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Darol & Marilyn Melby volunteer their way into retirement

By Karen Edelbach
"Volunteering has always been a team effort for us," say Darol and Marilyn Melby, both in their early 80s, especially since their retirement.
"Since retirement we do almost everything together, and, we're both Norwegian!" they chime.

They've run a sheep ranch, a cattle ranch, raised two sons, volunteer annually for the January Blood Drive, participate in the spring and harvest festivals, and other projects hosted at their church, as well as volunteering in many local community organizations and events.

Darol, born in Greenbush, in Roseau County, was raised on a farm. His dad taught in a one room school. Darol spent 35 years working for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 21 years of which were for the Soil Conservation Service. His first assignment was in Roseau, then Baudette, Bagley, Hallock, Alexandria, Bemidji, then back to Bagley where he became the County Supervisor for the FHA.

By the time he was located in Bemidji he and Marilyn's two sons Jon and James were in grade school. The traveling and many evening meetings kept him away from the family, and this made him rethink his priorities.

"Life is too short," Darol thought, "so I jumped ship, and took a cut in pay to take the FHA job in Bagley and be closer to home," where they live on their farm south of Bagley.

"A friend told me 'you're ruining your career,' but I didn't miss it."

Their sons were involved in 4-H and wanted to attend high school in Bagley, where they later graduated.

Marilyn grew up on a farm in the Fosston area with her parents, Rudolf "Boots" and Ida Balstad. She was the youngest of five siblings.

When Marilyn was 12 years old they moved into what is known as "The Bagley Place" north of Fosston. Marilyn says the 1898 house was on a farm that was formerly owned by logger Sumner Bagley, after which the City of Bagley was named to his chagrin. She was bussed to the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, and

lived in a dormitory there.

"There were four of these high schools, located in Grand Rapids, Morris, and Waseca, besides the one in Crookston," Darol says. "They were built so rural farm kids could go to high school which was six months of the year, from October through March."

Marilyn went to college at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul where she graduated in 1959 after which she became the Home Economist for Clearwater County from 1959 - 1964.

"There were over 100 girls in the 4-H Dress Revue during the years I was the leader," Marilyn says., "The advanced clothing girls participated in the 'Make It With Wool' contest, and we even had a winner of the national contest, JoAnn (Odegaard) Birkland. She won with a three piece suit she made for 4-H," Marilyn recalls. "There were so many talented 4-H members!"

Darol and Marilyn were married in December of 1962. She retired from the Home Economist job in 1964 to stay home and be a full-time mom.

"I bought her a farm south of Bagley so she could be fully employed," Darol jokes.

"We started with a flock of about 85 sheep," Darol says. "When I was transferred, we moved but kept the place south of Bagley and took the sheep with us to Hallock, and then to Alexandria. We had about 20 by then. They were well-traveled sheep!"

Darol sheered his own sheep for 50 years, and the Bagley Mercantile bought the wool.

"We taught our kids how to work," Marilyn says.

Marilyn says it was always Darol's dream to have a dairy farm. When many would be thinking about retiring, Darol bought a herd of cattle which he had for 15 years.

In the 1980s Darol went to McIntosh to help with the big job of refinancing family farms when disaster struck in agriculture.

"Markets were disappearing, and lots of farmers became insolvent," he says. He retired in 1990.

Since retirement, and overcoming some health challenges, volunteering has become a full time job for the Melbys.

Darol is a member of the local Rotary Club, a worldwide



Darol and Marilyn Melby spend much of their time since retirement volunteering in the Bagley and area communities, which earned them the title of 'Outstanding Senior Volunteers' for Clearwater County in 2016.

service organization.

"Their Mission is 'A Polio Free World', and that is why I joined," he says. "I remember kids in Greenbush in the early 50s just before the Sauk Vaccine was available. They were crippled and died from a big outbreak of Polio in Minnesota. Many people never saw the awfulness."

Both Marilyn and Darol serve on many local Board of Directors, including the Fair Board, and are described as "the oldest share-holders living". During her years as Home Economist, Marilyn says it was fun to judge at many northwest Minnesota fairs.

