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Artificial Intelligence

By Pamela French

It's not easy to condense a topic so expansive as "Artificial Intelligence" into a 90 minute program. However, due to a miss communication on the part of your coordinator (me), Dr. Marty Wolf spoke for 120 minutes. For this, I apologize.

Nearly 60 people filled the tables of the Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley for the NELL program; "Artificial Intelligence and its Ethical Concerns". It's a topic that's been requested for the past few years.

Reviews were mainly very good, with a few who were troubled with the technical depth of the program and it running too long.

Several first time attendees, who came because of the topic, said that it was excellent and that it wasn't too long. It was on the technical side. For most attendees AI was a new concept, except for what is reported in the news, and that is often sensationalized and negative.

The main take-always of the presentation were: be suspicious, verify the data with other sources and "AI" is a part of our everyday lives and isn't going away.



The Win-E-Mac Quilters gathered recently for a day of sewing baby quilts for the local hospital and various items for area nursing homes such as walker bags, lap quilts and table centerpieces." Front Row: Louise Baumgartner, Anne Pederson, Judy Tadman, Lois Boehrsen Back Row: Val Brekke, Kathy Finstad, Ilene Reiersen, Betty Tangen, Denise Disrud.

College and Sexual Violence

Sky Halbert - Program Coordinator, Development Outreach and Victim Services/BSU-NTC/SSC

As college life has started back up in our community, it is important to talk about sexual violence on college campuses. Women ages 18-24 are at an elevated risk of sexual violence. College women in this age group are three times more likely to experience sexual violence. College men ages 18-24 are 78% more likely to become a victim of sexual violence than a non-student of the same age. In addition, there is a time known as "The Red Zone" when college students are statistically at a higher risk for sexual assault. This time frame is from the first day on campus to Thanksgiving break.

When it comes to reporting sexual assaults, only 20% of female student victims in this age group report to law enforcement. Some reasons for not reporting to law enforcement are victims believed it was a personal matter, they did not want the perpetrator to get in trouble, and some believed that

police would not or could not do anything to help. 4% of these victims said that they reported it to someone, but not to law enforcement.

Although it may not seem like there is a lot you can do to help prevent something like this from happening there are some important things to remember when going out with your friends. You can be an active bystander by doing the following:

Direct: You can call out behavior you see as not being appropriate. You can call out the individual that is creating this negative behavior or you can go directly to the victim to make sure that they are okay. In this situation, be careful not to make it worse, remain calm when communicating with each party.

Distract: You can intervene by changing the conversation with either party which can help get the victim away from the situation without the offender realizing what is going on.

Delegate: If you do not feel comfortable stepping in your-

self, you can ask someone else to step in to help the situation. Noticing a situation that doesn't look appropriate is the first step in helping the victim get out of it.

Delay: You can always walk away from the situation, but keep in mind this means checking in on the victim after a certain amount of time has passed. You may walk away because the situation looks like it could escalate if someone tries to step in. You could also walk away because although the situation may look bad, it may not be what is happening. Just ensure that you check on the victim after a period of time has passed or report to the proper people so someone else can check in on the victim.

Support Within Reach can help in this situation. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual violence, there is an advocate that has office hours at Bemidji State University and at Northwest Technical College. You can connect with Lifestyle Educators for Support Within Reach's campus office hours schedule.

Please note that the on-campus advocate can meet a student at any time that works with their schedule and on any weekday. The contact information for the on-campus advocate, Sky Halbert, is (218)-444-9524 or s.halbert@supportwithinreach.org. Reach out to Sky Halbert via phone or email; whatever makes you feel the most comfortable. If you are not a student, a trained advocate is available to help you 24/7 at 1-800-708-2727. We have different services available to best meet your needs. Please like, follow, and share our social media platforms, and visit our website at supportwithinreach.org.\

Staying safe on cold water is everyone's responsibility

Some people in Minnesota have put away their boats for the year, but plenty of others will squeeze out every bit they can of the open-water season, whether they're chasing game, targeting fish or paddling lakes and rivers.

To anyone on or around the water this fall, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers this reminder: Your safety is your responsibility. With water temperatures consistently dropping, unexpected falls into the water are more likely to end in tragedy because even strong swimmers can become incapacitated quickly in cold water. Coupled with fewer people on the water to potentially help in an emergency, it's vital that people take steps to ensure their safety.

While more boating-related accidents happen during the

busy summer, a higher percentage of cold-water incidents are fatal and survival rates drop drastically.

"The water this time of year is unforgiving," said Capt. Adam Block, DNR boating law administrator. "Taking safety precautions is the best way to ensure a day on the water doesn't turn tragic."

The easiest and most effective way to stay safe and survive a fall into the water is to wear a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water season), not just have one along.

People can reduce the likelihood of a fall overboard by distributing weight evenly in the boat and abiding by the manufacturer's weight limits. Having a means of communication is important, too, as is making sure other people are aware

where you're going and when you plan to return. Changes in weather that result in shifting winds and storms can also lead to a treacherous situation, so it's vital for anglers and hunters to keep an eye to the sky.

In addition to staying safe on the water, people who are hunting should always follow the four rules of firearms safety: Treat each firearm as if it is loaded; always control the muzzle of your firearm; be sure of your target and what is beyond; and keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

For more information, including how to survive a fall into cold water, visit the Minnesota DNR's cold water safety webpage (mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html).

Police chase results in four arrests

The Clearwater County Sheriffs office and other agencies were involved in a police chase on Wednesday, October 25.

The Sheriffs office in Bagley was advised of a high-speed chase coming from Red Lake. Brandon Tahahwah, 20, drove through the wrong traffic lane almost hitting a Red Lake squad car head-on. Tahahwah took off at speeds of more than 100 miles per hour.

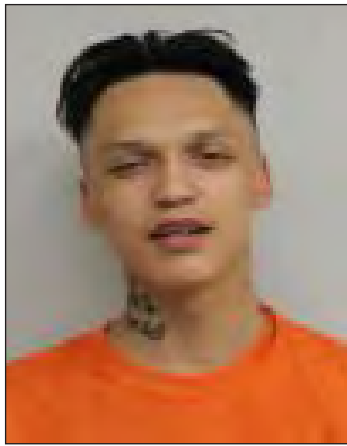
The chase continued from Red Lake, into Beltrami County and then into Clearwater County. Tahahwah entered a ditch near Berner on County Road 7.

Officers were able to arrest four people in the car. They found suspected meth, ammunition, rubber gloves and a Glock handgun in the car.

18 year old Brianne Maxwell moved into the driver's seat of the car after the officers were questioning Tahahwah. She's also facing the same drugs and weapons-related charges, in addition to charges for interfering with the investigation.

Hailey Johns and Kendrick Sayers, both 20 years old, were also arrested in the case. They face charges related to the gun and drugs as well.

