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Gonvick Vet finds great outcome via the Fargo VA Hospital

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By Darlene Sawyer

There are so many medical miracles discovered each day. For veteran Richard Vinje of Gonvick, age 84, his miracle came in the form of an artificial leg that has given him new opportunities.

We hear so much negative news about the Veterans Administration; however, Vinje's story brings new hope.

Vinje fell and passed out on slippery ground at home on New Year's Day 2018. He was hospitalized for bruises and a broken left ankle. The bruises healed, but an infection in his left ankle prevented his ankle from healing.

On June 25, 2018, doctors removed his left foot at the Fargo VA hospital. He received an artificial left foot in September and was released on Oct. 3. With the assistance of therapy, he can walk a short distance. He was also issued a new walker and a new wheelchair by the Veterans Administration.

He said, "Now I am getting around really well and have resumed a daily routine. I enjoy playing cards and watching TV—especially western-themed movies."

Richard is a 'farm kid' who was raised on the Vinje farm near Gonvick. He graduated from Gonvick High School in 1953. In 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Because of an eye problem, he was honorably discharged after 93 days.

In 1959 he married Charlene and raised two children. His son Rick has been a member of the Army National Guard for 13 years and will retire in 2020; his daughter Tammy lives in Gonvick. Throughout his working career, Richard has lived in several places, including South Dakota, Montana, and Florida before settling back in Gonvick. He still works "on and off" at Winsor Products in rural Gonvick where he has been associated ever since 1974. His wife Charlene passed away in 1998.

Richard is a member of the Gonvick Lions Club, Samhold Lutheran Church (where he is a 'greeter' each Sunday), the Gonvick American Legion (for 50 years), a fireman, on the Winsor Town Board, and a substitute judge for elections.

He added, "I've been in quite a few hospitals. The Fargo VA Hospital was the best as it took good care of us. While I was a patient there, they took us to the Fargo Air Show and the Fargo Car Show. They took us to a lot of activities in our wheelchairs. Even when I was wheelchair-bound, we went fishing...several times...and I really enjoyed that. I am now doing fine. I am happy to have the opportunity to get around and I no longer have pain in my foot. My artificial left foot is really amazing. I am scheduled to get a new left foot in December that will be slightly smaller than my current one, compliments of the VA. I have my life back."



Veteran Richard Vinje, age 84, received artificial leg and foot at the Fargo VA Hospital.

US Sen. Tina Smith will Attend State of the Band

Red Lake State of the Band Message on Friday, February 22, 2019



US Senator Tina Smith.

Story by Michael Meuers
US Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) has accepted an invitation to attend the Red Lake State of the Band Address presented by Red Lake Chairman Darrell G. Seki, Sr., on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 11:00 am at Seven Clans Casino Event Center, Red Lake.

Sen. Smith serves on the Committee on Indian Affairs as did her predecessor Sen. Al

Franken. She also serves on the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the U.S. Committee on Health Education, Labor and Pensions, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

All friends and future friends of the Nation are welcome to attend. Please join us for a dinner after the address.

Agenda:

- Flag song
- Honor Guard and Red Lake Nation Royalty
- Welcome and State of the Band Address
- Dinner will be served at no cost (as is the custom of America's Indigenous Peoples) following the State of the Band Address

Visit Program Informational Booths & Drawings from 8:30 – 10:30 am.

For more information contact Barb or Lilah 218-679-3341 or contact me.

Former Poplar Meadows manager facing six felony counts

The former facility manager of Poplar Meadows Senior Living in McIntosh is facing six counts of felony theft relating to her position at the municipally governed facility. Julie Ann Margaret Christianson, 46, of

McIntosh, was charged with the six counts on Nov. 29, 2017. Her first court appearance is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Polk County Justice Center in Crookston.



The Eden Homemakers Club held a special charter dinner at DaRoo's in Fosston on Monday, Jan. 14 to celebrate 47 years in service. Pictured are (back row from left): Cindy Johnson, Sue Beaudoin, Dianne Hegge, Karen Matson, Jennie Svendsen, Lynn Sundrud, Vicky Olson, Shirley Dessellier and Kandys White. Pictured in the front row are Val Brekke, and charter members Carol Wold, Janice Paulson and Arlene Wold. Not pictured: Sheila Emerson, President.

Eden Homemakers Club celebrating 47 years

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By Carol Wold

On February 12, 1972 the Eden (township) Homemakers club was organized at the home of Carol Wold with Sally Ann Geary, Home Economist from the McIntosh office present. There were 14 charter members present, namely: Thelma Nelson, Maybelle Thorssen, Joyce Forsberg, Irene Olson, Jolene Anderson, Doris Anderson, Marion Weber, Mabel Schmit, Janice Paulson, Carol Wold, Ruby Wold, Arlene Wold, Catherine Paulson and Ragna Krogstad. The following officers were elected: President-Janice Paulson, Secretary/Treasurer-Ragna Krogstad, Counselor-Carol Wold. At that time there were several clubs in East Polk County, but as of today, the Rindal Homemakers Club is the only other club in existence.

Membership has fluctuated throughout the years with as many as 23 members in the late 1970s, with the present membership being 15 active members. Monthly meetings are

held at the homes of members, when a business meeting is held followed by a lesson (usually provided by the Extension Service). Many interesting topics are discussed, such as nutrition, home decorating, microwave and crock pot cooking, gardening, quilting, photography, handmade crafts, and at earlier meetings meal preparation and baking was done on site and enjoyed by all. These are but a few of the lessons presented throughout the years.

Meetings are held during September through May with the final meetings being day outings which have included visits to the Rydell Wildlife Refuge in Erskine, Clearwater Life Centers in Clearbrook and Gonvick, Natural Flour Mill and Young's General Store in Middle River, Roma Kawa Coffee in Bagley, antique malls and other places of interest in Bemidji, Bergeson Nursery in Fertile, Amish Greenhouse and Furniture Building in Gonvick, Garden Valley Telephone Co, Erskine, UMC, Crookston and Digi-Key in Thief River Falls

to name a few. Members have also participated and hosted the Spring Fling or Fall Festival held either in the McIntosh or Fertile Community Centers for all the East Polk clubs, and attend Home Council meetings held quarterly at the McIntosh office.

Throughout the years the club has had several service projects such as making bibs for babies at the hospital, wheelchair caddies, and lap robes for nursing home residents, quilts for raffles, serving root beer floats at nursing and assisted living homes, and a few successful bake sales held at the Gully Mall. Christmas parties are held each year with the families in attendance also and a bountiful potluck meal is enjoyed and the evening is highlighted by the revealing of the Secret Pals of the past year.

Presently there are 15 members: Jolene Anderson, Sue Beaudoin, Valerie Brekke, Shirley Dessellier, Sheila Emerson, Dianne Hegge, Cindy Johnson, Karen Matson, Vickie Olson, Janice Paulson, Lynn Sundrud,

Jennie Svendsen, Arlene Wold, Carol Wold and Kandys White. Present officers are: Pres.-Sheila Emerson, Vice pres.-Shirley Dessellier, Secy.-Vickie Olson, Treas.-Jennie Svendsen, Historians-Cindy Johnson and Carol Wold, Counselors-Sue Beaudoin and Lynn Sundrud.