Highlights in their life they are most proud of include being chosen as the Outstanding Senior Volunteers in 2016, and Valley Farmer and Homemaker for Clearwater County in 2001. Marilyn was the 1995 "First Lady of Clearwater County", and was selected for Top Aggie Award as an Alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture that same year. She is also a

charter member of NELL programs.

The arts have always been important to Marilyn. She has been involved in "The Gallery of Original Art, which was started by Al Spray, high school art teacher, to recognize County artists," says Marilyn.

This is still a unique feature of the Clearwater County Fair.

"I'm on the Board of North Country Arts and Crafts. We have a workshop in September at the Concordia Language Camp in Bemidji where I have taught Hardanger, a Norwegian stitchery, and making Kolaches."

Darol and Marilyn are known for their lefse making skills, Swedish T-rings, and Grandma Balstad's baked beans made for church fundraisers.

Darol is in the GIFTS program at Faith Lutheran Church (Growing in Faith to Serve) and fills in at area churches when needed. He is in the process of writing a family history of "90 Years of Sheep".

"If you were to give me one



Their Wedding Day on December 1, 1962. Darol quotes words from the Bible as his recommendation for a happy life: "Choose life, serve the Lord, serve people, and love your neighbor."

piece of advice to help me lead a happy life, what would it be?" asked one of his grandchildren. Darol answered:

"Choose Life, Serve the Lord, Serve People, and Love Your Neighbor."

"You may recognize these words are Biblical. They are words that are True and will point in the direction of being a productive person, serving people and community. A career that leads to taking leadership and responsibility and relationships for a Better World," he says.

Marilyn says the best things in life have been their trips and watching their children grow up.

Their son Jon followed in his father's footsteps with a career in Agriculture, as a Dairy Specialist in Badger. Jon and wife Shelly have two daughters, Alexis and Morgan.

James is a 25 year Veteran of the United States Army where he was a helicopter pilot. While he served in Italy, Darol and Marilyn traveled there to

greet their only grandson, Eric. James and wife Amanda retired in Alabama, and also have a daughter, Elizabeth.

"Visiting Italy was wonderful," they say. "It is a beautiful country, and so filled with history." On their 25th anniversary, Darol and Marilyn took a trip to Norway.

Darol and Marilyn Melby truly have the heart of a servant and stand out for their faithfulness in fulfilling that calling.



When she was 12 years old, Marilyn's family moved into the house known as 'The Bagley Place' south of Fosston, which was built in 1898.



UMC Royalty (left to right) Back Row: Luke Trandem, Nate Rehder, Estel Jaszczak, Sam McGregor, Paul Hendrickx, Matthew Vettleson, Wyatt Wardner, Colten Schremp (left to right) Front Row: Mandy Swenson, Jessica Olson, Elizabeth Reich, Veronica Schwartz, Lydia Hansen, Grace Ruckheim, Jordyn Newberg, Emma Bliss, Elysia Morris

Royalty, True Grit Recipient, and Round Robin Announced at Ag Arama 2020

CROOKSTON, Minn. – Royalty were crowned, students were recognized for achievement, and alumni gathered for the 45th Annual Ag Arama at the University Teaching and Outreach Center at the University of Minnesota Crookston. This year's event was dedicated to Professor Lyle Westrom, and the theme for the day was "Raised on Country."

The 2020 Ag Arama Royalty included King: Paul Hendrickx, an agricultural education major from New York Mills, Minn.; Colten Schremp, an ag systems management major from Victoria, Minn.; Matthew Vettleson, an animal science and agricultural business double major from Oklee, Minn.; and

Wyatt Wardner, an agricultural business and agronomy double major from Grafton, ND.

Queen: Lydia Hansen, an animal science and agricultural business double major from Vining, Minn.; Elysia Morris, an animal science pre-vet major from Deer River, Minn.; Emma Bliss, an animal science pre-vet major from Nevis, Minn.; Jordyn Newberg, an agricultural education major from Deer River, Minn.; and Grace Ruckheim, an agricultural education major from Parkers Prairie, Minn.

Prince: Samuel McGregor, a natural resources law enforcement major from Hastings, Minn.; Estel Jaszczak, an ag systems management major from Lancaster, Minn.; Luke

Trandem, an agronomy major from Crookston, Minn.; and Nate Rehder, an animal science major from Barnesville, Minn.