The four defendants made their first court appearance in Clearwater County Friday,



Brandon Tahahwah



Hailey Johns



Brianne Maxwell



Kendrick Sayers

October 27. Bond was set at \$500,000 for Maxwell, Johns and Sayers. Tahahwah was set at \$750,000. The defendants are due back in court on Nov. 1.

Bemidji State University's Athletic Hall of Fame

Bemidji State University's Athletic Hall of Fame has expanded to accommodate six worthy individuals and one national championship-winning team, all of whom were formally inducted into the Hall on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Family, friends and supporters packed the Beaux Arts Ball-

room for the annual ceremony and brunch, which recognizes alumni athletes, former coaches, administrators and others who have excelled and brought acclaim to the university.

This year's alumni athlete inductees were Drey Bradley (men's hockey, 1980-84); Michele (Dinius) Kirby (volleyball,

1995-2000); Tony Kukich (men's swimming and diving, 1980-83); Mark Liska (men's hockey, 1981-85); and Kari Torgerson (women's soccer, 2003-06). Dr. Gary Erickson was also honored as a John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner, while the 1985-86 men's hockey team was inducted as an Outstanding Team honoree.

Giowedinong- Bringing Culture and History to Park Rapids- Akiing

On October 12, we opened Giowedinong, the Museum of Anishinaabe Culture and Treaty Rights in Park Rapids. We open this museum in a former Carnegie Library and a former Enbridge office.

The opening was a major success, with over 300 people attending, many from the local towns, who were eager to see what we had done. The museum is really a testament

of love and commitment to the people and community. With a mostly volunteer staff, and an inaugural set of donations totaling about \$120,000 we opened. Now, we are looking to shore up the ongoing programs of the museum.

The museum project is a collaboration of writers and Anishinaabe artists, dedicated to showcasing the history of the land and its people. The in-

augural exhibit focuses on the Anishinaabe people and their connection to Indaakiingimin, the land to which they belong. The exhibit weaves together cultural teachings, prophecies, treaties, and the communities that exist today. The inspiration for much of the work comes from the 1855 Treaty Authority and the importance of sharing our history.



Fosston Public Library and Aurora Center.

Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts

By Sarah Steinbrenner
On Sunday, November 26th, collectors, arts supporters, Christmas shoppers, and curiosity seekers alike will be treated to the 'Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts', a special Fosston community event that only comes around once in two years. At 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 26th, the preview will begin in

the public library and gallery of the Fosston Public Library and Aurora Center for the Arts. Shortly after, at 2:00 pm, both the live and silent auctions will begin. Josh Pearson, Fosston graduate and high school teacher, will be calling the bids!

Items donated include quilts, paintings, baked goods, gift certificates, woodworking, honey,

smoked cheese, children's items, and so much more! There will also be a raffle! As always, home-made yummy holiday treats and refreshments will be served. All proceeds will benefit the Aurora Center for the Arts (formerly the FCLAA) to enhance our arts programming. Come and enjoy yourself while taking care of some holiday shopping!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

November 5th, 2023

REMEMBER TO fall back ONE HOUR SAT. NIGHT



Truck or Treat was held in Oklee on Sunday afternoon. It was sponsored by the Oklee Community Club. There were about 12 vehicles on Main Street. Also was a Halloween Party in the Oklee Hall sponsored by the Garnes Go-Getters.

Let's Bid on that Woodchuck House!

The Silent Auction at the Gully Lund Hunter Supper Event is a fundraiser for the Lund Church Operating Fund, your contributions are important and appreciated.

Lund Church member Cindy Johnson recently notified other church members of some great donations that had just come in for the Hunters Supper Silent Auction in Gully on Nov. 4, 2023.

Another Lund member, Cindy K. read Cindy J.'s text, and was curious but thought "okay". One never knows what will turn up for the Silent Auction.

"Woodchuck House" went on the list of Silent Auction Items for the 2023 Lund Lutheran Church Hunter Supper Event.

It seemed a little strange that anyone would want a Woodchuck House. But, then it was not so long ago that it

seemed strange to put a bat-house in your yard and that's pretty common and considered beneficial now. And the kids make Leprechan houses on St. Patrick's Day... so sure, why not a Woodchuck house? Somebody will bid on it. Maybe woodchucks deserve a second look.

Cindy J. has a cell phone and uses it quite a bit. She is a texting person and she has her phone set up for voice texts. That means instead of typing a note on those itty-bitsy little letter keys, you just push one button and talk into the phone. It turns the spoken message into text form. Amazing and very useful for some people.

Some of you probably do this voice texting also. If you do, you may have occasionally found your "smartphone" friend to misinterpret what you actually said. It can be a head-scratcher to the recipient of the text.

Turns out Cindy J.'s not-so-smart cell phone heard "Woodchuck House" and that's what the text clearly read.

Moral of this story: Don't believe everything you read on your phone, but do attend the Lund Hunters Supper Event on Nov. 4th and do bid on that Woodchuck House; some Wood Duck will be very happy and you get to share the story.

See you there: Silent Auction, Ladies Aid Fall Market and Youth Gift Basket Raffle. Supper Serving 5 to 8 p.m. Take out or Eat in. See You There!

The donated items at the Silent Auction at the Gully Lund Hunter Supper Event always turn up many interesting items. No need to be polite and pass just because your ride home holds the top bid. It is a fundraiser for the Lund Church Operating Fund and your bids count at this annual fundraising event.

Annual Deer Hunters Meatball Supper

Saturday, November 4, 2023
5:00-8:00 p.m.
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Polk County Sheriff

Propane Leak

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The 6000 gallon propane tank was left to disperse until it was safe to shut the valves to the tank so it could be fixed. The Polk County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the MN State Patrol.

No further information will be released at this time. There is no danger to the public.

Temporary 9-1-1 Telephone Outage

The Polk County 9-1-1 Telecommunications Center is experiencing a temporary 9-1-1 telephone outage. Please be patient as your 9-1-1 calls will be answered, however, they will be routed to the Norman County 9-1-1 Telecommunications Center. The seven-digit number to contact Polk County 911 directly for an emergency is: 218-281-1240.

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Sons of Norway meeting scheduled

The "Taste of Norway" is coming to The Sons of Norway, Granlund Lodge #240 on Thursday evening, November 9th at 6:30 at the Embassy Center in Fosston. After the 6:30 meeting, members and guests are invited to get a taste of Norway through traditional foods and crafts. Several foods will be prepared on site such as waffles, krumkake, and rommegrot, while other delicacies will have been prepared ahead of time and ready for tasting. Craft demonstrations and displays include Hardanger embroidery, rosemaling, quilting, and more. Invite your neighbors and friends to join you for a fun-filled evening that will delight your taste buds and inspire you with Scandinavian traditions. Don't miss the Taste of Norway, Thursday evening, November 9th at 6:30 at the Embassy Center in Fosston. This annual event is free and open to the public. For questions, contact Wes Roland at 435-1230.



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COACHING POSITIONS

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

Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of basketball, being present at all games and practices beginning in November, and collaborating with the varsity head coach.

