available at the Minnesota DNR small game hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/smallgame).

Minnesota DNR webinars focus on sandhill cranes and planning a bird hunting trip

Contact: Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in wildlife and outdoor skills to check out the fall program schedule for the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 20, Jade Pederson, refuge park ranger at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge near St. Cloud, and Cynthia McSherry, refuge volunteer, will share the life history, quirks and migration of sandhill cranes. Greater sandhill cranes are now common throughout Minnesota, and up to 29,000 greater sandhill cranes can be found at the wetlands of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge during the peak of the cranes' fall migration. The loud and varied calls, dancing skills and massive wingspan of the cranes make them an exciting sight to behold.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 27, Minnesota DNR biologists and bird hunting experts will cover how to plan an upland bird hunting trip. They will answer questions and talk about helpful resources, must-have items, and everything to consider in planning a successful road trip.

The Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webinars are free and offered year-round, though registration is required. Visit the Outdoor Skills and Stewardship webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover) for the registration portal, more information about upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars.

Minnesota DNR invites public comment on Mille Lacs WMA master plan update

People interested in the Mille Lacs Wildlife Management Area are invited to share their thoughts with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on a draft update of the WMA's master plan. The updated plan will guide management of the popular hunting and wildlife-watching destination in Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties.

"Public input is important as we update this plan," said Steve Piegras, Mille Lacs WMA supervisor. "The previous plan was developed in 1977, and we want this update to reflect current ecological conditions and public attitudes about how the land should be managed into the future."

The updated master plan will be used to guide management of the Mille Lacs WMA's unique forests and peatlands. It will include management goals, objectives and strategies for the WMA throughout the next 10 years.

Public input opportunities Mille Lacs WMA staff will host two events to provide an overview of the plan and its purpose, answer questions and collect public input: an in-person meeting and an online meeting. No registration is required for either event.

The in-person public meeting is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Oak Savanna Learning Center, 16797 289th Ave. NW, Zimmerman.

The online meeting is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. A link to join the webinar is available on the Mille Lacs WMA webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/areas/wildlife/mille_lacs_wma.html).

Review and comment on the plan

The public can review the updated master plan and share comments through Friday, Nov. 3, in a variety of ways: by visiting the Mille Lacs WMA webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/areas/wildlife/mille_lacs_wma.html); emailing millelacs.wildlife@state.mn.us, using the online form on Engage with DNR website (engage.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries-public-input-wildlife-public-input); providing verbal and written comments at the Oct. 17 in-person meeting or

Oct. 24 online meeting; calling Mille Lacs WMA staff at 320-532-3537; or mailing written comments to Mille Lacs WMA Master Plan, Fish and Wildlife Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, 55155.

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Letter from Senator Amy Klobuchar

Klobuchar Statement on the 133rd Airlift Wing Selected to Receive New C-130J Aircraft WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) released the following statement on the United States Air Force's announcement that Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing was selected to receive eight new C-130J aircraft. These new C-130J aircraft will replace decades-old C-130H aircraft. Upgrading the fleet will ensure that the 133rd Airlift Wing is able to continue carrying out critical missions to respond to challenges at home and abroad. "By awarding these aircraft to the 133rd Airlift Wing, the Air Force has recognized the 133rd's strong record of accomplishment and history of distinguished service," said Klobuchar. "These new aircraft will enhance the 133rd Airlift Wing's performance, readiness, and capabilities, improving our nation's security." Klobuchar worked across the aisle to help secure these aircraft for Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing. In June, Klobuchar led the Minnesota delegation in sending a bipartisan, bicameral letter to Director of the Air National Guard Lieutenant General Michael Loh urging the Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force to select Minnesota National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing to receive new C-130J transport planes. In July, Klobuchar led a bipartisan amendment with John Barrasso (R-WY), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) to ensure the Air Force maintains at least 271 C-130 aircraft across all components of the Air Force. This passed the Senate in the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and, when passed in the final version, which will directly support Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing. Klobuchar met with the Minnesota National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing in July 2023 and 148th Fighter Wing in June 2022 to highlight her support for maintaining its fleet of C-130s and discuss her successful efforts to secure propeller upgrades for eight aircraft. In the FY23 NDAA, the Senators secured language that required the Air Force to operate at least 271 C-130 aircraft, ensuring the Minnesota National Guard did not lose any C-130 aircraft.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Something's Bugging Me

The data was in and it must have been accurate because the man on the radio said so. It wasn't just any man, but it was someone I listen to on a regular basis and he said this. "A longitudinal study over 50 years shows that parents are the single most important factor as to whether or not children will grow up to walk in their faith. Much more important is the parental impact than that of media and even culture." Dr. Greg Popcak.

