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Leonard Native, Sheldon Monson and his sons join missing child search in Las Vegas

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Sheldon is originally from Leonard, MN and his parents are the late Irving and Anna Monson.

A local father and two sons can now say they've visited nearly every massage parlor in Las Vegas.

While that's not a feat many would hang their hat on, Sheldon Monson and his two sons, Eric and Caleb, completed the task in an effort to help those who are being sexually exploited.

The Monsons joined a team of over 250 volunteers, handed out over 10,000 flyers and helped find 13 missing children last week in Las Vegas. As of Tuesday afternoon, that number rose to 15 found.

The mission, called "The Big Search," was an effort to find 30 missing and exploited children in the city. The long list of missing children was mostly made up of teenagers, but a 3-year-old boy was also part of the search. They included missing children that the local authorities had very little information about. In these cases it requires boots on the ground, searching and asking everyone to be on the lookout.

When a teenager is taken or runs away in this area, there's a very good chance they'll be picked up within 24 hours



Sheldon Monson (from left) stands with sons Eric and Caleb along on their short-term mission trip to Las Vegas. The trio worked with FREE International to find missing and exploited youth in the city. Courtesy photo.

and brought into the sex trafficking trade. With about 1.2 million people coming through Las Vegas every 10 days, it's ground zero for sex trafficking, according to Sheldon, a Wadena County Commissioner, who was a part of the mission team from the area to infiltrate those over-

looked parts of Vegas.

The Monsons left on the mission Jan. 28 to join up with FREE (Find Restore Embrace Empower) International to learn about how they would help in the rescue. FREE International works with other groups to perform this search

each year. The actual search took place from Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, but the Monsons were able to take in various training exercises before in order to have a better handle on what they would be doing during their time.

Days were long and ex-

hausting, starting their journey through the city at about 9 a.m. and in some cases going until midnight. They walked the strip and open areas handing out flyers to let people know about the cause and information about the 30 youth they were searching for.

Sheldon said they entered businesses, many of which were very accepting of them. One even was grateful as his daughter had run away as a teenager. Only a few times was their message ignored. They dropped off gift bags to workers at all the massage parlors in their database, with 40-60 to choose from, that took some time. Inside the gift bags was a card letting them know the number they could call to get help in getting out if they wanted to escape.

Other teams, made up of women, handled tasks like entering into the brothels outside of town. There the volunteers sought to share their ministry and offer guidance in getting out. They also worked on laptops communicating with girls being trafficked online in an effort to let them know that resources are available.

While the three may have been escaping the polar vortex that ascended on Minnesota, they were not exactly taking the opportunity to enjoy a day in the sun. Caleb heard about the mission opportunity after running a half marathon to raise money for an event like this. Caleb is a youth pastor at Frazee's Harvest Fellowship Church. Eric, who is the senior pastor at Eagle Bend Assembly of God, said while it's important to go on mission trips to spread the

gospel, as a Christian, he is also called to help those who need help the most. His heart definitely breaks for those caught in the sex trafficking trade.

"Right now there are more slaves in the world than ever before," Eric Monson said.

And according to FREE International, every 30 seconds another is added to the sex trafficking trade. The average girl being pulled in is 12-14 years old. And it's not just a border problem, it's right here, too.

"It's all over the place," Eric said. "It's everywhere."

The sex trafficking world has a beautiful facade. In most cases you won't even see it looking at the glitz and glamour of Vegas, the men said. But behind closed doors, it's a multi-billion dollar industry, with a foundation built on trafficking children.

Aside from the missing children that were located, the Monsons found out that one 20-year-old girl that got a simple phone number handed to her, made the call and was removed from her situation after having her previous life taken away from her.

The mission really was more than just a search, according to Eric, who said this issue doesn't get solved by them going and finding a few children once a year. In fact, Sheldon heard that four of every seven that are found end up going back into it. The bigger picture involves shedding light on the issue and making people aware that this form of slavery is thriving in Vegas and all over the world.

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Clearbook-Gonvick bus drivers from left: Ray Reichert, Jerry Gerloffs, Tracy Raitz, Crystal Winge, Deb Stein, Gerry Stein, Scott Bakke and Trenton Edgell. Not pictured: Tasha Bakke, Kristen Edgell, Subs-Marvin Berg, Alissa Preuss and Glen Trembath.

School districts across Minnesota to celebrate school bus drivers on February 27

Feb. 27 is Minnesota's third annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – Thousands of hardworking school bus drivers safely transport more than 760,000 students to and from school each day across the state. To recognize this important profession, Governor Tim Walz has proclaimed Wednesday, Feb. 27, as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the state of Minnesota.

School districts across Minnesota will celebrate the third annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day by passing out student-made thank you cards and providing food and beverages to bus drivers. The I-35W bridge in Minneapolis will also be lit yellow in recognition of School Bus Driver Appreciation Day on the evening of Feb. 26 and morning of Feb. 27.

The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MSBOA) and Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) teamed up to create School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Minnesota to encourage school leaders, parents and students to celebrate the often-overlooked profession.

"From rural country roads to city streets and in all kinds of

weather conditions, school bus drivers transport our communities' most precious cargo – our children – to school each day," said MSBOA President Garrett Regan. "School bus driving is an important but often unacknowledged profession, and we are thankful that Governor Walz has declared February 27 as

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Minnesota so that we can give bus drivers the recognition they deserve."

A press conference for School Bus Driver Appreciation Day will be held in Golden Valley on Feb. 27. The program will include a plea asking Minnesota drivers to obey school bus stop

arms. School bus drivers across Minnesota are reporting increasing occurrences of stop arm violations each year, which puts student safety at serious risk.

"A school bus driver is more than just a chauffeur, they are

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Jobs for Minnesotans Reacts to Governor Walz Decision on Line 3 Replacement Project

St. Paul, Minn. (Feb. 12, 2019) – Jobs for Minnesotans today released the following statement in response to Governor Walz' decision to continue the Minnesota Department of Commerce's appeal challenging the Line 3 Replacement Project's Certificate of Need that was dismissed by the Minnesota Court of Appeals:

"Jobs for Minnesotans is disappointed by Governor Walz's decision to continue the Minnesota Department of Commerce's appeal of the Line 3 Replacement Project's Certificate of Need. We stand behind the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (MPUC) unanimous approval of the Line 3 Replacement Project Certificate of Need following a rigorous and thorough four year review. The PUC commissioners understood the sense of urgency to replace this line to protect the environment yet this decision dismisses their knowledge of the law and commitment to fairly and impartially weigh the merits of the project. Time after time, the project has been deemed necessary by the MPUC in the best interest of the public and the state of Minnesota.

