



# Tri County Canary

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## 11th Annual Sustainable Sheep Farming Event Saturday February 15 in Solway

The 11th Annual Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Farming Event Saturday February 15, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lammers Town Hall in Solway. Pre-register by February 8, 2024

This year's speakers include Chrissy Davenport of Hay Ewe Hill Farm and Re-Ewe'able, LLC. Chrissy will be presenting on her journey to making wool pelleted fertilizer from waste wool and creating wool felted items for sale at area farmers markets and now at her store in Fergus Falls. When an opportunity to purchase an established handmade bath & body products business presented itself, Chrissy took another leap and now makes almost all of her own products using natural and local ingredients. This business is also home to Otter Tail County's only refillery which is another way to reduce plastics in the landfill.

Gary and Shirley Klish have been farming south of Solway since 1970 at Jackpine Farm and will be speaking at the event as well. They have been using organic methods since then and are now certified organic through the State of Minnesota. Raising their 6 children on the farm was one of the driving forces for growing all their own foods, making cheese and selling their produce at the farmers market. They still farm organically and sell their products, even though their children are grown but still living in the area. They will be talking about how they got started on their farm and their organic methods and give tips on how you can save your own seeds, use the natural fertilizer produced on the farm to continue to produce organically grown foods, the process of becoming certified organic and where this will take them in the future.

Speaker Stephanie Anderson gives us a look at wool from a

fiber art perspective in her presentation on "Nordic Knitting Heroes". Stephanie is a creative fiber and textile artist with a strong background in knitting, quilting, and hand sewing of Viking Age textiles. A frequent exhibitor, teacher, and knitting pattern writer, she has exhibits on display in several art galleries. She won a blue ribbon in knitting at the Minnesota State Fair. Stephanie was awarded the Viking Connection Grant and studied in Norway under Astri Byrd and Linnea Madsen. While there, she studied and recreated historically accurate Viking Age garments based on archaeological findings. She is associated with the Pine to Prairie Folk School, a school that strives to preserve heritage trades and foster community through experiential learning and the teaching of traditional crafts. She is also with the East Polk County Heritage Center, a destination where visitors experience the past through educational opportunities and interactive demonstrations, the Order Of The Mitten, a group of textile artist who research textile grave finds and recreate as historically accurate as possible and Birka Challenge, a group of Viking Age experimental archaeologists tasked with recreating Birka finding without prejudice or preconceived notions.

Andrea Schue, a retail food inspector with the Minnesota Dept. of Ag. for the northwest corner of MN will be presenting on how people can sell their lamb meat off of their farm, at farmer's markets or to stores. Most people realize that to sell retail (cuts off the farm or farmer's markets) and to sell to stores (wholesale) that they'd need to have their meat processed under Equal To State Inspection or Federal Inspection but Andrea will help demystify what is involved in selling the meat once

it's processed, particularly for retail sales.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. An included lunch will be prepared from locally sourced foods by the SSFC Board and volunteers.

The SSFC has their annual meeting and nominations for board of directors will be accepted. Please consider joining your board of directors or volunteering to help out in the coming year.

The SSFC works with adults, 4H and area children to teach about wool and natural fibers. In addition to the Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Event, volunteers also organize the Farm to Fiber Festival in the fall. At this festival, fiber vendors can promote and sell their products and share and learn about fiber techniques. These events would not be possible without the help of local volunteers. No experience necessary.

This event also marks the beginning of the membership year and members not already renewed for 2025 will need to pay their dues.

The Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Farming event provides information for those interested in raising sheep or fiber sustainably with those interested in purchasing local products. Consumers interested in local products find this event helpful in connecting them with the right producers.

Please Pre-Register by 2/8/2025 for meal planning at [sustainablesheep@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablesheep@gmail.com) or 218-657-2502. More information: <https://www.sheepcommunity.com/sustainable-sheep-event-2025.html>

Sponsored by: Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC), American Legion Post 16, Bagley, MN, Bemidji Woolen Mills, Bemidji, MN, Kathy Belt, Park Rapids, MN



Around the Farm Thresher.



Aimee Ross, "Last Load of the Day".

## Around the Farm exhibit open through April 25

Warren, MN. The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC located at Northland Community and Technical College 1101 State Highway 1, Thief River Falls) is pleased to announce the opening of Around the Farm, an exhibit open through April 25. This exhibit includes 27 pieces of art created by 15 artists in acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, photography, ceramic, and mixed media. Beau Bakken, the featured artist, has twelve 2' X 3' acrylic on canvas paintings of tractors, elevators, trucks and farmers from NW Minnesota. Many of the pieces are for sale.

In addition to the pieces by Beau Bakken, artists from throughout the region contributed to this showcase, including Rock Bakken of Hallock, Aimee Ross of Fisher, Betsy Saurdiff of Grygla, Stephanie Olson of rural Thief River Falls, Jessica Lundeen of Thief River Falls, Cindy Kolling of Gully, Debbie Aune of Gatzke, Janet Knutson of Gully, Therese Masters Jacobson of Alvarado, Ross Hier of Crookston, Annethea Novacek of Greenbush, Loreen Hanson of Thief River Falls, Alice Hamness (deceased), and Kate Hammer of Roseau.

Farming is more than a job or a career. It is fundamental to our community's way of life, part of our region's cultural identity and history, and deeply rooted in where and how we live, work, and play. This art exhibit celebrates farm life and farming and will highlight the importance of agriculture in the lives of residents of our northwest Minnesota region through art. Art is around the theme of farms, farming, farm machinery, harvest, farmland, agricultural heritage, farm animals, and farm life.

Featured Artist Beau Bakken of Hallock explained, "Ten years ago or so I was working on a farm and found visual inspiration from my boss's farm trucks. They were decades old, rusty, and full of battle scars. But at the turn of a key, their engines fired and were ready for the day's work. I filed away in



Featuring the Artwork of Beau Bakken.

the back of my brain to paint a picture of at least one of these modern workhorses. I'm good for packing away more ideas than I ever have time to put into reality, so this inspiration sat dormant for almost a decade. But over the last year or two, I've finally leaned into painting pictures of trucks, tractors, and machinery and quite enjoyed it. Most have been painted from personal photos but also from generous photograph lenders. I never took a photo of the 1960-something green Ford truck that first inspired me, but a photo recently was given to me of my former boss pouring grain out of the old Ford's back gate. The painting titled, "Ron and the Ford" was a meaningful capstone for me and this farm art project in many ways. Ron Petersen, now with Jesus, was a great boss, farmer, and man of God. If I continue painting farm related pictures, I hope to find more ways to depict farmers along with their machinery."

Of her two pieces in the exhibit, Artist Stephanie Olson said, "Both pieces incorporate traditional quilt square patterns, combined with personal feelings and witness to current times."

Aliza Novacek-Olson shared: "I love paintings of red barns, so I was excited when I heard about the topic of the upcoming exhibit. I own a painting done by my grandmother, Alice Ham-

ness (deceased) about 60 years ago. Alice is the mother of my mom Annethea Novacek and my aunt Loreen. I thought it was special to see paintings of the same subject matter from three different women in the same family, so I convinced my Mom and Loreen Hanson to submit their paintings, too."

