



Tri County Canary

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Monica Olson, owner of the Great Northern Bar & Grill, pictured along with her mother Trudi and three year old niece Izzi. Monica has kept the restaurant open for 30 years as of this November. "Whatever God puts on my plate, He knows I can handle."

On the Job with Monica Olson at the Great Northern

By Karen Edelbach
Monica Olson, known as Moni, has owned and operated the Great Northern Bar and Grill just south of Bagley since opening in 1987. That will be 30 years in November of 2017. "I've been called 'Moni' since I can remember. I was born in January of 1958," Moni says. Not only Moni, but the Great Northern has a 'great' history of its own. Moni grew up playing volleyball and basketball, and also track in high school. "I was captain of the volleyball team, and captain of the basketball team," Moni says. "In summers, I worked or played softball." "She was a real 'Tom Boy' growing up," her mom Trudi states. Trudi works right alongside Moni at the Great Northern, making and serving coffee plus other duties to help things run smoothly. A sister Kim also helps out. Moni participated in summer programs at the Clearwater Clinic, and after graduation at Bagley High School worked full time there for 20 years at the reception desk and doing bookkeeping. She got her start cooking at the Angelina Sup-

per Club for 10 years, and also coached volleyball at the high school. "I learned a lot at Angelina's about cooking and baking." She says she likes cooking, so it was a natural for her to pursue a business of her own in the restaurant industry when she purchased the restaurant on Great Northern Avenue. "It was called the 'Chicken Bar' then, but was also a restaurant. I bought it from the Bakers in Bemidji who owned the Northern Distributing Company. A relative of theirs from North Dakota, George Miller, was leasing it then. "I wanted to be my own boss. It had not been open for three or four years. It had to be rewired and remodeled for code." Moni does her own cooking, and has daily specials, as well as homemade seasonal pies, like strawberry-rhubarb and apple. Her train theme, which you see outside, and throughout the interior design of the restaurant décor came from the location on what was then "Great Northern Avenue", so that became the inspiration for the name. The street was later renamed Waterplant Drive when things were rezoned there, and Great

Northern Drive was moved just north of the tracks. But she still kept the Great Northern name. Moni designed the train that sits on top of the building. "It had all my nieces and nephews on the train. There were 11 then. I hired Linda Knutson who built the train and painted their pictures from 11 transfers. Now one car is missing, and I have hired someone to rebuild it and repaint the train." Moni tells the early history of the location as far back as when Bagley first became a Village in 1897. "It was a bar called 'Bloody Bucket of Blood'. They kept moonshine hidden in spots in the floor during the prohibition. There were poker games, and the bar changed hands many times as a result because they would bet the business to cover their bets. Some of the early owners were Archie Berry and Bob Clarin. The Great Northern used to be open seven days a week, and until midnight when the bars closed. But when the laws changed for the DWIs she cut back the hours. When the casino in Mahanomen was built, Moni says there was less drinking. Now the restaurant is not open on Sundays or holidays, and only open Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. "I'm not open on holidays - that's 'Family Time.'" Besides holidays, she closes from time to time to accommodate special events and doctor's appointments. "I keep a log here as to what happens in the establishment, what time someone was here, and if I refused them a drink; and in 30 years I have never had a loss due to alcohol. I will refuse to serve someone who is obviously intoxicated when they come in. If they had one drink each at several other places, they may be drunk before they get here. "Sometimes I am asked when I wouldn't serve a customer, and I tell them they've had enough. It's not worth it to serve them and then they have an accident after leaving here." Running the restaurant is not without other challenges. "Every day there is a lot you have to do. As owner, you have to be involved in the everyday operations in order to make a go of it. You have to work it yourself. It's like you are married to the business, night or day." In addition to the restaurant and bar, Moni does catering and planning for events such as funerals and receptions. She also caters at the Farm By The Lake annual festival. "She's a good worker, and people like her," says Trudi fondly of Moni. "She is also a rescuer. If anyone needs help, she's right there."



Customers Walt and Marjorie Eyster enjoy coffee and one of Moni's specials.



The roof on top of The Great Northern Bar and Grill features a train. Below is the close-up of the engine.



