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2024 Farm Family of the Year ceremony to be held

Families and growers from across Minnesota will be represented as the University of Minnesota honors them in the 2024 Farm Family of the Year ceremony.

The farms will be recognized in a ceremony beginning at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, at the annual Minnesota Farmfest on the Gilfillan Estate near Redwood Falls. The event is in the Wick Buildings Farmfest Center on the estate grounds.

Those honored cover a wide spectrum of farming, from traditional crops and livestock to community-based ventures and operations producing a wide range of fruit, vegetables and flowers. They were chosen by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on the honorees' demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"This year's 86 Farm Families of the Year reflect the breadth and variety of agriculture in our state," said Extension Dean Bev Durgan. "The University of Minnesota is proud to honor these families and their innovation and dedication to Minnesota agriculture." A sampling of farmers and their contributions to agriculture follows.

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Clearwater County Farm Family

Dickey Family
Howard and Cathy entered the farming world in 1989 when they purchased the original family dairy farm in Leonard. Previously, Cathy was the ag teacher and FFA adviser at Twin Valley Public School, and Howard was an agronomist with Twin Valley Central.

When given the opportunity, they took the leap. Howard and Cathy milked cows, grain farmed, and produced two pretty cool kids. The couple also continued the agronomy business, and as it grew, they transitioned to a cow/calf beef operation. This was the focus for the farm until the demands of the agronomy business became the main priority. When cattle prices were at a tempting high, Howard and Cathy liquidated the cow/calf herd. The pastures weren't empty for long, as Cathy took the plunge into the horse breeding business in 2004, and it continues to this day.

Along with the thriving agronomy business, the current farm operation consists of rotating soybeans, wheat, occasionally oats, and alfalfa on both owned and rented acres. The mares produce 15-20 foals each year and are marketed nationwide as both racetrack and barrel horse prospects.

Cathy and oldest son Mason provide the majority of care and managerial decisions for the horse business. Sons Elliot and Howard are responsible for crop production at home and supplying agronomic services to farms, primarily in Mahnomen, Becker, Norman and Polk counties.

The Dickey family is heavily involved in many aspects of agriculture. Howard and Cathy have dedicated their careers to promoting it when possible. Be it in the classroom, on farms through agronomy, or when speaking in public, the merits of agriculture will always be front and center.

Red Lake County Farm Family

Keith, Caren, Luke and Mary Swenson

Keith's grandfather, Selmer Swenson, started farming in northwestern Minnesota's Red Lake County in the early 1920s but did not purchase the farm until 1946. In the beginning, the farm consisted of 200 acres and the Swensons raised hay, grain, cows, pigs and chickens.

Keith's father, Ray, eventually purchased the farm and started selling certified seed in 1960, building a seed-cleaning plant in 1986.

Keith started renting and farming land when he was a junior in high school and bought his first land with his wife Caren in 1993. Keith and Caren's son Luke and his wife, Mary, returned to the farm in 2006, buying their farm in 2018. Keith, Caren, Luke and Mary are all owner-operators of the farm.

Keith served several years on the Red Lake County Co-op board. Both Keith and Luke continue to raise certified seed for Ray to process and sell. Over the years, they have raised sweet clover, oats, barley, wheat, flax, canola, sunflowers, soybeans, Timothy and fescue. The family quit raising livestock in the 1970s and only raised small grains after that. Each of the kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and now great-great-grandkids have worked on the farm, driving tractor and helping where needed.

Mahnomen County Farm Family

Benson Family
Paul and Michelle Benson say they have been blessed to have this farm in the family for three generations. Early on, the family farm raised dairy cows. In the early 1980s, the farm moved to raising beef cattle and small grains for crop rotation.

As a family, the Bensons have been processing their own beef and pork for nearly 50 years, as well as maintaining a large garden that produces many of the vegetables that the family eats throughout the year.

The Bensons continue to raise beef cattle and small grains but are transitioning to more backgrounding and finishing cattle, some of which will be used to support the new USDA-inspected processing plant, Benson + Turner Foods, that Paul and Michelle are helping bring to their community this summer.

Paul and Michelle were both raised in farming families and continue to maintain the Benson family farm, where they raised their three children, Stephanie, Travis and Isaac. Each member of the family and much of the Bensons' extended family have played integral roles in keeping the farm thriving and expanding.

In addition to bringing a processing plant to the community, Paul and Michelle have been active members of the Minnesota Farmers Union and had the opportunity to work on policies and lobby on the national level regarding issues that impact the local farming community.

Polk County Farm Family

Mike, Matt and Jason Voxland

The Voxland family farm is in its fourth generation and is a Century Farm. The farm began with Mike's grandpa, who ran a dairy and crop farm. The dairy cows were sold in 2006. Mike's sons, Matt and Jason, brought in beef cattle shortly after that.

The Voxlands currently grow wheat, soybeans, corn and alfalfa and run a cow/calf operation as well.

Mike is the main operator along with his two sons. Matt and his wife, Morgan, have a son, Oliver.