You won't want to miss this interesting exhibit open through April 25 at the NWMAC Gallery at NCTC in Thief River Falls. Details about an artist reception will be announced soon. Watch our website and social media pages for details about the time and date.

Watch this video for a virtual tour of the exhibit at <https://youtu.be/NoQwejk5jml>

The NWMAC Gallery at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls is at 1101 State Highway 1, Thief River Falls 56701. The gallery is open during Monday-Friday from 8 - 5 PM and at other times when events are held at the college. Please call to make sure the college is open before making a special trip. Hours can change. Enter through Door B, which is right next to the gallery. Visitor parking is free.

For more information about this exhibit, visit our website at [NWArtsCouncil.org](http://NWArtsCouncil.org), or if you are an artist interested in exhibiting a body of work with NWMAC, please contact Trey Everett at (218) 280-4917 or email [NWArtsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:NWArtsCouncil@gmail.com).



Betsy Saurdiff, "Around the Farm".

## Accepting Century Farm Applications for State Fair

Minnesota families who have owned their farms for 100 years or more are invited to apply for the 2025 Century Farm Program. Produced by the Minnesota State Fair in conjunction with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, the Century Farm Program was created to promote agriculture and honor historic family farms in the state. More than 11,000 Minnesota farms have been honored since the program began in 1976.

Family farms are recognized as a Century Farm when three requirements are met. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according to authentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by Governor Tim Walz,

the State Fair Board of Managers President Wally Wichmann and Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Dan Glessing will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Century Farm status.

Applications are available online at [mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/](http://mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/); at [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org); by calling the State Fair at 651-288-4417; or at statewide county extension. The submission deadline is Monday, March 3. Recipients will be announced in the spring. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

Information on the Century Farm Program will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2025 Minnesota State Fair. A Century Farm database is also available at [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org).

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-at-

tended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The State Fair is financially self-supporting and does not receive government appropriation. Follow along on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X and TikTok @mnstatefair for year-round updates. The 2025 Minnesota State Fair is Aug. 21 through Labor Day, Sept. 1. Visit [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) for more information.

About the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation: To ensure Minnesota's agricultural vitality, the Minnesota Farm Bureau amplifies its members' voices through engagement, grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness. Learn more about their efforts as an advocate for their over 31,000 members and 78 county and regional Farm Bureaus at [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org).

## Stephanie Nipp held on \$5 million bond for allegedly swindling Red Lake County Co-op

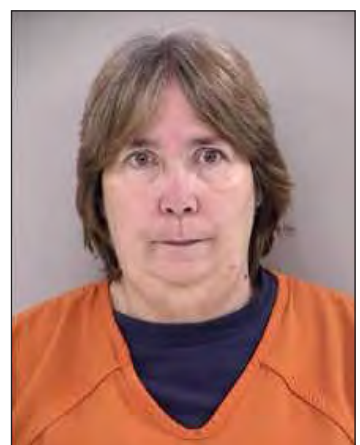
Montana woman held on \$5 million bond for allegedly swindling Red Lake County Co-op out of \$570,000

Stephanie Michele Nipp, 56, of Great Falls, Montana, is accused of misrepresenting herself as an affiliate of a business that the co-op was paying for a construction project.

The company was hired by Gales Design to assist with the task of building and providing materials for the Red Lake Co-op's new agronomy facility.

After the money had been sent, the co-op's general manager received a call from the construction assistant requesting payment status on the Sackett-Waconia invoice. The manager said she already paid the invoice, per the assistant's emailed instructions to a Bravera Bank account in Great Falls, Montana.

Records from Bravera Bank were shown to have an unauthorized wire transfer opened



on July 12 by Nipp. Reviewing the business checking account records, there was one deposit from the Red Lake County Co-op, followed by withdrawals through checks written to various individuals for various amounts across a week-long span. There were also two Apple.com transactions, as well as numerous cash withdrawals and transfers from the business

account to the money market account. The account was closed in August, with a closing balance of \$130.

Charges were filed January 6th, and a warrant for Nipp's arrest was issued the same day. She was booked into the Northwest Regional Corrections Center in Crookston on January 17th.

Nipp's first court appearance was held Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, during which her bond was set at \$5 million cash or surety. If she bonds out, she will only be permitted to be in Montana, Minnesota or North Dakota. She will be required to surrender her passport and submit to random searches. She is prohibited from possessing any weapons.

Nipp was granted a public defender to represent her in this case. Her next court hearing, a Rule 8 initial appearance, is scheduled for 1 p.m. January 29th.



Last Saturday, Bagley High School participated the Section 8A One Act Play Competition hosted by Crookston High School. Eight schools performed their plays and the results are as follows. First place with a perfect 1 - 1 - 1 score was Bagley with their show, "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" directed by Marilyn Hood. Second place went to Lake of the Woods with their play "The Glover's Mange Cure Caper" directed by Joyce Washburn. Ada Borup West and Roseau tied for third place; their plays were titled "Cry of the Peacock" and "Gossip" respectively. Also participating were EGF - Sacred Heart, RLCC, Tri-County, and Red Lake Falls.

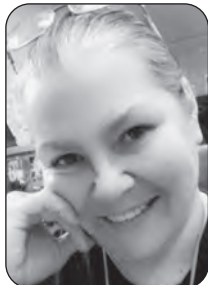
Bagley will now participate in the State One Act Play Festival this Thursday, Feb. 7th, at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium in St. Paul. Their performance time is 4:00 pm. This is the eighth consecutive year that Bagley has advanced to the state festival and the twelfth time overall.



Rachel Houle performs at the Jam Session held at Little Bobby's in McIntosh on Saturday, Feb. 1. More pictures on page 5.

**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.



Tyrone Benson at Little Bobby's Jam Session.  
**Sons of Norway**

**meeting February 13**

The Granlund Lodge #240 of the Sons of Norway will hold its monthly meeting at 2:00 on Thursday afternoon, February 13th, at the Embassy Center in Fosston. After the business meeting, the program will be a movie with theater popcorn. The movie is entitled "The Hjemkomst of Robert Asp". This heart-rending movie tells the story of the vision and the building of the Viking Ship by Robert Asp and actual footage of it sailing from Duluth to Bergen, Norway by members of his family. Hjemkomst translates to "Homecoming". This ship remains on display in Moorhead at the Hjemkomst Center. As always, guests are invited to attend. That's Thursday, February 13th, at 2 pm at the Embassy center at the corner of 3rd and Eaton in Fosston. For questions, contact Wes or Susie Roland at 218-435-1230.

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**Students earned Fall 2024 President's Honor Roll**

Bemidji, Minn. (February 3, 2025) - Students from your coverage area, listed below, have earned President's Honor Roll Recognition at Bemidji State University for the Fall 2024 semester.

Honor Roll recognition for Fall 2024 at BSU, including some who have received the distinction multiple times.

