



Tri County Canary

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Snow came down gently but piled up in a hurry. It made it very difficult to get into the post office in Gonvick. Snow accumulation was 12 to 18 inches depending where you were located.



Thief River Falls senior Carley Johnson signed a letter of intent Thursday to continue her track and field career at the University of North Dakota. Pictured from left to right are TRF Track Co-Head Katie Walrath, Lori Johnson, Carley Johnson, and TRF Track Co-Head Coach Nathan Hruby.

LHS athletes Johnson, Davis sign national LOIs

Editors note: Carley Johnson is the granddaughter of Robert Johnson of Clearbrook and Charlotte Hedin Johnson Burke of Nebraska. Both Gonvick High School graduates. A pair of Lincoln High School seniors signed national letters of intent last week during the first day of signing on Thursday, Nov. 13th. Both athletes are staying relatively close to home. Carley Johnson, a sprinter on the LHS track and field team, signed a letter of intent to continue her career at the University of North Dakota.

Jake Davis, a two-time state qualifier in wrestling, signed a letter of intent to continue his career at Northland Community & Technical College. Johnson visited multiple colleges, including South Dakota State University, Bemidji State University and UND. She also got calls from several other schools that she didn't visit. "I toured SDSU, BSU and UND because they were the ones I was strongly considering," Johnson said. "UND just felt right, I loved the facility and the coaches are awesome."

The recruiting process began at the start of Johnson's junior year of high school. "Last year, beginning of school, I was getting a lot of letters from people," Johnson said. "I got serious about it this summer. People were reaching out to me a lot and I started setting up college visits." At UND, Johnson will focus on short sprints – primarily the 100 meters and 4x100 relays, but she will run a few 200s. One big change from high school to college is the addition of a full indoor season that runs from December through March, and an outdoor season that goes from March through May. "I'm really excited about that – their indoor facility is amazing. It's only like five years old and they are still adding on to it. I can't wait to practice there every single day." Johnson is planning to study nursing at UND, with the long-term goal of attending grad school and working as a nurse practitioner. Johnson joins her grandmother, Wanda (Madder) Snobl, as a sprinter at UND. "My grandmother ran there, and she had records there," Johnson said. "It's kind of cool being able to follow in her footsteps. She was a sprinter like me. She was fast." Carley Johnson is the daughter of Dan Johnson and granddaughter of Robert Johnson of Clearbrook.

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Operation Round-Up awards nearly \$13,000 . . . The Clearwater-Polk Electric Trust awarded nearly \$13,000 in the latest chapter of Operation Round-Up on Dec. 17. Sixteen entities were recipients. On hand to receive the awards were (from left, front row): Lloyd Engen, Clearbrook-Leonard Sr. Citizens; Christine Musselman, Bagley Elementary School; Gladys Luecken, Community Christmas Dinner; Lorraine Brustad, Bagley Sr. Citizens; Linda Gulbranson, Clearwater Christmas Project; Amanda Everhart, Bagley Elementary; Tamara Edevold, Clearwater County Historical Society and Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning; (row 2) Devin Aakre, Gonvick-Trail All School Reunion; Carol Torgerson, Gully 100; Brenda Rouland, Clear Waters Life Center; Cal Larson, Shevlin Fire Department; Sandy Gray, Clearbrook-Gonvick After-Prom Party; Kayla Nyegaard, Clearwater County 4-H; Cindy Benson, Clearwater-Polk Trustee who awarded the checks; Sara Tramm with son Micah in front, Bagley Elementary Sixth Grade STEM; Amy Kent, Bagley High School Prom. Benson encouraged the recipients to spread the word to other organizations that Operation Round-Up has money to share. Since its inception, Operation Round-Up has donated \$418,496 to local organizations, proving that a little bit from the co-op's many members can add up to a big difference.



