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Pictured L to R: Travis and Chiara Bolton, Bolton Bees; Mychal Stittsworth, Stittsworth Meats; Bryce Oakes, Melinda and Todd Sandwick, DeanUltraThinRetainer.

IDEA Competition Announces Three Winners for 2017

BEMIDJI, MN – April 26, 2017 – The IDEA Competition announced the names of three 2017 winners on Tuesday, April 25th at the IDEA awards banquet held at the Beaux Arts Ballroom, Bemidji State University. Each winner receives \$10,000 in cash to advance their business idea, plus additional specialized technical assistance.

The 2017 Winners are:

- Chiara and Travis Bolton, Hubbard County, for Bolton Bees – provides MN-hard bees to backyard beekeepers; creates local, distinct, raw, location-specific honey; forms partnerships with solar companies to create pollinator friendly habitats. Bolton Bees is invested in our community.
- Todd Sandwick, Fosston, for DeanUltraThinRetainer – the Dean retainer solves several problems seen in standard acrylic Hawley retainers, and does so by making use of pre-existing, time-tested materials. The advantages of a Dean retainer are evident in less breakage and loss, comfort and compliance, hygiene, and cost.
- Mychal Stittsworth, Bemidji, for Stittsworth Meats – working to bring a means of USDA inspected slaughter to Northern Minnesota through the use of a USDA approved Mobile Slaughter Unit. This will enable any local farmer regardless of size to sell their meat in a retail setting. The

advantage of the MSU is that it goes to where the livestock live reducing stress on the animal and increasing yield and quality of the meat.

The 2017 runners up are Keila McCracken, Bemidji, for Bare Cloth; Russ Karasch and Robert Monahan, Park Rapids, for Squarrel Cooperage, LLC; Jeremy Leffelman, Bemidji and Joel Anderson, Solway, for Raptor Rack.

The main goal of the IDEA competition is to assist promising local entrepreneurs in the commercialization of innovative products, processes and deliveries by connecting them to the best resources available, along with access to the capital it takes to launch a successful venture.

For the second year in a row, one IDEA participant will be automatically entered into MN Cup, a statewide business start-up competition. The judges selected DeanUltraThinRetainer as the participant that will advance to the semifinals of this premier resource for early stage entrepreneurs, supporting and accelerating the development of breakthrough business ideas across Minnesota.

The IDEA Hall of Fame added Christian Brothers, Inc. – a former hockey stick manufacturing company. The three business principals; Roger Christian and Hal Bakke were inducted posthumously and Bill

Christian, unable to attend had his daughter accept the award at the banquet. The IDEA Hall of Fame was established to recognize the accomplishments

of the region's legacy innovators—those within the region who have inspired others with their entrepreneurial vision, leadership and achievement.



NELL to present Guarding the Resources: Exploring Minnesota's Game Warden/Conservation Officer service

Retired Conservation officers Dennis Huwe and Curt Nelson will share a program based on dates and events that lead from one Game Warden covering the entire state to today's force of 150 Conservation Officers. "Guarding the Resources" will explore Minnesota's Game Warden/Conservation Officer Service from its inception in 1887 to the present.

Dennis Huwe was a Game Warden/Conservation Officer for 27 years, retiring in 1995.

He resides near Bagley with his wife Kathy and winters in Arizona.

Curt Nelson was a Game Warden/Conservation Officer for 20 years. He resides near Fosston with his wife Narda.

The program will be Wednesday May 10 at 9:30 am at McIntosh Community Center.

NELL programs are free and open to all ages. For more information contact Tamara Edevold, program coordinator at 694-2856

Four Minnesota commodity councils elect new leadership

Barley, beef, corn, and soybean councils elect board members

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Producers of four Minnesota agricultural commodities have elected new members to serve on the barley, beef, corn, and soybean commodity research and promotion councils. Each new board member will serve a three year term to help guide how each group spends mandatory check-off dollars.

The councils play an important role in developing and promoting Minnesota farm products, including grains and meats.

"Commodity council elections allow producers a say in how their check-off dollars are spent," said Minnesota Agricultural Commissioner Dave Frederickson. "It's very important they take advantage of this opportunity and I want to thank all the candidates and producers who took the time to cast a ballot."

