



Tri County Canary

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Largest farm in Minnesota to receive Certified Producer award

5L Farms north of Gully received Minnesota Water Quality Certified farm award. They are the largest farm in Minnesota to receive this award. 5L Farms, with all the Vettleson names starting with "L" was started by the father Lealand Vettleson. The other four names are his son Lawrence and Lealand's grandsons: Lawrence "Gus", Lealand "Lee" and Lon.

Lawrence started farming when he was 16 years old. He received land north of Trail in 1955 from his grandmother. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston Ag School. He was the manager of a cotton farm in Arizona for ten years before coming back to Minnesota where he started milking cow, farming and coaching track at Red Lake County Central.

They started working to get into the Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). That is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect the water. Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified.

The Vettlesons received a large map to pin point all the parcels of the land that they owned. They had to look at several different factors:

- Physical field properties like potential to erode, organic matter, leaching potential
- Nutrient management for N and P
- Tillage management
- Pest management
- Irrigation management

- Drainage management
- Conservation practices installed or needed to correct a resource problem.

This year they had 2000 acres in wheat, 2000 acres in soy beans, 4850 acres in edible black turtle beans and 1000 acres in sunflowers. That is the last field that they have had to do this fall.

They also have 600 acres north of Trail that they are using for wild life restoration. They are getting it back to the way it was years ago. When they harvest their crops they left patches in the fields for wildlife.

The Vettlesons' worked with Agronomists from Gully and Oklee to get the rate of how much fertilizer to apply each year to their soil. They have mostly peat and mineral soil primarily. They don't do any fall application of fertilizer because they felt that it would be wasted during the run-off in the spring and in many cases they apply fertilizer below the recommended rates. They do no-till saving them 2/3 of the amount of fuel each year. No-till farming is a way of growing crops from year to year without disturbing the soil through tillage. Reduced tillage on their fields keep soil loss below the allowable soil loss is really critical, especially on their fields that have peat or mineral soils.

They spent time with Glen Kajewski. He works part-time as the Area Certification Specialist working on the Ag Water Quality Certification Program in 12 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in northwest Minnesota through the East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, SWCD. He does the checking for the growers to

see if they are doing a good job of land stewardship.

Whole-farm planning and evaluation assistance for water quality is provided to farmers that apply for certification; a water quality risk assessment is done for every parcel and every crop in the farm operation. As needed they help producers develop site-specific solutions for risks to water quality.

All of the fields for each crop grown by the Vettleson's had to score at least 8.5 out of a possible 10 points to be eligible to get certified. That's a pretty high standard – every field and every separate crop grown on that field had to score better than 8.5. 5L Farms active cropland fields ranged in scoring from 8.57-9.52.

The advantage of being certified is that for 10 years "Certified farms are considered to be in compliance with any new State water quality rules or laws and considered to be meeting their contributions to any targeted reductions of pollutants during the period of their certification."



Lon Vettleson pointing out to his father Lawrence the different plots of land that they farm north of Gully.



The crew at 5L Farms after breakfast getting ready for the day. From left to right: Lon Vettleson, Chris Dyrda, Jim Papke, Judy Opdahl, Lawrence Vettleson, Jared Hoeft and Lon Burgess. Lon and Lawrence Vettleson, partners in the five 5L Farms north of Gully received an award as being a Minnesota Water Quality Certified Farm.

Arlan W. Jourdain Succeeds Alexander Gillespie as Red Lake Hereditary Chief Swearing in Held at October 2018 Tribal Council Meeting

Story and Photos By Michael Meuers

At about 10:00 a.m., near the top of the agenda at the October 9, 2018, monthly meeting of the Red Lake Tribal Council, Arlan W. Jourdain was sworn in as one of Red Lake's Seven Hereditary Chiefs. Jourdain succeeds Chief Alexander Gillespie who resigned the position in late summer.