The Homemakers Group Creed is recited at the beginning of each meeting:

As an Extension Home Study Group member, I will strive to promote a better way of life for my family, my neighbor, and myself through continuing education, community service, and support to each other. I believe it is; my privilege and responsibility to serve to the best of my ability and to continue to improve myself helping others to develop to their full potential. May I always be willing to accept the challenges of the day by building on the strengths of the past and looking with optimism to the future.

Editor's note: Four charter members who are still active in the club are Jolene Anderson, Janice Paulson, Arlene Wold and Carol Wold.



The 1972 Charter Members of the Eden Homemakers Club are seen in this photo from the club's archive. Pictured are (back row from left): Doris Anderson, Marion Weber, Thelma Nelson, Irene Olson, Janice Paulson, Mabel Schmit, Joyce Forsberg, Ruby Wold, Arlene Wold. Front row: Maybelle Thorssen, Carol Wold, Ragna Krogstad, Jolene Anderson. Not pictured: Catherine Paulson.

Sanford Health implements visitor restrictions beginning February 11, in Bemidji and Bagley

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Due to the sustained increase in respiratory illnesses and influenza across Minnesota, Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Sanford Bagley Medical Center, Sanford Health WoodsEdge (Neilson Place, Trillium, WindSong) and Sanford Baker Park are implementing visitor restrictions. Sanford is placing these guidelines in order to protect

patients/residents and employees from catching and spreading respiratory illnesses, including influenza.

Beginning at noon on Monday, Feb. 11, Sanford will put in place the following restrictions for all visitors, including staff members and their families.

These restrictions are:

- Only two visitors (5 years and older) per patient

• Patient visitors are limited to clergy and immediate family members, including:

- o Spouse or significant other
- o Parent or grandparent
- o In-laws
- o Sibling
- o Children (5 years and older)
- All children ages 5-14 must wear a mask while visiting
- Visitors who are ill (showing signs of respiratory illness

or influenza, including fever or chills, muscle or body aches, sore throat, cough, stuffy nose, headache and fatigue) may not visit unless granted permission for compassionate reasons such as end-of-life care

Sanford would like to thank the public for their willingness to help avoid the spread of illnesses.



The top four spellers advancing to the Multi-Regional State Spelling Bee on February 19 in Fergus Falls include: (from left to right) Summer Goulet, Grade 8, from Crookston School District, Amrit Bhutani, Grade 6, from Sacred Heart School, East Grand Forks; Elizabeth Gust, grade 8, from Greenbush/Middle River School District, and Sydney LaVoi, Grade 8, from Bemidji School District. They compete at the State Spelling Bee in Fergus Falls at the Lakes Country Service Cooperative on February 19th.

Spellers from area schools advance to the Multi-Regional State Spelling Bee

Northwest Service Cooperative of Thief River Falls, sponsored the Regional Spelling Bee which was held on Wednesday, February 6th at Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls. Advancing from local and district competitions, 37 winning spellers from 30 schools in Region 1 & 2 participated in the Regional Bee. All spellers participated in a written round in the morning with the top 21 spellers advancing to an oral round in the afternoon.

The champion speller of the Multi-Regional State Spelling Bee will compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

Additional district winning spellers competing in the Regional Spelling Bee included: Colby Syverson, Ada-Borup SD#2854; Ayden Hagen, Bagley School District; Hayden Fisher, Bemidji SD#31 - Middle; Sydney LaVoi, Bemidji SD#31 - Middle; Abigail Burrow, Bemidji SD#31 - Middle; Madeline Ophus, Bemidji SD#31 - Middle; Brynn Burmeister, Blackduck SD#32; Landon Gazelka, Clrbrk/Gonvick SD#2311; Summer Goulet, Crookston SD

#593-Highland Elem; Alex Kuenzli, EGF SD#595; Zachery GeMar, EGF SD#595; Logan Ekstein, Fertile/Beltrami SD#599; Danika Motl, Fisher School; Elizabeth Gust, G/MR SD#2683; Chantal Grindeland, Goodridge SD#561; Emily Johnson, Grygla SD#447; Kyleigh Campbell, Lancaster SD#356; Lilly Smith, LOW SD#390; Travis Clark, Mahnomen SD#432-Elm; Spencer Brein, MCC SD#441 Elementary; Seth Miller, NCE SD#2215; Sarah Boettcher, Nevis SD#308; Cyrus Thomopoulos, So. Koochiching - Indus; Kiera Demoret, Park Rapids SD#309; Adam Bruce, Park Rapids SD#309; Emma Hendrickson, RLCC SD#2906; Wyatt Cummings, Roseau SD#682; Paige Boyer, Roseau SD#682; Claire McGlynn, SAC SD#2856; Amrit Bhutani, Sacred Heart School; Erick Haskell, St. Philip's School; Naomi Johnston, Thief River Falls; Jace Erickson, Thief River Falls; Jerilyn Pietruszewski, Tri-County SD#2358; Jenetta Pageler, W/A/O SD#2176; Cleighton Hoban, Waubun/

WhE/O SD#435; Sydney Svalen, Win-E-Mac SD#2609.

The Multi-Region State Spelling Bee will include Regional Spelling Bee winners from the following Service Cooperative regions: Region 1 & 2 - Northwest Service Cooperative, Thief River Falls; Region 3 - Northeast Service Cooperative, Mt. Iron; Region 4 - Lakes Country Service Cooperative, Fergus Falls; Region 5 - Resource Training & Solutions, St. Cloud; and Regions 6 and 8 - Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives, Marshall.

The Spelling Bee is a series of competitions for students in grades 5-8 beginning at the classroom level and progressing on to district, region, state and national levels. Benefits for students include improved spelling, increased vocabulary, learning concepts, developing correct English usage, developing poise in public performance and community recognition for participation.

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Uff Da Day in May, mark your calendar!

Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief River Falls will be hosting their 3rd Annual Uff Da Day on May 11, 2019. There will be Viking Re-enactors, Lefse tasting provided by David Lee Catering, Norwegian crafts, dancers, Norwegian foods, robotics and a Mini Maker Faire. If you are interested in being a part of our exciting day, please call Jamie at 218-686-3184.

Polk County Sheriff

Burglary/Domestic

On 1-29-2019, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence in the City of Fertile to the report of an ongoing domestic assault. Prior to Deputies arrival, the suspect had left the residence. Deputies met with the victim and gathered information about an alleged burglary and assault that had occurred. The suspect, Schuyler Cauchon age 22, was later located at his residence in Fosston and placed under arrest for 1st Degree Burglary, Domestic Assault by Strangulation, Violation of an Order for Protection, and Contempt of Court. Cauchon was transported to the Northwest Regional Correctional Center where he was booked in for the above charges.

No further information will be released at this time.

Clearwater County Sheriff

On February 10th at approximately 2:30 pm, a call came into the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office from a person who had become stranded with another person on Lake Itasca after their snowmobile had become stuck in deep snow and slush. The two had been ice fishing when they decided to go for a snowmobile ride. The snowmobile became stuck when it drove into an area that had approximately one foot of water on top of the ice with an additional two feet of snow on top of that. After the snowmobile became stuck, they began walking back. Walking in this deep snow and slush was next to impossible and that is when they decided to call 911. Clearwater County Deputies responded to the location and with the use of the Sheriff's Office snowmobile, were able to reach the two parties and bring them back to their vehicle. Neither party was injured in this incident. The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office would like to take this time to remind everyone to be alert if they are on any area lake. Flooding has been reported on many lakes due to the large amount of snow we have received this winter. This can cause traveling on these lakes to be very difficult and dangerous. If you venture out onto area lakes, make sure to let others know where you are going and if you have a cell phone, bring it.



