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I’m Dreaming of a “White” Christmas?

By Eric W. Mickelson
October 26th or so we kind of got fooled! Snow on the ground and followed by a week or more of cold weather.....the snow remained on the ground. I was a bit depressed! Do we need our winter to start 2, 3, or maybe 4 weeks earlier than usual! Yes, I know the snowmobilers would argue with me, but it would not be so bad to have an open winter(to me!)

Then what happened? The weather got a bit milder, temperatures in the 30s and 40s, and the snow melted! I got some of those projects that I thought I would have no more time to get done. And as you know, guess what? This mild stretch has continued into December. According to the weather app on my phone there should be at least 5 more days in the 30s and 40s, and still after that temperatures that would be considered above normal! I will tell you I certainly can't complain.

We did set up our Christmas tree and while going out for supper with our son, Marshall, and daughter-in-law, Rochelle, Rochelle mentioned, "Gee, I wish we would get some snow!" I said, "Don't worry I am sure we will get some!" My wife chimed in agreeing we needed some December snow! I just responded, politely, that I thought it wouldn't be so bad to have a "brown" Christmas! My comment was not really shared by the rest of the dinner table!

It made me think of the Bing Crosby song, "White Christmas." The song was written by Irving Berlin for the 1942



musical movie, Holiday Inn. Bing Crosby's version of the song was on top of the charts for 11 weeks in 1942 and also returned to its number one spot in 1943 and 1944! Over the years "White Christmas" has been performed by many artists, but the original Bing Crosby version is the world's best selling single, selling over 50 million physical copies! The song was first performed publicly by Bing Crosby on the NBC radio

program, The Kraft Music Hall . The first performance took place on Christmas Day 1941. Of course this was only a few weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Although it was not an immediate hit by October of 1942 it hit the top of the charts and seemed to resonate with Americans during WWII. In Holiday Inn, the composition won an Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1942.

This was not the end of the song of course because it was featured again in a 1954 Bing Crosby musical by the same name, White Christmas. The recording was also broadcast on Armed Forces Radio on April 30, 1975. It was done as a secret, pre-arranged signal of the U.S. evacuation from Saigon. National Public Radio, in 1999, made a top of 100 list of the Most Important Musical Works of the 20th Century. White Christmas was listed as number 2 behind only "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", by Judy Garland.

I am excited to get a chance to do a little ice fishing. I know it is December and I have lived in Northern Minnesota long enough to know we often have snow and maybe even a blizzard under our belts by now. I would recommend sitting down a night or two between now and Christmas and watch Holiday Inn, or White Christmas, Miracle on 34th Street, or whatever your favorite Christmas movie is! You know it 'tis the season! But, as for myself (image singing), "I'm dreaming of a BROWN Christmas!"



Alyssa Raverty of Fosston had a collection of gnomes at Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook last weekend.



The Clearwater Quilters had a booth at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook. The ladies from left to right are Linda Holm, Merilee Westrum, Carol Peterson and Raylene Rankin who donated their profits to the Clearwater County Food Shelf.

American Legion to hold membership/recruitment meeting

Tangen-Walstrom American Legion Post 114 of Fosston has been in existence for more than 100 years. (Chartered in 1922) At one time, our Post had more than 220 members. In 2023, we had 40, of which only four or five have been regular attendees at our meetings. We are not the only Post that has been handicapped by declining membership. Many Posts throughout the country are struggling to keep an active group of members involved in Legion activities. As World War II veterans become fewer every day, and Korean veterans are reaching their nineties, we have to get much more active in recruiting younger members into the ranks. Most of our current members are Vietnam era veterans, and we're getting deep into our seventies and eight-

ies, too. We have very few post Vietnam veterans in Post 114. There are so many alternative activities for people to be involved in, it becomes difficult to get people to involve themselves in the important work of the American Legion. If we want to keep our Post alive, we're going to have to devote ourselves to growing our numbers through becoming more active ourselves, and by recruitment of younger veterans.

To be blunt and honest, our numbers have dwindled until we are in danger of losing our Post. We don't want to see that happen. Over the years, Post 114 has been an important contributor to the social and cultural environment of our community and our country, and we need to make every effort to keep it active. We need our

Post – and our Post needs us.

With that in mind, we are holding a membership and recruiting meeting at Ventures at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening, December 14. We need to see every current member, every former member and every prospective member at that meeting, and we need you to invite any veteran you may know who is not a Legionnaire to attend with you. We will not hold an election at this meeting, but we will be discussing plans for revitalizing our Post 114. We will be nominating persons to serve in the positions of responsibility for 2024, such as Commander, Vice Commander, and Adjutant. We will serve coffee and light refreshments.

Any questions, call Dick Roue at 218-686-6797 or Steve Fjerstad at 218-435-1002.



Jolene and Mark Schmidt from Fosston had Jolene's Living Creations at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook.

Caution paramount as ice season gets underway

The ice season got off to a quick start in parts of Minnesota in recent days, with ice forming on some water bodies and numerous reports of ice anglers already testing their luck. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone to stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice.

Ice conditions this time of year are highly variable and can change quickly. Falling into the cold water can turn tragic fast. Safety officials stress the importance of anyone heading onto the ice to check its thickness for themselves and not rely on other people's footprints, tracks or social media posts.

While 4 inches of new, clear ice is the minimum recommended thickness for walking, it takes at least 5 to 7 inches to hold a snowmobile or small all-terrain vehicle, 7 to 8 inches for a larger, side-by-side ATV, and 9 to 10 inches for a small car or SUV.

"The beginning of the ice season is always an exciting time for us hardy Minnesotans, but it also can be deadly if you don't take the proper safety precautions," said Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "Checking the ice thickness regularly – and for yourself – is absolutely vital and one of the easiest ways to ensure tragedy doesn't strike when you're out there."

Each year, unexpected falls

through thin ice lead to serious injury or death. Checking the ice thickness with a spud bar, auger or other device is the best way to prevent falling through. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks can help someone get out of the water, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely a person can call for help.

