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The original Malvig camp tent was replaced in the 1950s with a 16-by-16 Korean War surplus tent, shown above and it is still in use.

Minnesota family’s unusual deer camp has endured like few others

Story courtesy of Dennis Anderson from the Minneapolis StarTribune on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Tradition often dictates a deer camp’s cadence and rhythms, and the Malvig camp in northwest Minnesota is no different.

A week remains before the 2017 firearms deer season opener, and already its members have gathered in a ritual that bonds them in common purpose.

“Once a year ahead of the season,” said Doug Robbins, of Gully, “we get together to patch our tent with duct tape. Duct tape works better and lasts longer than anything else we’ve tried.”

Unusual in many respects, the Malvig outfit might be the longest continuously running deer camp in Minnesota.

Founded in 1917, the camp this year celebrates its 100th anniversary.

And at a time when most Minnesota whitetail hunters cozy up in shacks and cabins during what can be a very frigid November season, especially in the northern part of the state, the nine or so sportsmen who make up the Malvig camp, eat,

sleep and play blackjack in a tent.

“The tent says ‘U.S. Navy’ on it,” Robbins said. “Originally, it didn’t have any windows or a door. That’s one improvement we’ve made over the years. We cut some windows into it, and installed a door.”

The Malvig bunch hunts on public land north of Four Town in the Beltrami Island State Forest. Nowadays, their tent stands nearly alone among canvas structures in that part of the North Woods during whitetail season.

But decades ago, tents were scattered all over that country during deer hunting, as would-be whitetail slayers attempted to place themselves as near to their quarry as possible, as cheaply as possible.

Camp founders Julius and Selmer Malvig — Robbins’ great-uncles — moved to northwest Minnesota in 1912, looking to farm. Five years later they started what this year became a century-long tradition when they hooked a horse team to a sleigh and headed toward the Red Lake Indian Reservation to chase deer.

A few years later, seeking

more game, they switched hunting locations by boarding a train in Gully, Minn., and traveling to Bemidji and then on to Kelliher, Minn., where they holed up in a hotel during deer season.

“After that they moved around a little more to hunt, but they always stayed in a tent,” said Robbins, who grew up in Minneapolis and now farms near Gully. “They were all farmers, or nearly all farmers, and their one vacation each year was during deer season.”

Records dating to the camp’s beginning are incomplete. But the Malvig crew made news in the 1930s when member Pete Rutkowski felled a huge buck that was said at the time to bear the largest nontypical rack ever recorded in Minnesota.

Robbins joined the camp in 1973, not many years after graduating from Southwest High School in Minneapolis. By then, Selmer Malvig was in ill health and had quit hunting. But Julius entered the woods that year, aided by a cane. The next spring he died, and a short while later, Robbins took over as the camp’s head honcho.

Today he and his brother, Rich Robbins, 54, a Minneapo-

lis Realtor, are the camp’s only blood descendants from Selmer and Julius.

“We’re pretty much meat hunters,” Rich Robbins said. “There have been some lean times in the last five years or so. But generally, anyone who wants a deer will get one.”

In addition to the tent-patching party, the group makes a scouting trip to their hunting area about two weeks before the opener. Then the whole bunch arrives on the Friday before the season’s first day to pitch the tent and organize the camp.

“It takes about 3½ hours for four of us to put it up,” Doug said. “But if there are six people helping, it takes five hours. Too many opinions slow the process.”

Among equipment hauled by pickup and trailer to the camp site is a barrel stove that dates back decades. Also brought in are a gas stove for cooking,

chairs, a table, a barbecue grill, cookware and three bales of straw.

The straw is spread on the ground under what will be the rear of the tent. Plastic is laid over the straw, and the area becomes what in the tent passes for a bedroom.

Many times over the years, Malvig camp members have suffered subfreezing temperatures. To ward off the cold, insulation has been added to the walls and ceiling.

Occasionally, a camp member suggests replacing the tent. In continuous use since about 1960, the 16-by-16 enclosure is only the second such structure deployed in the camp’s 100-year history.

“We talk about buying a new one, but we never do,” Doug Robbins said. “Everything we do is built on tradition, and the old tent is part of our tradition.”

Year to year, not everything

stays the same, however.

Camp members who in the 1950s and ’60s arrived in sedans and two-wheel-drive pickups pulling trailers have been replaced by hunters who today pilot four-wheel-drive trucks and SUVs — and who get stuck less often.

Also different is the evening entertainment, which commences after dinner dishes from the tent’s lone table are cleared and washed. It’s then that adult beverages are poured and cards are dealt.

“That much has changed,” Doug Robbins said. “In the early days of the camp, the hunters played poker and drank whiskey. Now we play blackjack and drink wine.”

Wine...

Wine...

Pray Julius and Selmer never hear of it.



Malvig’s brothers Selmer and Julius started the northern Minnesota camp tradition. Shown at the camp in a photo from the 1930s left to right: Martin Christianson, Wally Rutkowski, Pete Rutkowski, Stanley Malvig, Russell Bergh. Pete Rutkowski shot a deer that at the time was thought to be the largest nontypical rack ever recorded in Minnesota.