Mike has been involved in various boards, including the Gully Tri-Coop Board, the Fosston Elevator Board, and the McIntosh Creamery Board. Matt currently works for the Farm Service Agency in Crookston. Jason works full time on the farm.

Marshall County Farm Family

Amie and Maria Bergeron

Amie started farming in 1953, growing wheat and barley in northwest Minnesota's Marshall County. In the late 1960s, he began planting potatoes. At one point, Amie was farming 5,000 acres. He was also an accomplished pilot. Amie enjoyed flying over his crops and loved the spirit of flying. Amie's son, Rick, became part of the farming operation in the 1970s, until his passing in 2017.

Amie and Maria continue to farm, growing soybeans and wheat on about six quarters of land. The Bergerons rent out the rest of their acreage to their neighbors and friends.

Amie was recognized by the Red River Valley Potato Council in 1991 for his work in the potato industry.

Over many decades Amie and Maria employed hundreds of people on their farm and supported many businesses and organizations in the community.



Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers State Championship Old Time Tractor Pull

Alex Teige, claimed first place in one category at the 2023 Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers State Championship Old Time Tractor Pull.

This year's annual tractor pull is Sunday, Aug. 18 at the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmer showgrounds – 16914 North Entrance Dr. – starting at 2 p.m.

Photos:Submitted



U of M Crookston Chancellor Community Letter July 2024

Happy summer from the University of Minnesota Crookston! Our campus is in full bloom and many of the 6,500 flowers and plants that were planted this season are showing their bright colors. We hope you can come by for a visit.

August events...

Tuesday, August 6 the annual Night to Unite event will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on our Campus Mall with food

trucks, safety demonstrations, fun activities and contests, giveaways, and booths from dozens of area agencies. This year's community wide event of neighbors joining together has the theme "Celebrating Educators", which recognizes the remarkable impact of dedicated professionals in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

During the Crookston Ox Cart Days festival August 12-

18, we will be hosting two events on campus as well as participating in the Taste of Crookston, Torchlight Parade, and other events.

Tuesday, August 13 we have our annual 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament in the Wellness Center from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with sign up through the SportsEngine Tourney app or coach Tim Lubke at lubke008@umn.edu.

Wednesday, August 14 we have our annual Ice Cream Social from 3-5 p.m. on the Campus Mall with free ice cream, live music, and a preview of other festival events.

Then, on Thursday, August 29, we will be showcasing the beauty of our campus with Art & Garden Tours from 4:30-7 p.m. starting in the Kiehle Building. There will be guided or self-guided tours available to view our newly chronicled art and gardens, plus hors d'oeuvres and beverages, live performances by the Crookston Community Band, a commemorative gift, and a gathering in the renewed Allen and Freda Pedersen Garden. Find tickets at z.umn.edu/artandgarden tour or contact Michelle Christopher at mchristo@umn.edu.

Also at the end of August, we celebrate 118 years as a campus with our first day of classes on August 27. We hope you greet our new and returning students out in the community, and enjoy their presence.



Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause

At Senate Hearing on the Security Failures at Former President Trump's Rally, Klobuchar Demanded the Answers from Secret Service and FBI Leaders

WASHINGTON - At a joint Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing titled the "Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump" U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) asked Acting Director of the United

States Secret Service Ronald L. Rowe, Jr., and Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Paul Abbate about the security protocol failures at the Butler, Pennsylvania rally.

"At today's hearing, I asked Acting Secret Service Director Rowe about the security failures and communications breakdowns that led to the hor-

rific attempt on former President Trump's life," said Klobuchar. "I'll continue pressing the Secret Service to redouble its efforts to ensure the security of presidential candidates, and in turn the security of our democracy."

Bipartisan Legislation to Designate the Bald Eagle as the National Bird Passes Senate

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), and Tina Smith (D-MN) announced their bipartisan legislation to designate the bald eagle as the National Bird of the United States has passed the Senate.

"The bald eagle is a symbol of our country's freedom and strength. In Minnesota, we are proud to call ourselves home to one of the largest populations of bald eagles in the country as well as the National Eagle Center in Wabasha," said Klobuchar. "Now that my bipartisan legislation has passed the Senate we are one step closer to officially designating the bald eagle as our country's National Bird."

"For more than 240 years, the bald eagle has been synonymous with American values, yet it is still not officially our national bird," said Lummis. "Today's bipartisan passage brings us one step closer to solidifying the eagle's place as an enduring symbol of our freedom, and I look

forward to seeing this legislation pass the House and signed into law soon."

"I am thrilled our bill has just passed the U.S. Senate," said Mullin. "The bald eagle is a strong symbol of patriotism for our nation, and it's past time we make this designation official. Thank you to my colleagues in the Senate who supported it."

"The Bald Eagle has been a universally recognizable symbol of patriotism in this country for centuries, and they thrive in Minnesota because of our lakes and forestry," said Smith. "I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bipartisan legislation designating the Bald Eagle as the official bird of the United States."

"As an undisputed symbol of our Nation, the bald eagle represents the strength and independence that we hold in our hearts as American citizens and it is past time that the bald eagle is rightfully recognized as the national bird," said Finstad. "I am happy to see that this legislation

has passed in the Senate, and I look forward to its passage on the House Floor."