Princess: Veronica Schwartz, an agricultural education major from Parkers Prairie, Minn.; Elizabeth Reich, an animal science major from Waubun, Minn.; Jessica Olson, an ag systems management major from Warren, Minn.; and Mandy Swenson, an agronomy major from Tumalo, Ore.

Emma Bliss, a senior animal science pre-vet major from Nevis, Minn., was honored with the True Grit Award. The True Grit Award is dedicated to Todd Opsahl, a student in 1973-74 and it is the most coveted of all awards presented at Ag Arama.

Charli Shocker, an animal science major from Blackduck, Minn., was honored with the 2020 Round Robin Showmanship Award.

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Charli Shocker, Round Robin Showmanship Award.



Emma Bliss, True Grit Award.



From left to right: Erin Hagen, development officer with Hospice of the Red River Valley, Emil Vanyo, secretary of Eagles Club #2368, and Laurie Harger, Tree Walk organizer.

Fifth Annual Eagles Tree Walk Raises \$6,500 for Hospice of the Red River Valley

Thief River Falls, Minn.—Jan. 28, 2020—The Fifth Annual Eagles Tree Walk, held at the Eagles Club #2368 in Thief River Falls, Minn., on Dec. 7, raised \$6,500 for Hospice of the Red River Valley. The donation will be used to provide compassionate end-of-life care and support to those in Thief River Falls and the surrounding communities.

The event featured beautifully decorated trees and a variety of activities, including a tree walk, holiday bake sale, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, a soup and breadstick feed and memorial ceremony.

“We were very happy to exceed last year’s amount,” said Laurie Harger, Tree Walk organizer. “I would like to recognize Walmart for the Hospice memorial tree donation and

the decorations throughout the venue. We can’t thank them, and all of the Tree Walk supporters, enough.”

Approximately 20 organizations participated in the tree-decorating event. Attendees could vote for their favorite tree placing donations in a container at each tree. The top fundraiser tree was the In Memory/Minnesota Tree. All trees were then offered to bidders via silent auction, and the Digi-Key Electronics tree earned the highest bid.

“Everyone at Hospice of the Red River Valley is so grateful to the community of Thief River Falls and the surrounding areas for their generous support of our organization,” said Erin Hagen, development officer at Hospice of the Red River Valley. “We’re honored to be part of this wonderful event that brings the

community together.”

The Tree Walk has raised more than \$21,500 for Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Please Join Us!

You and your friends are invited to the “Baby Dolls” Brunch on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at New Journey Church (Fosston Baptist Church), 505 9th St. NW, Fosston, MN.

Feature: Judy Vasend. Speaker & Music: Pastor & Mrs. Gary Johnson. Reservations due by Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Arlene 563-2085, Beverly 776-3897, Maxine Walter 687-3074, Judi Lindseth 563-2205 or 361-446-3218.

Washington Post Reporter to Speak at UMN Crookston

CROOKSTON, Minn. — Christopher Ingraham, a data reporter from the Washington Post, will be speaking at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Thursday, February 6, at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. There is no admission charge and the public is welcome to attend.

Ingraham previously worked at the Brookings Institution and the Pew Research Center. In 2015, Ingraham wrote an article

drawn from government data about all the counties in the United States. In that article, in what he describes as a throw-away line, he called Minnesota’s Red Lake County, “the absolute worst place to live in America.”

The push-back from that statement from community members as well as state politicians led to an invitation to him to visit the area. Liking what he saw and considering the quality of life issues he was

experiencing in his Baltimore, Maryland home, he moved his family to Red Lake Falls where he now lives.

Ingraham’s story has been widely publicized in local and national media and is the subject of his recently published book, “If You Lived Here, You’d Be Home By Now.” Ingraham will be sharing about his story and book and about his career as a reporter.

A Love Like No Other: Parents Care for Infant Son with Help of Hospice

Gauge Niemeier had soft, wispy red hair—a trait his father Trent beams about because every generation of the Niemeiers has just one boy with red hair. His beautiful blue eyes were just like his mom, Brandi’s. Gauge’s spirit shined, exemplifying hope, light and unwavering resilience. He was the apple of his parents’ eyes.

