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Get Outside this Winter to Stay Active

Polk County, MN- Getting outside in winter can be an easy and free way to stay active during the colder months. Dressing warm for winter activity doesn't have to be expensive and the Polk County Wellness Coalition and Polk County Public Health remind you of many great outdoor winter activities in the region that are little to no cost to get you out and active throughout the winter months!

Join the Fosston community and STAR Committee for upcoming Frosty Days, Friday, January 24th and Saturday the 25th. The Fosston Curling Club will also be hosting the 2nd Annual Curling Days on February 25th & 26th at the Outdoor Rink where you can learn how to curl on Saturday from 10am – 1pm; all ages and abilities welcome! Sunday is a Novice Bonspiel at 12pm (to register email curlfosston@gmail.com). You can also get on the Fit Trail or enjoy skating at the public skate rink at the softball complex east of Brandt Avenue. Contact the city office for more information, skating rink hours, and other happenings at 218-435-1959 or <https://www.fosston.com/> or follow Fosston on Facebook for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/fosstonmn/>).

In Crookston, join community partners and volunteers next month for free February Fitness Fever activities every Sunday afternoon. Save the dates: February 2nd, free swimming at the Crookston Pool; February 9th, free ice skating on Crookston Sports Center; February 16th, indoor winter movement at corner of W Robert & S Main St; and February 23rd, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and sledding day at Central Park. More details coming soon! For questions, contact Amanda at Polk County Public Health on 218.281.3385 or email amanda.lien@co.polk.mn.us

For other activities throughout the region this winter follow East Grand Forks Parks and Recreation on Facebook or check out their website at <https://www.egfparkandrec.com/> for ongoing activities. Stay tuned to Heritage Village for winter fun activities happening the 1st Saturday in February (<https://www.facebook.com/EastGrandForksHeritageVillage/>) or get on the Greenway in East Grand Forks for winter walking and cross-country skiing. Check out their website for more information at <http://www.greenwaygolf.com/>. Explore the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center in Fertile for cross-country skiing and new snowshoe trails or enjoy outdoor ice skating at the Fertile Skating Rink. Find our more information on the AELC website at <https://aelcfertile.org/> or check out their Facebook page for updates and contact the City of Fertile for skating and rental information at <http://www.cityoffertile.org/> or 218 945 3136. Near Erskine, Rydell National Wildlife Refuge offers winter trails throughout the season and will be hosting a Candlelight Ski and Owl Prowl event on February 8th. Contact Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association for more information at 218-687-2229 or at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/>.

While enjoying all that the winter months have to offer, be sure to dress warm for winter activities and do not let improper clothing stand in the way of spending active time outdoors! Layer up with several layers of loose-fitting clothing to help insulate your body choosing fabrics wisely to wick moisture away from the skin, cover extremities with hats, scarfs, gloves or mittens, socks and boots, and sunglasses, and be sure to check the local weather forecast before your

head outside, adjusting clothing for your activity level. The best fabric choices include polyester, fleece and wool and clothing options need not be expensive. Be active, be safe, dress

warm, and enjoy all winter has to offer! Check out Polk County Public Health's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pcphhealth/>) for more updates throughout the season.



Michael Rendahl.

Fosston's Michael Rendahl releases album

Fosston man released breakthrough album January 20th on all streaming services after overcoming trials and tribulations.

Michael Rendahl grew up in the town of Fosston, Minnesota, where his passion for music began in the fields and forests that surrounded his northern home. When his Father's acoustic guitar came into his life, creativity and the emotions of the human condition collided into the unique sound that he possesses. His sound is about to be released worldwide on all streaming platforms.

Using the experiences of our individual existences, Michael Rendahl's debut album 'About Time' captures what it means to be alive in a world filled with

wonderment, sorrow, and joy.

"When I sing and play, I feel like I go to a completely different place," states Rendahl. "Nothing in my life has felt more honest and true, and nothing in my life has felt more real. Music is an amazing way to unite people under the commonality of living this life. And that's what I'm going to set out to do."

The Album was recorded and Mastered by Garlic Brown with assistance from Eric Carlson.