Bemidji State University Fall 2024 President's Honor Roll Recipients

**Bagley, MN** Matthew Congrave, Gabrielle Jesness, Evan Lafond, McKenna Melbo, Jenika Moen

**Grygla, MN** Sarah Suchoski  
**Red Lake Falls, MN** Shelby Breiland

To be eligible for the BSU President's Honor Roll, students must earn a grade-point average of 4.0 for the semester and be enrolled in at least 12 credits of coursework. A total of 455 students earned President's



By John Eggers

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"Do you have a toothpick?" When most people couldn't afford to go to the dentist in years past, toothpicks were widely used instead of going to a dentist. Remember when toothpicks were on every cafe table? Some had wrappers, and some didn't. That's just the way it was. It's no wonder that people collected "toothpicks," which was a common name for toothpick holders.

Wooden toothpicks (not the holders) were invented in the late 1800s by Charles Foster. At first they were not accepted because it was customary to whittle one when something was needed for picking food particles from your teeth. By and by it became fashionable for a man to have a toothpick in his mouth. It was also an indication that a wife was a good cook. With so many people using toothpicks, the toothpick holder was an inevitable creation.

The toothpick holder shown with a Native Amrican motif is made of milk glass, and it is an original. This particular toothpick is widely reproduced. It has the original paint and is in good condition. It has a value of about \$100.

Toothpick holders come in hundreds of sizes and shapes—it's no wonder they are a popular thing to collect, and they are not too expensive. Many toothpicks will carry the name of a city. They are mostly made of glass, silver, or porcelain.

Why would you want to collect toothpicks? You have hundreds and hundreds of choices. They are small. Many are hand-painted and have a unique shape. You can find many that are over 100 years old. Most of all, they are just fun to collect.

There is a national organization for toothpick collectors. Just for your information, I know of no one who collects the wooden toothpicks.

**Stordahl killed in vehicle accident**

Roxanne Marie Stordahl 66, from McIntosh, Minnesota, was killed in a two-vehicle crash Tuesday morning, January 28, while traveling in McLeod County.

Stordahl was driving a 2017 Ford Escape and was headed westbound on 230th Street, while a 2023 Hino straight truck, driven Rolando Valencia Pliego, was traveling northbound on Highway 22, and the two collided, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's crash report.

The Hino driver, Rolando Valencia Pliego, and passenger, Manuel Geovanny Loja Montero both sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Taken to Health Care Facility: Hutchinson Hospital

Pliego, 42, is from Eagan, Minnesota. Montero, 18, is from Minneapolis.

Everyone involved was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Stordahl's airbag was deployed. Road conditions were dry, but weather conditions are not specified in the report.

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- ✓ **District 2:** Cheryl Grover (Incumbent)
- ✓ **District 3:** Betty Surdez (Incumbent)

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FEB. 14TH & 15TH  
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Requirements: MN K-6 elementary teaching license is required. Individuals with alternative licenses and those who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

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

 Clearbrook-Gonvick School  
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd  
Clearbrook, MN 56634  
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR  
Or email the materials to: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us R44-48C

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Closes on Wednesday, February 5, 2025

**Family Based Services Provider – Social Services:**  
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\$24.25 – \$30.72/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

**Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:**  
\$19.22 – \$25.56/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

For a full job description, application, and general job opening information, go to [www.co.polk.mn.us](http://www.co.polk.mn.us) and click on "Careers" or call 218-281-5408 Polk County Administrator's Office. EOE R491C

## Clearwater County Department of Human Services Agency Social Worker Position

Clearwater County Department of Human Service is looking to fill an Agency Social Worker position with a skilled, caring, and empathetic team player whose talents will contribute to and promote the mission, vision, and values of the agency. This position will work with the aging and physical and cognitively impaired populations to assess needs and arrange services so individuals can remain safely in their home and community. CCDHS offers a comprehensive benefit package including health, dental, vision, life, long term disability, accident, illness and hospital insurance, medical and day care savings accounts such as Flex, VEBA and HSA as well as paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. Further information regarding benefits is available by calling Niki Broten at 218-694-1171. The pay scale for this position is \$41.10 - \$40.41 per hour.

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](mailto:jamie.halverson@clearwatercountymn.gov) or by calling 218-694-6164.

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Interested candidates should contact Principal Randy Pederson at 218-796-5136 or email [rpederson@rlcc.k12.mn.us](mailto:rpederson@rlcc.k12.mn.us). Applicants will be required to send a letter of application, resume with 3 letters of recommendation, and official transcripts.

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Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

 Melissa Weems, HR  
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.  
Clearbrook, MN 56634  
218-776-3112 Ext. 105  
Email: [mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us](mailto:mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) R44-48C

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 Clearbrook-Gonvick School  
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd  
Clearbrook, MN 56634  
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR  
Or email the materials to: [mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us](mailto:mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) R44-48C

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The Refuge's Golden Pond and Church Lake trails will be groomed and lighted for this event. Visitors will be able to ski, snowshoe, or walk the trails during this event. There will be several pairs of adult and child size skis as well as snowshoes available for visitors to use free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own skis or snowshoes. Although luminaries will be lit along the trails, we recommend visitors bring a headlamp if they have one.

Along one of the groomed and lighted trails, an owl calling station will be set up where the calls of several owl species (e.g., saw whet, barred, great horned) will be projected into the woods to try and generate a response from a resident owl or two. There will also be an owl education station and a black bear education table set up in different gazebos along the trails.

The Visitor Center will be open throughout the event for warming up, and snacks and warm beverages will be provided courtesy of the Friends group.

If on February 15th trail conditions lack snow and the trails are not too icy, the event will be changed to a hike. If forecasted temperatures are below zero or wind chills in the double-digits below zero or the trails are too icy, the event will be canceled and potentially rescheduled for a later date.

If you have questions or want more information, contact FR-GRRRA Vice President Larissa Fitzgerald at (571) 499-3880 or lafitzgerald10@gmail.com.

**"Fragile Designs" Tops the List of Most Checked Out Books Fosston**

MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA - In 2024, Fragile Designs by Colleen Coble was the most checked out title at the Fosston Public Library. This gripping suspense story includes an intriguing mystery around an extremely valuable Fabergé egg, a second-chance romance, home renovation and found family. Other titles which were popular in Fosston include Ward D by Freida McFadden, Edge by David Baldacci and Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.

The Fosston Public Library is a branch of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which offers library service to seven counties in northwest Minnesota. Polk county residents are eligible for a free library card, which offers access to hundreds of thousands of books, movies and other items available in the library's collection. Those interested can apply online at [larl.org/applyonline](http://larl.org/applyonline) or can stop by the Fosston Public Library at 403 Foss Ave. N. The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesdays from 12-8 p.m., Thursdays from 12-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**About Lake Agassiz Regional Library**  
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Brent Waale, Scott Kilen, Jordyn Almdarez and Blake Bakke perform at the Jam Session held at Little Bobby's in McIntosh on Saturday, February 1.



Cody Houle, Chad Swanson, Mike Payne and Brenna Payne take their turn at the Jam Session held at Little Bobby's in McIntosh on Saturday, February 1.



**Theology in the Trenches**  
By Kathleen Kjolhaug

**Candy Cane Lane**

Twas early morn as the memories lingered.