General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines (mndnr.gov/safety/ice/thickness.html) can help minimize the risk:

- Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except

when in a vehicle).

- Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.
- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
- Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
- Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.
- Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.
- Parents and guardians should talk with their children and neighborhood children about staying away from the ice unless there's adult supervision. This includes lakes and rivers, as well as neighborhood ponds, retention ponds and anywhere ice forms.



Carolyn Combs, with her various forms of pottery at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook. She teaches elementary art in the Bagley School district.

Collect and sell black spruce cone in northern Minnesota to the State Forest Nursery

Forest Nursery is looking for people to collect black spruce cones this winter in northern Minnesota. The seeds found inside the cones are needed to reforest nearly 3,000 acres of black spruce forest each year.

"Over the last few years, the number of collectors has decreased and we are in critical need of black spruce cones," said Sarah Ebert, State Forest Nursery manager. "We pay people \$100 per bushel, which is about nine gallons of cones. Collecting black spruce now is a great way to earn some cash

before the holidays."

People interested in collecting black spruce cones should first contact one of the DNR's seed drop-off stations to get information and instructions on collecting, handling and labeling the cones. The DNR Forestry seed drop-off stations that are buying black spruce cones are: Baudette, Bemidji, Cloquet, Deer River, Hibbing, Littlefork, Orr, Tower, Two Harbors, Warroad, and the Minnesota State Forest Nursery (near Akeley). Visit the DNR's seed and cone collection webpage (mndnr.

gov/forestry/nursery/cone-seed-collection.html) for drop-off location addresses and phone numbers.

Only high-quality, ripe, closed black spruce cones free of stems and debris are eligible for purchase. Colorado blue, white, or Norway spruce cones are not accepted. The window to collect and sell viable black spruce cones is open now through February 2024.

If people are not sure where to find cones, a DNR forester from a drop-off station can provide advice.



Rick Paulin busy painting at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook last weekend.



NDSU students.

NDSU Tuition Award Program extended to cover second year

Fargo, N.D., Nov. 29, 2023 - Additional funding through the NDSU Foundation has been secured to extend the Tuition Award Program to two years for new students entering in fall 2024, alleviating more financial stress and making an NDSU education more affordable for eligible students.

Beginning in the 2024-25 academic year, Pell-eligible North Dakota and Minnesota students with family income levels of \$80,000 or less will have base tuition and student fees fully covered for two years if they are in their first year at NDSU. Students returning in their second year at NDSU in 2024-25 will also be considered for this program for one year.

"We are thrilled to be able to extend this program and provide more support to eligible students interested in attending NDSU," said NDSU President David Cook. "Providing access to a high-quality education and helping to fulfill workforce needs of the state is what our land grant mission calls us to do."

The scholarship is intended to provide financial support to eligible students by covering any remaining base tuition and student fees after other aid has been applied such as from grants, scholarships, waivers from federal, state, institutional or external sources.

"Extending the Tuition Award Program will help al-

leviate the financial burden of attending college and aid students in their decision to attend NDSU," said Seiquis Leinen, NDSU senior director of strategic enrollment management. "Our state will continue to benefit from the career-ready students entering the workforce upon graduation. We look forward to welcoming these students to our NDSU community."

For full consideration, students must meet the following criteria during the 2024-25 academic year:

- Be a legal North Dakota or Minnesota resident eligible for the reciprocity rate
- Be a new, first-time, degree-seeking student beginning summer or fall 2024, or a returning NDSU student who first enrolled at NDSU in summer 2023, fall 2023 or spring 2024
- Have a family income (annual adjusted gross income) of \$80,000 or less and be Pell-eligible as reported on the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Enroll full-time (12+ credits per semester) for fall and spring semesters
- Be in good academic standing and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Be pursuing first bachelor's degree
- Not be in default on a state or federal student loan
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Financial aid and scholarships, combined with a 93% placement rate upon graduation, make NDSU both a smart and affordable investment. NDSU has a flat-rate tuition model, which means students can take additional classes at no extra cost.

Students will need to fill out the 2024-25 FAFSA, which determines eligibility for federal, state and school aid, when it becomes available in December. Students also need to be admitted to NDSU to be eligible for the scholarship. The application is now open.

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Sons of Norway meeting and Christmas Potluck

The Sons of Norway, Grand Lodge #240, will hold its December meeting on Thursday evening, December 14th, at 6:30 pm at the Embassy Center on the corner of 3rd and Eaton Ave. in Fosston. Following the meeting will be the annual Christmas Potluck and fellowship. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift with a suggested value of up to \$10. A man brings an unmarked wrapped gift for a man a woman brings an unmarked wrapped gift for a woman. As usual, guests are always welcome to attend and participate in an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship. That's Thursday evening, December 14, at 6:30 for the Sons of Norway meeting and Christmas celebration. For questions, call Wes or Susie Roland at 435-1230.

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

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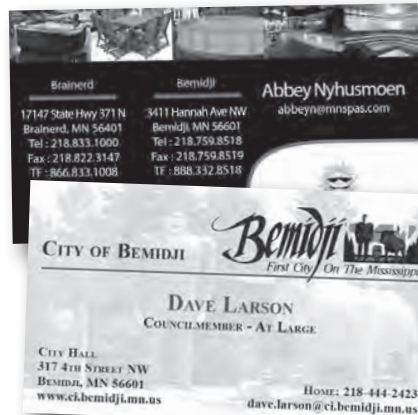
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U.S. House Reaffirms Israel and Calls on Hamas To Release Hostages

The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved two bipartisan resolutions reaffirming Israel's right to exist and calling on Hamas to immediately release all hostages taken during its October 2023 attack on Israel.