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NCTC to Host High School Honor Choir and Concert

On Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) Theatre in Thief River Falls, high school and college vocal performers from the area will take the stage to entertain with a variety of music. The performing groups slated for the evening's entertainment are the Northland High School Honor Choir, made up of over 100 top choral students from the area and the Northland Chamber Choir, both under the direction of Linda Samuelson. "The Northland Music Department has hosted an annual high school choir event since 1993. Now in its 25th year," said Linda Samuelson. She added, "Students join us from 10-12 area schools. They come together to rehearse for a full day and then present the culmination of their hard work that evening at the Choral Concert." The Northland Chamber Choir will begin the program with "Hamba Lulu" which is a traditional piece arranged by Alexander L'Estrange. Their next selection will be a piece titled "Tatkovina," which is a Macedonian Folk Song arranged by Greg Jasperse. They will also perform "Where Go the Boats" written by Robert Lewis Stevenson and Music by Mary

Lynn Lightfoot. The Honor Choir will perform "Hark, Our Voices Now are Singing" a concert round written by W.A. Mozart. Other pieces that will be performed during the evening include "Skye Boat Song," a Scottish Folk song and "Lydia, the Tattooed Lady" by the writing duo Harburg and Arlen. The Northland Choir will conclude their portion of the concert with a piece written in Swahili by Kenyan musician Teddy Kalanda Harrison and arranged by Narverud titled "Jambo". The other large group on the program is the Northland High School Honor Choir. The schools attending this year's high school festival and their directors are: Badger - Dan Carpenter; Mary Jane Brock - Fisher School; Nick Flat-tum - GMR High School; Gene Lunsetter - Grygla/Gatzke;

Barb Geer - Heritage Christian; Kathryn Nordine - Lake of the Woods; Alanna Dawson - Lancaster School; Megan Argall - Mahanomen Public School; Katie Miller - Marshall County Central; Sara Carpenter - Tri-County School; Charity Salmonson - Win-E-Mac; and Lorrissa Skalsky - Goodridge Schools. Together, these 12 schools are bringing over 110 participants to Northland to share in a day of music-making. Preceding this concert is a day of rehearsal for the HS Honor Choir. The students participating in the Honor Choir were nominated by their directors and have been preparing the music for some time. Their full day of rehearsing will culminate at the Choral Works Concert. The Festival will begin at 10:00 a.m. with full group rehearsals, which will occupy most of the student's time. Admission for the Northland Choir Concert to be held at Northland College on Nov. 2 at 6:00 p.m., is \$5.00 and doors will open at 5:30 for the general admission seating. For more information, you can contact Linda Samuelson, Music Instructor, at 218-683-8717 or by email at linda.samuelson@northlandcollege.edu.

Sanford Health welcomes new providers

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Sanford Bemidji welcomes Robert Fischer, M.D. and Faizan Khan, D.O., to its growing team of providers. These new providers will enhance expertise in a variety of specialties and further improve access to care. Fischer joins the Sanford team as an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist at Sanford Bemidji Main Clinic. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed his residency at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Fischer's areas of expertise include general ENT services, ear surgeries, sinus surgeries and treatment, head and neck cancers, and thyroid, parathyroid and parotid diseases. He is board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and white water kayaking. Khan joins the team at Sanford Bemidji Main Clinic with a specialty in gastroenterology.



Robert Fischer, M.D.

He received his medical degree from Northwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Downers Grove, Illinois, and completed a residency in internal medicine and fellowship in gastroenterology at Northwestern University - Franciscan St. James Health, in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He is board certified by the



Faizan Khan, D.O.

American Board of Internal Medicine. Khan is married with three children and is fluent in English, Urdu and Hindi. In his spare time he enjoys playing and watching sports, especially cricket. These new providers are currently accepting new patients. To learn more about services available, call (218) 333-5000.

HalloWILD is a hit at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge

Families were invited for an evening of fun at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge last Saturday, October 28th. The large crowd in attendance enjoyed a scavenger hunt along the Headquarters Hiking Trail, a Haunted Hike and other fun

hands-on activities. October is the perfect time to learn more about nature's night life, which is why Agassiz officials included activities about owls and bats! The HalloWILD event was open-house style so visitors could come and go as they wish.

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters is located 11 miles east of Holt, Minnesota, on Marshall County Road 7 (290th St. NE). Office hours are Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-4pm.



Families had the chance to dissect owl pellets and discover bones inside! Owls generally swallow their prey whole. They digest all the fleshy parts of the prey but are unable to digest the hair, fat and bones. In the gizzard, the indigestible body parts are formed into oval-shaped masses, called pellets. These pellets are regurgitated through the mouth and each can contain the remains of more than one prey animal! Kids (and their parents!) had fun discovering the different bones inside!



What would a party be without a photo booth!? Check out more fun photos from the Agassiz Halloween party on Facebook using the hashtag #halloWILD.

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**Anthony Swann to be
next featured poet in First
City Poetry Reads series.**

Swann next featured poet in Poetry Reads series

Anthony Swann will be the
featured poet for the next First
City Poetry Reads event, to
be held Saturday, November
11, at 4 p.m. at the Beltrami
County History Center. Swann,
author of the recently-published
collection *Paint with Words*,
will address our national and
personal histories in a program
titled "Our Place in History."
Swann's poems and prose read-
ings will focus on the role of jazz
as a unique American art form
which, like poetry, distills the
essence of truth and beauty.