"The project is a critical \$2.6 billion dollar private investment in Minnesota's energy infrastructure, replacing an aging pipeline on which the state relies for energy security and

economic competitiveness. The project will provide quality jobs to more than 6,500 Minnesota workers during the course of the project, including 2,100 family-sustaining construction jobs. And, bring Minnesota tradespeople back home to work.

"We strongly encourage Governor Walz to issue permits in a timely manner to prevent any further delays to the Line 3 Replacement Project while this appeal continues through the courts."

About Jobs for Minnesotans
Jobs for Minnesotans, a coalition representing business, labor and communities, supports statewide opportunities for prosperity and middle-class jobs from sustainable natural resource development in Minnesota. The organization is committed to the principle that our state can preserve both job opportunities and the environment for future generations. Jobs for Minnesotans was co-founded in 2012 by the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council representing 55,000 workers and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce representing 2,300 companies and 500,000 employees. For more information, visit jobsforminnesotans.org, follow @JobsforMN on Twitter and find the coalition on Facebook. com/Jobs4MN.



On Tuesday, February 12th in Brooks, the Paradis Warehouse had part of their roof collapse due to snow mostly likely. A large portion of the south side collapsed and clean up is underway.



Solway Elementary Principal Tami Wesley, Heidi Marsh, Jaycee Twila Bolte, ISD 31 Superintendent Tim Lutz and Jaycee Eva Fisher.



ISD 31 Superintendent Tim Lutz, Jaycee Twila Bolte, Priscilla Fairbanks, Jaycee Crystal Hegg, Junior Jaycee Jevin Fisher, Jaycee Eva Fisher

Adopt A Classroom Project teachers awarded

The Bemidji Jaycees awarded 2 teachers this year with their Adopt A Classroom Project! Area teachers, within the boundaries of ISD 31, were

asked to submit their answer to what they would do with \$500 in their classroom. A committee selects the recipient(s) and then are presented their award

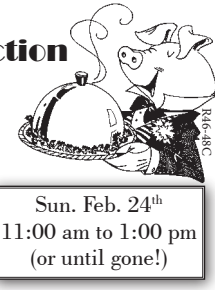
with a surprise visit to their classroom. This year's recipients were Heidi Marsh, an Art Teacher at Solway Elementary, and Priscilla Fairbanks, Culture and Curriculum Specialist with Indian Education in ISD 31.

Clearwater County Historical Society

TO HOST
Pork Dinner & Silent Auction
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at the Bagley American Legion

A roast pork dinner with all the trimmings will be offered for a **free will donation**. A Silent Auction of donated items will also be held. Proceeds will support several projects the society has in progress.

To donate to the auction please call the History Center at 218-785-2000.



Sun. Feb. 24th
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
(or until gone!)

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Sheldon was glad to be able to help the cause, but said that he felt his own life being impacted.

"I think it was very eye-opening for everyone involved to understand the tragedy and how vulnerable children are," he said. While the search was successful, learning about this corrupt world in the shadows was a mental drain.

"It's so disheartening that there's parts of our society participating, but it's also nice to see that there are entities helping out," Sheldon said. "I kind of felt like at times we're going after -- kind of the tip of the iceberg." The real work of changing society is the next big step.

"What's causing all this is society or that part of society that participates in this," he added.

A difficult thing to overcome and what the men saw in their travels was that much of society sees sex trafficking as a choice that these children are making. But that's one of many misconceptions.

Misconceptions

Sheldon and Eric thought that the prostitution would be easy to identify in Vegas. Actually it's obscured. While the common thought is that it's legal, the Monsons discovered it's not legal in the city of Las

Vegas, so those involved in it do their best to blend in. While many put on a front that they are doing what they want, they came to find that most are trapped in the trade with no escape. Most have a pimp or handler taking the money and holding their lives in their hands.

FREE International lists several misconceptions that many people hold to be true about the children pulled into the sex trade. Some of those include:

- They could have run away or asked for help. Many have their lives threatened to the point they feel there is no way out. 89 percent say they want to escape but had no other means of survival, according to FREE International data.

- They should have known better. Many lack the knowledge of services and victims rights. Many are children.

- They deserved it because they didn't avoid the person. Sheldon shared that many of these are vulnerable children looking for a different life. Others are taken against their will.

While these three locals took part in just a week of activities, crews are on the ground year round in Las Vegas working to end what they call modern-day slavery. Visit freeinternational.com to find out more about FREE International purpose and plans.

Annual Oklee/Plummer Firemens Association Meeting

Will meet on Saturday
March 2nd, 2019
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Polk County Sheriff

Gun shots reported

On 2/17/19 approximately 0057 hrs A Polk County Deputy Patrolling the City of Fosston, MN heard what was believed to be two gun shots on the east side of Fosston. Polk County Sheriff Deputies began a search of the area. Approximately 0445 hrs EMS Staff from Fosston Essentia Hospital reported they found a bullet casing in the parking lot of the EMS building. Deputy's searched the area and determined two Essentia Hospital employee vehicle had bullet holes in them. No person's where in or around the parking lot when this occurred. At this time, it is believed this is an isolated incident. No further information will be released at this time as this is an active ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information pertaining to this incident is asked to contact Polk County Sheriff Office at 218-281-0431.



Wedding Announcement

Together with their families, **Terri Erickson and David Churness** request the pleasure of your company at their wedding on Saturday, the second of March, two thousand and nineteen at six o' clock in the evening at the Bagley American Legion, 112 Main Ave. N, Bagley, MN. Reception to follow. (No gifts please). R48-49P



K-9 Officer Eva and Deputy K-9 Officer Cody Gillund from the Marshall County Sheriff's Office visited the Grygla 6th grade D.A.R.E class last week, that is taught once a week by Officer David Erickson. Photo courtesy of the Grygla School



McIntosh Senior Living CNA Training Program

At McIntosh Senior Living, we are excited to announce the start of our CNA Training Program! We were recently approved by the Minnesota Department of Health to provide training to individuals wanting to start a healthcare career as a Certified Nursing Assistant. This program includes classroom/lecture time and skills lab that will take place at the MSL Training Center, located at 105 2nd St. SE, McIntosh. Clinicals

will be held at McIntosh Senior Living. Our goal is that every student coming out of this program will have the confidence and competence to be a great asset to any facility and most importantly will provide excellent care. Classes will start in the Spring of 2019.