Jourdain was sworn in by fellow Hereditary Chief James Loud, while Chiefs, Tribal Councilors, Red Lake members, friends and family stood in pride and respect to bear witness.

According to Chief Loud, members of Red Lake's Seven Hereditary Chief system have the responsibility of deciding who is to succeed the previous Chief by examining the family trees or lineage charts.

"Sometimes it's easy," Loud said, "As a general rule, the honor and responsibility of being a Red Lake Hereditary Chief is inherited by the eldest son. There are other times, (for example a chief with no sons) that require more consultation. In all cases, lineage is examined and it is the Chief's who determine who best meets the criteria for filling a vacancy. The Tribal Council then ratifies that choice."

Red Lake, one of two closed

reservations in the US, is touted as having the first modern indigenous democratic governance system in the nation, while maintaining a hereditary chief system.

During the 1950s, govern-

mental reform efforts in Red Lake resulted in the drafting of a tribal constitution. The constitution established an elected Tribal Council; a group of seven traditionally selected tribal leaders was established to serve

on an advisory basis. Together with the elected council members, these traditional leaders form the Tribal Council's subordinate committees, are often relied on for advice on culturally related issues.



Hereditary Chief James Loud (left) swears in new Chief Arlan W. Jourdain.



One of the many buildings that are on the 5L Farms north of Gully.



Play area on the farm where the younger members of the 5L farms have been getting their practice. They can add Logan, Landen, Lauren and Levi to the group.

Small Grains Institute Awards Grants and Scholarships

The Small Grains Institute Committee is comprised of 10 members from the farm community, industry and extension. The 2 day event focus is on educational programs featuring leading edge topics and a farm equipment show held each February at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Since its inception in 1990, the SGI's mission has been to help educate and provide information to the small grain growers in our region. The continued growth and success of the International Crop Expo has allowed the SGI to establish a fund that will provide financial support for programs and/or meetings that coincide with that mission.

A grant committee has been formed to help this process along. Serving on the grant committee for this current year are: Fred Parnow, Crookston; Joel Ransom; Fargo, Don Yutzenka; Argyle, Greg Radke; Maple Lake and Lorri Ann Hartel; Red Lake Falls.

The Small Grains Institute Committee is proud to announce that they distributed grants to the following recipients in 2018:

- ND Grain Growers Assn, \$500.00
- ND Barley Council, \$500.00
- Organic Crop Improvement Assn MN #1, \$500.00
- MN Assn of Wheat Growers, \$1000.00
- MN Barley Growers Assn, \$1000.00
- MN/ND Agri-Women, \$1000.00

The committee is also proud that scholarships have been awarded to an Ag student with the University of Minnesota – Crookston and North Dakota State University for \$1,000.00 each. This program was established with the two Universities in 2014.

The 2019 grant application deadline will be Friday, December 3, 2018.

If you know of any group who would be eligible & would like to apply – please contact Lorri Ann Hartel @ 218-253-4391 or 218-686-6144 or email @ lhartel@prairieagcomm.com



Gully Home Companion
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Prepare to have fun at Gully Home Companion show!

The upcoming Gully Home Companion Goes to Nashville Show consists of not only good music, but also has some “down-home” humor. Count on these folks, JoAnne Papke, Cheri Gunvalson, and Jimmy Paulson to do their part in making it a fun evening in Gully on October 20th.



Gonvick LINK Site Scheduled Celtic Musician, Author Talk

A performance by famed Celtic musician Laura MacKenzie is scheduled Thursday, October 18 at 3 p.m. at the Gonvick Library LINK Site, 170 Main St. MacKenzie will demonstrate traditional songs, border dance tunes and more, using a variety of instruments, including the Scottish small-pipes, border pipes, whistles and concertina. Admission is free thanks to funding from the Minnesota Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

In November, “Seven Ways to Trick a Troll” author/illustrator team Lise Lunge-Larsen and Kari Vick will bring Norwegian trolls to life. The Lunge-Larsen and Vick are scheduled to give a presentation about their book and the role trolls play in Norse

mythology and history at the Clear Waters Life Center (226 Elm St., Gonvick) Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. This event is brought to the community free of charge by the Gonvick Library LINK Site, thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The Gonvick LINK Site is a location of Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which is a consolidated LINK Site system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org, and the library’s app, LARLMobile, is available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for free download.