2017 commodity council elections for barley, beef, corn, and soybean:

- **Barley Research and Promotion Council**
Brian Lacey, Dalton

- **Beef Research and Promotion Council**
District 1 – Dr. Dan Larson, Clearbrook
District 4 – Davis Wulf, Morris
District 5 – David Glessing, Howard Lake
District 7 – Neil Johnson, Jasper
District 8 – Jeri L. Hanson, Comfrey
- **Corn Research and Promotion Council**
Districts 1, 2 & 4 - Dwight Mork, Bellingham
District 7 – Brandon Fast, Mountain Lake
District 8 – James O'Connor, Blooming Prairie
District 9 – Brennen Toquam, Claremont
- **Soybean Research and Promotion Council**
Districts 1, 2 & 3 – William (Bill) Zurn, Callaway
District 4 - Patrick O'Leary, Benson
Districts 5 & 6 - Patrick Sullivan, Franklin
District 7 – Ron Obermoller, Brewster
District 8 - Rochelle Krusemark, Trimont



"Using Microscope for Fecals" scheduled for upcoming Beginning Shepherding Workshop sponsored by the Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota and Hubbard Co. Extension. Photo credit Julie Zilka.

Beginning Shepherding Workshop for Sheep and Goats

The non-profit Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC) is hosting a Beginning Shepherding workshop, in conjunction with the Hubbard County extension. The workshop takes place June 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Faithbridge Church, 1505 Park Ave. S., Park Rapids, MN 56470. Cost to attend is \$15 per person or \$10 per person for members of the SSFC or the Sustainable Farming Assn. of Minnesota. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

Session topics include "Using a Microscope for Fecals" taught by Margo Hanson, "Fiber Preparation and Fleece Skirting" taught by Julie Zilka and Trudy Delich and "Alternatives to Parasite Control" taught by Alethea Kenney. Most sessions will apply equally to goats, as well as sheep, and there will be time for questions throughout the event.

The workshop on "Using a Microscope for Fecals" will consist of a brief description of the benefits of being able to do your own fecal exams. There will be a demonstration of the procedure, with time for participants to look through the microscope at slides, showing what barber pole (Haemonchus contortus) eggs look like. A handout will give information on purchasing a microscope, slide kit, and directions on doing your own fecal exams at home.

Wondering what to do with that beautiful raw fleece you just sheared or purchased at a local fiber festival? The hands-on demonstration for "Fiber Preparations and Fleece Skirting" will cover skirting and scouring (washing) a raw fleece, followed by the different methods of preparing fleece both clean and in the grease for spinning or other uses.

Parasites are a concern in sheep and goats for loss in production and economic value in flocks and herds. Resistance to chemical wormers and increase in awareness of organic farming means farmers must find alternative ways to prevent high levels of parasites. This

workshop on "Alternatives to Parasite Control" gives information on managing grazing, breeding for resistance and the role health plays in susceptibility to parasites.

Instructor Margo Hanson, with the help of her husband Raymond, has been raising Border Leicester since 2008, near Twin Valley, MN. The Hansons spent most of their adult lives in Alaska where Margo was a K-1 teacher. When they retired to MN, they decided to get a flock of sheep to keep the old pastures mowed off. With sheep came wool, and Margo decided to learn to spin and felt her own fleece. To keep the fleece clean, the sheep are coated from late fall to shearing time. The Marsh Creek Crossing flock consists of thirty-five to forty ewes and a number of rams. The flock has been OPP (ovine progressive pneumonia) test negative, CL (caseous lymphadenitis) and foot rot-free from day one. Keeping a healthy flock has been their number one priority. In an effort to reduce unnecessary worming, Margo began doing her own fecal exams five years ago.

Sheep producer and instructor Julie Zilka is a beginning shepherd in Park Rapids, Minnesota. A lifelong fascination with natural fibers and the fiber arts prompted her to take up shepherding. Julie and her husband raise a fiber flock consisting of Finn, Gotland, and Cormo wethers, along with a very opinionated Shetland ewe. Beyond the production of her own fiber projects, she is an advocate for the preservation of cultural handcraft techniques and works to promote the use of locally produced fiber and fiber products.

Trudy Delich, workshop instructor, manages the fiber preparation for TheBerryhillFarm where English Leicester Longwool sheep happily provide heritage wool. This is a relatively rare wool in the USA because the sheep are considered

Goodridge Science Fair held April 11th



Third grade students from the Goodridge School that participated in their Science Fair learned keyboarding and other computer skills to help them create 5 documents for their science board. Back row, L-R: Cooper Kangas - Magnets and Motors, Conor Dale - Starting to Grow, Jennings Johnson - Model Volcano, Kayden Hodny - Keeping Cool. Front row, L-R: Trustin Wiseth - Pool Table, Brody Rystad - Jet Balloon, Jeven Grindeland - Lift a Load with Water, Brandon Burns - Newton's Cradle. Absent: Carter Horgeshimer - Box Camera. *More photos inside Canary.*



It's a boy!

