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“Arnie Johnson – Gonvick’s Gift to the NBA”

by Barry S. Martin
Seven decades ago Gonvick native Arnie Johnson hitchhiked his way to a slot on an eventual NBA championship team, the Rochester (NY) Royals.

Born May 17, 1920, the son of Albert and Ida Johnson, Arnie starred in basketball, football, baseball and track at Gonvick High School. He worked in wheat fields and on highway construction projects to pay his way through Bemidji State Teachers College (student body 400) where he earned three-time basketball and two-time football All-Northern Teacher's College Conference First Team honors. He also tossed the shot put and discus and ran on the “Beavers” 220-yard relay team.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, Arnie taught high school P.E. classes for six months. The day after the Japanese bombed Pearl

Harbor he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He served 30 months at Buckley Air Force Base (Aurora, CO) as a physical training (calisthenics) instructor and starred on the base's basketball team, nicknamed the “Gunners.”

On leave, Arnie, a 1941 Converse honorable mention All-American and 1942 National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) tournament second team selection, played before 12,000 spectators in Chicago Stadium (later the NBA Chicago Bulls home court) in the College All-Star Game between the best recently graduated college players and the National Basketball League (NBL) champion Oshkosh All-Stars. At this time Arnie met Seton Hall College All-American and Great Lakes Naval Training Station (Chicago, IL) star Bob Davies who led the collegians to a 61-55 victory.

After World War II ended, Chuck Taylor, whose signature graces the classic basketball sneakers, spotted 6' 7", 240-pound Arnie playing for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Continental Airways team. Taylor urged Les Harrison, the owner and coach of the Rochester Royals, to take a look at Arnie.

“Wait till you see this guy, Les,” said Taylor. “He is big and rugged. You won't find many guys around who are willing to argue with him on the court. Why it's a good thing this kid is even-tempered. If he was mean, he could kill a guy.”

Harrison sent Arnie money for a tryout in Chicago. Worried that he might not make the team and would need cash for the trip back to Gonvick, Arnie hitchhiked 660 miles, in mid-winter, to the Windy City in a cattle truck.

Arnie passed muster and Harrison signed him. The pride of Gonvick enjoyed a seven-season NBL-NBA career – all with the Royals who with the Minneapolis Lakers were the dominant teams in the late 1940s and early 1950s. In fact, the Royals and Lakers are two of only four NBL-NBA teams to win the playoff championship or finish or tie for first in their division or conference for five consecutive seasons.

Just as he was coming into his own in the 1946-47 season, Arnie, who a Rochester sports columnist said “used to stamp out forest fires in the Minnesota wilds with his powerful right foot,” pulled up lame in the third quarter of a late February game against the All-Stars in Oshkosh. “Hercules” tried to play in the fourth period, but “his lameness was marked” and he was taken out of the game. X-rays revealed a fractured foot bone and Arnie missed the remainder of the

season.

The Lakers tried to buy Arnie's contract, but Royals' owner Les Harrison wanted too much money. In late January 1948, 300 Gonvick area residents attended a Royals-Lakers game in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, Arnie played poorly. “So that's the big bloke you asked us a fancy price for,” a Lakers' fan taunted Harrison. “Why we wouldn't take him as a gift.”

Nonetheless, Arnie became a fixture in the Royals starting lineup with Hall of Fame guards Bob Davies and Bob Wanzer and center Arnie Risen along later with talented former University of Louisville forward Jack Coleman. Johnson rebounded strongly and made put backs of missed shots, fired 15-foot one-hand push shots, passed unselfishly, ran the court with surprising speed for a big man, and defended aggressively.

Arnie's teammates nicknamed him “Bulldozer” for the way he drove to the basket and “Broad Beams” for setting formidable screens for teammates. “It's just like shooting in practice (unopposed) with Arnie in front of you,” said two-hand set shot marksman Bob Davies.

“One of the nice things about playing with the Royals,” pointed out future Hall of Fame coach Red Holzman, “is you have Johnson on your side. Know what I'd do if I ever had to play him? I'd give him a big smile and a healthy handshake and say: ‘Arn, old boy, you're sure having a great year. How are all the folks at home? Let's you and I get together after the game and cut up a nice thick steak.’”

“It might not have any effect on him,” chuckled Red, “but a guy would be a sucker not to try to dig a hole when he saw a hurricane coming.”

Bill Calhoun, who started at forward alongside Arnie during the 1947-48 season, remembers a three-aside scrimmage. As Bill ran by him, Arnie stuck out his arm. “It about bent me in two,” remembered Bill. “Arnie's arm didn't move an inch. He was really strong.”

Bob Wanzer told a story about an NBA rookie inadvertently crashing into Arnie and running back down court next to him apologizing and begging that he be spared punishment.

The Rochester Times-Union reported that some teams tried to use a ‘hatchet man’ to get Arnie out of the game, but soon stopped this tactic because the bad guy “usually finished second best.”

Beginning the 1949-50 NBA season, another Scandinavian and Minnesotan, the Hamline College star and future Hall of Famer 6' 7", 230-pound Arild Verner “Vern” Mikkelsen, joined the Lakers.