Wendell Affield, author of
Muddy Jungle Rivers, will read
during the open mic session
after Swann. As part of this
Veteran's Day event, he will
read from "found postcards"
sent from the front during past
world wars.

First City Poetry Reads is
free and open to the public.
The event will be followed by
an open mic. Anyone interested
in pre-registering to read can
contact Marsh Muirhead at
218-556-6313 or mgmuirhead@
midco.net. Poets are asked to
keep their reading to 3 minutes
and provide family-friendly
content.

The First City Poetry Reads
series, sponsored by the Spoken
Word Committee of Watermark
Art Center, is designed to bring
poetry to new venues and listen-
ers in and around the First City
on the Mississippi. The concept
aims to add unique sources of
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ity to the spoken word. Future
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this, when someone was trying
to get their vehicle unstuck
from the snow on a very cold
winter day. Moni spotted their
struggle when making a deliv-
ery and soon had the vehicle
pulled from the snowbank by at-
taching a cable from her vehicle
and pulling them out.

When Moni's parents were
looking to move closer to Bagley
from Ebro area, Moni said,
"Why don't I just build a house?"
Finally after some challenges
the County approved the loca-
tion by the restaurant for a
house."

Moni had been commuting to
the restaurant for many years.
She saw a lot of deer, and had
a grill put on her vehicle just
before hitting one. So it only
dented that a little. In 2001 they
moved into an all handicapped
accessible house. Moni's dad
Stanley has since passed away.

Moni cares for three nieces
who live with her, and has a
total of 12 nieces and nephews,
16 grand nieces and nephews,
and two more on the way.

She is active in her church.
She has taught Vacation Bible
School during summers, after
school programs, and Bible
classes for the handicapped
with Joannie Hough. Moni
was involved in a program the
church used to run called "Light
Lighters", a visiting program to
the elderly.

One that she went to visit
was Beryl Eggers who had no
children, and her husband had
passed away.

"Beryl was the first resident
at Greensview Nursing Home,
and I would go pick her up so
she would spend holidays with
me and the family. We kind of
adopted her."

Moni is still teaching Sunday
School, belongs to the Luther-
an Women's Mission League
(LWML) and is a member of
the American Legion Auxiliary.
She also belonged to a bowling
league for many years.

Hobbies include being an
avid crossword puzzle fan and
doing yard work. She even cooks
in "spare time", and recently she
made apple butter.

Though she has travelled
to Germany many times, Moni
is ready to go again. Trudi's
sister Truly and many cousins
are there whom they would like
to visit.

Everyday challenges have
taught Moni to trust that God
will know what she can handle
and what she cannot.

"Whatever He puts on my
plate, He knows I can handle.
Everybody has their ups and
downs. You should look forward
and not at the past. There are
hurdles no matter what, good
or bad."

"Never give up, and live one
day at a time."

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Letter to the Editor: Action needed to address the opioid epidemic

By Congressman Collin C.
Peterson, Minnesota 7th District

In April 2016, the Ensuring
Patient Access and Effective
Drug Enforcement Act of
2015 was signed into law after
passing unanimously in both
the House and the Senate.
Originally marketed as a non-
controversial bipartisan bill,
Members were led to believe
that it would help secure pain
medications for patients and
make small technical changes.
However, it now appears that
the true goal of the bill was
to tie the hands of the Drug
Enforcement Administration
(DEA) and Justice Department
by limiting their authority to
stop suspicious and potentially
dangerous opioid shipments.
The Energy and Commerce
Committee failed to properly vet
this bill and it should not have
moved to the Floor under sus-

pension, which is a procedure
that places legislation under
little scrutiny and allows it to
pass by voice vote with just a
handful of Members present.

The United States is fac-
ing an unprecedented opioid
epidemic, and it is critical that
Congress develops effective
policy to combat addiction. For
that reason, I have decided to
co-sponsor the bipartisan RE-
STORE Act (H.R. 4079) to fully
repeal the Ensuring Patient
Access and Effective Drug En-
forcement Act of 2015. If there
are parts of the 2016 legislation
that are needed, then Congress
should start over and have a
full debate with recorded votes.
The opioid epidemic needs our
immediate attention, and I am
committed to ensuring that the
DEA and Department of Justice
are equipped to fight it.

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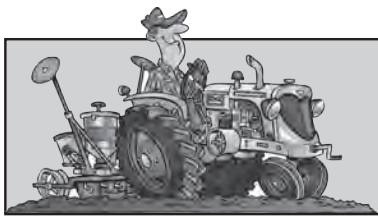
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by Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

My dad and his family moved to Oklee in October of 1952. That was 65 years ago! They moved here with a D John Deere and a 1949 B John Deere. When they were moving dad was impressed with the Asselin's plowing with a 55 Massey Harris and 5 bottoms and a 44 Massey with 4 bottoms. Quite impressive!! But, when they arrived in Garnes Township they began

fall plowing with the D JD, with 3 bottoms, and the B JD, with 2 bottoms. With not much left in the fall they were able to turn over the whole farm. I would have enjoyed plowing with that D or B!!