Clear Waters Life Center’s “Italian” Friday Night Out

Clear Waters Life Center-Gonvick hosted an Italian Friday Night Out, Nov. 3. Even though the food may have looked a little different to Scandinavian eyes, the variety of flavors was appealing to our guests’ taste-buds. The Chicken Saltimbocca was seasoned chicken breasts topped with prosciutto, fried to a golden brown, and served with a lemony sauce of whipping cream, butter, and artichoke hearts, and a sprinkle of capers. The dessert, tiramisu, was “to die for”. The menu was completed with a green leafy salad, Italian bread, and roasted Normandy-blend vegetables.

It takes a team to pull-off these monthly meals. CWLC staff, Mustard Seed Homes residents, and 10 or more, depending on the month, community

volunteers work together to make Friday Night Out a community-building event. There is plenty of laughter, learning, hard-work, and comradery. We are always open to new volunteers. If you would like to try it out, call 218-776-2789, and just let us know which month(s) you would be available to help. Friday Night Out is always the first Friday of the month.

Our next Friday Night Out, December 1, will be unique in several ways. International Holiday Showcase will be the first Friday Night Out when reservations will be required! The earlier that you can make your reservations, the better. The reservation list is already filling. Call 218-776-2789 to make yours. This will be a dinner-theater-style event, so everyone needs to be seated by

5:30, and it will take place in the gym rather than the dining rooms. A three-vignette drama will be performed by students and community volunteers depicting Christmas in Germany, Mexico, and Sweden. In addition, there will several performers taking part in the variety show. This is reminiscent of the Holiday Showcase that was enjoyed in Gonvick in the 90’s. The dinner will consist of traditional international Christmas appetizers and desserts, prime rib, twice-baked potatoes, carrots, and beverages. For more information, visit our website, www.clearwaterslife.org, or like us on Facebook and keep up with all the latest news and events.

Photos courtesy of Sherry Hjelle.



Our serving crew – Eileen Lien, Sue Gunvalson, Terri Godtland.



Part of our cooking team, left to right, Becky Dorman, Sherry Hjelle, & Renee Hutchins. At right: One of our servers, dressed to the nines, Nate Chandler, MSH resident.



Naomi Shamp kept the beverage cart.



Plate with Chicken Saltimbocca & roasted Normandy / blend vegetables.



Darien and Tim Shamp at the donation/greeting table.



Tucker Lene and Duane Johnson visit after the Veterans Day program that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



The Veterans Day program was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Beulah Richards, on the left, was honored as the wife of a veteran who was killed in action during World War II. Her husband, Emil, was killed in the Battle of Ormont in Germany in 1945. She was honored by Donna Rae Jacobson seated in the middle. On the right is Corrinne Anderson who organized the special program on Friday, November 10.



Gus Coulter stands with his hand over his heart as the flag is retired after the Veterans Day Program at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. His mother Candace is a Marine veteran who served tours in Iraq.

35th Harvest of Knowledge Agri-women Conference

Women from around the valley gathered Friday, October 27 at the Ramada Inn, Grand Forks for the 35th Annual Harvest of Knowledge Agri-Women Conference. The annual event is planned jointly by North Dakota Agri-Women and Minnesota Agri-Women which are affiliates of American Agri-Women.

The day started off with Ramona Hage Morrison of Sparks, Nevada. Ramona explained to us the legal battle she and her family have had with the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada. This dispute started in 1991 and continues today.

Also on hand was Rick Hogan, Produce Education Director of Hugo's, East Grand Forks, MN and Chris Fields from Russ Davis Wholesale explaining the procedures for keeping our food safe from field to consumer. They have regulations to follow and are inspected to make sure the regulations are being followed.

Entertaining us with their beautiful voices at our luncheon were the Twin Forks Sweet Adelines of East Grand Forks, MN.

Emily Spicer a Health and Wellness Coach from Altru Clinic of Grand Forks presented "Mind over Matter". The importance of taking time for ourselves to reduce the stress in our lives. Stress affects a person

mentally as well as physically and takes its toll on our wellbeing. Emily showed us how to calm ourselves and to relax to lower our levels of stress.

Marlene Niemann Bradbury, Agribusiness Consultant for Ag Country Farm Credit Services, gave us some things to think about on how to "Pass Down the Farm". She touched on issues for both Minnesota and North Dakota due to the different tax laws in each state.

Adawn Nelson, Farm Advisor NCTC, gave us her perspective of a Modern Agri-Woman. Using her own experiences and her wit she lightened up our day with some hilarious stories. If it happens, it's going to happen to Adawn.

Many area businesses and Agricultural Associations and Councils donate to our conference to make this day possible. All are listed in our programs. The date is already set for next year; October 26, 2018, so mark your calendars.



Ramona Hage Morrison of Sparks, Nevada.

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U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman Kayla M. Dalquist.

