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Sons of Norway Granlund Lodge #240 Celebrates 96th Anniversary

During the August 8, monthly meeting of the Sons of Norway Granlund Lodge, President Wes Roland provided a power-point presentation covering the history of the lodge which began in Gonvick, Minnesota in 1923, with Olav Rendal being the organizer. There were 33 members at that time. Wes provided the following information and gave credit to Carol Wold for gathering much of the information over the years.

The Granlund Lodge was very active until the 1950's when the membership began to decline for some reason and eventually became inactive. The lodge was revived in 1970, when Maynard Troland, a Field Representative of SON living in the area and Carrol Juven, Regional Manager from Fargo, assisted in the reorganization. The Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Norway International approved the transfer of Granlund Lodge #240 from Gonvick to Fosston where it serves an area of a 30 mile radius. A reorganization banquet was held on September 28, 1970, at the Fosston Civic Center where 180 members were received into the Lodge. At one time in that period the lodge had over 300 members! The meetings were held at various locations in the area for a number of years until 1982 when it was decided to hold the meetings at the Embassy Center in Fosston and continues with that location today. The current membership stands at 50 with members coming from Fosston, Erskine, Gonvick, Bemidji, Bagley, Gully, Trail, Oklee, Thief River Falls, Mentor and Winger.

The actual Sons of Norway organization came into being on January 16, 1895, when eighteen men on the north side of Minneapolis formed the first chapter. The purposes and goals of the Founders were to protect members of Sons of Norway and their families from the financial hardships experienced during times of



Pictured Sitting: Roz Watnemo, Wes Roland, Susie Roland, Lynette Bakke. **Standing:** Grace Borud, Sylvia Larson, Jan Olson, Josine Moran, Lorraine Baugh, Marge Trembath, Leon Peterson, Milo Oppegaard, Carol Wold, Mervin Bakke. **Standing on stage:** Jolene Moran, Norma Quam, Harold Watnemo. Submitted by Roz Watnemo, Promotions Director.

sickness or death in the family. Over time, the mission of Sons of Norway has expanded to include the preservation of Norwegian heritage and culture in our society. The organization has grown since the beginning

and there are currently 8 worldwide Districts, Norway being #8, with a total membership of about 64,186 and 412 lodges worldwide!

The Granlund Lodge holds meetings on the second Thurs-

day of each month at 6:30 at the Embassy Center. Programs follow the business meeting and there's always a variety of food and treats before the program which usually begins around 7:30. Guests are always

welcome for the meetings and programs that include a variety of topics and entertainment. Coming up on September 12, is Scandinavian Fun with Cindy Kolling and on October 10th is the Annual Torsk and Meat-

ball Dinner. Memberships are encouraged to anyone who is Norsk or just interested in all things Norsk to carry on the rich Norwegian Heritage in the area. For more information, contact Wes Roland at 435-1230.

A Tale of Two Basketball Teams and their Coach Jim Musburger: Strandquist and Karlstad 1956-1979

By Jill Musburger Johnson
The author is Jill Musburger Johnson '70 who compiled sports stories from Strandquist and Karlstad at the suggestion of Coach Musburger's athletes.

This is the story of a coach, Jim Musburger, who taught and coached in two small towns, Strandquist and Karlstad, in northwest Minnesota. Jim grew up in Bemidji, played football and basketball for the Lumberjacks and earned honors as a member of the state champion 1948 Bemidji basketball team. The stories told in the book, *A Tale of Two Basketball Teams and Their Coach Jim Musburger*, recall a golden era in small town basketball when a steady caravan of fan buses and cars traveled through blizzards, sub-zero temps and floods to pack high school gyms in remote Minnesota. Basketball, often the only winter sport in small towns, provided countless thrills and excitement for players, fans and coaches. The Warriors and the Rabbits are now history but their spirit and pride live on in all the athletes, coaches and fans, who poured their hearts and souls into every game. Typical of Jim Musburger's entire coaching career, his athletes and peers came through for him and ended up writing the book in their own words - poignant and often hilarious memories of "the best



Author Jill Musburger Johnson.

of times."

The book's value lies in the culture and camaraderie that sports provided in small towns. As small towns and schools disappear, their stories are a valuable legacy in Minnesota history. It is important that future generations understand how sports united an entire community and cemented lasting friendships and memories. Our newspaper editor, Dane Nordine, said it best: Sports are a wonderful thing and there are some wonderful people in them. The stories are endless and I expect to hear many more now that the book is published. Here are a few examples from the over 80 stories submitted by athletes, coaches and fans.

Donnie Carlson '57 remembers the first year Jim Musburger coached in Strandquist: Our previous coach would throw out a basketball, tell us to practice, and then leave for a cup of coffee downtown. When Mr. Musburger arrived in town, he took control and taught us how to play basketball. He made us work really hard and told us, "The way you practice is the way you will play." Every boy in the school went out for basketball except for two, and they ended up the team managers. We served potato dumping dinners to earn money for the state basketball tournament

and the whole town turned out to support us. Mr. Musburger drove the four seniors in his Ford station wagon down to Williams Arena in the cities. We all wondered how many hay bales you could put in an arena that big! Teammate Chet Boen '57 echoes Donnie's memories: We knew that he came from Bemidji and had played for Bun Fortier's Lumberjacks and they always won the region and went to state. There was only one class back then.

Allen Rasmussen '61 recalls when Jim Musburger started a baseball team in Strandquist: Some of the Polish kids did not always come to school in the spring as they worked on the farm during planting season - this was a real problem for

the baseball team as many of the players were Polish, and they were really good at baseball. Most hailed from Florian, where Jerry Szczepanski's dad, Stanley, coached the Florian Falcons summer baseball team, and Coach Musburger depended on him and Charlie Krantz, the mailman, for coaching assistance.

