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Downtown McIntosh holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for multiple new businesses

BEMIDJI, MN - McIntosh is a community of around 600 people located between Bemidji and Crookston on US Highway #2. Many of the residents work outside the community as far away as Thief River Falls, Minnesota. On Friday, December 6th, the Northwest Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony in downtown McIntosh at 3:30 PM to celebrate a number of new businesses opening their doors.

Andrea Stordahl moved to McIntosh two years ago, with her husband and two small children, and within the last year, purchased five of the six empty buildings located in the central block of the six block downtown business area. She moved her "Minnesota Rust" antique business into one of the stores and set out to revitalize the downtown area by remodeling the other four buildings and finding new business entrepreneurs to lease them. Within a short period of time she accomplished her goal and there are now four new businesses "open for business", with the last building, the Cafe, expected to open soon. The new businesses are:

- Minnesota Rust - Andrea Stordahl
- Howard Soap Company - Katherine Howard
- The Red Poppy - Megan Palubicki
- The Beauty Room - Ashley Thomas
- Breakfast and lunch cafe - Pending early 2020 opening

"Andrea accomplished this extraordinary goal of restoring the central downtown business block...in half the normal time it would take anyone else! I expect many other small town community leaders will be visiting McIntosh in the near future to discuss with Andrea how they could duplicate her success," said Grant Oppegaard, SBDC consultant.

McIntosh welcomed the five new women owned businesses with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3:30 PM and the "Very Merry McIntosh Christmas" event at 4:00 PM. The Christmas event included Christmas lights and a bonfire with s'mores for the kids.

The Northwest Minnesota SBDC is proud to offer business counsel and support services for entrepreneurs. The SBDC provides free information, confidential counseling and one-on-one support to start, build and grow a business. For more information, visit www.nwsbdc.org.

The Northwest Minnesota Small Business Development Center is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and regional support partners.



The ribbon cutting ceremony held in downtown McIntosh last Friday afternoon for 5 new, women owned businesses that recently opened in the downtown area. Pictured (L-R): Dave Warford: Katie Schreck, Beauty Room; Ashley Thomas, Beauty Room, owner; Andrea Stordahl, Minnesota Rust, owner; T. "Mic" McCrory, Northwest Minnesota Small Business Development Center; Toby Strom, Mayor of McIntosh; Meghan Palubicki, The Red Poppy, owner; Katherine Howard, Howard Soap Company, owner; Marci Wilson, The Red Poppy; Roxanne Stordahl, Stordahl Counseling, Owner; Katie Roed, Sugar Brook Creative, Owner; and Grant Oppegaard, Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Small Business Development Center.



Andrea Stordahl, owner of Minnesota Rust in McIntosh talks, on camera, to Lakeland Public Television reporter, Malaak Khattab.



Another business participating in the celebration last Friday evening in McIntosh was Neil's Quality Meats & More. Here, Tyler Zimprich from Canadian Bread Delivery and Hazel Trostad serve samples to visitors.



Downtown McIntosh was a magical place to be last Friday evening as the community celebrated the opening of 5 new businesses to the downtown area. The new, women owned businesses are The Beauty Room, The Red Poppy, Howard Soap Company, Minnesota Rust and Stordahl Counseling who recently filled an entire block in the downtown area. Along with these 5 new businesses, The Clubhouse Childcare Center, owned by Nicole Cook and Joan's Junk Shop, owned by Joan Kasprzak have also opened in other parts of town.

Clearbrook's Santa Claus Day and craft show held last Saturday



Gwen Eck was one of the more than 50 people who had displays on sale at the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day activities last weekend.



Quilt makers selling raffle tickets for Hospice at the Clearbrook Santa Claus and Craft Day activities. Shown are Judi Engebretson and Char Rathbone standing in back and seated from left to right are Linda Holm, Diane Jackson and Virginia Grenier.



Members of the Gonvick Lions Club served caramel rolls and Mulligan stew to the many who attended the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day activities last weekend. Workers shown are Crystal Smith, Luci Thompson, Matt Anderson, Janice Anderson and Jesse Smith.



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Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2020 Scholarship Program

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2020 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. (This is an increased amount from previous years.) All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had almost 2000 submissions and 82 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay on the theme of MAT's 2020 Education Conference, "Township Day," by May 1, 2020. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified by October 1, 2020. They will also be invited to attend MAT's Awards Banquet in St. Cloud, Minnesota on November 20, 2020.