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Kayla M. Dalquist graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Dalquist is the daughter of Stacy Gullingsrud and Todd Miner and step-daughter of Robert Gullingsrud, all of Fargo, N.D. She is also the granddaughter of Marsha and Terri Gullingsrud of Twin Valley, Minn., and Debbie Zak of Mentor, Minn.

Dalquist is a 2014 graduate of Moorhead High School, Moorhead, Minn.

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While on the decline, about 36.5 million Americans still smoke cigarettes. In fact, tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the world. That's why Essentia Health is making every effort to help tobacco users kick the habit for good.

Essentia offers face-to-face counseling appointments with a Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists. Since beginning the program, 48% of people who have seen an Essentia tobacco treatment specialist three or more times and have used medications to help their quit process are not smoking six months later.

Any day is a good time to quit smoking, however, Nov. 16 is the Great American Smoke Out. That's when the American Cancer Society wants smokers to come together and make a plan to kick the habit.

"Quitting is hard, but you can increase your chance of success with help," says Jill Doberstein, who supervises Essentia's tobacco cessation efforts.

"Every time I have a loved one tell me 'I've tried everything,' I ask have you tried this?"

Face-to-face counseling is not only successful, it's also a non-judgmental, convenient service that most people will find right in their own community. Essentia offers the program and counselors at 43 clinic and hospital locations in the areas it serves. In and around the Red River Valley, there are three registered nurses and nine respiratory therapists focused on helping people quit smoking.

In Fosston, Registered Nurse Dawn Buehler can help smokers with their quit plan.

"Quitting smoking has immediate and long-term benefits at any age. Quitting is hard, but you can increase your chances of success with help," Doberstein adds. "I'm proud we're able to help people through counseling and medications to double or even triple their chances of success."

Most insurance plans fully cover the counseling and medications for tobacco cessation and there are several programs for those who don't have insurance, or need assistance with cost. For more information contact your local clinic to start the process to a healthier you.

Polk County Sheriff

Fire Call

On 11/09/17 at 0206 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, responded to a fire alarm at 115 E 1st ST room 210 in the city of Fosston. Cornerstone Living staff were able to extinguish the fire. This cause of the fire was determined to be a short in a microwave. The Fosston Fire Dept cleared the apt of smoke. The resident declined medical attention.

Assisting agencies were Essentia EMS and Fosston Fire Dept.

The kitchen suffered no damage.

Shop Fire

On 11-10-17 The Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a shop fire at 33885 210th Ave SW Crookston. Upon arrival, the fire inside the shop was being fought by the owners, Frank and Charles Johnson of rural Crookston. The Crookston Fire Department arrived, contained and extinguished the fire.

There were no injuries and the damage was contained to the SW corner of the building. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Agencies involved were the Polk County Sheriff's office, Crookston Fire Dept, the Crookston Area Ambulance and the MN Fire Marshall's Office.

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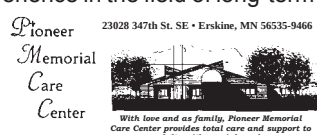
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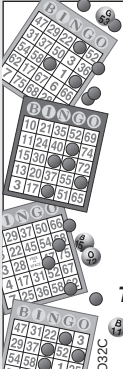
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Farm-to-table is changing the restaurant business

Farm-to-table is a movement that promotes serving local products, preferably food and beverages acquired directly from a producer.

Farm-to-table eateries source ingredients locally as much as possible, and diners are increasingly expressing a preference for these establishments. According to the National Restaurant Association's "What's Hot in 2015" survey, locally sourced meats and seafood, locally grown produce, environmental sustainability, and natural ingredients/minimally processed foods were among the most popular food trends.

Farm-to-table establishments reduce carbon footprints by cutting back on the amount of resources necessary to get food from the farm to the restaurant. The farm-to-table movement began as a counter-measure to big agriculture and chemically controlled produce. Although there is no hard data on just how many restaurants can be considered farm-to-table, organic farming in general is big

business. In its 2014 Organic Survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service reported that sales of organic products increased by 72 percent since 2008. California, Washington, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Wisconsin were the top five states for organic farming, accounting for 78 percent of organic sales in the United States at the time of the survey.

Supporting farm-to-table establishments can benefit the planet, but consumers should know that there are additional advantages to patronizing such businesses.

- Support for local businesses: Local restaurateurs who embrace farm-to-table can support and promote other local operations. Restaurants can help farmers by purchasing excess crops or simply providing the demand for farmers' products.
- Greater control over ingredients: In some instances, chefs can travel to nearby farms during harvest to personally select items for their restaurants, ensuring excellent quality.
- Better taste and quality: Fresh food is picked at its peak instead of being forced to ripen during a long journey. This typically translates to more flavorful foods.
- Evolving and updated menus: Because farm-to-table means sourcing in-season ingredients, restaurants must have fluid menus that change based on the availability of ingredients and fishing and harvesting quotas. This can lead to greater variety and prevent menus from becoming dated or overly familiar.
- Hyper-local sourcing that fuels farm-to-table operations continues to be an in-demand restaurant trend. Diners can rest easy knowing that patronizing such establishments benefits both the environment and the local economy.