Legislators passed H. Res. 888 by a vote of 412-1-1 declaring "the Jewish people are native to the Land of Israel" and acknowledging the atrocities of the Nazi Holocaust and the persecution of the Jewish people throughout history. The resolution, in addition to reaffirming Israel's right to exist, also "recognizes that denying Israel's right to exist is a form of antisemitism," rejects calls

for the destruction and elimination of the only Jewish State; and "condemns the Hamas-led attack on Israel."

The single "no" vote belonged to Republican Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky. Rep. Massie stated on social media that while he agreed with Israel's right to exist and that "antisemitism is deplorable," he opposed the resolution "because it equates anti-Zionism with antisemitism." Democrat Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, the sole Palestinian American in Congress, voted present.

Republican Rep. Mike Lawler of New York, who introduced the resolution, said from the House floor that the nation

"must do everything it can to stand by its greatest ally in the Middle East."

He noted that Israel also has the right to defend itself and the only way this conflict "ends peacefully is for Hamas to surrender."

Minutes earlier, the House unanimously passed H. Res. 793 by a vote of 414-0 condemning Hamas' "brutal attack on Israel" and demanding they "immediately release all hostages and return them to safety."

The measure was co-sponsored by Republican Rep. French Hill of Arizona and Democrat Rep. Haley Stevens of Michigan, the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Hostage Task Force.

"Holding innocent civilians hostage is immoral," stated Rep. Hill. "While Hamas releasing some of the hostages last week was a step in the right direction, it is not enough until all those held against their will by this savage terrorist group are

released from captivity."

On October 7, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas conducted a surprise attack on southern Israel killing more than 1,400 people and taking more than 240 hostages into Gaza. Since then, Israel has waged war to destroy the terrorist group. Israel and Hamas now have a temporary cease-fire agreement to exchange the hostages for Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli prisons. Under the cease fire, more than 80 of the hostages have been returned with approximately 160 remaining in captivity.

Christians in Defense of Israel Chairman Mat Staver said, "This strong support for Israel shown by the United States House of Representatives is encouraging. We must not be silent at this time. If you ever wondered what you would have done during the Holocaust, you now know by what you are doing or not doing now. Silence in the face of evil is evil itself."



Essentia Health holding annual angel fundraiser for hospice

This holiday season, Essentia Health-Fosston is holding its annual angel fundraiser to honor loved ones and support those in hospice care.

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sentia Health-Fosston. "Thank you for your continued support!"

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To purchase an ornament, please call (218) 435-7670 or visit the hospice office at 900 Hillgoss Blvd. SE. and speak with Netland or Jody Heide. Ornaments can also be mailed to a loved one. Ornaments will be available while supplies last.

Sen. Tina Smith challenges postmaster for answers on mail issues

Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minn., has called on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to provide answers regarding the Postal Service's agreements with Amazon and the impact of those agreements on Minnesotans. Mail delays and delivery inconsistency have been widely reported.

The delays affect postal customers who use it to pay bills, receive prescriptions and conduct other essential business. Businesses, including newspapers, experience damaged customer relationships and revenue impacts when service is substandard.

Smith wrote: "As Postmaster General, you are responsible for ensuring that the Postal Service meets its service standards, and it is clear right now that things

are not working as they should ... Entering into contracts that your system cannot support is a breach of your responsibilities."

Recent reporting by the Bemidji Pioneer uncovered how harsh working conditions and the implementation of a USPS service agreement with Amazon have pushed mail carriers to the breaking point. Workers said they are forced to work 12-hour days, six days per week, with time off requests being cancelled.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Christmas is a Coming (Remnants of a trip to Assisi)

I heard it said the other day, “The cross is for the past...the resurrection is for us—not the cross.”

No doubt the voice which spoke meant well, but it didn't sit so well with me. Having recently returned from places where the saints who've gone before us were martyred for their faith, I saw more clearly how “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church” (Tertulian—an early church father). In order to reap the benefits of those who have gone before us—namely Jesus Christ—then we must look at the whole picture, not just a part of it.

The deep speaks from the ancient of days and it's really not all that ancient. Deep calls to deep as the saints lived faith. They did so—so we might be encouraged and understand that being invited into the suffering and passion of our Lord is pure gift.

And speaking of gifts, the Christ child was the biggest one ever given. “For unto us—a child is born. Unto us a Son is given” (Is. 9:6). Born in a manger—in Bethlehem (meaning House of Bread) the bread of life invites us into the holiness of living out faithful and faith filled lives. Misrepresenting the gift means making salvation about us as if the resurrection was for our gain rather than His

glory—and although both are in the mix, we sure don't wanna mix em up.

In order to look towards the resurrection, we must first look to the cross. Without understanding the past, one will not fully understand the present—the gift. The purpose of the past is to root us deeply into His ways and the Gospel of glory is only worth looking at if all glory goes to Him.

Can we look to the resurrection? We sure can—but only by way of the cross and the only way to see the cross is by remembering where it all began. It began in a stable offering stability to the whole wide world—which He created from the beginning.

In a church far away, I entered into the quiet. Before me was a large glass encasement and within it were remnants of Christ's manger. Nearby in yet another church were the steps

Jesus ascended before being condemned to death by Pontius Pilot. They were encased in wood and the pilgrims who traveled to see them could only go up each step on bended knee. Once the ascent began, there was no turning back. One could only cling to the railings which helped pull them forward. Just as His birth pulls us towards the cross, the cross pulls us towards His resurrection.

When we remember the gift, the birth of the Christ child within the manger, we remember the gift of Christ's suffering on the cross—and only then will we be able to fully understand the gift of the resurrection. Seeing things as He sees them and not how we perceive them to be is also a gift given—the gift of discernment through the gift of faith.

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Q u e s -
t i o n : I hear there that DWI's can b e c o m e

more of an issue around the winter holidays. Can you talk about that? Thank you for all you do.

A n s w e r : Minnesota Law Enforcement is participating in a statewide campaign that includes extra DWI enforcement that started the day before Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Over the past five years (2018-2022), more than 120,000 people have been arrested for DWI.