He went on to link it one more powerful thread attached. The thread it was linked to were the households where fathers were living their faith. This exponentially improved the chances of the child living out their faith.

This last factor factored in is what was bugging me. It wasn't the first part where parents had an influence on the child's faith more so than the media or the culture. It was when the study linked the father's faith that bugged me. It wasn't that I

didn't believe this information because I do. What bugged me are the statistics today where fathers are either not present because they have moved out, or they have never been present or emotionally available... or have chosen not to live their faith and thus, are not present to help grow the spiritual needs of their children.

Why was this bugging me? It bugged me because I felt a loss of hope for those children who have no say in this. I felt a loss of hope for a child who has little hope of success due to a parent missing spiritually. So how can we boost the outcome for these kiddos who need that father figure? Well, I figured it out.

If He truly is who He says He is, then He's OUR FATHER and even when the earthly fathers mess up this side of the veil, our heavenly Father is there, has always been there, and will always be there so we need not fear when we lean into the Father of Fathers of us all. He is a Father who does not lie and He cannot go against what His Word says.

It says, "I will not leave you orphaned" (John 14:18). "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deut. 31:8). "You are mine." (Isa. 43:1). "I have adopted you as sons and daughters" (Eph. 1:5). His promises never fail because they are true. In fact, He died for us. He laid down His very life for us and for the fatherless so they would never be without a Father. That's the truth so "we need not fear" (Isa. 41:10).

We need not fear statistics. We need not boast in our pedigree because as sons and daughters of His, we are equal and He plays no favorites. In fact, He is ever present and especially in times of trouble. That's what it says in Psalm 46:1. We need only rely on Truth and not the father of lies who tells us we are not worthy. The Truth is—we are worthy because He is worthy.

Romans 8:31 reminds, "If He is for us who can be against us?" The longitudinal study is worthy of note—but it only goes back 50 years. His Word goes back 2000 and in Him our hope. Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I read one of your articles about motorcyclists needing to wear eye protection. Do contacts qualify as eye protection?

Answer: Contact lenses do not qualify as protective eyewear. Motorcyclists are required to wear protective eyewear, such as glasses, goggles or a face shield, even if the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen.

Drivers, look twice for motorcycles, especially when changing lanes and driving through intersections. Motorcycles are harder to see in traffic and their distance and speed are difficult to judge due to their smaller size.

Remember:
• Drive at safe speeds.
• Give riders room.
• Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

• Put away any distractions. Riders, wear full protective gear, including a helmet. It can make the difference between life and death. Two-thirds of riders killed in 2022 were not wearing a helmet. Make sure your gear is "high-viz" to help you stand out in traffic.

Other things that can save your life:

- Ride as though other drivers don't see you. Don't ever assume another driver knows you're there.
- Never ride impaired or distracted.

- Use turn signals at every lane change or turn.
- Ride at safe speeds and maintain a safe following distance.

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Another trip to Rollag!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



I have made the trip to Rollag approximately 33 out of the last 35 years. Yes, I love going to Rollag. Of course school would start after Labor Day and always on the first day of school I would wear my new Rollag Shirt. Sometimes John Deere, International, Minneapolis Moline, Case, Massey Harris, yes, I have had just about all of them at one time or another. This year the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in Rollag featured military equipment. Once again this year I bought my new shirt and the first day of school again it was part of my wardrobe!

Rollag has taken on new exciting meaning in the past couple years. My grandson, Callan Heath Mickelson, is kind of a tractor kid! So the last two years we have traveled to Rollag and have been able to bring Callan with which mixes together all my favorite things. You see my sweet wife always attends

Rollag with me and I get to see tractors and now I can bring the grandkids along! How can you beat that!