Brown has referred to the album as "Haunting, and enlightening". After a year in production, and a lifetime in the making, 'About Time' is bound to connect people back to their hearts after this very long and trying journey, of life.

United Country Real Estate Auctioneer, Tammy Tisland, First Woman Ever to Compete in Local Competition

January 15, 2020 (BEMIDJI, Minn.) – Tammy Tisland, owner/broker and auctioneer for United Country Real Estate | Bold North Realty & Auctions in Bemidji, Minn., became the first woman ever to compete in the Greater Midwest Auctioneer Championship. The competition took place on Saturday, January 18, at the Bagley Livestock Market just west of Bagley, Minn.

Tisland is an award-winning professional auctioneer who has been in the business for nearly 20 years. She is an International Auctioneer Champion and top-producing real estate agent across the state of Minnesota. She has conducted over 3,000 auctions including farm, equipment, land and related assets. She also has been recently hired at Bagley Livestock and Winger Livestock Markets, an auctioneering field that is heavily male dominated.

"I am a livestock auctioneer to bring awareness to the local livestock markets and to be of service to the producers. I want people to realize how vital it is to the local community," said Tisland. "This is sometimes the one payday per year for area farmers. If there was no livestock market here, what would its absence do to the local economy? What would the future of farming be in the community? And where would those presently local dollars go? As an auctioneer, we play a vital part in those producers' lives and we want to do the best we can for them and for our community."

In the competition, Tisland and 25 other contestants from around the United States competed in a preliminary round where each contestant sold several drafts of cattle. The top 10 scoring contestants then moved to the final selling round and the top three were awarded prizes. A panel of five judges, all of whom have extensive backgrounds in the industry, determined placement using a point system. All contestants had to be auctioneers sponsored by a livestock market. In a statement prior to the competition Tisland said she was excited to compete and is looking forward to building great relationships with her fellow competitors.

"I've been an auctioneer in my community for 20 years, I'm not doing this for the trophies," she said. "I'm doing this as another avenue to help my community and display my passion for the people in it. I work at being the best I can be and competitions are one avenue to help me get better at my craft."

"Tammy Tisland is a special person, not to mention she is an



Tammy Tisland, first woman to compete in Greater Midwest Auctioneer Championship.

outstanding auctioneer," added Shawn Terrel, president of United Country Auction Services. "Her ability to engage others both on and off the podium is an inspiration and we are fortunate to work with her inside our company. United Country is comprised of hundreds of auctioneers across the U.S., each with their own special traits and characteristics. Tammy has found her niche in life and it becomes apparent when she grabs the microphone. We could not be more proud of her accomplishments."

Watch next week's paper for story and photos from the competition.



New Exhibit "Looking for America" Coming to Watermark February 7, 2020

Bemidji, MN - The last days to view "Beyond Whiteness" a collection of Bemidji area snowscapes by Monika Lawrence and "Looking East" a collection of Japanese and Western prints and ceramics, end in January.

"Looking for America," will open February 7 in the Lakeview Gallery. This collection of paintings were inspired by artist Paula Swenson's observations as she traveled across the United States of America.



Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp receives check from Enbridge Employee, Laura Kircher.



The City of Plummer recently had this sign installed on Minnesota Highway 59 with the generous donations from community organizations and Enbridge pipeline. Those contributing were Plummer Lions \$1,000; Plummer Lions Too \$500; Plummer Fire Department \$250; Tri Rivers Museum \$500; Plummer American Legion \$250; and Enbridge pipeline \$1,000.



Left to Right: Nate Haskell (Bank Forward), Lori Forshee-Donnay (Watermark Art Center Executive Director), Paul Dybing (Bank Forward).

Forward Foundation awards Watermark Art Center

Bemidji, MN - Bank Forward's Forward Foundation recently awarded \$2000.00 in funds to the Watermark Art Center Art Education Program.