"While most people assume the Bald Eagle is our nation's official bird, the fact is our country doesn't have an official bird," said Preston Cook, Co-Chair of the National Bird Initiative for the National Eagle Center. "The bison is the national mammal, the rose is the national flower, and the oak is the national tree. It's time the Bald Eagle, long revered as our national symbol, finds its rightful place as our country's official national bird."

The bald eagle has proudly been depicted as the national symbol of the United States since June 20, 1782, when our country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States. Since that time, the bald eagle design has gone on to appear on official documents, currency, flags, public buildings, sports teams, and other government-related items.

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Luke 4:18-19

Benefit to be held for Jayden Gensburger
McIntosh MN
Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Spaghetti, hamburger sauce, garlic toast, dessert, coffee or lemonade. Meal being served at Little Bobby's in McIntosh, MN
Jayden is having major medical issues and has been doctoring at Mayo and Fargo. Free will offering will be collected to help her and family with medical bills.
If you are unable to attend, please send donations to Jayden or Mae, P.O. Box 281, McIntosh MN 56556
Or Call Denise Stark 218-563-2121.

August 10, 2024
OKLEE MARKET DAY
For more details: facebook.com/OkleeMarketDay or email: okleemd@gmail.com

8:00 am Hero Hustle 5K registration Breakfast at Oklee Fire Hall	Noon - 3 pm Inflatables for kids, Face painting, Caricature, Dunk tank, Reptile zoo
9:00 am Hero Hustle 5K starts	Noon - 4 pm Axe throwing
9:00 am Vendors/crafters Quilt show @ Oklee Hall	Noon - 5 pm Sidewalk chalk contest
10:00 am Car show	12:30 pm Cornhole tournament starts
11:00 am Food stands open Pickleball tournament	4:00 pm Alumni softball/ Home run derby
11 am - Noon Cornhole registration	5:00 pm Music bingo/Food stand
11:30 am Street games kids/adults	8:00 pm - Midnight Street Dance Eagle Creek Band

Third Annual Lengby Fosston KNIGHTRIDERS Snowmobile Club

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Mentor Farmers' Market Annual Customer Appreciation Day
The Mentor Farmers Market is holding their 17th Annual Customer Appreciation Day next to the Mentor City Park on Saturday, August 10th, 2024 from 8 am until noon.
• Vendors will have prepared a cake and drinks to "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT".
• The market will also hold drawings at 9, 10 & 11 am.
• Windblown, a local brass band will play from 9 to 11 am.
The Mentor Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8AM to Noon through the end of September.
www.mentorfarmersmarket.org
Like us on Facebook at Mentor Farmers Market

St. Hilaire Lions will hold their 9th annual Redneck Round-A-Bout

The St. Hilaire Lions are holding their 9th annual St. Hilaire Lions Redneck Round-A-Bout Island Baja Race on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 at St. Hilaire Island Park. The races begin at 3:30 pm; the gates open for registration at 9 am. Food will be ready for serving by 1 PM.
A Baja Race is NOT a demo derby - the cars are racing around a track to a finish line, with obstacles - BIG obstacles!! It is great fun to watch!!!
The races this year will feature 4 Cylinder Front Wheel Drive Cars, 6 Cylinder Front Wheel Drive Cars, Rear Wheel Drive Class, and the Redneck Finale (open class). Local Baja Rules apply. Each vehicle MUST have working brakes, a 2-point roll bar, window net,

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The Lions will have a concession stand, opening at 1 PM, featuring BBQs and grilled hot dogs and Polish sausages, along with pop and other treats. A beer garden will be on site with several domestic beers. 50-50 tickets and other raffles will be available during the race.

The Tailgater's Area is roped off and anyone over 21 years of age may enter with a Tailgater's ticket. These spectators may bring coolers and grills to have their own food and beverages. This will be on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited. Free overnight camping is available in the pits (no hook-ups). Come Friday and stay the weekend in beautiful Island Park, along the river in St. Hilaire!

For more information, call or text Dan at 218-688-2699 or go to sthilairelions.com or the St. Hilaire Lions Facebook page. Come on out on Aug. 10th for the 9th Annual Redneck Round-A-Bout Island Park Baja Race, and support the St. Hilaire Lions!!

The Lions are grateful for the many local sponsors who have contributed to this project. Every dollar of profit from a Lions fundraiser MUST be spent in charitable causes. St. Hilaire Lions support many local charities.

ANTIQUES
By John Eggers

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I have been collecting antiques for nearly fifty years. During that time many trends have come and gone. Remember when Cabbage Patch dolls were sought after? Remember when everyone wanted a round oak table or an oak secretary or an oak washstand.

One item that continues to remain fairly high on a collector's list is John Deere. I always have good luck selling John Deere items—even relatively new items. A friend of mine had the first John Deere pocket ledger. He received big bucks for it.

John Deere jewelry, toys, advertising, signs, pencils, pens—you name it, there is a market for it.