This Labor Day weekend if you remember was HOT! So we left pretty early in the morning so we could try be there at the coolest part of the day. We arrived by 9:00AM and it was already showing signs of the biggest crowd I have ever seen there! We had to wait at least 5 minutes sitting on the highway before we could even turn into the parking lot.. As soon as we got there I suggested we go up on machinery hill and look at all the tractors before it got too hot and then we could head into the woods with shade and look at some of the other exhibits. We started walking up and down the rows of tractors and I told Callan we can sit on tractors as long as you like.....and we did. We would sit on one and talk for a while and then Callan would say, "How about this one?"and he would point to another tractor. That made for a fun first hour or so of being at one of my favorite places with my family!

We stopped at the kids area which was hard to leave. It contains a big sand box with lots of trucks and toys as well as other wooden tractors the kids can sit on. Well, Callan and his little sister Lola. probably could

have stayed there for a LONG time. But, we persuaded them to move on and my son Heath and his wife Kaylee waited in line so Callan and Lola could ride the steam powered Merry-Go-Round. We stopped at the General Store and bought a few souvenirs and by now the temperature had started to rise. We decided it was time to go. Another fun day at Rollag.... especially with the grandkids!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

What tractor company will be featured at Rollag in 2024?

What year did the WMSTR start having a celebration at Rollag?

Rollag has an area for antique construction equipment where you can see them work.

What is the nickname for this area??

There is a "lake" at the center of the Rollag grounds. What is it called?

True or False: Rollag offers a training on Father's Day weekend called Steam School where you learn to operate a steam engine.

Answers: 1. John Deere- Don't miss it!! 2. In 1940 was the first threshing bee, but the WMSTR met for the first time in 1954. 3. The Sandbox 4. Gunderson Pond 5. True



Heath and Callan, Kaylee and Lola by a John Deere combine that was owned by Leo Yaggie.



Callan enjoying the wooden tractors.



Lola sitting on a John Deere tractor!

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Governor Walz Selects Tamar Gronvall to Serve as Commissioner of Administration

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today announced the appointment of Tamar Gronvall to serve as Commissioner of Administration. Gronvall will start as commissioner on October 9, replacing Stacie Christensen, who has been serving as temporary commissioner since June.

"From securing critical resources during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring fairness on the Minnesota Tax Court to advocating for thousands of employees in the University of Minnesota's Office of Conflict Resolution, Tamar Gronvall is a dedicated public servant and effective leader," said Governor Walz. "I look forward to Gronvall's continued service to Minnesotans in this important role."

"Tamar Gronvall has dedicated her career of public service to advocating for justice and equity for Minnesotans," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Gronvall is an accomplished and effective leader who will ensure our state systems continue to deliver the best and most efficient services for Minnesotans. I'm excited to watch her serve the state in this role."

"I am honored to be appointed as Commissioner of Administration," said Tamar Gronvall. "The Department of Administration plays an important role in supporting all state agencies, their employees, and our Minnesota stakeholders. I look forward to collaborating with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, my Administration colleagues, state agencies, and with our partners in the legislature and entire Minnesota community to provide excellent service to Minnesotans."

Since 2019, Tamar Gronvall has served as director at the Office for Conflict Resolution at the University of Minnesota, providing legal counsel and mediations and overseeing the employee grievance process for over 20,000 employees across all five system campuses. In this role, she has initiated and led

processes to improve the university's practices and policies to advance fairness, transparency, equity, and inclusion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Gronvall served in a temporary position with the State Emergency Operations Center, where she led efforts across numerous state agencies to secure federal funding for urgent pandemic needs. In 2017, Governor Dayton appointed Gronvall as one of three judges on the Minnesota Tax Court where she expanded free mediation to all parties and increased court accessibility for self-represented litigants. She previously served as general counsel at the Minnesota Department of Commerce and served in the Minnesota State Attorney General's office, managing several divisions representing numerous state agencies. Gronvall earned her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

"Tamar demonstrated exceptional legal skills when she represented the Departments of Revenue and Commerce as an attorney, and later when served with distinction as a Minnesota Tax Court Judge," said University of Minnesota's Senior Vice President of Finance and Operations Myron Frans. "Tamar also provided excellent management and analytical skills when she supported Minnesota Management and Budget as an advisor. She is a dedicated public servant, and she will excel as Commissioner of Administration in the Walz-Flanagan Administration."