Kali and Amya are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother, Dane Micheal Derby. He was born February 26th, 2017 at 9:05 pm at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs 5 oz and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Sara and

Jason Derby of Bagley, Mn. Grandparents Robert and Theresa Derby of Bagley, Wayne and Sheryl Ehlers of Clearbrook, Great-grandparents Franklin and Janice Renner of Shevlin and Great-grandma Janice Stormo of Clearbrook.

Country Music Jam on Sunday

Join us at the Embassy Community Center, 603 3rd St. NE, Fosston on Sunday, May 7th, 1:00-5:00.

Any questions, call Russ at 435-6096. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Brunch in Fosston

You and your friends are invited to the "Do a Craft OR Two with Me" Brunch on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held at New Journey Church, 505 9th St. NW, Fosston, MN.

Feature: **Bev Anderson**, music by **Sue Lee**, speaker is **Donna Yeché** from Redwing, MN sharing "What's It All About?"

Reservations due by Monday, Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Mary Jo 435-2123, Arlene 563-2085, Barbara 687-3431, Beverly 776-3897, Andrea 694-2753, or Avis 935-5307.

Sponsored by Pine to Prairie Christian Women's Connection Affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries.

Bemidji State University's 98th Commencement set for May 5

More than 1,000 college graduates have been invited to celebrate the beginning of the rest of their lives at Bemidji State University's 98th Commencement.

Commencement is Friday, May 5, at Sanford Center, located on First Avenue in Bemidji. A pre-ceremony concert begins at 1 p.m., with the Commencement ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Central time. BSU's Commencement ceremony typically lasts about two hours.

Bemidji State's commencement is free and open to the public; no tickets are required and Sanford Center seating is general admission. Parking at Sanford Center is free, and approximately 1,000 spots are available in the center's main parking lot. Carpooling is encouraged to minimize overflow parking on the streets, as the parking lot typically fills to capacity. Students and guests may park on campus in the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex parking lot and carpool from there. No permits are required in university parking lots on Commencement day.

Guest seating

Commencement guests should enter the Sanford Center through Gate 2, through the main concourse. Only the lower bowl of the Sanford Center will be open for seating. Visitors who are hearing-impaired or have other disabilities may enter through Gate 3 for accessible seating in Sections U, V and W. Concessions will be available in the concession stand behind Section U. Parking and assembly information is available on the Commencement website.

Commencement Walk

Commencement will begin shortly before 2 p.m. when Bemidji State faculty and staff will lead the traditional commencement march. Students will exit the Sanford Center through Gate 5 and walk between the center and Lake Bemidji before re-entering through Gate 2 and moving into the arena for commencement. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will take place through the Sanford Center concourse.

Online Streaming

Commencement will again be available through a live online video stream. The stream will be available beginning at 2 p.m. Central time; viewers are encouraged to visit the stream in advance to ensure that necessary plug-ins are present and properly functioning. More information on the web stream is available on the Commencement website.

Distinguished Minnesotan

This year's commencement address will be delivered by Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Anne K. McKeig, recipient of Bemidji State's 2017 Distinguished Minnesotan award. McKeig, a member of the White Earth nation, was appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court by Gov. Mark Dayton on Sept. 1, 2016, and is the first American Indian to serve the people of Minnesota as a Supreme Court justice.

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National Provider Appreciation Day: May 12, 2017, Child Care Providers to Be Recognized

The Friday before Mother's Day, May 12, 2017, is Provider Appreciation Day, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care. It is estimated that nearly 11 million children under age 5 are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States.

Every day, child care providers care for our children providing nurturing, safe, healthy, learning experiences. The children, parents and employers depend on child care providers. May 12th is the day to recognize the hard work and dedication of providers, and to acknowledge their contributions to their community. "Child care providers are central to a quality child care system and Provider Appreciation Day is the time

to tell providers everywhere we recognize and value their important work," said Lynette M. Fraga, Ph.D., Executive Director of Child Care Aware® of America, the host organization of Provider Appreciation Day.

By applauding the dedication of child care providers on May 12th, we remind our community of the importance of high-quality child care, and let providers everywhere know that we recognize and value their important work. It is important that the care a child receives during the first five years of life be of high-quality because 90 percent of brain development occurs during those years.