It's a Boy!

Eric and Amber Thoreson of Clearbrook welcomed home a baby boy, Jaxon Norman Thoreson, on December 24, 2018. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Tucker and Marge Johnson of rural Clearbrook, and Dennis Thoreson and Sheryl Syverson of Bagley. Jaxon is welcome home by his puppy Oscar.

Highlighting African Americans with Disabilities in Honor of Black History Month

Rockville Md., Feb. 5 – As we celebrate Black History Month, which takes place every February, RespectAbility recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of African Americans to the United States. It is important to note this includes more than 5.6 million African Americans living with a disability in the U.S., 3.4 million of which are working-age African Americans with disabilities. Therefore, we would like to reflect on the realities and challenges that continue to shape the lives of African Americans with disabilities.

Only 28.7 percent of working-age African Americans with disabilities are employed in the U.S. compared to 72 percent of working-age African Americans without disabilities. This is in line with the rest of the country, with fully one-in-five Americans having a disability and just 30 percent of those who are working-age being employed, despite polls showing that most of them want to work. This leads to approximately 40 percent of African Americans with disabilities living in poverty compared to 22 percent of African Americans without disabilities.

For many of the 1,199,743 black students (K-12) with disabilities in America today, the deck is stacked against them. Frequently "invisible disabilities" such as ADHD are not diagnosed and students do not get the supports they need to achieve. Frustrated, they can act out and become suspended. African American students with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by suspension in schools, with more than one in four boys of color with disabilities — and nearly one in five girls of color with disabilities — receiving an out-of-school suspension.

Sanford Bemidji hosts free weight management classes

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Sanford Bemidji is hosting a free, seven-week weight management class focused on leading a healthier life through lifestyle and nutrition changes. The classes will be held from 10-11 a.m., every Friday, March 1-April 12 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in the Education Center.

The classes, led by Sanford Bemidji Weight Loss management physician, Judith Mills, D.O., will address nutrition's role in managing and reducing symptoms of chronic health issues, dealing with cravings, understanding food addiction and more. Participants will

Studies show that when students miss too many days, either for being truant or just being absent, they get so far behind in class that it can lead to them dropping out of school. As documented in Disability & Criminal Justice Reform: Keys to Success, this can lead to the school-to-prison pipeline. Today there are more than 750,000 people with disabilities behind bars in America. Many of them do not have high school diplomas, are functionally illiterate and are people of color.

Overall, only 65 percent of students with disabilities graduate high school compared to 84 percent of students without disabilities. However, only 57 percent of black students with disabilities graduate high school compared to 74.6 percent of black students without disabilities.

Some celebrities and business leaders are using their voice to share their stories, educating people about both visible and invisible disabilities. They are defying the statistics and have remained highly successful with their disabilities. These role models make a big difference in setting high expectations for youth with disabilities. People with disabilities of all backgrounds can be amongst the highest achievers on earth. Harriet Tubman had Epilepsy, actress Halle Berry lives with diabetes, business leader and Shark Tank superstar Daymond John is dyslexic and Stevie Wonder is blind. Each of them is a positive role model for success. They are perfect candidates for RespectAbility's #RespectTheAbility campaign, which is shining a light on individuals with disabilities who are succeeding in their chosen careers.

learn about food selection, develop strategies for change and receive group support to help keep them motivated.

Registration is required and space is limited. For more information and to register for this class, contact 218-333-2521.

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College News

Chaput graduates from UND

More than 880 students were eligible to walk across the stage and receive their degrees. UND President Mark Kennedy delivered the commencement address.

Local student, Chelsey Chaput (BSED), Red Lake Falls, graduated in December.

Matthew Vettleson, Oklee, Named to Fall Semester 2018 Deans List at UMN Crookston

CROOKSTON, MN (01/22/2019) -- Students named to the fall semester 2018 Deans List were recently announced by the Office of the Registrar at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The U of M Crookston is one of the most respected career-oriented, technology-based universities in the nation.

To qualify for a place on the Deans List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. The Crookston campus is the online leader in the University of Minnesota system and the only campus providing every full-time student with a laptop computer.

Local student on the Deans List included:

Animal Science student Matthew Vettleson, Oklee, MN

NOTE: We receive these lists directly from the colleges. We do our best to include all local students in our publications. In the event someone is missed, please submit the information to richards@gvtel.com and we will publish it.

Please join us for a Benefit for
Lisa (Miller) Martinson

Clearbrook American Legion
March 2, 2019
4-7pm
Lasagna Supper
Silent Auction @ 6pm

Lisa is the daughter of the late David & Pauline Miller from Leonard. She is a 1997 Clearbrook-Gonvick graduate and currently lives in St. Charles, MN with her husband. In December 2018, Lisa was diagnosed with an unknown source of cancer that has metastasized to her ovaries, liver and masses on her abdomen wall. The cancer is stage 4. All proceeds will go towards medical and travel expenses to and from treatments.

If you would like to donate silent auction items, please contact either
Tammie Ehlers 218-968-2380 OR Sheryl Ehlers 218-776-2053

Clearwater County Historical Society

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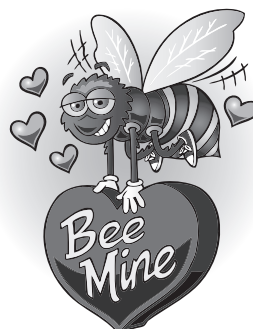
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MnDOT urges motorists to be cautious when driving near snowplows

ST. PAUL, Minn. – There have been more than 25 crashes so far this winter involving vehicles and state snowplows. With winter far from over, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is urging motorists to use extra caution during plowing and snow removal operations.

“The main causes of these crashes are motorists driving too fast for conditions, driving too close to the plow and driver inattention,” said Todd Stevens, acting state maintenance engineer. “Our snowplow drivers are well-trained to operate their plows, which often travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads. For safety’s sake, motorists need to be patient and stay back from the plow.”

Stevens said that operators have a restricted view from the plow cab, so they must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and side of the truck. Their vision is also hampered by the snow clouds they create while they plow.

“The safest place you can be is well behind the snowplow and away from the snow cloud it creates,” he said. “The road is clear behind the plow but not necessarily in front of it, so in most cases it makes sense to travel behind the plow.”

Last year in Minnesota, there were 84 crashes involving vehicles and MnDOT snowplows.

Minnesota law requires motorists to turn on their headlights when it’s snowing or at any other time when weather conditions impair visibility.

Other recommendations for safe driving around snowplows include:

- Stay alert for snowplows, which turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- Stay back at least 10 car lengths behind the plow. Don’t drive into a snow cloud.
- Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions.
- Turn on your headlights and wear your seat belt.
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Wind Chime Lady

It all began one day by turning my thoughts into an article about a pile of “stuff” I had in my basement that needed a home. In no time, a contact was made and together we made plans to meet up. I was to bring a treasure from the pile, and she would bring one from hers. It was all on a whim and it was all just for fun.