Gauge was Trent and Brandi’s first child. While regular prenatal checkups discovered some health issues early in the pregnancy, it wasn’t until after Gauge was born that doctors discovered he had a rare heart disorder called pulmonary vein stenosis (PVS). PVS is a condition in which cells rapidly produce and cause blockages in the veins that carry blood from the lungs to the heart.

This discovery took the Niemeier family on a journey into the unknown with many challenges and difficult decisions, and countless trips to medical specialists.

Through it all, Brandi and Trent advocated for Gauge. In doing so, they identified one of only two cardiologists in the world at the time who specialized in PVS. Brandi spoke with Dr. Kathy Jenkins, a cardiologist at Boston Children’s Hospital and professor at Harvard Medical School in Massachusetts, about Gauge’s diagnosis, the likelihood of his survival and what could be done to help him.

“We were willing to do whatever we needed to do to make sure that Gauge had as many opportunities as possible to live a fulfilling life,” Brandi explained.

A Change in Perspective

Trent and Brandi made the hard decision for Gauge to undergo open heart surgery and two angioplasties at Boston’s Children’s Hospital when he was three months old. As difficult as it was to move forward with operations, the couple said it was the right decision at the time because the procedures improved Gauge’s quality of life significantly for nearly six months.

“After the surgery, Gauge acted like a typical baby, rolling over and laughing. He had more energy. He never would have had that without the surgery,” Brandi explained. “I loved his



smile and his laugh. Even in the most trying times, he had a great attitude. He really taught us about attitude.”

A follow-up appointment a few months after surgery confirmed that 6-month-old Gauge had the recurring type of PVS. The vein stenosis was back, and surgery was never going to be a permanent solution. Recurring PVS would inevitably lead to rigid veins and congestive heart failure.

The confirmation was devastating. The family had already spent more than five months in hospitals in Fargo, Minneapolis and Boston.

“We were faced with the reality that there would be no cure for Gauge,” Brandi said. “We realized at that time we had to make sure that his short time with us was the very best that it could be. So, we shifted our focus from longevity to life quality.”

With that change in perspective, Brandi and Trent brought 6-month-old Gauge back to their rural home in Walcott, N.D., with the help of Hospice of the Red River Valley. Staff at the Boston Children’s Hospital and Hospice of the Red River Valley created a plan for Gauge for when he returned home.

“There’s nothing like being in your home at a time like that,” Brandi said. “Finally, we were home, and the health care pro-

viders came to us.”

Special Moments at Home

The Niemeiers’ quaint home was positioned on 18 acres of wide-open North Dakota prairie. It was a quiet sanctuary where they could disconnect from the hustle and bustle of city life. They enjoyed country living with their two dogs—and cherished the chance to bring Gauge home where they could simply experience him as their child and create cherished memories.

They cuddled Gauge, lied on the floor and read books to him, and played with him. Gauge’s favorite toy was a Happy Apple, a bright red vintage apple toy that made a jingling sound when he made it wobble.

Being at home provided a sense of normalcy and the ability to have better control over Gauge’s care. Brandi and Trent didn’t want Gauge getting poked with any more needles, and with Hospice they were able to do that.

“We could stop navigating hospital systems,” Brandi said. “We were able to come home and know that Gauge would be getting all of the support he needed, and we could spend time with him and enjoy our time as a family.”

One of Brandi and Trent’s primary concerns for Gauge was his comfort. Brandi said with Gauge’s given prognosis,

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This Plan is available to the public for review and comment at the HRA Office located at 205 Garfield Avenue, Mentor, Minnesota during regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm).

A public hearing will be held on the plan at the HRA Board Meeting on March 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Summerfield Place Senior Apartments, 215 9th Street East in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

MCCL meeting scheduled

The February meeting of Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL) Chapter 45, will be Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Community Center. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Sons of Norway meeting scheduled, note time change

The Sons of Norway, Grand Lodge #240, will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 in the afternoon, Thursday, February 13, at the Embassy Center in Fosston. Please note this time is in the afternoon and not in the evening as they normally are. After the business meeting, a film by Ozzie Tollefson, “They Came From Norway,” will be shown. This film shows some of what the early Norwegian immigrants encountered and endured in their journey across the ocean and land to settle in Minnesota. Visitors are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Wes Roland at 435-1230.