The mission of the Forward Foundation is to enhance the lives of children. The funding awarded will be used to purchase non-renewable and

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Corn and Soybean Planting Date Survey: Seeking Your Help

By Lizabeth Stahl,
Extension Educator - Crops

The extremely wet conditions of 2019 in Minnesota led to planting delays and unprecedented levels of prevent plant acres. Where planting delays continued late into the growing season, farmers needed to decide whether or not to plant a crop during or after the late planting date for crop insurance. Historical planting date information was helpful but limited for planting dates in June (corn for grain) and July (corn for silage and soybean).

University of MN Extension is asking farmers to share their experiences from 2019 to help increase our knowledge base on the impacts of late planting and other weather-related factors on yield and grain moisture in corn and soybean. This information will be used to help fill knowledge gaps in the decision-making progress if/when we are faced with a late-planting situation

in the future. This information may also be used to help identify future research needs.

Information requested includes corn or soybean maturity, planting and harvest dates, yield, moisture, test weight, conditions at planting, and conditions following planting. Information is requested from as many fields as farmers wish to report on and planting dates ranging from the earliest to the latest planted crops. Results will be shared with researchers in IL and OH who are conducting a similar survey.

If you planted corn or soybean in MN in 2019, please see z.umn.edu/plantingdatesurvey for more details and to participate in the survey. Participation is completely voluntary and information provided will remain anonymous. We will collect this data until March 6, 2020. We thank all respondents in advance for their participation!

Shannon Stassen joins Northwest RSDP



CROOKSTON, Minn. (1/13/2020)—The University of Minnesota Extension Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Northwest RSDP) is pleased to welcome longtime community leader Shannon Stassen as the new Program Associate for clean energy and resilient communities. In his new role, Stassen will work with local govern-

ments, nonprofits, foundations and partners across Northwest Minnesota to connect local sustainability projects to research, education and resources at the University of Minnesota.

"I am absolutely thrilled to support Northwest Minnesota communities as part of the University of Minnesota Extension," Stassen said. "The work of Northwest RSDP aligns with my personal and professional goals to be a part of the process of creating a more sustainable world."

Northwest RSDP is one of five regions of the University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) supporting local sustainability projects across Greater Minnesota. RSDP works in four focus areas: clean energy, sustainable agriculture and food systems, natural resources and resilient communities. Energy programming is led by the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs).

Stassen brings extensive experience with Northwest Minnesota communities as a former city administrator for the City of Crookston and Executive Director of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce. Stassen and his family have lived in Crookston for more than 20 years, where he has taught and coached at the University of Minnesota Crookston and is engaged in a number of community organizations including the Crookston Youth Foundation, Crookston Lions Club and Polk County Wellness Coalition. In his free time, Stassen enjoys coaching youth sports and fishing, biking, camping, paddling and gardening with his four children.

Polk County Sheriff

Pickup truck destroyed by fire

A pickup truck caught fire in Minerva Township in Clearwater County. According to Fire Chief John Gerbracht, Bagley Fire Department, the truck owner, Chares Musselman was plowing snow at a neighbor's driveway when an oil line sprung a leak. Resulting in the pickup catching fire, Chief Gerbracht was able to save the plow. The truck was wiped out by the fire.

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How to Care for Wild Birds this Winter

The arrival of winter forces everyone to confront the changes synonymous with the season, and local wildlife is no exception. Low temperatures, harsh winter storms and a scarcity of food can make it challenging for wildlife, including birds, to thrive throughout the winter.

Even though several species of birds are migratory and travel to warmer climates to wait out winter, many others stay put. The Audubon Society says that keeping close to home helps some species of birds maintain their territories.

Some birds will puff up to retain heat; others will seek shelter in dense foliage or cavities to avoid the elements. Many birds will huddle together to share warmth.

Another way of keeping warm is building up fat as an insulator and energy source. The Audubon Society says more than 10 percent of some birds' winter body weight may



be fat. That can be challenging to maintain when common sources of food, such as insects and berries, disappear as winter wears on. This is when some human intervention can prove handy, advise ornithologists. A few simple efforts may benefit birds and other wildlife that

may not hibernate winter away or escape to the tropics.