In the middle of a town up north we made the exchange. She received a wooden chest of my mom’s, and I received a wind chime she had made by hand.

It was a dandy and I treasured my treasure. I had not the heart to place it out of doors in the elements so kept it tucked within a sacred space where it dangled. Through the years much more was placed upon it than the driftwood which was her trademark.

The wind chime has taken on a form all its own cause along with the beads and bells now hung a Christmas ornament reminding me of a congregation I’d promised to pray for. A religious medal loops round wood as the heat register below helps it find rhythm reminding me that the former owner is now a caretaker of many near and dear. A bit higher hangs a small pair of sandals sported by a five year old some thirty years back. They are reminders to lift him up where he now trods. Everything hang-

ing upon it serves as a reminder to pray.

One day, as I took note of the chimes before me, an orange business card dangling in crooked accordance caught my eye. I dialed the number upon it, and invited myself down to spend time with the Wind Chime Lady. She responded with grace as a date was chosen when I would be able to enter her sanctuary of craft.

When I arrived as a novice wind chime maker, I was met with kindness, a gentle spirit, patience and long suffering. Her basement held the goods and as we made our way down the steps and into the desert of learning, she shared her back-story. She had poured out and into many... for many a day and today was no different.

She allowed me to pick through her piles of driftwood for just the right one. The beads were many, and as each called in color, texture, or in the form of a memory jogger, I placed the sacred selection upon my wind-chime.

Her gift of art turned healing that day. She healed by giving of self, she healed by demonstrating love, she healed by offering back to me that which she had.

Broken and poured out for many was He, and I suppose if we want to get real, it’s the only way to be real. Breaking bread

took on new form as we worked together sister to sister.

I pray that the loaves be multiplied and multitudes are fed from the bread broken that day.

May you, too, find a Wind Chime Lady in your life so the miracles of friendship might multiply.

In her book, Be the Gift, Ann Voskamp writes, “We are each singular threads in the world. If I am tied to the thin thread of my own life...my life’s a hopelessly knotted mess. The thread of your life becomes a tapestry of abundant colors only if it ties itself to others lives. Let threads of your life break away to let Christ, who is in us, weave around other threads.”

Tim Keller writes, “To do justice is to go to places where the fabric of shalom has broken down, where the weaker members of societies are falling through the fabric, and to repair it. Reweaving shalom means to sacrificially thread, lace, and press your time, goods, power, and resources into the lives and needs of others...”

Micah 6:8 summarizes it best. “What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.”

Thank you Wind Chime Lady from walking your faith in Walker, Minnesota. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Q u e s - t i o n : Hello, I have question for you and want-

ed to know your thoughts. I brought my recently turned 16 year old child in last week to take the behind the wheel driver’s test to get their driver’s license. The weather was less than ideal and the roads were not in the best shape. I asked the examiner what happens if my child runs off the road into a snow bank during the test, how would they score that. The examiner stated, “They fail.” I was surprised to hear that. Is that fair? Just looking for the insight of a Minnesota State Trooper. Thanks!

A n s w e r : Thank you for the question and I hope your child did well on the test. I’ve served as a Minnesota State Trooper for over 20 years and I know that weather and roads may be a factor in a crash. Ultimately, however, every driver is responsible for being aware of potential hazards, drive to



conditions and use due care in operating a vehicle.

Here’s how “due care” is defined: “Due” – obligation required by law. “Care” – the provision of what is necessary for the health, welfare, maintenance, and protection of someone or something.

I still deal with many drivers who disagree with this standard. They choose not to accept responsibility and will continue to blame the ice, snow, etc. It wasn’t their fault because the road was slippery. Drivers don’t intend to crash, but the fact remains that it is preventable, and they need to be accountable for their actions. A driver can be cited in this instance.

Some might think that’s a bit harsh. The reality is I’ve seen too many injuries and deaths from a lack of “due care.”

So if someone failed a driver’s test for running off the road and into a snowbank, I think it’s appropriate. Consider it a learning experience and come back better, smarter and more experienced.

As a father of three boys who will have their driver’s license in just a matter of time, set the example. Show them responsibility, accountability and how to adapt to their driving environment.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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UCare sponsors program to make healthier eating more affordable for members

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (February 6, 2019) — UCare today announced the expansion of the Healthy Savings program to all of its more than 380,000 Medicare and Medicaid members in Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. The program – which is currently available to UCare’s individual and family plan members – makes healthier eating more affordable by providing discounts on healthier foods and beverages.

“Providing our members a path for the best health of their lives is our top priority,” said Ghita Worcester, UCare Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. “Healthy Savings is a proven program that will improve nutrition of our members and their families while saving them money.”

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and beverages,” said Chad Kelly, Chief Marketing Officer of Solutran, the company behind Healthy Savings, “and we’re pleased that UCare is expanding the program so even more members can save money and eat healthier.”

Members can register their card and view their account details at healthysavings.com/ucare. The Healthy Savings mo-

bile app is available at no cost on the App Store® or Google Play™.

The technology behind the Healthy Savings program is powered by the S3 Solutions Suite™ developed by Solutran, Inc., a Minnesota-based technology company specializing in electronic benefit transfer and payment processing solutions.

Lionel Richie and Brandi Carlile Announced for 2019 Grandstand Concert Series

St. Paul, Minn. – Lionel Richie and Brandi Carlile are confirmed for the 2019 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

Lionel Richie- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 on sale: Noon Friday, Feb. 8

The Current’s Music On-A-Stick featuring Brandi Carlile- 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31 on sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8

Special guests for both shows will be announced at a later date.

Tickets will be available through Etix at etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the State Fairgrounds Ticket Office during a limited-time opening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

The following 2019 Grandstand shows have already been announced: Hootie & the Blowfish: Group Therapy Tour with special guest Barenaked Ladies

(Thursday, Aug. 22) and “Weird Al” Yankovic Strings Attached Tour (Tuesday, Aug. 27). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and this year’s fair. State Fair fans and music enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the State Fair’s e-news at mnstatefair.org to receive concert announcements before tickets go on sale.

The Nightly Fireworks Spectacular, sponsored by Mazda, follows all Grandstand shows, weather permitting.

Happy Valentines Day!



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.

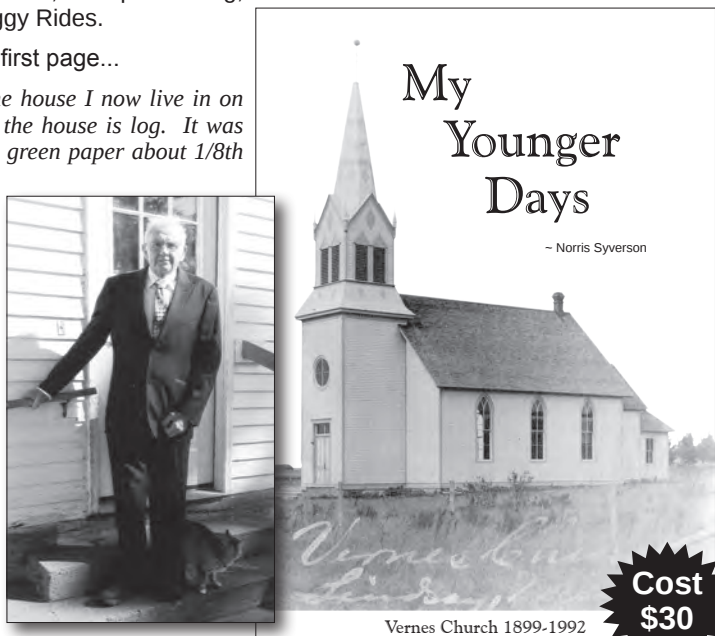
Here is just an excerpt from his first page...