Dr. Brian Brattlof will be retiring after serving as a surgeon in Fosston for the last 30 years. At the party held for him at Essentia on Tuesday, December 17, guests had to wait around a bit for Dr. Brattlof to finish a C-section before he could attend his own party. Pictured in the front row are (from left): Luba Avgi, Mary Steinbrenner, Kristi Tofstad,

Gloria Steinbrenner, Dorthy Killian, Carol Smeby, Bev Greendahl and Elmyrna Kaupang. Middle row: Meg Fredrickson, Nancy Larson, Mary Dyrdahl, Gloria Asmonson, Ruby Sistad, Katie Halverson, Dr Brian Brattlof and Devra Carlson. Back row: Mavis Veum, Ione Tangen, Chelsey Pletschett and Peggy Hoefer. Photo courtesy of The Thirteen Towns.



Knutson receives Engineering Degree
Alexander Scott Knutson, of Clearbrook, received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, from North Dakota State University.

NDSU held their winter graduation ceremony on Dec. 20th, 2019, in Fargo, where over 600 students were awarded degrees.

Alex is the son of Dean and Tresa Knutson, of Clearbrook, and grandson of Lloyd and Janet Knutson, of Gully, and Karen Edelbach, of Bagley. Congratulations Alex!

Sons of Norway meeting date changed

Sons of Norway, Granlund Lodge #240 will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Embassy Center in Fosston. Take note that this is a different time than the normal evening meeting. The January 9, meeting at 1:30 includes planning the yearly schedule and upcoming special programs. Call Wes if you have questions. 435-1230.

Collin Peterson: Trump Impeachment "a mistake"

By Congressman Collin C. Peterson, Minnesota 7th District
Throughout my career, I have worked from the guiding belief that only through bipartisan action can we address the country's most pressing challenges. At the beginning of the impeachment debate we were told that it would only move ahead with bipartisan support in the Congress and significant support from the American people.

After the Russia investigation, Mueller Report and official impeachment investigation by the House Intelligence and the House Judiciary Committees we became more polarized and had less consensus. How can it be that after all the testimony, every Democrat thinks the president has committed an impeachable offense and every Republican thinks he has not?

I'm not a lawyer and am not sure what "high crimes and misdemeanors" are, but I do know that this process has not convinced the people in my district we have impeachable offenses and that the president needs to be removed. I disagreed with how the Russia probe and Mueller report were handled and think it set the stage for the failed impeachment inquiry. The inquiry and hearing have been partisan and have failed in convincing the country while further placating some people who have wanted the president impeached since he was elected.

This process has been a mistake and I will not be whipped in line by my party. I may stand alone but I stand in good conscience. History will show this to be a mistake and the Senate will make short work of an acquittal.

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Center's Great Jobs project visits Red Win

By Catrin Wigfall
As part of the Center's "Morning in Minnesota" breakfast series, I recently traveled to Red Wing and presented on our "Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree" project.

Our goal with the project is two-fold: raise awareness among young people and their parents about the exciting, well-paying career opportunities that don't require the traditional four-year degree route and help employers overcome the "skills gap" and build the skilled workforce they need to thrive and grow.

Steve Gardiner, a reporter for RiverTowns, covered the breakfast event.

Many students graduating from high school believe their next step should be a four-year college. That might be the right move for some students, but for others, different paths might make more sense, according to Catrin Wigfall, policy fellow at the Center of the American Experiment.

With that in mind, the Center of the American Experiment based in Golden Valley, Minn., launched a series of videos in 2018 called the Great Jobs Project. The videos feature workers discussing careers in industries that students might easily overlook.

"These are real Minnesotans," Wigfall said. "They weren't paid to say what they did, but they just described their experiences and the meaningful identity that they have created in their work and the purpose that they get out of it."

Speaking to an audience of 40 people Dec. 17 at the St. James Hotel, Wigfall said the video series was targeted at an audience of 14 to 30 years old. She said the campaign was successful because it reached more than 2 million Minnesotans.

The Great Jobs project reached young Minnesotans where they spend the majority of their time: social media. We used sophisticated social media targeting, and we combined that with real human stories so young people can see their peers



Catrin Wigfall.

thriving in jobs that they may not have known were so great. By using videos, viewers can physically see the myths and stigmas associated with trades and other technical industries collapse.

