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The “Tear Drop” was given to the United States as an official gift of the Russian people in 2006 in memory of all those that lost their lives on 9/11. The 100-foot tall sculpture by Zurab Tsereteli forms the shape of the two towers. The giant suspended tear drop symbolizes all the tears the world shed in response to that terrible day. It is located in Bayonne, New Jersey, which is on the other side of the water from the Statue of Liberty.

GOP Lt. Governor Candidate, Donna Bergstrom, Visits Red Lake

The State of Minnesota will almost surely have a Native American woman Lieutenant Governor come 2019 earlier in the year. GOP endorsed Governor Jeff Johnson had chosen for his running mate Donna Bergstrom, a Red Lake Nation member, and DFL endorsed Governor. Tim Walz chose Peggy Flanagan, a White Earth Nation member. Flanagan visited with the Red Lake Tribal Council recently.

Bergstrom of Duluth, came home to re-introduce herself to the Red Lake Tribal Council at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Bergstrom shared her family and personal history with the Council, along with her political resume, before taking a few questions

Bergstrom was born in 1963 to LeRoy and Carol (Lussier) Bergstrom, the fifth of seven children, she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Political Science in 1985.

Bergstrom joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve, earning a commission through the Officer Candidate School. She went on to serve over 20 years as an Intelligence Officer before retiring in 2010 at the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

Bergstrom also holds a Master of Jurisprudence Degree



Donna Bergstrom.

from Loyola University-Chicago School of Law in Children's Law and Policy.

Growing up in Carlton, Bergstrom received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota and master's at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She lives in Duluth's Lakeside neighborhood with her 12-year-old son and her husband, Walter “Skip” Fischer.

Essentia Health Physician Assistant Receives Award

Nicole Kiesow, a physician assistant at Essentia Health-Fosston has been awarded the Rowe Preceptor Award. The award was established by Jamestown, ND family practice physician, Dr. Scott Rowe and his wife Kathy. When Dr. Rowe retired, he shared his passion for medicine by mentoring students and started an endowment through the Essentia Health Regional Foundation to provide a scholarship award for mentors or preceptors who go above and beyond.

Kiesow was nominated by University of North Dakota student Christine Leonard. She met Kiesow during her first semester of clinical training in the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program. “Nicole made my first semester easy. She is so knowledgeable in her profession, great with her patients and

very warm and welcoming to anyone who is new. She provided me with a safe and supportive environment where I felt comfortable asking her anything. I'm grateful for the trust and confidence she instilled in me. She has continued to mentor me throughout semesters in the FNP program,” Leonard wrote in her nomination.

The Rowe Preceptor Award is issued twice each year to mentors or preceptors who demonstrate the mission of Essentia Health and have a genuine belief in teaching and sharing their experience and knowledge with young professionals.

At right: Nicole Kiesow, Physician Assistant, Essentia Health-Fosston.



The line up of old cars at the 2017 Pumpkin Day event.

Gonvick Pumpkin Day to celebrate 25th year

The date is coming closer for the pumpkin day in Gonvick. Saturday, September 29 will be several things going on. It will be the 25th year that they have held the event.

The Sunday School at Samhold Lutheran Church will be serving a breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

The 13th annual car show will be held on Main Street. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with cut-off at noon. Pre-register with Stacy at the Gonvick City's Clerk's Office at 170 Main Street or call 218-487-5243 or register that day. No charge for the event and the top 5 based upon popular vote by participants wins \$100 each.

Sundown with DJ “Wild Wes” will be playing 50's and 60's music during the event.

Games for children and prizes will be drawn on the south side of the Gonvick Community Center. Bed races will be held. Sign up with the City Clerk 218-487-5243 or Devin Aakre. Five teams are already to go. They still need more. There will be prize money awarded. \$500 for the first place team. More teams are needed.

The pumpkin weigh-off will start at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The Gonvick Jubilee Committee which sponsors the event will have a stand to sell pumpkin goodies.

Vendors are welcome to set-up on First Ave between Elm

and Main Street, near the Gonvick Community Center. Bring your own table and no charge.

There will also be a pumpkin candy drop.

The Local 49 Promotional Trailer is scheduled to be part of the day for people to see what they do. Stop by and operate an excavator or bulldozer simulator.

To end the day stop by The Trap in the tent and enjoy the “Acoust Hicks” playing. Acoust Hicks was founded in 2012, and is a acoustic guitar-based rock and roll group. The group consists of Shane Fjerstad on lead vocals and guitar, Casey Hanevold on lead guitar, Chris Carter on percussion and Sonny Johnson on bass.



Can you beat the sizes of these pumpkins from 2017?



There will be many games and prizes for the kids at Pumpkin Day on September 29th, 2018.



The last time they had bed races in Gonvick many were around for the day. On the bed to the left was Lawrence Spencer with his daughter Sherry Hjelle. Pictured at the other bed is Ryan and Francis Dahl and Tim Beckstrand.



The Tieman Family would like to extend our sincere thanks to all at the recent passing of Susie. In spite of her physical and mental limitations, she made the best of her life with your support and encouragement.

Thank you to the staff and friends at Liberty Home and the Polk County DAC in Crookston, Northwood Home in Red Lake Falls, and Falls DAC in Thief River Falls, for all the care, friendship, and training provided to her through the years. She was happy to live and work at these places.