Polk County Sheriff

Felony Warrant Arrest

On 01/26/2020 at approximately 1200hrs, the Polk County Sheriff’s Office received an anonymous tip at 601 9th St NW in the City of Fosston regarding the location of a male suspect with multiple felony warrants. Polk County deputies responded to the above-mentioned address and located the male hiding inside an apartment within the Regency Apartment building. The male, Jerrod Ash (29) of Fosston was taken into custody.

Jerrod Ash is currently in custody on (3) Felony Warrants and Felony Escape from Custody charges.

No further information will be released at this time.

It was top of mind for her and Trent to ensure Gauge’s feeding schedule and pain management measures were always taken care of on time.

Hospice staff regularly delivered Gauge’s medication and formula directly to their home. Brandi and Trent didn’t have to worry about making the hour-long round trip to Fargo for supplies. They found this especially helpful because car rides were challenging for Gauge. He had a narrow trachea, which made it difficult for him to breathe properly while buckled into a car seat.

Every extra moment with Gauge was precious and sacred. With Gauge’s age and complex cares and only one family member in the area, the couple relied on Hospice staff to be an integral part of his routine care.

In addition to caring for Gauge, Trent was still working full-time at a tractor manufacturing company in Fargo while Brandi studied to complete

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her doctoral degree in human development. Brandi said hospice care was less imposing and more supportive and welcoming than she imagined it would be.

“We needed family, and Hospice was that family. When I think about Hospice, I think about how they became our family. Their role was to support us, and it was truly meaningful,” Brandi expressed. “It was like all of the responsibilities were taken care of, and it gave us a ‘normal’ life. We could soak up Gauge’s life and celebrate it instead of trying to take care of all the responsibilities on our own.”

Trent wholeheartedly agrees with his wife. “Hospice was there whenever we needed anything,” Trent explained. “When Gauge’s needs changed, Hospice was on it. All of us transitioned at the same time to support Gauge. It was a partnership, and Hospice made it easy and a good experience.”

Welcoming Hospice as Family

The Niemeiers’ dedicated Hospice team became much like family to the young couple, including Registered Nurse June Anderson (now retired), Social

Worker Cathy Miller, Chaplain Tom Holtey and Physician Dr. John Thomas (now retired). June made several visits a week to tend to Gauge’s physical needs and provide support and reassurance for the new parents, while Dr. Thomas was always just a phone call away to discuss changes in Gauge’s condition.

“I fondly remember stopping by to see Gauge, and we would sit on the floor and simply enjoy the charming child, smiling and cooing,” Dr. Thomas said. “It was my privilege to be a member of the team who provided care to this special child. Because of Trent and Brandi’s love and devotion, I could easily assure them that Gauge received the best possible care. Of all of my hospice patients and families, Brandi was one of my heroes.”

Gauge received his medicine every three hours, and he was also never left alone. As he neared the end of his life, Hospice staff was able to watch over Gauge so Trent and Brandi could get some rest overnight.

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Do Cows Get Cold?

So many things I've never stopped to consider, Lord. But You already know that, don't You.

It's about twenty-five below today, but You know that too.

I'm on the second floor, Lord, looking down upon the cows this morning. You know well where I am, but I just thought I'd mention it.

The watering trough is right below. The snow trodden pathway cannot lead astray as to the right and left are piles of snow. They'd get stuck if they wandered off that path. But wait! Can it be? It looks as though a skid-steered walkway has been prepared for them. Their keeper knew their needs, didn't he, Lord. He's their caretaker and so...he knew well. Reminds me of You.

But skid-steered pathway or not, it's still twenty-five below. Do their fine ankles feel the cold beneath their hooves as they

trod? None are huddled together that I can see. They hay bale it or kick up their heels all playful like every so oft. Another makes its way to the trough for drink all lathered in a light layer of frost atop its coat. Can the beast beneath it feel the cold upon its back? I wonder.