"Ms. Gronvall's interpersonal skills, communication skills,

and ability to see strategic opportunities in complex and dynamic work will make her an extraordinary Commissioner of Administration," said Chief Administrative Law Judge Jenny Starr.

About the Minnesota Department of Administration

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To fight food insecurity, Northland hosts free farmers markets on both campuses

September 18, 2023 — Northland Community and Technical College is continuing its out-of-the-box thinking in finding yet another way to fight food insecurity on its campuses. After the successful launch of the Pioneer Pantry, an on-campus resource for students to stock their shelves with the essentials, the college's Dean of Student Affairs, Jeff Pool, got inspired to do more. So he sent an email to faculty with a simple inquiry asking what more could be done.

"I knew we have many co-workers here on our two campuses who enjoy gardening," Pool said. "In the summer and fall you can often find a bucket of cherry tomatoes at the front desk for students and employees, as well as the usual zucchini and cucumbers sitting in break rooms. The idea to turn that into a free farmers market came from Rob Jung, our Biology Instructor, who offered to bring in some kale and cabbage from his garden. It all grew from there, pun intended!"

Pool took the idea and ran with it, developing a plan to host a free farmers market table in a more central location on a specific day. Another email was sent out to a few of the known gardeners, asking if they would bring items. Northland Free Farmers Market was scheduled the following week. Three tables with a large variety of produce were set out, and the excitement started building almost immediately.

"Everyone was excited," said Rachel Larsen, Northland Assistant Director of Human Resources, an avid gardener who hosted a lunch and learn this

past spring on gardening and preserving produce. "I brought a wagon full to the first farmers market and stuck around to talk to students about what items were and how to prepare them. Food brings people together."

In the weekly staff newsletter, you'll now find a call out for anyone who has extra garden produce to bring it for the week's market. Apples from the college courtyard were also added to the mix. At a recent market, one student was heard calling her mom to say, "They had free produce today." Another student was making plans for a jambalaya.

"We know the cost of food is high, and we want to provide a little help for students and provide them with healthy, fresh options in addition to the staples they can find at the Pioneer Pantry," Pool said. "I was delightfully surprised by how popular it was. We will continue this on Wednesdays in East Grand Forks and Thursdays in Thief River as long as we have gardeners with extra items."

Even Dr. Sandy Kiddoo, Northland President, brought her own wagon full of produce to donate.

"When Rachel did her lunch and learn this spring, we had an interest in having a college garden for employees to produce food for students, and we have put that on our facilities master plan. We know the health benefits of gardening, but the ability to share our abundance in a good way also warms my heart."

Northland hopes to make this a regular event and is planning programming around helping students learn to use these vegetables, including an upcoming session on quick pickles and cooking with the President classes.

"We encourage anyone in our community to reach out to me if they are interested in hosting a class or lunch and learn type session or making a food donation to the college," Pool said.

For more information about Northland's Free Farmers Market, contact Abdul Chamma, Director of Student Life/Athletics, at 218-683-8680 or abdul.chamma@northlandcollege.edu.



Front to Back: Abdul Chamma, Northland Director of Student Life/Athletics; Katelyn Jackson, Northland Student; Zoey Christen, Northland Student.



Most of Duane Bergerson's close family members came to help him celebrate his 90th Birthday. Pictured with Leona and Duane Bergerson are his sister-in-law Crystal (Lundeen) Bergerson, Delores (Bergerson) Peterson, and Floyd Bergerson.



Duane Bergerson celebrated his 90th birthday at the Gonvick American Legion with family and friends.

This flaky dessert is all about the blueberries

Blueberries should be a delicious part of people's daily diets because this flavorful fruit packs a nutritious punch. Blueberries are a great source of antioxidants, which can help the body fend off various illnesses.

Native to North America, blueberries are available fresh, frozen and canned and are used in a variety of recipes. Plus, they're right at home whether one is serving breakfast, dinner or dessert. However, many people feel that blueberries are best eaten as pie filling.

Various pastries showcase blueberries, including the French galette. A galette is not a pie, but more of a freeform crusty cake. However, it is similar to pie, making it a welcome alternative to that popular pastry. This recipe for "Blueberry Galette," courtesy of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a delicious treat that's perfect for entertaining.