Music Jamboree

Country & Country-Gospel Music at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. NW, Bagley on Sunday, October 21st from 1:00-4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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Influenza season is upon us and now is the time to protect yourself, your family and the community by getting vaccinated. The flu vaccine is recommended for people six months and older, including people with compromised immune systems and chronic medical conditions.

“Getting a flu shot is one of the best ways to keep your family and community healthy this flu season,” says Essentia Health’s Dr. Cheryl White. “Getting the flu shot helps protect those that are vulnerable—the elderly, young children and those with significant health conditions.”

The flu vaccine is made from influenza strains identified to be the most likely to hit the Northern hemisphere, based on what medical experts have seen occur in the southern half of the world.

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TRFACT Begins Strategic Plan

Upon completion of the “Vital Non-Profits” program through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, the Thief River Falls Area Community Theater (TRFACT) has begun the process of strategic planning.

Forward-thinking, the Theater has implemented several new initiatives within the last five years, including:

- The inception, creation and implementation of youth programming for children in grades 3-12;

- Radio Readers’ Theater, a monthly radio play in conjunction with Pioneer 90.1 Radio; and

- Completion of the Vital Non-profits program, a competitive grant program for non-profits throughout the region in which members attended focused conferences and worked one-on-one with personal consultants to devise strategies to strengthen the business-end of the organization.

The final phase of the Vital Non-profits program allowed organizations to apply for additional grant monies to complete major tasks they discovered were needed to continue to grow and refine their organizations. The TRFACT applied and received funding to assist with Strategic Planning.

Jody Horntvedt, an educator with University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, has been contracted to facilitate the group in this endeavor. TRFACT Board members involved in the process include President Shawn Newland, Cyndi Onkka, Rob Burkel, Leah Wattenphul, Faye Auchenpaugh, Karmon Trontvet, Scott Pream, Paul Burnett, Sherry Knott, Dena Hals and Executive Director Jane Anderson. Members of the board met with Horntvedt on

Saturday, October 6 for a full-day session to begin the process.

The three-year plan will require hours of cooperative work within the group. The final outcome will ensure that this organization continues to survive, grow and add quality of life to residents of Northwest Minnesota through community

outreach via performance arts.

If you would like more information about the Thief River Falls Area Theater, visit www.trfact.org or email Executive Jane Anderson at mjander@mncable.net

Thief River Falls Area Community Theater: “Small City/Big Theater!”



Left to right—Paul Burnett, Jane Anderson, Karmon Trontvedt. Photos taken on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Strategic Planning session. Submitted photos.



Left to right—Cyndi Onkka, Leah Wattenphul, Rob Burkel, Scott Pream, Sherry Knott, Faye Auchenpaugh.

You May Qualify for Extra Help Paying Your Drug Costs

Written by Karin Haugrud

It’s that time of year again to be thinking about your Medicare choices! Don’t forget...Medicare beneficiaries can sign up for, or change prescription drug plans beginning October 15 until December 7, 2018. Plans may have different costs and benefits from year to year, thus it is advisable for all beneficiaries to consider their options and make the best choice they can for the coming year. The change will take effect on January 1 as long as the plan receives your request by December 7.

Remember, anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare prescription drug coverage. People with limited income

and resources are eligible for Extra Help to pay for the costs—monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments—related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. You can help someone you care about apply for Extra Help with his or her Medicare prescription drug costs. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth an average of \$4,000 per year.