Each DWI risks the loss of a license for up to a year, thousands of dollars in fines and possible jail time. Repeat offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above blood alcohol-concentration, must use an ignition interlock device to regain their driving privileges.

Even with all those costs, it's still better than what could happen in a crash. Getting behind the wheel while impaired, whether it's by alcohol or other substances, is incredibly dan-

gerous. From 2017-2021, 49 people died in drunk driving-related crashes between the day before Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve in Minnesota.

Alcohol-related crashes not only take lives, they also change them forever. Those crashes leave people with chronic pain, medical bills and other problems that follow them for years.

There is some good news: These crashes are 100 percent preventable. The best way to save those lives is to have a sober driver. Either designate one from your group or plan for an alternative transportation option. If you see an impaired

person about to get behind the wheel, speak up and get them a safe ride home.

Also, don't forget to buckle up. It's the best defense against impaired drivers.

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By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



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3. About how much did a TD-24 weigh?
A) 15 tons B) 17 tons C) 19 tons D) 22 tons
4. How many forward speeds did the transmission of a TD-24 have?
5. What model replaced the TD-24?

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Klobuchar Pushes for Solutions to Address Postal Delays in Bemidji and Other Communities

WASHINGTON - Amid reports of increased Amazon package volumes overwhelming post offices and delaying mail delivery in Bemidji and across the country, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) called on U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to ensure Minnesotans receive their mail and packages in a timely manner.

Klobuchar also spoke with local postal leaders to raise concerns about the ongoing issues and discuss solutions. Klobuchar has also requested a meeting with Postmaster General DeJoy to ensure post offices are adequately staffed and that Amazon is not prioritized over other customers.

"I write regarding recent reports of increased Amazon package volumes overwhelming post offices, with Amazon packages being prioritized over mail from other customers at the Bemidji Post Office and across the country," wrote Klobuchar. "Postal delays have real effects on the millions of Americans who rely on the USPS for deliveries that are critical to their health and livelihoods."

"Amazon cannot be allowed



to cut in line ahead of Minnesota residents and small businesses. I have spoken with local Minnesota postal leaders who have agreed that all customers should be treated fairly and are working to fill positions in Bemidji," Klobuchar continued. "I urge you to take the steps necessary to support our postal workers and ensure the

timely delivery of mail."

Klobuchar has long worked to ensure Minnesotans can enjoy reliable postal service.

In 2022, bipartisan legislation she supported to bolster the USPS' long-term financial stability and help address delivery delays and other operational reforms was signed into law.

Klobuchar also successfully pushed for a moratorium on the closing or consolidation of post offices and mail processing facilities, and she has advocated for preserving rural post offices

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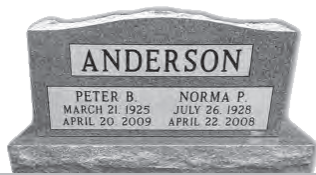
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Obituary for David Otting

David William Otting was born January 28, 1939 in Ada, MN to Helmer and Ilene (Bennington) Otting. He passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family and friends on December 1, 2023 at the age of 84 years.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, MN with visitation starting one hour prior to the service.

David grew up in Ada and Felton, MN where he farmed with his family. He married Sheila Lou DesJardins on June 6, 1959. He was very talented and held a variety of jobs until settling into dairy farming. They farmed at Felton until moving to the Clearwater County area in 1965. With the help of their four daughters, they were dairy farmers until March

2001, before switching completely to beef cattle. David was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He worked with animals all his life. He was a problem solver, would make repairs with stuff he had on hand, and helped other farmers when they were in need. He enjoyed spending time with family, visiting around the kitchen table, telling stories, joking around while keeping a straight face, fishing with friends, and of course, farming. If you were lucky, he found you a nickname. For fun, he enjoyed going for drives and going to rummage sales, and in later years, driving for the Amish.

He is survived by his daughters Nancy Lougheed, Marilyn "Joan" (Jerome) Serbus, Deborah (Dan) Ley, and Teryl Otting; grandchildren Lindsey (Brett) Wyant, Casey Lougheed, Briana Serbus, David (Sierra) Serbus, Joshua LaRue, Sheila (Tyler) Tatro, Lee (Hannah) Waughtal, and Tyler Waughtal; five great-grandchildren Luke and Jacob Wyant, Dawson and Norah Serbus, and Beau Tatro; sister Marilyn (Daniel) Green; sister-in-law Roberta Otting; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Sheila, of 61 years, in 2021; his brother Richard Otting; one infant sister; and two infant daughters.

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Obituary for Celia Heggstad

Funeral services for Celia Heggstad of Starbuck, MN were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Indherred Lutheran Church, Starbuck, MN, with Reverend Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation was held on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Starbuck Funeral Home in Starbuck and for one hour prior to services at the church on Monday. Burial in Indherred Lutheran Cemetery.

Celia Amanda Josephine Anderson, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Hoiium) Anderson, was born April 16, 1919, at the home of her grandparents in New Prairie, Minnesota. Celia attended school in Cyrus. Following high school, she attended Brown Cosmetology School in Minneapolis and became a licensed beautician in 1938.

On September 27, 1940, Celia was united in marriage to Melvin Heggstad. Following their marriage, the couple farmed in rural Starbuck and Cyrus until 1948, when they purchased their farm place north of Starbuck, near Indherred church. In 1973 Melvin retired from farming and he and Celia moved to Starbuck. Melvin passed away June 12, 2010, at which time Celia moved to the Minnewaska Apartments; where she lived until 2018, when she moved to Holly Ridge.

Celia was a member of Indherred Lutheran Church

for the past 75 years. She was very active in her church, and enjoyed many roles including Sunday School teacher and president of the Ladies Aid. Celia was a nurse's aide at Minnewaska Lutheran Home for many years. It was a wonderful fit as she truly enjoyed the role of caregiver.

Celia enjoyed baking (especially treats for her family), cooking, embroidering, reading, crossword puzzles, cards and games, and watching MN sports, especially the Twins.

