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Collin Peterson Receives American Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award

Collin Peterson, former congressional leader from Minnesota, and former Kentucky Farm Bureau President Mark Haney, are the recipients of the American Farm Bureau Federation's 2025 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award and Farm Bureau Founders Award, respectively. The DSA and Founders Award are the highest honors presented by AFBF. Peterson and Haney will be recognized during the American Farm Bureau Federation's 106th Convention in San Antonio, Jan. 24-29.

AFBF established the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award to in 1928 to honor individuals who have devoted their careers to serving the national interest of American agriculture. First presented in January 2017, AFBF's Founders Award for exemplary leadership, service or contributions to Farm Bureau is presented in recognition of outstanding achievements and work in the interest of Farm Bureau.

Peterson was nominated by the Minnesota Farm Bureau for the DSA. Haney was nominated



by the Kentucky Farm Bureau for the Founders Award. A national Farm Bureau committee selected each of the winners.

Peterson has been a staunch supporter of agriculture for more than 40 years, advocating for farmers and ranchers across the country. During his time in the House as a representative of Minnesota's seventh congressional district, he served on the Agriculture Committee, including as chair from 2007-2011 and 2019-2021. He was instrumen-

tal in negotiating passage of the 2008, 2014 and 2018 farm bills.

Now retired from Congress, Peterson continues to focus on important work for agriculture. He is the founder of the Midwest Council on Agriculture, a group that advocates for agriculture and economic policy that supports long-term sustainability of the industry. In addition, he is president and founder of the Peterson Group, a government affairs and public policy firm.

A longtime Farm Bureau member, Peterson shared what receiving this award means to him. "We've worked together on so many things," he said. "It's a high honor to get this award. I appreciate it."

Minnesota Farm Bureau President Dan Glessing shared what he views as the keys to Peterson's success in Congress. "I think what made him successful was his candidness and his bipartisan nature," he said. "When folks had issues or concerns with legislation, they would go to him and come back with a clear answer. You didn't have to wonder where you stood with him."



Mattracks from left to right: Jeremy Reese, Plant Director, Matt Brazier, Field Operations, Glen Brazier Founder and CEO, and Roger Brazier, Sales Manager.

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Struggling with rough terrain, soft ground, or unpredictable job site conditions? Mattracks, the global leader and inventor of rubber track conversion systems, has your solution. The groundbreaking RT125 TC Track Conversion System for Skid Steers has been named one of Equipment Today's 2024 Contractors' Top 50 New Products, and for good reason—it transforms how contractors get the job done.

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Blood drive results from January 15th

Blood donors constantly in need

On Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, the Gonvick Clear Waters Life Center hosted a blood drive. The results from that event were:

- 34/48 appointments were filled
- 32 were able to donate and a total of 49 blood products were collected
- *5 volunteered for their first time!

Thank you to Faye Bjerke and the American Legion Auxiliary for helping register donors. We are grateful for the partnership of Gonvick and Clearbrook communities to ensure patient needs are met in the days ahead.

We are always looking for volunteers! If anyone is interested in helping sign up donors (calling and texting from a list

provided the week before) or signing in donors, please contact Katie Bartelson at kbartelson@vitalant.org or 701-799-5742. We can't do what we do without the help of volunteers!

Upcoming blood drives in the area:

- Thursday, 03/06/2025**
Bagley MN - Faith Lutheran Church
32 Bagley Ave. NW
Open 1:15 PM - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 03/12/2025**
Goodridge MN - Goodridge School-gym
Goodridge High School 201 Osmund Ave
Open 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- Thursday, 03/20/2025**
Erskeine MN - Community Center-Main Room
105 East Ross Avenue
Open 12:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Northeast Minnesota elk restoration planning underway

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, in coordination with other Tribal entities, local governments, landowners and other stakeholders, has kicked off public engagement on the Northeast Omashkooz (elk) Restoration and Management Plan.

Consistent with direction and funding provided by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023, the Minnesota DNR is working to support the Fond du Lac Band in restoring elk to the Fond du Lac Reservation and the surrounding portions of the 1854 Ceded Territory. The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa also retain treaty rights and cooperate in co-management in this ceded territory, and the 1854 Treaty Authority has been participating in restoration planning efforts in support of those Bands. Throughout the restoration effort, the DNR will also maintain or increase elk populations in northwest Minnesota.

"There is exciting and im-

portant work underway to re-establish elk in northeast Minnesota," said Sarah Strommen, Minnesota DNR commissioner. "We're looking forward to working with Tribal partners to enhance the important ecological and cultural benefits that elk provide in Minnesota."

Over a period of years, the Fond du Lac Band prepared a proposal and conducted feasibility studies for restoring elk to the Fond du Lac Reservation and surrounding area. The 2021 proposal calls for moving 100-150 elk from northwest Minnesota in small increments over the course of many years. The Minnesota DNR supports work to advance this proposal, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of existing herds in the northwest. Other considerations important in the project include landowner and other public support as well as supporting the health of other big game populations.

The effort to establish elk in the northeast is considered a restoration because tens of thousands of elk historically lived throughout most of Min-

nesota. Currently, a small population of elk roams lands in northwest Minnesota owned and managed by private landowners, the Minnesota DNR. The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Additionally, this area overlaps with the Red Lake Nation's 1863 Old Crossing Treaty boundary.

An elk coordination team including individuals from Tribal, state, county and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, is planning the restoration work, which includes public meetings that will inform a new northeast elk restoration and management plan.

To ensure elk populations remain stable in northwest Minnesota, only a sustainable number of elk will be captured and moved to the northeast each year. State elk harvest and elk translocations will be balanced during this time to ensure that neither unduly affects the elk population in the northwest.

Elk ...
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The Memory of Barns, and Dairy Farming!

By Eric Mickelson

I know I screwed up, but not really. It happens that meeting a beautiful girl who became my wife, being a teacher, working with students and following in my mom's footsteps as a teacher made my life sort of a dream.. That being said I grew up on a dairy farm and loved nearly every minute that lifestyle. OK, getting up early to milk was not that "fun" of a part of the dairy farming life. I often look back and think what if I would have stayed on the dairy farm?

Memories.....This January weather made my thoughts drift back to those dairy farming days. I loved walking into the barn on a cold day. The walk through the yard was COLD, but you opened the door to the barn full of Holsteins and a little blast of steamy air would escape the door and you were in a "warm" barn with a gentle moo escaping a cow now and then. Your senses really spark memories. Believe it or not the smell

of the dairy barn in the winter was also a great memory. Yes, there is the obvious.....30 cows produce a lot of manure, but the smell of that alfalfa that you baled on a hot day in June once again produced the great "hay" smell! Maybe you fed silage. This produced another fermented smell of the dairy barn. To me walking into the barn was a "good" smell!

For the most part dairy cows that were handled everyday were gentle animals that you wanted to care for. Yes, part of that is the fact they are your source of income but it is really more. There was a bond between farmer and cow. They grew to appreciate that pail of feed you poured in from of them. When you walked by and scratched them on the head they would shake their head seemingly in disapproval..... but I think they secretly liked it. Or at milking time after you washed the udder maybe if you had a minute you could scratch

their backs and they would fidget in theirs stalls and their tails would come up like you found that itch they could not scratch!

Don't get me wrong there was always that wet dirty tail that would swing occasionally and hit you right in the face or that kick of disapproval when the milker was sometimes put on, but to me all in life in that warm winter barn was pretty awesome.

Those old dairy barns are kind of a thing of the past. Now huge barns milking thousands of cows is more of the way of dairy farming. They have their own part in the industry and history but the days of the 30 cow stall barn is what my mind goes to when the conversation of dairy farming is brought up! I don't know what you think when you drive by an old abandoned farm with a big old barn standing there looking lonely and dilapidated, but I think WOW! I wonder have many cows or other animals were at one time housed in this barn? I wonder how proud that farmer was the day that barn was built. And now I wonder how many more years it will stand and when it falls and is no longer there I won't get to drive by and dream a little about that barn and farm.