To qualify for Extra Help you must reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Your resources must be limited to \$14,100 for an individual or \$28,150 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your home, car, or any life insurance policy as resources; and your annual income must be limited to \$18,210 for an individual or \$24,690 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help. If you already receive Extra Help, there is no need to reapply.

When you file your application for Extra Help, you also can start your application process for the Medicare Savings Programs. This state program provides help with other Medicare

costs. Social Security will send information to your state unless you tell us not to on the Extra Help application. Your state will contact you to help you apply for a Medicare Savings Program.

The Medicare Savings Program helps people with limited resources and income pay for their Medicare expenses. It can help pay for your Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums. For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also may pay for Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

Call the Senior LinkAge Line® to learn more about the Extra Help and to learn more about the Medicare Part D drug benefit at 800-333-2433.

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Please complete an application on Polk County's Website: www.co.polk.mn.us-HumanResources/JobOpenings or contact the Polk County Administrator's Office at (218) 281-5408. Please send your completed application along with a cover letter and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN. Applications will be received until 4:30 p.m., October 31, 2018. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment. EEO.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Little Country Church Time... In the Quiet of the Night Time...

I go to a little country church located at the edge of town. How it landed there, poetically placed near an open field, I haven't a clue. I only know that we attend. The structure is solid, the teaching is solid, and the people within...well...they are sinners saved by grace...every last one of em.

There's no pretending cause we're much too small a group to not notice the imperfections of one another. At the same time, we're much too small a group to not notice the forgiveness of those imperfections as well. As we literally bump into one another coming and going, we choose to love just as we are... cause we come just as we are.

There are no choirs of angels gathered round to make music, but we have a piano player with fingers that can find their way around those keys like none I've ever seen. The volunteer organists are willing to make their way around the ivory tower which stands directly across from the piano to make a sound that could mimic those choirs.

Our pastor stands on the solid rock while leading forth his imperfect sheep that need sheering more oft than not. He's patient with us. We are patient with him. It works both ways as small congregational pastors wear way too many hats. Perfection can't be paraded through

as one would go bonkers cause there's not enough time to perfect much...except His word expounded weekly. That seems to roll out onto the red carpet as His Spirit moves freely...getting us back on track.

I suppose I share this...not to brag...not to gather sheep from other pastures...but rather to let you know that you are not alone. You are not alone cause I see far and wide the countryside dotted with little white churches. Oh, some of them have made their move to larger lots as to pool their people who are no longer countryside. They have to, People move and needs change.

Somehow though, those little country churches were the anchoring pins of our nation. The goal long ago was simple, to honor the Lord with all their hearts, minds and souls. The goal was and still is to love our neighbor as ourselves. It's hard to do this unless there is a shepherd to herd us back into the fold, and the shepherd can't do that without a little church in which to gather...His church... His people.

No...we don't have fancy choirs, or room for a more modern music set up, or enough people to fill all of the roles needed, or even enough ministry teams to measure up to what could spiritually help fill cups to

overflowing.

But, what we do have, are praying people. Yup, praying people is what we have within the likes of our little white country church, and I bet you have them in yours.

Let me tell you a story. To a city far away...I traveled. Late one evening it was, and a friend from our little country church was in the big city too. We met up. We shared our hearts.

When dropping her off, out the door she did hop. Suddenly, she turned only to hop back in. Into my vehicle she came once again, took my hand and said, "Let's pray."

In the driveway we sat. In the dark of night, in a big city far away from our little country church, we prayed. And, that... is big church. With the angels and saints we were...in the dark of night, living the Gospel that had been planted within from a little country church at the edge of town.

And, my guess is, you, too, gather as one just like we did... living the Gospel rooted from a little country church somewhere in your past...which dots this nation.