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit www.mntownships.org.

"Townships are proud to offer the Scholarship Program, and encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from the largest cities or from rural areas. We know the MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients in furthering their education. It is also an opportunity for learning about township government, which embody the values of "grassroots government" where local citizens directly participate," said MAT Executive Director David Hann.

There are approximately 914,174 township residents in 1,781 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, other host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

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MSUM expects 500 students to graduate Dec. 19

Moorhead, Minn., December 6, 2019 – Minnesota State University Moorhead will award degrees to more than 500 students during its fall commencement program Thursday, Dec. 19 in the university's Nemzek Fieldhouse.

The 1 p.m. ceremony also includes about 170 graduate students.

MSU Moorhead alumna Dayna Del Val, who earned a degree in theatre, will be the commencement speaker. As president and CEO of The Arts Partnership, Del Val has transformed The Arts Partnership into a dynamic, responsive, arts advocacy powerhouse, growing the organization by more than 200 percent. She is also a professional stage and commercial actor, saying she uses her theatre degree every day to advocate for the arts across the metro. In 2018, Del Val received the Emerging Leader award from the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

Parking will be open in all university lots on commencement day. Lots will not be ticketed the day of the ceremony. Street parking will be available as posted. Driving directions to campus are located at <https://www.mnstate.edu/maps/directions.aspx>

For those who can't attend commencement, it will be streamed live online at <https://www.mnstate.edu/registrar/graduation/>

Graduates include:
Kali Benson, BFA Studio Art (BFA), Treknorth Jr Sr High School, Pinewood
Alyssa Macy, Curriculum & Instruction (MS) Fosston High School, Gully
Lisa Kangas, Curriculum & Instruction (MS), Erskine

Nicole Halbur, Curriculum & Instruction (MS), Fosston High School, Fosston

Claudia Keller, Speech/Language/Hearing Science (BS) Fosston High School, Fosston
Joseph Parenteau, Liberal Arts (AA), Win-E-Mac School, Bonita Springs

Claudia Keller, Speech/Language/Hearing Science (BS), Fosston High School, Fosston
Liberty Weiss, Anthropology (BA), Fosston

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 15th starting at 5:00 PM

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Cindy says, "the village is up, and the goodies are baked."
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Signed, Bewildered

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12/2/2019 Week 12 of 28
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* THE CLINIC WERE THE FIRST QUARTER *

Place	Team Name	Points	Wins	Losses	Draws	High Score	High HCP
1	THE CLINIC	103	47	0	0	792	2251
2	KNUTSON BRUSHING	87%	52%	543	306	24115	20979
3	BOWLINN BABES	76%	73%	583	373	34514	22481
4	CARVER TRUCKING	68%	81%	561	381	33802	19870
5	2 OTTERTAIL	64%	85%	603	354	34355	21242
6	FARMCHICK	50	100	592	384	33932	21471

Lane Assignments:
Today: 5-4, 5-8, 7-8
Next Week: 5-2, 4-6, 7-3
Season High Scores:
Scratch Game: 792 THE CLINIC
Scratch Series: 2031 THE CLINIC
Handicap Game: 1097 THE CLINIC
Handicap Series: 2145 THE CLINIC
Scratch Game: 204 CORY TOLLERSON
Scratch Series: 646 JENNIFER GOODLAND
Handicap Game: 270 CORY TOLLERSON
Handicap Series: 718 CORY TOLLERSON
Split 1 High Scores:
Scratch Game: 781 BOWLINN BABES
Scratch Series: 2090 THE CLINIC
Handicap Game: 1035 BOWLINN BABES
Handicap Series: 3083 THE CLINIC
Scratch Game: 202 BRIDGET LANGVERK
Scratch Series: 585 BRIDGET LANGVERK
Handicap Game: 263 AMANDA RAMGROD
Handicap Series: 697 BRIDGET NELSON
Last Week's Top Scores:
Scratch Game: 721 THE CLINIC
Scratch Series: 2058 THE CLINIC
Handicap Game: 1018 THE CLINIC
Handicap Series: 2989 OTTERTAIL
Scratch Game: 176 KRISHELLE BRUA
Scratch Series: 466 BRIDGET NELSON
Handicap Game: 341 BRIDGET NELSON
Handicap Series: 670 BRIDGET NELSON