I sold a John Deere bicycle to a man in Florida several years ago. He didn't seem to mind paying over 100 dollars for postage.

The John Deere die-cast airplane pictured here is a newer item that looks great and is worth about \$35.

What about John Deere toy farm equipment? If it is in good shape and vintage, you can almost name your price.

In case you didn't know, John Deere was a blacksmith who, in 1837, developed the first commercially successful, self-scouring steel plow and founded the company that still bears his name. Anyone with that kind of super name deserves to be successful.

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The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a junior high volleyball coaching position for the 2024 season to begin in August. Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching young players the fundamentals of the game of volleyball, being present at all games and practices, and being a positive role model to young student athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to:



Melissa Weems, HR
16670 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
or email info to:
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has the following openings for the 2024-2025 school year:

Full-time kitchen cook: The hours for this position are 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Must enjoy working with kids, be able to work in a standing position for a period of time, and pass a ServeSafe food safety course. (Anticipated opening) **Full-time para-educator:** The hours for this position are 7:45 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Monday-Friday. Must have passed or have the ability to pass a para pro test, enjoy working with children.

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

Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634

mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ TESTING COORDINATOR

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an anticipated opening for a temporary, short-term Administrative Assistant/Testing Coordinator. This position will begin approximately October 1, 2024 and will be for a minimum of 14 weeks.

Requirements: This position must be able to multi-task and communicate with students, parents, and staff. Strong computer skills are required. Previous administrative assistant/secretary experience is preferred. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications will be accepted until 8/23/2024. If you have any questions in regards to the position, please call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105.

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

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Kirsten Fuglseth, ABE Coordinator
Northwest Service Cooperative
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Ph. 218-681-0900 x 9 for more information

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VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH

Clearbrook-Gonvick School is looking for an assistant varsity football coach for the 2024-2025 season beginning on August 12th, 2024. Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of football, being present at all games and practices, and collaborating with the varsity head coach. Must be able to pass a background check.

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

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Foundation pushes more than \$2.4m into the region

Fifty grants totaling more than \$1.1 million have been issued to support small businesses and nonprofits throughout Northwest Minnesota that have experienced hardship since the COVID-19 pandemic.

That total represents almost half of the \$2.4 million that was loaned or granted out into the region from April through June through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. That three-month timeframe comprises the fourth quarter of NMF's fiscal year.

Funding pushed out into the region included \$1,145,000 in grants to businesses through the Minnesota Legislature's PROMISE Act program, another \$709,600 through discretionary mission-driven grants, \$316,900 through loans to small business owners, and \$234,400 in grants awarded by local funds within NMF's family of funds.

Additionally, the Northwest Small Business Development Center, for which NMF serves as host, provided 775 hours of no-cost business consulting to 182 unique clients throughout the region.

The Northwest Minnesota region served by NMF includes two tribal nations (Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation) and 12 counties (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau).

PROMISE ACT GRANTS

Fifty grants totaling \$1,145,000 have been issued to Northwest Minnesota businesses and nonprofits through the first round of PROMISE Act grants in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The PROMISE Act grants program was approved and funded by the Minnesota Legislature.

Through this program, businesses that have been adversely affected by structural racial discrimination, civil unrest, lack of access to capital, loss of population or an aging population, or lack of regional economic diversification were eligible to apply for grants. Each region of the state was awarded funds for two rounds of PROMISE Act funding. This concludes the first round for Northwest Minnesota; a second grant round is expected this fall.

Grants include:

- Polk County, 10 grants totaling \$295,000
- Roseau County, 11 grants totaling \$270,000
- Pennington County, 10 grants totaling \$210,000
- Beltrami County, 5 grants totaling \$95,000
- Hubbard County, 3 grants totaling \$60,000
- Lake of the Woods County, 4 grants totaling \$55,000
- Kittson County, 2 grants totaling \$50,000
- Clearwater County, 2 grants totaling \$35,000
- Mahanomen County, 1 grant totaling \$25,000
- Red Lake County, 1 grant totaling \$25,000
- Norman County, 1 grant to-

taling \$25,000

Depending on factors such as annual revenue, businesses were eligible for grants in the amounts of \$10,000, \$25,000, and \$50,000. Once all eligible applications were determined to meet the grant guidelines, the final selection of awardees was determined through random selection.

MISSION-DRIVEN DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

In addition to PROMISE Act grants, NMF approved 28 discretionary mission-driven grants totaling 709,639.

These grants included:

- 2 grants totaling \$309,039 through the state's Minnesota Main Street Economic Revitalization Program to support revitalization projects.

- A grant to White Earth Nation for \$172,000 to support their efforts in improving youth mental health and wellness within their communities.

- 6 grants totaling \$113,200 to support welcoming and inclusion efforts in Crookston, Roseau, Thief River Falls, and Bemidji.

- 6 grants through NMF's Homelessness program, totaling \$31,300 to fund six organizations working in the field of homelessness and housing.

- 2 grants totaling \$25,000 through NMF's Thriving Together program, including \$20,000 to fund new pilot program that will develop an Aging Population Service Provider Network in Crookston/Polk County, and \$5,000 to support a new initiative that will collect and report data on the region's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population.