It soon seemed that Arnie in games against the Lakers was fighting a one-man war against other denizens of the Gopher State such as Don “Swede” Carlson, Anthony “Tony” Jarros and Myer “Whitey” Skoog (Minnesota), Howard “Howie” Schultz (Hamline), as well as Mikkelsen.

“It was great to watch Vern Mikkelsen go at it with Arnie Johnson,” said Hall of Fame referee Charlie Eck-

man. “They would get together on the floor in Rochester and they would lean against one another. They would hold one another up. I would run by and say, ‘How do you feel, fellows?’ And they would say fine Charley, don't bother us, we are all right. Go referee somewhere else...blow the whistle somewhere else.’ Those guys never bothered anybody. They didn't fight anybody.”

During a pre-game warm up in the Minneapolis Auditorium, Arnie sidled up to Mikkelsen at midcourt. “Mik,” said Arnie, “I want to warn you that tonight you better not be too rough on me. My brothers are here.”

Vern looked into the stands in the direction Arnie was pointing and saw three huge Paul Bunyan look-alikes wearing almost identical Pendleton shirts.

“Hey,” said Vern turning with a grin at Arnie, happy that it was a joke, “I'll take all four of you on.”

The Gonvick Giant definitely had a sense of humor. While in Washington, D.C. for a game with the Red Auerbach-coached Capitals, Bill Calhoun and a teammate were walking around the Smithsonian Museum. A hotel key mysteriously slid across the floor in front of them. Nobody appeared to claim the key. When they returned to the hotel, they found out the key was for Arnie's room. Unknown to them, Arnie had come to the museum alone. “Arnie was a comedian in his own quiet way,” remembers Bill.

At half-time of the 1950-51 NBA season last game, “Arnie Johnson Nite,” Rochester fans presented “Old Ironsides” a new car. Unlike many players on their special night, Arnie played a good game, scoring seven points and grabbing 16 rebounds in a 91-79 victory over the Indianapolis Olympians. “It's the happiest night of my life,” said Arnie.

In the 1950-51 playoffs, the Royals foiled the Lakers attempt for the first NBA threepeat championship. Laker Hall of Fame center George Mikan attributed a Royals victory in Minneapolis that negated the Laker's home court advantage in the western division championship playoff series to Arnie's control of the backboards and keying of fast breaks. In the sixth game of the playoff Finals against the New York Knicks, Arnie scored 27 points.

At the end of the Royals NBA championship season, teenage fan and poetess Jody Cronau Low immortalized the pride of Gonvick in this verse:

Our Big Louie, the Sherman Tank,

With his gears no-shift, his engine no-crank,

Driving in for his famous layup,

Had much to do with the post-season payday.

Arnie and his nine teammates divided a \$14,750 playoff bonus, which amounts to \$134,000 in today's money.

With Arnie averaging ten points (657 points in 68 games) in the 1951-52 season, the Royals became the first NBA team with all five starters averaging in double figures.

Mid-way through the 1952-53 season, Royals captain Bob

Arnie Johnson, “one of the unsung heroes” of the 1951 Royals NBA champions, died in Rochester, NY, on April 8, 2000 at the age of 80. His 99-year old sister, Rose Odegaard, and niece JoAnn Birkeland, still reside in the Gonvick area.

Davies was accumulating too many “technical-personal” misconduct fouls for complaining to referees. Les Harrison hit upon a clever solution to protect his superstar. He named Arnie the team captain.

Over seven professional seasons Arnie had been assessed one technical foul. Turning to run down court, he had inadvertently kicked the ball into the stands. The referee later apologized for this miscarriage of justice. Harrison reasoned that taciturn Arnie might get a fair hearing from the officials because he never griped to them and ought to have earned their respect.

“It must be awful miserable being a referee,” said Arnie. “How do I feel about being captain? Well, it's okay with me if the boys want me. We'll have to wait and see what happens.”

Under the “Johnson regime,” the Royals, avoiding misconduct calls, won six of eight games.

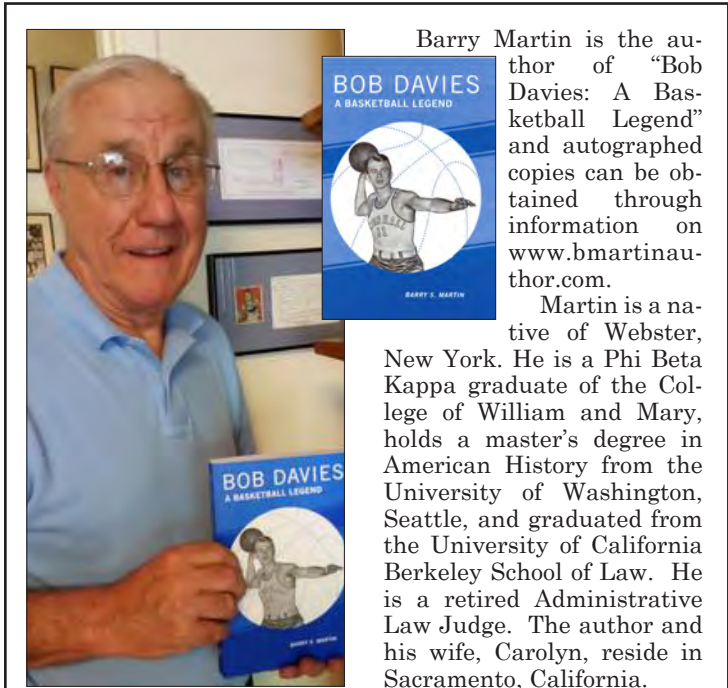
When “Iron Man” Arnie retired at the end of that season, he held the NBA consecutive games played record of 326. As the Royals workhorse, his career regular season NBA scoring average was 8.7 points per game and rebounds 6.2 per game. Les Harrison called him “the most unselfish player” that he had ever seen.