THURSDAY TRIO'S 2019-20

12/3/2019 Week 11 of 29
Thursday 6:30 pm
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* FARMCHICK WERE THE FIRST QUARTER *

Place	Team Name	Points	Wins	Losses	Draws	High Score	High HCP
1	HARWOOD OIL	83.9	73	14	0	75.2	200
2	1 MAIN STREET	85.2	69	12	0	80.8	210
3	DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE	78.4	83%	17%	0	79.4	214%
4	GULLY TRI CO-OP	68.5	50	23	0	72.8	185
5	THE WRECKING CREW	66.2	47	24	0	48.1	89
6	FARMCHICK	63.1	41	24	0	76.2	195
7	TRIPLE 60S	54.6	35%	29%	0	55.3	89%
8	BYE	0	0	0	0	0	0

Season High Scores:
Scratch Game: 617 MAIN STREET
Scratch Series: 1684 MAIN STREET
Handicap Game: 732 MAIN STREET
Handicap Series: 2009 MAIN STREET
Men:
Scratch Game: 225 HARVEY CARLSON
Scratch Series: 688 BRYAN LANGVERK
Handicap Game: 287 ANDY ANDERSON
Handicap Series: 730 ANDY ANDERSON
Women:
Scratch Game: 232 JANET LANGVERK
Scratch Series: 542 DARLENE ROUE
Handicap Game: 248 JANET LANGVERK
Handicap Series: 688 DARLENE ROUE
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Scratch Game: 617 HARWOOD OIL
Scratch Series: 1489 FARMCHICK
Handicap Game: 1482 DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE
Handicap Series: 1872 DAN'S STANDARD SERVICE
Men:
Scratch Game: 201 TIM KASSELL
Scratch Series: 579 PERRY GRUNDYSON
Handicap Game: 283 TIM KASSELL
Handicap Series: 677 TIM KASSELL
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Last Week's Top Scores - Continued

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8	BYE	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual High Averages:
Men: 181.19 BRYAN LANGVERK, 159.70 DARLENE ROUE
Women: 119.79 PERRY GRUNDYSON, 151.76 JANET LANGVERK
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

He Chose Her

He, God, chose her, Mary, to bring forth His only begotten Son. We know He chose her because He chooses us. "You did not choose me. I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will remain..." (John 15:16).

And she, Mary, did bear fruit. Elizabeth even said so as she exclaimed in a loud cry that was documented in Luke 1:42. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Foreshadowed back in Deuteronomy 28:4 it was, "The fruit of your womb will be blessed, as well as the produce of your land and the offspring...and the lambs of your flocks." Jesus Christ was the Lamb who was slaughtered but ended up as the Lamb upon the throne. Deuteronomy points to the blessed produce and that the fruit to come would be sweet indeed.

Oh...it wasn't without scuttle-butt when He chose her. Even Michael the archangel whose name means, "Who is like unto God?" questioned the angel who questioned God. With abated breath all of Heaven heard him ask, "Who is like unto God?" In other words, how dare anyone question the authority, might, and power of God? Yup, God managed to tick off even some of the angels who could not bear to bow down to a God who would honor a woman for such a time as this. That was the straw that broke the camel's back for Lucifer...so-to-speak. After all, his name at one time meant "Light bringer" but he was about to shed light onto a matter which he took into his own hands (according to Dr. Mark Miravalle, "Angels Explained").

When God chose how salvation would be brought forth, and it was questioned (Isaiah 14:12-15)...the questioner and troops were tossed out on their ear. One third of the angels fell that day (Rev. 12:4). Yup, dethroned they were over the announcement that He would be born as a man, brought forth through a woman (Dr. Mark Miravalle).

As God now asks us to follow His Son, Jesus, let's look at one way we may do just that. One of the things He did was that He honored His mother not only as a son, but as the One who chose her for this particular role. And, in turn, I choose to honor her

as well. Clarity brings truth rather than misconceptions about the Immaculate Conception which could, in turn, find us bearing false witness against our neighbors. You see, "It is not that Mary is honored more than Jesus, or is even equal to Him. That would be an intolerable heresy" (Louis De Montfort). Rather, I choose to emulate her heart by praying, "Be it done unto me according to Thy Word" (Luke 1:38).

At various times throughout the year, the price of fruit within the store is too high for me to make a purchase. I must go with the fruit that is in season. Literally, the cost is too great. Mary didn't count the cost. She merely said to the angel, "Be it done unto me according to Thy Word" (Luke 1:38).