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As a Minnesota State Trooper, most of my traffic stops oc-

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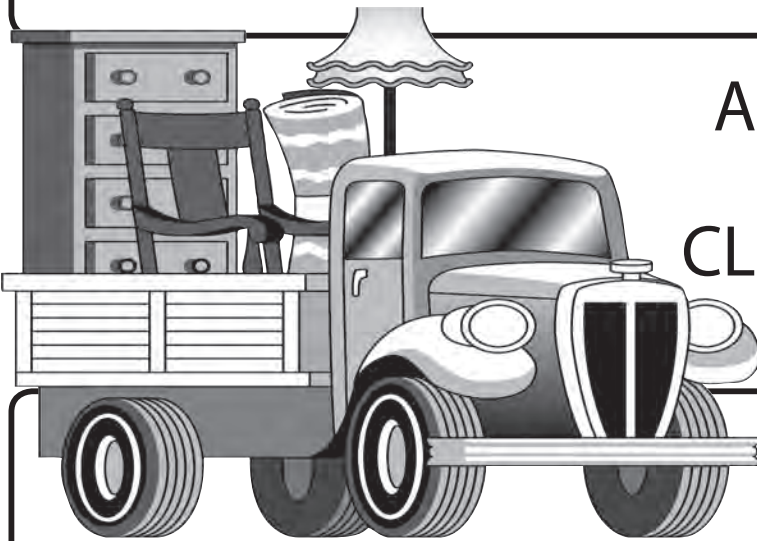
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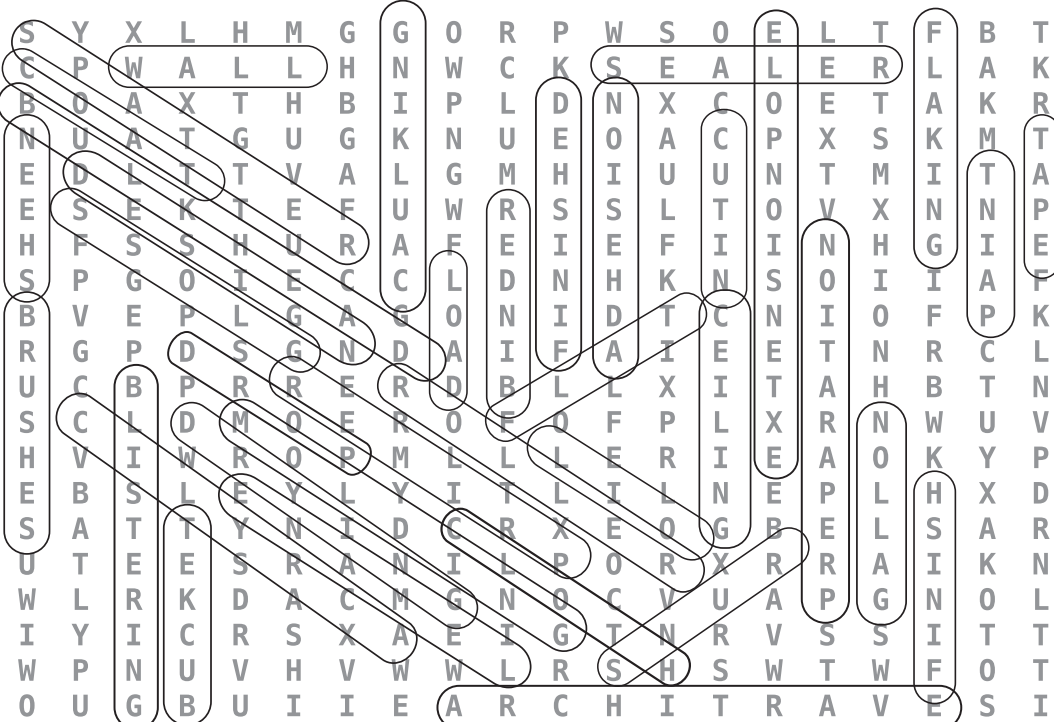


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Remember the Good Old Days

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Saturday morning found Patty and I going to Gully to meet my mom, dad, and friend Joanne for breakfast. As we drove down the sloppy gravel road I looked across the country side and my eyes happened to stumble across an old abandoned house. I stared down the house, I have seen it before, to my knowledge it has been abandoned all of my life, but it is still standing. Whenever this happens my mind wanders, wondering who lived there, what kind of farm they had, did they have kids, how many..... and of course what kind of tractors they used!!