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Fur Trade in Minnesota a New Traveling Exhibit

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The Beltrami County Historical Society Presents 'Fur Trade in Minnesota,' a new traveling exhibit opening Wednesday, November 15th.

Hundreds of years ago, Minnesota played a key role in the fur trade, which stretched across five continents. Visitors to the exhibit can lift a 45-pound Voyageur's pack, learn how the fur trade shaped Ojibwe art and discover how beaver pelts could be transformed into sleek, stately hats that were all the rage among wealthy Europeans.

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DNR seeks designs for Minnesota's 2019 turkey stamp

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The cost of a turkey stamp is included in a turkey license, but pictorial stamps are sold as collectables. In the contest, the eastern wild turkey must be the primary focus of the design.

Artists are prohibited from using any photographic or other electronic product as part of their finished entries. Winning artists may issue limited edition prints of the artwork and retain proceeds.

Final judging is open to the public and will take place at 2

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at DNR headquarters, 500 Lafayette Road, in St. Paul. The public is welcome to come and view the winning design 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 22.

Revenue from stamp sales is dedicated to wild turkey habitat management. Extirpated from Minnesota around 1900, wild turkeys now thrive throughout nearly all of Minnesota but the extreme northern forested portions of the state.

For more information on stamp contests, guidelines for submitting work, and to sign up to receive regular email updates on stamp contests, visit mndnr.gov/stamps. Contest guidelines

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Sweeping Changes

It was time for seasonal transitions at "The Cabin" and alone I was. Befuddled as to where to begin, I was bedraggled. Help would not arrive for another twenty four hours, so trying to make the best use of the time at hand, was important. Surely I could do something on my own besides clean the main quarters.

I made my way out of doors with downcast eyes. As far as I could see, a sea of leaves had settled over the property like carpet awaiting removal. The light layer of snow upon them did nothing to encourage, but as I turned, the garage seemed to beckon.

With a click of a button, the curtain rose. Piles of items placed or misplaced bowed before me. Center stage was one heavy laden fishing boat, just to the right was a lawn mower or two, and sidled nearby was the seasonal snow-blower. Outcast furniture donated from the kids traveling in and out of life's stages found shelter within this garage, and everything but a mouse trap seemed to be in sight. Tell-tale remnants that the little critters had also found refuge was obvious.

Out of the corner of my eye, I spied one red kitchen sized broom. For whatever reason, I shuffled over to it and like a long lost friend, took it in hand introducing it to the world in which I stood. With no plan of

action, near the center of the garage, near grandpa's fishing boat, my new found "little red" and I began to sweep. As we swept, I began to smile all the while marveling at the joy which emanated from such a simple, yet, familiar task.

The little pile of dirt blown in through the cracks of life was collected into a makeshift dustpan and was promptly dumped out-of-doors. Reveling in the energy this action was producing, I noticed a few tools upon the workbench to be hung. I hung them. The boxes that needed to be tossed were tossed. The older items on the shelves which needed shuffling were shuffled, and soon, order in the garage renewed my strength. Moving furniture pieces for safe keeping while tossing others brought a tremendous amount of satisfaction, and within no time, my time spent within

brought with it, the long lost order I'd been desiring.

By the time help did arrive, it was mere muscle power that was needed to complete the task.

Sweeping cobwebs from round doors and windows was the final knock out round at the cabin. No longer are they there, for they have been swept away. They are gone.

Habakkuk 1:11 says, "Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—guilty people, whose own strength is their god."

Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is not your strength, but it is God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose."

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Stoneboats! And A Christmas to Remember!

by Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

What is a stoneboat? If you are younger than I am you probably don't know. When I was growing up we had a stoneboat and it was used for many things on the farm. So, what is a stoneboat? Well, it is a big sled used on the farm, often for hauling rocks or stones, hence stoneboat!! Ours had a curved metal front and to that we attached probably six 2x12s. Probably one of the jobs we used it for the most was cleaning manure out of the dairy barn and hauling hay back to the barn. Now, we had no barn cleaner. If you had a manure spreader you could pitch it full then take it out and spread it. But, with a stone boat you had to pitch it on and then pitch it back off again!

I happened to be reading one of my farm magazines and there was an article about Remembering the Stone Boat. I didn't know that some companies actually made, a nose, the front metal part of the stone boat so you would buy it and add the wood. Included in the article I read was a "restored" stone boat. A couple of the stories in the magazine talked about

hauling home a baby calf on the stone boat and hauling the kids to school on the stone boat when the roads were blocked!