Thank you to the Bethany Lutheran Church community for your love and spiritual witness to her.

Susie was blessed beyond measure by the love and care from her family, friends, and neighbors.

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Shingles: The Painful Enemy

Written by Karin Haugrud

Shingles is an infection of the nerves that supply the skin, causing a painful rash of small blisters. It is caused by the varicella virus, the same virus that causes chicken pox.

Once a person has had an attack of the chicken pox, the virus can remain dormant in certain nerves, sometimes to be reactivated later to cause shingles. Why the virus reactivates in some individuals and not in others is unknown.

Chicken pox infection is very common in children. Its effects are mild and once children have it, they are immune to further infection. However, the virus remains in the body for life. Normally, it lies dormant in some nerve fibers but any decline on the immune system may allow the virus to reappear in adulthood as shingles. In this form, it is much more serious and debilitating illness.

Shingles can affect adults at any age but the likelihood of an outbreak increases with age. Reactivation of the virus is most likely to occur in people with a weakened immune system and anyone over 50 years old. All races and genders are affected equally by shingles, and they can occur at any season or time of the year.

The first sign is usually a tingling feeling, itchiness, or stabbing pain on the skin. After a few days, a rash appears as a band or patch of raised dots on the side of the trunk or face.

The rash develops into small, fluid filled blisters, which begin to dry out and crust over within several days. If the blisters are scratched, someone with shingles might develop a skin infection.

Shingles can only occur after someone has had the chicken pox. If someone who has already had chicken pox comes

into contact with the fluid from shingle blisters, they will not "catch" shingles. Being in contact with an infected individual will not cause the dormant virus to reactivate. However, the virus from a shingles patient may cause chicken pox in someone who has not had it before.

Shingles is often a very painful condition. As the virus damages the nerves, the pain may continue after the rash has cleared, sometimes lingering for weeks, months or years. A common location for shingles is the chest or back, and occasionally the face.

People with shingles can sometimes recognize and control the factors that precipitate and attack of shingles, such as high stress levels and alcohol intake.

Shingles is not usually dangerous to healthy individuals although it can cause great misery during an attack. Anyone with shingles on the upper half of their face, no matter how mild, should seek medical care at once. There is some danger that the virus could cause damage to the eye resulting in blindness.

If you think you may have shingles, see your doctor as soon as possible. Where medically indicated, prompt antiviral treatment can reduce pain and the duration of symptoms.

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This event is brought to the community free of charge thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

September 18
2 p.m. at the Frazee Library LINK Site

7 p.m. at the Fosston Public Library

September 19
10 a.m. at the Cormorant Community Center

2 p.m. at the Ulen Library LINK Site

September 20
6:30 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library

College News

Area student scheduled to participate in NDSU White Coat Ceremony

Fargo, N.D., Sept. 17 – Abigail (Gerardy) O'Neill, daughter of Tom and Sheila Gerardy, Plummer, Minnesota, is scheduled to participate in the White Coat Ceremony at North Dakota State University Oct. 6. She is a student in NDSU's Doctor of Pharmacy program.

O'Neill is among NDSU pharmacy students who will take the oath of a pharmacist during the ceremony. Each student receives a white coat symbolizing his or her duty to patients and colleagues as they enter the pharmacy profession.

The White Coat Ceremony recognizes the entry of students into the profession of pharmacy. Together with the administration of the Oath of a Pharmacist, the ceremony helps make the student aware they are part of a time-honored profession.

Polk County Sheriff

One vehicle Accident in Fertile

On 9/14/2018 at approx 0324 hrs the Polk County Sheriffs Office responded to a property damage motor vehicle accident at 104 Washington Ave NW in Fertile, MN. When Officer's arrived they observed a red Chevy Suburban had hit the Opdahl Donuts Store. Occupants of the vehicle were located and refused medical services. This case is still under investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and no further information will be released at this time.

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Free flu shot clinics for VA-enrolled Veterans in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota

FARGO, N.D. (Sept. 13, 2018) – The Fargo Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System (HCS) will hold several free influenza immunization clinics in October for Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare across North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. For questions about eligibility, call 1-800-410-9723, extension 3428.

Below are locations, dates and times VA-enrolled Veterans can receive their free influenza immunization:

Fargo VA Medical Center (2101 Elm St. N, Fargo) in the third-floor auditorium: • Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. • Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. •

For after-hours flu shots, Oct. 9 and 16, 4–6 p.m.

Fargo Vet Center (3310 Fiechtner Dr. S, Fargo): • Oct. 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

YMCA of Cass & Clay Counties (400 1st Ave. S, Fargo): • Oct. 12, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Bemidji VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (1217 Anne St., Bemidji): • Oct. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31, 1–4 p.m. • Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Grand Forks VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (3221 32nd Ave. S, Suite 700, Grand Forks): • Oct. 4, 10, 18 and 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1–4 p.m.