Superintendent Orcutt loaned me his '58 Dodge(I was a sophomore) to drive out to the field, get the player off the tractor and take him to school for the game. When the Strandquist School closed in 1991, I gave the last commencement address, told this story, and ended the speech, "We were the only baseball team that showered before the game."

In 1961, Jim Musburger headed north to Karlstad to trade in the Warriors maroon and white for the Rabbits blue and white. He coached the B team for three years and in 1966, the Rabbits won the district championship in thrilling play. Bemidji physician Neil Skogerboe '66 tells a story: Musburger moved up to A team coach when I was a junior. He frequently said we should play for the fun of it, and would add, "It's no fun to lose." One game I was not being very productive and at halftime, he turned to me and said, "You have a hundred moves - use some!" I had a good second half - 20 points. He was a great motivator. We played in the District Championship game and won - only four turn-

overs, and we were off to the Region 8 tournament. Coach got a call from the Minneapolis Tribune and was asked to describe our team. He said, "We're small - but we're slow."

Newforlden player and coach Ron Ueland '61 offers sports history in District 32: During the 30 years after World War II and before the advent of girls sports in the mid 70's, boys basketball dominated life in small town Northwest Minnesota. For two weeks in March during tournaments, it became the center of the universe. The players and coaches were central figures in the community, much respected, sometimes revered.

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Book cover.



Mentor Farmer's Market vendors want to thank all our loyal customers for joining us every Saturday in the Mentor Park. As a show of appreciation we are dedicating this Saturday to you! In the park we will have Draft's Food Truck available to serve breakfast. Alex Conwell, Pennington, Co & Crookston Ox Cart talent winner, will be playing his violin. We will have 3 grand prize drawings in the park for baskets FILLED with items from our vendors. In the Center Circle under the red tent we will be serving you cake and beverages. WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU IN THE PARK 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on August 24th. There is always a surprise in the park!

Northwest Minnesota Foundation recognizes local leaders and nonprofit organization

August 13, 2019 BAGLEY, MN – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) held a luncheon at the Fireside Grill in Bagley on Tuesday, August 13th to announce this year's Ruth Edevold Excellence Award winners. Since 1993, the foundation has recognized the contributions of individuals and organizations in northwest Minnesota. Seventy-five excellence awards have been given, with an unrestricted grant from the foundation to the nonprofit of the recipients' choice. The award recipients are selected based on an internal nomination process.

The 2019 winners are:
• Excellence in Leadership: Ruth Sherman – Community Resource Connections
• Excellence in Leadership: Catherine Johnson – Inter-County Community Council
• Nonprofit Organizational Excellence: Northwest Indian Community Development Center (award accepted by executive director, Tuleah Palmer)

"I am amazed and inspired by the work and leadership of these very deserving award winners. They live the legacy of Ruth Edevold every single day," said NMF President and CEO, Karen White.

Ruth Edevold was the first and founding Executive Director for NMF. She helped build a rural experiment in leadership and developed the organization into a major regional force. A fund was established in Ruth's memory after she passed away in 1999, and these awards were named in her honor to continue the tradition of recognizing and supporting leaders who make a difference in Northwest Minnesota.

For more information about NMF and their programs, visit www.nwmf.org.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is a public, charitable



Catherine Johnson with NMF Board Member, Dennis Bona.



Ruth Sherman with NMF Board Member, Cathy Forgit.

foundation serving 12 counties of Northwest Minnesota by investing resources, facilitating

collaboration and promoting philanthropy.



Tessa Reed, Lowanna Anderson, Tuleah Palmer, and Michelle Walton with Tom Anderson (center), NMF board chair.

Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Friday, Sept. 6th

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Friday, September 6th.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC

headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 96% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or

programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$550,466 has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Julie Stennes, Thief River Falls; Tishara Melcher, Middle River; Diane Kolstoe, Oklee; Stephanie Johnson, Gatzke and Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operations Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's website: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Stephanie Johnson, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

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Summer continues with one more 2nd Street Stage concert Aug. 22

Rained out last week, but the Park Rapids Downtown Business Association invites you to celebrate summer one more time at 2nd Street Stage Thursday Aug. 22.

The free concert will start at 6 p.m. with the band, a beer garden and family activities on the second block of South Main. Bring your own chair.

The beer garden will open at 5 p.m. for a social hour while you find your spot, listen to the sound check and greet neighbors and friends. Support this great event by buying an official 2019 button and receive \$2 off all beverages at the beer garden.

The Christopher David Hanson Band - the one you love to dance to - will return for the last concert this season, sponsored by Smokey Hills Outdoor Store. Rhythms, great hooks and catchy tunes pretty much sum up this Northern Minnesota group. The Christopher David Hanson Band (CDHB) is known for shows that bring out the dancers, fellow musicians and story song lovers. The first inception of CDHB started in 2008 out of Minneapolis and reformed again on the Iron Range of Northern Minnesota in 2013. The line up has changed over time but the music and showmanship have remained strong. The band has a long list of notable accomplishments including 5 songs placed in Motion Pictures, numerous TV specials about the band, and a host of opening slots with some of the nation's top groups including Gin Blossoms, Black Oak Arkansas, Live, Kid Rock's Shannon Curfman, Cory Chisel and Sister Hazel. Christopher David Hanson is also a Nashville recording artist who has worked with many members of Wynonna Judd's band, and Carrie Underwood's group.



The last concert in the 2nd Street Stage summer series will feature The Christopher David Hanson Band. Joining Hanson (guitar and vocals) in the band are Brent Saari, organ, piano, vocals; Jim Pietila, drums, vocals; and Josh Pamli, bass guitar, vocals along with Willy Larson, saxophone, and Dave Hill, percussion.

CDHB has released four studio albums available nationwide on every major online platform and on their own Pandora station. You can hear them anytime, on any device, by searching their name on your phone.