Junior High Girls Basketball Coach- Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of basketball, being present at all games and practices beginning in November, and being a good role model to young athletes. Positions are available until filled.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:
Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
Email: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us



PATIENT COORDINATOR

Fosston Family Dental is accepting resumes from enthusiastic multitaskers to join their team as a **Patient Coordinator**.

Tasks include phones, scheduling, working with dental insurance plans, and collecting payments from patients. This is a 4-day per week benefitted position. Submit resumes to ffdental@gvtel.com.

R32-34C

Night Shift Laborer

40 hr. work week (M-W 5 PM - 5 AM)
(Sunday 11:30 PM - 5:00 AM)
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This position is full time with major medical Insurance, vacation, 401(k) plan and profit sharing. 40 hr. work week (M-W 5 PM - 5 AM) (Th Noon - 5:30 PM). No weekends

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Fax or send resumes to:

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Grygla, MN 56727
Fax 218-294-6587



G32-33C

Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

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\$18.26 - \$23.85/hr. Position Closes November 15, 2023

Custodian I
\$18.26 - \$23.85/hr. Position Closes November 15, 2023

Deputy Patrol
\$28.56 - \$37.29/hr. Position Closes December 1, 2023

Loader Operator I/Fosston:
\$23.56- \$28.67/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Public Safety Telecommunicator:
\$24.44 - \$31.91 /hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I/Fosston:
\$25.97 – \$31.91/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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\$19.60 - \$23.85/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including but not limited to affordable family healthcare plans and PERA retirement.

For an application, full job description and general job opening information go to www.co.polk.mn.us and click on "Careers" or call 218-281-5408 Polk County Administrator's Office. EOE

R481C

LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT

Security State Agency, an affiliate of Security State Bank of Oklee, is seeking a LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT to handle the daily needs of the agency. This includes quoting and writing of new business as well as taking care of existing clients requests.

This full-time position includes great compensation along with a comprehensive benefit package that includes health, dental, and life insurance, PTO, paid holidays and 401K with profit sharing.

For more information, contact Wyatt Vettleson at 218-683-7961 or email wyatt.vettleson@ssboklee.com.



EEO

201 Main Street, Oklee, MN 56742



O32-33C

PARA-EDUCATOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Clearbrook-Gonvick School is seeking to fill the following Para-Educator Positions:

American Indian Home School Liaison/Early Elementary (Primary Grades) Para Educator: Preference will be given to a candidate of American Indian heritage and/or individuals with experience working with American Indian students and families. Valid MN Driver's license required for this position.

American Indian Para Educator (Grades 7-12): Preference will be given to a candidate of American Indian heritage and/or individuals with experience working with American Indian students and families.

Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and the ability to pass a background check. Preferred qualifications include, but not limited to: two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para-Pro Exam. Positions are open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:



Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Or email the materials to:
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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CUSTODIAN-FULL TIME

Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a custodial position. This is a full-time, 12 month position, with benefits. Pay is negotiable dependent on experience with a minimum starting pay of \$15.27. Job requirements include the ability to thoroughly clean while paying attention to detail with some lifting and bending required. Boiler's license is helpful but not required for the position. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.

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



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Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR

R32-36C

CLEARWATER COUNTY CUSTODIAN II

Clearwater County will be taking applications for a full-time Building Maintenance Custodian II Under the direction of the Maintenance Supervisor. The Custodian II will be responsible for the general cleaning, housekeeping, janitorial, and grounds duties for assigned buildings and also assist with Jail Maintenance. Applicants must possess a valid Minnesota Driver's License and the ability to obtain a Special Class Boilers License.

Salary Range is \$18.00-\$23.54 with benefits. Applications and Job Descriptions can be pick up at the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer's Office or on-line at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until position is filled.



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ELEVATOR MANAGER

The Clearbrook Elevator Association, Clearbrook MN will be accepting resumes for Elevator Manager. The position will include developing relationships with customers and suppliers, supervising staff, buying and selling grains, facilitating efficient grain movement, overseeing feed mill operations, assisting other team members when needed and other duties as required of the manager.

This position will require a valid drivers license (CDL preferred), high school diploma or equivalency, ability to supervise staff effectively and efficiently, ability to interact with others in a professional and courteous manner, ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks.

Applications are available at the Clearbrook Elevator, 103 Center Ave W, Clearbrook, MN 56634. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 10th.

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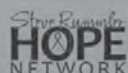
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Substitute Teacher opportunities are available. Applicants should submit their teaching license (or substitute licensure with a 4-year degree) and resume. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check.

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. This is a 3-hour position.

Food Service Cook - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. This is a 6.5-hour position.

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

*Application forms may be downloaded from the District Website bagley.k12.mn.us, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Jennifer Hecht at 218-694-6184. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Positions will remain open until filled. *

Full-Time Route Bus Driver and Substitute Bus Driver 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. For more information, please call Stuart Dukek at 218-694-6122. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Positions will remain open until filled.

Paraeducator position openings. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam.

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

Native American Home School Liaison position openings. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam.

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Top Ten Reasons to Join A Club

10. Snowmobile clubs gain land access to create snowmobile trails. Without the clubs securing land leases and paying insurance costs, no trails would cross private property, and that means the sport as we know it would not exist. All this takes time, effort and money.

9. Snowmobile clubs clear and create trails. After the land access is received, somebody has to go out and clear away the brush, cut down interfering limbs, haul out trash and smooth the base of the trail. They also must build bridges over creeks, rivers and low spots, and that takes a lot of work and a lot of money. This is all done by volunteers who truly love the sport. Without these hidden heroes, either the trails would not get cleared, bridges would not get built and most trails would close, or some entity (say, the state) would have to pay a team of workers to do the grunt work. And if that happened, you could expect to pay several hundred dollars, maybe even a thousand, to register your snowmobile each year.

8. In most areas, members of the snowmobile clubs groom the trails. Sometimes these groomer operators get a token fee for their hard work, but the dollar-per-hour rate is menial at best, and that's when a groomer operator actually gets paid. Again, these are more of the hidden heroes who spend their time in a slow-moving groomer, tending to the trails and making them as smooth as they are. Remember, if you are not a club member you have no right to complain about trail conditions.

7. While we're talking trails, who do you think puts up all the stop signs, the directional arrows and the signs that tell you the distance to the next gas station or restaurant? If you said "the snowmobile clubs," give yourself 10 points and keep reading, because we've only just begun.

6. When funding is needed to pay for groomers, insurance or trails development, do you know where that money comes from? Sure, the \$15 or \$20 people spend to join a snowmobile club helps, but in most states the money comes from snowmobile registrations and gas tax rebates. Why does our sport get this money from the state? Because our sport is organized. If the state snowmobiling association can talk about its 25,000 members, for example, and those members call their local lawmakers and ask for support, the bill has a much better chance of getting funded. Furthermore, it is the snowmobile clubs and state associations that fight the battles to open public lands to snowmobilers, and there is strength in numbers. Become one of those numbers.