Contact Carissa Affeldt, Program Coordinator at (218) 563-2715 or carissa@macseniorliving.com to register for classes or for more information.

Natural Way Mineral Meeting

How to feed Ruminant & Natural Way Minerals
*Animal Health
Pizza & Ice Cream
Monday Feb. 25th
10:00 a.m.
Speakers: Mike Barnes & Titus Rodes
Gonvick Community Center
170th Main St.
Gonvick, MN 56644 R48P



IMPORTANT ALERT!

"48 HOURS MISSING" CHALLENGE

48 Hours Missing Challenge

Just like the Tide Pod and Bird Box challenges, another dangerous social media challenge has emerged. It's called the "48 Hours Missing Challenge," and has teens daring each other to go missing for two days in hopes that their family/friends will make social media posts about their disappearance. The person with the most shares, wins. Not only is this challenge dangerous for the participant, it could also tie up first responders while there are real emergencies happening in their communities. Please, talk to the teens and young adults in your life about not participating in these social media challenges.

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
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February is Black History Month

Polk County Sheriff

One vehicle rollover off CR 11 east of Gentilly

On 02-14-2019 at approximately 1152 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a one vehicle rollover off CR 11 just east of Gentilly in the curves. Deputies arrived and discovered a white 1997 Chevrolet Van upside down in the east ditch with two adult occupants trapped inside the van. Deputies were able to remove both adult occupants. The driver was identified as Charlotte Borseth age 67 of Fertile, MN who sustained minor and non-life threatening injuries. The passenger was identified as Patty Wasley age 57 who also sustained minor and non-life threatening injuries. Both occupants were transported by the Crookston Area Ambulance to Riverview ER for observation.

Assisting agencies were the Crookston Fire Department, Crookston Area Ambulance and Advanced Tire.

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tasked with getting our children to school and home safely at the end of the day," said Lieutenant Brian Reu, Minnesota State Patrol. "While they do their best watching out for our children, it takes every one of us to do our part. Remember to always stop when a school bus driver activates the flashing lights and the crossing arm is fully extended."

Additional reasons to celebrate School Bus Driver Appreciation Day include the impact school buses have on student safety and the environment. Thanks to rigorous safety standards for vehicles and drivers as well as student training efforts, students are nearly eight times safer riding to and from school in a school bus than in a different vehicle. The school bus driving industry is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota, and it has reduced its environmental impact through the use of alternative fuels and retrofits on diesel engines.

"School bus drivers are among the most highly trained drivers on the road, and they are a crucial part of our education system," said MAPT President Derrick Agate Sr. "We hope that Minnesotans help us recognize school bus drivers in their communities on February 27, and that more people consider this rewarding and in-demand profession."



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HELP WANTED

Golden Sunrise Dairy Inc. of McIntosh is seeking a motivated and reliable individual to work in dairy barn. Duties include, but are not limited to, milking cows and feeding young stock. If interested please contact Tim Rolf at 218-280-3991

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McIntosh Senior Living

Dedicated To Quality Care

McIntosh Senior Living (MSL) currently is hiring for a Full time Cook/Dietary aide. MSL is a family oriented facility and promotes a learning environment. This position will be required to work as a cook/dietary aide and have a every other weekend rotation. MSL offers PTO, double time holiday pay, shift differential, free single health insurance, retirement plan, retention bonus and scholarships. Credit is given for experience. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Lana Hitchen, Dietary Manager at 218-563-2715



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It means of night of fun and good food along with the chance to win prizes all night long with raffles for meat and other items.

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Three years ago, it was the Newly Wed Game, Two years ago it was a version of Family Fued. This year it should be an interesting night with a magician on the stage.

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Tapestry weaving is a medium of artistic expression that is both ancient and modern. It is a way of "painting" with yarn that uses texture, color, and line in the design process, and your style can be anything from realistic to abstract.

Kristin says "Tapestry weaving is my favorite means of visual artistic expression. The limitations of the weaving grid are freeing, as form can be for poetry. I like to feel the creative

sparks as I work my way around those limitations."

The workshop will be held over the course of three days March 22nd - 24th. The group will meet 6:30 - 9:00 pm, March 22nd, and from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th, with an hour break for lunch from noon-1:00 pm both days.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Murmuring

It's sin, you know...murmuring. Confessing it makes me aware, yet I stumble. The slope is a slippery one as it often times morphs into something more palatable...more acceptable if you will. I can swallow words like venting, or letting loose a little steam, or masking it as concern, or the free flowing "secrets" shared in order to build friendship circles with those whom you supposedly "really" trust to not say anything else. The other day, I came home and murmured. I "vented" to my husband. Weary from his happenings during the day, he listened, but not very intently. Soon, he looked up at me and reiterated what's I'd said. As he repeated what he'd heard me say, a disclaimer I did make clarifying that what he'd said was well off the mark. As I saw his shoulders sag, I knew that it was much more than "venting" I'd done; I'd caused him to stumble into a skewed view of another.

I confessed out loud what I'd

done and profusely apologized. Instead of building another up, I'd torn down by murmuring. I'd pounced like hungry prey the moment he'd stepped in the door rather than allowing him to enter into a sanctuary where he could find respite. Truth-be-told, I'm not sure he thought it was that big of a deal as he continued doing what he does each evening: chores, a few home office duties, steering the dog where she needed to be, and flipping on the weather channel. We live pretty low key, but that's the key. But I knew. You see...threads connecting any given story are what we often fail to consider. We strive to become better brothers and sisters in Christ. Each of us is growing. Some are in the infant stages who haven't a clue what that even looks like and in order to come along side them, or be invited into their holy space means to be able to offer anything but murmurings. It's not our job to transform others but neither is it to trans-

form them into something they are not based on our limited perception of what we see or what we think we see. Grace and mercy must be at the forefront of what we offer others and it cannot be in the form of murmuring. Philippians 4:8-9 suggests how to better respond. "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable and right, and pure and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from Me...everything you heard from Me and saw Me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." I for one need practice. So what do I do when I stumble and fall? I confess my sins and "He who is faithful and just will forgive my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness" (1John 1:9). And as the song goes, I pick myself up, dust myself off, and start all over again. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Ques - tion: Do you turn in front of an approaching vehicle or behind it when two vehicles both want to turn left at an uncontrolled intersection?