13th ANNUAL VINTAGE COLLECTORS AUTO SHOW

REGISTRATION starts at 9:00 am; Cut-off time 12:00 pm

Top 5 awards: \$100.00

Random drawings • No entry fee

SATURDAY, Sept. 29th (Pumpkin Day)

CAR SHOW – 10 am to 2 pm

Located on Main Street in Gonvick

Woodchuck makes an unwelcomed visit

The peaceful City of Trail was invaded by a woodchuck this summer. It set it's sight on Sylvia Flateland's lush garden. Sylvia is known for her beautiful flowers that would rival any you would see in the pages of Birds and Blooms. No amount of the sturdiest garden netting could stop the woodchuck from gorging on Sylvia's squash, leaves, blossoms and all! Not one to give up, Sylvia set out a large live trap and baited it well. Later, upon checking her trap, she discovered Jingles the cat! In this case, curiosity did not kill the cat the first or second time, it ended up in Sylvia's live trap. Jingles tired of this catch and release game, when Sylvia switched her bait from chicken to squash leaves. Jingles returned to her private room at the Harvey Carlson home where the menu and accommodations are more to her liking. The squash leaves proved to be a good strategy, the woodchuck took the bait! He might have received a pardon and been released in some far away place, like Gully, had he not mowed down Sylvia's giant sunflowers before it reached it's full potential. This was truly a capital offense and Tasha Flateland was called in to carry out the sentence. The estimate was said to be, "That woodchuck must have weighed over 40 pounds!"

May he rest in peace.
Submitted MRW



Woodchuck will "chuck wood" no more.



Sylvia Flateland amongst her lush garden.



Sylvia stands in front of her beautiful sunflowers, before the wood-chuck mowed them down.

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Carlson to host the 2nd Gully Home Companion event

"Gully Home Companion Goes to Nashville" is set for October 20th The Gully 100 Committee is planning its second Gully Home Companion event. Come to Gully on October 20th; it's all about fun!

Leah Carlson will again be the host. She is also a member of the popular Andrew Sisters from past Gully performances. Leah is an accomplished host. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with acting emphasis. Gully is proud to have her back on stage.



Fosston Public Library Announces Events Featuring Acoustic Duo, Local Authors

In the 1950s, an unplanned pregnancy tore two Minnesota teenagers apart. Years later, they reconnected. Attend "A Minnesota Love Story" at the Frazee Library LINK Site to hear about their love story and how they found their long-lost birth daughter, all of which is chronicled in the book, "How Did You Find Me...After All These Years" by Dennis Vinar, Karen Vinar, Jean Voxland and Andrew Voxland. This event is brought to the community free of charge thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. "A Minnesota Love Story", featuring authors Karen and Dennis Vinar, will be held Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. at the Fosston Public Library, 403 Foss Ave. N., Fosston.

The Minnesota-based acoustic duo The Lacewings are

scheduled to take the stage at local libraries in early October. The musical group draws inspiration from the deep roots of women's folk music from Europe and European immigrants to North America. The community is invited to experience their folk songs and stories, which were originally shared by some of Minnesota's immigrant ancestors and now brought to local communities by The Lacewings. This event is brought to the community free of charge thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Lacewings are scheduled to perform Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fosston Public Library, 403 N. Foss Ave., as well as at the Bagley Public Library on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., and at the McIntosh Public Library on Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

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The 44th annual Miss Middle River Pageant will be held on Saturday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle River School. There are 8 young ladies competing in the pageant which will include competition divisions of Personal Interview, On Stage Question, Life Style & Fitness, Talent, and Evening Gown. The new Miss Middle River will reign over the Goose Festival activities the following weekend and represent the city throughout the year. Tickets are

available at the door.

The following day, Sunday, September 23, the annual Miss North Star Pageant will be held at the Middle River School at 2:00 pm. The reigning Miss North Star, Morgan Berg will crown her successor who will represent the northwest area of Minnesota in the upcoming Miss Minnesota Pageant in June, 2019. Contestants for Miss North Star include Emily Bugge, Gracelyn Anderson, Paige Ballard, Katrina Bugge, Jordan Cordts, and Brooke Hickerson. Tickets are available at the door.



Isabella Brockhouse, Miss Middle River 2017 will crown her successor at the annual pageant to be held on Saturday, September 22 at the Middle River School.



Contestants include Emily Tarala, Agracia Melcher, Aubre Berg, Gracie Brandon, Tessani Peterson, Sarah Stanelle, Piper Sondreal, and Aaliyah Creekmore. Tickets are available at the door.

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Minneapolis Moline

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I had to take some time last Sunday to make it up to Strathcona for the Northland Threshing Bee. The Northland Threshing Bee had been held since 1965, so I like that, it is the same vintage as me (I was born in 1965)! This year the Northland Threshing Bee featured Minneapolis Moline tractors, one of my favorites!

In 1887 the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company (MTM Co.) was formed. They started with threshing machines and eventually manufactured steam powered tractors. In 1902 the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company (MS&M Co.) was also founded. Their engineers developed a lightweight tractor line using the name Twin City. Due to a depressed farm economy the MTM Co, MS&M Co., and the Moline Implement Co. of Moline, Illinois, merged on March 30, 1929. They formed the Minneapolis Moline Power Company. They manufactured tractors under the Twin City name until 1938.

After that the name of the tractors was changed to Minneapolis Moline. The also then took on the pretty yellow and red paint scheme. The first of these "Visionlined" models was the model "Z". The models "U", "G", and "R" followed in the companies letter series of tractors.