Fast forward Mary's life and she not only received a sacred calling to bear the fruit of her womb... but she stood with heart breaking while that fruit she bore was crucified, died and was buried. There was no way God did not know that her heart would eventually be crucified with Him on that cross. Thus, He took care of her and this is how that went down.

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother'" (John 19:26-27). Thus, He honored her every step of the way by giving her not only a caregiver, but another whom she could care for. She could do that, you know...love another as much as her Son and like a son because she was, after all, Mary, full of grace (Luke 1:28). That, in turn, became a gift for all and for that I am forever grateful.

Had He chosen me for that role, the role which Mary was given, we never would have had a Savior. Why? Had it been my son on that cross, I would have died in his place because this mama would never have been able to bear witness to such an occurrence this side of the veil.

I am thankful He chose her. I am thankful He honored her in such a role for such a time as this. She truly was the handmaid of the Lord, and like Mary, I too can pray, "... Lord, be it done unto me, according to Thy Word (Luke 1:38). Amen.



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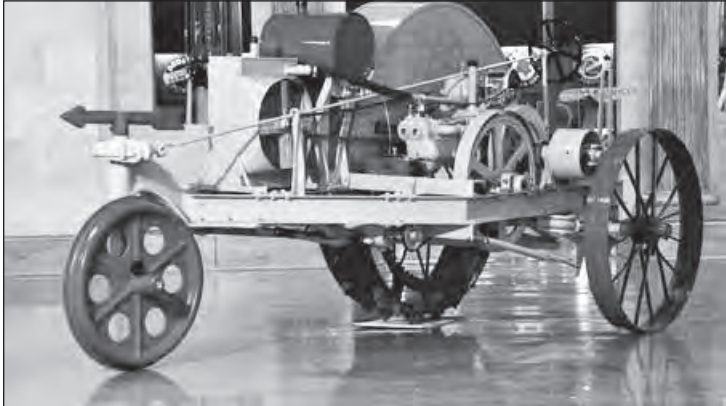
By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

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For years farmers had been asking for a smaller and more affordable tractor and that is what the Bull Tractor. A man named P. J. Lyon asked D. M. Hartsough and Ralph B. Hartsough to design the Bull Tractor. They got together and designed a tractor with less metal and it cost less money! Their advertising slogan was "The tractor sensation-does the work of five good horses for the price of two poor one!" One farm implement magazine said the Bull Tractor is...."extremely simple and very durable!"

Unfortunately for the Bull Tractor company the last part about being durable was not true. It was very simple only a few gears, but those gears ran out in the open dust and the dust did cause problems. The company realized the Little Bull tractor was in the end a failure. They offered farmers great trade in prices on the new replacement Big Bull tractor. The problem was in making all the changes necessary the Bull Bull was more than double the price. The Bull Tractor went from number one in sales in 1914 to seventh in 1917. By 1918, the company went out of business.

I don't recall if I have seen



This is a picture of 1913 Little Bull tractor at a Mecum Auction in Davenport, Iowa, in 2014.

a Bull Tractor at all the tractor shows I have went to but I did hear a bit of a story about one. One day at the Oklee Cafe my family was in for something to eat. I walked by a table and seated there was Earl and Bergit Swenson. As always is the case with me I struck up a conversation with Earl about tractors. I am sure we talked about the days when Swenson Equipment sold Massey tractors. Then Earl began to tell me about a tractor his dad had bought "MANY" years ago. He couldn't remember the brand name but as he described it to me I said, "Was it a Bull Tractor?" He said, "Yes!" Earl, who mind you is probably 96 years old at this time, says I would sure like to get one of those like my dad used to have!! I love this story! Of course I was not smart enough to ask a few more questions of Earl. But I am glad I heard what I did and I wouldn't have put it past Earl to go out and get one! Earl, thanks for the story.....I miss you!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

- 1. Where was the Bull tractor manufactured?
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- 2. What was unique about the Bull's design?
- 3. Why was it called the Bull?
- 4. What was the "cheap" price of the early Bull Tractor?
A) \$500 B) \$479 C) \$399 D) \$335
- 5. What tractor that was introduced in 1917 also helped put an end to the Bull Tractor?