I happened to buy a power ball ticket the other day. I do this a handful of times a year. I think if I ever did win that lottery I would drive around my hometown and surrounding area and offer people a "grant" if they would just fix up that old barn so it could grace the countryside for a long time to come....and you thought I just liked tractors!



An old "red" barn with a silo. It was taken by a photographer friend of mine, Eric Gustafson. He allowed me to use the picture with my article. He does have a website www.photogussy.com.

Go forth and awe

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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS:

Can I donate blood to save lives if...

I am taking medication or recently got a flu shot or COVID-19 vaccine?

YES! Most medications are acceptable as well as the flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine.

**You must be feeling well and healthy (asymptomatic) to donate.*

I am 16 years old?

YES! 16 with signed consent form available at www.vitalant.org, 17 year olds do not need a signed form. In fact there is no upper age limit either! **all other eligibility requirements must be met.*

I have recently had surgery?

YES! If you are completely healed and released from doctor's care.

I got a tattoo or piercing?

YES! If obtained in a licensed establishment (MN, ND, SD, IA, AND NE are okay)

I have diabetes?

YES! If you are regulating it, even if insulin dependent.

I have had cancer?

YES! Most types are acceptable if it has been one year since last treatment and no known recurrence.

**Additional factors determine eligibility of donation to ensure the safety of the donor as well as the recipient. The above statements are general qualifications. Individual eligibility will still need to be determined by a technician prior to donating blood.*

Please call 1-800-289-4923 with any eligibility questions or concerns.

College News

Area students named to NDSU dean's list

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 21 — A student/students from your coverage area earned a place on the North Dakota State University fall 2024 dean's list.

Students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify. For the semester, 4,322 students made the list.

Find the complete list of Minnesota students who earned a place on the dean's list at the NDSU dean's list website. Students are listed by hometown. Their majors also are included. Please include all area students in your news publication.

Bagley - Bonik, Cori, Pharmacy
Lindgren, Hallie, Business Administration

Brooks - Roue, Jessica, Social Studies Education

Clearbrook - Engebretson, Boden Arnold, Software Engineering

Ersikine - Bachand, Cari, Business Administration
Bachand, Kia Shaye-Lyn, Exercise Science

Olson, Marin Yvonne, Accounting
Paulson, Teagan, Computer Engineering

Strom, Emily H, Natural Resources Mgmt
Stuhaug, Kyra Olivia, Psychology

Tadman, Kianna Lilly, Biological Sciences

Fertile - Moland, Riley Grace, Veterinary Technology

Olson, Kady, Accounting

Petry, Rylin, Finance

Solie, Justin, Management

Strem, Brooklyn, Business Administration

Fosston - Deusterman, Greta, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Malmanger, Jacob Earl, Construction Management

Manecke, Joshua, Mechanical Engineering

Olson, Emma, Biological Sciences

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Oklee - Mitzner, Aurora, Marketing
Red Lake Falls - Amiot, Bella, Biochemistry & Molecular Bio

Lunsetter, Alaina Marie, Radiologic Sciences

Nelson, Savanna Kathryn, Interior Design

Peterson, Mykayla Kay, Undeclared

Solway - Maki, Ryan Ely, Electrical Engineering

Winger - Lee, Joshua, Computer Science

Martushev, Avtonom, Computer Science

Ystenes, Olivia Clara, Radiologic Sciences

Local students named to Moorhead Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Minnesota State University Moorhead dean's list in recognition of academic achievement for fall semester 2024. Students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade-point average and carry 12 graded credits to qualify for the honor.

Eia Isabel, English, Fertile

Stuhaug-Tysen, Social Studies, Fertile

Dahl Isabelle, Accounting, Fertile

Olson Greta, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Fertile

Ranz Abigail, Elementary Inclusive Education, Fertile

Larson Kate, Exercise Science, Fertile

Wolfe Ashten, Business Administration, Fosston

Boushee Aislinn, Early Childhood Education, Fosston

Chalich Emily, Health & Medical Sciences, Fosston

Wheeler Virginia, General Studies, Fosston

Ogniewski Alex, BFA in Art, Shevlin

Cadreau Lane, Computer Science, Pinewood

Nelson Barrick, Project Management, Shevlin

Neeland Caleb, Psychology, Solway

Stish Anna, Psychology, Solway

MSU Moorhead is a comprehensive university enrolling more than 4,300 students and offering more than 120 majors, emphases and options, 15 graduate degree programs, and more than 40 certificate programs.

BHS's OAP Takes First Place - Advances to Section Contest

Last Friday, Bagley High School hosted the subsection One Act Play in the BHS Auditorium. Five schools performed their plays and the top two ranking plays advance to the Section Competition this Saturday, Feb. 1st at Crookston High School. Bagley's "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" placed first and Red Lake County Central's play "Boxes" placed second. Placing third was Win-E-Mac with "The Bear," Fosston's play "The Post Office" placed fourth and Blackduck was fifth with "The Phoenix."

Bagley's director, cast, and crew invite family, friends, and fans to a second public performance this Friday evening, Jan. 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door.

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It's called "Flow Blue." You may have among your old dishes a cobalt blue and white cup or saucer or plate. On the bottom, it is marked with the name of the maker and a hallmark.

Flow Blue china is the term used to describe ceramic items that have been decorated with a cobalt blue design, which then bleeds or flows during the glazing process, creating a soft, blurred pattern that is highly collected and difficult to find. The more rare pieces carry large price tags. Many pieces are chipped or cracked.

There are over 1500 different known Flow Blue patterns. The cup and saucer shown is called the "Duchess," one of 38 patterns made by the Grindley Co.

Most Flow Blue items were tablewares (sets of dishes) or personal accessories (dresser items and wash sets). The pieces were inexpensive and were intended for everyday use. Thus, you will find many that are chipped, cracked and broken over the years. If the chipped piece is a rare piece, it can still have some value.

There is nothing more beautiful in antique tableware than a Flow Blue pitcher or bowl sitting on an oak shelf. Even if it is damaged it is difficult to ignore its beauty.

The cup and saucer shown are in good condition and still have some of their gold trim. They were made between 1891 and 1914. The vine and leaf design is very attractive. It has a value of about \$50. Can you imagine what a complete set would cost? Just having one piece of Flow Blue is worth looking for.

Vettleson injured in St. Hilaire accident

Cassandra Jean Vettleson, 33, of Oklee suffered a non-life threatening injury, and was sent to Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls.

The Minnesota State Patrol reported the accident in St. Hilaire as Kenneth Andrew Nye of Moorhead was driving a 2014 Volvo VNL, semi west-bound on Center Street east and Vettleson was driving a 2017 Ford Explorer north bound on Highway 32.

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

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Social Hour Before the Game. Food Specials.
FEBRUARY 14TH Food Specials
Chicken & Ribs
Steak & Lobster
FEBRUARY 15TH
Valentine's Dance with the Honky Tonk Troubadours
KITCHEN OPEN UNTIL 9:00 P.M. DAILY

Elk ... Continued from Canary front

The first round of elk releases in northeast Minnesota is being planned for spring 2026 and captures and releases would continue until a self-sustaining herd is established.

"The Fond du Lac Band has been working patiently for the last 10 years to bring omashkooz (elk) home," said Mike Schrage, FDL wildlife program manager. "This process has been about restoring a native species, providing future elk hunting and viewing opportunities, and reestablishing a species adaptable to a wide range of future climate scenarios."

The Fond du Lac Band's proposal and feasibility studies are available on the Fond du Lac Band website (fdlband.org/services/resource_management/wildlife/index.php#outer-796).

Public information and input opportunities

The DNR and the FDL Band are conducting a variety of engagement activities to help inform the restoration and management plan. From Jan. 23 to Feb. 28, the DNR and the FDL Band invite public input on the scope of the forthcoming plan. Later this fall, a draft of the Northeast Omashkooz (elk) Restoration and Management Plan will be available for public

comment before being finalized.

