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Polk County Soybean/Corn Growers celebrate Ag and Soy months with donations to area schools

Board donating agriculture education books to K-2 students

CROOKSTON, Minn. – The Polk County Soybean and Corn Growers and their checkoff dollars are supporting their schools and promoting agriculture with donations of books to local schools. The growers have donated agricultural educational books to elementary schools in Fosston, Erskine, Fertile, Crookston, Fisher and East Grand Forks.

The goal of the endeavor is to show the value of agriculture by increasing agricultural literacy through K-2 education. Accordingly, the Polk County Soybean-Corn brought \$900.00 worth of books to libraries. The books were purchased through MN Ag in the Classroom, which was established in 1985 through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

"We think it is a great opportunity for our council to help educate non-farming children on how our crops become food for them to eat at their tables. It is valuable to have children learn about agriculture," said Board President Kevin Krueger. "Even though we do live in a farming area, it is good the kids who do not farm get the opportunity to learn about the story of agriculture."

Many of the donated books have agricultural themes, including: "Soybeans: An A-Z Book," "How did that get in my Lunchbox," "Oh Say Can You Seed" and "The Life and Times of Corn."

To learn more about bio-diesel and Minnesota's soybean farmers, visit www.mns soybean.org.

To learn more about ethanol and Minnesota's corn farmers, visit www.mncorn.org

The Polk County Soybean Growers is affiliated with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, which oversees the investment of soybean checkoff dollars on behalf of approximately 25,000 farmers in Minnesota. The Council is governed by the rules of a federally mandated checkoff program that requires all soybean producers pay a fee on the soybeans they sell. This money is used to promote, educate and develop market opportunities for soybeans.

With nearly 7,000 members, the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is one of the largest grassroots farm organizations in the United States. Working in close partnership with the Minnesota



Rick Roed and Win-E-Mac Principal Kevin McKeever.

Corn Research & Promotion Council, MCGA identifies and promotes opportunities for Minnesota's 24,000 corn farmers while building connections with the non-farming public. We accomplish this by investing in third-party research that focuses on water quality and soil

health, targeted consumer outreach, developing new uses for corn and working to add value to every bushel of corn grown in Minnesota.

For questions or more information, contact Lorri Ann Hartel at lhartel@prairieagcomm.com or 218-686-6144.

27th Annual Home, Sport and Family Show provides something for everyone

The 27th Annual Home, Sport and Family Show in Thief River Falls will be held the weekend of April 13 and 14. This is the second year of the addition of Boats and Campers in the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center along with other vendors.

When it began many years ago, the Home Show was held at the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center, but its popularity exceeded the facility. That's when it was moved to the Ralph Engelstad Arena. With two arenas and the Imperial Room in play, the Home Show will be able to accommodate the over 170 companies that wanted to be represented at this year's show.

That it has something for everyone is not an exaggeration.

There will be boats, campers, golf carts, hot tubs, saunas, ATVs, crafts and clothing. Stack on top of that home improvement businesses, landscaping, lawn and garden, health and fitness businesses, real estate, jewelry, and chain saw carver demonstrations.

There are activities for kids too. There will be hourly puppet shows and face painting by the Little Brother/Little Sister Program in the Huck. The Archery Club will also have its target set up on Sunday.

Don't forget to stop at the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf booth. Bring a non-perishable food item, personal hygiene product or make a donation to the food shelf and get entered into a drawing.

There will also be food vendors at this show. Concessions will be available in both arenas and outside the Ralph. Visitors will also be able to choose from baked goods being sold from various vendors at the show.

Presenters throughout the weekend include:

- Saturday, April 13**
• 11 AM - "Home Buyers In-

formation" presented by Home-town Realty

- 12 PM - "All You Need to Know About Squash" presented by One Vegetable, One Community

- 1 PM - "Staying Safe on the Internet" presented by Garden Valley Technologies

- 2 PM - "Fishing Lake of the Woods" presented by Curt Quesnell of NCOR Fishing & Guide Service

- 3 PM - "Taking Control of Your Life" presented by Tara Wiskow of Tata's Gym

- 4 PM - "Questions about CBD and Hemp?" presented by Turning Point Nutrition

Sunday, April 14

- 11 AM - "How Toxic Is Your Mouth?" presented by Turning Point Nutrition

- 12 PM - "All You Need to Know About Squash" presented by One Vegetable, One Community

- 1 PM - "Fishing Lake of the Woods" presented by Scott & Allen Edman of Edman's Angling Adventures

- 2 PM - "Growing Fruit in the North" presented by Berge-son Gardens

- 3:15 PM - Storytime with Pete the Cat presented by the Times and TRF ECFE

Klondike Carvings from Red Lake Falls will be chainsaw sculpturing inside the Huck Olson Arena.