"It takes a special person to work in the child care field and these individuals are often unrecognized. Providing quality child care is hard work. Quality providers are committed to helping children learn and grow," says Maureen Hams of

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Child Care Aware of MN. "This day offers an opportunity for parents to show their child care providers how much they are appreciated."

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include spaghetti,
breadsticks, salad,
juice, coffee and a
bar.

Fundraising Event for
JULIA BERNSTEIN

will be held

Saturday, May 6th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
at the **Oklee Hall**

Carnival will include a cake
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Sebastian Groven received Grand Champion on his 3rd grade Science Fair project "Flashlight." He made a flashlight from a water bottle and other materials. Students also created documents and reports for their Science project. Sebastian's report was on electricity.



Nevaeh Kotrba received Grand Champion on her 3rd grade Science Project "Humidity Tester" displayed at the Goodridge School. Nevaeh's project recorded humidity in the air. Science projects were judged by Miss Beisel, the Goodridge High School Science teacher.



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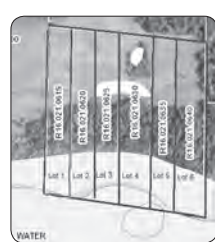
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By Tammy Fluto
Social Security Manager in Bemidji, MN

On Memorial Day, we honor the soldiers and service members who have given their lives for our nation. Social Security respects the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom. Part of how we honor service members is the way we provide Social Security benefits.

The unexpected loss of a family member is a difficult experience for anyone. Social Security helps by providing benefits to protect service members' dependents. Widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors.

It's also important to recognize those service members who are still with us, especially those who have been wounded. Just as they served us, we have the obligation to serve them. Social Security has benefits to assist veterans when an injury prevents them from returning to active duty.

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The overall walleye stocking effort ramps up each year in April when fisheries staff collect walleye eggs, fertilize them and transport the eggs to fish hatcheries around Minnesota. The eggs spend two to three weeks incubating before hatching into fry that are soon released – two thirds into lakes and one third into rearing ponds. The fish in rearing ponds grow into 4- to 6-inch fingerlings that are stocked into lakes in the fall.

In addition to raising and stocking walleye, the DNR also

buys walleye fingerlings from private producers to be stocked into lakes, and walleye stamp sales help pay for these fish. Since 2009, funds from the walleye stamp have purchased over 40,000 pounds of walleye fingerlings that have been stocked in the fall, all over the state. Walleye are stocked in lakes that don't have naturally reproducing walleye populations.

"Just about anywhere you go in Minnesota, there's a lake fairly close by where you can fish for walleye," Vanderbosch said. "To decide what lakes and how many fish to stock, we look at available habitat, prey and past stocking success, and make individual lake management plans that guide stocking decisions."

Anglers catch the lion's share of walleye from waters where the fish reproduce naturally – about 260 larger walleye lakes and in large rivers. Because of stocking, walleye can be found in an additional 1,300 Minnesota lakes spread throughout the state.



How to spur kids' interest in the arts

Art can enrich the lives of people young and old, male and female. The arts can introduce adults and children to different cultures and traditions, while also helping them to develop more fully as human beings.

While some may feel the benefits of the arts cannot be measured, the nonprofit organization Americans for the Arts notes that kids who are involved in the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement than kids who are not involved in the arts. And though mathematics and science may not be the first thing people associate with the arts, kids involved in the arts are four times more likely to participate in math and science fairs than kids who are not involved in the arts.

Parents can do a lot to make art a bigger part of their kids' lives. The following are some simple ways parents can bring more art into their kids' lives, courtesy of Americans for the Arts.

- Join in the fun. Parents can make art more fun for kids by playing music around the house and singing and dancing alongside their youngsters. In addition, read a book to or with your children and join in when they pursue other artistic endeavors, such as drawing or painting.
- Find local events. Many school districts have slashed

their arts budgets in recent years, but parents can still find local arts events for kids in their communities. Peruse the local newspaper and other community-based periodicals for cultural events for kids. Support local theater groups by attending performances with your children and explaining to them that the performers live in the community just like they do.

- Pitch in with local arts organizations. Local arts organizations typically rely on donations and volunteers to support their programs. Parents who want to instill a love of the arts in their children can help local organizations' fundraising efforts and even volunteer their time if the opportunity presents itself. If possible, take kids along when volunteering so they can get some firsthand experience with the arts.
- Encourage kids' artistic pursuits. Some kids may decide to pursue artistic endeavors on their own, and parents can encourage such pursuits. Celebrate kids' participation in arts-based activities in school and in the community, recognizing their hard work in the same way you would acknowledge their successes in the classroom and in sports.