- 2 grants from the Children & Families program, totaling \$23,000. This includes \$12,000 to support Endazhi-Nitaawig (Growing Anishinaabe Leaders), an Anishinaabe charter school in Red Lake; and \$11,000 to fund community members in Red Lake and White Earth who are attending and participating in the Indigenous Dementia Research Network conference.

- 8 Training & Education grants, totaling \$16,100 to support the vitality of the nonprofit sector. Funded projects include staff training and board development, QuickBooks training, a seminar, and a workshop focused on creating culturally competent leaders.

- 1 grant for \$20,000 continues NMF's participation in the Initiators Fellowship, which support social entrepreneurship throughout Greater Minnesota.

FAMILY OF FUNDS

Through 64 grants approved by local funds, \$234,435 was dispersed into Northwest Minnesota. NMF maintains more than 430 funds within its family of funds, including community funds, donor-advised funds, education funds, scholarship funds, and others. Each fund has its own purpose.

Grants dispersed through these funds included:

- Education funds: 26 grants, \$63,856
- Environment and recreation funds: 2 grants, \$56,143
- Community funds: 21 grants,

\$42,451

- Donor-advised funds: 5 grants, \$37,000
- Community service funds: 5 grants, \$25,800
- Scholarship funds: 2 grants, \$4,685
- Cultural funds: 1 grant, \$3,000
- Economic development funds: 2 grants, \$1,500

BUSINESS LOANS

Nine loans were approved for nine businesses, totaling \$316,909.

More than \$290,000 was approved through NMF itself while about \$25,000 was approved through the Northwest Minnesota Community Impact Corporation,

a subsidiary of NMF that targets loan funding to those who have been traditionally underserved.

NMF loans included:

- 3 loans for Beltrami County businesses, totaling \$213,500
- 2 loans for Clearwater County businesses, totaling \$68,000
- A \$10,000 loan for a Lake of the Woods County business
- NMCIC loans supported:
- 2 Beltrami County businesses with loans totaling \$15,409
- A Lake of the Woods County business with a \$10,000 loan

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Nap time at the Clearwater County Fair.

What is wrong with my lilacs?

By Joyce Rairdon

The Master Gardener hotline has had a few calls and we have had some questions at the Clearwater County fair.... What is wrong with my lilacs? The symptoms include yellowing and then brown leaves, and complete dieback mostly on common lilacs or syringa vulgaris. People are saying that these are mature lilacs and have never had any problems in the past.

Those who had problems with their lilacs last year, going through a cool wet spring also didn't help the lilacs bounce back from the diseases from then. Even though the drought cycle is over, we have had some dry weather recently, which can cause the plants to be stressed again and weakens their ability to fend off diseases and insect infestations.

The diagnosis from the University of Minnesota Extension website concludes that through research and testing, the culprit is a fungal disease lilac pseudocercospora leaf spot. What is discouraging is that the fungus can persist for several years on plant debris, (leaves, stems, dead flowers, bark). Cleaning up fallen leaves will help reduce the likelihood of reinfection next year.

Another step to take is called renewal pruning. Renewal pruning removes some mature stems to allow more light throughout the older plants and encourages new stems to grow and flower. This action can be repeated yearly until all the large stems have been removed.

To further assist your lilacs in their recovery from this fungus, is to give them a dose of an all-

purpose fertilizer, like a 10-10-10, following directions on the package. Regular watering in the fall, especially right before the ground freezes will bring the fertilizer to the roots and have it ready for new growth in the spring. It may take some careful tending with regular watering for a year or two to restore your lilac plants. They may not bloom at all next year or only bloom sparsely. The extra work will be worth it when they are fully recovered and bloom profusely again.

The Beltrami County Fair starts on Wednesday, August 7. Stop by the Horticulture building and see all the beautiful flowers on display, ask a Master Gardener your gardening questions, and observe the winning produce. Be sure to vote for the One Vegetable, One Community vegetable for 2025. We look forward to visiting with you.

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? Applications are being taken until October 1, 2024. You can contact mgweb@umn.edu for more information. After you apply, the local leaders will meet with you to introduce ourselves, discuss the program and offer support through the process. Once you pay the registration fee, you will be asked to submit to a background check as we sometimes work with minors. You will be notified by December 1, 2024 if you will be in the 2025 cohort. The online class (no in person classes) begins shortly after the New Year and will complete the course in early May. You will be assigned a local mentor. Once you complete your course, you will need to volunteer 50 hours throughout the year. Many volunteer opportunities in the community help you gain your hours. If you have any questions, you can also e-mail beltramicontymastergardeners@gmail.com.

If you want to research garden answers on your own, please use the following website: Yard and garden | UMN Extension, or you can call the hotline below.

The Beltrami County Master Gardeners operate a "Hotline" for gardeners who have questions from April 1 through October 31. Please call 218-444-7916 and leave a message with your name, phone number and a short description of your question or problem. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Joyce Rairdon works as an Administrative Operations Specialist and enjoys growing vegetables, especially peppers, squash, and tomatoes. She also plants many flowers around her garden to help attract pollinators.