Answer: If two vehicles approach the intersection close to the same time, both vehicles should make the left turn in front of each other and make sure that the intersection is clear from other approaching vehicles.

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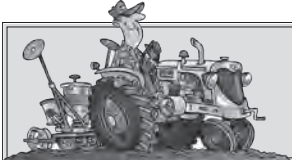
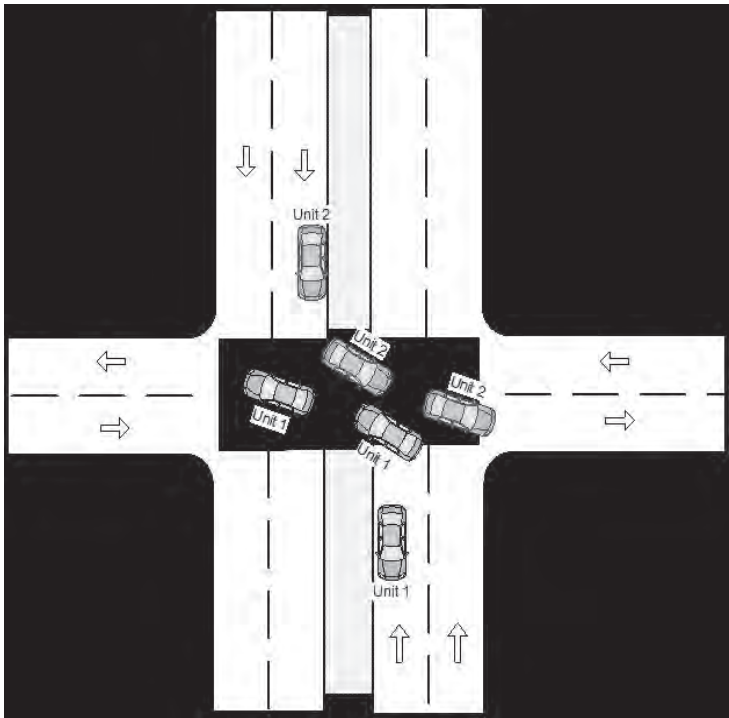
- While waiting to turn, keep your wheels straight and your foot on the brake. If your vehicle is struck from the rear, you will be less likely to be pushed into

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- Continue signaling until you begin your turn.
- Do not make sudden turns from the wrong lane of traffic.
- Watch for traffic or obstacles in the road you plan to enter.
- Always finish your turn in the correct lane.
- If the car ahead of you is

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M&W and a W-4

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

After a fun weekend of ice fishing I knew I had to do a little research on tractors! Usually I have an idea or something sparks an idea for an article, but I had none! So I turned on the TV and found an episode of Classic Tractor Fever that I had recorded and not yet watched. It started with a restored W-4 McCormick. It was decked out with many M&W parts that were added to the machine. I had heard M&W pistons and so on before but knew little about the M&W Company.

The M&W company started in a small school house in Anchor, ILL. The company was started by Elmo R. Meiners, a farmer and grain dealer, and Arthur J. Warsaw, an IH dealer. They decided that Farmall tractors needed a gear between 4th and 5th. So they come out with the "9 speed" conversion. From this the M&W company was started. M&W went on to manufacture a live PTO unit, live hydraulics, oversized sleeve and piston set, stroker crankshafts, better governors, and many other inventions that would improve the Farmall tractors. The M&W company is still in business but their products are much different than 60 years ago.

A couple of summers ago we made a trip to the Mystic Berry Farm, I recommend it. Besides strawberries they have a restaurant(serving waffles with strawberries and whipped



Advertisement for the McCormick Deering W-4.

cream), and a gift shop. I am a sucker for gift shops and this was no exception! We had to buy some jelly and a couple other goodies! Here is the tractor part.... in the corner of the gift shop on display was a beautifully restored W-4 McCormick Deering Tractor, from Rudnicki Tractor Ranch of Blackduck. Now you know I'm a John Deere man, but this W-4 was awesome.

They W-4 was in the International Harvester until 1952. The little standard tractor was a handy addition to the small farmer of the day. You may recall me saying in the past that I like those standard tread tractors. That is why the little W-4 caught my eye, and the fact that it looked better than new! The W-4 is a very compact trac-

tor with all the controls in easy reach. When everyone had a little dairy farm the W-4 would come in handy. It would be able to do field work, haying, and the low stature of the tractor would allow it to fit in the barn to clean manure or what ever else you needed.

Next summer I may try to go back to the Mystic Berry Farm. I don't know if the little W-4 will be there, but if it is I will sure take another look. It was a pretty nice little machine!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What year was the W-4 introduced?
A) 1939 B) 1942 C) 1945 D) 1948
 2. The International Harvester Headquarters was in Chicago, IL. Where was the W-4 manufactured?
A) Quincy, IL B) Rock Island, IL C) Detroit, MI D) Waterloo, IA
 3. What was the row crop equivalent to the W-4?
A) Model F-20 B) Model H C) Model F-30 D) Model M
 4. How many forward speeds did the W-4 have?
A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 8
- The M&W Company was founded in _____.
A) 1944 B) 1947 C) 1949 D) 1953
- Answers:** 1. A. 1939 2. B. Rock Island 3. Model H 4. B. 5 speeds 5. C, 1949

Nascar and its fan history

Millions of racing enthusiasts tune in to watch their favorite NASCAR drivers every weekend. Whether filling the stands in person or watching on television, NASCAR fans are drawn to the action and the sport's storied history.

It is believed that what would ultimately evolve into car racing began during Prohibition times when "runners," or those who delivered moonshine, souped up their cars to evade federal tax agents. These runners took pride in evading the law and would hold informal races to determine who had the fastest car and greatest racing chops. Eventually the need for smuggling booze waned, and car racing became a more respectable sport.

On February 21, 1948, the National Association for Stock Car racing was officially incorporated, although the first official NASCAR race took place six days earlier. The sport would go on to be one of the most popular spectator activities in North America and is now a multibillion dollar industry.