Reading about stone boats made me think of one of my favorite movies, A Christmas to Remember, starring Jason Roberts and Eva Marie Saint. It was made in 1978, right when I was growing up on the farm. In the movie a young boy growing up in the city during The Great Depression is sent to live with his grandmother and grandfather back in Minnesota. The grandparents have a small dairy farm and the young boy is put work. The grandfather is a crotchety old man who is angry his son died in WWI. His young grandson can not stack up to his real departed son. As the story goes on the Grandfather softens up a bit and he and his grandson decide to take their melodiant(organ) to the church in the middle of the night Christmas Eve, to surprise his grandmother as the church has needed one for a long time. So in the middle of a stormy winter night the grandfather goes to the shed, cranks

up the flywheel start GP John Deere, hooks up the stone boat, and cross country on a blizzard night they haul the melodiant to the church! Man, I wanted to drive that GP though the night with a lantern hanging on its radiator! One of my favorite lines from the movie comes from the grandfather as they are getting ready to haul the melodiant on that stormy night. Jason Roberts character says, "Put on an extra pair of long underwear, this night is going to kill what it can!!" Probably that is a fitting line for a cold, stormy, Minnesota night!

This may be my favorite movie. I love a story that takes place in God's country, Minnesota. I also love small dairy farms and John Deere tractors! Now you see why this movie is a hit for me!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. T or F The John Deere GP was originally called the Model "C".

2. The GP was manufactured in Waterloo, IA, and came out in what year.

A.) 1925 B.) 1928 C.) 1930 D.) 1935

3. The Model GP had _____ forward speeds and _____ reverse.

A.) 4/1 B.) 3/1 C.) 2/1 D.) 4/2

4. T or F Twenty-four GPO tractors were converted to crawlers by the Lindeman Company.

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Services held for Donna Halvorson

Donna Faye Halvorson, 75, of Bagley, MN passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND, surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1:00 at the Zion of Eddy Lutheran Church of rural Bagley with Pastor Randy McGuire officiating. Interment at Zion Lutheran Cemetery at Bagley, MN.

Donna was born on July 22, 1942 in Bagley. She was the daughter of Oscar and Mabel (Myra) Ranisate. Donna attended country school at Happy Hallow and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1960. Donna married Laverne Halvorson on April 8, 1961 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bagley. They built a life together on a dairy farm north of Bagley where she resided until the time of her death. Soon after they were married, they were blessed with three children whom Donna devoted much of her love and time to. Donna spent her days tending to the home and making delicious meals for her family. She was very well known for making the best angel food cakes, donuts, sauerkraut, lefsa and fresh bread. Donna was an active

member at Zion of Eddy Lutheran Church. She was a Sunday School teacher and was involved in Ladies Aid where she served as the secretary for many years. Donna was employed by Clearwater County Nursing Service as a Homemaker/Home Health Aid. She had a very kind heart and a calling to care for others. Donna enjoyed the simple things in life and always made time for her family and friends.

Donna is survived by her husband of 56 years - Laverne of Bagley, MN. One son - Ron (Rebecca Yocum) Halvorson of Clearbrook, MN.

Two daughters - Gail (Michael) Maruska of Bagley, MN and Penny (David) Long of Laporte, MN.

Six Grandchildren - Michelle (Tim) Evans, Kristen Halvorson, Scott (Rachel Dale) Halvorson, Seher Kar, Kari (Tyler) Godin and Lucas Maruska.

Seven Great-Grandchildren - Carter, McKenzie, Abigail, Kyiaa, Sophia, Lyvia and Jace. Donna was looking forward to meeting her newest Great-Grandchild (Baby Godin) due to arrive May 2018.

One brother - Roger (Deb) Ranisate, Bagley.

Brother-in-law - Duane Halvorson, Eau Claire, WI

Aunt - Sylvia Negaard of Bemidji and sister-in-law - Harriet Holm of Clearbrook, MN.

One nephew, two nieces and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Mabel Ranisate; Father-in-law - Clarence Halvorson and Mother-in-law - Mary Halvorson; Brother-in-law - Russell Holm; Sister-in-law - Janet Halvorson and Nephew - Greg Halvorson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Services held for Elisabeth Masoner

Elisabeth "Betty" Lenore Masoner, 90, died Monday, November 6, 2017 at Essentia Health in Fosston, MN.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji, MN. Interment at the Greenwood cemetery in Bemidji.

Betty was born May 22, 1927 in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Charles Van and Gustava (Trafton) Masoner. She graduated from Bemidji High School and received her teaching degree from Bemidji State College in the Spring of 1948. Betty was an educator extraordinaire. She spent fifty years teaching in Minnesota which included schools in Bemidji (Northern), Kensington, New Folden, Fosston, Mentor, Humboldt, Gonvick, and the last thirty years in Browerville. She taught music for many years and science and drama at Browerville. Many students owe her a debt of gratitude. Though she was involved in many activities at Browerville, it was the annual Veterans Day Program that became a signature highlight for Betty, the school, and the community. Her interest in the military stemmed from the fact that her father, Charles Van Masoner served in World War I. She had the unique ability to collect military memorabilia which gave her the ability to get uniforms for her Veterans Day Programs. Her programs started in Gonvick, and continued in