- Have a supply of food, bird feeders, houses, and any other bird-related gear at the ready before the storms really rev up.
- Invest in nutritious food, such as black oil sunflower seeds or blends that are high

in black oil sunflower seeds. You also can make available more foods that are high in fat, such as suet, peanut butter or even whole peanuts. Mother Nature Network also suggests adding meal worms if they can be found.

• Choose feeders that will keep seed dry; otherwise, it will be prone to bacterial and fungal growth.

• Don't discard fallen leaves or any downed twigs or pruned boughs from trees. This will give birds material for creating shelter or hiding away when the weather gets especially brutal. When the Christmas tree is finished for the season, place it in the yard as a windbreak for birds.

• Put shallow water sources around so birds can drink. Replace them frequently if water freezes.

Wild birds can benefit from some help when the temperatures start to drop in winter.

What's the purpose behind a leap year?

February is known for many things, one of which is being the shortest month of the year.

Many people do not give much thought to whether or not February has 28 or 29 days. But February bears the unique distinction of being the only month on the calendar that does not always have the same number of days.

Known as a "leap day," the 29th day of February helps to synchronize the calendar to Earth's orbit. According to EarthSky, which reports on astronomy and other cosmos-related information, Earth's orbit around the sun takes approximately 365.25 days. That extra .25 creates a need for a leap year every four years; otherwise, the calendar, which is faster than the actual solar year, would

drift from what is actually occurring with the orbit. After four years, it would be off by one day, or 25 days after 100 years. If no corrections were made to the calendar, the seasons might become misaligned. After 300 years, January 1 would arrive in autumn.

Julius Caesar, at the advice of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, was responsible for adding a leap day to February to compensate for Earth's rotation after the original Roman calendar kept slipping out of alignment. During his reign, Caesar first implemented a 445-day calendar year in 46 BCE to bring the calendar back into alignment. Roman officials called it annus confusionis. To limit future headaches, the work-around was to simply add

a leap day to February once every four years. The Julian calendar wasn't exact to the solar year, but it was much closer than the previous Roman calendar.

The Gregorian calendar, revised by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, further adapted the calendar and the leap days. All leap years are divisible by four. That is why 2020 will include a leap day on February 29.

People can utilize the extra day in 2020 (yes, 2020 is a leap year) in various fun ways. In addition to learning more about leap years and astronomy, try these entertaining ideas.

• Take a day off of work and spend it relaxing or engaging in a favorite hobby.

• Be reminded that leap years also coincide with U.S.

Presidential elections, and it will soon be time to vote.

• Check out the celebrities who were born on February 29 and only get a true birthday every four years. Rapper Ja Rule, motivational speaker Tony Robbins, actor Antonio Sabato, Jr., swimmer Jessica Long, and football player Eric Kendricks are some of the notable people born on February 29.

• Buy a gift for yourself or others on leap day and make it a tradition of going the extra mile to love and pamper.

• Realign your life like the calendar is being realigned by focusing on organization or personal finances.

Leap year has arrived, and that extra day can be put to good use in various ways.

Warm up with wild rice soup

Soup is an ideal meal on cold winter days. One of the best things about soup is its versatility. Soup makes a great entrée, and it also can serve as a warming appetizer or a delicious side dish. Soup also knows no bounds with regard to ingredients, making it a meal that can be enjoyed several times per week without boring the taste buds. Those who need to warm up this winter may want to try the following recipe for "Minnesota Wild Rice Soup" courtesy of The Culinary Institute of America's "Book of Soups" (Lebhar-Friedman).

Minnesota Wild Rice Soup

Makes 8 servings

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 carrots, finely diced
- 2 leeks, white and light green parts, finely diced
- 2 celery stalks, finely diced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

- 2 quarts Chicken Broth (see below)
- 3/4 cup wild rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, hot
- 3 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1/4 cup minced chives
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley

Directions:

Heat the butter in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the carrots, leeks and celery. Cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Reduce the heat to low, add the flour, and stir well. Cook gently, about 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add the broth gradually, whisking well with each addition to eliminate flour lumps. Bring to a simmer.

Add the wild rice and salt. Continue to simmer until the rice is tender but still somewhat chewy, about 45 minutes.

Stir in the heated cream and sherry. Season with salt. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with chives and parsley.