I was able to see a few of these letter series tractors. At the Northland Threshing Bee. In particular there was a couple model R's that caught my eye. One was a nice model R standard and another was a model R cab. The R cab is a rare machine and is quite a collectors item. A few weeks ago at Rollag there was a nice tandem tractor hook

up with a model G and a model GB. The Minneapolis Moline "Double Header" at Rollag was designed by Alvin Dotzernrod, Wyndmere, ND. Man I wish I could have seen that tractor pull back in 1950's.

The first tractor I ever bought was a Minneapolis Moline, so seeing several Minneapolis Molines over the last few weekends has rekindled my love of the yellow and red machines!! Those old tractors.....I love them all!!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The H Farmall and R Minneapolis Moline both began production in 1939. The H ceased production in 1953. What year did the MM company cease the production of the R?

A) 1950 B) 1952 C) 1954 D) 1956

2. Was the R MM tractor ever manufactured with a factory cab?

3. The H Farmall was tested with about 26 belt hp. About how many hp does the R MM tractor have on the belt?

A) 22hp B) 25hp C) 27hp D) 30hp

4. The Model R MM tractor had a _____ cylinder engine.

A) 3 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

5. What is the official name of the "yellow paint" color used on MM tractors?

Answers: 1. C.1954 2. Yes, they are very collectible today. 3. C. 27.09hp to be exact. 4. B. 4 cyl 5. Prairie Gold

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Is it a violation if the third brake light quits working on a passenger vehicle? What about a vehicle that is equipped with a brake light(s) that flash or pulsate?

Answer: The state statute says that a vehicle equipped with stop lamps or signal lamps shall at all times be maintained in good working condition. So all brake lights, including the 3rd one, would have to be operational when activated.

Flashing lights are prohibited, except on an authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, bicycle, road maintenance equipment, tow truck or towing vehicle, service vehicle, farm tractor, self-propelled farm equipment, rural mail carrier vehicle, funeral home vehicle, or on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn.

Frequently walk around your vehicle and check all the lights, turn signals, license plate lights and high beams. Replace all faulty lights as soon as possible for your safety and others that share the road. Remember that cracked tail lenses must be replaced so the white light does not illuminate through.

Law enforcement officers conduct traffic stops due to many types of equipment violations. The most common ones that I see are:

- Headlights/Tailights out
- Cracked tail lenses



- Rear license plate lights out
- Cracked windshield
- Window tint violations
- Suspended objects from rearview mirror
- No seatbelt use
- Bumper height violations
- Unsecured loads

The Minnesota State Patrol does not issue, "Fix It Tickets". All of our traffic stops are stored in our computer system, so all MSP past contacts can be viewed by Troopers on current traffic stops. For example, if a vehicle was stopped for a window tint violation and that vehicle is stopped again, that Trooper can see if a citation or warning was issued and when it occurred. This helps us make the decision if a citation or warning will be issued due to prior contacts with that vehicle and driver.

Do your part by driving safe and staying alert in an effort to help us reduce traffic crashes in Minnesota.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Two Worst Things to do in the Kitchen

"This is it right here...one of the two worst things to do in the kitchen!"

As I wrestled with the tightly sealed jar of JIF, he precariously managed to take off the metal sheathing that protects it as if there were a million bucks bound up within.

"Really?" I questioned? "That's it? A jar of JIF? That's as bad as it gets?"

"Yes," he said. "That and the fine little layer on the outside of an onion. Taking that thing off is the other worst thing there is to do in the kitchen!"

I hadn't known there were such deep secrets kept between us. For over thirty-five years we've been married and I just never knew the depths of despair or should I say disdain he held over these two jobs that a man must do from time to time. Had I known, I would have lifted his burden long ago.

You see, he's a man who never asks for anything. Oh, once in a while he'll let me know he needs a pair of jeans...the same ones we've been buying at Target for years now. And every so often he will be bold enough to ask for beef jerky every birthday and holiday that comes around. Other than that...not many requests are heard from him.

Hand-me-downs come easily as his brother comes and goes. No longer does the brother even tell us that once again he has cleaned out his closet and thought that his older brother up north could benefit from the hand-me-downs. And...the younger brother would be correct.

We usually note the goodies concealed within a brown paper bag near the front door



once he is on the road back home. Like a goodie-bag at Crazy Days you just never know what treasures you will find within.

The subtle forms of love that come through the door amaze me.

Now back to the topic, "the worst jobs in the kitchen."

I was pondering what they might be for me. Certainly the JIF jar and the thin layer of onions are irritating. However, I am one to by-pass perfection by chopping off that thin layer upon the onion along with the thicker layer just beneath the surface. Mere seconds finds it in the garbage for me so as not to linger too long on a task I'd rather not do. And, as far as the JIF jar sealer, I quickly find something to puncture the center and peel it off from the center point of the circle and continue to make my way outward towards the lip of the jar. If a little of that metallic stuff gets stuck on the edges...well, a fingernail quickly removes that too.

However, what I deem the worst job in the kitchen is pulling up the drain in the sink which he places upside down to catch the falling crud that might slip down into the drain pipe. Yup, that's about as sloppy and disgusting as it gets for me so I try to avoid that job at all costs. The other job I deem as the worst would be wiping the little flecks of garbage off the wall that somehow land there when we put that garbage into the bin. Yup, those two bug me.

However, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "...give thanks in all circumstances..." And so, I try to flip the lid on my thought process and give thanks that I even have a drain pipe...and left over crud that goes down it to share with the wall from time to time.