Maggie, Madisyn and Shelley Lapos riding the float announcing the Beltrami County Fair to be held August 7 to 11 in the at the Debs 44th annual parade.



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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Whose Child Was He?

(I use the male pronoun based on my personal experience which led to this writing.)

I could not help but wonder as I passed nearby.
Or as I shared a dollar as he gave a sigh.

I wonder who it was that dressed him as a child.
Or which of all his grandmas were the meek and mild.

I wonder when he took his steps for the first time.
And if the books read to him were nursery rhymes.

I can all but see his smile coming home from school.
Most days I bet that he did follow all the rules.

Now he stands with pants that hang well below the waist.
Begging those who pass by for anything in haste.

I cannot help but wonder what happened to him.
Were other friends not so nice and now hope's been dimmed?

Why not me? I often wonder while driving by.
Somedays I give a little but it seems so dry.

When I stop I try to look him right in the eye.
And then I see a brother who gives a heart cry.

Intently he is grateful without words spoken.
For what I choose to give is but a mere token.

He's a brother not a bother—and we know why.
He's made in the image of our Father who's nigh.

Remind me Father what You said so long ago.
You wrote it in your Word as we trod to and fro.

Matthew 5:41 says what we are to do.
“And if you're forced to go one mile, go with him two.”

As we toss a gift or coin in his direction.
We must not forget to take time for reflection.

Thank God we can give today rather than receive.
Hold on now for we do know the truth we believe.

“More blessed it is to give than it is to receive.”

Acts 20:25 is what will give reprieve.

Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Hello, I have a new driver and they are having a difficult time knowing what type of road they are driving on, whether it is

an interstate, state highway or county road. I am trying to teach them so if they need help they can give the proper location. Can you help explain so if anyone else is wondering they will know? Thank you.

Answer: Hello and thank

you for the question. One way a person can tell what type of roadway they are on is by the design of the road sign.

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Route Signs

Route signs indicate different types of roadways.



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Heading to Iowa - To Get a Tractor

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



Have you ever heard the Willie Nelson song, “On the Road Again?” Well I guess that is my wife and I again! It has been a great summer of traveling. In June, Montana-In July Maine-now, in August off to Iowa for reunions, a tractor show, and bringing home a B John Deere! Not only taking in a reunion the weekend of August 9,10,11, there is a great show coming up in Albert City, Iowa. The show is featuring John Deere tractors.....more about this next week.

Along with the tractor show I had another bit of great news that traces back to my wife's grandfather. Her grandfather Clifford Follmann farmed with horses. In about 1942 one of them died. His brother Clarence talked to the rationing board and was able to buy a 1943 A John Deere. Then Clifford bought his brother Clarence's F-14 Farmall. Later Clifford sold the F-14 and bought a 1946 B John Deere, although he did keep the “Little Genius Plow” because he liked it. Sometime later one of Clifford's brother's had trouble with his A John Deere so Clifford sold him his 1946 B and turned around and bought a new 1949 B John Deere from Sulgrove implement in Bridgewater, Iowa. In 1951 Clifford bought a 39 B. The B had been reconditioned and high compressioned at Bridgewater and also had a mechanical lift added. Later Clifford thought he would like something with power steering so he bought a model 50 John Deere. When Clifford passed away in 1979 he still had the '49 B, '39 B, and the 50. The family kept the '39 B which Leonard's brother Russel still



Russell Follmann on his 1939 B John Deere at a past Albert City, Iowa, show!

owns and has restored. He has brought the B to shows in Iowa where he lives. Recently Russell has moved out of his house and decided to sell his tractors. I called Russell and asked if he wanted to sell the B. He said that he had decided not to sell it, instead he wanted to give it to someone in the family. I said that it would be a good Idea to have the tractor remain in the family. Yes, he answered and I decided to give it to you! I was a happy guy! I will be heading to load up the tractor and get it home! Thanks, Russell!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What year did the model

B John Deere come out?

A) 1935 B) 1938 C) 1939 D) 1941

2. What Farmall model was the model B John Deere somewhat in competition with, when it was released?

A) F-20 B) F-30 C) F-12 D) Model H

3. T or F More John Deere B's were produced than any other John Deere model.

4. The BR and BO were standard tread versions of the model B. What did BO stand for?

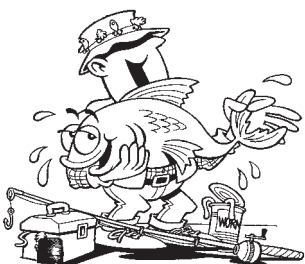
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answers: 1. A) 1935 2. C) F-12 3. True 4. Model B Orchard 5. 6

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More than 80 percent of new mothers in the United States now choose to breastfeed, recognizing its significant advantages.

Mercy.net August, 2024 Quick Healthy Eating Tips for Breastfeeding Moms:

Choose a mix of healthy foods you enjoy from each food group -Whole Fruits-apples, berries, oranges, mango and bananas.-Veggies-broccoli, sweet potatoes, beets, okra, spinach, peppers, edamame and jicama.