Chicken Broth

Makes about 2 quarts

- 4 pounds stewing hen or chicken parts or meaty bones, such as backs and necks
- 3 quarts cold water
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 carrot, diced (about 1/3 cup)



- 1 celery stalk, diced (about 1/2 cup)
- 5 to 6 whole black pepper-corns
- 3 to 4 parsley stems
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
- 11/2 teaspoons salt, or to taste

Directions:

Place the chicken and water in a large pot (the water should cover the chicken by at least 2 inches; add more if necessary). Bring the water slowly to a boil over medium heat.

As the water comes to a boil, skim any foam that rises to the surface. Adjust the heat once a boil is reached so that a slow, lazy simmer is established. Cover partially, and simmer 2 hours, skimming as often as necessary.

Add the remaining ingredients. Continue to simmer, skimming the surface as necessary, until the broth is fully flavored,

about 1 hour.

If using hen or chicken parts, remove them and cool slightly. Dice or shred the meat, and reserve to garnish the broth or save for another use. Discard the skin and bones.

Strain the broth through a fine sieve or cheesecloth-lined colander into a large metal container. Discard the solids.

If you are using the broth right away, skim off any fat on the surface. If you are not using the broth right away, cool it quickly by transferring it to a metal container (if it's not in one already) and placing the container in a sink filled with ice-cold water. Stir the broth as it cools, and then transfer it to storage containers. Store in the refrigerator, up to 5 days, or in the freezer, up to 3 months. Label and date the containers clearly before putting them into the freezer.

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"It's really no big deal," she said. You see, preparing meals and serving came naturally to the one who offered not only her services, but those of her husband's. They were a team, you know. Actually, I'd seen the likes of them before but had not taken note to this extent. The little team had been a part of our lives for a while now...so I'm not sure why, exactly, I hadn't paused long enough to absorb the impact they'd made and continue to make on this world.

This venture began when a young man decided to get married. He needed help with the Groom's Dinner, and as he knew the friendly couple, he reached out.

Their response came without hesitation. "No problem! We'd love to help!"

And they did.

As the months ensued, the big day drew nigh. The groom hadn't realized all that was necessary for such a time as this, and his mother wasn't much help as she

lived hours away. Although she was available for input, he wasn't exactly a fan of her random accountability. He assured her she need only tend to the desert and the décor. That, he figured would keep her busy enough to not be calling him at odd hours of the day about things that were or were not taken care of.

Willing the young man was to receive texts from the couple who had agreed to help. Once assigning him lists of to do's, he readily did. I guess when sons are all grown...they'd rather not take directives from their moms. And truth-be-told, most moms are ready to relinquish the role of director and are ready to support the independent capabilities of the ones they've raised.

The evening soon came, and when it did, the wedding rehearsal ran late. Fear not, for those who the son had enlisted to help were near. Nearer my God to Thee, they were than I this particular evening as they were not only prepared but had rehearsed throughout the years for such a

time as this. By their "Yes, be it done unto me according to Thy will," they became instruments of His peace (Luke 1:38). And, with servant's hearts, they responded not only in kind, but in love.

Cooking burgers, setting out salads they had diligently prepared, and being present in a place where the rest of the bridal party could not be was hospitality at its finest hour. They greeted guests who had arrived early and conversed like family. And they were, you know...and still are. Their kindness continues to resonate within. Before the eyes of all, they lived and embodied His Word. "For the word of God is living and active..." (Heb. 4:12).

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 34:8). And we did taste it...literally.

Never underestimate the gifts He's given. For some speak, some write, and some make it appear easy to live Love by serving as He did. And for this, I will be forever grateful.

"And the greatest of these is Love" (1 Cor. 13:13). Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



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Answer: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) began issuing REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards on Oct. 1, 2018, to comply with the federal REAL ID Act.

Minnesotans are not required to obtain a REAL ID driver's license or ID card; however, starting Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID card, passport or passport card or another acceptable form of identification will be required to board a domestic flight or enter federal facilities.