So many things to wonder about as we wander upon this earth.

Last night, together, my husband and I opened the mail. A wonderfully tempting catalog dropped into our laps. "Great Courses," it was titled. \$35.00 each is what it was calling loud and clear. Each DVD offered several lectures on many a topic. A pile of savings was what was advertised, and like kids in a candy store, we drooled over the possibilities. So much knowledge we yearn to learn.

As we'd gotten rid of the "Dish"...we now have time to

wish what it is we'd like to spend our time on, and our minds were eager. News worthy this was and so...mid-January...late in the evening...we each made our choices.

He chose "Early American History," and I one on Italy. He treasures our country and those who have forged its foundation, while I treasure my dreams of street-side cafes with fresh cut flower vendors nearby. Together we will sit mid-winter, in the warmth of the cold and wonder what more there is to know. So much more no doubt there is.

And I am forever grateful that there is always more to see, to understand, to wonder about as we wander about. You have created that wonderment within, haven't you, Lord. But, then again, You know that well because you tell us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). That's a wonder in itself. Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: My question is, if I see someone texting and they are driving in an unsafe manner (crossing in and out of their lane or going onto shoulder) should I call 911?

Answer: Absolutely call 911 if you see any unsafe driving conduct that could result in a crash.

If you're calling 911, set up your phone in your vehicle so it will comply with the new hands-free cell phone law by using voice command or one touch operation or have a passenger call. Another option is to pull off the road to a convenience store or gas station, for example, to make the call.

The dispatcher will ask you some routine questions, including:

- What is your location and direction of travel?
- What is the vehicle and driver description including the license plate information, make, model and color of the vehicle?

If you are following the vehicle as part of traffic, the dispatcher might keep you on the line to provide real time location updates that will help law enforcement get the correct vehicle stopped in a timely manner.

During the first five months of Minnesota's hands-free law, 9,727 drivers were cited for violating the law. For those who have not gone hands-free or have slipped into old habits,

now is the time to "park the phone."

The Minnesota hands-free law went into effect on Aug. 1, 2019. State Patrol troopers and law enforcement officers throughout Minnesota have seen an increasing number of drivers using hands-free options such as mounts. However, some drivers who have been stopped say they know about the new law but are having a hard time breaking the habit.

Distracted driving contributed to more than 60,000 (one in five) crashes from 2014 to 2018 (preliminary). It also contributed to an average of 45 deaths and 204 life-changing injuries a year (2014-2018 preliminary).

Of the 9,727 hands-free citations from Aug 1. to Dec. 31:

- 3,518 were drivers 16-29-years-old.
- 4,520 were drivers 30-49-years-old.

• 1,655 were drivers 50-75-years-old

• One age was unknown.

As part of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's mission to educate Minnesotans about the law, a new advertising campaign is underway, reminding drivers to park the phone. The campaign will run through Feb. 16.

For additional information on Minnesota's hands-free law, visit HandsFreeMN.org

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Northland Community & Technical College Student Benjamin Besser Selected for Statewide Henry P. Dembiczak Scholarship

Besser one of only six Minnesota State system students to receive award

February 3, 2020 — Northland Community and Technical College student Benjamin Besser has been awarded the Henry P. Dembiczak Scholarship. The Dembiczak Scholarship is a statewide Lead MN award given to only six Minnesota students annually. Besser is one of six Northland students to receive one of over 30 prestigious LeadMN awards this year.

Mr. Henry P. Dembiczak demonstrated a commitment to the community where he was raised and where he lived. He also had a strong commitment to higher education, particularly technical education. This scholarship was created to provide support for students from his community that are enrolled in a technical course of study within Minnesota State.

Besser is a graduate of Greenbush Middle River High School who, after enlisting in the National Guard, took the next step in his education by enrolling in the Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Northland. He will graduate in May 2020.

Following graduation, Besser will deploy with his army unit, putting his continuing education plans on hold. "I knew this was a possibility when I signed up for the Guard," explains Besser, "This experience is another step in my overall education goals that I will continue when I return from deployment." Besser is commit-

ted to advancing his aviation education and plans to enroll at the University of North Dakota after fulfilling his military commitments.