Admission

Admission is \$3 for adults 16 and older, \$2 for children ages 6-15. Children under 6 are admitted free. Families get in for \$10. Admission is free for everyone from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Don't forget to get in on the two prize drawings offered. An Traeger Grill with Pellets, and a Fire Pit with 2 Deck Chairs will be given away. Entry form is on your admission ticket and can be deposited in the entry drums in the East Entry.

Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit Winners Announced

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is excited to announce the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit Winners. Student and adult artists residing in a seven-county region including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington, Roseau and Red Lake recently entered into the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit and competed for \$2,300.00 in cash awards. The winners were recognized at the Northwest Minnesota Artist Reception in Badger, Minnesota on March 31.

Exhibit cash award winners were chosen while the exhibit was on display at the Badger Community Hall in Badger from March 20 to 31 by qualified juror and Region 2 Arts Council Grants Manager Holly Alcott. "I was completely humbled and joyfully impressed by the amount of talent. There were so many incredible creative works it was very difficult to choose the award winners. I applaud the creativity, talent, originality, and technical experience of all the artists that participated, both students and adults," Alcott said.

Exhibit Awards include:

Adult Winners

- 1st Place \$500 Elizabeth Rockstad of Ada in fine craft mosaic "Seasons"
- 2nd Place \$300 Andy Hall of Climax for photography "Snowy Pasque Flower"
- 3rd Place \$200 Connie Nelson of Hallock in acrylic painting "Tail Light"
- Merit \$100 Debbie Aune of Gatzke in watercolor painting "Busy Streets on a Cold Day: Badger MN"
- Merit \$100 Betsy Saurdiff of Grygla in pottery "Nesting Bowls: My Little Beauties"
- Merit \$100 Irene Bertils of



Merit \$100 - Debbie Aune of Gatzke in watercolor painting "Busy Streets on a Cold Day: Badger MN"

Crookston in drawing "Prayer"
Merit \$100 Peggy Branden of Karlstad in print "The Beast"
Merit \$100 Tammy Hansen of Newfolden in acrylic painting "Golden Hay Harvest"

People's Choice \$100 Debbie Aune of Gatzke

Student Winners

- 1st Place \$300 Logan Johnson of Crookston in sculpture "Because I Could"
- 2nd Place \$150 Adriana Isum of Crookston in painting "Serenity"

3rd Place \$100 Amber Lee of Hendrum for painting "Koi"
Merit \$50 Madilyn Race of Goodridge for sculpture "Chowing Down"

Merit \$50 Elysa Christensen of Crookston in mixed media "Fifth Dimension"

Merit \$50 Anissah Novacek of Greenbush for drawing "Live Aid"

Merit \$50 Phenix Glessing of Ada for tea set sculpture "Apple of My Eye"
Merit \$50 Elliot Chapman

of Crookston for a photography "Grain Elevator"

People's Choice \$50 Logan Johnson of Crookston

A dozen exhibit pieces of art were chosen to be included in the Traveling Art Exhibit, which will travel this next year to area libraries. Watch for the schedule to be announced and for it to arrive in your community.



1st Place \$500 - Elizabeth Rockstad of Ada in fine craft mosaic "Seasons".



1st Place \$300 - Logan Johnson of Crookston in sculpture "Because I Could".



Tyson Holmgren & Corban Cullen from Thief River Falls.

Month of the Young Child Open House

Did you know that a child's first and most important teacher is their parent / guardian? More importantly you do not have to be a licensed teacher or have tons of money to have an impact on your child's early learning.

Young children learn nearly everything they need to know through PLAY. Whether at home or in a classroom, play teaches children language skills, builds their vocabulary, and problem solving. It teaches them social skills like taking turns and negotiating through a disagreement. It builds their imagination.

Believe it or not, play also teaches them MATH skills. Playing with puzzles will develop their spatial skills, thinking about objects in 3 dimensions. Playing with blocks will help them learn about shapes, sizes, area, measurement, and even the basics of geometry.

Play helps children build their large and small motor skills. Running to play tag, crawling through a tunnel, digging in the sandbox – all makes them use and practice coordinating their muscles.

Inter-County Community Council's Head Start program focuses on helping families be their child's first and most important teacher. We support families of children ages 0-5, helping them become ready for school. For children ages 0-3

we offer a home based program, bringing the support right to your home. ICCC Head Start has classrooms for 4 year olds in Thief River Falls, Oklee, Win-E-Mac, Fosston and Bagley. All of our program options work to engage families in their child's learning and progress toward school readiness.