Arrive at 5 for the social hour, sponsored by Edward Jones, and enjoy some of Pike's

Weekly stage sponsor is R.D. Offutt Farms. TruStar Federal Credit Union is weekly sound sponsor. This activity is also made possible, in part, by the voters of Minnesota, through a grant from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The family of Christine Johnson wishes to extend a large and heartfelt thank you to the community and surrounding area for supporting her, both during the recent benefit and at every other opportunity that you have found to show your love to our family. This journey has been long, and promises to go on for quite a while yet. We don't have the words to express our gratitude to each one that has helped us ease the burden along the way. A special thanks to the benefit organizers and volunteers, those who contributed items, the business community that sponsored the costs of the event, the school for providing the facility, and every person who attended. We also owe extra thanks to our family and employers, who have done so much to allow us to focus on Christine when she has needed us the most. The church community, from our home congregation to every other congregation in the area, has showered us with blessings. Neighbors and friends that have helped with farm work and provided meals are also very appreciated. If we have omitted anyone, it is not intentional. The people of this area are simply the best, and we can never thank you all enough. God bless you all.

Tim and Laura Johnson and family



Pictured in the photo are (l-r): Jody and Jerry Illies, owners of Listrom Disposal, and Cole Young, Sanford Health Foundation development officer.

Listrom Disposal supports Sanford Bagley Ambulance

BAGLEY, Minn.—Listrom Disposal recently made a donation to the Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota in support of its Bagley Ambulance Services. This kind of support will help our community with the purchase of a new ambulance ensuring our team of medical experts can swiftly reach patients across Clearwater County when every minute matters.

The Sanford Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organization dedicated to supporting the enhancement and expansion of health care services, state-of-the-art technology and facilities to provide health and healing for our region.

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Things to know about returning to school

Upon taking inventory of their lives at the start of a new year, some people entertain thoughts of returning to school.

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People return to school for various reasons, including the chance to learn new skills or further develop their existing skills. Some return to school because they are changing careers, while others may have lost a job or desire a promotion and feel that attaining a higher level of education or new skills can make reaching that goal more likely.

Adults who hope to return to school might be surprised to learn that the educational landscape has changed considerably since they were last in a classroom.

College students are no longer just young men and women who begin pursuing degrees right out of high school. In fact, the number of adults returning to the classroom has increased considerably, often making younger students the exception rather than the rule, says the college financial planner Straighter Line. According to the U.S. Department of Education, college students 25 years or older comprise 40 percent of all students enrolled in college.

Adults who are thinking about returning to school are urged to fill out the free applications for student aid to see if they qualify. Grants and scholarships may be available, and some workers find that employers may match funds or offer some assistance to finance job training courses.

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Theology in the Trenches

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Parades

Parades...when I watch them...I cry. While standing on main as the parade passes by, tears fall. They have for many a year now.

It's just a day after the 4th of July, and friend sent a video of this very thing. A neighborhood out east had gathered. If I recollect correctly, the lineup totaled one fire truck, three pick-ups, one corvette, a tractor, a jeep, two convertibles, seven bunched up motorcycles, one hitched wagon loaded with kids, and a bicycle built for one. Did I mention one golf cart and a four-wheeler wheeling through? An American flag or two waved alongside each as if greeting those viewing from the sidelines. How many were on the sidelines? Precisely six people were perched curbside. I cried as I watched it moments ago. As I write, tears are streaming and my nose is trying desperately to keep pace.

Growing up I recall walking on down to main for the parade. It was a whole two blocks from our house but to a little kid, that was half way around the world. The whole town came out to camp out. We cheered; we waved. And every so oft if you were lucky, hands would take

hold of one piece of candy tossed your way. Fun it was.

My tears began falling at such gatherings some thirty years back as I stood along main with my own kids. I remember looking on as my little ones stood watching...mesmerized that such an event was taking place before their very eyes. It lasted mere minutes as the homemade floats were sandwiched between the hometown squad car and fire truck.

As it passed by, I cried...and apparently to this day...I still cry at small town parades.

Perhaps it touches deep because the only possible purpose for such an event is to make other people happy. Certainly grown-ups have other things to do than drive a decorated flatbed down main...circle back home only to dismantle any décor upon it. It no doubt takes hours to plan and purchase candy for little hopefuls. As best I can tell...it's all because big people want to make this world a little happier, a little brighter, a little more hope-filled than it was before everyone marched down main.

Funny thing is...big parades don't make me cry. Perhaps hearts are worn on sleeves in small towns, and we all feel

them beating. They beat with the desire to inspire. They beat with the hope of tomorrow that maybe a little one looking on will remember that they were important enough to celebrate.

Just maybe I cry because time's passing by and sooner than later the ones standing along the sidelines will be driving those pick-ups for the next generation of little eyes looking on. And so it goes...

If we think this is grand, I wonder what's in store. As we leave this world...the parade of saints that will be lined up to greet us will be downright joy-filled.

"Oh when the saints...go marching in...Oh when the saint go marching in...Oh how I want to be in that number...When the saints go marching in."

So goes the song and so goes the future and the hope we have in Christ Jesus. Like parades passing by, time marches on. May we be in tune so we will be ready to greet those who are waiting for us...and in turn greet those for whom we will be waiting.

"For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory...forever...Amen" (Matt. 6:13).



The Asham Stompers, a high-energy jig and square dance group from Manitoba, will perform Aug. 24 and 25 at the Chautauqua and French-Canadian/Metis Festival at Old Crossing and Treaty Park.

Asham Stompers returning to Chautauqua and French-Canadian/Metis Festival

The Asham Stompers are returning to the Chautauqua and French-Canadian/Metis Festival. The jig and square dance group has performed several times at the festival and received standing ovations at every performance.

The dance group from Manitoba will be on stage in the big tent at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, at Old Crossing and Treaty Park near Huot, MN. The performances are free.