Blueberry Galette

- 8 portions
- Crust**
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 4 ounces lard or shortening, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and frozen
 - 1 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and refrigerated
 - 1/2 cup ice water
 - 1 teaspoon vodka
- Filling**
- 8 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
 - 3/4 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, separated
 - 3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 lemon, zested
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tablespoon water
- Crust**
1. Combine the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor. Add the butter and lard.
 2. Use the food processor to work the butter and lard into the flour by pulsing it until the butter is in pea-sized pieces.
 3. Whisk the water and vodka together and add it to the



- dough into a 1/8-inch-thick-circle. Dust off any extra flour and lay crust onto the prepared pan.
4. Mound the blueberry filling in the middle of crust. Fold and crimp the dough up so that it covers at least 2 inches of the filling. Freeze the shaped galette for at least 15 minutes to chill the dough.
 5. Preheat the oven to 425 F and set rack in middle of the oven.
 6. Just before baking, beat the egg and water together and brush the edges with egg wash. Sprinkle crust with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar.
 7. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn the oven down to 350 F and bake for an additional 30 minutes.
- This recipe yields two 12-inch galette crusts. Extra dough can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month.

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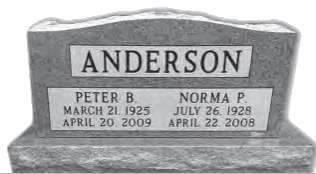
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Saving Seeds by Rebecca Snyder

As the weather cools, it is time to collect and save seeds for next year's garden. Fall is also a good time for collecting seed in Minnesota from plants that are summer bloomers.

When saving seeds, there are some that are easier to collect and save than others. According to the University of Minnesota Extension, tomatoes, peppers, beans and peas are good choices for seed saving. Seeds from carrots or beets are harder to save because it takes two growing seasons for them to set seed. To save seeds and have them grow the vegetable you intend, check to see that the plants you grew are open-pollinated, not hybrid (you will need to read the seed packet or check with the greenhouse where you purchased the plant). But maybe you are a person who just wants to see what will happen either way – surprise is the spice of life, right?

General instructions on saving seeds from the University of Minnesota Extension are:

- Collect seeds on a dry day and let them dry in a warm, still location, like on a sunny window sill.
- Mold and mildew are the biggest problem with seed collecting, so be sure the seeds dry completely.
- You can hang branches of flowers upside down with the tops in a paper bag to allow the seeds to drop into the bag as the flower heads dry.
- As you collect the seed, place them in an envelope and label them clearly. Store the envelopes in a sealed container (like a mason jar).
- Store collected seeds in the refrigerator (about 41 degrees F).

According to the University of Minnesota Extension, to save seeds from a tomato, choose the healthiest, fully-ripe tomato from your crop. Heirloom seeds are treasures that come from gardeners who save seeds from prize tomatoes. Cut the tomato open and scoop out the seeds along with the gel surrounding them. Put the seeds and gel in a glass jar with some water. Stir or swirl the mixture twice a day. The mixture will ferment and the seeds should sink to the bottom within five days. Pour off the liquid, rinse the seeds and spread them out to dry on paper towels. When they are dry, they can be stored in a glass container with a tight fitting lid.

Seeds from peppers, beans and peas are harvested from the vegetables after they have been left to grow to maturity and dry out on the plant. All seeds should be stored in dry, cool conditions.

You can also save seeds from flowers. Marigolds and zinnias grow very well from seed and their seeds are easy to harvest and store. Use your stored seeds the following year if possible. The longer seeds are stored, the less likely they are to germinate well.

For more details on collecting and saving seeds, check out the webpage of the University of Minnesota Extension "saving vegetable seeds".

Gardeners can apply for membership in the Minnesota Master Gardeners program until October first by going to the website, mgweb@umn.edu. If accepted they will need to enroll in the online Master Gardener Class, pass the tests and complete 50 volunteer hours in the first year.

49th Annual Goose Festival in Middle River Sept. 22, 23, 24

Make plans to attend the 49th annual Goose Festival in Middle River, taking place Friday, September 22 through Sunday, the 24th. Trails To Treatments (TTT), a non-profit operated by North Country Horsemen, is this year's Grand Marshal. Buttons are on sale at businesses and will also be available at the Silver Bullet on Main Street while they last. Three cash prizes (\$300, \$200, \$100) will be drawn from the buttons and \$1 from every button will be donated to TTT. In 2023, TTT surpassed \$1,000,000 in grants awarded to cancer patients and the Middle River Community Club is proud to give back to them this year!