The wind was behind me as I made my way upon the big city sidewalks a couple hours from home. We were gathering as a family in a house nearby, but not quite yet, so I had time. Time to meander a block or two around the cul-de-sac is what I had. As I made my way, my footsteps moved not only around the block but around one more, and one more and so it went. There was no turning back now as the lights lingered.

I looked for signs of life within homes, but all was dark. Not a creature was stirring as of yet, and the blustering winds kept time round each corner taken. Soon, I noticed a pattern of sorts. Within the front yard of one home, a tall red and white candy cane was lit up marking greetings to the passers-by. The

neighbor next to them had one placed just so—and so it went.

My head lifted as I walked—one block, two, and then three. I began to see that on down the street these large candy canes marked the lanes and as I crossed the street to make my way back from whence I'd come, there were more candy canes.

Sign posts of greetings they were as if to say, all are welcome—this day—this season for those who pass by. Behind me, before me, around the corner and beyond I began to count. One, two, three...and on up beyond double digits they were planted round and about the neighborhood.

In the darkness there was light, and the light shed the darkness so that I might walk upon an illuminated path. Each candy cane appeared to welcome those who knew not the path ahead—those who needed light shed upon it.

In Matt. 25:31-40 Jesus speaks. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

What did these strangers do for this stranger? They placed light outside to shed the darkness so that my path could be illuminated.

I wonder what pathways we illuminate and for whom? We trust He sees more than we as God uses our light (His Light)—in areas needed for those passing by. I pray that during the months ahead, we become more aware of those who help shed Light (His Light) upon our paths.

Psalm 119:105 sings it out. "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path." May we be reflectors of His Light, and may we be aware of others who are reflectors of it upon our paths. May it be so. Amen.

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Robyn Benson singing at the Jam Session held at Little Bobby's in McIntosh.

**Farm to School Roadshow workshops connect local vegetable farmers and school buyers to build connections and skills**

Farmington, Minn. (1/29/2025) - Interest in serving locally grown foods at schools and early care centers has never been greater, and the University of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota Department of Education are partnering to offer an exciting statewide series of "Farm to School Roadshow" workshops to help these local connections flourish.

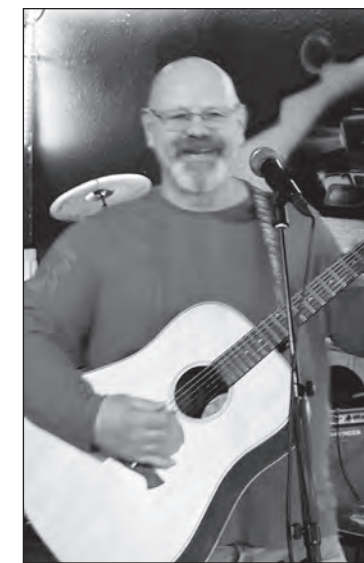
The workshops feature in-depth training for vegetable producers to help them develop a crop plan, learn about controlling pests, washing, meeting wholesale customer demands and more. The afternoon will feature networking opportunities for buyers and farmers to share contact information and learn about how to make farm to school programs succeed.

All trainings have a half day or full day option. The trainings are free with lunch support from the Minnesota Farmers Union and the NCR Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. Major funding support for the trainings is from the Minnesota Department of Education and the USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School program.

- February 11- Prairie Wetlands Learning Center (Fergus Falls)
- February 12- Sprout MN (Little Falls)
- February 13- Cloquet Public Library (Cloquet)
- February 18 - The Minnesota Department of Education (Minneapolis)
- February 26 - Aune Hall at Graham Park (Rochester)
- February 28 - New Ulm Civic Center (New Ulm)

"It is critical that we help all farmers understand how to sell into new wholesale accounts like schools," said Natalie Hoidal, Extension educator at the University of Minnesota, Vegetable Production. "We are excited to work with Minnesota's vegetable farmers to help them continue to take advantage of these sales opportunities and meet the volume, quality and consistency requirements of schools and other wholesale buyers so students can enjoy fresh Minnesota-grown produce year-round."

"Sourcing and using locally grown food makes sense for schools and early care providers in Minnesota," said Jayme Anderson, Minnesota Department of Education. "These food service professionals are looking for sources of locally grown food



Durwood Haugen at the Jam Session held at Little Bobby's in McIntosh.

to include in their menus. Partnering with Extension to bring local farms and buyers together for these trainings is a critical step and will help improve access to healthful, Minnesota grown products among schools and early care providers."

To register visit [z.umn.edu/F2SRoadshows](http://z.umn.edu/F2SRoadshows)

**The Model A**  
By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I grew up driving a Model A John Deere. I have seen many Model A Farmalls. Of course Henry Ford made the Model A Ford car. But the other night I got a phone call asking me about the Model A Allis Chalmers. I had to admit I am not an expert on the Model A Allis but I have seen a couple at the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, MN. So of course I had to do a little research!

I have a book called Allis Chalmers Tractors by Andrew Morland & Peter Henshaw. I scrolled through and found the pages about the Allis Model A. Allis was in need of a big tractor so in 1936 they introduced the A. One job that was intended for the A was belt work, like powering threshers. Ironically coinciding with the release of the Model A was also a new implement, the combine. So now there was less need for powering threshers!

Some might say the introduction of the A was sort of untimely and seemingly outdated, it was still a powerful tractor. It produced 33 hp on the drawbar and 44 hp on the belt. In a short production lasting from 1936-1942 a little over 1200 tractors were built!

I think I have read about a few other Model A tractors of different brands but today I kind of want to drive a Model A.....Allis Chalmers!



Model A Allis Chalmers tractor.

3. The 25-40 had a 2 speed transmission but the new Model A had a \_\_\_\_\_ speed transmission.

- A) 3 speed B) 4 speed C) 5 speed D) 6 speed

4. The Model A had an Allis Chalmers \_\_\_\_\_ cylinder engine.

- A) 2 cyl. B) 4 cyl. C) 6 cyl. D) 8 cyl.

5. Two different engines were made one to burn gasoline the other to burn \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Diesel Fuel B) distillate C) LP gas D) Jet fuel

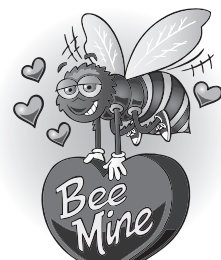
Answers: 1. D. Model E 2. 4-14" 3. B. 4 speed 4. B. 4 cyl. 5. B. distillate(or tractor fuel)

**How about a little tractor trivia!**

1. The Model A replaced the 25-40. The 25-40 was also known as the Model \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Model B B) Model C C) Model D D) Model E

2. The Allis Model A was rated to pull what size plow?



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A charter bus sponsored by local Chapter 45 of Minnesota Citizens for Life carried pro-lifers from Fertile, McIntosh, Fosston, Cass Lake, Pinewood, Hackensack and Bemidji to the St. Paul March for Life on Wednesday, January 22.

## MCCL Chapter 45 attends St. Paul March for Life

The St. Paul Capitol building grounds were filled with pro-life supporters and legislators for the 52nd annual March for Life, and throughout the years, support for the event has remained strong. Joining the throngs of people were those from northern Minnesota who rode the charter bus compliments of MCCL Chapter 45.