Celia's greatest joy was being in the company of family and friends. She delighted when someone stopped by for "coffee and cookies." She always had fresh baked cookies on hand. Celia had a wonderful sense of humor and was quick to laugh, especially when with her sisters.

Celia passed away November 29, 2023, at Holly Ridge in Starbuck, Minnesota. She was 104 years old!

Celia will be remembered for her love of her family and friends, her deep faith, her wonderful sense of humor, and her ever aware gratitude of the blessings God had granted her.

She is survived by three children: Jeanne (Jim) Granley of Clearbrook, Ruth Ann Ohman (Don Secora) of Bufalo, and Mark (Jill) Heggstad of Arden Hills; grandchildren: Todd (Karen), Brian, Kari (Tom), Jay (Lacey), Jon, Taylor; great-grandchildren: Megan (Jon), Haley (Tristan), Cierra, Rylan, Ro; and great-great-grandchild: Gracie; and one sister: Joann Holten of Starbuck. She was preceded in death by her husband: Melvin Heggstad; son: Donald Heggstad; her parents; brother: Arden and infant brother, David; and sisters: Arlene, Exilona, Dorothy, and Lorraine.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Indherred Lutheran Church or Glacial Ridge Hospice.

Starbuck Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements for Celia.



Obituary for Roy Jerome Messelt

Roy Jerome "Uncle Roy" Messelt, age 92, formerly of Ham Lake, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2023. Born on a farm near Winger, MN, he grew up exploring the outdoors, playing baseball, being a great brother, and reading.

He graduated from McIntosh High School in 1948, and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951. Serving in the Philippines during the Korean War, he was honorably discharged in 1955.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1957. After three years in Chicago, he returned to Min-

neapolis as a CPA, retiring from Medtronic in 1980. He spent his later years researching financial markets, trying to beat blackjack, following golf, speculating for gold in Alaska, researching his roots in Norway, being a great uncle, and reading. He read incessantly; politics, world events, science, sports, or anything of intellect. He focused on narcolepsy, and spent his adult life helping his doctors find a cure for those like him coping with the disorder.

He is preceded in death by parents, Ole & Agnes; three sisters, Beulah, Aileen, Florence, and their spouses; and brothers, Orville and Myron and their spouses, and brother Noel. Survived by sister-in-law, Sharon, and many nieces & nephews, relatives & friends.

A celebration of Roy's life will be hosted by his family on Thursday, December 14th at 11 AM, with visitation from 10 AM, at Roberts Family Funeral Home in Forest Lake, MN. Private interment at Stordelvedalen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's choice. The family would like to thank Ecumen Hospice and Ecumen Staff of North Branch for their loving care.

Roberts Family Funeral Home, 651-464-4422 Roberts-FamilyFH.com



Obituary for Lois Molden

Lois Ann Molden, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, peacefully fell asleep in death on November 24, 2023, at the Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley, Minnesota, at the age of 91. She was surrounded with love by her three beloved children and several other family members.

Lois was born on September 13, 1932, in Bagley. Lois was the daughter of Ingvald and Ida Aakre of Clearbrook, MN. She attended the Rydeen Country School and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1951. She married Donald Molden in 1952.

Survivors include three Children; Linda Gunderson of Esko, Minnesota; Gary (Sue) Molden of Clearbrook, MN; and Michael (Suzanne) Molden of Clearbrook, MN. Nine grandchildren- Seth Molden, Autum Molden, Nicole (Fred) Molden, Nathaniel (Auri) Molden, Andrea (Wade) Abrahamson, Vanessa (Ryan) Abrahamson, Kyle (Kailynn) Gunderson, Amber (Shane) Ostman, Erica (Josh) Weatherford.

25 Great Grandchildren
5 Great Great Grandchildren

One brother – Charles Aakre and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband-Donald, her brother - Harlan Aakre, his son-in-law- Tom Gunderson and her great granddaughter – Olivia Gunderson.

As a young farm girl, and the oldest of three, Lois learned hard work and endurance from the start. She developed many exceptional skills that followed her into adulthood including cooking, gardening, preserving, soap making, and seamstress work to name a few. Lois was exceptionally resourceful at re-using and upcycling her whole life through. Lois embraced many hobbies along the way, including cross country and downhill skiing, wine making, traveling, fishing, flying with Don in his small plane, teaching Norwegian language and culture, bird watching, and her greatest hobby was her

"gift to gab" both in person and on the phone. Never have you heard a longer Minnesota goodbye! She was incredibly generous with her time and constantly put the need of others ahead of her own. Lois set a fine example in showing hospitality. Scandinavian egg coffee and fresh homemade treats were always all ready. She prepared hearty full course meals in great quantity for countless friends, family, and workers on their wild rice farm during harvest time. These memories will be forever etched into the minds and hearts of those who loved her dearly.

"Lois adored every opportunity to dance with her dearest Donald. On the dance floor, they had a love language all their own. From the first time they met at a social dance in Clearbrook, when she was 19, on through their 61 years of marriage, dancing an elegant waltz or an upbeat polka thrilled her to the core!"

As a wife and mother, Lois displayed beautiful qualities of gratitude and humility. Her beloved husband, Don, worked for the pipeline and relocating from state to state was a frequent venture. She embraced raising her children in a 8x30 foot trailer house the majority of their early years, so the family could be intimately together under the same roof. Lois became the definition of "home" in this setting, and she carried that with her throughout her lifetime.... Home is often described as the "intangible feeling you get in a location, a sense of peace, joy from loved ones or an environment where everyone knows they're welcome." Undeniably, Lois endeavored to provide a home atmosphere of love, joy and peace to all those around her. There was sunshine in her smile, compassion in her embrace, and her laughter was a true source of delight. Lois loved life!