5. With some clubs and associations, membership brings financial benefits. I know I get a couple grand worth of accidental insurance, I get discounts at sponsoring businesses and I get the state publication. All this and more for a mere \$20 a year.

4. Belonging to a club makes for better, safer snowmobiling. That's right, surveys and accident statistics have shown that snowmobile club members have a much lower accident rate than non-club members. Why? Because club members tend to be conscientious, they tend to stress safety and they are aware of safe-riding issues.

3. Belonging to a snowmobile club gives you a great social outlet for your favorite hobby. You can attend club rides, go to club meetings, take part in club fundraisers or take a club trip to a faraway snowmobiling destination. Belonging to a club gives you a good opportunity to ride with different people, experience different areas and hang out with people who have similar interests.

2. Belonging to a snowmobile club makes you a part of the solution instead of a part of the problem. If you think the snowmobile trails should be groomed more often, that a certain trail should move to the opposite side of the road or if you consider some corners on the trail dangerous or poorly marked, get involved. Most snowmobile clubs seek fresh opinions and want more feedback from users.

1. And the No. 1 reason to join a snowmobile club: It's just the right thing to do. For all the reasons listed above and many more you should belong to a snowmobile club. The costs are minimal, the benefits are nice and it is your responsibility to support the sport. It's cheap, it's simple and it's right.

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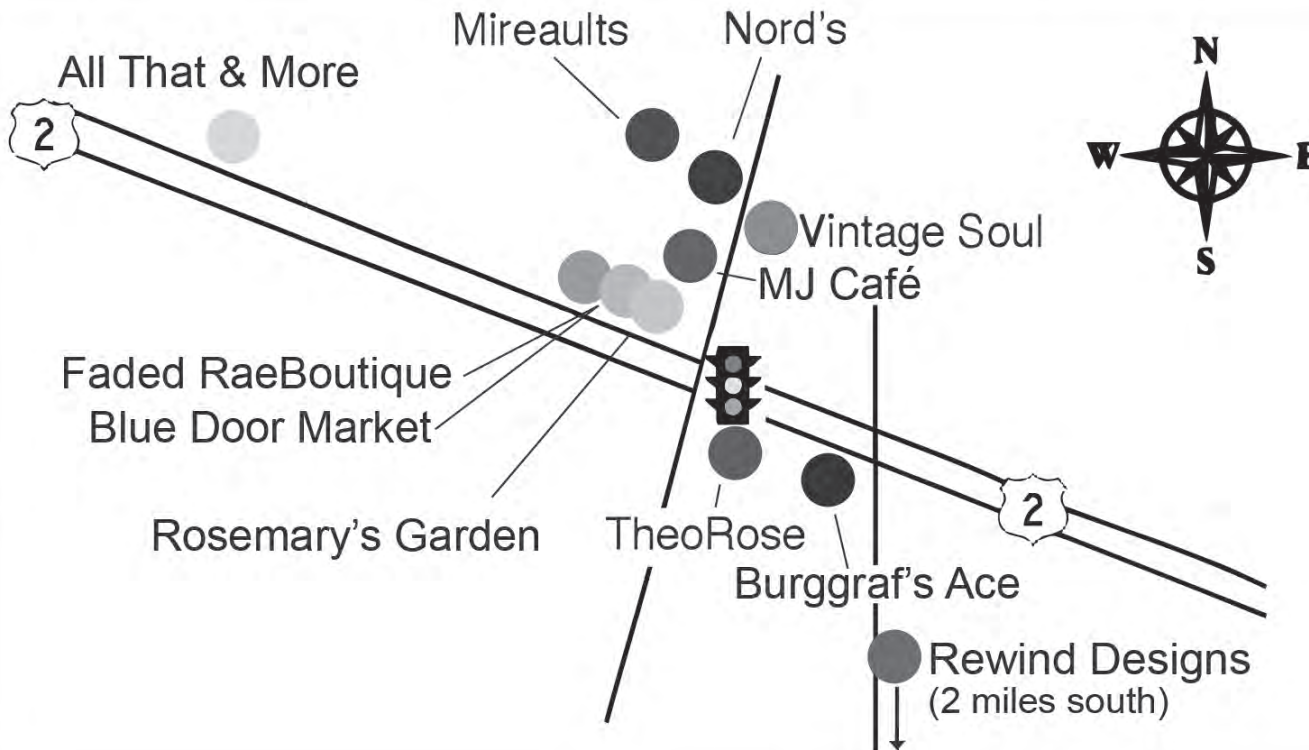
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"Mattracks plays a critical role in Minnesota's economy, and we're pleased to present the 2024 Certificate of Recognition for your contributions to our manufacturing economy," said Matt Varilek, Commissioner. "The recipients of this award make Minnesota a better place to live and work."

Last year, manufacturing workers took home \$24.9 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs. With an average

annual wage of \$76,950, this number is 10-percent higher than the state's average private sector wage. According to DEED, there is a high demand for manufacturing positions, making it a viable career choice with an expected 75,000 openings in manufacturing production through 2030.

"We're pleased to be recognized by our state's economic development leaders," commented Glen Brazier, Founder and CEO of Mattracks. "For nearly 30 years, we've been committed to continuing to expand our manufacturing business - from prototype to production. We're grateful for our hard-working, dedicated team members and for increasing demand from a global, diverse customer base."

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Rep. Knudsen Urges Businesses to Prepare for Expensive New Mandates Coming January 1st

St. Paul, MN — With the Democrat's new Earned Sick and Safe Time law going into effect January 1st of next year Representative Krista Knudsen (R – Lake Shore) is encouraging businesses across Minnesota to prepare for this onerous new mandate.

"This Law will put business owners in an even more difficult position than they already are with out-of-control cost increases which will lead to more

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inflation." Said Rep. Knudsen on the law. "This level of record-keeping will massively expand human resource and compliance costs, especially for small businesses that will need to invest in more staff and complex payroll systems."

The new sick and safe time law requires that all employers in Minnesota offer this minimum level of PTO to full-time, part-time and seasonal employees. These mandates include 1 hour of sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked with accrual of up to 48 hours per year. This also includes carryover from year to year with up to 80 hours held at any time. All of which are to be paid out at the rate for the shift when they are used.

"Standardization of sick time benefits will also reduce competition in the employment market that many businesses use as a way to attract employees. By adding this mandated expense to labor costs, it leaves little room for small business owners to offer individualized incentives and benefits to employees."

"Another unintended consequence of this legislation is that it will kill jobs across the state. With an additional 48 to 80 hours of cost added to every employee hired this will disincentivize business growth."

A complete list of mandates and reporting requirements is available at the Department of Labor and Industry website here. Rep. Knudsen would encourage every business owner to look through the site to be sure they are ready for this law to take effect. "With an up to \$10,000 fine per instance of non-compliance this is more effort by the Democrats to kill as many businesses in Minnesota as they can. I will do everything I can to stop them."