Answers:1. B. Minneapolis 2. 3 wheels 3. Because of the one big "Bull" drive wheel. 4. D. \$335 5. Henry Ford's Fordson

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



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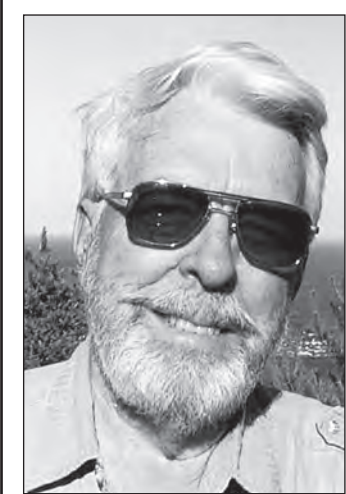
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OBITUARIES



Services for Norman A. Neset
Norman Neset, 89, formerly of Fosston, died Monday, November 18 at Ecumen Emmanuel's Transitional Care Unit in Detroit Lakes, MN. A Celebration of Life service will be held on December 14, Saturday, at 1:00 pm in the Clearbrook American Legion 256. Norman was born August 2, 1930. He graduated from

the Fosston High school in 1948. He served in the Airforce during the Korean War then graduated from the Mayville State University in 1965 with Bachelor's of Science Degree and Education. In 1967, he earned his Masters of Science degree from NDSU. During his teaching career, Norm taught high school sciences and math in Oregon, North and South Dakota and Minnesota. During the last 11 years of his teaching career, he taught shop at the Fergus Falls State Hospital. Norm is survived by two sons, Bryan Neset, Pelican Rapids, Mn, and Dwight Neset, Clitheral, MN, and a daughter, Valerie Neset, Fargo, ND, a one sister, Lucille (Duane) VanDame, Bismark, ND and his heart family: Janice Nelson, his partner of 17 years, Crystal and Jessie Smith, Jared and Tanya Nelson and Lawrence, Autumn, Jazmyn, Devin, Keenan, Justin and Tahya.



Services for Annabelle Chervestad
Annabelle Chervestad, 94, of Oklee, MN passed away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2019 at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Oak Park Lutheran Church rural Oklee, MN with Rev. Jeffery Merseth officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery. Annabelle Marie Tasa was born March 10, 1925 in Thief River Falls, MN the daughter of Thomas and Sadie (Cook) Tasa. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN. Annabelle attended RoseNook Country School, Lincoln High School and graduated from Oklee High School with the class of 1942. She attended Teachers Training in Thief River Falls, MN for two years and taught at Pleasant View Country School.

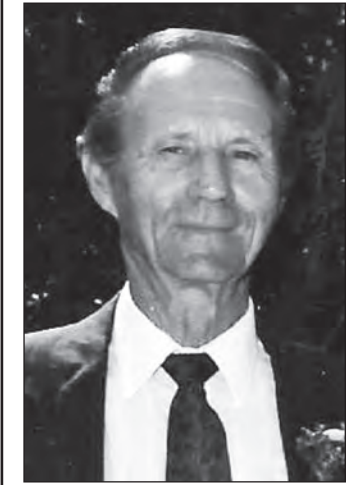
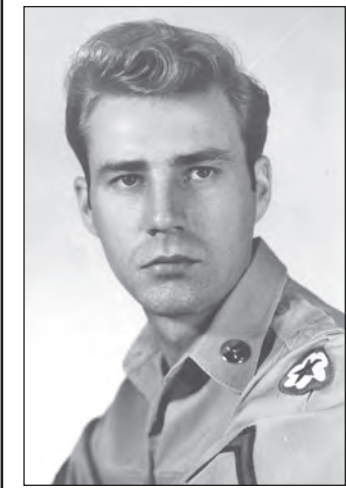
On August 14, 1943, Annabelle was united in marriage to Juell Chervestad at the Tasa Farm in Hickory Township. The couple lived on a farm in Deer Park Township and to this union seven children were born, Karen, Ramona, Joy, Jean, Kim, Dawn and Tami. Annabelle was a life-long farmer & homemaker with a special love for raising her children. She enjoyed snowmobiling, skiing, bowling and especially enjoying visiting with family and friends. Her coffee pot and cookies were always available. Annabelle joined Oak Park