You see if I didn't have such a great life today, I would lament about how I was born 30 years too late! I think maybe it was growing up with the sound of two cylinder tractors, working with my mom and dad in the fields, looking at dad's tractor books.....I'm not sure but I like to "Remember the Good Old Days!" I love to sit around the "round table" at the cafe to listen for one of those "Good Old Days" stories. Most of them seem to transform into remembering some parts of those old days as

"NOT SO GOOD!" Pitching bundles, making loose hay, milking by hand.....yes, I guess some of it doesn't sound so good! But, I guess I am a romantic when it comes to the old days and the farm and I want the younger generation to know about it.

A few years ago I joined the Tri River Pioneers. If you don't know of the Tri River Pioneers give me a call and I will tell you what I know. The Tri River Pioneers built an absolutely wonderful museum in Plummer, Minnesota, that keeps some of these good old days alive. Later a "barn" was built by the Tri River Pioneers where some old tractors, threshing machine, and other implements are stored for safe keeping. So you can see why I would think this is a good organization to belong to! A few years ago we did some threshing and invited the kids from RLCC Elementary School to come over and watch. I even brought my class from Goodridge down to watch. It was fun to show some of the kids what threshing was like in the "Good Old Days!" The Pioneer hope to do it again in the future. It is fun to watch

the machines at work, but even more important is to let the students know that the men who pitched bundles, made loose hay, and milked by hand are the backbone of agriculture and what we have today and deserve honor and respect for their labors. You see I was born 30 years to late, I wasn't in that generation, but I have GREAT respect for those people..... that's why I wish I was a member of the generation that I admire so much!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What year did Farmall come out with the model H?
A) 1935 B) 1939 C) 1941 D) 1953

2. About how many H's were manufactured?
A) 259,000 B) 299,000 C) 350,000 D) 390,000

3. The John Deere model B came out in what year?
A) 1935 B) 1939 C) 1941 D) 1953

4. The John Deere model B was manufactured in _____
A) Moline, IL B) Chicago, IL C) Waterloo, IA D) Rock Island, IL

5. The WC Allis Chalmers came out in what year?
A) 1933 B) 1935 C) 1939 D) 1953

6. The WC was manufactured in _____
A) Moline, IL B) Milwaukee, WI C) West Allis, WI D) Rock Island, IL

Answers: 1. B. 1939 2. D. Over 390,000 3. A. 1935 4. C. Waterloo, IA 5. A. 1933 6. C. West Allis, WI



An old Oliver running a threshing machine.



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SSGT Brady Lene, stationed out of Luke AFB was home on leave to take advantage of the first 2 weeks of Archery season. Brady was able to take down the biggest buck of his life with his bow. This buck of a lifetime had 13 points, weighed 180 lbs. gutted out and has a rough score of 150!



Maintenance key to functioning farms

The family automobile is not the only piece of equipment that requires routine upkeep to ensure it is operating properly.

Life on a farm can come to a screeching halt if farm equipment is not properly maintained. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars on agricultural equipment, such as tractors, tillers, hoppers, and dozers. Adhering to maintenance schedules can prevent breakdowns and decrease the need for potentially costly emergency repairs.

Keep it clean

Cleaning the surface of equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Learn the equipment

Over time, it is possible to employ your senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment is working properly. Familiarize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

Routine maintenance checks

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant

and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks. Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Heavy farm equipment needs motor oil, hydraulic oil and filters changed more frequently than automobiles. Such equipment also may need more frequent lubrication of chains and cables. Always check and inspect equipment prior to jobs requiring heavy and extended usage.