-Whole grains-brown rice, oatmeal, bulgur and whole

wheat bread and pasta.

-Proteins-lean meats and chicken, eggs, seafood, beans and lentils, nuts and seeds.

-Low-fat or fat free dairy-milk, yogurt, cheese, lactose-free dairy, and soy milk.

-Oils-vegetable oil, olive oil, and oils in foods like seafood, avocado and nuts.

Limit certain nutrients and ingredients:

-Sodium-found in table salt but also from packaged foods or food from a restaurant.

-Added Sugars-including syrups and sweeteners that are added to products like soda, some yogurts and cereals.

-Saturated fat-saturated fat comes from animal products like cheese, fatty meats and poultry, whole milk, butter and many sweet snack foods. Some plant products like coconut oil also have saturated fat.

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Deer hunting regulations and hunting licenses available

Hunters in antlerless lottery areas reminded to buy licenses by Sept. 5

Hunters reviewing the 2024 Minnesota hunting regulations will find season details in most areas of Minnesota similar to what they were last year, including northern areas with lower bag limits intended to increase deer populations. Deer hunting licenses can be purchased starting Thursday, Aug. 1.

"We're looking forward to fall. The sights, sounds and camaraderie of deer season are cherished traditions for many Minnesotans," said Todd Froberg, big game program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "As hunters prepare, we encourage them to take someone new out hunting this season. Hunting

experiences can be even more meaningful when shared."

Deer season specifics for each deer permit area can be found on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer). Electronic copies of all 2024 Minnesota hunting regulations are available now online and printed copies will be available by mid-August wherever licenses are sold. Regulations translated into Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish will be available online in mid-September and are expected in print by the end of October.

Ninety-nine DPAs keep the same designation as the previous season. Thirty 30 DPAs, primarily in the northern portion of the state, have lower bag limits that will reduce the harvest of antlerless deer, with the intent

of increasing deer populations. No DPAs have increased bag limits this year.

Mild conditions this past winter were favorable for white-tailed deer, but looking over the next several years, northern deer populations will need multiple mild winters to recover after the severe winters in 2021-2022 and 2022-23.

Firearm and muzzleloader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a DPA designated as antlerless permit lottery need to purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 5. Hunters who purchase their license by Sept. 5 are automatically entered into the lottery for the DPA or special hunt area they declare. Hunters in DPAs 235 and 251 are especially reminded to apply for the antlerless permit

lottery, because these DPAs were either-sex last season and are designated antlerless permit lottery this season. No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with either-sex, two-deer limit, three-deer limit, or five-deer limit designations.

CWD sampling continues

Hunters should check the requirements and available sampling options for the DPAs where they hunt. Hunters can find DPA-specific information by visiting the make a plan tool (mndnr.gov/deerhunt). Hunters are required to have deer one year old or older sampled for CWD in all CWD management and surveillance zones during the opening weekend of the firearms A season (Nov. 9-10). In all areas outside CWD management and surveillance zones, or in these zones outside of opening firearms weekend, hunters can also have their deer sampled for CWD, if they choose.

Multiple CWD sampling options are available to hunters. Certain sampling options are available all season long, including mail-in kits (mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-kits.html) and the partner

sampling program (mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-partners.html). Hunters can request a mail-in kit before hunting or use kits hunters obtained but did not use from previous years. Visit the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/deerhunt) throughout the deer season for the most up-to-date information, to find sampling locations or to request a mail-in sampling kit.

This year, the Minnesota DNR has dissolved four CWD surveillance zones in southeast Minnesota to focus surveillance efforts on remaining management zones in the southeast. DPAs 233, 255, 293 and 341 no longer have CWD sampling requirements. DPA 642 (previously DPA 342) has been added as a management zone in southeast Minnesota due to a positive detection of CWD during the 2023 firearms season.

For those hunting outside Minnesota, legislation passed in 2024 made changes to the carcass importation ban. Hunters may bring whole cervid (i.e., deer, elk, moose) heads, with or without neck and hide attached, into the state if they are taken

to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of entering the state. Taxidermists will be required to use an approved lined landfill for their biological waste, reducing the risk of spreading wildlife diseases like chronic wasting disease. Additionally, hunters who harvest a deer within Minnesota's CWD management zones are allowed to bring intact heads from deer, with or without the hide and neck attached, outside of the CWD management zone if they are delivered to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of leaving the management zone.

Deer season dates for 2024
Archery: Saturday, Sept. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 31

Youth and early antlerless: Thursday, Oct. 17, through Sunday, Oct. 20

Firearms: Saturday, Nov. 9, with various closing dates depending on location

Muzzleloader: Saturday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 15

Late CWD (DPAs 605, 642, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648 and 649) Friday Dec. 20, through Sunday, Dec. 22.



Hannah Petersen, of Laporte was the big winner at the Clearwater County Fair.