In a visit to Gonvick in May 1953, the Bemidji Fish Fry Crew presented Arnie a Paul and Babe statuette. He continued to reside in Rochester and initially worked in public relations for the Genesee Brewing Co. and later as director of industrial relations for Bausch & Lomb optical company. He and his wife Nancy enjoyed skiing and golf and won the Country Club of Rochester Invitational Tournament three times. They did not have any children.

Arnie made his last national basketball appearance on January 15, 1964, in the NBA Old Timers Game in Boston Garden. He and Royals teammates Bob Davies, Bob Wanzer, Arnie Risen, and Jack Coleman combined with Lakers George Mikan, Jim Pollard, Vern Mikkelsen, and Slater Martin to represent the West. Arnie was held scoreless and Mikkelsen contributed six points in a loss to the East Old Timers led by former Boston Celtics Bill Sharman and Bob Cousy.

In November 1986, the Northern Intercollegiate Conference Athletic Hall of Fame inducted Arnie Johnson as one of 19 charter inductees from athletes who competed between 1932 and 1976.

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Gonvick's Arnie “Big Louie” Johnson drove to the basket like a Sherman tank for the National Basketball Association Rochester Royals (now Sacramento Kings)."



“March 18, 1951 was ‘Arnie Johnson Nite’ in Rochester’s Edgerton Park Sports Arena; Nancy Johnson stands fourth from the left.”

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Please contact the East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District with any questions you have at 218-563-2777 or stop in the Bjella Building at 240 Cleveland Avenue, McIntosh, MN 56556.

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On 6-9-16 the Polk County Sheriff's Office arrested Rebecca Rae Thompson DOB 6-6-1975 of East Grand Forks for this offense. Rebecca made her first court appearance on 6-10-16 where she was charged with Felony Check Forgery, Felony Financial Transaction Card Fraud and Felony Theft by false Representation.

No further information is being released at this time.

Marshall County Sheriff

On Saturday April 18, 2016 @ Approximately 8:50 P.M., the Marshall County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a missing 5-year-old child (DUSTINO N. CASARES) of Warren, MN. He was reported missing from the Florian Park in Marshall County, about 10 miles East of Stephen, MN. He was last seen about one hour before the call was received and people were looking for him at the park.

After an extensive search conducted by family, volunteers, Stephen Fire Dept., Marshall County Posse, MN State Patrol, Grand Forks County Dive Team, Oslo Rescue and Border Patrol, the child was located deceased around 1:13 A.M. in the water at the park.

The body was transported to the Marshall County Medical Examiner's Office in Grand Forks, ND. The Preliminary Cause of Death has been ruled as Drowning and the Preliminary Manner of Death as an accident.

Sheriff Jason D. Boman



Engagement Announcement

Cali Wiseman wishes to announce the engagement of Brittany Stoe to her father Daniel Okstad. Brittany is the daughter of Tammy & Rob Stoe of Crookston. Daniel is the son of Alice & Eldin Okstad of Gonvick. The wedding will be on July 30th in Crookston.

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- \$50.00, 3rd place - \$40.00. Youth prizes: 1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place - \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00.

For more details and entry criteria, visit the Polk County Fair website at www.polkcountyfairfertiilemn.com/chocolate-contest or call Nancy Grunhoy at (218) 945-6266 or Diane Littlefield at (218) 280-2290.

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Refreshments will be served following the program.

College News

Alexander Knutson named to Dean's List at Itasca Community College

Alexander Knutson has earned Dean's List honors at Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids.

Students qualified for this honor by completing a minimum of 12 credits and attaining a grade point average between 3.25 and 4.0.

Alexander Knutson of Clearbrook attained High Honors with 3.5 to 3.999 G.P.A.

UW-La Crosse announces spring 2016 Dean's List

The following student has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year, ending May 2016.

To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and have carried a minimum of 12 credits.

On the Dean's List from Red Lake Falls is Grayson LaVear Bush, Theatre Arts Major: Design / Technical Emphasis.

Local students named to Dean's List at Bemidji State

Area students earned Dean's List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Spring 2016 semester.