The arts can benefit youngsters in various ways, but it's often up to parents to instill a love of the arts in their children.

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On the well-traveled art of using other people's money

Written by Warren Johnson
Warren is retired and lives in Preston, Idaho. He has written essays over the past two decades. He grew up on Perch Lake south of Gully. Many years ago, he was a well driller in this area.

Other people's money, OPM, they call it. There are many books on the subject, I don't recommend any of them.

It's a philosophy, a lifestyle, a mentality. Why do I cross paths with so many of these characters? One common denominator they all seem to have is that they are very likeable. Smooth might be a better word.

There is usually a financial scheme, investment marketing one called it, some surefire financial strategy that will rapidly accumulate immense wealth. A Good rule of thumb; if it sounds to be true, in undoubtedly is.

We have argued about their ethics, these disciples of OPM and I. Until now I never had any sound reference for my side of it except common sense or human decency. Wouldn't they have a clue that their financial shenanigans are the source of all their troubles?

Bernie Maddof is perhaps the most famous, serving out his 150-year term for his operation in New York. But we don't have to go so far to find such people. There seems to be plenty of that talent locally. I have known many, but one really stands out. No one could spell or pronounce his name and he was simply known as "the Greek".

I had taken employment with a company down state. Tight away they told me they couldn't pay me very well but they a business associate, the Greek, who would take money and pay it back at the end of the month at the rate of 20 percent, sometimes 30 percent. That should have sent up lots of red flags, but I'm naïve, or gullible, or maybe just plain stupid.

Excitedly I told my wife that we should give the Greek some money. She pointed out one slight problem, we didn't have any money.

Things went along well enough for the first year or so.

The Greek was becoming a household term around Utah, synonymous with lucrative investments. It was hard being so close, watching large amounts of money change hands, yet not reaping those tremendous profits like everyone else. Fellow employees were quitting because these was no sense working when the Greek could provide so well for them.

My employer had vacated an office for this operation. There was always a longline of investor's cars out in front and a pretty girl at a desk took their money and said, "I don't need a receipt, just get it to the Greek," I recognized people from Cache Valley in some of those cars, one of them a local church leader. Seeing him erased any doubts I may have had about the whole thing.

I talked to my wife again, maybe we could borrow a bunch of money to invest. She strongly opposed it. I chafed. How could a woman be so cruel?

It was such a long commute home that I sometimes slept on a cot in the company office. But

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Massey Harris company came out with the Model 21 self propelled combine in 1941. The Massey Harvest Brigade, during WW II, was a huge success. International Harvester came out with the Model 123 around this time also. But, because of the Harvest Brigade Massey Harris was on top of the combine game. During the Brigade each combine combined over 2000 acres and the war board approved the manufacture of 750 more Massey combines.

John Deere knew they must get into self propelled combine market. By 1944 the model 55 was under development. In 1945 the experimental 55 was tested during the harvest season. Manufacture of the Model 55 John Deere combine was begun in 1946 and released for full production in 1947. It proved to be very successful! Wheat farmers of the Dakotas loved the 55 with a pick up header and custom harvesters could wait to get their hands on a 55 John Deere combine. It quickly became a popular commodity.

The first self propelled combine on our farm was a Super 27 Massey Harris. But later on we did purchase a 55 John Deere. Dad bought it from a family friend Engvald Larson. I can remember combining with the 55 and thinking we had a great combine, until the main feeder chain went out. The fun thing to me is if I want to get see that Super 27 or that 55 John Deere I can. They are parked along with other combines, swathers, and tractors in the "pasture" on dad's farm. This line up of the past is referred to as machinery row. Sometimes when I am home I take a walk down machinery row and remember the day we brought that Super

Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Mirror Fixer

The hand hewn wooden mirror sits in wait atop counter. Embedded within the frame puttied all solid like is the glass. The once solid oval is now compartmentalized into three haphazardly etched sections. Fear of shards falling is ever present, but so far, it has remained intact. Each time I pick it up, I tell myself I am going to replace the glass. But truth is, I know not where to go to get that done. I do not know where a mirror fixer lives.

There is no logic to my fear, and it is sheer lack of effort that I do not take it into town and hunt for a mirror fixer. The broken is a constant reminder of my irrational fear. These thoughts are embedded within, and they paralyze me from acting upon that which I desire for a positive change.