Browerville for over thirty years. She became recognized and the VFW invited her to have her present a program to the VFW at one of their conventions...In 2002-2003 Betty was awarded the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The criteria for being eligible to receive this award is to promote Americanism in the school. No one has done it better. Her latest recognition came November 10, 2014 when the 34th Infantry Division "Red Bull" Band of the Minnesota National Guard presented a program honoring our Nation's Veterans and was dedicated to Betty at the Bemidji State College. Another important part of her life revolved around the Bemidji Music Camp. She has been a participant since its inception in 1948, as a student, then as a manager and helper, and as an instructor. She personally knew, worked with, and stopped, with past Directors, Dr. Maurice Callahan, Dr. Edgar Gangware, and Dr. Ted Thorson; and music composers/directors such as Frank Simon (1st cornetist and Asst. Director to John Phillip Sousa), Glen Cliff Banum, Paul Yoder, Vaclav Nelhybel, Frank Piersol, Alfred Reed, Lt. Col. Arnold Gabriel, and William Ludwig (originator of Ludwig Drums), to mention a few. She also participated in the Bemidji Area Community Band for 35+ years, and in the BSU Symphonie Band after she retired in 2007. For all of us who continue on, Betty will remain an educator, mentor, friend, and as a family member for as long as the memory of her lasts. Betty was one of a kind and she wrote her own cadence.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Gertrude May Healy. She is survived by her nephews, Garold (Judith Ann) Healy, George (Ann) Healy, and his children, Michael Healy and Lynn (Randy) Anderson; Lynn's children, Kristin and Erik (Lindsey) Anderson; and Erik's children, Leah and Collin.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



Services held for Keith Danks

Keith Danks, age 81, of Erskine, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 4th, at his home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th, at Rodnes Lutheran Church, rural Erskine with the Rev. Joel Smeby officiating. Interment in Poplar Lake Cemetery, rural Fosston.

Arrangements were with the Carlin Funeral Home of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to Rodnes Lutheran Church.

Keith Duane Danks was born on March 13, 1936 in Bagley, Minnesota to parents Merle and Winifred Anderson Danks. He grew up in Lengby, Minnesota, attended the Lengby school, Fosston High School and the Crookston AC. He spent much of his early adult years in Grand Forks, driving potato truck for his father and starting a delivery company known as Bekins

Van Line.

Keith was an active entrepreneur and businessman his entire life and instrumental in the development of Grand Forks. As a forward thinking and charitable person, he provided land for housing use during the 1997 flood, donated downtown Grand Forks property for park use, and most notably, he donated the land for building the Alerus Center. In addition to his work in Grand Forks, he developed many housing additions throughout Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Keith's homestead at Crystal Lake near Erskine, where he was currently residing, was purchased 40 plus years ago. It was here that he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with family and friends. Keith was a pilot and liked flying for many years; he enjoyed country music and has an impressive rock and art collection that spans over 30 years.

Keith will be remembered for helping people and his giving heart.

Survivors include his life partner, Winnie, of Erskine, MN; three children, Cheryl Danks of Erskine, Craig Danks of Oklahoma City, OK, and Keith Danks, Jr. (Meridee) of Grand Forks; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren; two brothers, Harvey of Wisconsin and Lee of Minneapolis; aunt, Kathleen Stinar of Bagley; and former spouse, Kathleen Danks of Grand Forks. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Marlys.



Services held for Palma Higdem

Palma Elaine Higdem, age 93, of Fosston, MN, formerly of Winger, MN, died Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Essentia Long Term Care in Fosston, MN.

Palma Elaine Helgaas was born April 21, 1924, to John and Clara (Bennes) Helgaas at her parent's home near Winger, MN. She was baptized and confirmed at Faaberg Lutheran Church in Rindal, MN. She attended grade school at the Hazel Hill Country School that was two and a half miles from her home. Palma married the love of her life, Rueben Higdem on April 21, 1948. The couple made their home in Sletten Township on property that Rueben's father had homesteaded. The couple built a new house on the same building site and a new milking parlor. They did all the milking and farm work together. After Rueben suffered several strokes, Palma provided care for him up until his death in 1986. Palma also worked as a cook for her brother-in-law, Melvin Higdem, at his restaurant, Mel's Café in Fosston, and later she was a baker, at the Depot Café in Winger until her retirement. Her specialties at the Depot Café were pies, donuts and cookies. Palma moved to the nursing home in 2004, where she lived until her death.

Palma loved to cook and bake, making wonderful flatbread. She also spent many hours sewing, embroidering, and crocheting. She was a regular quilter at Calvary

Lutheran Church along with being active in the ladies aide. Palma loved to visit, especially her brother, Kenneth, at McIntosh Manor. She also enjoyed fishing at Bass Lake, tending to her large vegetable gardens and apple trees and keeping her geraniums year-round. Another pastime included traveling, most memorably her bus trip to Branson, MO, and her trip to the Pacific Coast. Palma was a great friend to her sisters-in-law, cousins, and neighbors; and always treated her nieces and nephews like her own children. Over the years, many good times were shared at the Higdem home, including the Luther League toboggan parties at "Higdem Hills". Her loving heart and generosity shown through with her caregiving and providing of baked goods, meals, and cleaning for her parents and Reuben's parents, allowing them to stay in their home longer.