Names were:

Bagley, Michelle Bennett, Bryan Brewer, Jessica Carey, Kaci Cooper, Joy Lampl, Tracey Leonard, Hailey Rhen, Sara Titera. **Becida**, Steven Schied. **Clearbrook**, Kristina Maltterud, Brandi Sather. **Fertile**, Elizabeth Engelstad, Heidi Holloway. **Fosston**, Caleb Curfman, Angela Dombkowski, Shelby Hagen, Hunter Hames, Tara Haugen, Ellen Swanson. **Gonvick**, Kaitlynn McIntosh, Jessica Spray. **Grygla**, Sadie Olson. **Gully**, Kailey Carlin. **Lengby**, Kory Jacobson, Arica Jolicoeur. **Leonard**, Chase Cornell, Tyler Godin, Brittany Reed, Sabrina Seyller. **McIntosh**, Adam Shaver, Magdaline Spry. **Newfolden**, Tori Davidson. **Pinewood**, Dillon Saltness. **Puposky**, Jade Dockendorf, Jessica Eickstadt, Emma Grund. **Red Lake Falls**, Kadie Amiot, Breanna Columbus. **Shevlin**, Marye Carlson, Mariah Gregory, Jenna Kaiser,

Stephen Nyegaard, Gina Rohrer. **Solway**, Lyla Evje, Kelsi Fredrickson, Ariel Tix. **Wannaska**, Ann Beito, Katie Petersen.

Minnesota students receive degrees from NDSU

The following were among the students to graduate from North Dakota State University in spring 2016.

Bagley, *Carl George Baumann, III, BSEE Electrical Engineering. **Fertile**, Taylor Elizabeth Gunufson, BS Human Dev. and Family Science; *Seth Duane Hanson BS Pharmaceutical Sciences; Jacob Anthony Holloway BS Animal Science. **Fosston**, Taylor Chad Carlson BS Animal Science. **Goodridge**, Kaylani Irene Kiesow BS Human Dev. and Family Science. **Lengby**, Trisha Twite BS Health Communication. **McIntosh**, Tyler Allen Schow BS Crop and Weed Sciences. **Red Lake Falls**, *Mikayla Sue Miller BS Crop and Weed Sciences; Nicole Justine Schindler BS Veterinary Technology. **Wannaska**, Andrew Paul Norberg BS Pharmaceutical Sciences



A Flag Day program was held at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial last week on June 14th. The advance and retiring of colors was presented by the American Legion Post 117 and the VFW Post 2793. Taps was done by Jeremy Wiskow and Mariah Coan. Several musical selections were performed, including "It's a Grand Old Flag" by the Goodridge High School Band.

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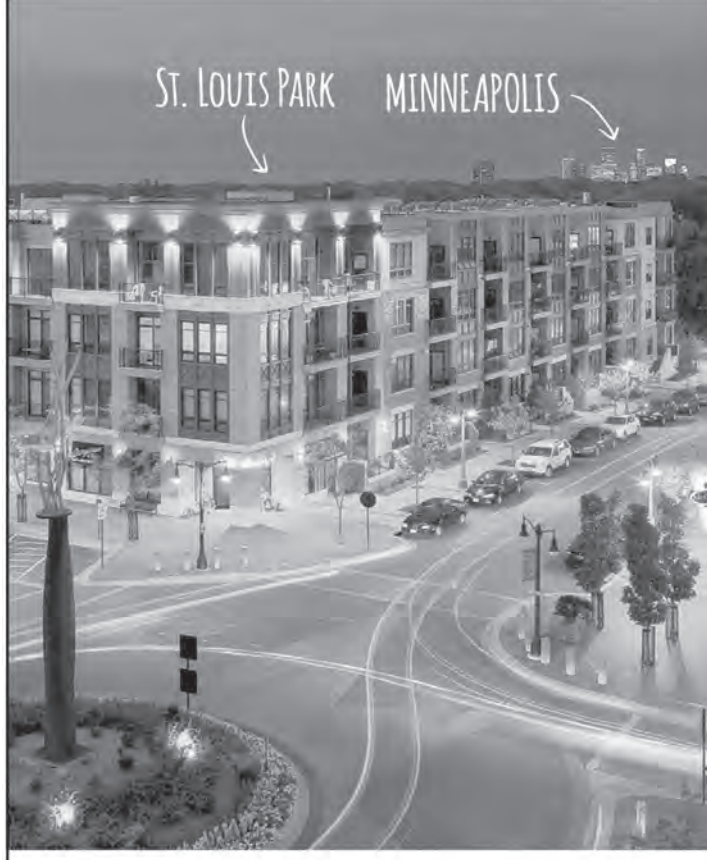
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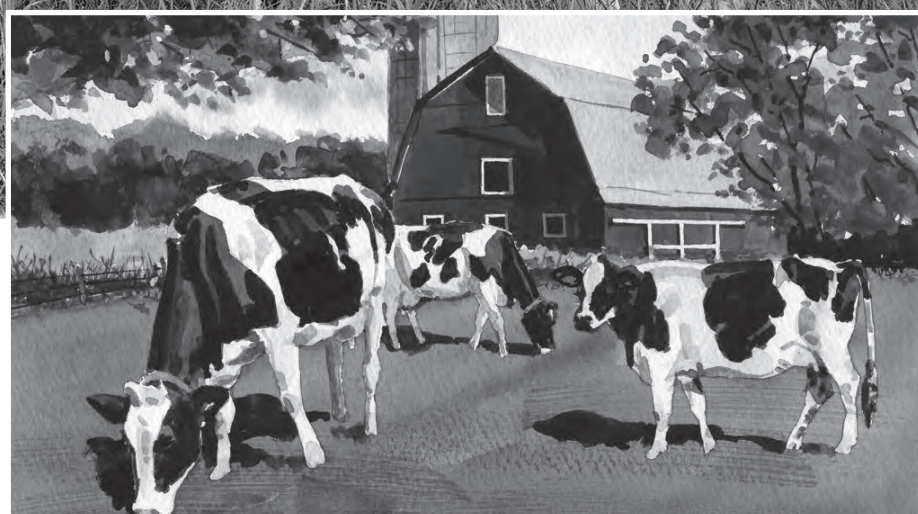
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National Dairy Month is a great way to start the summer with nutrient-rich dairy foods. From calcium to potassium, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients which may help to better manage your weight, reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers. Whether it's protein to