In August, during Oklee's Market Days, we tried to have a plow day.....but the ground was too hard. Everyone spent a couple hours circling the field,

but the plows would barely scrape across the ground or else it would go too deep and even stopped a couple of tractors.

Time flies and now October is nearing it's end, but luckily a few members of the Tri River Pioneers decided to do a little plowing on the land they rent west of Plummer.

After a Saturday morning of catching cattle to ship, I went over to check out the plowing.

Man was I in luck. There just happened to be a late model A John Deere sitting idle. I was instructed to jump on and hook up the plow. Well, you didn't have to ask me twice!! I hooked up a three bottom IHC plow and took off. The A handled the plow well and we cruised along in third gear and watched the ground turn over, hiding the bean stubble. Luckily for me the plow I was using was not plugging on any of the bean "straw". So I kept going around and around.....and smiling!

The Tri River Pioneers had 5 rigs plowing. Ray Vigstol on a wide front B John Deere with 42' rear rubber and a 2 bottom plow. Roger Skjervén with an H Farmall and a two bottom plow. Duane Myhre had a 60 John Deere with a 3 bottom plow. I had the chance to drive Roger Harmoning's A John Deere with a 3 bottom IHC plow. After I left Roger took over with his tractor. Helping cover some ground was Les Hofstad on his 4450 John Deere.

You see my favorite job on the farm has always been plowing. It is now kind of a job of the past, but every time I get a chance I love to hook up to a plow and turn over some ground. Thanks Roger for the fun on that A John Deere! I don't know what you do for fun or for a hobby, but I hope you can have as much fun as I did on that Saturday afternoon on the west edge of Plummer!!

How about a little tractor of trivia!

1) T or F: Thomas Jefferson worked on developing a properly curved plow.

2) The first patent for a cast iron plow was given to Charles Newbold in _____.

A) 1750 B) 1797 C) 1804 D) 1818

3) In 1837, _____ developed the first steel plow.

A) Cyrus McCormick B) James Oliver C) John Deere D) J I Case

4) James Oliver developed a way to cool the front of cast iron bottom to make it "smoother". His company was called the _____.

A) American Plow Co. B) Oliver Equipment Corp. C) Oliver Chilled Plow Works

5) T or F: The original name of the Cockshutt Tractor Company was the Brantford Plow Works.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Ms Happy Toes

To a room filled with other little people and their caretakers is where we found shelter and soon began giving lip service to the music being sung by all.

As I looked around, one little family stood out above the rest. The caretaker was wiggling her toes to the tunes while bouncing a little one upon her knee and charmed at her second child who sat beside her. They had it all. The answers to the questions being asked, tamed children, and every mother's dream of how a perfect day at the library should go. As I was I was feeling less successful by the second, I found myself becoming irritated with the happy stranger before me.

That's when it happened. The instructor made the announcement loud and clear for all to hear. "And today," she said. "We have one young person with us who has just completed reading 1000 books before Kindergarten!"

Sure enough, Miss Happy Toes looked at the child beside her while nodding her head to make sure her child knew it was he they were talking about.

Befuddled at this marvel I was not alone. Beside me another young mama spoke

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up just loud enough for me to hear. "Well I read books to my child, but I didn't know I was supposed to count them!"

Could I let it rest at that? Nope, I could not. Approaching the instructor, I asked. "Is there a list of books that you are supposed to be reading to students before Kindergarten?" Her reply was negative, that any ole book will do.

And that's when I turned to Ms. Happy Toes. "So, how did you do that? I mean, keeping track of 1000 books?"

"Oh," she simply replied. "I just kept reading the same ten books over and over and over again. You know, they like that. In fact, when we drove to the cities, I had the words memorized so I just kept reading aloud as my child turned the pages in the back seat. There are no rules. You just have to read 1000 books!"

As I exhaled deeply, I was reminded of the one tune that does ring familiar. "The Joy of the Lord is my strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Perhaps it is from this very well that springs forth the joy in the steps of Ms Happy Toes. For all I know, we could be sisters in Christ and not merely competitors at the library. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Question: Can you talk about the

law that covers a driver ability to watch a movie, video or broadcast on a cellphone, tablet or computer while driving? What if the passenger is in possession of the device?