NASCAR owes its beginnings to mechanic and auto-repair shop owner William "Bill" France, Sr. of Washington, D.C. France became interested in racing after relocating to Daytona Beach, Fla., which he discovered was a hotbed for racing enthusiasts. France involved himself in racing cars and promotion. France felt



there should be a sanctioning body to govern the sport, so in 1947, he organized a meeting in Florida to discuss the future of stock car racing and conceived the notion of NASCAR with other members of the racing community.

As NASCAR amassed its legions of fans, it also helped solidify the star status of many drivers. Richard Petty, David Pearson, Dale Earnhardt Sr. (and later Junior), Jimmie Johnson, and Jeff Gordon are just a few of the notable drivers who have torn up tracks. In 1998, amid 50th anniversary celebrations, NASCAR put together a list of the organization's 50 Greatest Drivers. Living members of the group were honored during pre-race festivities for the 1998 Daytona 500.

NASCAR has built its repu-

tation not only on quality races, but also through sponsorship. In the history of NASCAR, there have been only three naming rights partners: RJ Reynolds, Sprint/Nextel and Monster Energy, which took the reins in 2017.

Those unfamiliar with NASCAR may think that the NASCAR season never ends. However, there is a defined season. The race season, comprising 38 races, starts in February and ends in November. Races are conducted on privately owned race tracks, all of which are asphalt or concrete. Although NASCAR has southern roots, tracks were built in California and Las Vegas to tap into newer audiences.

NASCAR has been around for decades, and new stars and fans are made each year.

Women Can Reduce Risk of Heart Disease with Diet and Exercise

By Jean Larson, registered dietitian at Essentia Health

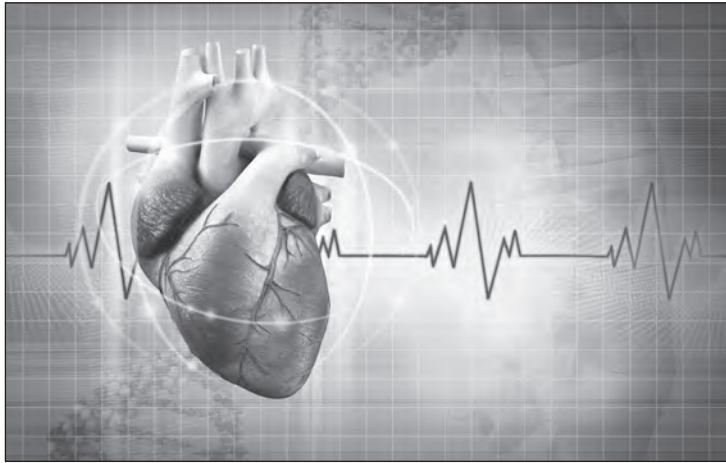
Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, but there are steps you can take to reduce your risk.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says cardiovascular disease outranks all forms of cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and pneumonia in causing death. Fortunately, heart disease is largely preventable through lifestyle.

Unfortunately, cardiovascular disease is often overlooked in women. Women historically have been underrepresented in research studies. Women typically have worse outcomes when they are diagnosed and are treated more conservatively. Many people believe coronary artery disease to be a man's condition, but this simply isn't the case.

Estrogen, the predominant female hormone, has a variety of beneficial effects on the cardiovascular system. These include maintaining healthy blood pressure, lipid metabolism, healthy cholesterol levels and antioxidant activity, which protects against oxidation and cell damage. These benefits help protect women in early life.

But as estrogen declines around menopause, women start becoming more susceptible. Levels of HDL cholesterol decline while levels of LDL cholesterol rise. Antioxidants are substances that protect your cells against damage, and these tend to decline at this time. The earlier a woman experiences menopause, the higher her risk becomes. By age 75, 85 percent of American women have high blood pressure.



So, what can be done? There are risk factors you have control over, including diet, sleep, stress, physical inactivity, tobacco and drug use, blood sugar levels and cholesterol levels.

Lack of exercise is as great a risk factor as smoking. Get your body moving every day for at least 30 minutes. Find a physical activity you actually enjoy, whether its walking, skiing, weight-lifting or yoga. Regularly moving your body in this way will help lower blood pressure, support healthy blood sugar levels, improve lipid profiles, and promote a healthy weight.

Clinical studies have shown that the Mediterranean diet improves lipid levels in postmenopausal women. Specifically, it can help raise HDL and lower triglycerides. This diet focuses on whole, unprocessed foods including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, legumes, dairy products, extra virgin olive oil, spices and modest amounts of poultry, fish and red meat. It's not just one food alone, but the combination of all these foods that provides the benefit.

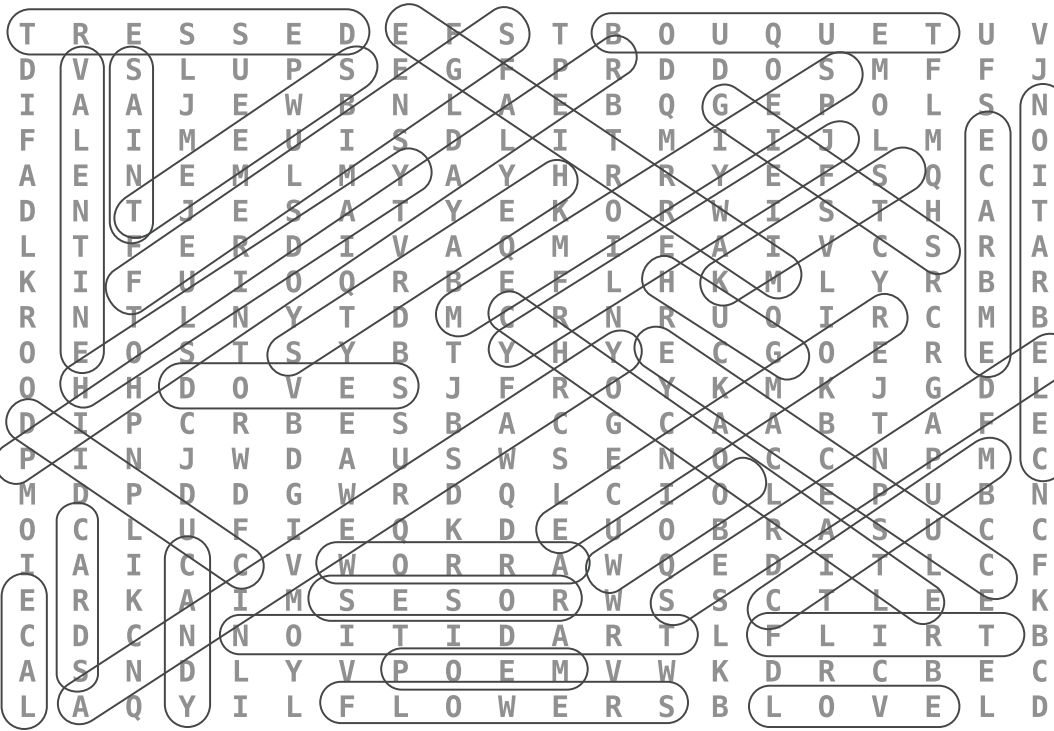
Incorporate foods that rich in polyphenols, which are nutrients with antioxidant activity. These foods include pomegranates, onions, olives, extra-virgin olive oil, freshly ground flaxseed and green tea. Polyphenols play a key role in insulin sensitivity, cellular health, cognition and cardiovascular health as well as supporting a healthy gut.