Why are we supposed to flip the lid on our thought process? First Thessalonians continues, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

And so, if it's His will, then I want it to be my will. "Not my will but Thine be done (Luke 22:42)." Amen.



Tandem G MM at Rollag.



R MM cab.



R MM standard.

Contemplating antiques? Here's how to buy

Antique furnishings, decor, coins, and toys remain popular among consumers. Unlike the mass-produced merchandise of today, antiques have history, and their endurance through decades, if not centuries, is a testament to the quality craftsmanship and materials used to create these often timeless pieces.

Antiques also might be more affordable than many shoppers think. Savvy shoppers may find mid-range "brown furniture," which constitutes some antique wood pieces, more affordable than reproductions. Homeowners and apartment dwellers who want their rooms to stand apart often rely on antiques to provide a unique ambiance.

Antique shopping also is a "green" endeavor. Antiquing is an eco-friendly practice, putting to use items that have been recycled and reused.

Antiques also can be a good investment, as they generally retain their value while adding texture, contrast and personality to any room of the house.

Understanding antiques can take time, but even the novice can develop an eye for pieces that strike their fancy. And thanks to the wealth of information about collectibles and antiques available online, shoppers have constant access to information about antiques at their fingertips. Shoppers may even be able to comparison shop on their mobile phones.

Mid-range antiques can be particularly easy to buy thanks to the available inventory. Novices may want to begin by exploring mid-range antiques. As they gain more knowledge and expertise, shoppers who

covet antiques can move on to high-end pieces that are more expensive. Some antiques are put in the same category as fine artwork and are considered just as valuable.

Another reason to browse and shop antiques is to learn about the value of similar items homeowners may already own. For those looking to downsize

a collection or simply liquidate an estate, antiquing is a great way to get hands-on experience.

Rummaging through antique stores or markets can be a relaxing experience as well. And many antique enthusiasts find shopping for antiques is like a treasure hunt to find that coveted piece and unearth a bit of history in the process.

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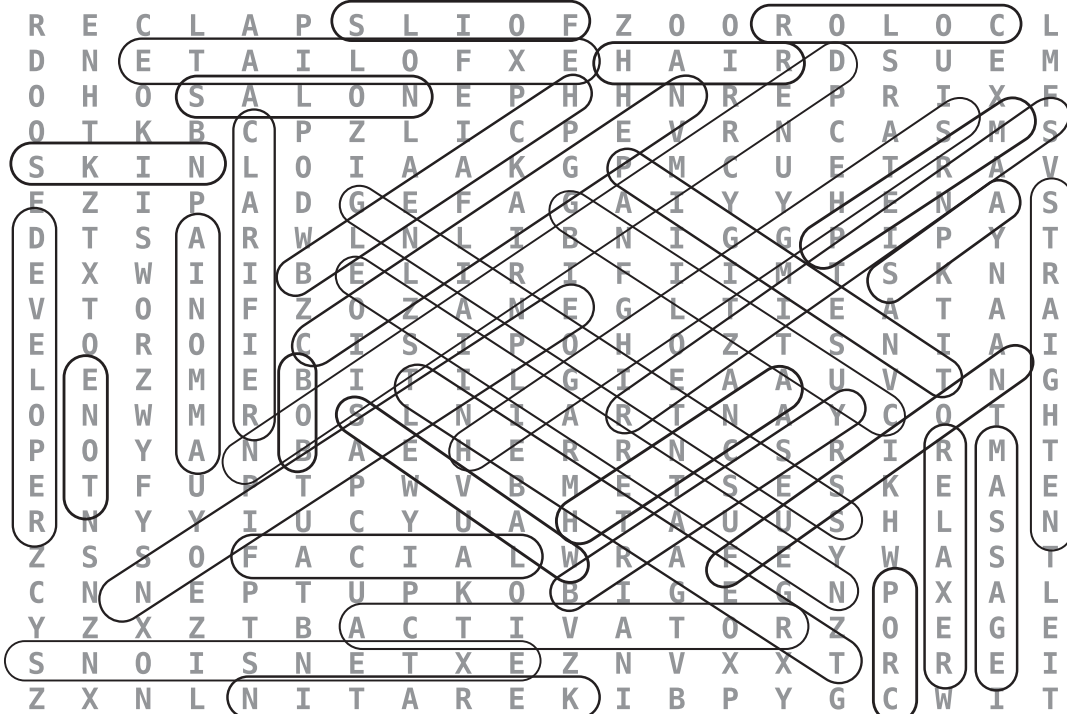
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Obituary for Rudd B. Thabes

Dr. Rudd Badeaux Thabes passed away in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota on September 2, 2018 at the age of 77. Rudd was born in Brainerd, Minnesota on March 27, 1941. He is preceded in death by Dr. John Alois Thabes, Jr. (father), Nordica Christofa (Kjesterud) Thabes (mother), John “Jock” Thabes (half brother), and Lois Caroline (Johnson) Thabes (wife). He is survived by Marte Christofa Thabes Kitson (daughter), John Charles Badeaux Thabes (son), and Tamara Thabes Mitchell (sister).