The Stompers help re-capture and preserve the history of the Métis people through the traditional dancing. They have fun and enjoy the richness of the Métis tradition through the Red River Jig, which has been done in First Nations communities for so many years.

"There is no language in dance. Everyone understands dance," said Arnold Ashman, founder and leader of the group.

The high energy group, formed in 2002, has traveled from Mexico to China. They did six performances at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, and toured Mexico and Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

The Stompers perform to music by fiddler Shawn Mousseau of Lake Manitoba First Nations. He takes off his shoes and chords with his toes while playing the fiddle.

Also on August 24 and 25, Double the Trouble 15-year-old twins from Winnipeg, will perform traditional Metis songs along with original and contemporary music. The boys and their father, Rob, were so popular at previous festivals they were invited back this year.

A newcomer to this year's festival will be storyteller and author Jan Smith. Her presentation "Cooking on the Ox Cart Trail - 1858" will be Aug. 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.

Saturday will close out with Mass at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. AFRAN President Virgil Benoit will give a welcome. Throughout the weekend, artists and

artisans will demonstrate wool spinning and carding, butter making and earth oven bread-making. There will also be children's activities.

There will be crafts, early skills and demonstrations in the encampment area.

Food, including French Festival specialties such as Tourtiere (meat pie) and bread made in the earth oven, will be available. Silent auctions will be held Saturday and Sunday.

The festival begins Aug. 23 with a potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m. and a bonfire, songs and storytelling at 8:30 p.m.

It wraps up at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to all events in the park.

Throughout the weekend, there will be programs, demonstrations by artists and artisans, arts and crafts displays and activities for children.

Food, including French Festival specialties such as Tourtiere (meat pie) and bread baked in the earth oven will be available.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to all events in the park.

The Old Crossing and Treaty Park is on Red Lake Co. Road 3 and seven miles northeast of Gentilly on County Road 11 or 10 miles southwest of Red Lake Falls.

The festival, presented by AFRAN (Association of the French of the North), emphasizes the French heritage and celebrates the multi-cultural heritage of the Red River Valley.

For more information on the Chautauqua and French Festival at Huot, MN., visit www.frenchcanadianafran.org or contact Jerry Amiot at 218-289-8889 or Virgil Benoit at 218-253-2270.

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I'm writing to you to ask a question regarding whether or not you might know where the signal that I can only assume is the method to tell current "smarter" cars what the speed limit is on the road or Highway they are currently driving. I wonder how accurate they really are.

Answer: My advice is to not solely rely on the displayed GPS speed reading for your vehicle's actual speed. Your vehicle's speedometer is the best way to determine how fast you are traveling.

A GPS is a positional speed-

ometer. It will show your speed based on the average distance covered off of several readings over the last few seconds and are generally accurate under normal driving conditions. The speed readings could be inaccurate if there is a temporary loss of signal.

Avoid distractions and always set your destination on your navigation system prior to driving and remember the new hands free law that is currently being enforced in Minnesota.

The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or

single touch activation without holding the phone.

Always be alert and be aware of the posted speed limit signs while driving. Remember that the speed limits start and end at where the signs are located.

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B JohnDeere

By Bioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I am a tractor lover! When I see a tractor in the field or in the fence row my head turns and I probably become a hazard on the highway!! (Well I hope not really!) A favorite tractor, I have many. The John Deere G and John Deere model R are high on my list, because they are tractors from my youth. Most of you know I acquired an R this summer, I call it my dream tractor! But one of my other favorites is a tractor I never drove or saw with my own eyes, but heard many stories of its accomplishments.

In 1949, my grandfather and dad bought a new wide front model B John Deere at Bagley Implement in Bagley, Minne-

sota. This was almost 20 years before I was born but since I was little dad's stories of the B fascinated me. My bet is if dad was writing this story his favorite tractor was probably that B!

This weekend we celebrated my youngest son, Heath's wedding to Kaylee Johnson, at Farm by the Lake in Bagley. What great time with family and friends! One of the family members present was my wife's uncle Russell. I love to talk to Russell because, like me, he is a John Deere man! He happens to have a 1939 B John Deere that belonged to his father. When the family had a farm sale they kept the little B. It is now nicely restored and some-

times has a two row mounted corn cultivator on it. But, at the sale they did sell a 1949 B John Deere just like my dad and grandpa had. That is another reason the 1949 model B is one of my favorites.

Luckily a few summers ago I found a 1949 B John Deere. It is on my list of tractors to restore! In fact one of my neighbors said that he would lend me a hand this winter.

My son's wedding was a blast! The food, fellowship with family and friends, dancing..... everything was so much fun. Oh and I am glad I had a minute or two extra to visit with Russell and think about that 1949 B John Deere!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What year did the model B John Deere come out? A) 1935 B) 1938 C) 1939 D) 1941
2. What Farmall model was the model B John Deere somewhat in competition with, when it was released? A) F-20 B) F-30 C) F-12 D) Model H
3. T or F More John Deere B's were produced than any other John Deere model.
4. The BR and BO were standard tread versions of the model B. What did BO stand for?
5. The Lindeman Company of Yakima, Washington made a "kit" to convert the model BR into a _____?

Answers: 1. A) 1935 2. C) F-12 3. True 4. Model B Orchard 5. a crawler



Here is a nicely restored B at the State Fair 2017!