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



If you would like to receive a book, please contact Norris Syverson via the phone book.

Word Search Answers

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The Model AR

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I few weeks back I ran an article about a WD-9 McCormick hooked together with a 44 Massey by some local farmers. Quite a piece of on the farm engineering. One of my readers shared a story with me of a Goodridge man hooking two AR John Deeres together. I wish I could have seen that one!!

If you haven’t read it before the John Deere Model R was the first tractor I ever drove. The big standard tread R, with that long hood....what a machine. So far I’ve never been able to get myself one, but one day!! It is probably the most sought after tractor for me!!

Now the model AR is kind of the mini R tractor in design. With engine of the model A, the standard tread design, and the vertical mesh on the grill, it was literally a little R. Maybe that is why when I was in high school there was an auction north of town with an AR, and man I wanted that AR! In my savings

account I had \$500 and I hoped I could get that AR. Bidding got going and I had the bid at \$500....no one bid, no one bid.... and I knew I had it!!! But then the ring man shouted YES!!, and the bid raised to \$525, and the auctioneer looked at me and chirped \$550! I shook my head no, since I only had \$500 to my name, my bidding stopped and the gavel fell, SOLD for \$525. Oh well, that is the way the cookie crumbles. I didn’t get my AR but that doesn’t mean I have quit looking. Every time I see an AR it makes my head turn. Someday I may get to have an AR sitting in my shed!!

How a about a little tractor trivia.

1. The AR was introduced in 1937, what year did it take on the similar styling of the R tractor?
A) 1939 B) 1941 C) 1945 D) 1949

2. What the AR was styled they also changed the transmission from _____ to ____ speeds.
A) 2 to 3 B) 3 to 5 C) 4 to 6 D) 6 to 8

3. The AR was the standard version of the A. What is an AO?

A) A Oldstyle B) Model A Orchard tractor C) The first AR built D) AR built in Ontario

4. What year did production of the AR cease.
A) 1950 B) 1951 C) 1952 D) 1953

5. The AR was built in Waterloo, IA. In 1951 an AR would set you back _____.
A) \$1595 B) \$1995 C) \$2300 D) \$2600

Answers: 1. D. 1949 2. C. 4 to 6 3. B. Orchard 4. D. 1953 5. C. \$2300



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Services held for Richard Thomas

Richard “Dick” Thomas, age 81, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Tuesday, February 5th, at his home. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11th, at Vernes Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh, with the Rev. Jill Torgerson officiating. Interment will be in Vernes Lutheran Cemetery in the spring. Family greeted friends for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Military honors were provided by the National Guard Honors Team. Arrangements were with the Carlin Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Richard LaVerne Thomas was born on November 29, 1937 in Fosston, Minnesota to parents Earl and Della Christianson Thomas. He grew up in Fosston and graduated from Fosston High School. Dick entered the United States Air Force in February

of 1955 and faithfully served his country until his honorable discharge in September of 1958.

Dick was united in marriage to Helene Terese “Rene” Wycoskie on June 1, 1960 in Denver, Colorado. After their marriage, they lived for a short time in Denver before being transferred back to Minneapolis. In 1971, they moved to San Antonio, Texas and, in 1982, they moved to Fosston.

Dick worked for Braniff International for 25 years, Fosston Civic Center for one year, operated “Dick and Helene’s” cafe in McIntosh for 9 ½ years and at Stenberg’s in Fosston until his retirement. After his retirement, Dick enjoyed doing volunteer driving for six years. His loving wife of 57 years, Helene, passed away on January 3, 2018.

Dick loved animals, birds and enjoyed nature. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his four daughters, Lori (Robert) LeCuyer of Duluth, MN, Deborah (Arlen) Halvorson of McIntosh, Erin (Ryan) Solberg of Goodridge, MN, and Ashley Tofsky of McIntosh; 10 grandchildren, Amanda LeCuyer (Dallas), Stephanie Westall, Rebecca (Mitch) Johnson, Ben Halvorson, Nicole (Kameron) Anderson, Ashlynn Solberg, Casey Solberg, Sydney Solberg, Jacquelyn Tofsky, and Christopher Tofsky; 11 great grandchildren; one sister, Opal Beltz; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and his faithful dog, Muffin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helene; his parents; and brother, Don Thomas.



Mary Lou Schmidt

June 10, 1945- February 17, 2018
Words can’t say how much you are missed, your friendly smile or your gentle kiss, your loving arms to hold us tight, that kept us safe throughout the night. We know you are safe in Jesus’ care, and pray someday to see you there.

Loved and Missed,
Your loving Family



Services for Gordon Langness

Gordon “Gordy” Keith Langness, age 62 of Brainerd, MN passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN from 4-6 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Interment will be held at Bethesda Cemetery near Grygla, MN.

Gordon “Gordy” Keith Langness was born on May 28, 1956 in Thief River Falls, MN son of Harvey and Emma (Nygard) Langness. He attended Grygla Elementary School and graduated from Newfolden High School in 1974. Gordy studied drafting at technical college and

achieved a two Associates degrees.

In 1980 he began working for Artic Cat and then began working at Holiday gas station. He moved to Brainerd in 1988 and continued working his way up at Holiday, first in downtown Brainerd and then at the Mill Avenue store, where he became a manager and an undercover security officer. He also designed a cooler tray for use in convenience and grocery stores.

Gordy was incredibly friendly and helpful to everyone he met, and was well-known and well-loved part of Holiday. A hard-working man, Gordy believed in loyalty, honest and respect. He enjoyed spending his free time with family and friends. He loved photography and traveling, having visited almost every state in the U.S. He also continued to enjoy drawing and drafting.

Gordon is survived by one sister, Jayne Harris (Ray Mabry) of Phoenix, Arizona and two brothers, Duane (Kathy) Langness of Thief River Falls, MN and Gerald Langness of Grygla, MN, several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Services for Barbara Geer

Barbara Geer, Middle River, MN, 67 years, 5 months and 20 days, passed away Wednesday February 6, 2019 at Sanford Broadway Medical Building, Fargo, ND with her loving family by her side.

A Memorial “concert” will be held at the Middle River School Legacy Building on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 2:00pm with Pastors Bob Dahlen and Ollie Urdahl officiating. Visitation will begin at noon with music beginning at 1:00pm. Food and fellowship will follow the service. Burial will be held at a later date as those who knew Barb well knew how much she disliked being cold!

Visitation will be held on Friday February 15, 2019 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm with a 7:00pm service at the Middle River School Legacy Building.

Barbara Ellen (Rustad) Geer was born August 17, 1951 at Fosston, MN, the daughter of Sherman and Lorraine (Covlin) Rustad. She grew up in rural McIntosh, MN on the family farm. It was there that she learned her amazing work ethic early in life. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rural McIntosh and later confirmed at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, McIntosh.