The social media campaign focused on five central themes:

- These are not dark, dirty, and dangerous environments.
- These are not jobs for unintelligent people
- They pay well and don't require insurmountable debt
- They are more than just jobs; they help build career pathways
- There is purpose and a sense of pride involved, a "bigger than yourself" mentality

Because the videos successfully identified so many young Minnesotans, we wanted to expand our reach and continue focusing on coalition building—building a diverse network of partners across the spectrum of organizations working in this area.

Our second round of videos, which launched early fall 2019, highlighted the powerful stories of underrepresented demographics and the training and educational programs they took to land their great job, including Summit Academy, IT Ready, and Dakota County Technical College.

Following my presentation, a panel discussion featuring Representative Barb Haley, Senator Mike Goggin, Red Wing Ignite's Executive Director Adam Gettings, and Red Wing Shoe's Change and Learning Leader Helena Killbride continued the conversation.

"We need to identify what kids get excited about," Goggin said. "We need to help kids identify the areas they are interested in. We have to interlock ourselves with each other so we can develop programs for kids to follow."

One other concern that Goggin expressed was that many kids feel concerned about the difference between four-year programs and programs that are two years or less.

"How do you get rid of that stigma of not having a four-year degree," he asked.

Haley added that talking to students about educational options at earlier ages might help reduce that stigma.

"We need both parts of the training and educational spectrum," she said. "It is a choice. One is not better. We need all of them."

Haley expressed a concern for many students graduating and leaving the area rather than finding work here.

"We are doing the right thing, but we can't do it fast enough," Haley said. "We've got to retain and attract every one of those young people that we can."

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The Mikel Scamp Family received a \$500.00 donation from the Bemidji Jaycees. Pictured from left to right: Bemidji Jaycee Jeremy Larson, Veteran Mikel & wife Jan Scamp, and Bemidji Jaycee President Josh Peterson.



The Darryl Michog Family received a \$500.00 donation from the Bemidji Jaycees. Pictured from left to right: Bemidji Jaycee Jeremy Larson, Veteran Darryl Michog and Bemidji Jaycee President Josh Peterson.

Jaycee donation

The Bemidji Jaycees donated \$500.00 to two Veteran families in the Bemidji area. Funds for these donations were made possible from the Warrior March, held on July 4th, 2019, during the 75th Annual Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival and from sales of the Warrior March t-shirts. The veterans are selected by Beltrami County Veterans Services.



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JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- ~ Minimum of a two year associate degree in either Criminal Justice or related field.
- ~ Full-time active Minnesota Peace Officer License required.
- ~ Knowledge of computer systems and ability to use several software programs helpful.
- ~ Possess a valid Minnesota driver's license.
- ~ Must be a US Citizen with no felony convictions.
- ~ Must be a current resident of Clearwater County, or be one within six (6) months from date of hire.
- ~ Must have knowledge of boat, snowmobile and ATV operations.

JOB ASSIGNMENT:

The anticipated duty assignment for this position will be as a School Resource Officer within the Bagley Public School, however, final assignment will be determined by the County Sheriff. Anticipated start date for this position will be February 1, 2020. Salary range is \$21.36 - \$27.93/hour as of the current union contract for 2020. Applications can be obtained online at www.co.clearwater.mn.us or at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 213 Main Ave. N, Bagley, MN. **Completed applications must be submitted to Chief Deputy Vern Wittenberg no later than January 3, 2020.**

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At that time the seat will be up for election. If you have questions about the school board seat please call Jeff Burgess at 218-776-3112 ext. 106.

If you are interested in serving on the school board please write a letter of interest to Jeff Burgess, Superintendent.

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Clearwater County Department of Human Services

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Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on 1/13/2020. An online test is also required and must be completed by midnight on 1/16/2020. Starting pay is \$14.27/hour depending on experience.

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“There for the grace of God go I.” You’ve heard it said. Now, let me tell you a true story that brings it to life.