Palma is survived by a sister-in-law, Edna Helgaas of Winger and several nieces and nephews: Phyllis (Butch) Sturre, Judy McGovck, John (Sherry) Helgaas, Renee (Jerry) Bjorgaard, Denise (Mike) Hoffman, Lonnye (Mary) Helgaas, Craig (Bev) Helgaas, Patty (Mark) Messelt, Gail Finkle, Rachel Kulzer, Cheryl (Ron) Wang, Eileen (Terry) Cook, Rodney (Katie) Helgaas and many extended family of Reuben's.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rueben; her three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth (Clarice), Julian (Bernadine), and Ervin; her niece, Kathy Perry; her nephew, Randy Helgaas; and her great-nephew, Dylan Wang.

A funeral service was held at 11:00am on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, MN. Visitation took place one hour prior to the service. Burial was in the Sandhill Lutheran Cemetery, rural Winger.

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Services for Rodney Lofthus

Rodney Lofthus, 71, of Bemidji, MN died Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Sanford Medical Center, Fargo, ND.

Memorial Services will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Trinity Free Lutheran Church of Pony Lake with Pastor Kevin Larson and Pastor Bill Goodman officiating. A time of sharing will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home. Family will also greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements were entrusted to the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home,

Bemidji.

Rodney Allen Lofthus was born September 3, 1946 in Bagley, MN to Anton and Hulda (Sather) Lofthus. Rodney graduated from Bagley High School in 1964. He married the love of his life Roxanne (Whelan) Stevens in 2004. He retired from the Clearwater County Memorial Hospital after 28 years of service. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Bagley, MN and Trinity Free Lutheran Church of Pony Lake, North Country Snowmobile Club, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Roxanne Lofthus of Bemidji, MN; daughters, Laurie Watkins of Boulder, CO, Tami (Jeff) Nielsen of Thornton, CO, Christy Lofthus of Leonard, MN and Erica Stevens of Bemidji, MN; son, Shawn Stevens of Bemidji, MN; grandchildren, Jordan, Brooke, Brendan, Andre, Isabella, Jenna and Kyle.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Harlan Lofthus.

Online guestbook at www.OlsonSchwartzFuneralHome.com



Services for Phyllis Anderson

Phyllis A. Anderson, age 83 of Flint, died November 11, 2017. Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, November 16 at Our Risen Lord, 4040 Lapeer Rd., Burton. Burial to follow at Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 15 from 12-4 and 6-8PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek and at the church Thursday from 10AM until time of service.

Those desiring may make contributions to the Genesee County Humane Society or

Our Risen Lord Church.

Phyllis was born on March 9, 1934 to Conrad and Emelia O. (Sand) Hanson. She married Robert A. Anderson in Gully, MN on April 19, 1951 and he preceded her in death on January 4, 2016. Mrs. Anderson was employed with Bill Knapp Restaurant as a waitress for 20 years retiring in 1996. Phyllis and Robert had resided in Flint since 1955 coming from Gully, MN. She enjoyed quilting, genealogy, camping and traveling as well as being a member of the Flint Doll Collectors club, and the Organic Club. Surviving are children; Kimberly Anderson, Christine Anderson both of Flint; brothers, Richard Hanson and Victor and Pam Hanson; sister, Claudia and Larry Binkley; special cousin, Elmer Hanson; sister-in-law, Linda Anderson; many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Lydia Anderson; brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Connie Hanson; niece, Angela Binkley-Burk; great nephew, Bjorn Hanson; sister-in-law, Mary Hanson; brother-in-law, Delano Anderson. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Services for Emma Satran

Emma Marthea Satran, 97, of Clearbrook, MN, died on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehabilitation in Bagley, MN.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Clearbrook, MN. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Elim Lutheran Brethren Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

She was born on March 19, 1920 in Pine Lake Township, Minnesota to Ole and Florence (Johnson)Haugen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith and graduated from Fosston High School. She was united in marriage to Albert Satran on July 21, 1944 in Bagley, MN. They enjoyed over 67 years together until Albert passed away in 2012.

Albert and Emma lived on Century Farm for 65 years. They moved to Cornerstone Assisted Living in Bagley and after Albert's passing, Emma continued to live there until moving to Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. She resided there until her final move to Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley this October.

She was a member of Elim Lutheran Brethren Church

and Mission Friends.

Emma loved all the quality time spent with her 3 daughters and their families. She enjoyed the beautiful farm life and all the visitors who would stop frequently to the wonderful kitchen and share her exquisite baked goodies and meals. She was a great seamstress, quilter, gardener, and her greenhouse provided beautiful flowers for everyone. She was especially proud of winning the Lefse cookoff in Barnsville. She exhibited her specialties at the Clearwater County Fair and Her goodies were sought after at various craft shows. Emma and Albert enjoyed visiting with everyone and cherished the beautiful memories of their trips to Norway.