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OBITUARIES



Services held for John Victor Cucci

John Victor Cucci, 74, of Leonard, MN, died on Friday, June 10th, 2016 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center in Fargo, N.D. following a short illness. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 21st at 12:00 noon at Country Faith Church, Clearbrook.

John was born September 16, 1941 in Montevideo, MN, son of Victor and Rebecca (Olson) Cucci.

He graduated from Montevideo High School in 1959. He attended Minneapolis Business College.

John married Mavis Magenton in September 1960. John and Mavis raised two daughters, Kari and Vicki. Mavis passed away in 1987.

On April 9, 1988 John married Beverly Hourscht. John and Bev have resided at Clearwater Lake since 1997.

John loved fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. Shortly after moving to Clearwater Lake, John received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. He was a faithful member of Country Faith Church and served as a deacon for nearly 15 years. He also loved the Clear Waters Life Center and was a frequent volunteer there.

John is survived by his wife, Bev, daughter Kari (Curt) Stai, and Vicki (Pat) Grengs and Bev's two sons Kelly Hourscht and Brian Hourscht. Also, grandchildren, Jordan Stai, Lauren (Rick) Proulx, Mitch (Katie) Grengs, Jessica (Joshua) Ellis, Leah Grengs, Kelsey (Travis) Kroger, Hunter and Skylar Hourscht. Brothers Jerry (Diane) Cucci and Rick Cucci, sister Karen (Don Priebe) Cucci.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mavis, and his parents. R13P



Services held for Shirley Colligan

Shirley Ann Ellen Colligan, 82, of Bagley, MN died on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji, MN.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN. Interment at Bagley City Cemetery in Bagley, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with the arrangements.

She was born August 3, 1933 to John and Helma (Hall) Tangen in Erskine, Minnesota. She graduated from Gonvick High School as

Valedictorian in 1951. She moved to Bagley and began working for the First National Bank of Bagley, where she worked for over 40 years. In 1958, on October 18th, she was united in marriage to William "Bud" Colligan in Gonvick, MN. They were married 34 years before he passed away in 1992.

Shirley was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, and always looked forward to Tuesday cards with her friends. She liked to travel; she and Bud would use their vacation to go West to Rodeos, and she had good memories of her trip to Europe with her sister and brother-in-law. Shirley liked to ride horseback and loved her dogs when she had them. She was a wonderful and loving aunt and great aunt and will be missed.

She is survived by her sister, Beverly (Vern) Hammes; her brothers-in-law, Kenneth Poole and Lee (Kathy) Colligan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Helma Tangen; her husband, William "Bud" Colligan; and her sister, Donna.

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Services held for Pastor Paul Knutson

Pastor Paul Ernest Knutson died Monday, June 13, 2016, at his home in Eventide on Eighth, Moorhead, MN.

Paul was born February 7, 1942, to Ernest and Esther (Hulberg) Knutson in Whitehall, WI. He graduated from Pleasantville Grade School, Whitehall Memorial High School (1960), Luther College, Decorah, IA (1964), Luther Theological Seminary, St Paul, MN (1968), and St. Joseph's Hospital Chaplaincy training.

Following ordination on June 9, 1968, in Osseo, WI, Pastor Knutson served at Grove Lake and North Immanuel Lutheran Churches of Pelican Rapids, MN. He subsequently served congregations in Clearbrook, Leonard, and Grygla, MN. He also served as a chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul,

MN, and Hazelden Center in Center City, MN. Pastor Knutson retired in 2007. Pastor Knutson married Alice Labraaten in 1968.

Paul is survived by his son, Chad of Minneapolis; daughter, Kara of Duluth; brothers, Don (Barb) of Pleasantville, and Mark of Osseo. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Esther Knutson; his grandparents, aunts, uncles and several cousins.

Paul enjoyed classical music, reading, and antiques. Throughout his life his hobbies were also refinishing furniture, brass, silver and copper, as well as reframing old pictures. He greatly enjoyed his volunteer work at Dakota Boys Ranch Stores in Fargo and Moorhead.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider memorials to Churches United for the Homeless, Luther Seminary Student Scholarship fund, or the Comstock Lutheran Memorial fund.