Lutheran Church after her union to Juell and was active for many years with the Oak Park Ladies Aid and a Sunday School teacher. It was evident in her life that God's Word was vital to her Christian faith, which she also instilled in her children by ensuring that they were present to hear God's Word. As a member of the ladies aid she enjoyed the additional opportunities to hear God's Word and with fellow Christians serve others. She was also a member of Deer Park Garden Club, Homemakers and Oklee Bowling League. Survivors include, six children, Karen (Richard) Mathson of Panama City Beach, FL, Ramona Bush of Oklee, MN, Joy (James) Johnson of Fairmont, MN, Kim (Barb) Chervestad of Oklee, MN, Dawn (Elden) Neuschwander of Grygla, MN and Tami (James) Sparby of Grygla, MN; grandchildren: Brandon (Kristine) Mathson, Braque Mathson, Tian (Andrew) Kuehl, Tanir (Holly) Mathson, Keisha (Jacob) Bleicher, Kalane Mathson, Jenell (Mike) Xenos, Jodi (Ryan) Carreon, Jenna (Kevin) Clay, Jessica (Brett) Knudsen, Larissa (Alex) Bloedel, Brett Chervestad, Todd Chervestad, Tylor (Elizabeth) Chervestad, Dustin (Faith) Neuschwander, Courtney (Travis) Tennancour, Heath (Michelle) Neuschwander, Jordan (Joe) Mertens, Brooke (Zach) Blasky, Shane Neuschwander, Whitney Neuschwander, Kallie (Travis) Dougherty, David Sparby, Briley (Mikenzie) Sparby, Levi Sparby; great-grandchildren, Luke, Emma, Charles, Bryson, Landyn, Paxtyn, Grayson, Kaylee, Brianna, Tristyn, Tucker, Kaed, Kielan, Kinsley, Jack, Grant, Holden, Harper, Stran, Noah, Christopher, Kaitlyn, Benjamin, Blake, Luca, McKenzie, Madison, Wyatt, Cameron, Thea, Payton and Taylor; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Juell in 2012; infant daughter, Jean; grandsons, Matthew, Mark, Josh, and Riley; parents, Thomas and Sadie Tasa; brother, Glen (Lillian) Tasa; sisters, Irene (Ingmar) Molde and Helen (Al) Waldvogel; brother-in-law, Orlando (Helen) Chervestad. Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

Death Notice for Linda Shelquist

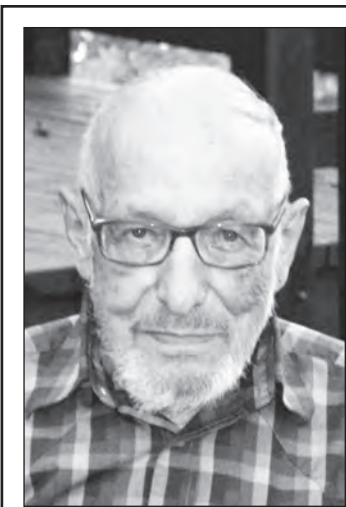
Linda Shelquist, age 72 of Clearbrook, died on Monday, Dec. 9th.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Cease Family Funeral Home.



Services for Duane Rouland
Duane Rouland, 91, of Gully, MN, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center in North Dakota. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Lund Lutheran Church in Gully, MN with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Lund Lutheran Cemetery in Gully, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements. Duane was born on the family farm in Gonvick, Minnesota on December 25, 1927 to Ole and Ethel (Sorenson) Rouland. He graduated from Fosston High School and at 18 was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. When he returned home, he began working on the rail-