Expect some welding

Have a knowledgeable welder on call to make repairs as needed, or develop your skills to a point where you feel comfortable making your own spot repairs. The experts at Miller, producers of welding equipment, say cleaning the surface area and removing any paint, oil or corrosion from the metal area that needs repairing can make for smooth, durable welds. Multi-process welding generators and accessories can ensure the right welds for repairs in the field or in the shop.

Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments.



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Were these guys having fun in the pond at the Twin Pines Golf course in Bagley? This spot of water seems to draw every golf ball that it can. They were down under the water picking up what they could. The bottom was littered with balls that had been hit in the water by mistake.

The most haunted places in North America

Mysteries and the macabre take center stage come Halloween. Many people feel that lingering spirits may cling to hotel rooms, hospitals and old buildings. The following are some sites, courtesy of Conde Nast, Reader's Digest and National Geographic, that may prove pleasing to those who like a taste of the paranormal each October.

- Howard Street Cemetery, Salem, Mass.: The Salem Witch Trials were a shocking part of American history. Many different people were accused of witchcraft and sorcery and executed for their alleged crimes. Howard Street Cemetery, where Giles Corey, a convicted offender is buried, is said to host the paranormal.

- Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.: This once strict enforcer of solitary confinement was built in 1829 and housed prisoners until 1970. Peals of disembodied laughter, pacing footsteps and shadowy figures have been reported on the premises.

- Keg Mansion, Toronto, Ontario: The Keg Mansion was once the private residence of industrialist Hart Massey and his family. Legend states that, after the death of Massey's daughter Lillian, her maid was so overcome with grief that she took her own life. A ghostly image of a maid hanging by her neck has frequently been reported at the property.

- LaLaurie Mansion, New Orleans, La.: Marie Delphine LaLaurie was a Louisiana socialite who threw lavish parties. But she also had a dark and grisly side. When a fire broke out in the residence, police responded and discovered mutilated slaves in the attic. LaLaurie fled New Orleans, but it is believed the phantom screams of her victims can still be heard at night.

- Hotel Monte Vista, Flagstaff, Az.: This hotel is purportedly home to various specters and paranormal guests. Room 210 was plagued by someone who hung raw meat from the chandelier. An infant's wretched cries have sent people scurrying. And two women who were thrown from the third floor now haunt and try to smother male guests in their sleep.

- Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta: This is

the site of a number of terrifying ghost sightings, including an entire murdered family. Many believe a retired head bellman in uniform continues to haunt the hotel.

- San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas: This is the oldest church in Texas and is stunning to behold. But during the nighttime, visitors may feel the hair on their necks stand on end. During renovations, workers unearthed bones, nails and military uniforms. Visitors report orbs and shadowy figures in photographs, as well as figures in hooded clothing.

- RMS Queen Mary, Long Beach, Calif.: This luxury ship carried Hollywood celebrities before being repurposed into a World War II ship that transported troops. Eventually, the ship was permanently docked in California, and is reportedly haunted by those who died aboard, such as a young sailor crushed in the engine room.

Haunted places dot the globe and can make interesting travel locations for those who wish to discover what goes bump in the night.



Wildlife Forever Joins Governor Dayton for Pheasant Opener

White Bear Lake, MN – Minnesota's claim to fame may be having 10,000 lakes but on Saturday, October 13th, Governor Mark Dayton will help celebrate the Ring-necked pheasant, in Luverne, MN kicking off opening of the season. Dayton, a sportsman and conservationist, understands the \$725 million benefit hunting brings to Minnesota and more importantly how good habitat is critical for other species including improved water quality.

"I thank the people of Luverne for graciously hosting the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener," said Governor Dayton. "The Pheasant Opener has become a special Minnesota tradition, made possible by our tremendous host communities. I look forward to another fantastic opener in Luverne this year."