Of all her life's accomplishments, her greatest possession was her relationship with her heavenly Father, Jehovah. Despite resistance and obstacles, she dedicated herself in baptism as one of Jehovah's Witness in 1971. She cherished what the Bible really teaches, and she shared her hope for the future with others. (Rev. 21:3-4). Lois was confident that she would sleep safely in God's memory and that she will undeniably wake up in a state of young vitality on a renewed earth at a time when God's will "takes place as in heaven, also on the earth." (Matthew 6: 9-10.) Lois was cherished by all, and her life was truly well lived.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, 204 Sand Lake Ave., Bagley, MN. 56621

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Obituary for Larry Eck

It is with much love and great sadness that we announce the passing of Larry Eck on October 20th at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC at the age of 80. Larry leaves behind his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Gloria, cherished sons, Darren (Gretchen) and Derric (Irish). Proud Papa of Jordan, Madeline, Elijah, Ethan, Lily, Evan and Zairah. Much loved family including sister Linda (Kristi), brother Steve (Karrie) and Bradley (Bonnie). Brother-in-law Gary (Merlaine), sister-in-law's Sharon Bergerson and Fern Holm. Nephews Troy, Trent, Nicholas, and Kevin. Nieces LeAnn, Amber, Melissa, Stacy, Heidi, Diane, Joni and Heidi. Many other great nephews and nieces, cousins, and great friends will miss his infectious laugh. He was a vibrant force of love and energy!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Myrtle Eck and grandparents Conrad and Alice Stockman and Oscar and Alice Eck.

Larry grew up on their family farm in Gonvick, MN. He excelled in sports and he and his brother Steve had a lot of fun stealing bases while playing baseball among other antics! He met his future wife at school sock hops and after they were married in 1964, they kept dancing for another 59 years! He graduated from Bemidji State College in 1965 with a degree in Physical Education and history. His first teaching job was in Weyerhaeuser, WI where he taught PE and coached wrestling. From there he moved his family to Glencoe, MN where he taught history and PE and coached wrestling. In 1971 he graduated from

Saint Cloud State with a Master in Administration and moved to Tintah, MN to be their HS principal. In 1972 he accepted a job as a middle School assistant principal in Thief River Falls, the home of Arctic Cat! Larry used his carpentry skills to build his family a home along the river. In 1975 he joined forces with Gloria and her interior design career and opened a furniture store in St. Peter, MN and later in Mankato and New Ulm. In 1985 the family moved to LaJolla, CA and continued businesses in interior design and real estate and had homes in Encinitas, Oceanside and Vista.

He was the father that every kid would want. Loved to play with them from the time they were born! As a family they camped, took bike trips, skiing trips to the mountains and local hills, cross country skiing, golfing and flights in his airplane that he piloted. If it involved adventure and fun, he was always ready! The frosting on his cake was seeing his sons going to State on the same team in Babe Ruth Baseball, Darren's football team winning the State Championship his junior year and Derric winning the San Diego League Coastal Wrestling Championship his senior year in his weight division! Proud Daddy!

His grand blessings will remember him as fun and loving and teaching them to swim in the pool, learning to water ski at the cabin, playing Annie Annie Over, talking about science and history and laughing and telling his stories! His brothers Steve and Brad "the Three Amigos" have many stories to tell along with sibling reunions with sister Linda. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Our friend Lisa said it so well, "Our hearts are so sad for all of us left behind, but heaven has been having a blast since Larry arrived."

A Celebration of Life was held November 18th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Sanford First International Pentecostal Holiness Church Fellowship Hall in Sanford, NC.

Larry donated his body to science and research at UNC. We take comfort in his generosity that he can make a difference in many lives in their research concerning Alzheimer's.



Obituary for David Faldet

David Faldet, age 72, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Thursday, November 30th, at his home. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4th, at Trinity Free Lutheran Church in McIntosh with the Rev. Karl Anderson officiating. Interment in the church cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Sunday, December 3rd, at the McIntosh Community Center. There was a reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Military honors were provided by the National Guard Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Dave was born on December 10th, 1950 to Anton and Alvina Faldet in Fosston, MN. He graduated from McIntosh High School in 1969. After high school he went to Thief River Falls Technical College and earned a degree in carpentry. Shortly after that, he entered the Army and served in Germany from 1971-1973. When he returned to the McIntosh area he purchased a farm, where he had cattle and did carpentry. On December 9th, 1977, he married the love of his life Diane, and together they had 2 sons Ben and Joe. He continued to grow his construction business and raise cattle for 48 years.

Dave is survived by his devoted wife, Diane Faldet, who shared a lifetime of memories, laughter, and love with him. Their bond was a testament to the enduring power of true partnership and companionship. Dave took immense joy in his role as a father to his sons Ben and Joe. He took great pride in seeing them grow into the men they are today. His guidance, love, and unwavering support shaped the foundation of their lives. In addition to his sons and their wives Mandy and Kirsten, he leaves behind 7 grandchildren that were the apple of his eye.

Dave dedicated a lifetime of hard work to ensure the well-being of his family, running his construction company and often inspiring others to start their own businesses. He was a great teacher and mentor to many. When he wasn't working on the business he could be found improving his land, raising cattle, having coffee with his friends, volunteering at church, hunting, and fishing. Dave loved the Lord and always lead by example. His dedication to these aspects of his life defined him and created a legacy that will endure for generations. His warm smile and kind heart left a lasting impression on all who were fortunate enough to know him.