Lies haunt that nobody will be able to fix it, lies haunt that the cost will be too high, and if I were completely honest, the broken has now started to feel... well... shall we say, almost comfortable. It's become a normal part of my routine to pick up the broken, and now, I sort of like it that way.

The flaws are quite obvious. I can utilize one-third of it at best and what I see reflected within looks distorted. An accurate image is not reflected. Thus, I have to make adaptations. I adapt how I hold it. I adapt carefully as to where I store it. And yet, when picked up, there is the constant obvious evidence that there is a restoration process needing to happen. These reminders come into focus each time the mirror is used.

Today, He speaks. In the stillness and the quiet, He speaks. The thought as to what He is asking of me is not clear. With a little nudge, I glance over and my peripheral vision catches the door nearby. To the left of the vanity where the broken mirror lives, there is another object which reminds. It reminds me of more broken. It reminds me of yet another promise I made to fix that which

is broken.

The door, the gatekeeper to this space is hollow. I know it is hollow because embedded within is an indentation the exact same size as my foot. Serving as a reminder of the event setting off the temper tantrum of frustration well over two decades ago, the hallowed hollow door awaits fixing. The mark that remains from the outburst, now covered with duct tape and paint, serves as a reminder. Perhaps reminders are a good thing.

It's good to be reminded of how capable I am of not only being broken, but of breaking. And because I fall short, He reminds me that He alone does not. He reminds that He gets it. He truly gets it.

"Take and eat, My body broken for you. Do this in memory of Me.". It was His body and blood that was shed for all the broken and for all who contribute to brokenness. I need not fix it. He has fixed it, He is fixing it, and He will continue to fix it.

"Brokenness doesn't need shame or guilt—brokenness needs to be shared and given. Broken and given and shared with Jesus..." (Ann Voskamp, The Broken Way). Amen.

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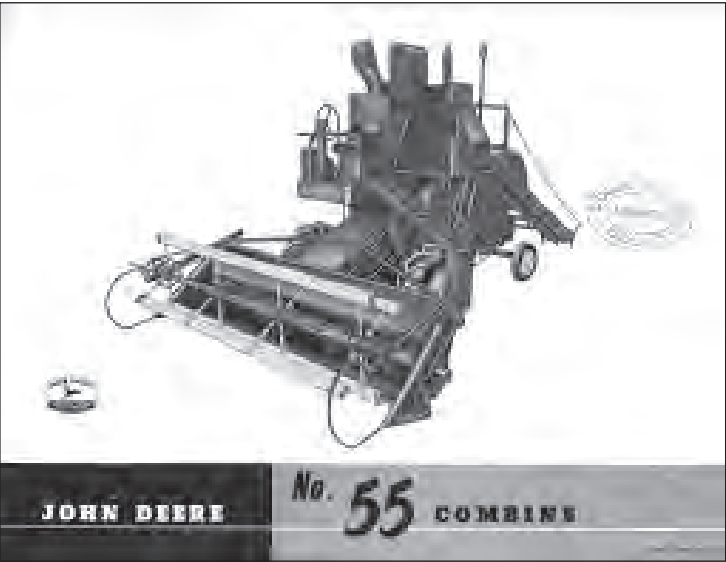
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Self Propelled Combine Wars

by Eric Mickelson

27 home, or the day that old G John Deere caught on fire, or learning to drive that '61 Chevy pick-up, with a 3-speed on the column. I hate to see the scrap iron man going down the road

with a load of history. Some people don't like that old "junk" in their field or farmyard. But, I think everybody should have a machinery row, it is fun place to visit!



How about a little tractor trivia

1. What kind of engine did the early 55 John Deere combines have?
A) Wisconsin B) Hercules C) Continental D) John Deere
 2. What is the model number of the pull type version of the model 55?
A) 42 B) 56 C) 65 D) 95
 3. What was the price of 1951 55 John Deere combine?
A) \$5016.25 B) \$2999.99 C) \$3575 D) \$6995.45
 4. What was the price of the pull type version at the same time?
A) \$2000 B) \$4545.75 C) \$3362.75 D) \$1900
 5. T or F John Deere also made a model 45 combine.
- Answers: 1. B 2. 65 3. A. \$5016.25 4. C. \$3362.75 5. True



The 7th and 8th grade Clearbrook/Gonvick Grizzlies - JO volleyball team played in the Wadena tournament on April 29th. They took first place out of 20 teams! (Back L to R) coach Holly Wagner, Kelsey Johnson, Ella Engen, Lauren Melby, Kaylee Faldet, Coach Cindy Melby. (Front L to R) Emma Rude, Maci Wagner, Dana Melby not pictured Danielle Faldet. Go Grizzlies!! - Submitted photo.