The bus left Bemidji at 7:30 am Wednesday morning, January 22 and returned the same day. People of all ages on the

bus came from Fertile, McIntosh, Fosston, Cass Lake, Pinewood, Hackensack, and Bemidji.

Speakers at the March highlighted the 14,174 babies aborted in Minnesota in 2023. Life size baby models (14,174) representing all stages of fetal development and every color of skin were on display to represent those babies that were aborted in Minnesota during 2023.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, that is

an increase of 39 percent in two years as Gov. Walz and a Democrat majority legislature enacted sweeping policies enshrining unlimited abortion, expanding taxpayer funding of abortion, repealing protection for born-alive infants and also a program supporting pregnant women and new mothers. Minnesota has become a destination state for those seeking abortion.

The State office of Minnesota Citizens for Life has introduced its legislative agenda, which

includes bills to combat coerced abortions and to restore protection for born-alive infants. Pro-life election victories in the 2024 elections indicate Minnesotans are ready for change.

"We stand here today in tremendous hope as we move forward to restore protections for parents, for women, for victims of trafficking and abuse, for families, for newborn babies, and for the unborn," said Cathy Blaeser, Co-Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens for Life.

## Fosston March for Life

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Chapter 45 had a busy week, keeping up with the State Marches for Life in St. Paul, Bemidji, Bagley, and the Fosston on Saturday, January 25.

On Saturday, January 25, the weather was not cooperative...the wind blew gales of falling snow, and the temperature was not kind, but staunch supporters of the right to life braved the storm and showed up. People from young children to senior citizens joined the Walk.

Todd Lundell shared "Why I March" at the rally held at the Embassy Center following the March and lunch was served by additional volunteers.

Sitting with her family after the March, an 8-year old mused,

"anything? How does this make people change by us just walking?"

Her junior high sister answered the question, "I'm glad I came. I learned. We are just a small part of a larger thing going on all over the world. If we don't walk, people will forget. They will start to think that abortion is okay, and we have to remember all of the babies. If we don't march, people won't remember. And, if they don't remember, they might not know that abortion isn't good for the babies or the moms."

The local MCCL Chapter 45 meets every 3rd Thursday in McIntosh at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. For more information about the group, contact Mike Brouse 218-261-0186 or Eileen Hegg 218-779-0174.



Iris and Izzy joined the Walk for Life giving voice to the voiceless.

## Bagley Area Arts Collaborative Brings Arts and Smiles To Area Residents

The past two weeks have been filled with several arts activities within our community. January 21st and 23rd, Franklin Valley brought his guitar and song books to the 2 Cornerstone residences in Bagley. The residents sang along with the musician and it was heartwarming to hear those voices raised in the familiar tunes they all know. From "Beautiful Brown Eyes" to "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "Good Night Irene" to "You Are My Sunshine" - their voices filled the room.

January 23rd and 24th, Rick Paulin facilitated a two-day workshop with area artists in creating a beautiful landscape painting of the "Headwaters" using acrylic paints. This was a first experience for Rick as well as the participants in the workshop. All materials were provided to the students, so it was a perfect time to try a new medium without having the cost of supplies.

January 28 and 29th, the Cathy Erickson Band came to Cornerstone Residences in Fosston and Bagley. The Cathy Erickson Band (from Middle River, MN) is well known for her "old time music" with Cathy on accordion and Jo playing the saxophone. Cathy and her daughter, Jo brought many familiar tunes to each facility. We heard those familiar polkas and schottisches as well as a



The Cathy Erickson Band (from Middle River, MN) performed at the Cornerstone Residences in Bagley and Fosston.

medley of rock and roll and some familiar gospel tunes. There were dancers on the floor as well as those dancing in their chairs. Everyone was singing along as

well as clapping their hands and of course tapping their toes!!! Many smiles filled the room.

These activities were made possible by the voters of Min-

nesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Franklin Valley provided music for Cornerstone Residents.



This couple took to the floor dancing to the Cathy Erickson Band.



Area artists in creating a beautiful landscape painting of the "Headwaters" using acrylic paints.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Obituary for Dianne Roepke**

Dianne Jeanette Roepke of Zimmerman, Minnesota, passed away on January 23, 2025, at the age of 81.

She was born on February 6, 1943, in LeMars, Iowa, and was the oldest of three daughters. Dianne attended elementary and high school in LeMars, and continued her education at a nearby Westmar College in LeMars. She graduated from Westmar College in 1965 with a degree in Elementary Education. Dianne began her teaching career in Ida Grove, Iowa, where she taught third grade. It was there that she met her husband, Ed, who was also in his first year of teaching. Ed and Dianne were married on Easter Sunday in 1967 in LeMars, Iowa.

The couple bought their first home in Gonvick, MN in 1970 right across from the school. During that time, Dianne gave birth to four sons: Shannon, Shane, Samuel, and Skip. In 1978, they moved to "the farm" just outside Gonvick, where they lived until 2008, when they purchased a lake home on Little Elk Lake in Zimmerman, Minnesota.

Dianne taught elementary school in Bemidji for four years before getting a job

in Gonvick, where she spent the remainder of her teaching career. Throughout her time in education, Dianne taught a variety of elementary grades as well as being a Title One teacher. She and Ed both retired on the same day in 1999, ending their careers together just as they had started them.

A dedicated member of her community, Dianne was actively involved in Samhold Lutheran Church, where she was a Deacon on the Church Board, member of the Ladies Aide and taught Sunday School for several years. She also belonged to the Red Hat Society and was involved in several community projects and school programs.

Dianne was preceded in death by her father, Hilbert Ludwigs; her mother, Evelyn Ludwigs; and her sister, Cathy Carlson.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ed Roepke; her sons Shannon (Amy), Shane, Samuel (Cari), and Skip Roepke; her granddaughters Avery and Hannah Roepke; her grandsons Brennen and Bryce Roepke; along with several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



**Obituary for Kenneth Johnson**

Kenneth "Ken" Johnson, 77, of Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, MN, and formerly of Pinewood, MN, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN with visitation one hour prior. Interment will take place in the spring at Pinewood Dodge Cemetery.

Born on September 30, 1947, to Helmer and Inga (Diseth) Johnson, Ken grew up in the Pinewood area. He attended Pinewood Elementary School and graduated from Bemidji High School in 1965.

Ken lived and worked most of his life on the Johnson family farm near Pinewood. He ran the family farms in Pinewood, Minnesota and

Culbertson, Montana; making regular trips to the Montana family farm for many years. Later, Ken transitioned from farming to logging, teaming up with his cousin Pete Diseth and logged under J & D Logging. Ken spent his last five years working at Walmart in Bemidji before retiring.

Ken took great pride in managing the Pinewood Dodge Cemetery, a position he held from 1968 to 2022.

In his free time, Ken loved cooking and baking, and he was known for being a great cook. He also enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins and had a good time trying his luck at the casino. Known for being a man of few words, Ken would often answer questions with his signature phrase: "Not too bad." Whether he was asked about dinner, the weather, or how he felt, his answer was always the same.