Would you like to learn more about how you can be your child's first teacher? Do you have a child in your life that you would like to learn more about how to "teach" them? Inter-County Community Council is

hosting two Open Houses at our Thief River Falls & Bagley classrooms. We'll be open from 4-6 pm on Thursday, April 11 and welcome ALL members of the community to come and see what supporting early learning looks like. You will also have the opportunity to see what Head Start is all about. Hands on activities and snacks will be available for all.

For more information about ICCC Head Start checkout our website at intercountyycc.org/services/head-start/ or call 888.778.4008 extension 1029.



Four year olds from Fosston, MN learning through free play.

Johnson, Fabian, and Kiel announce a series of town hall meeting in District 1

Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks), Representative Dan Fabian (R-Roseau), and Representative Debra Kiel (R-Crookston) announced a series of town halls to take place between Monday April 15 and Wednesday April 17. The town halls will provide an opportunity for constituents throughout District 1 to interact with the three legislators and discuss issues emerging in the legislature this session. Residents of District 1, which includes Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties are encouraged to join in.

The legislators will open the town hall meetings with a brief presentation on the current legislative session, followed by

a time for audience comments and questions. There is no cost to attend, and all residents are encouraged to participate.

All questions about the events can be directed to Ryan Johnson, legislative assistant to Senator Mark Johnson at (651) 296-8660 or via email at Ryan.Johnson@senate.mn or to Jean Cottingham legislative assistant to both Representative Dan Fabian and Representative Debra Kiel at (651) 296-4999 or via email at Jean.Cottingham@house.mn.

Monday, April 15th Senator Johnson and Representative Kiel

• 9:30am-10:30 am, East Grand Forks City Hall
600 Demers Ave, East Grand

Forks, MN 56721

• 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Crookston City Hall
124. Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716

• 2:30pm-3:30pm, Fosston Civic Center
215 1st St E, Fosston, MN 56542

Tuesday, April 16th Senator Johnson, Representative Kiel, and Representative Fabian

• 9:30am-10:30am, Uptown Cafe,
510 N Main St, Warren, MN
• 12:00pm-1:00 pm, Thief River Falls City Hall
405 3rd St E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
• 3:00pm-4:00pm, Grain Bin Cafe
125. N Main Ave, Grygla, MN 56727

Wednesday, April 17th Senator Johnson and Representative Fabian

• 8:30am-9:30 am, Hallock Senior Center
210 2nd St SW, Hallock, MN 56728
• 11:00am-12:00pm, Twins Rockin 50's Cafe
163. in St N, Greenbush, MN 56726
• 1:00pm-2:00pm, Roseau City Center
121 Center St E # 202, Roseau, MN 56751

Trains at the Depot

The Beltrami County Historical Society and the Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society present "Trains at the Depot" on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00pm and Sunday, April 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn about Bemidji's rich railroad history from railroad enthusiasts, historians and fellow railroad buffs. The event will feature several model railroad displays, railroad videos and photography, as well as the Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society's club layout open for viewing.

See a large Lego train and enjoy watching the world in miniature through the fascinating world of model trains in several scales (including N, HO, and O) traversing their tiny tracks. Also: door prizes/raffles and kids play area! Plus, exclusive train-themed apparel, toys and gifts!

Standard History Center admission will include access to the museum and all of the featured train items on display. Admission to the History Center is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$1 for children ages 6-12 (free for those 5 and under); discounted rate available for parties of five or more. Admission is free to members of the Historical Society.

Who: Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society and the Beltrami County Historical Society

Sanford Health lifts visitor restrictions in Bemidji and Bagley

BEMIDJI, Minn. –Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Sanford Bagley Medical Center, Sanford WoodsEdge Senior Living Campus (Neilson Place, Trillium, WindSong) and Sanford Baker Park Senior Housing will be lifting visitor restrictions based on the recent decline in the number of flu-like illnesses among area patients.

Sanford put in place visitor restrictions in January to protect patients, staff and visitors from possible exposure to influenza.

While the restrictions are lifted, Sanford encourages all visitors to use their best judgment when visiting. Visitors should stay at home and delay any visits to patients if feeling ill or exhibiting any sign of upper respiratory condition.

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GULLY AREA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETING will be April 13th, at 10:00 AM at Shorty's Place in Gully

SMELT FRY is scheduled for April 20th, 2019 at Shorty's Place in Gully

ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST will be held June 15th & 16th this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! *Hoping all members are able to attend the next meeting as the final plans for the Smelt Fry will be discussed.*

Decorate Your Cake Program

You and your friends are invited to the "Make an Easter Craft" brunch on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 9:30 AM at New Journey Church (Fosston Baptist Church) 505 9th St. NW, Fosston.