Dietary or herbal supplements to consider include EPA and DHA rich fish oils, magnesium and ashwagahnda. Its best to discuss any medication or supplements you plan to take with a qualified health practitioner to ensure they're safe and effective for you.

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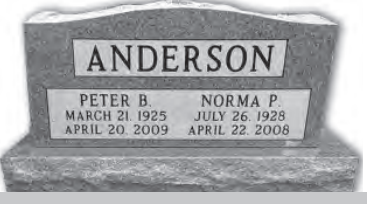
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Death Notice for Ida Nymann

Ida Nymann, 88, of Plummer, MN passed away on Monday, February 11, 2019



at Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, MN. Services and burial will be held in Denmark.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



when she met her husband Joseph Piccolo. They were married on 3/17/1966 at the Little Chapel of the West in Las Vegas, NV. They became long time residence of Becker, MN where they raised their two sons Wade and Eddie. Betty Jean taught and coached at Elk River High School for 33 years.

Betty is survived by her two sons Wade (Keisha) Piccolo of St. Cloud and Eddie Piccolo of Monticello. Betty was preceded in death by her father, Edmund Lajambe, brother, Bobby Lajambe, and husband, Joseph Piccolo.

Betty Jean loved sports, whether watching or participating. She loved games and she loved to travel. Most importantly Betty Jean loved her family and looked forward each year to the family reunion. Betty will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Celebration of Life to be held on Saturday March 2nd at Faith Lutheran Church in Becker. Visitation from 10-11am and Service to be held at 11am.

Services for Elizabeth Piccolo

Elizabeth "Betty Jean" Piccolo, 76 of Becker, passed lovingly surrounded by family on 2/11/19 at North Memorial Hospital.

Betty Jean was born 5/1/1942 in Thief River Falls to parents Edmund and Doris Lajambe. Betty graduated from Oklee High School and attended Bemidji State University where she received her degree in Education. Betty was teaching in Kwajalein



nursing career at age 21 and continued for over 40 years until her retirement. Vonie worked in many disciplines within her field and enjoyed all of them.

Vonie was united in marriage to Morris Eugene Mogen in November of 1954. They lived and raised their three daughters in Minneapolis and Crookston. In 1976, they moved to Mentor, Minnesota where she stayed until 2011. She married a second time in May of 1992 to Gordon Peterson from Wheaton, Minnesota. Due to health reasons, she was currently living at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls.

She was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor for many years. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, baking and cooking (she was the world's best cook). Everyone always wanted to eat at mom/grandma's house.

LaVone passed away peacefully on Monday, February 11, 2019 at Thief River Care Center at the age of 85 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Lyn Sebenaler of Phoenix, AZ and Cathie Gagner of Alexandria, MN; five grandchildren, April (Jeff) Lamb, Joel Wilkens, Dusty (Michaela) Gagner, Tracy (Nick) Spero, and Nick Gagner; and four great grandchildren, Shay, Emmett, and Larissa Spero, and Isabelle Gagner; one sister, Renae Mugge; and one brother, Kermit Larson, both of Mission, TX.

Preceding death by her parents; daughter, Judy Wilkens; and husbands, Morris Mogen and Gordon Peterson; sister, Carol; and two brothers, Vern and Jerry.

Services held for LaVone Peterson

LaVone "Vonie" Peterson, age 85, of Mentor, MN, passed away on Monday, February 11th, at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16th, at Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor with the Rev. Michael Sletto and Rev. Timothy Lundeen officiating. Interment will be in Rosehill Cemetery, rural Mentor, in the spring. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

LaVone Lillian Larson was born in Gonvick, Minnesota to parents Roy and Esther Bergeson Larson. She grew up in Gonvick on the farm and graduated at top of the high school class. LaVone wanted to be a nurse from the time she was a little girl. She fulfilled that dream by first attending the Nursing Program at Northwestern in Minneapolis. She began her

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Bob & Pam O'Neill
Lori & John Melby
Shelly & David Rerick
Joanie & Dennis Bakke



most of the lawn mowing, well into her 90's. Ida worked at Wolhowes Grocery in Bagley, located where the Co-op Oil is now. She sold groceries and candled eggs. Ida then worked for Clearwater-Polk Electric for 20 years as a receptionist at the front desk, retiring in 1981. She was also an Avon Lady for many years. She loved to drive so this job was great. She was still driving until she went into the nursing home in July of 2013. At Cornerstone, she loved Bingo, and usually won. She also loved music and would sing along.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law – JoAnn Steindl of Bagley, Minnesota

Grandchildren – Darin Steindl of Moorhead, Minnesota

Chad (Tammy) Steindl of Bagley, Minnesota

Four great grandchildren – Josie (Dallion) Rueb of Bagley, Minnesota, Richard Reed III of Minneapolis, Becca (Matt) Wilson of Ohio, and Cadie Hamilton of Minneapolis

Three great great grandchildren – Kaibren, Ella, Owen and unborn baby due in July; Special Former neighbors – Kelly & Julie Derby and Family of Bagley, Minnesota

And many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wally, her son – Calvin, Four brothers – Elias, Bennie, Joe and Goodwin; Three sisters – Hanna, Jennie and Odella and one great grandson – Jerald

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Services held for Ida Steindl

Ida Marie Steindl, 102, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held on, Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at The Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment at the Bagley City Cemetery.