The young man, stood stalwart. A busy body he was as his legs took him sooner than later to places he loved to go. “Oh the Places You’ll Go” was not just the title of a children’s book. Rather, it was the theme of his life as up an at em just a tad past seven months he was when he began walking round and about.

As the first born of many to follow, he had his mother’s full attention during this season of life. Out of doors came second nature and so, out of doors he was allowed one day...to let freedom ring. Although not much more than knee high, he normally stayed close to house and home.

As mama needed some time to prep for company, she put on his little cap and jacket and placed him just outside the front door. After all, where could little legs go in mere minutes? Not far is what she assumed.

Ready she did the farmhouse. Getting a few things in order felt good and all was quiet on the home front...perhaps a little too quiet. Soon, she peered out the window but could no longer see the top of his hat bobbing around as he explored. Nowhere in sight was he.

Running round the house one more time was a no show, so she expanded her territory to the outer perimeters of the farm yard. The wind was whistling through the trees on the crisp fall day as the sun shown down but as delightful as the weather was, she came up empty handed.

Into the house she ran, calling a neighbor lady explaining her plight. With promises on the other end for help if needed...she quickly hung up. Jumping into her car, she paused in prayer.

“Dear Jesus...oh Jesus,” she hammered out repeatedly. “Which way do I go? Dear Jesus, help me! Which way should I turn?”

It would have been natural for the memory muscle to turn to the right, for that was the familiar path they would often travel together...he in the wagon, and she towing it on down the gravel.

To the left...well, it was more dangerous as the country road wound down and around several times leading to places less familiar to the little boy.

Suddenly, in a split second decision, to the left the steering wheel veered. Slowly, the first curve was reached, but there was no sight of the little man. Around another bend in the road the car traveled and there, to the right... just off the gravel road into the

high weeds a little hat and jacket were spotted heading further into the tall grass.

Stopping the car, out mama jumped and into her arms swooped her little man. As she paused, she could hear what it was that was drawing him...beckoning him this very moment. Like music just above the whispers of the wind blowing through the poplar trees lit up in bright yellow hews, water could be heard trickling through a ravine just below. He was traveling towards the sound that was tickling his ears to come.

It wasn’t until he heard a recognizable voice calling him... to come home did he turn from the ways in which he was traveling. With open arms he was embraced. Into the safety of the arms of the one who loved him.

Why? Why did the little one run? It was written long ago in Isaiah 53:6 that “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Why? Why did the little one turn back? This mama believes it was because of John 10:27. “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

And turning back to the One who loves you is the only way home. Amen.



Snow fell off roofs and there was at least a foot to 18 inches of snow in various parts of the Tri County Canary area.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Sgt. Grabow, what allows private, for-profit ambulance companies to run tax-exempt license plates on their vehicles? Thank you in advance for your time and help.

Answer: Under the Minnesota State statutes dealing with registration, vehicles owned by ambulance services and specifically intended for emergency response or providing ambulance services are exempt. All services must have a valid license issued by the board. The license shall specify the base of operations,

the primary service area, and the type or types of ambulance service for which the licensee is licensed. The licensee shall obtain a new license if they wish to expand their primary service area, or to provide a new services.

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Rebecca Morris and Teresa Benson were all dressed up Christmas Eve Day to serve the many who came into the cafe in Oklee.

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“4010 and 4020 Hard to Beat”

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Well winter is upon us, I guess!! A full foot of snow plus drifts....uff-da! I know I live in Minnesota so I shouldn’t be surprised but I don’t really like winter, except ice fishing!! I do my chores with my old 4020. I bought the old girl about 10 years ago. It probably needed an overhaul then, and now it needs one even more, but she keeps on doing chores for me! Back to winter.....since it has gotten colder the 4020 did not want to start so good. This is not a good thing when the cows are hungry! I am not a great mechanic but I can diddle around and discovered one battery cable was a little loose where it connected to the terminal. I had a new terminal on hand put the cable in and tightened it down and ZOOM...the 4020 fired right up. For the last 40 plus years I have driven quite a bit of 4010s

and 20s. As I headed off to get a couple of bales I started to day-dream about when we brought our 4010 home.....