Once again this year, Middle River Community Theatre will stage a Goose Festival production. This year "Arsenic & Old Lace" by Joseph Otto Kesserling opens Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm at Ye Olde Depot Theatre. Performances continue each night through Saturday, also at 7:00, and the final performance will be a Sunday matinee at 4:00 PM. Advance tickets are available at Young's and are usually sold out so buy early! Call 218-222-3513 and get your ticket now.

On Friday, there are a few things happening before the "official" Opening Ceremony. Visit the Farmer's Market on Main Street from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. The Sportsmen's Club is serving up hot pork sandwiches and cold beer in the Sportsmen's Shed. Bubba Maki will be performing "Cheers to our Friend Glen" from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, be sure not to miss that! At 4:00 pm, the Opening Ceremony will take place on the Main Street Stage. Immediately following there will be a Sidewalk Chalk Decorating contest for all ages and there will be prizes awarded in two age divisions. If you are aged 10 - adult you can jump on the Mechanical Bull which will be set up on Main Street for a little friendly competition. Merchant Bucks will be awarded for prizes and it is open to anyone to ride or to come and watch the action! The American Legion Auxiliary is serving a Meatball Supper in the back room of the American Legion from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Buy a square for the Goose Drop and wait to find out the lucky number

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for a chance to win up to \$500 in prizes, on Main Street at 5:00 pm. The Mark Peterson Memorial Wojo's Rodeo starts at 6:00 pm at the Legacy Center, find pre-sale tickets at Eventbrite and at local businesses in Middle River. Take a chance at winning some cash at Bingo at the Middle River American Legion at 6:00 pm. Enjoy "Tami Lee & the Northern Lights at the American Legion or "Eagle Creek" at The Wheel, both playing from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am.

Arrive early Saturday morning to find clues for the Scavenger Goose Hunt! They will be hanging on the Silver Bullet, along with the prizes won during the Button drawings during the day. The Craft & Flea Market will be outside the "Old Co-op" from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, there will be many fun items for sale. Hunters can enter the Goose Weigh-In Contest for a chance at winning cash prizes, check in at the Silver Bullet. Our Savior's of Thief Lake will be pouring morning coffee and serving a Noon meal at Spruce Valley Community Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and the GMR Art Club Booth will be open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Deb Aune and her art students always have fun projects on hand for you to try! The Sportsmen's Shed opens at 10:00 am with Pork Sandwiches and Beer on the menu again. Bubba Maki will be back to entertain with "Cheers to our Friend Glen" from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The Northern Jazz will get everyone moving at 10:30 am, they will be playing on Main Street until just before the parade starts. Bring the kids by the Community Center for inflatable games at 11:00 am. Also starting at 11 and new to this year's festival is Laser Tag,

which will be set up next to the Ambulance Garage, for children ages 8 & up.

Be sure not to be late for this year's parade, which starts at Noon for the first time in Goose Fest history. Lineup starts at 9:30 am behind the Legacy Center. Parade judging will be from 10:30 - 11:30. Please email goose-festparade@gmail.com or contact Dave Casanova at 218-521-8088 for more information or to register. The Antique Car, Tractor, & Pickup Show will start right after the parade at Memorial Park next to the water tower. Participants may register at the show, awards will be handed out at 3:30 pm.

The fun continues on Saturday when the Ping Pong Plop, for kids ages 2 - 10, drops on Main Street at 2:00 pm. Justine Johnson kicks off music on the Main Street Stage at 2:30 pm and the bags start flying for the Corn Hole Tournament, also at 2:30. Pre-registration for the tournament is required, call Robert at 218-469-0072 or sign up at the Silver Bullet before 2:00 pm. Dance to "Cathy Erickson" at the American Legion from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Make sure the kids get over to the sand volleyball pit for the Kiddie Quarter Scramble at 3:00 pm. Nathan Bukowski will perform on the Main Street Stage at 3:15 pm, followed by Arrie Klasen at 4:00. The Goose will be back at 5:00 pm, get your square and hope some winnings drop your way! Bingo is also on for a second night at the American Legion, starting at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Stop by the Main Street Picnic Shelter and taste the delicious offerings during the Goose Cookoff, trophies and Merchant Bucks will be awarded to the top chefs. All are welcome