She is survived by her children, Lynette (Mervin) Bakke of Gonvick, Lois (Loren) Chesley of Clearbrook, and Ardy (Skip) Quistgard of Bemidji, her grandchildren, Cheryl (Tom) Stenzel, Brian (Jenny) Bakke, Colleen (Mike) Knoop, Lisa Jaeger, Amy Chesley, Kevin (Kelsie) Chesley, Heather Chesley, Angie (Tim) Waldner, Andrea Hendrickson, and Caitlan Hendrickson; her great grandchildren, Madison and Danae Stenzel, Tristan and Damen Bakke, Will and Hanna Knoop, Patrick Lewis, Samantha (Brandon) Everitt, Morgan and Danika Jaeger, Jaden and Nicole Chesley, Cali Chesley, Michala Waldner (Brad H.), and Amber and Tiffany Waldner; her great great grandchildren, Colton Everitt and Alexis H.; and brother Leif (Dee Dee) Haugen. Also by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Satran; her parents, Ole and Florence Haugen; a grandson, Jesse Hendrickson; her siblings, Arthur Haugen, Orville Haugen, Doris Larson, and Dorothy Lindgren.

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This is Carly Bergman of Clearbrook, MN. She shot this very rare 6 point buck last night at 5:00 pm, weighing 165 lbs, at 180 yards away. Buck was shot with a Tikka 30-06. This is Carly's first successful deer harvest. The 6-point was taken northeast of Shevlin, MN, at her future in-laws' farm.



Trevor Solberg of Gonvick got his deer!! One happy boy!

Mille Lacs winter anglers allowed 1 walleye

Annual fall surveys support conservative harvest decision

Mille Lacs Lake walleye fishing will open on Friday, Dec. 1, with no bait restrictions and a limit of one walleye 20-22 inches or one longer than 28 inches.

"We're glad results of fall population survey show Mille Lacs anglers will be able to keep some walleye during the winter walleye season," said Don Pereira, fisheries section chief for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "We know this is important to resorts and businesses because the ice fishing season contributes a lot to the local economy."

The DNR selected the size regulations to protect Mille Lacs' walleye spawning population, which is largely comprised of walleyes hatched in 2013 (also known as a year class). Those fish currently range from 15 to 19 inches in length and represented about 40 percent of the walleyes sampled during this fall's population survey.

Since the 2013 year class now is nearly fully mature, the DNR determined anglers could keep older and larger fish, something some anglers have been suggesting and requesting. In recent years, conservative regulations on Mille Lacs have protected the younger spawners to-be so they can replace the old spawners, which is necessary to sustain the population.

The DNR and members of the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee did discuss setting the large fish limit at 26 inches. But feedback suggested that keeping those fish in the lake was preferred because the possibility of catching walleye 26 to 28 inches makes Mille Lacs an attractive destination. There also was concern that a 26-inch limit could result in a higher harvest level that would count against the 2018 allocation.

Insights from annual fall surveys

Mille Lacs fall walleye population survey, known as an "assessment," showed that the 2013 year class continues to dominate the population. The catch of walleye hatched in 2014, 2015 and 2016 was



below average. Fish hatched this spring were caught in good numbers but it's uncertain if those numbers will remain as the 2017 year class progresses through its first, second and third years.

"During the past 15 years, our studies show fewer and fewer young walleye surviving to their third year," Pereira said. "Young fish not surviving has put Mille Lacs' walleye population in the unfortunate situation it is now. Whatever is causing that mortality is the root problem."

The assessment also looks at food abundance and walleye health. Perch 1-2 years old were caught in low numbers and the number of young-of-year perch was above average. The number of young-of-year tullibee caught was near average.

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Alison Satre from Grygla, MCAC Northern Division 2nd Team.

Hunters register 70,724 deer during first weekend of season

Harvest up by less than a percent

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 70,724 deer during the first two days of deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary numbers from opening weekend show that the number of deer registered was essentially the same as from 2016. Of the deer harvested, 57 percent were bucks, compared to 67 percent of the first weekend harvest of 2016.

In Zone 1, in northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 16 percent. In Zone 2, which covers the majority of the state and runs from Canada to Iowa, harvest was down 5 percent and Zone 3, in southeastern Minnesota, was down 20 percent.

"We expected to see an increased harvest this year, and that appears to be so in Zone 1. In the other zones where the first weekend harvest is off, it could be that the amount of standing corn negatively af-

fected deer harvest," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager. "If that is the case, we should see improved deer harvest as more corn is harvested."

Based upon the number of antlerless permits available and the number of permit areas that allow multiple deer to be taken, the DNR is projecting the 2017 total deer harvest to be around 200,000. The 2016 total harvest was 173,213.

In much of Minnesota, the deer season continues through Sunday, Nov. 12. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 19; the late southeast season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 26; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 25, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. More information on deer management can be found at mndnr.gov/deer.

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