Ken is survived by his sister Peggy (Larry) Ihde of Andover; sister-in-law Linda Johnson of Pinewood; nephew Mike (Shannon) Johnson of Pinewood; nieces Connie (Aaron) Larson of Anoka; Janelle (Eric) Hesse of Maple Grove, and Renae (Kyle) Dunn of Rogers; his cousin, friend, and long-time logging partner Pete Diseth of Leonard; as well as many great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Helmer and Inga (Diseth) Johnson, and his brother, Robert (Bob) Johnson.

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**Obituary for Estle Nelson**

Estle (Eisert) Nelson, of Cold Spring, formerly of Clearbrook, passed away on January 30, 2025, at the age of 90. She was born on March 15, 1934, in Crookston, Minnesota, to George and Freda (Pearson) Eisert.

Estle attended Crookston Agricultural College (A.C.) for high school, where she met the love of her life, David Nelson. As a freshman, she caught his eye, and they married on April 11, 1951. Soon after, they purchased their farm in Clearbrook, where they raised their family and became active members of the community.

Life on the farm was Estle's passion. She loved tending her garden, often singing, and praying as she harvested its bounty. A dedicated farmer's wife, she cherished the opportunity to work alongside David, especially during the busy harvest seasons.

Estle's commitment to her community shone brightly. She volunteered her time with 4-H and the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), but her deepest involvement was at the First Baptist Church of Clearbrook where she served many roles. Her faith was a

cornerstone of her life.

In her quieter moments, Estle enjoyed the company of a good book. She also had a ministry of encouragement, faithfully writing letters to family and friends near and far. As a mother, Estle was devotedly invested in the lives of her children while actively living out her faith and values for them. To her family, she was a dedicated prayer warrior, lifting each of them by name in her daily prayers.

After 72 years on the farm and at her beloved church in Clearbrook, Estle moved to Cold Spring at the age of 89. Her strong faith and positive spirit allowed her to quickly find a new faith community, where she was warmly embraced and loved during her 20 months there.

Estle was preceded in death by her parents, George and Freda Eisert; her sister, Merlene (Eisert) Radi; her brothers, Gaylan, Verlyn, and Allen Eisert; her loving husband, David Nelson; her firstborn son, Terry Nelson; and her great-granddaughter, Aubry Nelson.

Estle is survived by her six loving children Carrie (Darrell) Cox, Wendell (Jill) Nelson, Vicky Phillips, Sandy (Tim) Gray, Randy (Jana) Nelson, Craig (Debbie) Nelson; her 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; and her three sisters, Arlys Brantner, Sheryl Hughes and Clarcy Thomas. She leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and service.

A memorial of life service will be held on March 15th at the First Baptist Church of Clearbrook. Visitation 10:00 AM, funeral at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow in the church basement. Please give memorials: Navigators for ministry of Jesse Cox or First Baptist Church of Clearbrook. A family burial will be in June.



**Obituary for Roxanne Stordahl**

Roxanne Stordahl, age 66, cherished mom, grandma, daughter, sister and friend, met her loving Savior on Tuesday, January 28, at age 66, following an automobile accident near Hutchinson, MN.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8th, at the Win-E-Mac High School in Erskine with the Rev. Rene Mehlberg officiating. Interment will be in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, McIntosh. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service on Friday, February 7th, in Win-E-Mac Arts and Events Center on the north end of the Win-E-Mac School. Family will also greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the school. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Born May 3, 1958, in Crookston, MN, Roxanne was the oldest of eight, and embraced her role as the Big Sister early on, igniting a life-long passion for helping others. Her drive and determination led her to earn multiple degrees and titles over the years. From Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and EMT to Licensed Social Worker (LSW), counselor and motivational speaker—one thing was certain: she dedicated her life to serving others—using the Holy Spirit as her guide.

At 19, Roxanne married the love of her life, Jim, and together they built a warm, inviting home near McIntosh. Their family grew with the arrival of sons Bryan and Bryce, and Roxanne's life became a vibrant tapestry of family, faith, and friendship. The bedrock of her community, she shared the Lord's love

with everyone she met, meeting each person where they were at and expecting nothing in return. To know Roxanne was to love her.

Roxanne's journey was not without trials. Over a challenging four-year period, she cared for both her son Bryan and her husband Jim during their battles with cancer. Despite the heartbreak of losing Bryan in 2014 and Jim in 2017, she remained a steadfast beacon of hope, demonstrating that even the darkest moments can yield wings of transformation in God's light.

Trusting in God's plan, Roxanne, along with Bryce and Andrea, built adjacent homes—a testament to what mattered most: her grandchildren. Roxanne's home soon became known as the "Grandma House," a cherished retreat where Jens and Adler would often escape to play games, create art and jump on beds—filling every room with love and laughter. Her nurturing spirit enriched countless lives, including all of those who called her, "Grandma Rox."

Roxanne had boundless energy, a sense of adventure, and a joyful heart—and was always on the go. From bus trips, destination vacations and bowling league—to art classes and her involvement with Sunday School and P.E.O., her vibrant spirit left an undeniable mark on people's hearts. May Roxanne's memory inspire each of us to embrace life's transformations with compassion, hope, and steadfast trust in the Lord.

Today, Roxanne's legacy lives on in her faithful son, Bryce and Daughter-in-Law, Andrea; along with her two precious grandchildren, Jens and Adler of McIntosh, MN; her Mother, Madeline Dufault; brothers: Randy (Kathy) Dufault; Tony (Deb) Dufault; Robin Dufault, and Marlan Dufault; Sisters: Charlene (Bob) Schlueter; Tammy (Roger) Scheving; Lonie (Andy) Woltjer; Sister-in-law, Ann Stordahl (Kelly Austin); brother-in-law, Dave (Wanda) Stordahl; and special friend, Dean Johnson, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and dear friends.

Welcoming Roxanne to her heavenly home was her husband, Jim; son, Bryan and infant child, Erin; her father, Lawrence, and many beloved family members, friends and animals.



**Obituary for Violet Cote**

Violet Cote, 91, of Oklee, MN passed away on Monday, January 27, 2025 at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND with her loving family by her side.

The funeral service to celebrate Violet's life will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 7, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN with Eric Mickelson officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Oklee, MN at a later date.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a prayer service at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN. Visitation will also take place one hour prior to the funeral service.

Violet Marie (Plante) Cote was born on September 18, 1933 at home to parents, Vedo and Myrtle (Hunter) Plante. She was baptized at Saron Lutheran Church, rural Erskine and Confirmed on at Grace Lutheran Church, Erskine. Violet graduated from Erskine High School May 1953.

She got married and her husband was in the service, so Violet had the opportunity to travel being a military wife being stationed in Bermuda, Georgia, and back to Minnesota and they eventually settled in St. Paul. They had four boys, Lonny, Tim, Larry and David. They later divorced and Violet moved to Oklee, MN where she has lived since. Violet was engaged to Aurel Hauge from Fertile for many years, Aurel died in 1985.