Visitation for Pastor Knutson will begin at 1 PM, followed by a funeral at 2 PM, Wednesday, June 22, 2016, in Comstock Lutheran Church, 2024 159th Avenue South, Comstock, MN. Burial will be Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 12:00 noon, in Augustana Lutheran Cemetery, Clearbrook, MN.

Soli Deo gloria

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Services held for Bernice Anderson

Bernice Anderson, age 71, of Fosston, MN passed away on Wednesday, June 15th, at Essentia Health First Care Living Center in Fosston. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21st, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with Rev. Paul Magelssen officiating. Interment at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston.

Arrangements with the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home of Fosston. Messages of condolence may be sent to carlinhoialmen.com.

Bernice Karen Hazelwood was born November 25, 1944, the daughter of William and Hazel (Broughton) Hazelwood in Barnesville, MN, where she grew up. She moved to Erskine, MN in the 60's, and was

a stay at home loving mother. In later years, she worked at McIntosh Manor Nursing Home in McIntosh, MN, and REM Group Homes in Fosston, MN. She also volunteered for senior meals in McIntosh. She truly loved helping and taking care of her family and anyone in need. She had a divine faith in God, and will be dearly missed by all.

Bernice is survived by her children, Dianne Plante of Brooks, MN; Judy Black of Thief River Falls, MN; Bill (Jen) Anderson of Fosston, MN; Tammy (Ken) Kaasa of Gully, MN; Dan (Lori) Anderson of Goodridge, MN; Duaine (Lindsay) Anderson of Fosston, MN; sister, Elnor Shaver of McIntosh, MN; brother, William (Sandra) Hazelwood of Tarboro, NC; 22 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Hazel Hazelwood; stepfather, Lewis Pederson; son, David Bommer; sister, Esther McDonald; brother, Leo Hazelwood; brother, Harkness Hazelwood; brother, Charles Hazelwood; sister, Fern Hazelwood; sister, Rosemary Hazelwood; nephew, Wally Cook; nephew, Todd Hazelwood; nephew, Dion Hazelwood; son-in-law, Johnny Plante; and son-in-law, Roger Black.

Blessed be her memory.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Mother of Jesus I am NOT!

There was a reason I was not chosen to be the mother of Jesus. How on earth Mary let go is beyond me. Truly I say unto you, I would not have been capable. My kids have seen my mode of operation many times over, and in spite of my best efforts I still have much to learn in that area.

An angel appeared and announced the good news. That would have been the easy part. Who doesn't like good news? I would have done really well on that part of the journey.

Not sure about having a baby out in a stable though. I appreciate livestock from a distance, but setting my little one in a manger might have made me a bit squeamish. When he began teaching in the temple, and performing miracles, well, it would have made my heart swell with pride. Unlike Mary's quiet demeanor, I would have been pointing it out. "Did you see that? My son, he did that!"

Watching Jesus as grand marshal in the parade of palm branches would have been fun to get in on. Not sure I remember Mary in on that scene, but trust me when I say this, I would have been there if my kid was riding a donkey. Making sure he had his seatbelt on and crash helmet for protection while in the saddle would have made sense to me.

When the crucifixion was upon Him, things would have gone even further south. "Are you sure you heard right in that Garden of Gethsemane? I mean, sleep deprivation can do a lot of strange things. I know you've been hanging around

crowds lately, so I'm thinking you could have picked up a little something and that's why your thinking is a bit cloudy."

I would have been body blocking and beating my fists upon those soldiers messing with him. "NO...NO... NOT THAT! You could not have possibly meant that as my son's calling." And it would have been precisely at that point which would have ended it all for me. I would have laid down right there, in the dirt, and died myself.

And that is precisely why I was not chosen because it would have been all about me instead of Him. When we let go, it becomes about the other person instead of us. Now after years of experience upon this planet, I'm beginning to see a glimpse of what kind of damage not letting go can do. But as mamas...we mean well. "Love covers a multitude of sins." It says so in 1 Peter 4:8. I know He wrote that in the Bible because he knew that someday I would be a mama needing to be forgiven of much.

Mary was full of grace and because she was full of grace, it was about Him and not her.

Yet, in His ultimate wisdom He was able to give that mama someone else to focus on and love as her own. John 19:24 reveals, "When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!'" And Jesus knew. He just knew what the heart of a mama needed. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: What are the seat belt law exemptions in Minnesota?

Answer: Law enforcement is focused on educating the public on the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt in a motor vehicle. Working as a state trooper for the last 18 years, I have seen the tragic outcomes that result all too often when not wearing a seatbelt. I encourage everyone to use a seatbelt if possible.

With that said, there are some exemptions (MN statute 169.686 Sub2):

- A person driving a passenger vehicle in reverse.
- When all belts are occupied by other persons.
- A person who is in possession of a written certificate from a licensed physician verifying that because of medical unfitness or physical disability the person is unable to wear a seat belt.
- A person who is actually engaged in work that requires the person to alight from and reenter a motor vehicle at frequent intervals and who, while engaged in that work, does not drive or travel in that vehicle at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour.
- A rural mail carrier of the



United States Postal Service or a newspaper delivery person while in the performance of duties.