In loving memory and with heavy hearts we announce that David "Dave" Faldet, age 72, peacefully journeyed into the arms of the Lord on November 30th, 2023 at home surrounded by the love of his family.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Alvina Faldet, and sister-in-law Cathy Faldet.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, of McIntosh his sons Ben (Mandy) Faldet of Bagley, Joe (Kirsten) Faldet of Saint James, brother Steve (Barb) Faldet of McIntosh, sister Susan (Tim) Johnson of Mentor, brother Tommy of Ingram, TX, grandchildren Kyla, Nyah, Kiera, Kami, Anton, Rachel and Soren, and several nieces and nephews. Web www.carlinfuneral.com

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Obituary for Alice Forsberg

Alice Forsberg, age 100, of Gully, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 2nd, at Essentia First Care Living Center in Fosston. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 7th, at Lund Lutheran Church in Gully with the Dawn Hanson officiating. Interment will be in Lund Lutheran Cemetery, Gully. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Thursday morning at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Alice was born in Stoda, Sweden where she lived until the age of three with her parents, Elin and Henrick Bergman and siblings. Alice was baptized in Sweden and on November 23, 1926 the Bergman family left their home and set sail for America. Their destination was Clearbrook, Minnesota where the family started a farm. Alice had a twin sister, Amanda, who passed away at the age of nine. Alice attended country school was confirmed in the Lutheran faith and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1941. She did well in school because of her industrious nature and "never give up" spirit. She took Latin as her foreign language. She enjoyed school and excelled at math.

Alice was united in marriage to Kenneth Forsberg on July 17, 1943 in Norfolk, Virginia. Kenneth served in the United States Navy and Alice had wonderful stories to share about her time in New York while Ken served his country. When WWII ended, Alice and Ken lived in Gully, Minnesota where Ken farmed and did carpentry work. Their family grew to include, Gerald, Franklin, Bradley and Donna. Alice was involved in Lund Lutheran Church, the Legion Auxiliary, and many other interests in Gully and surrounding area. She was an excellent seamstress and became known for her many talents and creativity. In

1960, the family moved to Minneapolis and eventually to St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Alice did various jobs to supplement their income, and her favorite position was at Dura Process, a silk screen printing company. Eventually she became in charge of mixing the inks to create the perfect colors. Once again her sense of style and creativity served her well. In 1974 Ken and Alice decided to relocate back "Up-north". Ken built their home south of Gully and they engaged with the community, becoming involved in church, auxiliary and social events once again.

Alice was devoted to her family. Every grandchild received a homemade quilt at graduation. The weaving loom from her mother, Elin, was in the basement of the Gully farmhouse and Alice was the only sibling that could operate it. The threading of the loom itself was an overwhelming feat, but Alice conquered it and wove many rugs and pieces of art. Of all of her many gifts, Alice treasured the art of being a weaver and contacted the Bemidji State College Art Department inquiring about an opportunity to learn more to enhance her skills.

After Ken passed away in 2008, Alice moved into Fosston where she lived independently, then with assistance and the final move to the nursing home in 2021. She became well known for her independent spirit, kindness towards others and sense of humor in each of her environments. Everybody loved to share their unique "Alice" story and honor her with how she touched their lives.

Alice Erika (Bergman) Forsberg of Fosston, Minnesota passed away on Saturday, December 2 at Essentia Nursing Home in Fosston at the age of 100.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; her sons, Gerald and Bradley, her parents Elin and Henrick Bergman; her sisters, Marie, Elsie, Evelyn, Amanda, Kathryn, Doris and Barbara; her brothers, Carl, George, Erick and Alvin; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her children, Franklin Forsberg (Sara), Donna Miller (Alan) daughter-in-law Julie Forsberg (Bradley) and grandchildren: Kim (Randy) Kron, Leah (Todd) Wothe, Terry (Jaci) Forsberg, Scott (Michelle) Forsberg, Bridget (Ross) Avikainen, Erik (Jennifer) Forsberg, Lisa (Aaron) Gilliland, Amy (Kent) Kollath, Brent Miller; seventeen great grandchildren and many caring nieces and nephews, family and friends.

U of M Crookston Community Message November 2023

Seasons Greetings from the University of Minnesota Crookston. We're rounding the corner to the end of fall semester and the year, and our students are in full study mode preparing for finals.

I'm happy to announce that our fall enrollment numbers came in at an increase of 11 percent over Fall 2022! Our improved recruitment efforts have received positive attention and we've also improved retention, largely due to the hard work by our faculty and staff and welcoming campus culture. We're also proud to be the lone campus in the University of Minnesota system to show positive enrollment growth this Fall.

I hope you've enjoyed our recent campus events such as the presentation by acclaimed author and autism speaker Temple Grandin, Celebrate Crookston Game Night, Vete-

ran's Day program in collaboration with the Crookston Veterans Council, Trunk or Treat event and Hoops on Halloween youth basketball tournament, Homecoming 2023, pop-up sales at The Nest on Broadway downtown in the Fournet Building, and our many home athletic competitions. Join us for upcoming events including Winter Wonderland at The Nest on Broadway (Nov. 30), Santa Land at The Nest on Broadway (Dec. 2), Poinsettia Sale in the Sargeant Student Center (Dec. 6-8), and home athletics. Check out our online events calendar for more information <https://events.crk.umn.edu/>. You can also find our events in the Community Voice app for your cell phone or tablet.

Our athletic teams are making headlines and continue with competitions into the winter season. Equestrian Western

recently earned Reserve High Point Team at a meet in North Dakota and had three riders qualify for the Regional Championships; Golden Eagle Hockey has dominated at home games and are currently ranked fifth in ACHA Central Rankings; Women's Basketball notched a win in Florida after spending the Thanksgiving holiday there and continue their best start since the 2018-19 season; Men's Basketball have kept the crowds on their toes with close matchups and personal career highs, and they'll take on St. Cloud State and Bemidji State this weekend; and Trap wrapped up their Fall season with second place nationally under the USA College Clay Target League. Special accolades to the work put in by our Volleyball, Cross Country (Men's and Women's), Soccer, Golf (Men's and Women's), Baseball

and Softball teams this Fall (and Tennis this Spring.) They made headlines with regional records, best seasons, career highs, Academic All-District team namings, and new signings for next season.

Sign up your kids and grandkids for our Golden Eagle Kids Club. There are special events and incentives for club members, and a monthly newsletter sharing upcoming events and activities. Plus, club members get to interact with their favorite Golden Eagle players and student-athletes. Contact Michelle Christopherson at mchrsto@umn.edu for more information about the kids club.

Have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you on campus soon.

Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause

Explore the outdoors this winter by hunting Minnesota small game

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

Hunting pheasants, ruffed grouse, squirrels or rabbits offers opportunities to enjoy the Minnesota outdoors as temperatures fall and snow blankets the landscape.

Pheasants: Hunting season is open through Jan. 1, 2024. On Dec. 1, the daily bag limit increases to three roosters, with a possession limit of

nine roosters. The best places to find pheasants at this time of year are in tall grass or cat-tail marshes. Hunters should remember to exercise caution around thin ice.

Grouse: Hunting season is open through Jan. 1, 2024. Wintertime grouse hunters might find success during the "golden hour," which is the last hour before sunset, when ruffed grouse move out of their snow roosts to feed.

Squirrels: Hunting season is open through Feb. 28, 2024. Winter is breeding season for squirrels, which means they are active and easier to find.

Rabbits: Hunting season is open through Feb. 28, 2024. Hunters will find the most success around thick cover, such as brush piles, thorn tangles and briars.

Hunters also can find regulations and complete bag limit information on the Minnesota De-

partment of Natural Resources website (mndnr.gov/hunting). More information about how or where to hunt can be found on the DNR's learn to hunt webpages (mndnr.gov/gohunting). Recorded webinars with tips on how to hunt pheasants, grouse, squirrels or rabbits are available on the outdoor skills and stewardship page of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover).

Minnesota DNR shares reminders about the upcoming snowmobile riding season

As the snowmobile riding season draws near, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds riders of important dates, safety tips and registration requirements. The current lack of snow cover means that Minnesota's snowmobile trails will not be usable by the official opening date of Dec. 1. Several conditions must be met before trails are open, groomed and ready for travel:

- The ground must be frozen.

Where trails cross wetlands, 15 inches of ice are needed to support the weight of trail groomers.

- Adequate snow cover of about 12 inches must be on the ground to allow for trail packing and grooming.

- Trails must be cleared of fallen trees, signs put in place and gates opened.

While snowmobilers await the arrival of snow and groomed trails, now is a good time to make sure registrations are current and snowmobiles are in good operating order, review safety training, and check local trail maps for route changes or new trails.

Registrations for new snowmobiles must be purchased in person at a deputy registrar of motor vehicles or at the DNR License Bureau in St. Paul. Renewals of registrations and out-of-state trail stickers can be handled in person or on the DNR's licenses and vehicle registrations website (mndnr.gov/licenses).

Local trail conditions are often posted online by tourism associations, chambers of commerce and volunteer snowmobile clubs. To find the nearest club, visit the Minnesota United Snowmobiler's Association website (mnsnowmobiler.org).

Important snowmobile riding safety tips include:

- Be weather aware and don't ride in adverse weather conditions.
- Check the DNR snow depth and groomed trail conditions webpage (mndnr.gov/snow) before leaving home.
- Measure ice depth before riding on lakes and rivers. The DNR recommends a minimum of 5 to 7 inches of new, clear ice

for snowmobiles.

- Always stay on designated snowmobile trails. Venturing off trails can result in accidents.
- Don't drink alcohol and ride. Alcohol is a factor in more than 60% of fatal accidents in Minnesota.

- Always wear a quality DOT-approved helmet and facemask.

An interactive snowmobile trail map can be found on the DNR's snowmobiling website (mndnr.gov/snowmobiling). Paper trail maps can be requested from the DNR Information Center. Email info.dnr@state.mn.us or call 888-646-6367 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Fun ways to enjoy the start of winter

Winter begins on December 21, 2023, and ends on March 19, 2024. Many people lament the arrival of winter, perhaps thinking the colder temperatures and shorter hours of sunlight will compromise their chances to have fun. Even though particularly chilly thermostat readings or stormy conditions can hamper some plans, when people dig deeper they may find that even the coldest days present opportunities for enjoyment.

When winter begins, the following activities can make for an entertaining way to celebrate the arrival of the season.

- **Build a snow creation.** Use the first significant snowfall of the season to organize a snowman, snowwoman, or snow-animal-making event or contest. Waterproof gloves are a necessary piece of equipment, as are buckets for moving snow, shovels, carving and shaping tools (which can be plastic cutlery), and accessories to dress up the final product.

- **Go sledding on the best hills.** Sledding is a popular wintertime activity that doesn't require too much equipment. Sleds can be purchased at sport-



ing goods stores or toy stores. Sledders of all ages should consider wearing helmets to protect against injury if they will be traversing especially steep hills.

- **Host a winter block party.** Many cities and towns across North America participate in WinterFest events, which run the gamut from food and craft festivals to sporting events. Individuals can take cues from these type of activities and plan neighborhood festivals

right on their streets. Neighbors can wheel out their fire pits or utilize outdoor propane heaters to keep spots cozy. Hot cocoa and cider stations and warm treats can keep everyone from feeling too cold. Electric slow cookers can keep everything from soups to chilis to stews warm and participants can enjoy a buffet of hearty foods.

- **Visit an ice rink.** Whether a rink is indoors or outside, ice skating is a quintessential

wintertime activity. Skaters of all skill levels can take to the ice and enjoy some exercise and laughs. Check local rink schedules to take advantage of open skate times when hockey games or practices are not dominating the ice.

- **Mark the winter solstice.** The winter solstice, also known as the start of astronomical winter, is the shortest day of sunlight on the calendar. It occurs when either of the Earth's poles reaches maximum tilt away from the sun. In the Northern Hemisphere, this occurs on December 21, 2023. Because there will be only roughly seven hours of daylight, take steps to make the fact that the sun will set at its earliest a little easier to swallow. Kids can run around outdoors with glow sticks, while adults can deck their homes in twinkle lights if they are not decorated for Christmas. Lanterns, campfires and candles can be lit, and everyone can gather outdoors to chat and socialize.

Winter begins on December 21, 2023, and there are plenty of ways to celebrate this fun, if sometimes frigid, season.

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