The pheasant, a transplant from China, was brought to Minnesota in 1916. Their population has experienced significant rise and fall over the years due to habitat changes, weather and farming practices. Thankfully this year, hunters have a 19% increase according to MN DNR roadside surveys. Western Minnesota's prairie grasslands hold the most consistent populations however many localized populations can be found throughout the southern and central part of the state.

"The flush of a wild pheasant is electrifying. The explosion of color, the sounds of their cackle and time spent afield trying to outwit them is addicting," said Pat Conzemius, Executive Vice President of Wildlife Forever who will join Governor Dayton again for this year's opener. "It's an honor to hunt with Governor Dayton to renew Minnesota's pheasant

hunting tradition that's been around for nearly 100 years," said Conzemius.

Wildlife Forever has been a leader in upland habitat conservation for over 30 years and remains active in restoring prairie habitat for pheasants, waterfowl and all wildlife. Benefits of Wildlife Forever projects also include removing invasive species like European Buckthorn and Canadian thistle which can outcompete native grasslands to the great detriment of pheasants and many other game and non-game species. Countless pollinator species also benefit from WF projects which utilize localized flowers and plants.

Wildlife Forever reminds all hunters to help prevent the spread of invasive species through Cleaning, Draining and Drying all hunting equipment and gear.

To learn more about hunting opportunities in Luverne, and updates on the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, visit: exploreminnesota.com/mngpho.

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My Younger Days

Norris Syverson, a man with many memories, came to us at Richards Publishing and asked if we could make a book for him. He wrote the stories, and Carolyn (Finseth) Nelson typed what he wrote. It has been quite a journey through life for Norris and being the man that he is, he wants to share with folks his memories of days gone by. Over 200 pages! Over 100 pictures! Over 500 different topics! Some include: Drought Years; Sheep Shearing; Old Fashioned Haying; Our Buggy Rides.

Here is just an excerpt from his first page...

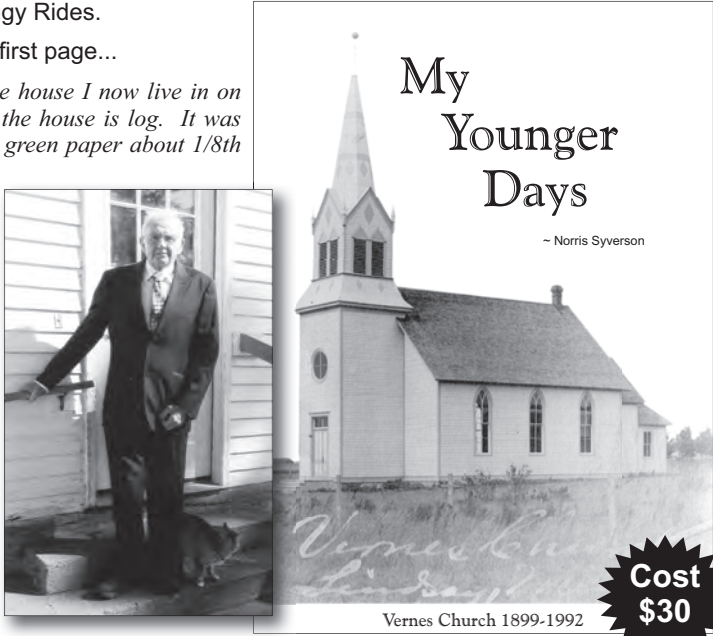
I was born in the front room of the house I now live in on December 24, 1933. This part of the house is log. It was covered with some kind of pressed green paper about 1/8th of an inch thick, now it is covered with 1/2 inch thick celotex.

This house had only two rooms downstairs, each one about 12 feet by 14 feet, with low ceilings about 7 1/2 feet high....There were 5 boys and 5 girls aging from 1 year to 16 years old, plus Ma and Pa living in this small house at that time....

"I hope every reader will seek the Lord and make sure you have the Lord Jesus deep in your heart for this is the Will of God."

Thank you. Norris Syverson

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