Opportunities for people to help inform the scope of the Northeast Omashkooz (elk) Restoration and Management Plan include:

• Attend the online public meeting on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6-8 p.m. The access link is available on the DNR elk management webpage (mndnr.gov/elk).

• Attend the in-person public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m. at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Room 195, 2101 14th St., Cloquet, MN.

• Complete an online questionnaire available on the DNR elk management webpage (mndnr.gov/elk/elk-northeast.html) by Feb. 28.

• Submit comments by email sent to ne.elk.plan.dnr@state.mn.us by Feb. 28.

Throughout the restoration project, questions and comments are welcome and can be submitted via ne.elk.plan.dnr@state.mn.us.

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Wednesday, January 29, 2025

UPCOMING EVENT

Open Jam Session

Saturday, February 1, 2025

7:00 p.m. to Close at

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Everyone is invited to join in!

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What's Happening

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McIntosh, MN

Jam Session Saturday, February 1, 2025
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BINGO

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Valentine Day Special Meal

February 14, 2025

Please RSVP on how many are coming by February 12, 2025.
Sounds like steak is on the menu.

Benefit being held for Mae Knowles

February 22, 2025

at Little Bobby's in McIntosh MN

Mae is our post master in our town and has worked in cities around this area. Mae has been at Mayo being treated for cancer. She has been in the hospital since November 2024. Please come out and help with her costs.

Auction will be held.
Meal starts at 1 p.m.



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Clearwater County Department of Human Services Agency Social Worker Position

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Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem> to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application may be submitted by 4:30 P.M. February 28, 2025. For questions about the position contact Jamie Halverson at jamie.halverson@clearwatercountymn.gov or by calling 218-694-6164.

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Responsibilities include maintaining budgetary accounts, receipting, preparing reports, public contact, data entry and general office duties in the management and conservation of tax-forfeited lands, forests, county forest roads, county leases and other natural resources under the jurisdiction of Clearwater County.

This position is directly responsible for the operation of Long Lake Park and Campground, a 89 site county campground with day use areas. Duties include preparing budgets, all financial record keeping, hiring, training and scheduling of campground personnel, purchasing, marketing and merchandising.

Minimum Requirements: A high school diploma and 1 year of directly related work experience in retail operations, clerical and/or administrative support. Wage range is \$23.33 to \$30.21/hour.

Applications may be obtained from: Human Resources Department, 213 Main Ave N, Dept. 205, Bagley, MN 56621, (Phone 218-694-6520) or download from www.co.clearwater.mn.us

Application deadline: 4:30 PM, January 31, 2025

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Jury Attendant (Part-Time) – Sheriff's Office:
\$19.22 – \$24.34/hr.

Position Closes on Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Office Support Specialist - EGF – Social Services:
\$21.39 – \$27.09/hr.

Position Closes on Friday, January 31, 2025

Nursing Supervisor – Public Health:
\$39.83 – \$50.45/hr.

Position Closes on Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Community Health Supervisor – Public Health:
\$39.83 – \$50.45/hr.

Position Closes on Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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\$31.55 – \$42.36/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

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Classic car restoration for beginners

They're eye-catching, often exotic and always call to mind a bygone era. Classic cars are undeniably unique and their unrivaled automotive appeal has inspired legions of fans. That appeal also has compelled many to try their hand at classic car restoration.

Restoring a classic car can be a rewarding hobby, particularly the first time a vehicle emerges from its owner's garage and hits the open road. Car buffs interested in restoring a classic car of their own can consider various factors before they lift the hood on this challenging yet rewarding hobby.



take around 1,000 hours for DIYers to restore a classic car. The excitement of restoring a classic car can quickly wear off if owners don't have enough time and/or money to keep the project going at a steady pace.

The Car

Some car buffs may already envision which type of car they want to restore. Some may want to restore a classic Ford Mustang like the one they drove in high school, while others with a flare for automotive history might want to restore a 1930s classic. Whatever your preference, make sure you find a car that won't bust your budget.

Even the initial cost to purchase the car from a local salvage yard can be deceiving. Some cars might only be affordable because they've experienced such extensive damage that the cost to restore them will be especially high. It's good to know what you're looking for as you begin to scour newspaper classified ads or visit local salvage yards. But allow yourself some room for flexibility in regard to the type of car you're willing to restore. That can ensure you aren't breaking your budget right away or overcommitting yourself to a project that may prove beyond your range of abilities. Online car forums can

be great places to get some insight into restoration, especially for beginners.

The Project

In addition to determining which car to get and how much time and money you can realistically devote to the restoration project, car enthusiasts must determine which tools they'll need, where they're going to work on the project and the availability of discounted parts. Discounted parts can help offset considerable restoration costs, so access to a local seller or salvage yard can be a significant advantage. The internet has made finding parts easier, as resources like CheapAutoParts.com can be invaluable. A place to work also is a must-have, so garages may need to be outfitted to make projects more enjoyable. Tools also can be costly, though CarsDirect notes that different steps in the process require different tools. That can make it easier to spread out the cost of buying new tools.

Classic car restoration can be an engaging hobby. Novices are urged to learn as much about restoration as possible before they decide to fully commit to this potentially rewarding endeavor.



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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Answer: If your windshield wipers suddenly fail in heavy rain or snow, slow down and activate your hazard warning lights. Do not brake suddenly

if other vehicles are behind you. Pull off the road and move to a safe location as soon as possible.

If the hood of your vehicle suddenly opens and obstructs your view, you may be able to see through the space between the hood and the dashboard. If this is not possible, roll down the window and lean over to look past the side of the hood. Activate your hazard warning lights, slow down and steer off the road safely.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Last Straw

The straw flew helter-skelter.

It was “Play Day” and each Kindergarten had a part to play. As the students made their way into the classroom, the role of director would be mine. Along with directorship came the role of stage hand. As soon as I entered that morning, props were hoisted up and onto center stage. Readying the set came easy enough as plans to do so were made the night before.

The question posed the night before to the powers that be was simple. “Do you have any hay bales I can use for my Kindergarten tomorrow? I just need one. The Three Little Pigs need some point of reference as they make their final decisions as to how to build their houses.”

“I don’t,” he replied. “However, I do have a straw bale but that can get pretty messy!”

“Not to worry,” I responded way too quickly. “I’m sure anything that looks like hay will be

just fine. After all, I doubt the kiddos will know the difference.” He delivered. Into the back of my trunk went the straw bale and that was that.

All was well, or so I thought, until it came time to set up shop. Once the straw was upon the stage, it was as if each and every piece had an electrical current attached and soon, the classroom exploded into golden pieces attaching themselves like magnets to everything and everyone.

It was the last straw! As my Kindergarten students stood staring at what was unfurling around the room, their teacher was equally electrified! After incessantly pressing the intercom, the principal made an entrance with the custodian right behind. Soon, the mish-mash of straw was bagged for safe keeping and the vacuum was running full circle round and again as the children stood mesmerized at the reality unraveling before them.

Sooner than later, all was calm upon the stage and collecting ourselves for the presentation to parents came off without a hitch.

Isn’t that just like the lot of us. Grabbing to go on the go and before we know it, things are just flying helter-skelter all over the place. Then, sooner than later, all is calm and all is bright because the sweeper upper of the storm is ever ready in times of trouble. I’m not likening my helpers to God, but He most certainly sent them in my time of trouble. After all, we are His hands and feet as needed this side of the veil.

Psalm 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.”

Just press the intercom as He’s available 24/7. What intercom is that? The one that makes the inner calm—His Word—a life line which opens all of life no matter the matter at hand. Amen.