Rudd graduated from Washington High School in Brainerd, in 1959 and from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1964. He married Lois Caroline Johnson on December 27, 1964. Rudd attended flight school at the naval air station in Pensacola, Florida and was then stationed in Adak, Alaska at the United States Naval Station from December 1965 until March 1969. There,

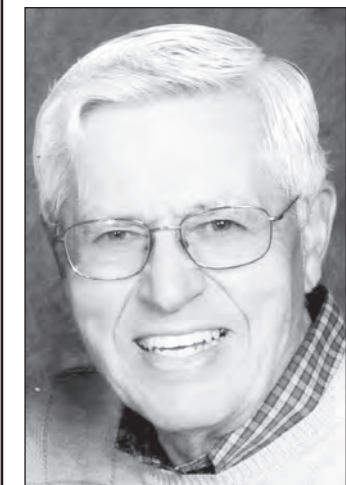
he was a lieutenant, search and rescue (SAR) officer, helicopter pilot, and the wildlife conservation officer for the naval base.

Rudd was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. On February 3, 1969 he piloted a single engine helicopter while rescuing 24 people from a Japanese fishing vessel that was grounded near the Rat Islands in Alaska. Upon completion of his service in the Navy, he worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game until he was accepted into medical school.

Rudd attended the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and became a doctor in 1976. He moved to Bagley in 1977 and began his practice as a family doctor at the Clearwater Clinic. He remained there for 33 years and retired in 2011. For many of these years, he owned the practice. Rudd also served as the medical director for Greensview Nursing Home and as Clearwater County coroner. Rudd was known in the community as a benevolent and common sense doctor. He spent his retirement years living on Leech Lake in Walker with his fiancé Suzanne Ribbel Frambers.

Throughout his life, Rudd enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, teaching, and serving his country and community.

Rudd often donated to organizations that give children gifts for Christmas in Bagley. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation of this type in memory of Rudd Thabes to the Salvation Army.



Services for Alden Spray

Alden Spray, 87, of Gonvick, Minnesota ended his long Parkinson's/Cancer journey on September 8, 2018. He died at his home in Gonvick surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN with the Reverend Kris Snyder officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at the Samhold Lutheran Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Alden was born on February 7, 1931, in McIntosh, MN, the son of Alden Vernon and Hilma Caroline (Hanson) Spray. His school years were spent in Warroad, Erskine, Thief River Falls, MN and Jamestown, ND. He entered the US Navy in 1951 and served four years on a destroyer, the USS Fisk. After his discharge, he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree from BSU in 1958 and later his Master of Arts Degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, TN in 1969. He taught Fine Arts in Sioux Falls, SD., Bovey, Alexandria and Bagley, MN for a total of 27 years. During those years, he also taught adult education pottery classes at Bagley Public Schools and two summer sessions at Bemidji State College. Al mentored a pottery program at the Clearwater's Life Center in Gonvick. While living

in Bagley, he served as an Assistant Boy Scout Master, was instrumental in organizing a hockey program and started Art in The Park events. He led two Bible Study series at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley, MN and an adult Bible Study at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN as well as serving on the Church Council in several capacities. After his retirement from teaching, he farmed and had a wood shop and a pottery studio where he spent countless hours creating wood products and pottery. He loved going to craft shows around Northern Minnesota.

While in college, he met his future wife, Mary Lou Kamrud, and they were married on June 20, 1959. Together they had two children, Todd and David. During their married years, they made their home in Sioux Falls, SD, Alexandria, and Bovey, before moving to Bagley for 23 years and then to Gonvick for 29 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, attending sporting events for his kids and grandkids, family gatherings, and visits with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; children - Todd (Julie) Spray of Bagley and David (Lori) Spray of Gonvick; grandchildren - Blake (Regina) Pemberton of Andover; , Jerod (Lorena) Spray of Beulah, ND; Katelin (Ryan Landsdown) Spray; Grand Forks, ND; Dillon (Aaron) Spray, of Grand Forks, ND; Sierra (David) Serbus of Bemidji, MN; Nick (Cassie Stebe) Spray of Gonvick, MN; Luke Spray of Grand Forks, ND; Jessica (Tyler) Rogstad of Clearbrook, MN and Rachel Spray of Gonvick, MN; Great grandchildren - Chase, Greta, Henry, Liam, Giovanna, Darby, Hadley, Mason and expecting another great granddaughter in January. Sister – Carole (Stuart) Watson of Grand Rapids, MN; Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, Jim Kamrud and Earl Roberts and his nephew – Rick Kamrud.

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Services held for Dorothy Barsness

Dorothy Barsness, Foston, MN, formerly Oklee, MN, passed away on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the Essentia Living Center in Fosston.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, September 15th at 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Service in Oklee, MN with Reverend Dawn Hanson Officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation was held on Friday, 5 – 8 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service at Johnson Funeral Service in Oklee and also one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Dorothy Ellen Burdette was born May 9, 1934 at Osceola, WI, the daughter of Charles and Doris (Hale) Burdette. She was baptized and confirmed at Stockholm, WI. She attended Pleasant Valley Grade School.

On April 10, 1954, Dorothy was united in marriage to Allen Barsness in Wisconsin.

The couple moved to Oklee, MN in the fall of 1955.

Dorothy was a homemaker, helped on the farm, and also worked at a Mrs. Olson Lefse plant from 1990-2004. She had an incredible work ethic and a mischievous sense of humor.

She enjoyed wood-crafting of lawn ornaments, Sunday night dances in Trail, and gardening with a special fondness for her raspberries. She loved her dogs Blackie and Sport and her cat Tessie.