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Let's get done early!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



This past week was kind of a sad one for me. One year ago on October 27th my dad passed away. It was a beautiful fall day as I stood in the yard with a tear in my eye. Quite different from the snow this year! This early snow reminded me of one of the many stories my dad told me about a time years ago when grandpa and dad were going to get the chores done early for the day.

The day was in November back in the 1950's. Some bad weather was expected and grandpa said lets start on chores early so we can finish up earlier!!! The first chore was to feed hay to the young stock before milking. Dad started the model U Minneapolis Moline, they had purchased from Earl Swenson, hooked it to the "stone boat" and loaded ten or so square bales on it and started to pull it out in the pasture. To protect the stock from the wind they were feeding hay in the woods east of the house. To get there you had to cross what we always called the "swamp"(that's what we called it when I was growing up.) Dad crossed the swamp and unloaded the bales and headed back to the yard. On the return trip across the swamp he followed his same tracks and the U's rear wheels broke through the frost and he was stuck. No big deal, they would just start the B John Deere, with the farmhand loader and pull it out. But that two cylinder B would only hit on one cylinder. The cleaned the plugs and monkeyed around but could only get her to fire on one cylinder!! In the mean time the U was idling in the swamp and around the sunken rear wheel water started seeping from the

ground!! Thank goodness Tom Mayernik's Shop, in Oklee, was open and a new spark plug was purchased. Now the B fired up and with a quick tug out came the U MM!! Now back to chores!! The cows got milked and fed and dad and grandpa were back in the house.....at 8:00 pm, about two hours later than a normal day!! If you grew up on the farm, particularly with livestock, you know how it goes! When ever you say lets get done early..... you might actually be late!!

How about a little tractor trivia!!!

1. The newer U Minneapolis Moline Tractors featured what they called UNI-MATIC POWER. What did this refer to?
A) smooth running 4 cyl. engine B) The MM hydraulic system C) Power Steering



The tractor dad and grandpa had was a U MM standard like the one in this picture. I wish I had a real picture of dad's!

2. How many forward speeds did a U MM have?
A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 8 with a high/low

3. According to sales literature low gear was rated at 2.7 mph and high gear was rated at _____ mph.
A) 11.4 mph B) 12.4 mph C) 13.8 mph D) 14.8 mph

4. Did the U MM have a hand or foot clutch?

5. What is the main change MM made on the newer UB tractors, as compared to the U?
A) Cab and power steering B) 6 speed trans. C) Higher operators platform w/foot clutch

Answers: 1. B. Hydraulics 2. B. 5sp 3. D. 14.8mph 4. Hand 5. C. foot clutch



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Q u e s - tion: What is the deal with the Minnesota

State Patrol and the maroon colored squad cars? I've traveled all over the United States and don't know if I've ever seen this color used before. Is there a reason for this?

Answer: Good observation and yes, there is a reason deep within the history of the Minnesota State Patrol. The Minnesota State Patrol was created in 1929. The original trooper uniform — long gray coat, riding boots, gray knee-high pants and eight-corner hat — was replaced by maroon and gold uniforms. The change was made in 1934 to honor the University of Minnesota national championship football team. The Golden Gophers went on to win National Football Championships in 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941 and 1960.

In 1958 the State Patrol adopted maroon as the standard car color for their squad cars.

Our cars have went through some graphic changes throughout that time but the maroon and gold has remained steady as a part of our organization.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

I Will Fight for You

Exodus 14:14 reminds me of what I must do. "I will fight for you, you need only be silent."

I took a walk this morning and on it, I thought of you. I wondered if perhaps you took a walk, too. The crisp air tempered my steps. Clearing the air clears the mind, and I looked up.

Feather like clouds made their mark as the white contrasted nicely with the blue. One cloud looked as though someone was holding a pen and the message scrawled lightly across the sky appeared to say burdens being carried were light. They were His and I need not be bogged down.

Onto a field approach I went and into a pasture I'd passed

by many a time but had never stopped long enough enter in. Marching onward it offered a winding path through the Poplar trees which seemed to solute the changing of the seasons. The colors on parade matched those of the school bus rumbling by. As the wheel on the bus approached, my friend, the bus driver made her way with a friendly wave as salutation.

As I made my way down yet another path, before me was a metal coil wearing weary rust colors as if dressing for the season. A leather glove had fallen years back and now the age related formation of it looked sort of poetic as it stiffly stood its ground. The sun shone brightly as my mood lightened and the cobwebs cleared. "We need only be silent" (Ex.14:14).

Sometimes a walk is all one needs to gain perspective. It's just the way it is. If not a physical walk, then perhaps a walk down memory lane or just knowing that others are walking unfamiliar pathways helps bring comfort. "We need only be silent" Ex 14:14). After all—He is our all in all and is always working in all ways. But sometimes I forget.

I forget and can become quickly frustrated or short sighted. Other times I get in the way of my own interpretation of the misinformation I have spinning through my mind which tends to take up time and can be a waste of time. He says, "I will fight for you." He does not say He might, or that maybe He'll think about it if we just do our part. No, He says He WILL fight for you.

This is reassuring if only I can remember. I must remember to not stumble upon the rock I tend to throw onto the pathway when the reality is, I need merely lean on the Rock. "I need only be silent" means I can trust His ways over my own even when I don't understand it or even when I think I do but really don't see all of what He's up to.

Oh my, all this from a walk early morn. As the sun moves high into the sky for the day, I remember that it is the Son who not only sheds light but is Light. And all I need do is keep silent. Amen.

Talking later-life career changes with U of M

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (10/25/2023) — National Career Development Month this November is an opportunity to grow your skill set and re-evaluate your job-related goals, whether you're a new intern, seasoned professional, or someone who is interested in changing course later in your career.

Kate Schaefers, Ph.D., L.P., director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, housed in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, answers questions about how to navigate those later-life career transitions.

Q: How do you know it's time to make a career change?

Dr. Schaefers: Pay attention to the big and little things. The big things — constant stress, strains on relationships, lack of opportunity in your field, a schedule that just doesn't work — are clear shouts that it is time for a change. But also pay attention to the whispers — feeling bored and blah about the job, feeling uninspired about what you are accomplishing, or finding it hard to focus. These are all indicators that you may need to shake things up in your career. You might tweak your job by taking on a new project or new role, but it might be time for a bigger change. You don't have to wait for a crisis to decide to make a change.

Q: What advice would you give to someone trying to identify a new career path that is a better fit for their unique personality and life goals?

Dr. Schaefers: Reflect on what you want, and what you bring to the table — but not for too long. People often get stuck in self-reflection and analysis. They try to get crystal clear about what they want, take stock of all of the skills they bring, and then go searching for the right career that is going to fit. Yet it is hard to know what a career is really like through armchair reflection and analysis.