Barb graduated from McIntosh High School in 1969. She was one of six honor students in her class. While in school she was involved in many ac-

tivities, but found her passion in music. She excelled in flute and piano which would shape the rest of her life.

Following high school, Barb went to college at Moorhead State College in Moorhead, MN. She made it a point to remind us often that she graduated EARLY in 1972 with a B.A. in Instrumental Music with a flute performance emphasis, a B.A. in Vocal Music and a B.A. in Elementary and High School Music. Barb traveled to Tehran, Iran to complete her student teaching.

She met Danny Geer when she moved to Middle River to teach music in 1972. They began dating and were married on August 10 of that year. To this union, three children were born. Sarah Mae was still born. Brianna Lee joined the family on November 1, 1976 and Jedediah Roy joined the family on January 8, 1979.

Barb and Danny made Middle River their home throughout their married life and even after their eventual divorce. They remained good friends which made life very ideal for Brianna and Jedediah to continue to be supported in all of their events at school, community and church as well as celebrating all special occasions with both extended families.

Barb began teaching at Northland Community College in Thief River Falls, MN in 1976. While there she taught private voice, flute and guitar lessons. In 1990 Barb returned to Northland Community College as a long-term substitute music teacher for 1 year.

In 1983 Barb was hired as a K-12 music teacher at Badger School. Barb had a very unique gift of getting students involved in music by believing in them when many of them probably didn’t believe in themselves. As a result, the music program in the school thrived during her years there.

Being a very present mother was important to Barb. It was because of this that she decided to put teaching on hold in 1990 as she was working in a different district than her kids were attending. She decided to begin

another chapter of her life starting Grand Central Graphics and Grand Slam Designs. She traveled all over the United States selling her computerized embroidery designs. Most recently she was still digitizing for EmbroideryDesigns.com. She was very well respected in the Embroidery Design industry. As a result of this career change, she hired Laurie Stromsodt who was not only a very loyal employee, but became another one of Barb’s life-long friends.

Finding another need in the community, along with friend KayDell Super, Barb started the Middle River Honker in 2007. This “labor of love” served the communities of Middle River, Viking, Newfolden, Holt, Strathcona, Gatzke, Greenbush and Badger. Barb enjoyed countless interviews and taking many pictures wherever she would go.

In 2015, Barb began working with the students at Heritage Christian School in Karlstad, MN. Once again, Barb was in her “zone” teaching music and getting students to perform by believing whole-heartedly in them. She loved the opportunity to work with these great kids and she talked about her experiences there often with her family. She looked forward to preparing the students each year for their concerts and their contests. We are at peace knowing that Barb enjoyed one last impromptu concert from the students while she was in the hospital before she passed away.

Barb received many awards in her lifetime for various talents, but was awarded the 2016 NW MN Arts Council’s Star Artist Award. In true Barb fashion, she made sure to step out of the spot light as she brought musical group True Colors with her to perform for the audience.

I think it is safe to say that Barb had a giving heart. She served many different organizations in her lifetime. Some of them include MRTL LAH/BNP, NW MN Arts Council, North Country Horsemen Trails to Treatments, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Flying V Cancer Fighters, Middle River Community Club, First Lutheran Church Council and

was a member of the Middle River Ambulance Squad. She has also logged countless hours playing piano and organ at First Lutheran Church, Middle River, MN. She was also a substitute pianist at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Middle River, MN and part-time organist at United Methodist Church, Thief River Falls, MN.

Barb has been a contributing member of the Middle River Goose Festival since its 1975 inception, working with the annual event every year in one way or other. She provided many unique and interesting floats throughout the years for the parade and also for her children in the kiddie parades. The crowd would always look forward to the Honker float for the past 12 years and its crazy ideas to fit the theme of the festival but always including music of some sort. She led the Skipper marching band as the director in the first Goose Fest in 1975 and this year the Skipper band was recreated by children and grandchildren with Barb once again blowing the whistle! She was chosen as Grand Marshal of the 2018 Goose Fest parade, honoring her for many years of outstanding community leadership. She also created a Goose Festival quilt for many years which was used as a fundraiser for the Goose Fest.

Speaking of quilts....Barb created many quilts for family, friends, and organizations. Each quilt was masterfully designed to feature each individual and group. For people who only think of music when it comes to Barb, that is only the tip of the iceberg. She was blessed with an abundance of talent from painting, to sewing, to writing, and never backed away from a challenge.

She and friend KayDell Super started the Miss Middle River Pageant for the first Goose Festival in 1975 and it continues still today, with off-shoot pageants of Miss Marshall County and Miss North Star. She thrived on working with the contestants to develop their talents and confidence.

Drama and theater where a huge part of Barb’s life. She worked extensively with the



Services held for Ernest Erickson

Ernest D. Erickson, 92, of Clearbrook, MN, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at his home next to the house where he was born.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook, MN with his dear friend, Pastor Larry Dorman officiating. Visitation was held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Cease Funeral Home in Bagley and one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday. Military Honors accorded by Melvin Johnson American Legion Post # 256 of Clearbrook, MN. Interment at Clover Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born to Emil and Inga (Haugen) Erickson on October 1, 1926 in Clearbrook, Minnesota. The family lived on the Erickson farm that was homesteaded by Ernest’s grandfather in 1897. Ernest started working when he was six years old milking cows. He attended school in Clearbrook until he was twelve and went to work on other farms. On April 12, 1945, Ernest entered into the United States Army at Fort Snelling in Minneapolis and was stationed at South Camp Hood in Texas. Ernest was sent to Stockton California with his unit to be deployed to Germany during WWII. When he arrived, 8 soldiers were needed to be prison guards at North Camp Hood, Texas. Ernest was one of those 8. He felt sad that he had to leave his unit. He returned home on leave from basic training and began a short courtship with Mavis and they quickly fell in love. Ernest always had his eye on Mavis because she was such a pretty little thing. Ernest married Mavis Swanson on October 17, 1945

while still home on leave. She moved with him to Texas. Ernest was a prison guard at a Federal Prison until his honorable discharge in December 1947. There was a high recommendation upon his discharge that he become a civilian police officer. They moved back to Clearwater County and started their family in 1948. Work was very scarce at that time so they moved to Harvard, Illinois in 1951, where Ernest worked at Admiral TV factory. They returned north in 1953 with three children, 3 cows, and all their possessions packed in a single pickup truck. He was foreman at Darst Farms for 15 years, then went into carpentry where he continued until he was 83 years old. He built several homes around here and for all his children. Carpentry was his favorite job of all. In 1971 they purchased the Erickson homestead and it was home to both of them ever since.

Ernest was an honest Christian and a devout member of Country Faith Church since it began. He loved Jesus deeply and taught his family to as well. It was his passion and wish that all of his family and friends give their life to Jesus. He was truly a walking testimony. Ernest was always joyful, content, and appreciative of what he had. God always made sure he had more than enough. He had a contagious twinkling, blue-eyed smile and a warm and generous spirit. Ernest was a humble man with a big heart and brought out the best in others. He adored and cherished every member of his family and will be incredibly missed. Blessed be his memory.