to bring their favorite Goose Dish to share with the public, who will be voting for their favorites. Tables and electrical outlets are provided. The 2nd night of competition at the Mark Peterson Memorial Wojo's Rodeo begins at 5:00 pm at the Legacy Center. Back on Main Street, goose callers will be competing on the stage at the Goose Calling contest sponsored by Cabela's, at 5:30 pm. The party continues at The Wheel with "Eagle Creek" and the Legion with "Tami Lee & the Northern Lights" from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am.

On Sunday, September 24, the Middle River Area Youth Group will be serving breakfast at the American Legion, stop in between 8:00 & 11:00 am for a delicious "French Toast Bar." The North Country Horsemen Saddle Club will be hosting the last Game Show of the year at Ormquist Arena. Registration opens at 8:30 am with lead-line and small fry divisions getting under way at 9:00, immediately followed by the National Anthem and remaining age divisions. Contact Shirley Horien at 218-686-4163 for more information. There will be a Cowboy Church Service at 11:30 am on the Main Street Stage, weather permitting. Worship will be held at First Lutheran Church if there is inclement weather. Bingo on Sunday at the American Legion with Middle River Thief Lake LAH at 1:00 pm. There will be prizes and raffle items, coffee and bars will also be served. The Daryl Jarshaw Memorial Tractor Pull will take place at 1:00 pm next to Farmer's Coop Grain & Seed Elevator along Hwy 32. The last performance of "Arsenic & Old Lace" is at 4:00 pm at Ye Olde Depot Theatre.



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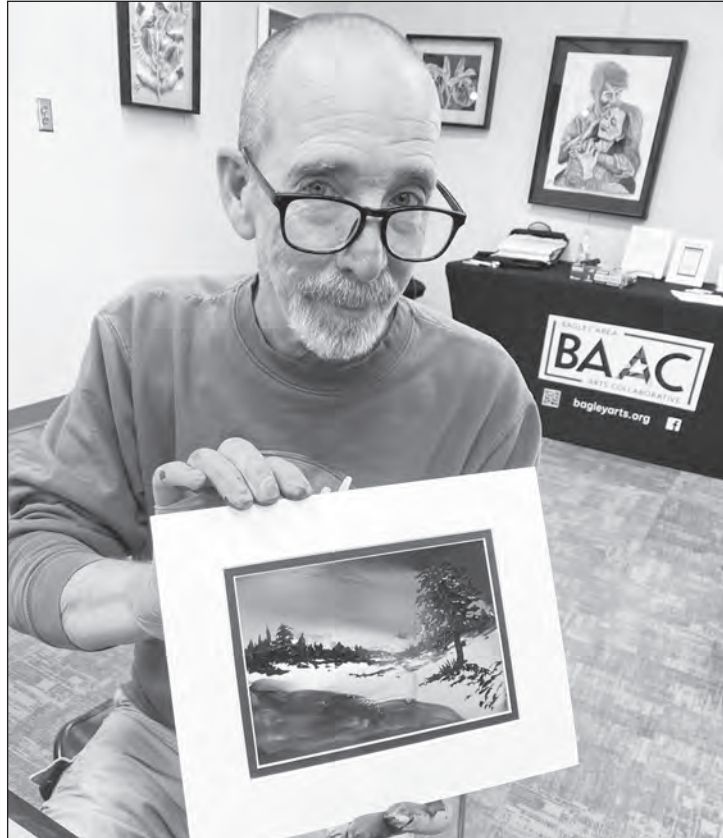
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Local artist Rick Paulin shares one of his creations. Rick said, "you have no control" and this art form has made him "look at trees, clouds and life so much differently."

Alcohol Ink Art classes given at Bagley and Park Rapids

Instructor, Carole Eurele, described Alcohol Ink Art as, "a spontaneous medium where it is uncontrolled but with amazing results. The ink stays vibrant in color, painting on a plastic paper called Yupo, giving an abstract/realism look!"