As of early January, nearly 11 percent of Minnesota driver's license and ID card holders have a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card. There are about 3.7 million Minnesota license holders who will need to decide if they need a REAL ID or other acceptable form of identification before the federal deadline later this year.

Determining which type of license or ID card to apply for

depends on what you need your card for.

Minnesota offers three different options: a standard driver's license or ID card, a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card and an enhanced driver's license or ID card. All three can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges now and after Oct. 1, 2020, but starting that date your standard Minnesota driver's license or ID card will not be accepted to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities. Enhanced driver's licenses and ID cards can also be used for U.S. border crossings by land or by sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean and cost \$15 more than a standard driver's license. A REAL ID costs the same as a standard driver's license or ID card.

Now is the time to apply for a REAL ID or enhanced driver's license or ID if you will need one later this year. The best way to make sure you have everything you need before visiting a driver's license office is to pre-apply online at drive.mn.gov. This feature allows Minnesotans to enter a significant portion of their application online, reducing the time they spend in the

office. It also lists the required documents for each license type. A REAL ID requires additional documentations compared to a standard driver's license including:

- One document proving identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States.
- One document proving social security number.
- Two different documents proving current Minnesota residency.

Here is a video that will explain more: Minnesota REAL ID: Be REAL ID Ready by October 2020

If you have questions about REAL ID, visit REALID.dps.mn.gov or contact DPS-DVS at dvs.driverslicense@state.mn.us or 651-297-3298.

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Rumely

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Meinrad Rumely immigrated to the United States in 1848 from Germany. He came here to join his brother John. He joined his brother in LaPorte, Indiana, where he was running a foundry. They made threshers and other equipment and by 1887 Meinrad bought out his brothers share of the company. The company expanded to making steam traction engines. Meinrad died in 1904 but the company continued under the direction of his sons. In 1909 the company made the infamous Rumely OilPull. It was released for sale in 1910. The kerosene powered and oil cooled traction engine was Rumely's most famous product.

The M. Rumely Company began to expand. The Advance Threshing Machine Company and the Gaar Scott Company were two of these purchases. In 1912, Rumely expanded further with the purchase of Northwest Thresher Company (from Stillwater, Minnesota) and the American-Abell Engine and Thresher Company (from Toronto, Ontario.)

In 1915 these companies were reorganized into the Advance Rumely Company. In 1923 the company once again expanded with the acquisition of the Aultman-Taylor Company of Mansfield, Ohio. The Great Depression starting in 1929 caused a lot of stress on the Rumely Corporation along with many agricultural companies in the US. The company was looking for a buyer and in 1931 The Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company took over.

The OilPull tractor started on gas and ran on kerosene. The oil cooling system, kept the



engine at a steady temperature no matter how heavy the tractor's load. A running OilPull tractor is way out of my price range but over the years reading about them and seeing a few at shows.....what a fun looking machine!

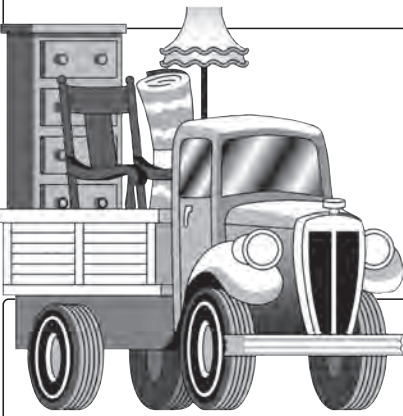
How about a little tractor trivia

1. The Rumely model B was also called the 25/45. What did the numbers stand for?

2. How many cylinders did the model B have?
3. The model 30/60 was manufactured from 1910-_____.
4. Where was the Advance Threshing Machine Company headquarters before joining the Rumely Company?
A) Marion, Ohio B) Indianapolis, Indiana C) Battle Creek, Michigan D) Minneapolis, MN
5. Early Allis tractors were painted green but 1929 after Harry Meritt took a trip to California everything changed. Seeing a field of poppies blooming Mr. Meritt talked the company into a beautiful orange color called _____.