Survived by her husband of 64 years Allen Barsness of Fosston, MN; children: Keith Barsness (Lisa Drake of West Tawakoni, TX) of Grygla, MN, Dwelton Barsness of Thief River Falls, MN and Lila Coulter (Ken Thomas) of Gonvick, MN; grandchildren: Michael Barsness of Fort Hood, TX, Joseph Barsness of Thief River Falls, MN, Celeste Coulter (Dieter Hermann) of Ettrick, WI, Candace Coulter of Gonvick, MN, and Colette (Billy) Neely of Prague, OK; great grandchildren: Taylor Coulter, Nicholas Hermann, Carlisle Coulter, Augustus Coulter, Calen Neely, Ciera Neely, Holden Neely and Hazel Neely; brother and sisters: Danny (Barbara) Carlstrom of River Falls, WI, Charlotte Schivley of Cochran, WI and Ruthy Linehan of Minneapolis, MN along with several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by parents, grandparents and brother-in-law: Frank Schivley, son-in-law Larry Coulter and her niece, Renae Schivley.

Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Services for Susan Tieman

Susan Tieman passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Reverend Kristin Ostercamp Officiating. Burial was held at the Bethany Cemetery near Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Susan Rania Tieman was born March 30, 1956, in Thief River Falls, MN. She was the daughter of Elwood and Rhodella (Tanem) Tieman. Susan was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and she was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. She attended special education classes in the Thief River Falls school district. Later, she attended and worked at the Falls Day Activity Center, and the Polk County DAC in Crookston.

Susie lived most of her life on the Tieman family farm in Kratka Township, Pennington County, MN. In recent years, “Miss Susie” resided at Northwood Home in Red Lake Falls and Liberty Home in Crookston. She was always in good spirits. In spite of her physical and mental limitations, Susie made the best of her life, through the help and love of her family, neighbors and friends. Susie was sweet and sincere to all. She was a “social butterfly” type, and always liked visiting with people and being at neighborhood gatherings and birthday parties.

Susie realized huge changes in recent years with the

death of Rhodella in April, 2015, and Elwood in June, 2018. She missed her parents and would ask about them often. She looked at pictures of her family, friends, and neighbors every day.

Some of her favorite pastimes were shopping (especially Walmart and the Dollar Stores, where she could get lots of “stuff”), watching The Price Is Right, clipping coupons, watching movies (her favorite one was Father of the Bride, starring Steve Martin), doing math workbooks, writing out greeting cards, drinking coffee and diet pop, and playing Go Fish and Old Maid. Christmas was her favorite time of the year.

The great highlight of each year was the celebration of her birthday with invitations sent out to family, friends, and neighbors months ahead of time. Susie's birthday celebrations were legendary with her mother and neighbors providing the cakes, ice cream, and hot dish. She glowed with delight when we sang “Happy Birthday” to her and prayed to bless the gathering. Susie loved being the birthday princess and getting all the attention that she deserved.

Survivors include her brother Curtis (Jean); nieces: Vanessa and Michelle Tieman; Uncle Wayne (Lenay) Tieman; Aunt Margie (Charles) Clevin; and Uncle Larry Tanem; and cousins, neighbors, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents: Wallace and Agnes Tieman and Ingmar and Evelyn Tanem; Uncles: Arnold, LeRoy “Mike”, and Jimmy Tanem; Aunt Judy Tanem; and neighbors and friends from Kratka and Smiley Townships.

Susie was blessed beyond measure by the love and care from her family, friends, and neighbors.

Blessings abound for “Miss Susie”.

HONORARY CASKET-BEARERS: All of the Staff and friends at Northwood Group Home in Red Lake Falls, Liberty Group Home in Crookston, Falls DAC and the Crookston DAC.

ACCOMPANIST: Margie Iverson

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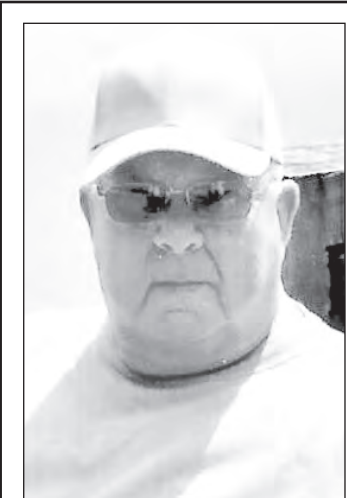
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Services for Vernal Skarison

Vernal Allen Skarison, age 75, passed away at home in Clearbrook, Minnesota on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota with Pastor Rick Moore officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Elim Lutheran Brethren Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Vernal was born on January 30, 1943, in Mayville, North Dakota to parents Sigurd and Olga (Christianson) Skarison. The family moved to Clearbrook, MN where he grew up and attended school. Vernal served in the Army,

stationed in Germany, from 1964 until he was honorably discharged in 1966. He was employed at Arctic Cat in Clearbrook, Associated Investors and Red Lake Farms. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, watching sports on TV, reading and visiting with family and friends. “Uncle Vernal” was very important to his nieces and nephews having spent many hours entertaining them. He was a good and gentle man with a big heart who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Vernal is survived by his brother, Norman (Gwen) Skarison of Clearbrook, MN; sister, Janice Cylkowski of St. Paul, MN; sister-in-law, Arlys Skarison of Bagley, MN; special friend, Carole Beckstrand of Clearbrook, MN; many nieces, nephews and their families: Rick (Brenda) Skarison of Bagley, MN; Ken (Stacey) Skarison of Tucson, AZ; Mary (Todd) Fore of Gully, MN; Carolyn (Chris) Lindman of New Brighton, MN; Jill (Chris) Rudzitis of St. Paul, MN; Tom Cylkowski of St. Paul, MN; and Jay (Jessie) Cylkowski of St. Paul, MN.