- A person driving or riding in a passenger vehicle manufactured before January 1, 1965.
- A person driving or riding in a pickup truck while engaged in normal farming work or activity.

In 2015, 91 unbelted motorists lost their lives on Minnesota roads.

Wearing your seat belt will help keep you from:

- Crashing into the windshield.
- Slamming into and injuring other passengers.
- Being ejected from the vehicle

Please buckle up, every seat, every time; it could end up saving your life!

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



ger than an H. Dad's response was, "They make a tractor bigger than an H?"

Man I would have like to live in the day that an M Farmall was a BIG tractor. But, I am happy with my 1941 M Farmall, even if it is now 75 years old!!

How About a Little Tractor Trivia

1. T or F The Farmall M was the largest of the letter series.

2. The Diesel version of the M was called the _____.

A. Super M B. MV C. MD D. MTA

3. There were _____ Farmall M's built.

A. 225,001 B. 270,140 C. 289,111 D. 299,267

4. T or F There were more M's built than H's.

5. What model did the M replace.

A. F-12 B. F-14 C. F-20 D. F-30

Answers: 1. True 2. C. the MD 3. B. 270,140 4. F 5. D. F-30



Abe Miller, son of Aaron and Jody Miller, of Goodridge, is part of the Goodridge/Grygla Chargers Youth Baseball program. His Small Fries team played Karlstad in Grygla last Wednesday.



Coach Casey Kroulik and Sam Lavin at the state track meet at Hamlin University. Sam finished his career with the Clearbrook-Gonvick school records in the 400m Dash (51.28) and as a member of the 4 x 200 team (1:34.5).

Agassiz Summerfest this Sunday

On Sunday, June 26, 2016 Agassiz Environmental Learning Center (AELC) will be holding its annual Summerfest event from noon to 3 p.m. at the Nature Center located 3/4 mile west of Fertile on Summit Avenue. Free sloppy joes, chips and keg root beer will be served.

The featured presentation for this year will be an animal outreach program from the Red River Zoo in Fargo, ND. A program for all ages, you will have an exciting opportunity to get a close up view of live animals, including a porcupine, tropical bird, and reptiles! Learn about the various animals found in our state and around the world and what you can do to help preserve their habitat.

The Red River Zoological Society was formed in 1993 with the intent of building a premier zoological facility in Fargo, North Dakota. Through land sold and donated to the Fargo Park District by the Anderson Family, the Red River Zoo was able to obtain a long term lease

(99 years) of 34 acres with the intent of building a zoo. The Red River Zoo was constructed and opened to the public in May of 1999.

The animal program will begin at 1pm followed by a presentation by Danielle Meunier, AELC's Education Director who will be introducing two new slithery friends who have taken up residence at the Nature Center. There will also be crafts, children's activities and much more. Visitors can take a guided hike through an oak savanna and an active sand dune or float down the Sand Hill River in one of our new kayaks.

This event is free to the public. AELC memberships can be purchased that day as well. A family membership is \$35 and individual membership is \$20.

The site of the AELC is the Fertile Sand Hills, located west of Fertile on 640 acres of land. For more information about the AELC, visit our website at www.aelcfertile.org or call (218) 945-3136.

Red Lake County Central High School Trap Team Qualifies for State Championship

By Mike Illies, Head Coach
RLCC Trap Team

The Red Lake County Central (RLCC) High School Trap Team recently competed at the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Championships at Prior Lake. Despite shooting in the rain and having two lightning delays, the team members showed excellent shooting ability and qualified for the MSHSL State Championships.

The League consists of over 10,000 student athletes on 292 teams from across the state. Over 200 teams and 7,000 athletes attended the League

Championships in Alexandria. The top thirty-eight teams (some from each class) from the League Championships are invited to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Championships at Prior Lake. Despite shooting in the rain and having two lightning delays, the team members showed excellent shooting ability and qualified for the MSHSL State Championships.

This is RLCC's second sea-

son as a trap team and an outstanding accomplishment. The seven athletes who competed at Alexandria included Marcus Christensen, Cade Bachand, Seth Paradis, Adam Cater, Josef Paradis, Ethan Vettleson, and Nick Lill. All of them shot very well. Marcus placed third in the Class 1A Conference 5 Top Gun season competition. Marcus, Seth, and Adam all qualified Expert in the NRA qualification program. All seven of the

athletes will be attending the State Championships as one five member squad and two alternate athletes.

Congratulations to the Trap Team for a great season and thank you to all of the volunteer coaches, parents, Community members, the RLCC High School, and the Plummer Area Sportsman's Club members who made this possible for the athletes of the RLCC Trap Team.



Red Lake County Central High School Trap Team.

Friends of Rydell & Glacial Ridge to Host a Conservation Film Series

On Tuesday June 28 and Tuesday July 12th, 2016, the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association (FRGRRRA) will host the showing of a special conservation-related film on the "big screen" in the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. The films will begin at 6:30pm each evening and will last approximately one hour. This is a free event and light refreshments will be available. The timing of these showings was scheduled to allow participants time to walk/bike the trails and explore Rydell Refuge after the movies and before dark.