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Services for Sarah Hansen

Sarah A. Hansen, 76, died on Monday, August 12, 2019 at her home in Clearbrook, MN.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Seljord Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Sarah was born on April 14, 1943 in Red Lake County, Minnesota to Francis and Myrtle (Charboneau) Plante. She grew up in the Brooks area and attended Oklee School. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Faith, and years later was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. Sarah was united in marriage to the love of her life, Richard Hansen, at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN on May 26, 1979. Together they made a home in Clearbrook. Over the years, Sarah worked at Artic

Cat, Nortec, Crane's Meat Market, and Team Industries. She wasn't afraid to jump into any new position or take on a new challenge. Sarah enjoyed baking, gardening, and playing cards. She lovingly hand-made an afghan for each of her grandchildren. She loved talking and being with her family. Sarah adored children and animals. Her special dog Dolly was taught many tricks. She had a big heart and will be tremendously missed.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Richard Hansen of Clearbrook, MN; her children, Karen (Randy) Huppert of River Falls, WI, Betty (Norman) Meter of Bagley, MN, Peggy (David) Rosnow of Gully, MN, and Wayne (Lisa) Horn of Gaston, NC; 8 grandchildren, Grace (Stephen) Lintner, Anna Walton, Charles Walton, Jack (Liz Wallace) Huppert, Stephanie (Clover) Street, Sierra (Dusty) Gilbertson, Caleb Horn, and Carter Horn; 4 great grandchildren, Penny Gilbertson, Easton Gilbertson, Kalea Street, and Josie Huppert; her sisters, Linda "Carol" Rodreguez of Fort Worth, TX and Lois Plante of Winger, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and other family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Sr. and Myrtle Plante; her daughter, Vicki Horn; her grandson, Miles Rosnow; her siblings, Ernest Plante, Frank Jr. Plante, Johnny Plante, Robert Plante, Eunice Qualley, and Judy Olson; her infant siblings, John and Verna; and her ex-husband, Ernest Horn.

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four children. He was proud of their many accomplishments.

He was a "Jack of all trades," and through his life, he held a number of jobs, including woodsman, truck driver, and shop foreman for the Clearwater County Highway Department.

A man of great faith, he accepted the Lord as his Savior in 1969, and was bold to share his testimony with others.

Alvin was an accomplished and sought-after welder, who continued to accept welding jobs long after retirement.

In 1982, he realized his dream as he started his own business, Harmon Brushing. For the next fourteen years, he worked with his sons, daughters and wife, brushing township roads throughout northern Minnesota. He retired in 1996, but spent the next decade nearly as busy as before.

Due to the seasonal nature of his business, Alvin worked at Wilde Construction in Shevlin during the winter, repairing equipment. He continued to work there after retirement through the transition to MasTec North America.

Alvin was an inventor who was always looking to improve whatever caught his attention. He created his own skidder to assist him with logging, a wood splitter and conveyer to move the wood. In 1981, he began the process of patenting a deer stand. Without blueprints, he created many one-of-kind tools and implements. In his later years, he enjoyed woodworking, and gifted most of his family with boat bookshelves or picture frames.

During his life, he was a friend to many. He will be missed.

Alvin is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty, his children - Eugene, Yvonne Rumsey, Timothy (Isabelle) and Debra, all of Bagley; Grand-daughters Kristine (Teri) Averill, Justine Harmon, Kaitlyn Martine and Gabriella Harmon; five-great grandchildren; sister Carol Olsen of Staples; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, David and sister, Nancy.

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Services held for Mary Roysland

Mary Roysland, age 86, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Friday, August 16th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20th, at Kingo Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment in Landsverk Cemetery, rural Fosston. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service Monday, August 19th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There was also reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements with Carlin Family Funeral Service and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Mary Jean Sinjem Roysland was born on May 19, 1933 in Fosston, Minnesota to parents Ole and Emma (Blanchard) Sinjem. She grew up in Fosston and graduated from Fosston High School in 1951. After high school she attended beautionic school in Fargo, North Dakota.

She was united in marriage to Robert James Roysland on January 24, 1954 at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. At the time of their marriage, Bob was stationed at Fort Ord Army Base. They lived in Seaside, California until 1955

when they moved to Erskine, Minnesota. While living in Erskine, she operated Mary's Beauty Shop out of her home. In 1968, they moved to Fosston and built a home north of town where they raised their family and worked together on their farm.

Mary was truly a servant and a caregiver. She served as a beautician at McIntosh Senior Living, Essentia Health Living Center, and Carlin Funeral Home for many years. She was an active member of Kingo Lutheran Church, serving on numerous groups within the church. She also volunteered for the American Diabetes Association and other organizations in the community.

Mary loved to follow, support, and cheer on all of the sports teams that her family and friends participated in. Mary loved to mow and take care of her yard meticulously which she took great pride in. She will be remembered for her undying faith, her positive attitude, gentle nature, and the love she shared with her family. The times she enjoyed most were times spent with family and friends.

Mary passed away peacefully on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston at the age of 86 years.

Survivors include her son, Mike (Kim) Roysland of Fosston; two grandchildren, Kelly (Eric) Roysland Curry of Minneapolis, MN, and Josh Roysland of Minneapolis; great grandson, Brekken; sister-in-law, Bernice Roysland of Fergus Falls, MN; and George Reck of Aurora, MN. Nieces, nephews and other family members also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, on July 13, 1992; two children, Patricia Roysland and Roberta Reck; grandson, Eric Reck; her parents; two sisters, Kathleen Nelson and Patricia Sinjem; and brother-in-law, George Roysland.



Services for James Votava

James Stanley Votava, age 92, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on August 17, 2019. He died peacefully with family and friends by his side.

A memorial service celebrating Jim's life will be held at 1pm on Saturday, August 24 at Vernes Church north of McIntosh, followed by interment at Vernes Cemetery. A visitation will be held 5-7pm Friday August 23, 2019, at the McIntosh Community Center followed by a prayer service at 7pm. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston, MN.

Jim was born to Frank and Agnes (Filar) Votava on November 1, 1926. He was raised on a farm between Trail and Gully, MN. His independent, humble, caring, and humorous spirit are rooted among his experiences during the Great Depression and the enduring relationships established within his hometown community.

Jim attended school in Gully, Fosston and at Bemidji State University. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 17 and served his country in both World War II and the Korean War. Jim developed a lifelong adventurous disposition toward flying, hunting, farming, and social connections as he served the surrounding communities and worked as a rural mail carrier within Gully and then McIntosh. He retired after 37 years with the postal service. Jim then went on to work for R&L Ride Service providing transportation to and from medical appointments; always safely and with a smile and a story.