She was born on April 15, 1916 at Clearbrook, Minnesota the oldest of eight children to parents John and Johanna (Fenn) Loun. She went to school until the eighth grade. Ida married Vincent Wallace "Wally" Steindl on September 24, 1933 at Bagley, Minnesota. They had one son, Calvin Warren Steindl. Ida and Wally were together for 65 years before his passing. As a farm wife, she spent a lot of time in the fields, along with cooking and canning. She also did a lot of sewing, embroidery and crocheting. She loved her flowers and did

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MSUM hosts free prom dress event

"If the Dress Fits" comes to Moorhead to give away prom dresses

Moorhead, Minn., February 12, 2019 — Minnesota State University Moorhead hosts "If the Dress Fits," an event that gives away prom dresses to area high school students. The event is in the university's Wellness Center (805 14th St S, Moorhead, MN) from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24. Parking is available in Lot G-1.

Students must be present and show a valid school ID to take home a dress. Students may bring other shoes or flip-flops for trying on dresses. The limit is one dress per student.

"If the Dress Fits" was founded by MSUM student Ashleigh Arntson and her mother Amy Arntson in 2015. The nonprofit organization is based out of Duluth, Minn. Ashleigh Arntson started the organization after having difficulty finding the right dress for the right price during her own prom experience. "If the Dress Fits" collects donated prom dresses throughout the year, which they label, size and wash prior to giveaways. Arntson organizes events in the spring to give the dresses for free to high school students.

"I just wanted to make sure that no one was missing out on (prom) because they couldn't afford a prom dress," Ashleigh Arntson said.

All high school students are welcome to attend, try on dresses and take one home, "if the dress fits."

For information visit: Facebook or Instagram.

Rescheduled - We Are Water Family Night

CROOKSTON, Minn. – As part of the "We Are Water" exhibit that is currently at the University of Minnesota Crookston campus, there will be a Family Night, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (rescheduled date), in Bede Ballroom and the International Lounge in the Sergeant Student Center. There will be a myriad of activities that are designed from children in pre-school to young teens and pre-teens in 8th grade. This night of activities is a collaboration between the early childhood education, elementary education, and the agricultural education programs.

There will be a total of twenty-one activities that participants can partake in. Among these are, water play for infants and toddlers, building water dams (Legos), and a do-it-yourself (DIY) compost bins activity.

We Are Water MN is a partnership formed to tell Minnesota's water story collaboratively, bringing together personal narratives, historical materials, and scientific information. Combining these ways of knowing water strengthens Minnesotans' relationships with and responsibilities to water. The program allows audiences to explore different themes related to water, add their story to the program's growing collection, and gives people a chance to think about how to protect water.

While you are on campus, visit the We Are Water exhibit in the Kiehle Rotunda and Kiehle 116 for activities and informational displays about the importance of water for all ages. The exhibit will be on display until March 4.

Arts Project Grant applications are now available online!

Region 2 Arts Council Arts Project Grant applications are now available online. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, public arts projects, and artists-in-residence. Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience development, or assistance in designing

arts programming. Funded arts projects must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties.

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Applications are available online at r2arts.org.

For more information, or with questions, call or email: 218-751-5447 / 800-275-5447 / staff@r2arts.org

Headwaters offers Open Pottery

Headwaters Music & Arts is excited to announce the arrival of Open Pottery. With four opportunities to take part a week, Open Pottery is for individuals, 18+, who need a space to work with clay and who have had substantial experience with pottery in the past (i.e., classes in high school or college, or two months of Headwaters Adult Pottery Class).

Open Pottery gives area adults access to a well-equipped pottery studio located in downtown Bemidji. The Pottery Studio includes wedging and work tables, tools, assorted glazes, and 5 pottery wheels. Those who are interested in attending Open Pottery will be required to attend a Pottery Studio orientation with Headwaters Pottery Instructor Tom Daly (typically held on Monday nights), and sign the Open Pottery Policy Agreement.

Open Pottery is the latest addition to Pottery Programming at Headwaters. Headwaters has regular pottery classes for adults every Monday, 6-8pm which is for beginners looking to learn about pottery or those who are just looking to learn even more.

Those who are interested in learning more or taking part in Open Pottery are asked to fill out the interest form on Headwaters website or call the office at 218.444.5606.



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The Goodridge School held an alumni basketball tournament last Saturday. Four past Goodridge/Grygla/Gatzke teams of all ages came together for an afternoon of fun on the court. Photo courtesy of Laurie Burns

Germundson’s Home Furnishings to become Mattracks Innovation Center

The building in Karlstad that housed furniture for nearly 70 years will soon become home to historic Mattracks vehicles and memorabilia. The two major participants in the deal, former furniture storeowner Loren Germundson and Mattracks founder and CEO, Glen Brazier, couldn’t be more pleased. Brazier says the old furniture store is the “absolute perfect fit” for the Mattracks Innovation Center. “It’s on Main Street. It’s going to be a real asset to the community.” “I’m very glad that he got it...He’ll fill up the empty building on Main Street. I think he’ll do a good job. The community will be surprised by what it’s going to be,” states Germundson. Germundson says the building has been a furniture store since 1948, though he didn’t get involved with the furniture business until 1965 when he became a partner with Bert Trane in his store. Germundson has been the sole owner of the business since 1979. He retired in November 2017 and says he enjoys it “more and more all the time”.

“It’s our 25th year this year” says Brazier of the company he started in 1994, adding that they are the “original inventors of rubber track conversion”. “They” includes his son, Matthew, who at age 11 inspired his father with his drawing of a truck with tracks instead of tires. “We’re in over 100 countries and all seven continents”, says Brazier giving an indication of the popularity of Mattracks today.

Brazier has saved items both big and small from the past 25 years. “I have saved most



of the unique things and I’ve got it stored away,” he says. (He would have even more things saved had it not been for the wildfire of 2012, which destroyed a “million and a half dollars” worth of Brazier’s property.) A visit to a warehouse east of town provides a glimpse into what the Mattracks Innovation Center will contain. Brazier has been creating since he was very young and photos displayed show some of those creations – a snowmobile, helicopter, hot rod and UTV to name a few. Brazier mentions that he was the “original inventor of the deer whistle.” “I have 68 patents throughout the world.”

Brazier pointed out. He showed a pickup which displays the first tracks made by Mattracks and a T-1 robot which was used in a movie, “ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines,” which starred Arnold Schwarzenegger. A 1978 LeMans has a video playing above it which shows how the car can function

as a boat. Brazier modified the vehicle to give it buoyancy and took it on the Mississippi River in 1992 in honor of his 40 birthday! A T-4, built for the military and a Vikings cart used in a Super Bowl advertisement are only two more of the many vehicles in the warehouse which visitors will be able to view at the Mattracks Innovation Center.