He is survived by his children, Jerry (Cindy) Erickson, Patsy (Greg) Boe, Linda Ubert, and Lori (Greg) Bjerke; his daughter-in-law, Barb Erickson; 18 grandchildren and their spouses; 42 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; his godson, Mark Erickson; his brother, Benny Erickson; his sisters, Irene Green and Edna Dukek; and many beloved extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 71 years, Mavis; his parents, Emil and Inga Erickson; his son, Larry Erickson; his grandchildren, Thomas Bjerke, his little buddy Jesse Bjerke, and Kory Joppru; his great grandchildren, Lucas Ubert and Wyatt Eck; and his good friend and brother-in-law, Laverne “Bucky” Swanson.

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rope for her. This past year Barb fulfilled another dream by spending Easter in Spain with all her kids and grandkids, except Malayna, who presented her with her first great grandchild, Jordyn, on her return. She was so happy to share this with not only her kids this time, but also with 5 of her grandkids too.

There are so many more things that come to mind when people think about Barb Geer. Some of them are: Hee Haw Middle River Style, Jesus Style Singers, True Colors, Heart Throbs, and Clowns.

Without a doubt, there will be a void in Middle River and the surrounding area with Barb’s departure from earth. She was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer almost 5 years ago. She never let that keep her down. In fact, that was her time to decide to shift into overdrive. Her family thinks that this is one of the reasons that she was able to be so strong for so long. We owe it to her to pick things up where she left off to continue her legacy. She will be smiling down watching us as we do this.

Barb is survived by her 2 children: Brianna Geer of Middle River, MN; and Jedediah (Nicole) Geer of Bismarck, ND: Mother Lorraine Rustad of McIntosh, MN: siblings: Diane (Dennis) Boucher of McIntosh, MN; Beverly (Jeff) Kappenman of Madison, AL; and Kevin (Gidget) Rustad of Pengilly, MN: Grandchildren: Malayna (Terence) Timm, Sherman Geer and Zoey Helm; Chase, Karissa and Adria Geer: Great-granddaughter: Jordyn Timm; Foreign-exchange student children: Antia Rey Babarro, Matthias Neumann and Anna Martins Felix; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and students.

She is preceded in death by her father, Sherman; Daughter, Sarah Mae Geer; Mother-in-law Mae Geer; Ex-husband and friend Danny Geer; Nieces: Caren Hunter and Cassandra Anderson; and Nephew, Dustin Black.

27 cars hit the Garfield Race Track on Sunday

2/17/2019

By Dennis Peterson

Under cloudy skies and light snow showers week three of the Garfield Lake Ice races went off without a hitch on Sunday. A total of 27 cars were on hand with drivers, crews and riders to compete on the ice track on Garfield Lake in Laporte.

Nate Zanter was the big winner in the B class winning both features and a heat win. Other heat winners in the B class were Nathan Doughty, Brandon Bahr and Sam Delaney.

Ryan Julin took the checkered flag three times in the A class winning two heat races and the second set feature. Kalin Honer won the first set feature and also picked up a heat win in the A class. John Farrington was the other heat winner in the A class.

Races will resume next Sunday at noon for the pit meeting with the green flag waving for the first race at 12:30 PM

Set One Results:

B Class

Heat 1 – Nathan Doughty, Sam Delaney, Josh Bitker, Cody Hoffman, Zack Tolman

Heat 2 – Brandon Bahr, Chris Roller, Dennis Clark, Nate Zanter, Nic Lewis

Feature (Top Ten) - Zate Zanter, Brandon Bahr, Nic Lewis, Abe Forseman, Tony Rohloff, Chris Roller, Cody Hoffman, Kevin Bahr, Sam Delaney, Miranda Richards



John Farrington won the A class first set heat.



Kalin Honer won the feature in the A class first set.

A Class

Heat 1 – John Farrington, Bryan Karl, Fritz Myers, Ryan/ Collette Huston, Joel Harvey

Heat 2 – Ryan Julin, Bonnie Farrington, Reid Watson, Kalin Honer, Josh Seely-Sautbine

Feature (TopTen) – Kalin Honer, Ryan Julin, Reid Watson, Bonnie Farrington, Ryan/ Collette Huston, John Farrington, Bryan Karl, Joel Harvey, Josh Seely-Sautbine, Fritz Myers

Set Two Results:

B Class

Heat 1- Sam Delaney, Zack Tolman, Cody Hoffman, Tony Rohloff, Rob Martinson,

Heat 2 – Nate Zanter, Chris Roller, Abe Forseman, Nic Lewis, Dennis Clark

Feature (Top Ten) – Nate Zanter, Sam Delaney, Chris Roller, Zack Tolman, Nathan Doughty, Abe Forseman, Josh Bitker, Rob Martinson, Miranda Richards, Brandon Bahr

A Class

Heat 1 – Ryan Julin, Ryan/ Collette Huston, Bonnie Farrington, Reid Watson,

Heat 2 – Kalin Honer, Josh Seely-Sautbine, Bryan Karl, John Farrington, Fritz Myers

Feature (Top Ten) – Ryan Julin, Ryan/Collette Huston, Kalin Honer, Reid Watson, Bonnie Farrington, John Farrington, Josh Seely-Sautbine, Bryan Karl, Fritz Myers



Winner of both sets in the B class was Nate Zanter.



A class side by side action with #13 William Beckman, #23 Ryan/Collette Huston and #14 Ryan Julin.



Brandon Bahr was a First set heat winner in the B class.



Sam Delaney won the B class heat race in the second set.



Ryan and Collette Huston share the racing duties in the A class.



Ryan Julin maintained his points lead in the A class with the second set feature win.



Charging out of turn four, snow flying, into the front straight with spiked tires digging into the ice, A class driver Bryan Karl.

Bowling Results

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Monday 6:30 PM **Bowl Inn** Lanes 1-8

USBC Certification:
* FARMCHER WINS THE FIRST QUARTER *
** THE BOWLINN' BABES WIN THE SECOND QUARTER **

Team Standings									
Place	Lane	J.	Team Name	Points Won	Lost	Ave.	HDCP	Plus + HDCP	Scratch
1	8	1	OTTERTAIL	82	38	651	311	48791	31119
2	3	3	BOWLINN BABES	76	44	662	303	49345	34510
3	4	5	KNUTSON BRUSHING	72%	47%	628	332	49022	31722
4	5	2	FARMCHER	50	70	654	300	48860	32573
5	7	4	THE CLINIC	43	77	613	345	49108	32341
6	6	6	CARVER TRUCKING	36%	83%	547	391	48492	28203
High HDCP									
10 36 712 1996 1056 3034									
777 2214 1101 3108									
739 2053 1074 3058									
717 2081 1050 3095									
726 2031 1042 3000									
687 1814 1083 2996									

Lane Assignments									
Today									
Next Week									
3-4 5-6 7-8									
9-5 2-6 4-1									
4-2 1-5 3-6									