Senator Steve Green

Minnesota Senate District 2



Dear Neighbor,
There is a growing problem in Minnesota concerning agency and their relentless abuse of power. Democrats holding complete control in the State have weaponized these agencies. Tactics against

of their meetings are not true, open meetings. Instead, they’ve been replaced by “Open House” events that do not encourage folks to congregate or ask questions openly. Instead, they are just directed to individual DNR staff. Most times

these non-meetings also have numerous armed Conservation Officers (COs) around the room.

Nothing about these new meetings is conducive to feedback.

Another recurring issue is the tactic of delaying permits for years, not just for large job creators, but small businesses and small family farms. This is an undue burden for many small farms that often can’t afford to wait.

The DNR has also been imposing fines and fees, as well as confiscating private property without due process. Most people do not have the finances available to fight against the huge behemoth that these agencies have become. It is hard to believe these agencies are able to use taxpayer dollars to work against taxpayers in many instances. It’s not right.

I’ve also heard from many that they feel the DNR engages using intimidation through things like threats of criminal

penalties, confiscation of property, and possibly even the destruction of livestock. When carried out, these actions could easily drive Minnesota small farmers and ranchers out of business.

There has also been a clear effort to eliminate deer farms. In fact, there have even been stories about armed officers being used to intimidate and terrorize folks just trying to make a living. Imposing rules and regulations that are so cost prohibitive are going to force these folks out of business. If the DNR followed through and killed hundreds of White Tail Deer, it would financially bankrupt many Minnesotans. This is not a solution that makes sense.

We need to roll back the authority of these agencies. I want folks to know the bills are being drafted, and some are ready to go. We need hearings in committees to get these bills to the floor of the House and Senate so we can discuss them further. I would hope to receive support in both Legislative bodies as well as widespread support from Minnesotans. We need to get the ball rolling and do what’s right for Minnesotans.

Sincerely,
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NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH NUGGETS

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

What are PFAS?
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as “forever chemicals” are a human-made chemical found in products that do not break down in the environment.

Exposure to PFAS can be harmful to human health. It can affect reproduction, child development, increase risk of cancers, lower immune system response, interfere with natural hormones and increase cholesterol. Research is still ongoing to determine how different levels of exposure to different PFAS can lead to a variety of health effects.

How can you be exposed to PFAS? They have been found in the ground and surface water in Minnesota. You cannot see, taste, or smell PFAS in drinking water. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) tests community water systems for PFAS. The only way to know if a private well has PFAS is to have it tested. What level of PFAS in drinking water is safe? MDH uses health-based values to evaluate health risks from individual PFAS. Health guidance values are designed to protect the most vulnerable populations for up to a lifetime of exposure. If more than one PFAS is found in drinking water, MDH evaluates their additive health risk using the Health Risk Index. For most people, consumer

products that are grease, oil, stain and/or water resistant are a much greater source of PFAS exposure than drinking water. PFAS chemicals are commonly used in non-stick and stain-resistant consumer products, food packaging, fire-fighting foam, and industrial processes. People can also be exposed to PFAS through eating food packaged in material that contains PFAS, eating fish caught from water contaminated by PFOS, or eating food grown or raised near places with PFAS exposure.

You can take the following steps to reduce your exposure to PFAS. Limit use of consumer products that contain PFAS. PFAS is used in many consumer products including food packaging, including grease-resistant paper, fast food containers/wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, and candy wrappers. Nonstick cookware and stain-resistant coatings used on carpets, upholstery, and other fabrics. Water-resistant clothing and some cleaning products. Some personal care products (shampoo, dental floss) and cosmetics (nail polish, eye makeup). Some paints, varnishes, and sealants. Follow the fish consumption guidance from MDH to choose fish low in PFAS to put on your plate. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/fish/index.html> Remove household

dust. Household dust can be a significant source of PFAS exposure, especially for infants and young children. Indoor sources (e.g., consumer products, floor waxes, stain-resistant treated upholstery and carpets) contribute most to PFAS in house dust. Keeping floors and other surfaces free of dust can limit this exposure.

Minnesota is stepping up its game to safeguard public health, the environment, and its budget by cutting down on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in consumer products. The state’s 2023 PFAS prevention law, called Amara’s Law, will phase out these harmful chemicals by January 2032. A wide range of goods — from cosmetics to cookware — will be affected beginning in 2025. Minnesota Department of Health. 1-23-25

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Oliver adds another digit!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

First of all I would like to make a correction from my article about the 99 and Super 99 Olivers. I was made aware of my mistake by a reader and would like to correct this. Some of these Super 99s were equipped with a 3-71 Detroit engine. If you have seen these tractors at a pull you would know they can really “scream!” In my article I said this 3 cylinder Diesel has 302 cubic inches but actually the 3-71 two-cycle diesel engine featured a 4.25-inch bore and a 5-inch stroke for a displacement of 71 cubic inches per cylinder or 213 cubic inches for the engine.

In this week’s article I would like to discuss a sort of “anniversary.” On January 23, 1958 Oliver debuted the new 3 digit tractors at the Harrisburg Farm show in Pennsylvania. These tractors featured the new color scheme, meadow green and clover white. This color scheme was used by the Oliver Corp. for the next 18 years.

In 1935 Oliver came out with the Oliver 70 which transformed into the 77 and Super 77. In 1937 the 80 came out followed by the 88 and Super 88. These models became the new 770 and 880.

These Olivers added new features such as three-point hitch, power take-off (PTO) as standard options, a “Power Booster” system for improved traction, power steering availability, a more squared-off design compared to earlier models, and a color scheme with green body and green-tinged white on the grille and wheels. The model 880 particularly stood out with its powerful 6-cylinder engine and “Power-Traction Hitch” option, making it a versatile and robust choice for row crop farming.

Now the 770 and 880 were very close in stature, although the 880 was a bigger tractor. The marketing department at Oliver decided that if the 880 was painted a different color it would help it stand out from the 770. The selected a pastel color called “mist green.” In January of 1959 the “mist green” 880 went into production. About 250 of these “mist green” 880s were produced the first week. But, then the workers went on strike.



Nice 880 Oliver Tractor.

When full production returned management at Oliver realized since only the tractor has a different color, with no matching implements, this move was not really going to benefit sales and cancelled the color change before production resumed. Rumor has it the “mist green” 880s were so poorly received by farmers, so dealers had them repainted in order to sell them. These “mist green” tractors are well documented by serial number and their production really only lasted one week of January back in 1959 at the plant in Charles City, Iowa.

I have seen a video about an Oliver collector and his “mist green” 880 tractor and it sure was a cool story. These 770 tractor and were phased out by the introduction of the 1550 tractor. The 880 was also phased out by the production of the Oliver 1800 tractor.

I am a John Deere green kind of guy, but this other green seems pretty good too!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The 770 Oliver was made from 1958-_____.
A) 1960 B) 1962 C) 1965 D) 1967

2. The 880 Oliver was made from 1958-_____.
A) 1960 B) 1961 C) 1962 D) 1963

3. In the early 60s an Oliver

880 would have set you back about _____.
A) \$4000 B) \$4495 C) \$5000 D) \$5299

4. In the mid 60s a 770 would have cost a farmer _____.
A) \$4345 B) \$4555 C) \$5000 D) \$5299

5. Some Oliver 880s had a standard 6 speed transmission. Those with the “Power Boost” Transmission had _____ forward speeds.
A) 6 B) 8 C) 12 D) 16

Answers. 1. D. 1967 2. D. 1963 3. C. \$5000 4. A. \$4345 5. 12(basically adding a hi-lo to the 6 speed.)



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Klobuchar Delivers Remarks at the 60th Presidential Inauguration

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) delivered remarks at the 60th Presidential Inauguration. Klobuchar has been the Chair of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) since last year. Since 1901, the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies has been charged with planning and carrying out the inaugural events of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States at the U.S. Capitol. Other JCCIC members include Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA), House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA), and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

A transcript of Klobuchar's remarks is available below. Video is available [HERE](#).

Senator Amy Klobuchar: Good morning everyone! Welcome to the 60th Presidential Inauguration!