It all started when dad was plowing with our G John Deere. After refueling at noon dad went back out to the field. As dad and the G bounced across a furrow gas spilled over the top of the tank and landed on the manifold and it the G went up in smoke! This created quite a dilemma, no tractor!

Off we went tractor shopping! We zigzagged through many tractor lots and headed home to milk. We ended up coming by Floyd Paulson’s tractor lot south of Gully. Low and behold their were 2-4010 John Deeres. Dad said, “We are late for milking we have got to get home!” So I did what most tractor loving 10 years would have done....I began to

cry. Now I wasn’t spoiled..... or maybe I was.....but we stopped. Dad and Floyd came to an agreement and one of those 4010s came to live in Garnes Township!

Now that 4010 put in many hours on our farm. Later we got another 4010, and since I have purchased two 4020s of my own. None have been trouble free...but those 4010s and 20s have done a lot of work on the Mickelson-Ellickson farms. They are kind of like mailmen. They work in the heat of the summer, and in rain, snow, sleet, and hail! I love my 4020s.

How about a little tractor trivia.

1. In 1960 John Deere introduced the 4010. How many cylinders do they have?

2. The 4010s were considered the “star” of the new generation tractors. What years were they made?

3. T or F The 5010 was introduced in 1962 and is the first two wheel drive tractor with over 100hp.

4. In 1959 in Marshalltown, Iowa, what 4 wheel drive tractor did they make?

5. The 4010 was rated at 80hp. What was the 4020 rated?

Answers: 1. 6 cylinders 2. 1960-1963 3. TRUE 4. The 8010 5. 94hp



My beloved 4020!!



Fosston welcomes Christmas baby

Essentia Health-Fosston welcomed Elam Isaac Baird to the world on December 26, 2019.

Elam was born at 10:21 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 13.4 ounces and is 22 inches long. Elam’s proud parents are Stacy and Jesse Baird of Fosston. Elam joins two big brothers and a big sister at home.

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Services for Elisabeth "Liz" Stuhaug

Elisabeth "Liz" Stuhaug, age 95, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 28th, at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 4th, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine with the Rev. Michael Sletto officiating. Interment will be in Bagley City Cemetery in the spring. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Elisabeth Rebecca Vilmo Stuhaug was born on September 23, 1924 in Ada, Minnesota to parents William and Alvina (Stehr) Vilmo. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, attended country school, and graduated.

Elisabeth was united in marriage to Sidney Stuhaug on September 6, 1942. To this union, four children were born, Ken, Chuck, Keith, and Janelle. They raised their children in Glyndon and Erskine, Minnesota. Liz lived in Bagley where she and Sid had moved prior to his death in April of 1979. Liz loved to work and enjoyed lively conversations and relationships with many customers. In 1997 Liz retired and moved out to Union Lake to be close to her children and grandchil-

dren. In 2004 she moved to the Country Place in Erskine where she lived until June of 2018 when she moved to the Pioneer Memorial Care Center. Liz was always appreciative and had fun with the many wonderful caregivers in her life.

Liz was a wonderful cook and many have memories of large tables set for guests to enjoy her meals and everyone always wanted her potato salad. She was an expert seamstress and it was normal to have fabric and a variety of patterns laying about. While living in Erskine, she also became skilled with ceramics and has left many of her artistic treasures, the most important one being a full Nativity set. Family and friends were her real joy and she made sure everyone spent holidays and important events together. Lately, playing Bingo was something she looked forward to and you'd think she never won, but we all know different.

Her large family is grateful to have had her in their lives for so many important years. Liz passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine at the age of 95 years.