Violet had a love for children and provided daycare not only for her siblings while her parents worked on the

farm, but also after she was married. She started taking care of neighboring children while living in the Twin Cities and continued when she moved to Oklee with Richard Hendrickson being her first charge in Oklee. She continued to do daycare until she retired when she was 75 years old. Many times, when she would be eating at a restaurant or shopping, she was always drawn to children and they were very receptive to her, as if they knew they were in the presence of a special lady who loved children.

After she retired from childcare, she started volunteering at the Oklee Senior Site, first working at the desk, and expanding her duties to include taking care of the reporting duties for the Senior Meals/volunteer hours. She handed over those duties at the age of 89.

In her youth she played guitar with her mother and sister Gloria as the family was very musical. She was in the Zion Lutheran Church's Zionettes Choir. She always had time to play games with her children and daycare kids. She loved to read when she had a chance and embroidered towels for several years to give away to family. When her hands started failing her with embroidery, she turned to puzzles to keep her occupied.

She is survived by her children, Lonny (Bonny) Cote, Tim (Wendy) Cote, Larry (Ginger) Cote, and David (Barb) Cote. Grandchildren: Creanna (special friend Sherri) Cote, Aleah (Kevin) Cote, Crysta (Kenny) Foster, Becky Cote, Celeste Cote and Kristen Cote. Step-Grandchildren: Justin, Cheryl, Kelsey and Kayla. Step-Great-Grandchildren: Max, Ava, Eloise, Rozlynn, Hazel, Cora, Magnus. Sister Gloria Benedick. Sisters-in-law: Leona Plante, Janet Plante, Lola Plante and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, Vedo & Myrtle Plante. Siblings, Darlane Fjerstad, Joyce Cook, Rick Plante, David Plante and Virgel Plante. Fiancé Aurel Hauge, daughter-in-law Linda Cote.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



**Obituary for Donald Amundson**

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

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wilton, MN with a visitation one hour prior.

Don was born on December 3, 1942, in Bagley, MN, to Jacob and Evelyn (Adamson) Amundson. He graduated from Bagley High School in 1961. In 1964 he enlisted in the United States Army and served in Germany, France, South Korea and Vietnam. On April 22, 1969, he was awarded the Army

Commendation Medal for his heroism in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the Army on June 8, 1969.

On September 22, 1969, he married Rosemary Miller in Sisseton, South Dakota. They made their home in Shevlin, MN and raised their three children Penny, Jake and Joe. In 1984 they moved to Leonard and he lived there until his health declined.

Don was a skilled bulldozer operator/owner and also had his own organic fertilizer spreading business.

Don was a 40-year member of the Bagley American Legion; and a member Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wilton, MN.

Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, playing cards and cribbage, and most of all spending time with family, especially playing Skip-Bo games with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, daughter Penny (Jerel) Nelsen of Staples, MN; son Jacob (Tamara) of Shakopee, MN; son Joseph of Leonard as well as six grandchildren: Noah Amundson, Sophie Amundson, P. Ancher Nelsen, Alick Nelsen, Samantha Kern and Trace Eddington; and sister-in-law Gayle Amundson of Fergus Falls, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Barbara Ricke, brother James and niece Kelly Amundson.

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## Two Gator coaches to become Hall of Famers

By: Ryan Bergeron  
Former Gator Wrestling Head Coach Todd Bergeron was invited to stop by the end of a Gator holiday practice on December 26. His former assistant coach and still current Gator Wrestling assistant coach Efram "Ef" Novacek was at this practice, still blowing the whistle.

Then current Gator Head Coach Isaac Novacek told Bergeron and his dad Ef to come into the middle circle of the Gator Wrestling mat as the wrestlers did a cool down walk around the circle. Bergeron said he knew something was up then.

Isaac announced that both coaches would be going into the Minnesota Wrestling Hall of Fame together. Those in the room clapped. Both men shook each other's hands and gave a side hug after hearing the announcement.

Both will officially be inducted on May 17, 2025 in Benson, Minn.

Bergeron mentioned how he was surprised by the announcement, knowing he had been put up for the honor a few years ago.

"To be inducted with Efram will be a huge honor," Bergeron said. "We went to battle with some great teams for many years. I know a lot of those memories will be brought up on our big night."

A 1987 Oklee High School graduate and two-time Minnesota individual state champion, Coach Bergeron led the Gator Wrestling program for 16 years from 2003-2019—all with Coach Novacek as one of his assistants.

The 1985 Greenbush High School graduate, Coach Novacek has been coaching with the Gator Wrestling program for approximately 35 to 36 years according to Isaac.

During just their time together, they won section team titles in 2005, 2012, and 2019. In 2005, they finished sixth at state as a team and, in 2012, fourth. They also coached numerous state entrants, place winners, and champions.

Speaking of champions, these two men coached the current Gator head coach when he won his individual state title in 2010. Isaac said this honor for his dad was well-deserved, and gave recognition to both coaches.

"I think about how much mine and his (my dad's) relationship evolves around wrestling and how it has shaped me into the person I am today," Isaac said. "This is nothing new for him, (as) he's been doing it for 35 years!"

He added how to have two coaches going into the hall of fame "really goes to show what kind of program we have up north here!"

Coach Bergeron's son Ryan—also a former Gator wrestler—highlighted in a Facebook post how both men impacted him and the wrestling community as a whole.

"They have represented northern Minnesota and Minnesota wrestling in general in the best light— with absolute class," Ryan wrote in the post. "How perfect that the two coaching colleagues and friends will go in together? It couldn't have worked out any better!"

Ryan closed that same post with the following words.

"Character on and off the mat led both of these men to the highest honor in Minnesota wrestling," Ryan wrote. "They deserve all of this and more! Congrats again to them both and enjoy every bit that comes with this honor!"

Coach Bergeron is very happy that he and his coaching friend earned this honor, knowing how they both put in everything they had during their coaching time together.

"Our goal was always to put solid teams together," Coach Bergeron said, "but bigger than



Coach Novacek and Coach Bergeron.



Greg Bishop and Todd Bergeron former High School Teammates. In 1987, Todd was State Champion and Bishop wrestled to a 4th place finish.



Coach Bergeron in action cheering on one of his wrestlers.

that we hoped everyone that competed for us left feeling proud for life that they were

Gators and were better people for being a Gator. Once a Gator always a Gator."

## Minnesota Farmers Encouraged to Participate in Annual Survey

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is encouraging farmers to take part in its annual pesticide and fertilizer use survey. This year the phone survey is directed at corn and soybean producers. The data helps the MDA track the use of agricultural chemicals on Minnesota farms and provides guidance to educational and research programs.

The survey will begin February 3 and be completed by February 26. Survey questions will focus on pesticide and fer-

tilizer applications on corn and soybeans grown in Minnesota for the 2024 season. The annual survey is completely voluntary, and farmers are not asked any personal questions.

The survey is conducted for the MDA by the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service out of their regional offices in Missouri and Arkansas. The calls will often be identified as 'Nass Call Center' on caller ID.

Minnesota farmers may be getting calls from multiple agencies and companies con-

ducting a variety of surveys this time of year, but the information gathered from this survey is critical for research purposes.