Jim married Eileen Johnson of Trail, MN, on August 1, 1959. They settled on a farm by Oak Lake near McIntosh, MN, and built a rich life together. Jim delivered mail and Eileen worked as a teacher; they became well-integrated to the fabric of the communities around

McIntosh, Winger, Erskine, Fosston, Trail, and Gully. They raised 5 children and gave mentorship and help to many others. Jim provided an anchor to the family and community by caring for elderly neighbors, relatives and any child who needed a calm spot and an ear to listen. He served on boards for the school, the Polk County Watershed District and was a major connection point in the community. Jim was a proud veteran and member of the McIntosh VFW Post and Gully Legion.

On any given day, Jim could be found mending fences, fixing something in his shop, hunting, gardening, mowing, drinking coffee or talking politics. He really enjoyed flying airplanes and the aviation community. For many years, Jim dedicated his "free" time to raising beef cattle and farming. Jim was sought after for his sage advice including "keep the greasy side down and stay between the ditches," a metaphor for life. Jim spent the last years of his life devoted to the daily care of his loving wife, Eileen. They were married for nearly 60 years. Jim's legacy and impact will be honored and celebrated for generations to come.

Jim is survived by; sister Jude Croft, sons David (Lesley) of Colorado Springs, CO; Paul of McIntosh, MN, Mark (Vivian) of Stillwater, MN; Jeanie Sobieck (Dan) of Butte, ND and Dunnelon, FL; and Cathy Haden (Casey) of Stillwater, MN; 9 Grandchildren, Abigail and Adam (David and Lesley), James and Candice (Paul and Amy), Jacob and Erick (Mark and Vivian), Benjamin (Meredith) Sobieck (Jeanie and Dan), Zachary and Alexander (Cathy and Casey); 2 Great Grandchildren William and Jane (Jeanie and Dan Sobieck). He also leaves a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Agnes (Filar) Votava, his sister Mary Ann (Votava) Leidholm and wife Eileen (Johnson) Votava.

The family of Jim request that memorials be designated directly to any of the following charities:

Alzheimer's Association, Win-E-Mac Scholarship Fund, Vernes Church, Gully American Legion Post 603.

Directions to Vernes Church: From McIntosh, go 7.5 miles north on County Hwy 8 to 300 Street SW/County Hwy 5 (Vernes Church sign on the corner), go 3.5 miles east.



Services held for Marilyn Graftaas

Marilyn Patricia "Pat" Graftaas, 81, of Clearbrook, Minnesota, passed away from her earthly home to her Heavenly home on Monday morning, August 12, 2019 at the Fosston Hospital. We feel blessed that our Lord spared her pain, and that she was alert and cheerful in the days preceding her death, enjoying the company of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and siblings.

Pat was born on January 28, 1938 at her home in Berner, Minnesota, to parents Henry and Leola (McLander) Grone. She was Baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and held a lifelong trust in the Lord. The First Baptist Church in Clearbrook and the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick were both important in her spiritual life. Pat graduated from Gonvick High School in 1955. She played the bass drum in the band and was considered quite an athlete in many sports. On August 13, 1956, Pat was united in marriage to Robert Taffin and to that union 5 children were born: Stephen, Roberta, Renea, Scott and Stewart. Their first years of marriage were spent on the Iron Range, but they settled in Clearbrook to raise their family and became lifelong residents. They were married 25 years and Robert passed away on September 15, 2004.

In 1985, Pat and Stanley Graftaas renewed their high school acquaintance, which led to their marriage on January 10, 1986. They shared a love of dancing and travel. Stanley passed away on April 13, 2009. Pat learned the basics of cooking and baking from her mother, and at a young age honed these skills and business experiences by working for Evelyn Brandt and Dorothy Gunelius at the Felix Café in Gonvick. In 1962, she opened "Pat's Café: at the Clearbrook Bowling Alley. Pat received the Golden Knife/Butter Award in 1978. She operated her business there until 1984 when she built a new restaurant on Main Street Clearbrook. Well known for her delicious pastries, breakfast and Sunday Dinners, business thrived. Pat's Café was a big supporter

of local events as a way to give back to loyal patrons and a valued community. Part of her legacy was involving children, and grandchildren and other family members in the family business. She sold the restaurant in 2014. The demand of business did not keep Pat from enjoying other interests: family with their music and sport events, playing cards (especially Whist), graciously hosting Christmas dinner for all the family when her mother could no longer do so, playing softball into her fifties, a lifelong love of bowling and National competition and she loved watching and cheering on the Minnesota Twins. She was a member of various organizations such as: the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, the American Legion Auxiliary, Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center, and the WIBC Bowling Association for 40 years. She cherished taking trips to see her son and daughter in Las Vegas, NV. With the onset of Alzheimer's, Pat entered the Essentia Living Center in Fosston in October of 2018, where she was happy and involved until her death. Pat was known as an awesome cook, hard worker, dedicated wife and mother, and had a very giving soul.

Thank you Lord, for giving us Pat. A beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. We celebrate her for the good person she was, kind and loving, hardworking, giving and forgiving, unassuming and non-judgemental, her easy demeanor, generous smiles and laughter. Our heart will hold your memory until we meet again.