Pine-to-Prairie Results

2017 Pine-to-Prairie Conference Standings

TEAM	Win	Loss	Points	Overall
Fosston	3	0	5	4-1
Lake Park-Audubon	2	0	3	2-3
NCE/UH	2	1	3	3-1
Mahnomen-Waubun	1	2	2	2-2
Bagley	1	0	2	4-5
Ada-Borup/NCW	2	1	2	5-3
Fertile-Beltrami	1	4	1	1-5
Win-E-Mac	0	4	0	2-6

2017 Pine-to-Prairie Conference Offensive Stats

NAME	Team	AVG	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jacob Anderson	LPA	.625	3	0	0	0	3
Mitch Hall	LPA	.600	7	0	0	0	1
Peyton Syverson	M/W	.600	0	0	0	1	4
Ben Thoma	BGLY	.577	7	2	2	1	8
Brian Schoenborn	M/W	.538	0	1	0	0	0
Mikey Ubert	BGLY	.500	0	0	0	0	3
Cole Olson	FOS	.500	4	0	0	0	3
Mikey Vohnouka	LPA	.500	3	2	0	0	5
Jayden Heisler	M/W	.500	0	0	0	0	9
Hunter Chaput	WEM	.458	2	2	0	0	4
Brett Sundquist	FOS	.444	12	0	0	0	3
Simon Nelson	NCE/UH	.444	3	0	0	0	2
Brett Fetting	AB/NCW	.385	10	3	0	0	5
Jesse Sather	FOS	.368	4	0	0	0	5
Drake Solseng	AB/NCW	.357	9	1	0	0	4
Dustin Beliles	AB/NCW	.346	6	0	0	0	7
Marco Pemberton	BGLY	.333	4	1	0	0	3
Dawson Fox	NCE/UH	.333	2	0	0	0	3
Ty Rolfson	BGLY	.318	10	2	0	0	6
Jordan Crompton	AB/NCW	.300	9	1	0	0	4

2017 Pine-to-Prairie Conference Pitching Statistics

NAME	Team	W-L	IP	SO	ERA	Saves
Mikey Vohnoutka	LPA	0-0	3	9	0.00	0
Adam Wolfswinkel	LPA	1-0	7	6	0.00	0
Jesse Sather	FOS	1-0	15.2	11	0.45	0
Simon Nelson	NCE/UH	1-0	13.2	8	0.51	0
Hunter Chaput	WEM	2-1	17.2	31	0.79	0
Jordan Crompton	AB/NCW	1-1	13.2	16	1.02	0
Jayden Heisler	M/W	1-0	4	6	1.75	0
Hunter Kroening	FOS	0-1	5	4	1.91	0
Ben Thoma	BGLY	2-0	14	26	2.00	0
Dawson Fox	NCE/UH	1-1	8.2	9	2.42	0
Tray McCollum	BGLY	0-1	10.2	16	2.62	0
Lavan Culkins	BGLY	1-3	18.2	13	2.62	0
Dustin Osland	WEM	0-2	7.2	6	2.74	0
Dustin Beliles	AB/NCW	1-0	13.1	10	3.15	0
Brian Schoenborn	M/W	1-0	8	8	3.50	0
Brett Sundquist	FOS	2-0	12	15	3.50	0
Blake Glass	WEM	0-3	17.1	11	4.44	1
Ty Rolfson	BGLY	1-1	7	7	7.00	1

2017 Northwest Diamond Conference Standings

TEAM	Win	Loss	Points	Overall
Ada-Borup/NCW	4	3	6	5-3
BGMR	3	2	5	3-3
Kittson County Central	3	0	5	3-0
Red Lake County	2	0	4	6-2
Fosston	2	1	3	4-1
NCE/UH	2	1	3	3-1
Win-E-Mac	1	4	2	2-6
Fertile-Beltrami	1	2	1	1-5
West Marshall	1	2	1	1-2
Sacred Heart	0	2	0	0-3
Northern Freeze	0	2	0	1-4