road, primarily in the Iron Range. He met the love of his life, Arvilla Spicer and they were so eager to be wed, they got married the weekend after she graduated High School on June 2, 1956 in Trail, MN. Duane's work led them a few places around MN. They lived in Silver Bay while he was still with the Railroad, then moved to Baudette where he worked for MNDOT. There he was promoted to supervisor but turned it down to come home to Gully and begin one of the first Wild Rice farms with his brother, Bob. During this time, Duane got into ranching, which he continued to do until Arvilla became ill. He wanted to be closer to her and worked for some time at the Clearwater Veterinary Clinic. After Arvilla's death in 1999, he went on to drive semi and hauled potatoes for a while. Duane loved his labor, especially farming, and was an extremely hard worker. He put his all into what he did. He was a very kind man with a big heart. He loved deer hunting and dancing. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He will be tremendously missed. Blessed be his memory. Duane is survived by his children, Dan (Leah) Rouland, Miles (Brenda) Rouland, and Lori (Bob) Burgess; his grandchildren, Brianna (Lee) Compton, Blake Rouland, MaCayla Rouland, Jonathan Rouland, Matthew Rouland, Brandi (Tyler) Hoie, Mitch Stinar, Angela Burgess, Luke Burgess, Lane Watne, and Danielle Watne; his great grandchildren, Sophie, Jordyn, Sawyer, and Harper; his siblings Franklin Rouland and Rosalind Pittaway; his special friend, Adeline Hugg; and many other loved family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Arvilla Rouland; his daughter, Marcia Rouland; his siblings, Bob Rouland, Darlene Melander, and Estelle Bolgrean; and his parents, Ethel and Ole Rouland. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Services for Jack Bailey
Jack Henry Bailey, age 89, of Erskine, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, December 6th. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine, with a viewing for one hour prior to the service. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Erskine. Interment will be in the Bailey Family Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com. Jack was born on February 23, 1930 in Erskine, to parents Robert and Margaret (Chandler) Bailey. He grew up in Erskine and graduated from Erskine High School in 1947. Jack entered the United States Air Force in November of 1948 and served in Japan and Korea during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge in September 1952. After his military service, Jack graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in February 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation Jack worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District. Jack and Oralee Janice Cain married on August 22, 1959 in St. Paul. In 1967 they moved to the North Shore near Duluth, Min-

nesota. While in the Duluth area, Jack worked as an engineer for the U.S. Economic Development Administration overseeing implementation of federally-funded economic development projects in a seven-state area. Examples include regional airports, municipal water and sewer infrastructure, tourism facilities, and industrial plants among others. In semi-retirement he worked as a self-employed construction estimator and subcontract estimator for many years. Simultaneously, over a 60 year period from 1959 he developed a successful campground/resort business from a small boat rental operation his father had started, the Union Lake Sarah Campground. In the 1980's Jack and Oralee moved back to Erskine and built a home on the long-time Bailey family land near Lake Sarah, where they lived for 25 years. Jack's lifelong love of hunting and fishing led to his civic involvement in forestry, conservation, and water quality concerns. Locally he volunteered for MNDNR and Rydell Wildlife Refuge. He and resort staff have collected water quality data at Lake Sarah for the DNR for over 30 years. Jack was an avid tree planter and coordinated the planting of several thousand trees. In his later years, he also enjoyed writing his memoirs and attending story-telling events. Jack was a man of few words but touched many with his gentle and self-deprecating humour and quick one-liner's. Jack and Oralee moved to Poplar Meadows in McIntosh in 2016 and Oralee passed away on March 12, 2019. Survivors include five children, Terry (Navin Mansaram) of New York, NY, Todd (Alex) of Cardiff, UK, Scott (Kimberly) of Asheville, NC, Kelly (Heidi) of Erskine, and Heather (Travis Marshall) of St. Peters, MO; six grandchildren, Kelton, Justus, George, William, Bennett, and Chandler; and one sister, Lucille Hansen of Everett, WA. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings: Edna, Robert, James, and Sarah.

Services for Vernon Johnson

Vernon Johnson, 88, of Clearbrook, MN, passed away on December 7, 2019 at his home in Clearbrook. A time of remembrance and visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements. Vernon Everett Johnson, 88, was born November 9, 1931 to Marie (Vinji) and Henry Johnson in Pine Lake Township, Gonvick, Minnesota. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen "Kitty" Filar, on June 16, 1950. A full obituary will be in next week's paper. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Services for Kenny Rose

Kenny Rose, age 82, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 7th, at Essentia Health Living Center in Fosston. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Jane Ekholm officiating. Interment will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston, at a later date. Family and friends may gather for one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. Kenneth Marvin Rose was born on August 13, 1937 in Crookston, Minnesota to parents Thorvald and Laura (Torgerson) Rose. Kenny's father died at a young age and he and his mother moved to Fosston. For a short time early in his life, Kenny worked traveling with the carnival. For his entire life, he loved going to fairs, carnivals and the circus. Kenny has lived at Bethany Board and Care in Fosston for the past 14 years. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and was the faithful Sunday bulletin folder for many years. Kenny will be remembered as a positive person and one who always had an encouraging word and a smile. For several years, he enjoyed going to Fosston High School home sporting events with his Bethany friends. The constant in Kenny's life was his faith in his Lord, Jesus Christ. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Survivors include his cousin, Charles Rose of Fosston; his long-time roommate at Bethany, Bill Kusmaul; and his many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Upper/Lower Red Lake Fishery Management Agreement Renewed

Signatories: Minnesota DNR, Red Lake Nation, BIA
Story and Photos by Michael Meurers

The December sun was bright, a wonderful relief from a dark November. Highway 89 and the Seven Clans parking lot were puddled with melting snow as the temperature flirted with 32 degrees. Leaders from Tribal, State, and Federal governments gathered to celebrate and renew a special agreement.