She is survived by her children: Stephen Taffin of Bagley, MN; Roberta (Paul) Braaten of Clearbrook, MN; Breana (Wade) Greenlee of Carson City, NV; Scott Taffin of Las Vegas, NV; Stewart (Amy) Taffin of Bagley, MN

6 Grandchildren: Jerrid, Jandi, Jody, Jackie Lynn, Quinlan and Lindsay.

9 Great Grandchildren: Preston, Paige, Parker, Jaiden, Ariaah, Brytin, Kiana, Jesse, and Katie.

Three sisters – Carolyn Snobeck of Motley, MN; Pamela (Larry) Berg of Clearbrook, MN; Linda (Scott) Rousseau of Minnetonka, MN

One brother – Blaine (Helene) Grone of Clearbrook, MN

Several nieces, nephews and cousins

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Taffin and Stanley Graftaas; Parents, Henry & Leola; and grandson, Brooks Greenlee, Sister-Arlene Vadnais; Nephew – Patrick George; Sister-in-law – Gloria Narveson and Brother-in-law – Jerry Snobeck.

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Bemidji Speedway “Kids Box Car Race Night”

8/18/2019
By Dennis Peterson

With just two nights of the regular race season to go 93 race cars packed the pits for a beautiful night of racing at Bemidji Speedway and that did not include the 30+ Kids and their box car racers who performed on track during intermission. The races were sponsored by M-T Pockets and Chlebeczek Race teams.

Added to the races for the first time in 2019 were the Wissota Streets. Next Sunday will be Track Championship night with champions crowned in each of the regular seven classes. Also added to the race card will be the Outlaw Mini Mods making their first appearance at the track this summer.

Big winners Sunday were Shannon George in the mini stocks, Josh Berg in the Wissota Pures, Scotty Messner in the Wissota Streets, Adam Prieve in the Wissota Mod Fours, Dean Eggebraaten in the Wissota Midwest Modifieds, Matt Sparby in the Wissota Super Stocks, Rick Jacobson in the Wissota Modifieds and Brennan Schmidt in the Wissota Hornets.

Mini Stock Feature:

The first feature of the night had Brandon Puschinsky and Connor Drewry lead the pack of mini stocks to the green flag. After several failed attempts at starts and restarts Drewry took the lead over Shannon George, Jon Geschwill, John Current and Nic Jacobson. On a subsequent restart after another spin George powered up and took the lead with Geschwill following into second. Conrad Schwinn raced up from his fourth row start into third dropping Drewry to fourth with Jacobson fifth crossing the finish line.

Wissota Pure

Stocks Feature:

16 Wissota Pure Stocks drove on track for the next feature with Dawson Kimble on the pole and Bonnie Farrington to his right. Kimble and Farrington raced side by side for the lead but it was Josh Berg from his outside second row starting position racing high



The anticipation is high as the group of Box Car racers waits for the flagman to wave the green flag.



The action was fast and furious.

around the track who took the lead. Dusty Caspers charged ahead into fourth with Michael Roth fifth. A couple of cautions slowed the action for restarts with Caspers and Roth taking advantage advancing forward but Caspers had mechanical issues and slowed and pushed into the infield. Late in the race it was Berg leading with Farrington, Kimble, Roth, and Jamie Chlebeczek in the top five. Roth powered up inside to take second dropping Farrington

back several positions. Charging up from a fifth row starting position was Kevin Baumgarner late in the race passing several cars to take third with Jared Miller also making a late charge into fifth. Berg drove to Victory Lane with the win with Roth, Baumgarner, Kimble and Miller in the top five.

Wissota Street Feature:

The field of Wissota Streets were on track next led by Dustin Puffe and Mike Hart in the front row. Charging up from his second row outside starting position was Scotty Messner to take the lead followed by Puffe, Hart, Ryan Satter and Doug VanMill. Hart drove up high and dropped to fifth. VanMill raced inside down the back straight and up into second. Following a caution Jeremy Gust powered up on the high side to take third as VanMill raced up side by side with Messner for the lead. Messner held his line and completed the clean sweep victory. VanMill, Gust, Hart, and Dave Meyer finished in the top five.

Wissota Mod

Four Feature:

An even dozen Wissota Mod fours were next on track led by Garrett Masurka and Trevor Voss. Masurka grabbed the early lead with Voss close behind. They were followed by Adam Prieve, Dean Shaver and Allen Foster. Prieve quickly made a move passing Voss for second in the 3-4 corner. Last weeks feature winner Blake Erickson raced up from his fourth row starting spot in to fifth racing side by side with Shaver. Prieve continued his assault on the lead with an excellent duel with Masurka for the lead. Racing low in turn two Prieve took the lead and drove to victory. Masurka was second with Conrad Schwinn, Erickson and Voss in the top five.

Wissota Midwest

Modifieds Feature:

In one of the best races of the 2019 season the Wissota

Midwest Modifieds were led on track by Weston Ramsrud and Matt Fullerton. Fullerton on the outside took the initial lead followed by Ramsrud, Brandon Bahr, Brent Foster and Dean Eggebraaten. Eggebraaten, started in the fourth row, charged to top side into third and then low in turn two into second. On the next lap again racing inside in turn one Eggebraaten raced into the lead but Fullerton wasn't about to let it go easy charging back with now Skyler Smith joining him in a three car side by side race for the lead. Lap after lap the three excellent racers put on a show for the fans. Smith raced up top to take over second with Eggebraaten still next to him. Fullerton was fighting to hold the lead over the charging Smith and Eggebraaten. Fullerton tried the high side and dropped to third with Eggebraaten and Smith both getting by him. Eggebraaten and Smith continued their war on the track for the win racing side by side lap after lap. Eggebraaten won the race by a car length with Smith, Fullerton, Bahr, and Jeff Reed in the top five.

Wissota Super

Stocks Feature:

The Wissota Super Stocks rolled on track next led by Tim Carlson and Matt Sparby. Sparby raced hard down the front straight to take the lead with Carlson, Dalton Carlson, Curtis Newberg and Dylan Nelson in the top five. Sparby kept his foot on the gas charging ahead by several car lengths. Nelson raced inside down the back straight and took over fourth as the field began to spread out around the track. Dalton Carlson challenged his dad Tim Carlson for second and made the pass but Sparby had a huge lead and picked up the feature win. Dalton Carlson, Tim Carlson, Curtis Newberg and Brandon Bahr finished in the top five.