2017 Northwest Diamond Conference Offensive Stats

NAME	Team	AVG	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Dawson Feuillerat	WMAR	.636	3	2	0	0	4
Hunter Roller	WMAR	.625	3	0	0	0	1
Cole Olson	FOS	.500	4	0	0	0	3
Wyatt Neuschwander	WMAR	.500	1	0	0	0	3
Josh Casavan	RLC	.462	7	3	1	1	7
Stoene Spilde	WMAR	.462	5	2	0	0	1
Hunter Chaput	WEM	.458	2	2	0	0	4
Derek Knutson	BGMR	.444	5	3	0	0	0
Brett Sundquist	FOS	.444	12	0	0	0	3
Simon Nelson	NCE/UH	.444	3	0	0	0	2
Ben Anderson	NF	.444	2	0	0	0	5
Josh Rynning	KCC	.429	4	1	0	0	3
Aaron Nelson	NF	.429	5	3	0	0	1
Tyler Isane	BGMR	.421	0	0	0	0	10
Cole Anderson	NF	.400	5	1	0	0	2
Brenden Bethke	SH	.400	1	0	0	0	2
Brett Fetting	AB/NCW	.385	10	3	0	0	5
Brandon Klipping	RLC	.385	6	2	0	0	8
Bryden Swenson	KCC	.375	5	0	0	0	0
Emmitt Lefrooth	NF	.375	2	1	0	0	3
Matt Vettleson	RLC	.375	5	0	0	0	4
Noah Chine	SH	.375	1	2	0	0	2
Jesse Sather	FOS	.368	4	0	0	0	5
Evan Sczepanski	SH	.364	3	0	0	0	1
Drake Solseng	AB/NCW	.357	9	1	0	0	4
Dustin Beliles	AB/NCW	.346	6	0	0	0	7
Ross Hanson	KCC	.333	3	2	0	0	4
Dawson Fox	NCE/UH	.333	2	0	0	0	3
Adam Thompson	NF	.333	4	0	0	0	0
Jordan Crompton	AB/NCW	.300	9	1	0	0	4
Skyler Forst	BGMR	.300	8	4	0	0	0

2017 Northwest Diamond Conference Pitching Statistics

NAME	Team	W-L	IP	SO	ERA	Saves
Hunter Yutrzecka	WMAR	1-1	9	5	0.00	0

Jesse Sather	FOS	1-0	15.2	11	0.45	0
Simon Nelson	NCE/UH	1-0	13.2	8	0.51	0
Bryden Swenson	KCC	2-0	10	18	0.70	0
Josh Casavan	RLC	2-0	29	29	0.74	0
Hunter Chaput	WEM	2-1	17.2	31	0.79	0
Jordan Crompton	AB/NCW	1-1	13.2	16	1.02	0
Hunter Kroening	FOS	0-1	5	4	1.91	0
Chase Schmitz	RLC	1-1	13	9	1.91	0
Dawson Fox	NCE/UH	1-1	8.2	9	2.42	0
Ross Hanson	KCC	1-0	8	5	2.62	0
Colby Wooten	BGMR	0-0	10.1	7	2.71	0
Dustin Osland	WEM	0-2	7.2	6	2.74	0



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Cole Anderson	NF	0-2	10	15	2.80	0
Dustin Beliles	AB/NCW	1-0	13.1	10	3.15	0
Brett Sundquist	FOS	2-0	12	15	3.50	0
Eric Ombler	NF	0-0	3.2	4	3.82	0
Brenden Bethke	SH	0-2	8	9	4.38	0
Blake Glass	WEM	0-3	17.1	11	4.44	1
Evan Sczepanski	SH	0-1	6.2	12	9.45	0



Third grade students who participated in the Science Fair at the Goodridge School presented their project to the judge (high school science teacher) and answered questions about their project. Back row, L-R: Sawyer Jacobson - Waterwheel, Abe Miller - Bubbling Bottle, Sebastian Groven - Flashlight, Lincoln Panek - Bending Light. Front row, L-R: Cayden Cullen - Pulley Power, Ignacio Bonagura-Carin - Underwater Volcano.



A 3rd grade Science Fair was held at the Goodridge School on April 11. Projects were on display after the Spring Music Program. Back row, L-R: Anessa Lane - Static Electricity, Alyssa Ball - Sky Diver, MaKayla Erlandson - Marble Chute, Nevash Kotrba - Humidity Tester. Front row, L-R: Justina Byrd - Liquid Levels, Taylyn Banasau - Paddle Power, Mica Schultz - Haunted House, Paige Nelson - Plant Maze.