Answer: There is a law in Minnesota that says that a television screen shall not be installed or used in any motor vehicle where images from the screen are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

There are exceptions to the law where video screens are installed in law enforcement vehicles; closed-circuit video systems used exclusively to aid the driver's visibility to the front, rear, or sides of the vehicle; and video screens installed as part of a vehicle control system or used in intelligent vehicle highway applications.

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Each year in Minnesota, distracted or inattentive driving is a factor in one in four crashes, resulting in at least 70 deaths and 350 serious injuries. Office of Traffic Safety estimates these numbers are vastly underreported due to law enforcement's challenge in determining distraction as a crash factor.

While many motorists may perceive driving as a routine activity, attentive driving is critical as the traffic environment

changes constantly and drivers must be prepared to react.

I know that watching a movie or streaming live TV, for passengers, can help pass the time on long trips, but make sure that this is only visible to the passengers. The driver has a very important job of making sure everyone gets to where they are going safely.

The numbers show that not every driver is getting the message on avoiding all types of distractions while driving. We are losing lives and too many people are being injured because drivers are distracted and it is preventable.

Law enforcement is committed to reducing these types of crashes and we are looking at drivers to make sure they

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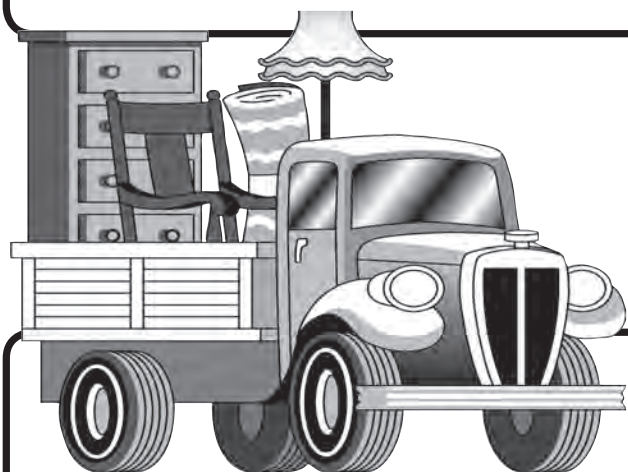
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Services held for Bonnie D. Prigge

Funeral service for Bonnie Darlene Prigge, 79, of rural Gilbert, MN was held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Palo with Pastor Eric Thiele officiating. Burial in Rauha Cemetery in Palo.

Bonnie died Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at Essentia Health – St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN.

Services held for Blanche Bakken

Blanche Bakken, Thief River Falls, MN, formerly of Grygla, MN passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls, with her loving family at her side at the age of 88.

Funeral Service was held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN with Reverend Jeffery Merseeth Officiating. Burial at St. Olaf Cemetery at Grygla, MN

Blanche Ione Howland was born September 27, 1929 at her childhood home in Hamre Township, the second daughter of Oliver and Serine (Tanem) Howland. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, rural Grygla. She attended grade school at the Hamre, Spruce Grove and 4-Town schools as well as Lincoln High School. She also did cleaning jobs in the Thief River Falls area. She met Raymond Bakken, they fell in love and were married on June 6th, 1948 at Our Savior's after which she moved to Ray's farm where she resided until moving to the Thief River Care Center in August of 2015. To this union 9 children were born. They include: Sandra, Glenyce, Dale, Roxane, Rocky,

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Services for Charlotte Skjerven

The Lord called Charlotte (Polson) Skjerven ("Pollie") home on Friday, October 28, 2017 at the Thief River Care Center with her loving family at her side.

A Celebration of Pollie's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer, MN with Rev. Jonathan Dodson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at church. Burial will follow at Emdarville Cemetery, rural Plummer, MN.

Pollie was born on April 16, 1937 to Walter and Hannah (Huggett) Polson and she was raised near and in Plummer, MN. Pollie graduated from Pershing High School in 1955 and married Roger Skjerven on November 4, 1956. The couple lived in Plummer and raised three wonderful children, Peggy (Kermit) Genereux, Lorie (Andrew) Gildea and Jim (Jennifer) Skjerven.

Services for Bobbie D. Olson

Bobbie D. Olson, 69, of Trail, MN, died on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at his home in Trail, MN.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. A visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. A private family interment will take place at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born on August 5, 1948 in Bagley, Minnesota to George and Thelma (Johnson) Olson. He was baptized and confirmed at United Lutheran Church in Berner, MN. He was united in marriage to Mary Alice Fischer on his 19th birthday, August 5, 1967, at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. Bobbie worked at the Gully Co-op, M&J Farm Service of Fosston (Partnership with Carroll Hetland) and at the Fosston Co-op until retirement in 2015. He was dedicated to

Prosecutors Taking a Hard Line on Distracted Driving

ST. PAUL, Minn., October 20, 2017 - Distracted driving continues to take the lives Minnesota's most vulnerable roadway users - pedestrians and bicyclists. Noting that distracted driving is the cause of a significant percentage of crashes, prosecutors in Minnesota are pursuing strong charges against motorists driving while distracted.