If you have questions about the MDA's annual survey, or if you wish to view results of previous surveys, visit the MDA website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticidefertilizersurveys](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticidefertilizersurveys). Producers can also call the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at 651-955-4066 from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., Monday – Saturday.

## Former third baseman to become the 41st member of the Twins Hall of Fame

The Minnesota Twins announced today that former Twins third baseman Corey Koskie has been elected to the club's Hall of Fame. He will become the 41st member of the Twins Hall of Fame when he is inducted on Sunday, August 17 as the Twins host the Detroit Tigers at Target Field. Additional details on Twins Hall of Fame Weekend will be announced at a later date.

The Twins Hall of Fame, which honors players, managers, coaches and off-field personnel who have contributed to the organization's growth and success since Minnesota broke into the major leagues in 1961, was created as part of the club's 40th Season Celebration in 2000. The inaugural class of Twins Hall of Famers — Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew, Tony Oliva, Kent Hrbek, Kirby Puckett and Calvin Griffith — was inducted on August 12, 2000. Other inductees include: pitcher Jim Kaat and broadcaster Herb Carneal (2001); pitcher Bert Blyleven and manager Tom Kelly (2002); longtime public address announcer Bob Casey and outfielder Bob Allison (2003); catcher Earl Battey (2004); pitcher Frank Viola (2005) and owner Carl Pohlad (2005); shortstop Zoilo Versalles (2006); third baseman Gary Gaetti and farm director Jim Rantz (2007); pitcher Rick Aguilera (2008); pitcher Brad Radke and farm and scouting director George Brophy (2009); shortstop Greg Gagne (2010); pitcher Jim Perry (2011); pitcher Camilo Pascual (2012); pitcher Eddie Guardado and director of media relations Tom Mee (2013); second baseman Chuck Knoblauch was elected in 2014 but not inducted; outfielder Torii Hunter and radio broadcaster John Gordon (2016); outfielder Michael Cuddyer and former general manager Andy MacPhail (2017); pitcher Johan Santana (2018); pitcher Joe Nathan and former club president Jerry Bell (2019); first baseman Justin Morneau (elected in 2020 and inducted in 2021); and manager Ron Gardenhire, outfielder and current radio broadcaster Dan Gladden, and infielder/outfielder César Tovar (2022); catcher/first baseman Joe Mauer (2023); and former general manager Terry Ryan and former coach Rick Stelmazek (2024).



## Garfield Lake Ice Races Results from Sunday

2/2/2025

By Dennis Peterson

The Garfield Lake Ice Racers were back on the ice of Garfield Lake in Laporte, MN on Sunday. Nine different drivers collected wins in either the heats, consolation races or features. Highlighting the races were Lilly Farrington with a heat and feature win in Class B and Cameron Labelle with two heat wins and a feature win in the class A division.

Temperatures hovered in the 20's with a stiff NW wind but the cool conditions did not deter fans from coming out to cheer on their favorite drivers. All kinds of cars enter the races including trucks and station wagons in the unique racing scene. The racers equip the vehicles with studded front tires for traction. Restroom facilities are provided on both sides of the track.

Races resume each Sunday at noon as long as the ice permits.

### RESULTS

#### B CLASS SET 1

Heat 1 – Reid Watson, Mariah LaPatka, Landon Weeks, Jimmy Venem, Tyler Johnson, CJ Roller, Jon Geschwill, Sean Feia/William Coan

Heat 2 – Bob Pawlitschek, Deke Donat, Blake Watson, Dan Riggs, Lilian Farrington, Faye Lewis, Ben Buck, Brad Kotzer, Madison Tabaka

Consolation Race – Tyler Johnson, Lillian Farrington, Jon Geschwill, CJ Roller, Sean Feia/William Coan, Madison Tabaka, Brad Kotzer, Deke Donat,

Jimmy Venem, Bob Pawlitschek, Blake Watson, Dan Riggs, Mariah LaPatka, Lilly Farrington, Landon Weeks, Tyler Johnson, CJ Roller, Jon Geschwill,

A Class Heat 1 – Nate Zanter, Cameron LaBelle, Josh Bitker, John Farrington, John Sharpnack, Hunter Weeks

Feature – Cameron LaBelle, Hunter Weeks, John Sharpnack, Josh Bitker, John Farrington

#### B CLASS SET 2

Heat 1 – Jimmy Venem, Reid Watson, Jon Geschwill, Tyler Johnson, Blake Watson, Caleb Howg, Deke Donat, Brad Kotzer

Heat 2 – Lilly Farrington, Bob Pawlitschek, Faye Lewis, Mariah LaPatka, CJ Roller, Madison Tabaka, Sean Feia/William Coan

Consolation Race – Blake Watson, Deke Donat, Caleb Howg, Sean Feia/William Coan, Brad Kotzer, Ben Buck

Feature – Lilly Farrington, Jimmy Venem, Mariah LaPatka, Bob Pawlitschek, Reid Watson, Deke Donat, Tyler Johnson, Faye Lewis, Jon Geschwill, Caleb Howg, Blake Watson, Sean Feia/William Coan

#### A CLASS SET 2

Heat 1 – Cameron LaBelle, John Sharpnack, Nate Zanter, John Farrington, Josh Bitker, Nick Lewis

Feature – Cameron LaBelle, Nate Zanter, John Sharpnack, Nick Lewis, John Farrington, Josh Bitker

## Cases confirmed in DPA 266 near Hawley and DPA 701 near Greenfield

Two adult male deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease in two deer permit areas without previous confirmed cases of the disease.

One deer was harvested in DPA 266 near Hawley in Clay County and the other deer was harvested in DPA 701 near Greenfield in Hennepin County. Both deer were harvested during the firearms deer season. The hunters submitted tissue samples via the DNR's partner sampling program which consists mostly of taxidermists.

"This finding is concerning because it indicates possible new areas of CWD prevalence in wild deer where it hasn't previously been detected," said Erik Hildebrand, wildlife health supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "This also highlights

how important our disease surveillance efforts are and how critical it is that hunters are able to test deer harvested anywhere in the state if they would like to."

The closest CWD positive wild deer to the one detected in DPA 701 is 31 miles from a positive in DPA 605. The CWD positive wild deer in DPA 266 is roughly 54 miles from the confirmed positive near Climax, Minnesota.

Following the detections in DPAs 266 and 701, the Minnesota DNR will implement measures outlined in its CWD response plan ([mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-response-plan.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-response-plan.html)), which calls for three consecutive years of testing to help determine the potential prevalence of the disease near the detections.

Within DPAs where CWD

has been detected and confirmed, the Minnesota DNR uses multiple management actions designed to help mitigate disease spread, including carcass movement restrictions, a deer feeding and attractant ban and, sometimes, increased hunting opportunities with increased bag limits.

Additional management actions will be taken per DNR's CWD response plan, likely this fall, and might include the establishment of a new CWD management zone and surrounding surveillance area to better understand the distribution and prevalence of this disease in the area, as well as considerations of late season hunting, landowner shooting permits and targeted culling.

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