"To Ben, leadership and self-sacrifice go hand-in-hand. He is the Thief River Falls Student Senate vice president, past president of the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, and an infantryman in the Minnesota National Guard," ac-

counts Northland Student Success Coordinator and Advisor Jason Pangiarella, "Becoming a LeadMN scholarship recipient is a recognition of the promise and potential that Ben has, but never brags about. I am consistently impressed by his dedication and drive to serve others and become a role model himself and for the next generation of leaders for Minnesota."

Grandpa

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Some say it is the best...I have been waiting to try it out. Last week I became a grandpa! My wife and I are so very happy to enter this stage of our life. Although a little early he still weighed over 7 pounds and was so welcomed by mom and dad and grandmas and grandpas and the rest of the family!! Archer James Mickelson is the 5th generation of the Mickelson family to live in rural Oklee, MN. Four of those generations live here today. So as you can see, and those of you who are grandparents know, life is good when you belong to the "grand-parent" club!

Being a grandpa reminded me of my grandfathers. My grandpa Mickelson, who moved to Oklee in 1952 was really a horse man. He worked for Archer Daniels Midland in St. Paul, and the North Dakota State Mill in Grand Forks, ND. After that he moved to Leonard, MN, and later to the Sheep Ranch south of Clearbrook, MN, before moving to Oklee. Even while living in Oklee he would often go to the woods in the winter with his horses, Rex and Jerry. Many of his jobs and of course including farming involved working with horses. As farming evolved to tractors he became a John Deere man owning a couple of Ds, an H, a B, a 70, and an R. The R being the first tractor I ever drove.

My other grandfather Clarence Ellickson lived in Equality Township, rural Oklee, on the farm I live on today! Clarence moved to the farm in the late 20's and lived on the farm until his death in 1969. Clarence was also a John Deere man(I wonder where I get it from!) Clarence had a BR John Deere on steel and in 1942 bought a new B John Deere from Rolandson Implement in Oklee. He bought the B so when his "son" was born he could help on the farm. Well that son turned out to be my mother, who spent many hours on that B. Then in 1952, he purchased a new A John Deere also from Rolandson Implement, in Oklee! I am happy and proud to say, luckily, and thanks to my

mother and father, our family still has those two tractors as they purchased them at my grandfathers auction sale!!

My grandfather, my mom, my dad, and myself all drove that model A. That made me think of my grandson, Archer James Mickelson. See, one grandfather worked for Archer Daniels Midland, and my other grandfather owned a new model A John Deere. Archer, model A, it just makes sense!! I had to get on the computer an order him a Model A John Deere toy! You know, come to think of it, I bought an A John Deere last summer...it think it might just belong to Archer someday!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. T or F: The model A was John Deere's first row crop tractor with adjustable wheel tread.

2. The newest version of the styled A was made from 1947-

A) 1950 B) 1951 C) 1952 D) 1953

3. In June of 1947 the model A was tested with _____ belt hp.

A) 35hp B) 36.1hp C) 37hp D) 38.02hp

4. Did the model A John Deere have Live PTO?

5. The model A was produced in the factory located in _____.

A) Rock Island, IL B) Des Moines, IA C) Waterloo, IA D) Moline, IL

Answers: 1. T 2. C) 1952 3. D) 38.02hp 4. No live PTO 5. C) Waterloo, IA



This is the 1940 A John Deere I purchased at the Norman Adams auction in June of 2019. Archer?