This was evidenced yesterday by the charges being brought against a Belle Plaine juvenile woman who in June struck and killed a bicyclist while she was allegedly using Snapchat. Cell phone records have confirmed that the woman was using Snapchat at about the time she hit the bicyclist. Therefore, the woman has been charged with one count of criminal vehicular homicide, a felony, and one count of reckless driving, a gross misdemeanor, after veering onto the shoulder and killing a New Prague man who was bicycling on Highway 25 near Belle Plaine. The felony conviction is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine and a gross misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

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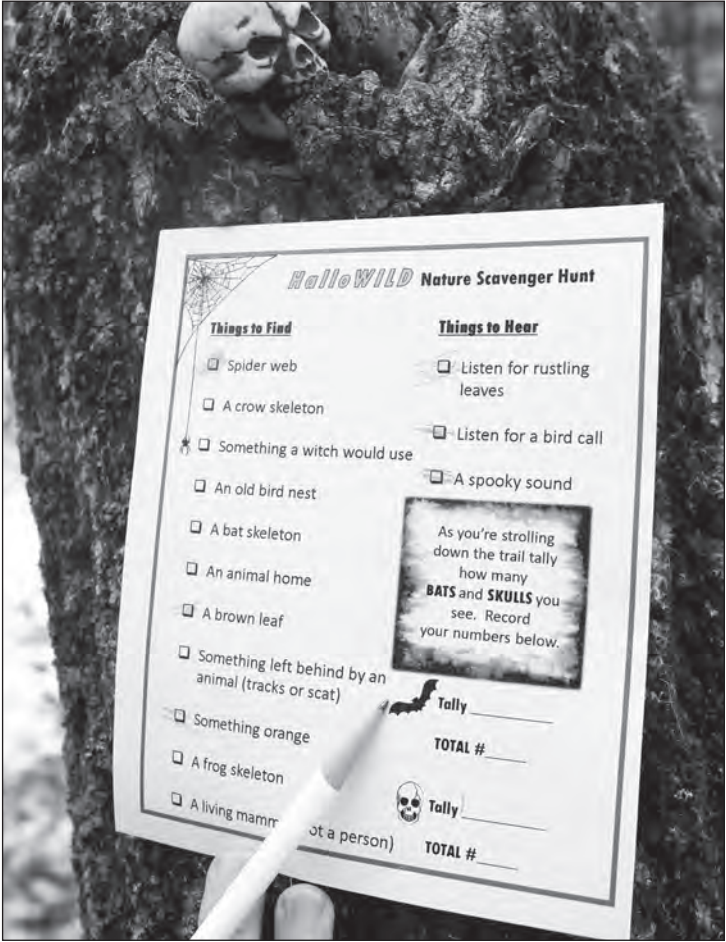
Refuge officials hold an "All About Bats" activity at the HalloWILD event last Saturday at Agassiz.



Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge held a HalloWILD event last Saturday from 4:30-7:30pm that was well attended by many area residents! Along with a Haunted Hike and Scavenger Hunt, refuge employees also provided stations for youngsters to learn about owls and bats!



The HalloWILD Nature Scavenger Hunt was a hit with families last Saturday at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. The hunt was held down a trail near the headquarters.



cell phone legislation that was introduced last session." BikeMN strongly supports the Vision Zero Campaign and wants to make the roads safer for vulnerable users and in-



Gabby Anderson, 10, shot her first buck on opening day of Minnesota Youth Hunting season. She is the daughter of Josh and Viola Anderson of Clearbrook.



Trever Anderson shot this 8 pointer on the last day of Minnesota Youth Hunting season. He is the son of Josh and Vila Anderson of Clearbrook.

Football

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Red Lake Co. 36,
Cass Lake-Bena 8
RLC 6 8 22 0—36
CLB 0 0 8 0—8

R—Connor Lambert 2 run (run failed); Lambert 13 run (Ethan Vettleson pass from Derek Peterson); Peterson 2 run (pass failed); Adrian Verbout 6 run (Lambert run)

C—Michael Staples 9 run (Josh Miettinen run)

R—E. Vettleson 62 kick return (Matt Vettleson run)

Individual leaders

RUSHING—RLC: Connor Lambert 10-93
PASSING—RLC: Derek Peterson 4-4, 136 yards
RECEIVING—E. Vettleson 4-136

Fosston 22,
Polk Co. West 0
PCW 0 0 0 0—0
FOS 6 8 0 8—22

F—Brett Sundquist 4 run (pass failed); Teigan Hextall 4 run (Hextall run); Safety; Hextall 1 run (run failed)