Today President-elect Trump and Vice President-elect Vance will take their oaths of office, and we will witness the peaceful transfer of power at the heart of our democracy.

For the past year, I've chaired the inaugural ceremony committee, which includes the leadership of Congress from both parties. We thank the committee and Capitol staff and law enforcement who worked so hard over the last year and especially the last three days. You've done a beautiful job and you have shown grace under pressure.

Our theme this year is "Our Enduring Democracy."

The presence of so many Presidents and Vice Presidents

here today is truly a testament to that endurance.

We welcome President Biden and Dr. Biden. We welcome Vice President Harris and Doug Emhoff, President Obama, President Clinton and Secretary Clinton, President Bush and Laura Bush, Vice President Pence, Vice President Quayle and Marilyn Quayle. The Justices of the United States Supreme Court are with us, all nine of them... I counted. And, of course, the Trump and Vance families.

This ceremony marks what will soon be 250 years of our democracy.

It is the moment when leaders, elevated by the will of the people, promise to be faithful to our Constitution, to cherish and defend it. It is the moment when they become, as we all should be, the guardians of our country.

Through war and peace, through adversity and prosperity, we hold this inauguration every four years, and today it falls on Martin Luther King Day, a further reminder that we must strive to uphold the values enshrined in our Constitution—the freedoms, the liberties and, as is inscribed on the entrance of the United States Supreme Court, equal justice under law.

But what makes this moment more than a passing ceremony is all who are watching it across the country—the people of this nation, the ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

President Kennedy, who at one point worked as a Senator in this building and would often walk through this very rotunda, once said:

"In a democracy every citizen, regardless of interest in politics, 'holds office'—every one of us is in a position of respon-

sibility."

With that responsibility of citizenship comes an obligation not to seek out malice, as President Lincoln once reminded us, but to view others with a generosity of spirit, despite our differences.

With that responsibility of leadership comes an obligation to stand our ground when we must and find common ground when we can.

With everything swirling around us—the hot mess of division—it is on all of us, to quote an incredible songwriter who just happened to be born in my state, to ensure that our nation's democracy is our "shelter from the storm."

There's a reason this ceremony takes place at the Capitol. In other countries, it might be in a presidential palace or a gilded executive office building. Here, it is traditionally held at the Capitol—the People's House.

It is a fitting reminder of the system of checks and balances that is the very foundation of our government. Three equal branches of government.

That is how, for nearly 250 years, our great American experiment, grounded in the rule of law, has endured.

So, as we inaugurate a new President and Vice President, let us remember that the power of those in this room comes from the people: the construction workers who build our country, the teachers and health care workers who nurture us, the troops defending our freedoms, and yes, the firefighters in Los Angeles putting themselves on the line for us. Our democracy's strength and grit must match theirs.

May God bless our nation. Thank you.



Angie Ness - Stick Weaving.

“Art Share” at the Bagley Public Library

By Pamela French
“Art Share” is back at the Bagley Public Library. Art Share is a place to bring your “art” projects to share. It's a chance to meet other artists in the community. Art takes many forms and “Art Share”one place to share your projects as well as get and share ideas.

“Art Share” meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3pm -5pm. February “Art Share” will meet on February 27.

Art Share is a part of the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative (BAAC), an activity made possible by the voters of Minnesota from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to legislative appropriation from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information on the BAAC and upcoming classes go to www.bagleyarts.org



Jeff Ness teaching Tammy Friborg how to spin wool from his own sheep.



Connie painting with water colors.

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Northwest Minnesota Foundation Scholarships accepting applications as of February 1st

January 22, 2025 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation will begin accepting applications to its scholarship funds on Feb. 1. Last year, scholarships housed at NMF issued 262 awards, totaling more than \$330,000.

Scholarship awards can range from \$500 to \$4,000. Scholarship funds have a variety of focuses, such as support for students from specific school districts, those involved in certain extracurriculars, or those intending to pursue specific majors.

NMF encourages all high school seniors considering post-secondary education to take the time to research scholarship opportunities. The NMF scholarship portal makes it easy for students to identify the specific scholarships for which they are eligible through an eligibility quiz. Students input their information (e.g. high school district, high school extracurriculars, intended field of study, etc.) and then see a filtered result list. From there, they can apply for specific scholarships for which they qualify.

The deadline to apply for most of the scholarships is April 15.

“Applying for a scholarship can provide crucial financial support, allowing students to focus more on their studies and less on financial stress,” said Kelly Martinka, who leads scholarship funds on the NMF Philanthropy team. “It also offers an opportunity to enhance one's academic experience and professional profile, making future career opportunities more accessible.”

NMF hosts more than 128 scholarship opportunities for students throughout Northwest Minnesota. Most of the scholar-

ships are for high school seniors living within the region, however there also are opportunities for nontraditional students or college-enrolled students.

“Every year, we hear from numerous students who nearly didn't apply because they didn't think they'd be awarded,” Martinka said. “We encourage all students to take the time to apply.”

Applications are completed through the NMF website at

www.nwmf.org by clicking on “Grants & Scholarships” at the top of the homepage. Students will be required to create an online account and take the eligibility quiz to begin the application process.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support one of the scholarship funds at NMF, please visit www.nwmf.org.

Region 2 Arts Council and the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council award \$4,990 to Indigenous artists

On December 12, 2024, the Region 2 Arts Council's Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council awarded \$4,990 to enrolled tribal members or descendants creating art is our region. The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation to fund costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work, purchase of materials or equipment to create works of art, educational opportunities in the arts, and proposals for projects or opportunities to enhance the creative work of artists or culture bearers that are enrolled tribal members or descendants residing in the Minnesota counties of Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, or Roseau.

Roberta Roy was awarded \$1,000 to purchase the supplies she will need to continue making ribbon skirts.

Jakob Littlewolf was awarded \$1,000 to purchase art painting supplies to keep

expanding and improving his work.

Lisa Donovan-Larson was awarded \$1,000 to create Native American dance regalia and quilts to gift to underprivileged youth for ceremonial and cultural purposes.

Gregory Smith Sr. was awarded \$1,000 to create picture frames and other crafts with wood.

Devin Larson was awarded \$990 to create ribbon skirts, ribbon shirts and other regalia like fancy shawls and grass dance outfits for the children in her care.



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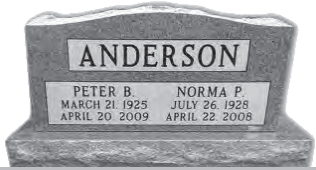
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Death Notice for Donald Amundson

Donald Alick Amundson, 82, of Leonard, Minnesota, passed away on January 23, 2025 at St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie, MN. Arrangements are pending.



Obituary
for Clarice
Boomgaarden

Clarice Marie Boomgaarden, age 93, of Clearbrook, MN, passed away on January 22, 2025, at Cornerstone Residence in Bagley, MN. She was born on August 6, 1931, to Calvin and Mary (Hart) Ames in Ball Club, MN.

Services will be held on Friday, February 7th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Clearbrook, MN, with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be held at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Clarice grew up in Nary, MN. She attended the Nary School until 8th grade, and graduated from Bemidji High School in 1949. On December 23, 1952, she married

the love of her life Jacob Boomgaarden, who claimed that "Clarice had the kindest, sky-blue eyes he'd ever seen."

After military stops in Oklahoma and California, Clarice returned to Bemidji for the birth of her daughter Diane in 1954, (while Jacob was still serving in Korea). Once Jacob returned to the U.S., they spent one year in Stephen, MN and then moved to Clearbrook, where her sons, Bradley and Mark were born. Clarice and Jacob made Clearbrook their lifetime home.

Clarice was kind and gentle and her warmth touched all who knew her. She will be remembered for her compassionate heart, loving spirit, quiet strength, and her deep and abiding faith.