Season High Scores									
Scratch Game	777	BOWLINN BABES	72%	KNUTSON BRUSHING	726	THE CLINIC	1095	OTTERTAIL	
Scratch Series	2214	BOWLINN BABES	2081	FARMCHER	2053	KNUTSON BRUSHING	1074	KNUTSON BRUSHING	
Handicap Game	1101	BOWLINN BABES	1058	CARVER TRUCKING	1074	KNUTSON BRUSHING	1074	KNUTSON BRUSHING	
Handicap Series	3108	BOWLINN BABES	3038	KNUTSON BRUSHING	3035	FARMCHER	3035	FARMCHER	
Scratch Game	222	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	205	CHRISTY STRANDBERG	201	CATHY BLAIR	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	
Scratch Series	562	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	568	SUE KNUTSON	562	CONNIE SHEGRUD	561	CONNIE SHEGRUD	
Handicap Game	214	CATHY BLAIR	205	CHRISTY STRANDBERG	201	CATHY BLAIR	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	
Handicap Series	722	CORY TOLLEFSON	703	HEATHER GALLI	696	KRISCHELLE BRUI	696	KRISCHELLE BRUI	

Last Week's Top Scores									
Scratch Game	765	BOWLINN BABES	697	OTTERTAIL	689	FARMCHER	689	FARMCHER	
Scratch Series	2133	BOWLINN BABES	2012	FARMCHER	2012	FARMCHER	2012	FARMCHER	
Handicap Game	1035	BOWLINN BABES	1010	OTTERTAIL	994	KNUTSON BRUSHING	994	KNUTSON BRUSHING	
Handicap Series	2943	BOWLINN BABES	2934	OTTERTAIL	2912	FARMCHER	2912	FARMCHER	
Scratch Game	483	CONNIE SHEGRUD	184	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	179	STEPHANIE WILDE	179	STEPHANIE WILDE	
Scratch Series	483	CONNIE SHEGRUD	484	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	454	CATHY BLAIR	454	CATHY BLAIR	
Handicap Game	239	STEPHANIE WILDE	233	CONNIE SHEGRUD	227	HEATHER GALLI	227	HEATHER GALLI	
Handicap Series	632	CATHY BLAIR	631	CONNIE SHEGRUD	615	STEPHANIE WILDE	615	STEPHANIE WILDE	

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Thursday 6:30 PM **Bowl Inn** Lanes 1-8

USBC Certification:
* DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE WINS THE FIRST QUARTER *
** FARMCHER WINS THE SECOND QUARTER **

Team Standings									
Place	J.	Team Name	%Won	Points Won	Points Lost	Unfamed	Y-T-D	Year-To-Date	Games
1	4	FARMCHER	87.9	80	11		77.6	353	102
2	7	TEAM IND.	76.0	58%	18%		74.2	191%	66%
3	3	GULLY TRI CO-OP	77.4	56%	16%		67.5	279	134
4	5	FABULOUS BAKERY B	71.4	55	22		67.8	276	131
5	6	THE WRECKING CREW	65.8	48	25		60.2	233	154
6	1	MAIN STREET	65.7	44	23		74.0	325	114
7	2	DAN'S STANDARD SER	47.4	27	30		74.5	322%	110%
8	8	HARWOOD OIL	44.3	27	34		55.3	113	99
Plus									
7 27434 32030									
5 16413 18099									
5 26218 32043									
5 27796 31981									
5 21027 28899									
4 26258 31880									
4 27791 32387									
1 12153 16494									

Season High Scores									
Scratch Game	635	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	622	FARMCHER	622	TEAM IND.	622	TEAM IND.	
Scratch Series	1779	TEAM IND.	1754	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	1676	DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE	1676	DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE	
Handicap Game	723	DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE	723	FARMCHER	723	FARMCHER	723	FARMCHER	
Handicap Series	2930	DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE	1986	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	1935	GULLY TRI CO-OP	1935	GULLY TRI CO-OP	

Men									
Scratch Game	257	CODY GOODWIN	255	BRYAN LANDSVERK	248	PERRY GRUNDYSON	248	PERRY GRUNDYSON	
Scratch Series	646	CODY GOODWIN	646	BEN CHRISTENSEN	647	TIM ULVE	647	TIM ULVE	
Handicap Game	270	TONY VERBAATEN	259	BRYAN LANDSVERK	267	NICK STRANDBERG	267	NICK STRANDBERG	
Handicap Series	752	BEN CHRISTENSEN	715	TIM ULVE	712	TIM KASSELL	712	TIM KASSELL	

Women									
Scratch Game	246	JANET LANDSVERK	214	DARLENE ROUE	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	
Scratch Series	561	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	559	DARLENE ROUE	554	JANET LANDSVERK	554	JANET LANDSVERK	
Handicap Game	284	JANET LANDSVERK	246	DARLENE ROUE	219	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	219	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	
Handicap Series	664	JANET LANDSVERK	660	DARLENE ROUE	592	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	592	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	

Last Week's Top Scores									
Scratch Game	635	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	548	TEAM IND.	552	MAIN STREET	552	MAIN STREET	
Scratch Series	1764	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	1645	TEAM IND.	1573	FARMCHER	1573	FARMCHER	
Handicap Game	709	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	661	TEAM IND.	617	THE WRECKING CREW	617	THE WRECKING CREW	
Handicap Series	1986	FABULOUS BAKERY BOYS	1852	TEAM IND.	1831	MAIN STREET	1831	MAIN STREET	
Scratch Game	237	BEN CHRISTENSEN	229	CODY GOODWIN	216	REUBEN NETLAND	216	REUBEN NETLAND	
Scratch Series	646	BEN CHRISTENSEN	618	CODY GOODWIN	578	MARK GUNNING	578	MARK GUNNING	
Handicap Game	259	BEN CHRISTENSEN	246	PAT ARLAUD	244	REUBEN NETLAND	244	REUBEN NETLAND	
Handicap Series	752	BEN CHRISTENSEN	646	REUBEN NETLAND	636	MARK GUNNING	636	MARK GUNNING	
Scratch Game	214	DARLENE ROUE	173	JANET LANDSVERK	97	PAULA ????	97	PAULA ????	
Scratch Series	559	DARLENE ROUE	559	JANET LANDSVERK	559	JANET LANDSVERK	559	JANET LANDSVERK	
Handicap Game	246	DARLENE ROUE	204	JANET LANDSVERK	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	197	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	
Handicap Series	655	DARLENE ROUE	601	JANET LANDSVERK	592	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	592	BRIDGET LANDSVERK	

Individual High Averages									
Men	202.12	CODY GOODWIN	190.85	BRYAN LANDSVERK	188.25	TIM ULVE			
Women	164.36	DARLENE ROUE	150.70	JANET LANDSVERK	148.25	TIM ULVE			

High Individual Match Points									
Men	32	ROBERT LANDSVERK	28	MARK GUNNING	27	PERRY GRUNDYSON			
Women	28	JANET LANDSVERK	19	DARLENE ROUE	19	BRIDGET LANDSVERK			

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Monday 6:30 PM **Bowl Inn** Lanes 1-8

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Team Standings										
Place	Lane	Team Name	Points Won	Points Lost	Ave.	HDCP	Plus + HDCP	Scratch	HIGH HCP	
1	7	BOWLINN BABES	104	46	654	301	52402	36757	802	2247
2	5	OTTERTAIL	92	58	616	340	51655	33016	712	1996
3	6	KNUSTON BRUSHING	74	75	625	305	51793	33512	739	2053
4	4	FARMCH	92	58	616	340	51755	34389	717	2081
5	3	THE CLINIC	63	87	596	360	52030	34258	726	2031
6	8	CARVER TRUCKING	63	106	549	389	51361	29875	687	1814