Individual leaders

RUSHING—PCW: Matt Knutson 17-57, Josh Wagner 2-38; F: Brett Sundquist 28-163, Teigan Hextall 18-94

PASSING—PCW: Trea Byklum 2-5, 23 yards; F: Krister Anderson 3-6, 41 yards
RECEIVING—PCW: Wagner 2-23; F: Jacob Lomen 2-32

Minn. Section 8 nine-man
Tuesday's first round

Clearbrook-Gonvick 28,
Goodridge-Grygla 14
G-G 0 6 8 0 14
C-G 0 13 7 8 28

C-G-Daman Bakke 30 run (Josiah Hubbard kick)

G-G-Peyton Verbout 7 run (PAT failed)

C-G-Hunter Ehlers 20 pass from Ethan Dorman (kick failed); Dorman 45 run (Hubbard kcik)

G-G-Jaden Kiesow 7 run (Verbout run)

C-G-Ben Solberg 4 run (Bakke pass from Dorman)

Individual leaders

RUSHING-G-G Jaden Kiesow 23-149, Dylan Manderud 21-79j; C-G: Ethan Dorman 16-136, Daman Bakke 20-100.

Waubun 38,

Win-E-Mac 14

WEM 0 6 8 0—14
WAU 16 15 7 0—38

WAU—Tanner Lefebvre 4 run; Treston Spalla 77 pass from Jayden Heisler (Will Bly run); Gavin Walker 2 yard fumble recovery; WAU—Parker Syverson 32 pass from Heisler (Heisler run); Lefebvre 1 run (Irfan Sendaij kick); Lefebvre 14 run (Sendaij kick)

WEM—Brekken Lindberg 15 pass from Mikah Olson (Olson run)

Individual leaders

RUSHING—WAU: Jayden Heisler 152-12, Tanner Lefebvre 15-83; WEM: Nathan Fortmann 9-92, Emelian Hanson 3-6
PASSING—WAU: Jayden Heisler 7-9-0, 157 yards; WEM: Mikah Olson 16-26-1, 108 yards
RECEIVING—WAU: Treston Spalla 1-77, Dion Bower 4-46; WEM: Nathan Fortmann 4-32, Kobe Hamre 1-29

Saturday, October 28

Semifinals—Clearbrook-Gonvick (3-6) at Stephen-Argyle (8-1), 2 p.m.; Kittson Co. Central (4-5) at Kelliher-Northome (7-2), 7 p.m.

November 2

Championship, 3 p.m., Fargodome

Minn. Section 6 nine-man Wednesday first round
Norman Co. East/Ulen-Hitlerdal 55, Laporte 8

Waubun 38, Win-E-Mac 14
WEM 0 6 8 0—14
WAU 16 15 7 0—38

WAU—Tanner Lefebvre 4 run; Treston Spalla 77 pass from Jayden Heisler (Will Bly run); Gavin Walker 2 yard fumble recovery; Parker Syverson 32 pass from Heisler (Heisler run); Lefebvre 1 run (Irfan Sendaij kick); Lefebvre

West Nile Virus confirmed in Polk County horse

St. Paul, Minn. - West Nile Virus has been diagnosed in a 33 year old American Quarter Horse mare in Euclid, Minnesota. The attending veterinarian reported that on October 9 the horse presented with incoordination and exhibited weakness in both hind legs. The horse responded to supportive care to control pain and inflammation, and showed significant improvement in clinical signs within a week. Laboratory results confirmed West Nile Virus on October 23. The horse's vaccine history is unknown prior to 2015 when the reporting veterinarian began vaccinating the mare annually, with the most recent vaccine being administered this spring. "Vaccination is the primary

method of reducing the risk of infection from West Nile Virus in horses," said Dr. Courtney Wheeler, senior veterinarian in charge of the equine program at the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. "Although clinical disease may not be completely prevented, multiple studies indicate vaccination is effective, and veterinarians are encouraged to recommend it as a core vaccine for all horses."

This is the first confirmed case in a Minnesota horse since August 2016. Positive test results for West Nile Virus must be reported to the Board of Animal Health. This year West Nile Virus has been confirmed in 246 horses in 37 states including Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and North Dakota and the Minne-

sota Department of Health has documented 23 human cases.

West Nile Virus is a zoonotic disease spread by mosquitoes, and thought to cycle between mosquitoes and birds. Mosquitoes contract the virus from birds and then spread it to mammals (and reptiles), most commonly humans and horses. Infected horses can become anorexic, depressed and show neurologic signs or behavior changes. The incubation period in horses is between three and 15 days. Many infected horses are asymptomatic. Clinical signs can be similar to those seen with other neurologic diseases including rabies.