Musburger... continued from front

Newfolden had such a coach in Jack Junker, Strandquist had Jim Musburger. While I attended high school in Newfolden 1957-61, Jim Musburger coached in Strandquist. Though we didn't know much about neighboring coaches, we all knew about Jim Musburger ten miles to the north in Strandquist. I always had a great deal of respect and admiration for Jim as did all of the coaches. When he spoke at District 32 meetings, he commanded everyone's attention. His ideas carried a lot of weight. Jim's teams were always well behaved, disciplined, fundamentally sound and played excellent defense. Defense in the 50s and 60s was usually man to man, which meant that you stuck to your assigned man all game. You literally picked him up when he got off the bus and harassed him till it was time to leave and he got back on. For the next 30 years I had some success using that defense. As time went by, I attended clinics and read books. I heard Bobby Knight talk about help defense and how and where to move when the ball moves. Bobby must have learned that from Jim Musburger. Today when you hear television announcers talking about help side defense and defensive rotation, why, Jim Musburger was doing it in Northwestern Minnesota 60 years ago!

Stephen Coach Jim Schindele recalls a funny incident during a Stephen – Karlstad game: I had great respect for Jim both on and off the basketball court. We were very competitive coaches and enjoyed every minute of the game – win or lose. One thing that got Jim's attention and the fans too, was when someone let five rabbits out on the court before the game. I said I wasn't behind it, but that some Stephen fans were the culprits. It was quite a commotion!

Eldon Sparby, Middle River athlete and coach, remembers his first year coaching: When I started coaching as a rookie, I was competing against Coaches Musburger, Deere, Keller, Ron Ueland and Gary Schuler. Talk about jumping into the fire and not knowing a damn thing about coaching. I quickly learned that if you want to beat the best, you better figure out what they are doing to you and how are you going to compete. Coach Musburger was my first model who I tried to emulate. First because of my experience as an athlete and secondly, I appreciated his game coaching behaviors and the way he always treated his athletes with respect. You

always knew what was coming when you played the Rabbits: sagging man to man and always taking away your best player option. The comment made about teams thinking they were playing against a zone because his kids sagged so much, is absolutely true. I remember scouting his team and seeing other teams trying to beat him with a zone offense. I believe he won way more games than his talent should have won. Coach Musburger's teams always outworked their opponents and this proved a formula for success for him and I tried to do the same with my teams.

Kent Hanson '71 shared Coach Musburger's meticulous attention to detail: We had white high-top tennis shoes that had to be polished the night before every game. If you missed and Coach saw it, you did not play. We also had to wear white undershorts as well as a jock-strap – this was so we wouldn't stain the white uniforms that were so damn tight if you farted, it wouldn't leave until the game was over and you undressed. And Randy Hultgren '76 recalls kitchen raids after practice: Coach had a key to the school kitchen and the players would eat all the dessert. The next morning, the intercom would announce, "Because of the high school basketball team, there will be no dessert for lunch." So the janitors changed the lock to the kitchen door, but we figured out how to get into the kitchen through the ceiling.

Coach Musburger shares memories: Kennedy Coach Louis Deere and Argyle Coach Warren Keller and I had a great rivalry and friendship that continued until I retired. I still laugh about one game with Kennedy in Karlstad. We were tied near the end of the game and the refs gave us one free throw and I thought we should have a one on one. I reached over and pushed the button on the scorer's table to stop the game. The refs did not see me do it, but the Kennedy fans did and went beserk. The refs asked the timekeepers what happened but they all claimed they saw nothing, so the refs blamed the scorers. Kennedy got the ball and won by one point. By the way, the refs were right and we only deserved one free throw.

Jim Musburger will be inducted into the Minnesota Coaches Hall of Fame on October 12, 2019 at the Sheraton West in Minnetonka. A Tale of Two Basketball Towns and Their Coach Jim Musburger by Jill Musburger Johnson is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, The Red Poppy in Fosston, Nordisk in Karlstad and bookstores.



Shannon George of Bagley celebrates his Mini Stock victory with his grandson Sunday night.

Wissota Modified Feature:

Keith Keena and Rick Jacobson led the field of Wissota Modifieds down the front straight to the green flag waved by flagman Cole Isensee. Jacobson grabbed the lead with Michael MacAdams, Tim Jackson, John Farrington, and Dan Ebert trailing. MacAdams drove up high and Jackson dove into second with Ebert chasing into third from his fourth row starting position. Ebert caught and challenged Jackson for second as Doyle Erickson raced up from his fifth row starting spot into the top five. After a caution slowed the field for a restart Ebert charged up into second racing inside to get the job done. Erickson raced into third on the back straight. Ebert raced forward to challenge Jacobson for the lead and the two raced

away from the field to battle for the right to drive into Victory Lane. Jacobson didn't make any mistakes and held his lead and took the victory with Ebert, Erickson, Jackson and Lance Schilling in the top five.

Wissota Hornet Feature:

The final race of the night was the Wissota Hornets. Travis Olafson powered into the lead with Brennan Schmidt, Jared Miller, Ross Magnuson and Aiden Helwig chasing him. On the back straight it was Schmidt powering by Olafson for the lead with Magnuson racing high around Olafson for second. Schmidt picked up the feature win with Magnuson, Miller, Olafson and Helwig in the top five ending an incredible night of racing at Bemidji Speedway.



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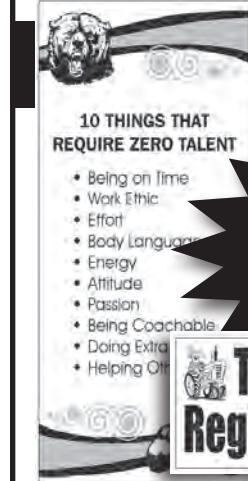
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