The research of Professor Herminia Ibarra, INSEAD, France, points to a different, paradoxical strategy: Act, then reflect. Try something new, in a small way. Take a course, or take on a project or volunteer role that will stretch you in a new direction. Then reflect. Were you energized by the experience? Was it a flop? It's useful information, either way.

Q: What challenges might someone face when changing careers later in life?

Dr. Schaefers: Ageism is real, but there are strategies to get past it. Keep your skills up to date, especially when it comes to technology. Anticipate stereotypes, and address them head



Kate Schaefers, Ph.D., L.P. Credit: College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

on. For example, tell stories that demonstrate that you would work well with a boss who is younger and less experienced than you. If the new career is a step down and/or pays less, explain why you still want it.

People often start new careers, go back to college, and launch new businesses at midlife and beyond. Experienced adults are ideally suited to these endeavors: they bring business acumen, network connections and work skills that are needed to be successful. Age doesn't have to be a barrier to starting something new.

Q: How can I show my skills are transferable?

Dr. Schaefers: Experienced workers bring a host of skills that managers everywhere need: critical thinking, communication, interpersonal skills, problem-solving and project management, to name a few. While these skills can be applied to a variety of positions and careers, you may need to connect the dots for potential employers. Tailor your resume and your LinkedIn profile to highlight these transferable skills. Frame your skills using terminology that resonates with the new career field.

Continuous learning is important in every industry. Make sure your core skills, especially with using technology, are current. Embrace learning, whether it is self-driven, online or in the classroom. A commitment to learning and development is essential in today's evolving workplace.

Q: How can CCAPS at the U of M help people navigate these changes?

Dr. Schaefers: The practical and in-demand skills gained from our professional training courses can be immediately applied in the workplace and added to your resume to help you stand out. We offer a robust portfolio of graduate and undergraduate degrees, professional development courses, certificates and boot camps designed to deliver valuable tools and skills that can help

you raise your profile and fuel your career. The College's Free Professional Development Webinars are a great way to learn more and try us out. You can visit the Webinar Archive page for a wealth of tips and insights, z.umn.edu/professional-development-webinar.

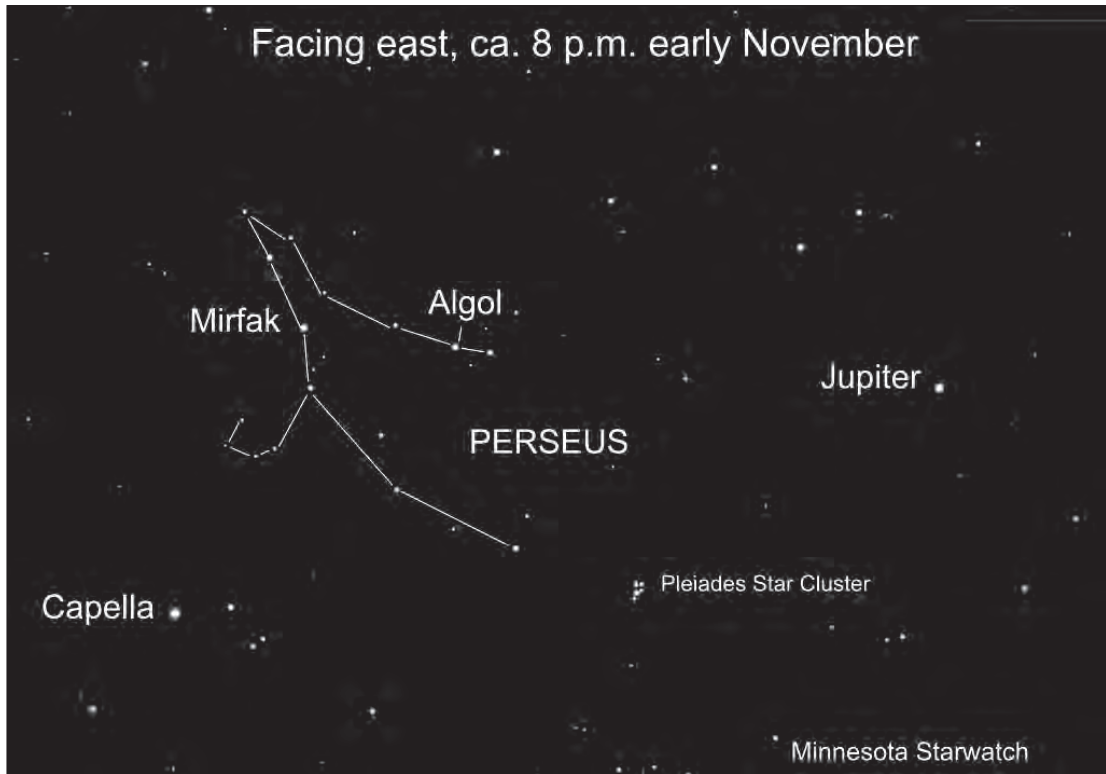
Kate Schaefers is the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, which is part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. She also is a psychologist, coach and educator. She coaches professionals who are transitioning into new roles, jobs and careers, and organizations that are exploring ways to tap the talent of a multigenerational workplace. A past president of AARP-MN, Schaefers currently serves on the AARP-MN Executive Council.

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Minnesota Starwatch for November 2023

By Deane Morrison

In November the bright winter constellations begin their grand entry into the evening sky. Leading the parade is Jupiter, the brilliant orb low in the east at nightfall.

Of the brightest stars in the array, the first to appear is Capella, in Auriga, the charioteer, which will be low in the northeast. Look above and slightly to the right of Capella for Perseus, a scraggly constellation most easily seen in the cold months. Its brightest star is Mirfak (or Algenib), but it is Algol, the second brightest, that holds a special place in the history of astronomy.

Ancient Arab astronomers

watched in fascination as Algol went through a cycle of brightening and dimming every 2.87 days. This eerie behavior happens because Algol, a multiple-star system, contains two closely bound stars orbiting each other. As seen from Earth, the dimmer star regularly passes in front of its brighter companion, causing a dip in its brightness. Some ancients identified Algol with a winking eye of Medusa, the Gorgon monster slain by the Greek hero Perseus, who holds her severed head.

Also in the evening sky, Saturn appears low in the south at nightfall. Below Saturn is Fomalhaut, dubbed "the loneliest star" because it's the only bright

one in its patch of sky. Fomalhaut's constellation—Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish—is one of the dimmest of all.

In the morning sky, we're treated to a breathtaking spread about an hour and a half before sunrise on the 9th. From east to west, you'll see Venus and a crescent moon in a tight pair; the panoply of winter constellations; and Jupiter getting ready to set. Also, November's full moon arrives at 3:16 a.m. on the 27th.

The Leonid meteor shower peaks in the predawn sky on the night of the 17th to 18th. Leonids can be quite bright and often leave persistent trails. This year, no moon will interfere.