Answers: 1. 25 drawbar hp and 45 belt hp 2. 2 cylinder 3. 1923 4. C. Battle Creek 5. Persian Orange

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The threat posed by ice dams

Cold, snowy weather can present various issues for homeowners to contend with. One such problem, ice dams, can cause damage to walls, ceilings and other areas.

The University of Minnesota Extension says that an ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of the roof and prevents melting snow from draining properly. A complex combination of heat loss from a home, snow cover and outside temperatures can lead the formation of ice dams. An ice dam will be fed by melting snow above it and cause a backup at the edge

of the roof.

Dams can cause gutters to tear off and loosen shingles and may lead to water backing up and pouring into the home, advises This Old House. Ice dams also can contribute to soggy insulation, making the insulation lose its protective R-value and becoming a magnet for mold and mildew.

Homeowners can do a number of things to temporarily prevent the formation of ice dams. Heated cables clipped to the roof's edge in a zigzag pattern can help prevent dams that lift shingles. Pushing snow off

the roof can help. Laying an ice melt product in gutters to help melt the ice that forms also can prevent ice dams.

More permanent solutions involve keeping the entire roof the same temperature as the eaves by increasing ventilation, adding insulation and properly sealing air leaks that can warm the underside of the roof. This may involve calling in a professional contractor. Such an investment is well worth it, as it can prevent much more costly damage down the line.

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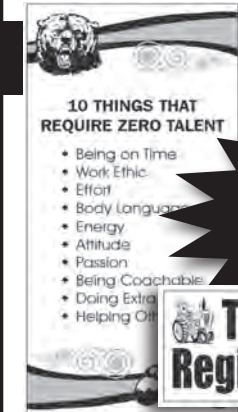
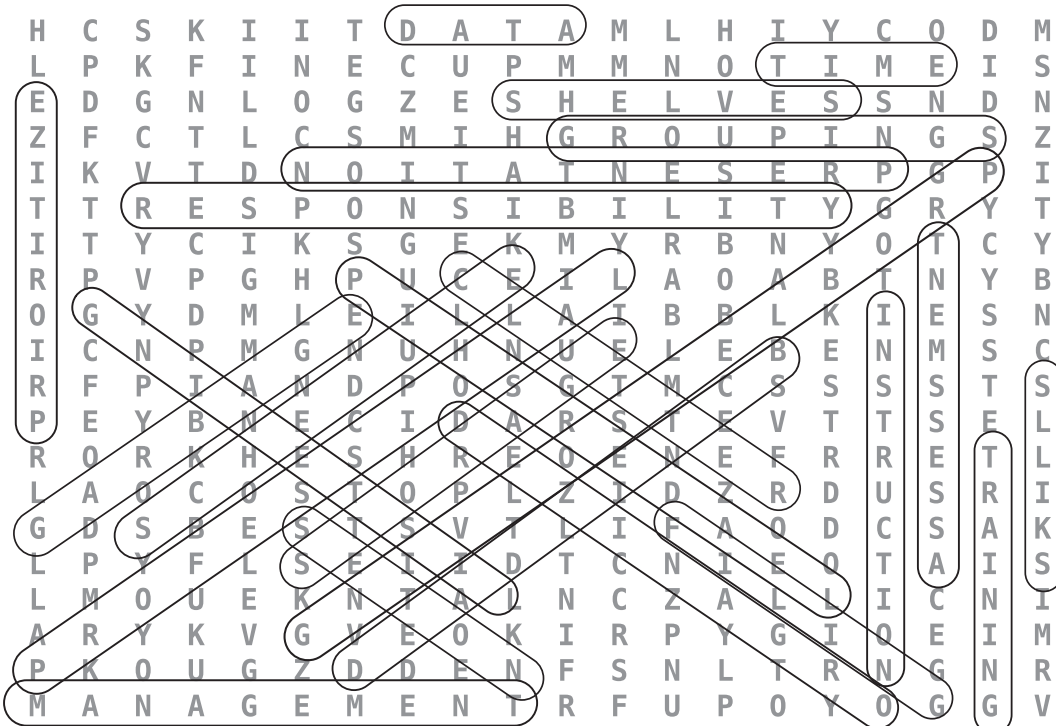
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