Maternal to the core, Clarice found joy in the company of children, and they adored her. Clarice enjoyed gardening, bowling, reading, baking, music, church activities, and spending time with family. She made every holiday special and was famous through generations of grandchildren, for her "Easter Bunny Cakes."

Clarice was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years Jacob, mother Mary, father Calvin, sister Betty Moos, and brother Gale Ames.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Saar, sons, Bradley (Paula) Boomgaarden, and Mark (Laura) Boomgaarden, brother, Dale (Rose) Ames, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

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Obituary for
Jimmie Nelson

Jimmie Nelson, 95, of Bagley, MN died on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at the Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church at Bagley, Minnesota with the pastor John Swanson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. The interment will be held at Winifred Cemetery in Winifred, Montana. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements. Military Rites will be accorded by the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley.

Jimmie was born on June 13, 1929, at Austin, Minnesota. Jimmie was the son of Sanford and Edna (Larum) Nelson. He grew up and attended school in Blooming Prairie. When he was 16 he took a trip to Winifred, Montana where he decided to stay. Jimmie entered the United States Army, during the Korea era, on January 26, 1951, and was honorably released on December 10, 1952. Jimmie married Lucille

Pollard on June 1, 1953, and together they had six children: Jennie, Sanford, Rachel, Laurie, Chris and Mitchell. He was self-employed with his semi-truck. He hauled many things including grain and lumber. Jimmie and Lucille and their family moved to Bagley in 1966, where they bought a farm, raised beef cattle and have lived there ever since. Jimmie also worked for Gesell's, was a school bus driver and was a New Fly driver, delivering buses. He also traveled to New Orleans, cleaning debris for Brian Fultz. Jimmie retired when he was in his 80's. He enjoyed his big garden, his horses, and his apple trees. Jimmie was a member of the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley, he was very proud to be a Veteran and was a member of the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 in Bagley. He was notorious for telling stories and would talk to anyone. Jimmie loved his wife, kids and grandkids very much and loved the Lord.

Jimmie is survived by his wife – Lucille of Bagley, Minnesota; Daughter – Jennie (Steve) Svendsen of Trail, Minnesota; Son – Sanford (Kris) Nelson of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; Son – Chris (Rena) Nelson of Duluth, Minnesota and son – Mitchell Nelson of Bagley, Minnesota; 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; sister – Margie Bush of San Diego, California.

Jimmie is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter – Rachel Nelson Stenstrom; daughter – Laurie Nelson; great grandson – Jacob; sister – Nina Mae and brothers – Ralph, Charles and Erik.

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Obituary for
Dick Hagen

Dick Hagen, age 84, passed away at home on Sunday, January 5, 2025. A celebration of Dick's life was held at 11am on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, with visitation at 10am.

Dick was born in McIntosh, MN, to parents Joseph and Harriette (Jorgenson) Hagen. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh and graduated from McIntosh High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from

Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN, in 1963. Dick proudly served in the Air National Guard. Dick was united in marriage to Karen June Hegland on August 22, 1964, in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh, MN. Dick worked for General Mills for 35 years.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Karen; son, Daniel (Jan), of Wheaton, IL; daughter-in-law, Deana, of Chaska, MN; seven grandchildren, Brendan (Anna), Lauren, Morgan, Griffin, Daniel (Maggie), Erika, and Darby. Also survived by three siblings, Mars (Pam), of Apple Valley, MN, Deanne Benson, of Thief River Falls, MN, and Karen (Pat) Rolf, of McIntosh, MN; sister-in-law, Judy Hagen of McIntosh, MN; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark; two brothers, Ronald and David; two sisters, Joanne Carver and Yvonne Larson; and two brothers-in-law, Rudy Larson and Gordy Benson.

In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to ICA of Minnetonka. <https://www.icafoodshelf.org/donate>



Obituary for
John Rolf

John Rolf, age 73, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Monday, January 20th, at McIntosh Senior Living. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25th, at Trinity Free Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh, with the Rev. Jerry Moan officiating. Interment was held in the church cemetery. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

John Samuel Rolf was born Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1951, in Fosston, MN to parents Kenneth and Harriet (Nelson) Rolf. John grew up on the family farm north of McIntosh, MN. On December 23, 1951, John was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church rural McIntosh, by Rev. Arthur Grimstad. John was confirmed in Fergus Falls, MN by Bishop Cecil Johnson on August 17, 1979.

John attended school in McIntosh until the fifth grade when he was afflicted with an illness that caused his brain cells to be destroyed. His health deteriorated for about a year and after a time went into remission. In 1964 John moved to Fergus Falls to live and in 1965 he moved to Brainerd, MN. In 1970 he moved back to Fergus

Falls and in 1986 he moved to Fosston, MN where he was a resident until 2020. During his years in Fosston, John enjoyed being a part of the Hope Lutheran Church worship and fellowship opportunities. John also enjoyed the opportunities each week at the Day Activity Center and with the other residents and staff at the group homes where he lived in Fosston. Any day that he could get a Dairy Queen treat always brightened his day!

In 2020 John moved to the Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine, MN, until the facility closed in 2023, when John moved to McIntosh Senior Living, where he also received excellent care. John was observant, knew his preferences, and was not a man of many words. On behalf of John, the family would like to express our appreciation and deep gratitude for all who cared for John through the years and supported him in his needs in each of the places and communities where he lived. The love, care, compassion, patience, and kindness that many have given is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

John loved Jesus and throughout his life remembered and could quote Bible verses he memorized in his early childhood. Among his favorites were John 3:16, Revelation 3:20, and Psalm 23. Often on family visits through the years these and other verses were recited together. John went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 20th, 2025, at McIntosh Senior Living, at the age of 73.

John is survived by his siblings, James and Mary Rolf of Moorhead, MN, Mary and Rev. Lyle Aadahl of Hayfield, MN, Naomi and Wayne Peterson of Thief River Falls, MN, Rev. Dr. Joel and Mary-Ann Rolf of Andover, MN, and Paul and Darlene Rolf of McIntosh, MN. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents.

Blessed be his memory.



Obituary for
Elaine Loiland

Elaine "Perry" Loiland, 86, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley, Minnesota.

Services will be held on what would have been her 87th birthday, February 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. A visitation will also be held the evening prior on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota. The interment will be held at Valle Lutheran Cemetery in Trail, Minnesota. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Elaine "Perry" Kathlene was born on February 22, 1938, to Orville and Edith (Scholz) Perry in Stutsman County, Lippert Township, close to Eldridge, North Dakota. She was baptized on April 17, 1938, in Eldridge, ND. She was the second child in a line of five. Elaine's father died in a car accident when she was a child leaving her mother to raise 5 children. Her mother remarried, giving Elaine another sister. Sadly, her mother passed away when Elaine was 11 years old. Elaine and her siblings went to live with their grandparents Richard and Tena Scholz. Her grandparents later divorced and moved to Jamestown. Elaine and her siblings lived with their grandmother and attended school in Jamestown. During the summer they would go to her Uncle Ernie's and help on the farm. She was confirmed on June 1, 1952, at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND. When she was old enough, she went to work at the Fare Store in Jamestown. In 1956 when Elaine turned 18, she moved to Fargo, ND and found employment at a clothing store. It was there that she met her lifelong friends, the Fjerstad girls. Her new friendships eventually led her to frequent trips "Up North". With 2 of the girls having the same name it was decided that they would call Elaine by her last name. She has been Perry ever since. Although when she would return home to Jamestown she was always known as Elaine. It was "Up North" where she was introduced to her future husband, Gordon Loiland. Perry and Gordie were married October 14, 1960, and made their home in Oklee, MN. Out of this union came four children, Steven, Thomas, LuWayne and Edith. In 1964, they purchased and moved into their new home in Trail, MN. Perry began working for Arctic Cat sewing snowsuits. She also started an upholstery business in her basement with her friend Marilyn Halvorson. This also led to the teaching of Upholstery Classes in the 1980's. Perry was not one to sit idle and this found herself teaming up with Carlyn and Arnold Person making a variety of crafts and going to many craft shows even as far North as Grygla, MN. Perry and Gordie later divorced. In 1975, she started to work at the Good Samaritan Center in