Survivors include two children, Keith (Linda) Stuhaug of Erskine, and Janelle (Eugene "Zeke") Klinke of Erskine; 12 grandchildren; Doug (Angie) Stuhaug, Lisa (Larry) Bellefy, Kris (Darrin) Faldet, Tony (Heidi) Stuhaug, Brenda (Steve) Synhorst, Brian (Lisa) Stuhaug, Angie (Mike) Carlson, Carrie Hoffart, Taylor Klinke, Trevor Klinke, and Will (Mikayla) Klink; 27 great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Ann Stuhaug of Two Harbors, MN; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Stuhaug of Twin Valley, MN. Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney; two children, Ken and Chuck; daughters-in-law, Jan Stuhaug and Juanita Stuhaug; granddaughter, Mary Vall; and brother, Herb (Marie) Vilmo.

Services for Harry Kortan

Harry Joseph Kortan, 84, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Friday, December 20, 2019 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Funeral services will be held on, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Bagley, Minnesota at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Dave Super officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Harry was born on December 19, 1935 in Bagley, MN the son of Joseph and Bernetta (Thayer) Kortan. He grew up and attended school in Bagley. He married Brenda Sandoff and they had two daughters Connie and Janny. Harry worked for Gessell Concrete as a truck driver, he owned and operated the A1 Drive Inn. He married Mardelle Netland. Harry delivered fuel for the Bagley Coop until his retirement. He worked for Mark II in Fosston, MN, and was a volunteer driver for Social Services. He logged part-time and thoroughly enjoyed farming part-time.

He was a lifetime member

of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and his faith was very important to him. He loved to watch westerns, visit with people and drink coffee. You could always catch Harry on the dance floor. He cherished taking his family fishing, especially his grandkids. He was especially close to his dog Bow Wow. Harry fell ill in the spring of 2018 and he was lucky to have his granddaughter, Chelsey, who has lived there her whole life, to take care of him.

He is survived by his daughters - Connie Kortan of Bagley, MN

Janny Kortan Lopez of Erskine, MN

Granddaughters - Chelsey Howell of Bagley, MN

Sarah Kortan of Bagley, MN

Lacey (Jared) Noska of Bemidji, MN

Great Grandchildren- Kaden, Camden, Olivia, and Tatiyana Oliver

Sisters-in-law- Alice Kortan of Bagley, MN and Vivian Knutson of Bagley, MN

Several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers - Vernon & Walter Kortan;

Great Granddaughter - Josephine Kortan; great nephew - Perry Kortan; and his dog Bow Wow

Services for David Holzer

David Holzer, age 47, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 28th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fosston with Father Dave Super presiding. Visitation



will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Thursday, January 2nd. There will also be a review for one hour prior to the service on Friday. All visitation will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fosston. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Services for Karen Bonkowski

Karen Bonkowski, age 63, of rural Bagley, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 18th, at her daughter's home in Moorhead, MN. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Karen Ann Rauer was born on May 11, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan to parents Paul and Helen Roland Rauer. The family moved to the area after her father retired. She graduated from Clearbrook High School and then attended Wayne College in Detroit for nursing. It was there that she

met the love of her life, Terry.

Karen was united in marriage to Terry Bonkowski on October 12, 1974 in Washington D.C. After their marriage, they lived in Detroit where they lived and began their family. They moved to Bagley in 1998. They later lived a couple of years in Georgia and then eventually settled in Moorhead, Minnesota to be near family.

She enjoyed listening to music and loved dogs. Most of all she loved being near her family with her grandchildren being a light in her life.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Terry, of Moorhead, MN; three children, Terren Bonkowski of Plymouth, MI, Clint (Connie) Bonkowski of Hawthorn Woods, IL, and Kendall Bonkowski of Moorhead, MN; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Charles Rauer.

Services for Sylvia Anderson

Sylvia Oline Anderson, 89, of Bagley, Minnesota died on, Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota with Pastor Dale Adams officiating. Visitation was held 1-hour prior to the service at the Funeral Home. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Sylvia was born on October 25, 1930 in Bagley, Minnesota the daughter of Severin and Odbjorg Engebretson. Sylvia attended Popple school through the 8th grade. She was a lifelong resident of the