Featuring "Making an Easter Craft". Music by Vicky Dekkers. Speaker will be Rita Weber from Sioux Falls, SD sharing "DOA-Destined on Arrival".

Reservations due by Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Arlene 563-2085, Barbara 687-3431, Beverly 776-3897, Judi Lindseth 563-2205 or 361-446-3218.

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8:00 am Registration
8:30 am First Session
3:30 pm Closing

Cost is **\$15** with lunch provided. Child care is provided **FREE** up through 2nd grade for those registered. More details & registration can be found at www.countryfaith.org

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH.

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Countryside Greenhouse has moved to a new location. From Gonvick take Pine Lake Rd. (Hwy 7) South 2 mi. to 486th St. then West 3/4 mi. to Boardwalk Dr. WATCH FOR SIGNS

Sand Valley Church OF TRAIL

Easter BAKE SALE

Saturday April 13th 9 AM- 11 AM

Everyone Welcome!



In their forthcoming book, "Little Minnesota in World War II," Deane and Jill Johnson share the heroism and history of 140 men from tiny towns who gave their lives.

"Little Minnesota and WWII" at the Gonvick Community Center

NELL program on Little Minnesota in World War II: The Stories Behind 140 Fallen Heroes from Minnesota's Littlest Towns

During World War II, men from Minnesota's smallest towns gave their lives for our country. Several were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, or Bronze Star. All received the award no one wanted: the Purple Heart. Little Minnesota in World War II, by Jill A. Johnson and Deane L. Johnson, honors 140 brave men from the smallest rural towns. From John Emery (who died December 7, 1941, on board

the USS Arizona) to Herman Thelander (who was lost in the Bermuda Triangle, a mystery unsolved to this day). Jill and Deane have compiled a book about these men who served from the small towns in Minnesota and will share many of their stories during this program.

This NELL program will be presented on April 17 at the Gonvick Community Center, 170 Main Street.

Books will be available for sale after the program.

Program begins at 9:30 am. All ages are welcome; programs are free, donations encouraged. Refreshments served at 9am.

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OBITUARIES

Services held for Lorna Hohle

Lorna DeLane Hohle (Salveson) of South St. Paul, age 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 24, 2019 from Alzheimer's disease.

Lorna was a faithful card sender and letter writer, talented baker and lefse maker, active within her church and at Luther Dell.

She was preceded in death by husband John. Survived by 4 children, Susan, David, Jennifer (Tom) and Paul; 5 grandchildren, Hannah (Casey), Brian, Charlie, Ayla (Tony) & Cody; 2 great-grandchildren Kylie & Lorelai. Also survived by sister Hazel Holthusen.

Funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2019 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 2855 47th St E, Inver Grove Heights. Visitation was 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, at the church. Interment at General Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials preferred to church.

Services held for Sylvia Bratager

Sylvia Elaine Bratager, age 80, of Erskine, MN, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Country Place Assisted Living, Erskine, MN.

Sylvia was born December 20, 1938, near Rindal, MN, the daughter of Sigvard and Selma (Prestegaard) Hassel. She attended country school followed by Fertile High School, graduating with the class of 1957. As a youngster, Sylvia never shied away from hard work. She helped raise her younger siblings and worked in the school cafeteria to help cover the cost of school lunches. Later in her teenage years, she was employed by area neighbors to assist with housework and chores.

On December 14, 1957, she was united in marriage to Boyd Bratager at Norman Lutheran Church, rural Gary, MN. Together they built a life and home on Boyd's family farm, working side by side for over 60 years. The couple loved to square dance and spent many nights together on the dance floor. Sylvia was a devoted wife and mother. As their family grew, they were blessed with three sons: Bruce, Jeff and Brian. Family was the center of her life, and Sylvia always made the boys' happiness her top priority. On many occasions, she would take the boys fishing and patiently wait while they enjoyed the outdoors. In addition to the rigors involved with being a farm wife and mother, Sylvia also served as caregiver to Boyd's parents in their later years, as they resided on the same farm. When Sylvia's health and memory began to decline, Boyd lovingly became her primary caregiver. In August 2018, the couple moved from their farm near Winger to Country Place Assisted Living. Six months after Boyd's death in October, Sylvia was rejoined with her husband in eternal paradise.