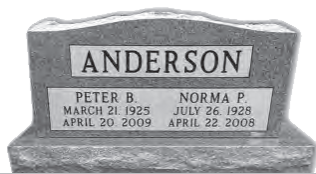
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Obituary for Renae Vedbraaten

Renae Vedbraaten passed away on 27 October 2023 at Centra Care Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota, with her family by her side. She was 73.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, 7 November 2023, at St. Bernard's Church in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, with Father Rick Lambert officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00, with a prayer service at 7:00 on Monday, 6 November at the Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be at Clearwater Cemetery, Equality Township, rural Oklee, MN.

Renae Louise Brekke was born on 17 August 1950 at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, to Arlie and Mavis Brekke and raised in Oklee, Minnesota. Raised on the family farm, she enjoyed the hard work and time spent with family and friends in the neighborhood. Renae graduated from Oklee High School in 1968 and went on to college to receive her LPN in Thief River Falls.

Growing up in east rural Oklee, Renae had a crush on the neighbor boy from a very early age. However, it was only when she was fifteen that Renae started dating James Vedbraaten. A perfect match, she married her best friend four years later in 1969. Renae and Jim made their home in Thief River Falls where Renae worked as an LPN at the hospital and clinic. During her forty-six-year career, she worked on CNC, Med/Surg, in the Emergency Room, and finally in the Surgical Center as an endoscopy nurse. Renae was a terrific nurse, and people often commented about her compassion and skills; she thoroughly loved her job and demonstrated hard work and integrity to those around her. After fifty-three years in Thief River Falls, she and James moved to Avon, Minnesota, in the summer of 2022 to be closer to their children. Ever the doting couple, they continued to spend their days together, playing bingo, joining new senior citizen activities in town, cooking and baking, spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and a myriad of other activities.

Renae was also an exceptional and devoted mother to Scott and Shelly. She dedicated herself to their activities throughout their youth; from Boy and Girl Scouts to musical and sporting events, Renae always supported her children's endeavors and education. She spent countless hours playing backyard games with them, the neigh-

borhood kids, and eventually her grandchildren. She was the best pitcher, ante over, drop the handkerchief, and tag player one could imagine. Through Scouting and family adventures, Renae also helped instill a love of camping and enjoying the lake and outdoors. She taught her children and scouts to make the best campfires as well as how to cook over an open fire. However, she eventually found more comfort on a permanent lake lot on Lake Sarah. Even more, she thoroughly enjoyed the yearly family sucker-spearling trip to the rural ditches of Shotley, Minnesota, where she helped them create forever memories and traditions in the chilly May 1st waters. Finally, one of her favorite pastimes was playing cards with her family. She learned to play cards from her parents and brothers, and she carried this enthusiasm to her children, playing all sorts of games whenever they were together.

When Renae was not with her family, she also enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and sewing. She crocheted numerous afghans and hand towels, pinned, tied, and stitched a plethora of quilts, and hemmed clothes or created full Halloween costumes. And, of course, she was a superb cook and baker, always welcoming anyone and everyone to her table. She and James also created large holiday platters of goodies every year to give to their family and friends for Christmas. Christmas was one of Renae's favorite holidays, and she was well-known for playing Mrs. Claus (to James' Santa Claus) in schools, nursing homes, and daycares. She also completely redecorated her home from top to bottom with her Christmas spirit.

Renae was most alive when in the presence of her family, especially her grandchildren. She attended all their functions and was one of their biggest cheerleaders, always encouraging them to try their hardest, have a positive attitude, and have lots of fun. Renae was always a positive influence on others, always encouraging integrity, honesty, and love for others. She had enough love for everyone and had the kindest heart and most beautiful soul.

Renae is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, James; her children, Scott (Heather) Vedbraaten of Browerville, Minnesota, and Shelly (Partner Dean Roering) of Alexandria, Minnesota; grandchildren Taylor (Boe) Garthus, Jessica (Partner Adam Stone), Christopher, and Ian Vedbraaten, Bethy (Johnny) Hedine, and Lillian Roering; great-grandchildren Jackson and Charlotte Garthus, and Lyla, Eddy, Ayda, and Olly Hedine; brothers Dale (Shelley) and Arlen (Deb) Brekke; brothers-in-law Roger (Edith) and William Vedbraaten; sisters-in-law Terry Vedbraaten and Loraine (Duayne) Miska; and many nieces and nephews.

Renae was preceded in death by her parents, Arlie and Mavis Brekke; her brothers, Randy and Bobby Brekke; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Leona (Adele) Vedbraaten; brothers-in-law, Ronald and Mark Vedbraaten; and sister-in-law, Linda Vedbraaten.

Condolences may be sent at johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Lyle Anderson

Lyle Anderson, 82, of Gonvick, Minnesota, went to be with the Lord on October 12th, 2023.

Lyle was born in Pine City, MN, on April 29, 1941. He spent his childhood there and graduated high school in 1959. He then attended Bethel College in St. Paul and

received his teaching degree in 1963. He met Beverly Carr at Big Trout Lake Bible Camp in 1956. They fell in love and were married in 1961.

Lyle started his teaching career in Clearbrook and spent the next 20 years teaching American History, social studies, coaching baseball and acting as athletic director. He then started his own business, Anderson Medical Supply. In his later years, he sold wood furniture products.

Lyle was an active member of Country Faith Church.

Lyle is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly, his son Mark (Patti), grandson Damon, daughter-in-law Joy, grandchildren Thor and Anika.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Laura Anderson, and his son, Bryon.

The funeral will be held on November 6th, 2023 at 11:00am at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook.



Obituary for Gary A. Rolandson

Rolandson, Gary A., age 83 of Apple Valley passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on October 26, 2023.

Gary was born on July 13, 1940 to Orville and Belle Rolandson. He grew up in Thief River Falls on the family farm and graduated from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls in 1958. After high school, he enlisted in the Army reserve and after his service in the Army moved back to the Erskine area and opened an Auto Body shop. His passion for his business was apparent to his customers that he served for over 30 plus years in the Erskine area.

His family, faith and friends were predominant in his life. He loved hunting on his family farm, and fishing at the family cabin. His enjoyment of the outdoors was always evident in his lifestyle,

which included long walks and the love of gardening.

Gary and Mary Ann were united in marriage at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rosemount Minnesota. Their faith was central to their lives; attending Shepard of the Valley and St. Joseph faithfully every Sunday. They loved to walk and bicycle the neighborhoods and lakes of Minneapolis and trips to visit family, the cabin, watch grandkids activities and go south to Arizona, Texas or Florida in the winter. He had a passion for the Vikings, Notre Dame football and the Minnesota Gophers. He loved ice cream. His life was directed in the ways of the Lord... FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Dolores Andersen; brother-in-law, Rollie Larson. Survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children: Mark (Kimberly) Rolandson, Chad (Holly) Rolandson and Angie (Trevor) Augenstein and his children's mother, Judy; grandchildren: Garrett, Austin, Brandon, Dylan, Kadie, Joe, Brennan, and Sophia; siblings: Bev Larson and Kenneth (Lynn) Rolandson; also by other loving family and many friends. Memorial service, 11am Thursday, November 2, 2023 at White Funeral Home (14560 Pennock Ave) Apple Valley. Memorial visitation from 10-11am prior to the service.