Brazier is making plans to remodel the front and inside of the old furniture store and set it up for displays. He plans to have the center open by Moosefest 2019 at which time he will host a celebration. He says the center will include a section devoted to Kick’n Up Kountry and Hopes, Dreams and Smiles (an organization which pays the for seriously ill children and their families to attend the country music festival). “And as things go, we’ll be changing things,” says Brazier, adding that, in an effort to support the community, he may eventually include displays for other businesses.

Brazier is excited about purchasing the building and opening the center in Karlstad. Though he says he’s owned businesses in several other places (and maintains an office in Shanghai), “Karlstad has by far been the nicest community with the nicest people.”

Mattracks has been the leader in the rubber track conversion market since its inception in 1994, since then has shipped products to over 100 countries and can be found in operation on all seven continents. Contact Mattracks 218-683-9800; Toll-Free US & Canada 877-436-7800 or sales@mattracks.com or www.mattracks.com.

Pioneer Athletes Named to Minnesota College Athletic Conference Fall All-Academic Team

February 13, 2019 – The Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) has announced its 2018 Fall All-Academic Team. The student-athletes receiving this dignification have met sport-specific athletic requirements and have achieved a cumulative grade point average at or above the standards set by the General Assembly of the MCAC.

The 2018 Fall MCAC All-Academic team is comprised of student-athletes from over 25 U.S. states and more than ten countries. Over 225 individuals were named to this distinguished honor. Pioneer student-athletes named to the All-Academic honor roll are as follows:

Argyle, MN-Madison Deschene, Clay Target
Crookston, MN-Anne Prudhomme, Clay Target
Goodridge, MN-Logan Merrill, Clay Target
Thief River Falls, MN-Cody

Good weather for racing on Sunday

2/17/2019
by Dennis Peterson
With weather conditions the best of the racing season so far 28 cars, drivers and crew members came to Garfield Lake in Laporte, Minnesota for ice racing. A total of 16 B class drivers and 12 A class drivers were on hand for the races. Excellent racing with many side by side finishes were enjoyed by the many fans in attendance. The racing is free to watch on the east side of the track viewing area.

In the A class set one heat races went to Ryan Julin and Ryan Huston with John Farrington winning the feature. Set two heat races were won by Farrington and Huston with Ryan Julin winning the feature race.

The B class set one heat winners were Sam Delaney and Cody Hoffman. The B class set one feature winner was Charlie Doughty. Set two winners in the B class were Josh Bitker and Nic Lewis. Sam Delaney picked up the checkered flag in the feature of the second set in the B class.

SUMMARY
A Class Set 1 Feature (Top Ten) - John Farrington, Ryan Julin, John Sharpnack, Ryan Huston, Kalin Honer, Reid Watson, Bonnie Farrington, Bob Pawlitschek, Bryan Karl, Joel Harvey

Heat 1 - Ryan Julin, John Farrington, Kalin Honer, Reid Watson, Joel Harvey

Heat 2 - Ryan Huston, John Sharpnack, Fritz Meyers, Bonnie Farrington, Bob Pawlitschek

A Class Set 2 Feature (Top Ten) - Ryan Julin, Ryan Huston, John Farrington, Reid Watson, Kalin Honer, Bonnie Farrington, Joel Harvey, John Sharpnack, Bryan Karl, Bob Pawlitschek

Heat 1 - John Farrington, Ryan Julin, Kalin Honer, Reid Watson, Joel Harvey

Heat 2 - Ryan Huston, John Sharpnack, Bryan Karl, Bonnie Farrington, Bob Pawlitschek

B Class Set 1 Feature (Top Ten) - Charlie Doughty, Cody Hoffman, Sam Delaney, Nathan Doughty, Josh Bitker, Zack Tolman, Tony Rohloff, Dan Riggs, Matt Harvey, Rob Martinson

Heat 1 - Sam Delaney, Charlie Doughty, Josh Bitker, Zach Tolman, Tony Rohloff

Heat 2 - Cody Hoffman, Nathan Doughty, Matt Harvey, Dennis Clark, Nic Lewis

B Class Set 2 Feature (Top Ten) - Sam Delaney, Nic Lewis, Cody Hoffman, Josh Bitker, Charlie Doughty, Dan Riggs, Nathan Doughty, Abe Forse-



USXC Manvel Race Rescheduled

The Turtle River Rough Rider 100 in Manvel, ND was postponed earlier this year due to lack of snow. It is now rescheduled for Saturday, March 9th. The snow is plentiful and conditions look great!

Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

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B Class first set feature winner making his first race of the year Charlie Doughty. Photos by Dennis Peterson.



A class first set feature winner John Farrington.



B Class second set feature winner Sam Delaney gives the thumbs up after taking the checkered flag.



A Class second set feature winner and current point leader Ryan Julin.

man, Zach Tolman, Miranda Richards

Heat 1 - Josh Bitker, Sam Delaney, Charlie Doughty,

Tony Rohloff, Zach Tolman

Heat 2 - Nic Lewis, Matt Harvey, Cody Hoffman, Dan Riggs, Nathan Doughty

Take part in a “March into Spring” Snowshoe Hike at Itasca State Park

Saturday, March 2
March into Spring” Snowshoe Hike: A Backcountry Exploration

Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Get out and enjoy the last weeks of winter’s snow as we move towards spring! Join us for an invigorating snowshoe hike as we explore the area around the Mississippi Headwaters. The hike will go along the Schoolcraft trail and out to Schoolcraft Island (conditions permitting). The first section of the hike will be easy.

Notes: Dress for being outdoors, bring along your snowshoes, water and sunglasses. A limited number of snowshoes are available at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center for use during the program and are first-come-first-serve. Please check out the snowshoes before the start of the hike. Route may

change based on weather and snow conditions. Trail route will be selected based on snow conditions.

Tuesday, March 19
Circle Time Under the Pines: A is for Animal Ears

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom (look for the big building under the big pine trees.)

Children 2-5 years old, come explore and have fun at Itasca as we learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery. Bring your winter outdoor clothes (including snowpants and boots)... if weather permits, part of the program will be exploring the outdoors. NOTES: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal around the fireplace in the visitor center lobby after the program.

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