Sylvia was very involved with the activities of the Calvary Lutheran Church

Services held for Barbara Johnstone

Barbara Johnstone, age 82, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Saturday, April 6th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th, at the Pioneer Memorial Care Center Chapel with Pastor Seth Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, rural Erskine, at a later date. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the Care Center Chapel. Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Barbara Yvonne Clausen was born on May 19, 1936 in Crookston, Minnesota to parents Andrew and Evelyn Mienerts Clausen. She grew up in Karlstad and Plummer, Minnesota and graduated from Plummer High School. After high school, Barb lived in Minneapolis. She worked at an insurance company and as a clerk prior to her employment at the Federal Reserve Bank. She worked in the mail department at the Federal Reserve for over 15 years.

Barbara was united in marriage to Elmer "Jim" Eugene Johnstone on May 24, 1958. They lived and raised their two daughters in Northeast Minneapolis. Jim passed

Services held for Harriet Holm

Harriet Marie (Bagaa-) Holm, age 89 of Bagley, MN passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, MN. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to the service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN.

Harriet was born October 21, 1929 in rural Clearbrook to parents Bennett and Thea Bagaason. Harriet was baptized and confirmed at the Seljord Lutheran Church and was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook.

Harriet attended grade school in the Leon Country School, and graduated from Clearbrook Public School in 1947. She went on to one year of normal school in East Grand Forks and through the years attended summer school sessions, night school, correspondence courses from the U of M and received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Bemidji State University. Her teaching career began in 1948 in the Winsor Country School and in the following years taught in Pine Dale in rural Clearbrook, Hillside in rural Bagley, Happy Hollow in rural Clearbrook, Riverview in rural Shevlin, Leonard and Minerva in rural Bagley. Harriet in an article upon her retirement in 1984 for the Leader Record Newspaper stated there was no plumbing in most of the rural schools and she did sweeping and general cleanup but most of the schools had janitors so she says she "didn't have things too rough." "I was really happy having a chance to teach in the country schools, having gone to rural schools myself, I liked the experience of doing it all myself with no aids. It was good for me." Rural schools were consolidating, and the children were going to school in town so in 1962 she began

Services for Raymond Berg

Raymond Leslie Berg, 81, died December 30, 2018, at Bethany on the Lake Nursing Home in Alexandria.

Ray was born April 6, 1937 in Bagley, to Arthur and Ragna (Widseth) Berg. Ray graduated from high school in McIntosh and attended Concordia College in Moorhead. He married Jean Christenson in 1962 raising four children in Crookston before divorcing in 1981. Ray had a varied career. He sold insurance and Berg's BBQ mix, helped operate two cafes (the B&B Cafe in McIntosh, established by his parents, and the B&B Jr Cafe in Crookston), drove taxi, and sold auto parts at McIntosh Co-Op Creamery & Repair Shop. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh. His hobbies included singing in church choir and barbershop groups, and fishing.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Nicole Names, brother Carlin, and brother-in-law Jerry Bjerken.

He is survived by daughter Melanie (Gary Knutson), sons Mark (Renée Beltrand) and Steve (Mary), sister Sue Bjerken, brothers Chuck (Marge) and John (Sue), son-in-law Mitch Names, sister-in-law Barb Berg, grandchildren Derek, Erika, Jennifer, Steele, Skye, Jett, Grace and Gretta, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Private interment.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Bethany, Mitch Names and nephew Joe Berg for their help with Ray's end of life care. Memorials preferred to the American Cancer Society.

Services held for Roland Haugen

Ronald Haugen, 82, Goodridge, MN, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Sanford Hospital, Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral Service for Ron was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Goodridge, MN with Reverend Kristin Ostercamp Officiating. Burial at the Goodridge Cemetery, Goodridge, MN.

Visitation was held on Monday, 4 - 8 PM with a 7:00 prayer service at John-son Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN and also one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Ronald Dean Haugen was born May 13, 1936 at Thief Lake, MN son of Clifford and Myrtle (Johnson) Haugen. However, per Ron and the family bible he was born on May 13, 1935. He was baptized and confirmed at Thief Lake Lutheran Church. He attended school in Middle River graduating in 1953. He started working construction for the state of Minnesota and worked for various companies through the years running heavy equipment, running a dragline, and crane operator. Ron was a spray pilot and enjoyed flying. He also flew for the Civil Air Patrol.

He married Ordella Lorraine Dahle on April 9, 1955 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN. Ronald and Ordella had 6 children together; Rhonda, Randy, Ryan, Rory, Rodney, and Rynae.

After their marriage they lived in various places around Minnesota before settling on Ordella's home place in Goodridge, MN, in 1968 where Ron and Ordella farmed for over 30 years. He farmed and milked cows as well as sold Cargill seed.

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