Big winner at Clearwater County Fair

By Pamela French

It was a winning weekend for 17 year old Hannah Petersen, of Laporte MN, who took home winning ribbons of ALL colors during the 2024 Clearwater Co. Fair. At the age of 17, Hannah qualified as both Adult and Junior, enabling her to enter more of her art. Hannah also had art in the Original Arts building, where one piece received the Superintendent's Award and another Honorable Mentioned.

Hannah entered about 100 items. She received 50 blue

ribbons(1st place), 24 Red ribbons(2nd place) and 13 white ribbons(3rd place). Of her 50 Blue ribbons, she received 6 Grand Champions, 7 Reserve Grand Champions, 1 Honorable Mention, 1 Superintendent Choice, 4 Assistant Choice ribbons for a total of 105 ribbons!

Hannah received a premium check for \$268. In Creative Arts-Premiums for Blue \$5, Red \$3, and \$2 for white. There is no additional prizes money for Grand or Reserve Grand Champions. Yet it's a huge honor knowing the piece was a stand

out from others in the same class. Honorable Mentioned and Superintendents Awards are given to the an outstanding piece amongst all the entries in the building.

Hannah and her mom Brandi credit the Clearwater County Fair for Hannah's continued love for art, as each year Hannah artistic desire adds to her experience, strengthens her artistry and her ability to think outside the box, to create beautiful art. See you next year Hannah!

So follow Hannah's lead... get a 2024 Fair book, open to class R, search through the categories in which you qualify to enter and let your artistic juices flow!

In 2025 there is hope to have the new categories in both Adult and Jr such as Alcohol Ink, Diamond Art, Native Art, Decoupage, to name a few.

Thank you Hannah and everyone else who entered creative and fun items in the Creative Arts Building!

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DNR proposes selling 80,000 acres of school trust lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to the U.S. Forest Service to benefit Minnesota's public schools

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands, and the U.S. Forest Service - Superior National Forest are working together on a strategy to transfer approximately 80,000 acres of school trust lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to federal ownership. This decision will benefit Minnesota's public education system.

The state, U.S. Forest Service, and The Conservation Fund had been working for years on a proposal to exchange school trust lands inside the BWCAW for lands outside of the BWCAW. That process, despite being underway for many years, has yet to yield an outcome. Therefore, the DNR recently withdrew its land exchange proposal, originally submitted to the U.S. Forest Service on Aug. 22, 2012, involving school trust lands within the BWCAW. Additionally, the U.S. Forest Service has announced the cancellation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the original exchange proposal. The cancellation notice will be posted to the Federal Register (<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2024-15122/environmental-impact-statements-availability-etc-superior->

[national-forest-school-trust-land-exchange](https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2024-15122/environmental-impact-statements-availability-etc-superior-)) at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 12.

In the new proposal, the DNR would remove the school trust designation from approximately 80,000 acres of state lands within the BWCAW. The federal government would then purchase those lands from the DNR using federal Land and Water Conservation Funds.

The agreement between state and federal partners would uphold Minnesota's fiduciary responsibility to generate income for the Permanent School Fund and help to provide a continual source of funding for Minnesota's K-12 schools. Upon completion, funds from the sale would be deposited in the Permanent School Fund, which supports 850,000 students in K-12 public education by distributing revenue to every public and charter school in the state. The DNR's website (https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/school_land/school-trust-lands-projects.html) provides more information about the project.

As a result of the cancellation of the original land exchange, TCF is also proposing to sell up to 15,000 acres within the Superior National Forest proclamation boundary, outside

of the BWCAW, directly to the U.S. Forest Service. The DNR also is evaluating TCF lands in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service, counties, and Tribes to identify parcels suitable for state acquisition. Funding will be needed for the DNR to purchase TCF lands outside the BWCAW.

"The state's school trust lands are designated to maximize long-term economic return for the Permanent School Fund and provide a continual source of funding for every K-12 public school district in the state," said Sarah Strommen, commissioner of the Minnesota DNR. "This important land transaction ensures that the DNR can fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the school trust. We are pleased to work with the U.S. Forest Service and The Conservation Fund to remove school trust lands from within the BWCAW and acquire forest lands outside the wilderness for the public."

"The purchase of these lands will help reduce administrative issues the state and the Forest Service have faced for a long time," said Tom Hall, forest supervisor, Superior National Forest.

The state's school trust lands have been a reliable source of revenue for the Permanent

School Fund for over a century, from activities like mining and timber harvesting. However, the 1964 Wilderness Act and the 1978 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act significantly limit the state's ability to use the 80,000 acres of school trust lands located within the BWCAW as required by the state constitution to generate revenue for Minnesota's public and charter schools.

"The resolution of this longstanding land management issue is a major win for Minnesota's public school students," said Aaron Vande Linde, Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands director. "The project's culmination will result in millions of dollars deposited into the Permanent School Fund. This investment will support the state's public education system in perpetuity, fulfilling our fiduciary duty to ensure that both current and future beneficiaries receive maximum economic returns from school trust assets."

The DNR will soon begin work with OSTL to remove the school trust land designation from state lands within the BWCAW, appraising approximately 80,000 acres for acquisition by the U.S. Forest Service.