In the eastern most break-out room of the Seven Clans Casino, Hotel and Event Center, leaders from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) came together to sign a new 10-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 11 am.

The signing took place during a brief ceremony. The agreement outlines continued cooperative management of the walleye population in the Upper and Lower Red lakes. Among the 40 or so attendees were not only members of the Tribal Council, Red Lake DNR, Minnesota DNR, and Bureau of Indian Affairs, (BIA), but also Red Lake Fisheries, commercial fishermen, and the Upper Red Lake Association.

Following a meet and greet,

the program began at about 11:15 a.m. with a welcome and introductions by Red Lake DNR Director (and Redby Representative), Allen Pemberton.

"When we first started out with this coalition there was a lot of finger pointing," said Pemberton, "but thankfully we all realized that it was about saving the lake. We had that in common, we wanted to save the lake. And now? We are a model of collaboration known around the country and Canada. Members of the coalition have been invited to visit our northern relatives to share our experience."

Pemberton introduced Red Lake's Tribal Chairman, Darrell G. Seki, Sr. Seki spoke first in Ojibwemowin, as is his manner, before switching to his second language, English.

"Red Lake Band members are pleased that our walleye has come back and our fishing community is revitalized," said Seki. "The best thing about this coalition is the extraordinary cooperation, a true government to government relationship."

"Renewing this agreement will enable the Fisheries Technical Committee to continue its work to help protect this valuable tribal resource," added Seki.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commission-

er Sarah Strommen addressed the group next.

"We've come a long way in the past 20 years," said Commissioner Strommen. "By renewing this agreement, we are reaffirming our commitment to a successful process that has delivered excellent results. It's a model not only for fisheries management but for all kinds of resource management. This is what successful cooperation looks like."

Bureau of Indian Affairs Deputy Regional Director Scott Sufficool spoke briefly offering congratulations to Red Lake and their leadership and all involved in this important collaboration.

The new MOU closely parallels previous 1999-2019 agreements that facilitated restoration of high-quality walleye fishing to Minnesota's largest inland body of water. The pact states that each entity will support the Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee, a joint panel of experts that recommends policies and practices to maintain a healthy fishery. The agreement will extend that MOU for another 10 years.

While the walleye population of Red Lake has returned from the collapse in the 1990s, invasive species, specifically zebra mussels, is becoming another concern for the lake. Pemberton

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said that the memorandum of understanding provides the framework for the governing bodies to work on that issue, as well.

Comments finished, Chairman Seki Sr., Commissioner Strommen, and Deputy Regional Director Sufficool, three sovereign governments, signed three copies of the MOU renewing the agreement to manage the walleye stock within the great lake.

Historically, Upper and Lower Red lakes were outstanding walleye fisheries, but they collapsed in the mid-1990s due to over harvest. That led both the tribal government and the state to ban fishing for several years.

The tribe put a ban on fishing in 1998. The state followed with its own ban in 1999. Both bans stayed in place until 2006. Today, roughly 1 million pounds a year are harvested from the lakes.

The Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee was formed in 1997. Since then, the regulations, policies and other actions this joint body has recommended have led to a healthy walleye population and a resurgent walleye fishing economy.

Closing MN DNR Commissioner Strommen presented a framed picture of a walleye to Chair-



From right: Red Lake Chairman Darrell Seki Sr., Minnesota DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen and Regional Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Scott Sufficool pass and sign memorandums of understanding for the Red Lake Walleye Recovery Project during a ceremony on Wednesday at Seven Clans Casino in Red Lake.

man Seki who quickly passed the gift to DNR manager Pemberton explaining, "the gift should go to those who do the work."

Pemberton then presented a plaque of appreciation to Gar Barnard, retired MN DNR area supervisor, who played a significant role in the beginning of the Red Lake Walleye Recovery Project. All shared in a light lunch before moving on with the day's activities.

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