Obituary for Carol Satterfield

Carol Jean Satterfield, 80, passed away on October, 22, 2023 at her home in Gonvick, Minnesota.

The celebration of life gathering will be on November 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Gonvick Community Center. Interment will be held at Samhold Lutheran Cemetery in Gonvick, Minnesota. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Carol was born on December 11, 1942, the daughter of Henry and Evelyn (Josephson) Branden. She had 3 siblings: Helen, Russell, and Cheryl. She graduated from Fosston High School in 1960. From then on, she began her many traveling adventures. She got a job at a department store in Des Moines, Iowa where she met and fell in love with Gary Arlaud, who was stationed there in the Navy as a Military Policeman. They were married and welcomed Patrick and Glen into their unity. She followed Gary's Navy career, living in the Virgin Islands for a short time among other places. Carol and the boys moved back to Minnesota where she worked at the Gonvick Sunflower Plant as a secretary. Then, for a short time, she enjoyed

co-owning the CNR Café in Clearbrook with her brother Russell. Carol was a great cook. She had many jobs as a chef in her busy lifetime.

She traveled to Nashville, TN, meeting John Satterfield. They wed and had Karen and Kelly. She eventually moved back to Gonvick to stay. In 1988, Carol decided to pursue her life-long dream of becoming a teacher. She put herself through college and was proudly on the Dean's List each semester.

Sadly, in 1990, she lost her only daughter, Karen, in a tragic car accident which she never fully recovered from. Later, she worked at a potato farm where she rekindled her friendship with Don Engdahl. He helped her with flea markets and they made many great memories traveling together.

Carol was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of Samhold Lutheran Church. Carol loved to have a good time with friends and family. She wrote poetry, played piano and accordion and loved to play all-night Scrabble games. Her fun, loving nature will be missed by many.

Carol is survived by her 3 sons, Patrick (Bren) Arlaud, Glen (Peggy) Arlaud, and Kelly Satterfield, all of Gonvick, MN; her sister, Cheryl (David) Rade of Eugene, OR; her sister-in-law, Linda Branden of Bagley, MN; three grandsons, Gunner (Mandi) Arlaud, Brody Arlaud, and Tyler Anderson; one granddaughter, Mariah Satterfield; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Satterfield; her parents, Henry and Evelyn Branden; her sister, Helen Johnson; her brother, Russell Branden; nephew, Darrell Branden; niece, Cindy Warburton; and her dear friend, Don Engdahl.



Obituary for Delilah Moran

Delilah Moran, age 68, of Erskine, MN, lost her battle to long term cancer on Sunday October 22, 2023 in her home. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be determined. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Delilah Dawn Jasper Moran was born August 22, 1955 to Bryce and Clarice (Business) Jasper in Waukon, Iowa. She was baptized in the

Lutheran faith. Delilah attended and graduated Valley High School in Las Vegas, NV in 1973. She worked at Pioneer Memorial Care Center for many years.

Delilah enjoyed her boys David and Justin and all her grandkids. She enjoyed being outside in the yard and tending to her flowers, she took great pride in the presentation of the yard.

On Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 Delilah passed away at the age of 68 in her home surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her son David (Efimia) Moran and granddaughters, Kristina (22) and Marianna (20) of Woodburn, Oregon and son Justin Moran and grandkids, Corbin (12), Fuller (11), Hudson (4), Oakleigh (1) and Baby boy Moran (due any day) of Erskine, MN. Sister Cheryl (Ken) Mitchell of Pahrump, NV, Brother Mike (Julie) Jasper of Reno, NV, and many nieces nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son Darren Kyle Moran, parents Bryce and Clarice (Business) Jasper, and brother Bruce Jasper. Blessed be her memory.



Obituary for Eileen Rhen

Eileen Rhen, of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023 at her home, at the age of 75.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN, with Rev. Kristin Ostercamp officiating.

Visitation was held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, October 27, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation was also held one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Saturday.

Eileen Lynette Engebretsen was born in Crookston, MN, on May 17, 1948 to Hans and Irene (Wicken) Engebretsen. She grew up in Clearbrook, MN and attended and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1966.

From 1966 -1967 Eileen attended and graduated from Hibbing Vo-tech School for Medical Lab Assistant.

On Good Friday, March 24, 1967 Eileen and Russell Rhen became engaged. They were united in marriage on August 19, 1967, and made their home in Clearbrook, where they were blessed with two children, Kaj and Nancy.

Eileen was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook where she was very active in the church choir, taught Sunday School, and was a member of

the ladies circle. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #0256 for 49 years and the Clearbrook Volunteer Fire Girls for 14 years.

Eileen worked in the Public School as a dietary aide, baker/bakery manager for Granley's Fairway, and the Good Samaritan Center all in Clearbrook.

In 1988 Eileen and family moved to Duluth, MN. They moved again in 1989 to Thief River Falls, MN, where she has resided ever since. While living in Thief River Falls she became a familiar face to many in the community while doing demos of various foods at Hugo's.

Eileen was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, sang in the church choir, was active in circle, was co-chair for sharing servants, and served on church boards. Eileen was a volunteer and part-time employee at the T.R.F. Heritage Center.

Eileen's family is the most important part of her life. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved her family dearly. Eileen enjoyed reading, sewing, counted cross stitch, fishing, gardening, Bingo, baking, jigsaw puzzles, and playing cards.

Eileen is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Russell; children, Kaj (Winnie Austin) Rhen of Moorhead, MN, and Nancy Rhen of Ada, MN; granddaughter, Ava Grams; brothers-in-law, Gordon (Barbie) Rhen of Lake Wales, FL, and Rick (Renetta) Rhen of Clearbrook, MN; nieces and nephews, Jeff (Lorie) Engebretsen, Mike (Lynn) Engebretsen, Joann (Pat) Greendahl, Aric Rhen, Andrea (Dana) Johnson, and Mitchell Rhen; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hans and Irene Engebretsen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, George and Ruby Rhen; and brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Joan Engebretsen.

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Jake Stoskopf #63 for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears sacks the quarterback for Park Christian Junior Jeremiah Bekkum. The Bears went on to win 28-6. They will play Fertile-Beltrami for the Section 6 nine-man Championship at the Fargodome on Thursday, November 2nd at 4:30 P.M. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Defensive line for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears, #44 Wyatt Westrum, #90 Jason Defoe, #88 Cooper Wishard. They defeated Park Christian to advance to the Fargodome.



Alex Churness carried the ball 22 times for 186 yards and two touchdowns as Clearbrook-Gonvick defeated Park Christian 28-6 in the Section 6 nine-man semifinals at Clearbrook. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



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