Vernal was preceded in death by his parents, Sigurd and Olga Skarison; brother, Ira Skarison; niece, Tracy Cylkowski; and nephew, Michael Skarison.

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Tri County Canary Area SPORTS



On September 9, 2018 the Plummer Area Sportsman Club held it's Sporting Clay Funshoot. 28 shooters were on hand for the event. Winners for the 6 divisions were Aaron Janisch, Jeremy Grove, Bruce Mattison, Ted Bettin, Randy Pahlen and Aaron Janisch won Sub gauge division. Thanks to all who helped with this fund raiser.

Plummer Area Sportsman Club held Funshoot



Max Wilson Wins Cabela's National Walleye Championship at Lake of the Woods

Brett King and Terry Hora take Angler of the Year titles

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. (September 11, 2018) - Max Wilson, of Lomira, Wisconsin, weighed a combined total of 45.83 pounds to win the Cabela's National Walleye Tour Championship on Lake of the Woods, September 6. The angler won a fully rigged Ranger 620FS with a 250-horsepower Evinrude outboard, \$15,000 in cash and \$2,120 in Anglers Advantage cash for a total of \$88,585 in winnings.

When 20-year-old Dylan Nussbaum won the Cabela's National Walleye Tour event on Devils Lake earlier this year, the walleye fishing industry collectively took notice. At the time, it was inexplicable that someone so inexperienced could outperform the world's best walleye anglers. Fast forward six weeks and the unthinkable has happened again. This time, 21-year-old Wisconsin angler Max Wilson took his knowledge of deep basin fishing and applied it to Minnesota's Lake of the Woods.

This was only Wilson's second full season on the NWT. Prior to that, he fished as a co-angler and dabbled as a pro on other circuits for two years. After a strong season opener on Winnebago, his home waters, he struggled at Saginaw Bay and Devils Lake.

Plummer Sportsman Club summer league results

32 shooters took part in this years Sporting Clay League at Plummer Range

1st Place: Brent's Gun Supply - 1034 points

2nd Place: Paradis, Inc. - 1029 points

3rd Place: Grove Construction - 1028 points

4th Place (Tie): Safety Compliance Services & Gerardy Farms - 1022 points

5th Place: Schultz Carpet - 1017 points

6th Place: Thibert's Chevrolet - 1015 points

7th Place: Ultima Bank - 1014 points

As you can see, it was a competitive year in the points series. Thanks for all who came out and participated. A great time was had by all.

Wonder what to get the sports fan? Here are some ideas...

Sports fans are passionate about their favorite sports and favorite teams. Perhaps nowhere is that passion more evident than in how much sports fans are spending to attend sporting events.

A 2017 study from CreditCards.com found that American consumers spent \$56 billion to attend sporting events over the year prior to the study being conducted. But sports fans weren't just paying to see their favorite sports, but to participate in them as well. In the 12-month span covered by the study, sports lovers spent \$33 billion on athletic equipment.

Holiday shoppers no doubt have one or two sports fans and/or athletes on their shopping lists. The following sports-related gifts might be just the thing such loved ones are hoping to find under the tree this



holiday season.

Tickets: For diehard sports fans, few things can rival the thrill of seeing a favorite team in person. But sports tickets don't come cheap, especially for fans who want to take their families to the game. Data from

TeamMarking.com indicates that the average cost for a family of four to attend a National Football League game in 2016 was \$502.84, while the same family spent roughly \$220 that year to attend a Major League Baseball game. Those costs in-

clude food, beverages, parking, and apparel. Holiday shoppers can soften the blow of attending a game with the family by purchasing the tickets.

Apparel: Watch a ballgame on television and it might seem as if every fan in the stands is decked out in the home team's colors. That's not an illusion, as a 2018 survey from Statista found that more than 13 percent of sports fans spent \$500 or more on sports apparel in 2017. Jerseys, hats, scarves, and outerwear are sure to please sports fans who want to showcase the love they have for their favorite teams.

Streaming service/television packages: Sports fans live all over the globe, and many do not live within the television markets of their favorite teams. That can make it difficult, but not impossible, for sports fans

to watch their favorite teams. Streaming services such as MLB.TV and NFL Sunday Ticket.TV (also available through DirecTV as NFL Sunday Ticket) enable fans to watch their favorite teams regardless of where they live.

Gear: For the sports fan who's more than just a spectator but a participant as well, gear such as golf clubs, mitts, bats, or whatever else is necessary to participate in his or her favorite sport is sure to please this holiday season. Some sports, such as golf and rock climbing, may require an intimate knowledge of a loved one's game and skill level. In such instances, shoppers can simply buy gift cards to retailers that cater to athletes who participate in specific sports.

Gifting sports fans and athletes can be fun. Sports-related presents are a great way to stoke loved ones' passions for their favorite teams.



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