Horse vaccines are available and have been used extensively, contributing to the decline in

the number of affected horses. Additionally, disease risk can be reduced by limiting exposure to mosquitoes. This can be accomplished by changing horses' drinking water regularly, mowing tall grass, draining stagnant water, maintaining screens and installing fans at horse stables, and using insect repellants on both horses and people. Also, mosquitoes primarily feed at dawn and dusk, and keeping horses indoors during these times can reduce risk.

Learn about West Nile Virus in animals via the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and how this disease impacts humans from the Minnesota Department of Health.



The Red Lake County Rebels lined up to kick off to the BGMR Gators.

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Sanford to hold free lunch and learn about high blood pressure

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Individuals with high blood pressure or those interested in the topic are invited to a free lunch and learn on the symptoms, causes, risks and complications of the diagnosis, as well as methods to control blood pressure. The event entitled "I Have High Blood Pressure. Now what?" is from noon to 1 p.m. on Nov. 17, at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center featuring Sanford Nephrologist Mili Zegarra, M.D.

"The CDC reports that high blood pressure affects one in three Americans, yet many with the condition don't even know they have it," said Zegarra. "And high blood pressure that isn't controlled raises the risk for heart disease and stroke – the leading causes of death in this country."

The CDC has also shown that high blood pressure also doesn't just affect older adults. Approximately one in four men and nearly one in five women ages 35 to 44 has high blood pressure. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, in 2013 nearly 27 percent of Minnesota adults reported having high blood pressure, which equates to more than 1.1 million people.

"These statistics are why this presentation is so important for our communities here in northern Minnesota," said Zegarra. "Fortunately, high blood pressure is treatable and preventable. I hope those who attend will gain a better understanding of how to control their blood pressure to live a long, healthy life."

The event hosted by Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota is free, and a light lunch will be served. Registration is required and space is limited.

Registration is open until noon on Nov. 14. Call (218) 333-5505 or email shfoundation.bemidji@sanfordhealth.org.

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Friday, Oct. 27
Minn. Section 8A
Friday's first round

Fosston def. Mahnomen
25-13, 25-15, 25-11

Sacred Heart 25-27-25,
Red Lake Falls 20-25-8
Red Lake Falls (kills-blocks-service aces)—Emma Duden 1-0-0 (17 digs), Ashley LaCrosse 1-0-0, Megan LaCrosse 9-3-1 (7 assists, 12 digs), Josie Huot 3-0-1, Kia McGlynn 1-0-0, MaKenzie Williams 1-0-2, Madison Derosier 0-0-3 (12 assists), Brooke Knott 3-0-0, Sienna Olson 5-1-0
Sacred Heart—Ivy Edwards 12-0-3, Maddi Mitzel 6-1-2,

Molly Hanson 1-0-0 (22 assists), Jessica Remer 15-0-2, Katelyn Rudolph 11-2-0, Hannah Holcraft 0-1-1 (18 assists)

Stephen Argyle 25-25-25,
Goodridge/Grygla 12-18-9
Goodridge/Grygla (kills-blocks-service aces)—Mercedes Coan (8 assists), Alaina Moneson 7-3-1, Maci Bakken 5-0-0, Libby Johnson 0-3-0
Stephen-Argyle—Abbey Johnson 4-2-0, Abi McGlynn 21-0-2, Autumn Thompson 8-0-0, Kristina Swendseid 8-2-0, Savannah Riopelle 1-1-0 (37 assists), Maddie Weberg (14 digs)

Win-E-Mac 25-25-25,
Northome-Kelliher 10-9-7

Northome-Kelliher (kills-blocks-service aces)—unavailable

Win-E-Mac—Maci Hamre 2-0-3 (10 assists), Kylie Stuhaug 0-0-4 (9 digs, 7 assists), Lindsey Espeseth 6-2-0, Lauren Strom 6-0-0, Sydney Tadmam 5-1-3

Red Lake CC 25-22-22-25-15,
Cass Lake-Bena 15-25-25-20-6

Cass Lake-Bena (kills-blocks-service aces)—unavailable

Red Lake Co. Central—Julia Bernstein 16-2-2 (1 assist), Jenna Pahlen 12-1-1, Sydney Gunderson 5-0-0, Sarah Chris-

tensen 2-1-0, Calyssa Eskeli 0-0-2 (16 assists), Hannah Kolstoe (13 assists), Billie Gryskiewicz 0-0-1

Minn. Section 8AA
Friday's first round

Roseau def. Bagley 25-9,
25-9, 25-11

Roseau 25-25-25,
Bagley 9-9-11
Bagley – Unavailable
Roseau (kills-blocks-service aces) – Victoria Johnson 16-1-1, Kacie Borowicz 12-0-8 (7 digs), Lyvia Moser 0-0-5 (19 assists)

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