Showing #1 on June 28, 2016 Duck! (a duckumentary), 2011 (60 minutes)

They swim, they waddle, and they fly. They are the subjects of art, science, history, and popular entertainment. They are cartoons, stamps, carvings, pets, livestock, urban neighbors, and even dinner. They are ducks! Across America, quirky and often comical interactions can teach us about our feathery neighbors, our planet, and ourselves.

Showing #2 on July 12, 2016 Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee

Marsh, 2012 (57 minutes)

Before there was farmland, there were untamed wetlands. One of the largest in North America was the Grand Kankakee Marsh, which saturated nearly a million acres in Northern Indiana and part of Illinois. It was home to some of the highest concentrations of wildlife on the planet. The French claimed it as part of "New France," and it was later dubbed "Chicago's Food Pantry" for its seemingly endless supply of fur, fowl, and fin. For centuries, the marsh gave and man took. Today, only a fraction of this wetland survives, but all is not lost.

The FRGRRRA was formed in 1996 to assist with Refuge management, public use, and fundraising activities. This dynamic

volunteer group sponsors interpretive programs, open houses, special events, and provides trail transportation for people with disabilities. They also operate a nature store in the Visitor Center to raise money for refuge activities and maintenance. In 2000, the Association was awarded the Friends Group of the Year Award by the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge is located 3 miles south of Highway 2, between Mentor and Erskine, at 17788 349th St SE

For more information please contact: Hayley Severs-Wilken-son, FRGRRRA Visitor Services Intern, Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Assn. 218-687-2229 x21.

Pipeline Founders Tribute Scheduled

On Saturday, September 3, 2016 (Labor Day Weekend) at approximately 11 a.m. there will be a tribute and recognition of the founders of pipeline construction and underground utilities construction companies, the employees and employees' families. This event will take place at Gonvick, MN.

These companies were founded in the Thief River Falls through Bemidji, 7 county area as early as the late 1960's. Anyone who has worked or now works in these industries is welcome to attend as well as the general public. Please plan to attend and mark the date on your calendar.

Watch for future announcements.

Win-E-Mac 2016 Summer Basketball League Schedule

June 22nd

6:45: Gold vs Purple (M)
Red vs Green (A)
7:45: Blue vs Orange (M)
Red vs Gold (A)
8:35: Green vs Orange (M)
Blue vs Purple (A)

June 29th

6:45: Red vs Blue (M)
Orange vs Purple (A)
7:45: Green vs Purple (M)
Blue vs Gold (A)
8:35: Green vs Gold (M)
Red vs Orange (A)

July 20th

6:45: Green vs Purple (M)
Orange vs Gold (A)
7:30: Red vs Blue (M)
Gold vs Purple (A)
8:35: Red vs Orange (M)
Blue vs Green (A)

July 13th

6:45: Blue vs Purple (M)

Summer League Results for June 8th

Blue 78: Eric Parent 18; Zac Tradewell 14; Tahlor Osse 13; Mason Spry 13; Nathan Fortman 12

Gold 73: Mitch Mosher 22; Emelian Kaya 16; Casey Carlson 13; Jake Knutson 10

Blue 58: Tahlor Osse 20; Eric Parent 15; Zac Tradewell 13

Red 54: Brekken Lindberg 13; Hunter Plante 10; Dustin Osland 10

Purple 63: Joey Riever 26; Alex Kiecker 18; Devin Faldet 12

Gold 78: Jake Knutson 24; Jo Jo Parenteau 16; Emelian Kaya 15

Purple 52: Joey Riever 19; Alec Kiecker 19

Red vs Gold (A)
7:45: Green vs Orange (M)
Red vs Purple (A)
8:35: Green vs Gold (M)
Blue vs Orange (A)

July 20th

6:45: Green vs Purple (M)
Orange vs Gold (A)
7:30: Red vs Blue (M)
Gold vs Purple (A)
8:35: Red vs Orange (M)
Blue vs Green (A)

July 27

6:45: GAME 1
#3 seed vs #6 seed (M)
6:45: GAME 2
#4 seed vs #5 seed (A)
7:30: GAME 3
G1 winner vs #2 seed (A)
7:30: GAME 4
G2 winner vs #1 seed (M)
8:30: CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
GAME 3 Winner vs GAME 4 winner (M)

Standings

	Wins	Losses
Gold	2	0
Blue	2	0
Purple	1	1
Red	1	1
Green	0	2
Orange	0	2



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- Midway opens 4 p.m.
- Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- Talent Show on Free Stage 7 p.m.
- **Triple B Rodeo 7 p.m.**

FRIDAY, JULY 8

- Senior Citizens Day 9:30 a.m.
- Midway opens 1 p.m.
- Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- Kid's Pedal Pull 4:15 p.m.
- **Baja Racing 6:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, JULY 9

- 5K Walk/Run 9 a.m.
- Midway opens at noon
- Hanson Free Stage 1 p.m.
- Bingo 2 p.m.
- Kids Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- **Baja Racing 6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- Church services 10 a.m.
- Midway opens at noon
- Community Parade 2 p.m.
- Hanson Free Stage 3 p.m.
- Kid's Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- **Super Demo Derby 6:30 p.m.**
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