More popular in the US in

recent years, Alcohol Ink Art is relatively an unknown art form overall. Using only isopropyl alcohol, ink, and usually on a non-porous canvas known as "yupo", artists are able to create all sorts swirls, blotches, marbling and other designs on

the specialized paper. Due to the non-porous paper, artists are able to start all over by pour alcohol on the canvas, even after the ink dried.

Jesse Westrum, participant, a self proclaimed "control freak" said what he liked most was

"letting goof how it should be; it's a valuable life lesson."

Co-instructors Carole Eurele (Shevlin) and Carole Spychala (St. Joseph), held two classes, one in Bagley and one in Park Rapids, sponsored by the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative.



Carole Eurele w/ Mary Spaulding during class on "Creating Landscapes using Alcohol Ink" held at the Bagley Public Library Friday September 15th.



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This young bull elk walked behind Kelly and Wade Klema's house last weekend. That sure was a shocker for them on their place north of Gonvick. - Submitted photo



The Bears celebrating their touchdown. The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears now have a 3 and 0 start for the football season. Last week they won over Stephen/Argyle 36-14 for their third win. The other two were against Underwood at 30-8 and Ulen-Hitterdahl at 42-8. Their next game will be on Friday, September 29 when they host Grygla-Goodridge-Gatzke for their Senior night. All games start at 7:00 p.m. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears in action with Trevor Solberg guarding the Stephen Argyle player on the left. On the right Ryan Gerlofs goes in for the touchdown.



Junior Hassani Bruton driving the ball with Nathan Weems 8 and James Preuss.

Permits still available for Lake Bemidji State Park Youth Firearms Deer Hunt Oct 20-22

Permits are still available for the October 20-22 youth firearms deer hunt at Lake Bemidji State Park. This hunt is open to youth ages 12 to 15. Youth must be accompanied by an adult mentor over 18. Mentors must have parental approval and may not carry firearms.

The youth hunter must have a Firearms Safety Certificate and purchase a youth hunt license. The hunt is either-sex with a bag limit of two. Hunters at the special hunt in the state park may only possess and use non-toxic ammunition. Any projectile containing lead is prohibited, including lead ammunition plated with a non-

toxic material. More details can be found in the 2023 Hunting Regulations booklet (www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/hunting/index.html).

Participating in the youth hunt does not prevent a youth from hunting in the regular season, although harvested deer do count against the youth's annual bag limit.

Youth hunters interested in participating in the hunt must call the park at 218-308-2300 and provide the following information: first name, middle name, last name, street address, city, state, zip, phone; age on Oct. 20; and name of adult mentor. Mandatory orientation will be held in the

Visitor Center at Lake Bemidji State Park at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19.

Camping is available at the park. The bathrooms will be closed for the season, but vault toilets and water are available. Camping is \$24/nonelectric and \$34/electric per site. Four camper cabins are also available (\$85/night), and reservations are required.

State park permits (\$7 daily or \$35 annual) are required to park in any designated area of the park while hunting. For more information, call Shannon Bungart, Lake Bemidji State Park assistant manager, at 218-308-2329.

Grant Funding Available to Support Sustainable Agriculture Research Applications due December 7, 2023

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota farmers, educational institutions, individuals at educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations interested in researching sustainable agriculture practices and systems can now apply for funding through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

The Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant Program funds innovative projects that explore the energy efficiency, environmental benefits, or profitability of sustainable agricultural techniques or systems, from production through marketing. The MDA will award up to \$350,000 in grants using a competitive review process.

Applicants may request up to \$50,000 per project. The first \$25,000 does not need to be matched by the applicants. For requests between \$25,000 and \$50,000, applicants must provide a dollar-for-dollar match on the amount above \$25,000.

Past grants have funded a wide range of projects, such as

exploring cover crops and crop rotation; conservation tillage; input reduction strategies; integrated pest management; and alternative energies such as wind, methane, and biomass.

Projects may last two to three years and need to take place on Minnesota farms, and grantees must be willing to share what they learn with others. Grant projects are published annually in the MDA's Greenbook, which provides a summary of each project along with results, management tips, locations of previous projects, and other resources.

Funding for this program is made available through the AGRI Program, which administers grants to farmers, agribusinesses, schools, and more throughout the state of Minnesota. The AGRI Program exists to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy sectors.

Applications will be accepted through 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, and funding will be awarded in early 2024. For more information and application details, visit the AGRI Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant webpage.

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