Bagley-Leonard area. Sylvia married Norman Anderson on December 30, 1954 in Grand Rapids, MN. They had 4-daughters together; Marla, Sheryl, LeeAnn, and Lori. Sylvia worked at a Bakery in California, a Resort on Rainy Lake, Arctic Cat in Clearbrook, MN and Bagley Harwoods until her retirement. She enjoyed going to the Casino, liked cats, babies and road trips.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years Norman Anderson

Daughter-Marla Roberts

Daughter-Sheryl (Roby) Severson

Daughter- LeeAnn (Vic) Shelquist

Daughter-Lori Johnson

Sister-Gladys Lofthus

She is preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Services for Bobby Lofstrand

Bobby Lofstrand, age 88, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 24th, at Essentia Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1st, at Fridhem Lutheran Church in Lengby with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment will be in Fridhem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lengby, in the spring. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Bobby Keith Lofstrand was born on October 12, 1931 on the family farm near Lengby, MN to Henning and Lillian (Otness) Lofstrand. He attended school at the Klink County School until he was 15 when he started a logging and cattle operation. He joined the army in 1953

and served in the Korean War and in Tokyo as a military policeman.

When he returned he married his hometown sweetheart, Mavonne (Vonny) Swanson in May of 1955. They lived and worked in Minneapolis until 1958 when they returned to the family farm.

Bobby was a livestock man raising cattle and hogs and also small crops. He also had a career as a Rural Letter Carrier for the Lengby area. He enjoyed the interactions with people that job brought. He was active in community activities and never wanted to miss anything. He served on the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative and the Minnkota Power Boards from 1973 until 2003. Other boards included the Fosston Utilities and the Fosston Hospital board. He was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The Fridhem Church was an important part of his life and he was active in all aspects of church life, council, financial and the sexton of the graveyard. He loved local history and had a knack for remem-



bering people and events throughout his life.

In 2003 Bob and Vonny moved to Fosston. They enjoyed traveling with trips to Scandinavia, Europe and the U.S. Many of these trips were taken with dear friends Peggy and Allard Christianson. They also had a 5th wheel camper which they pulled around the U. S. taking in the sights and history of America. In 1994 they got a summer place on Fishhook Lake near Park Rapids and enjoyed summers there until 2018.

Bob loved the outdoors; hunting, snowmobiling, boating and walking. All of Fosston know him as the guy who is always out walking. When necessary he walked on his treadmill indoors. Watching sports, country music concerts, and reading the Minneapolis Tribune especially the political and financial pages. He enjoyed visiting and coffee with friends and strangers and trips to the sale barn in Bagley. He always took the opportunity to go somewhere and be with people.

His family was a source of joy and pride. He was the keeper of his mother's scrapbooks, photos and family history. He would spend winter days happily occupied with trips down memory lane. His daughters and their families were truly the source of much happiness. He enjoyed watching the grandkids participate in sports and musical events.

On the morning of December 24, 2019 Bobby passed away at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Bobby is survived by his wife Vonny, of 64 years, of Fosston, MN. Daughters, Becky (Mark) Ratchenski of Cavalier, ND, Beth Hemming of Grand Forks, ND.

Grandchildren, Lily (Alex) Flage, Matthew (Kaitlin) Ratchenski, Nathan Hemming (Michaela Spaulding) and Noah Hemming and two great granddaughters, Lauren and Olivia Flage.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by siblings Eileen Sandall, Lee Lofstrand, Kenny Lofstrand, and Carol Floren.

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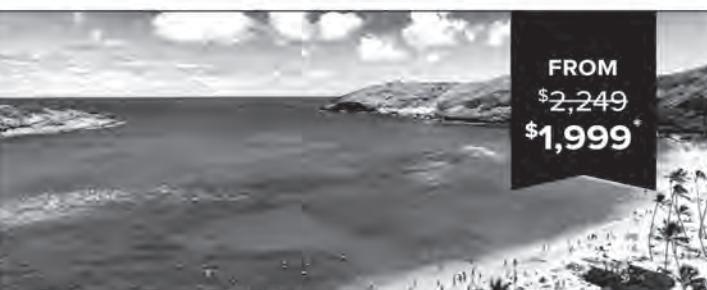


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