Clearbrook, MN. She began in housekeeping and after 10 years she was promoted to the Activities Department and worked in activities until she retired. The Good Samaritan Center was more than a job for Perry, she loved what she did and devoted herself to the residents. She was awarded employee of the month in 1986, and then employee of the year in 1992. After working at the Good Samaritan Center Perry went to work at Winsor Lefse and also worked at the Garden Place just North of Bagley. In the early winter of 2006 Perry sold her home in Trail and moved to Bagley, MN bringing her closer to her children and grandchildren. It was then she started babysitting, and unknown to her at the time would end up with 3 bonus grandsons. Perry was an active member of the community. She served on the Trail City Council, the VFW Auxiliary and was active with the Ladies Aide at Sand Valley Lutheran Church, Trail and Faith Lutheran Church, Bagley. She also volunteered with the 4-H program and was a Sunday school teacher when her children were young. Perry also volunteered at the Senior Center in Bagley. In May of 1981, Perry, along with her good friend Glendine Benson, graduated with her GED along with their sons who graduated from Gonvick High School. She loved crafts of all sorts, painting, sewing, quilting, and baking. Perry wouldn't miss a chance to go play bingo, or play a game of cards (she was always ready as she carried a deck in her purse) or to spend time with her family. She was able to take the trip of a lifetime not only once but twice. In 2001 and again in 2011 Perry found herself on a plane to Korea where her son, Tom, his wife, Sookie and son, Jake lived. She enjoyed her trips back to Jamestown and loved to go visiting family and friends. Perry "LOVED" spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and very seldom missed an opportunity to attend any sporting event or activity that came up. Perry had a heart of gold and was always willing to give a helping hand. Her laughter and the chance to "Clown" around will forever be remembered. Her doughnuts and Kringle were approved by many and her Kringle would cause a bidding war at the annual church auction.

Perry is survived by her sons - Steven Loiland of Bagley, MN, Thomas (Ensook "Sookie") Loiland of Dale City, VA, and LuWayne (Jodi) Loiland of Bagley, MN; her daughter - Edith "Edie" (Doug) Kilen of Middle River, MN; her grandchildren - Derek Loiland of Bagley, MN; Lindsay (Danny) Yeung of Bemidji, MN; Jacob (Elleanore) Loiland of California, MD; Jesse Dukek of Bemidji, MN; Cali Dukek of Bemidji, MN, and Jordan (Alexis) Loiland of Bagley, MN; her great grandchildren, Danny, Darren, Quinten, Westin, Alexis, Graham, Jaden, Emma, Leah, Jameson, Jaxton, Corbynn, Charlotte and Hayden; her bonus grandsons, Bryant, Brett and Baylor; her sister, Joann (Les) Putnam of Montpelier, ND, her sisters-in-law JoAnn (Vernon) Voeltz of Trail, MN, Marlys Perry of Jamestown, ND and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Edith (Scholz) Perry; her siblings, Darrel, Marion, Patricia, and James, great great granddaughter, Annaleigh, her sisters-in-law, Carla and Judy; her brothers-in-law, Ray, Johnny and George and many aunts and uncles.

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Marshall County Soybean and Corn Growers Support Future Leaders with FFA Jacket Donation

Warren, MN – The Marshall County Soybean - Corn Growers and Argyle Lions Club have once again demonstrated their commitment to supporting agricultural education and leadership development by donating official FFA jackets to the Stephen-Argyle Central FFA Chapter officers for the 2024-2025 school year. This generous contribution highlights the association's dedication to fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders in our community.

"We are honored to support the Stephen-Argyle Central FFA Chapter in their efforts to cultivate leadership and agricultural skills among young people in our region," said Cecil Deschene, secretary and treasurer of the Marshall County Soybean and Corn Growers.

In addition to supporting the FFA, the Marshall County Soybean and Corn Growers are actively engaged in promoting agricultural education and research. The County Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 28, at 8:00 AM at the Newfolden Community Center in Newfolden, MN. The event promises an insightful lineup of speakers, including:

Dr. Angie Peltier, University of Minnesota, Crookston

Kate Howell, Agronomist, Newfolden Co-op Elevator

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The annual meeting provides an opportunity for local farmers, agribusiness professionals, and community members to come together, learn about the latest advancements in

agriculture, and celebrate the achievements of the past year. Breakfast will be served, and attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and ideas for an engaging discussion with the speakers.

About the Marshall County Soybean and Corn Growers: The Marshall County Corn and Soybean Growers are dedicated to promoting sustainable farming practices, supporting agricultural education, and advancing research that benefits local farmers

Through community engagement and partnerships, the association works to ensure a The Marshall County Soybean & Corn Growers Association is affiliated with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, which oversees the investment of soybean checkoff

dollars on behalf of approximately 25,000 farmers in Minnesota. The Council is governed by the rules of a federally mandated checkoff program that requires all soybean producers to pay a fee on the soybeans they sell. This money is used to promote, educate, and develop market opportunities for soybeans.

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is one of the largest grassroots farm organizations in the United States. Working in close partnership with the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, MCGA identifies and promotes opportunities for Minnesota's 24,000 corn farmers while building connections with the non-farming strong future for agriculture in Marshall County.

Minnesota Starwatch for February 2025

By Deane Morrison

In February, the iconic winter stars and constellations reach their prime positions for viewing.

On the 1st, all will be assembled in the east to southeast by nightfall. When March rolls around, they'll still be up for hours, moving into the southwest to west as midnight approaches.

Lowest and brightest of the bunch is Sirius, in Canis Major, the big dog. Above Sirius, the hourglass form of Orion boasts the bright stars Rigel, his left foot, and Betelgeuse, his right shoulder. Hanging from the three closely spaced stars of his belt, the sword of Orion contains the massive, red-glowing Orion Nebula, where stars are being born. Closer to the belt lies the famous dark cloud of gas and dust aptly named the Horsehead Nebula. It will be too faint to see, so look for an image online.

Above Orion shine two planets: Mars to the left and Jupiter

to the right. Mars is fading as Earth leaves it behind in the orbital race, while Jupiter reigns as the brightest object in the array of winter constellations.

Also on the 1st, look to the southwest at nightfall for brilliant Venus and a young moon. That evening the moon will be at perigee—its closest approach to Earth in a lunar cycle—so its crescent will be on the large side. Between Venus and the moon you'll see Saturn, which is falling and will soon be lost in the sun's afterglow. Venus, too, begins a descent as it embarks on its next trip between Earth and the sun. When both are up, compare the brightnesses of Venus—the brightest planet—and Sirius, the brightest star.

To catch February's full moon at its roundest, get outside by sunrise on the 12th, because the moon sets in the west shortly thereafter. And, of course, enjoy the moonrises on the evenings of the 11th and 12th.



Minnesota DNR seeks public input on updates to Lake of the Woods Fisheries Management Plan

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in Lake of the Woods fisheries to share their thoughts on a draft update of the fisheries management plan for the lake.

This opportunity differs from the scoping survey released in February 2024. The scoping survey guided the management planning process, while this is an opportunity to comment on the draft plan.

The Lake of the Woods Fisheries Management Plan was last updated in 2018. It is important for this update to reflect current public values and attitudes about how the lake should be managed.

The updated master plan will be used to guide management of Lake of the Woods fish populations. It will include management goals, objectives and strategies for the lake for the next 10 years.

Public input opportunities

Minnesota DNR staff will host a joint in-person and virtual public meeting to provide an overview of the plan and its purpose, answer questions, and collect public input. Registration is not required.

The meeting will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Baudette Ambulance Garage Conference Room, 113 1st Ave. SW, Baudette, MN 56623. For people who would like to join virtually, a link to join the webinar is available on the Lake of the Woods page (mndnr.gov/lakeofthewoods) of the Minnesota DNR website.

Review and comment on the plan

The public can obtain a digital copy of the draft update on the Lake of the Woods page (mndnr.gov/lakeofthewoods). Comments may be submitted by:

- Using the online form available at the Lake of the Woods webpage (mndnr.gov/lakeofthewoods).
- Emailing baudette.fisheries@state.mn.us.

- Calling Baudette area fisheries staff at 218-395-6040.

- Mailing comments to 204 Main St. E, Baudette, MN 56623.

- Providing verbal and written comments at the Feb. 5 joint in-person and virtual meeting.

The DNR is accepting comments on the draft master plan through Sunday, Feb. 16.

Garfield Lake Ice Racing Club results

1/26/2025

By Dennis Peterson

It's been a long wait since the Garfield Lake Ice Racing Club was able to put on a race. Last seasons 2024 races were completely washed out due to poor ice conditions. 2025 looks to be a great season of ice racing for the club.

Sunday the ice racers converged on Garfield Lake in Laporte, MN for its first race in two years. The races are held each Sunday on the lake with fans welcome to come and watch free of charge sitting in the warmth of their cars on the east side of the race track. The green flag waves at noon for the races. Longtime flagman Tom Lindahl is excited for the return of racing and is looking forward to seeing new drivers joining the ranks of the B class set up for beginners and hobby enthusiasts and the return of the experienced A class drivers showing their racing skills.

The Garfield Lake Race Club is not just about racing. The club over the many years in existence has donated many thousands of dollars to charities, schools, veteran's groups, and individuals in need. In 2024 alone the club donated over \$100,000.00. The drivers pay a membership fee and pay each Sunday to race and receive nothing in return other than the opportunity to race and "maybe" a plaque or jacket at the end of the season if they place high in the points. The money all goes to pay club expenses and for the charity work.

Sunday's races were highlighted by feature wins in the B class for Bob Pawlitschek and Chad Tabaka with Cam Labelle claiming the A crown. Picking up heat wins in each class were Nick Jessen, Blake Watson, Bob Pawlitschek, and Reid Watson in the B Class and Cam Labelle in the A class. Winning the special ladies only Powder Puff race was Jordan Walker.

Final Results:

B Class Set 1

Heat 1 – Blake Watson, Mariah LaPatka, Abe Forseman, William Coan/Sean Feia,

Brad Krotzer, Madison Tabaka

Heat 2 – Nick Jessen, Reid Watson, Tyler Johnson, Bob Pawlitschek, CJ Roller

Set 1 Feature – Bob Pawlitschek, Chad Tabaka, Reid Watson, Nick Jessen, Tyler Johnson, Abe Forseman, Blake Watson, Faye Lewis, CJ Roller, Brad Krotzer, William Coan/Sean Feia

A Class Set 1

Heat 1 – Cam Labelle, Jon Geschwill, John Hadrava

Set 1 Feature – Cam Labelle, Jon Geschwill

B Class Set 2

Heat 1 – Bob Pawlitschek, Nick Jessen, Tyler Johnson, Blake Watson, CJ Roller, Brad Krotzer

Heat 2 - Reid Watson, Abe Forseman, Faye Lewis, Madison Tabaka, William Coan/Sean Feia

Set 2 Feature – Chad Tabaka, Tyler Johnson, Abe Forseman, Bob Pawlitschek, Nick Jessen, Reid Watson, Faye Lewis, CJ Roller, William Coan/Sean Feia Brad Krotzer.

A Class Set 2 No Results provided.



Top tips for fun winter outings to state parks and trails

Winter recreation options are abundant in Minnesota state parks, recreation areas and trails

Many Minnesotans visit state parks and hit the trails in summer, but winter outdoor activities are just as fun. To help people plan winter visits to state parks, recreation areas and trails, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources shares top ways to have fun this winter, with or without snow.

"Winter offers a whole new way to play outside, providing recreation options to refresh the spirit, boost your mood and connect with nature," said Ann Pierce, the DNR's Parks and Trails Division director. "To help all Minnesotans enjoy these benefits, no matter their previous experience or budget, we're highlighting no-cost and low-cost activities and providing easy trip planning resources."

Here are a few favorite outdoor activities to try this winter:

Look for birds

Winter birding in Minnesota offers a unique opportunity to see species adapted to cold cli-

mates. The quiet, leafless landscapes make it easier to spot and hear birds. Whether people are seasoned birders or beginners, birding is a rewarding way to connect with nature and experience Minnesota's wildlife in a new season. Several parks even have free birding programs to participate in this winter, including Afton, Fort Snelling, Itasca, Nerstrand Big Woods, Sibley, Wild River and William O'Brien. Find the events on the Parks and Trails event calendar (mndnr.gov/ptcalendar).

Go for a winter hike

Winter hiking is a rewarding way to experience winter landscapes while staying active in colder months. It offers physical benefits along with mental health boosts from exposure to natural light and serene surroundings. With proper gear and preparation, winter hiking allows for unique encounters with nature, less crowded trails than summer months, and stun-

ning seasonal scenery. Winter hiking is a great option for state parks, recreation areas and trails. Some state parks have plowed or packed trails; these locations are listed on the DNR winter hiking webpage (mndnr.gov/state_parks/winter_hiking.html).

Hit the bike trails

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area is one of Minnesota's premiere mountain biking destinations, and in winter, its trails are great for fat bike riding. In the Twin Cities metro area, Fort Snelling State Park has 6 miles of multi-use trails open to fat biking. State trails are also open to winter biking. Learn more about fat biking and other locations to ride on the DNR's fat biking webpage (mndnr.gov/fatbike/index.html).

Become a Junior Ranger

State park visitors are invited to pick up a free Junior Ranger book from ranger stations or print one at home from the Ju-

nior Ranger webpage (mndnr.gov/junior-ranger). Activities in this booklet are designed for ages six to 10, but anyone is welcome to participate. Complete the activities and earn a free Junior Ranger badge.

Attend a candlelight event

Candlelight events are free, family-friendly events. They offer short, easy trails lit with lanterns or luminaries. Visitors can stop by anytime during the event and enjoy the trail at their own pace. Visit the DNR candlelight event webpage (mndnr.gov/candlelight) for dates and locations.

Go ice fishing

Minnesota residents can fish without a fishing license in many Minnesota state parks; this includes ice fishing. Those new to the sport can check out one of the state park ice fishing programs to get tips for a successful outing. Programs are listed on the state parks ice

fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/state_parks/ice_fishing.html).

Snow activities

While much of the state doesn't currently have enough snow for activities such as snowshoeing, sledding, cross-country skiing or snowmobiling, there are select locations in Minnesota with enough snow for these activities. Skiers and snowmobile riders can check out the DNR website (mndnr.gov/snow) for winter trail reports. If snow arrives, information about sledding and snowshoeing in state parks is in the DNR winter guide (mndnr.gov/winterguide).

Planning and safety tips

Being prepared is key to making a trip to a state park or trail successful and fun.

- Be aware of special conditions or other alerts that might impact a state park or recreation area visit by checking park websites (mndnr.gov/parklist) before leaving home.
- The DNR recommends

buying a state park vehicle permit before arriving at the park using the state parks permit webpage (mndnr.gov/permit). Permits can be purchased in person when ranger stations are open; hours can be found on park websites. Permits can also be checked out at select public libraries in Minnesota. State trails do not require vehicle permits.

- Check the weather forecast before heading out, and dress appropriately for the conditions. If new to winter outdoor recreation in Minnesota, check out the DNR's guide to dressing for Minnesota winters (images.dnr.state.mn.us/destinations/state_parks/winter_guide/winter-dressing-infographic.pdf).

Always check ice depth before going on frozen water and remember that ice is never 100% safe. Read the ice safety page on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/icesafety) for information.