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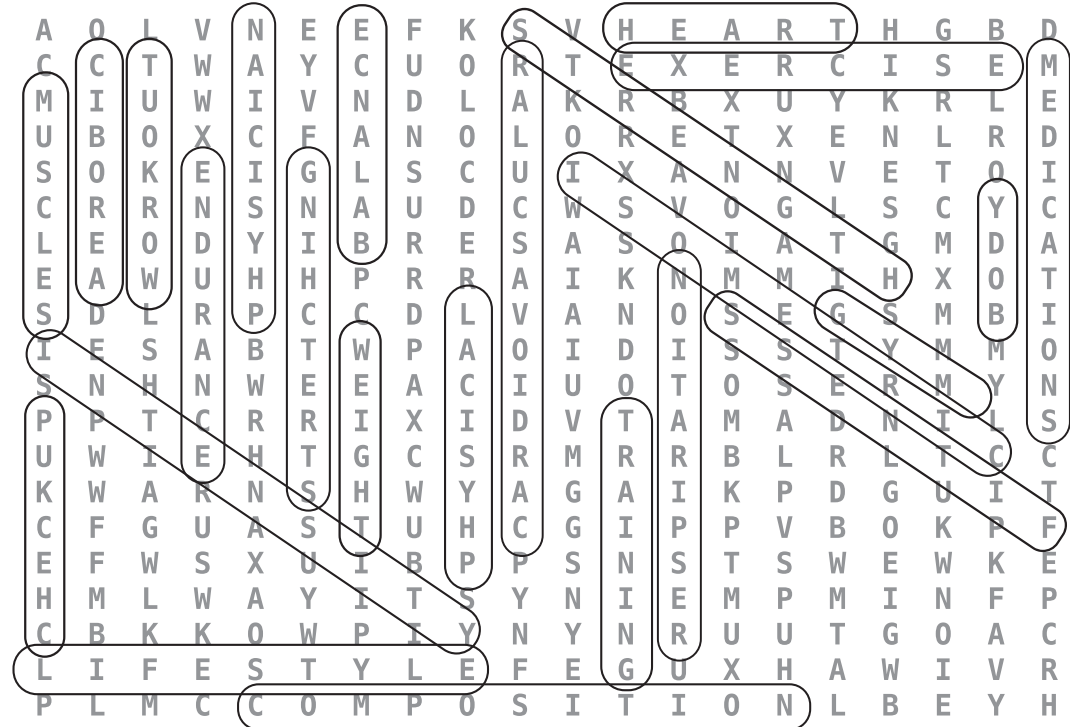
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Death Notice for Eugene Arnold

Eugene (Gene) Arnold, 77, of Duluth, MN, formerly from the Bagley/Clearbrook area, passed away Jan. 27th, 2020 at St. Luke's hospital, Duluth. A service will be held at a later date.



Services for Jan Voxland

Jan Voxland, age 94, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Monday, January 13th, at LifeCare Greenbush Manor in Greenbush, MN. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Jane Ekholm officiating. Interment in Hope Lutheran Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Jan was born September 2, 1925 in Weme. She was the daughter of Sigvald and Julia (Hanson) Lund. She attended Eddy Township Elementary

School and graduated from Bagley High School in 1943. She married LeRoy E. Voxland of McIntosh on November 21, 1955 at Bagley and made their home in Fosston. Jan worked at the Clearwater County Courthouse in the ASCS office for many years.

Jan was a very active member of Hope Lutheran Church and was also active in many local organizations including Athenian Club, Birthday Club, and Ladies Aid. She was also very involved with the Fosston Library and Arts Center fundraising auction and was known for her wonderful apple bread donations.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol (Ostby) Gregory and her husband, Ken, of Edmonton, KY; Kay (Voxland) Christianson and her husband, Robby, of Greenbush; one son, Paul Voxland and his wife, Jill, of Northfield; and one sister, Shirley (Solberg) Nelson of Bemidji; grandchildren, Janelle Hesse, Ann Marie Beck, Troy Joyner, Christopher Voxland, Jonathan Voxland, Cole Christianson, and Caprice Christianson. In addition, she also had many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband LeRoy; grandson, Brian Joyner; and sisters, Twilah Klemetsen, Orvilla Lund, and Francy Lund.



Services held for Arnie Lomen

Arnie Lomen, age 82, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Monday, January 27th, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1st, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lengby with the Rev. Gene Lilienthal officiating. Interment will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Lengby, in the spring. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Friday, January 31st, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There was also a reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Military honors were provided by the National Guard Honors Team and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Arnie was born February 27, 1937 to Olaf and Cora (Sorgaard) of Lengby, Minnesota. He grew up in Lengby and was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

On April 29, 1961, Arnie married Gayshon Nivens of

Valier, Montana. Together they made their home in Montana until 1968 when they returned to the Fosston area.

Arnie served his country in the United States Army serving in the last Calvary, mule-pack division, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served in Germany, Iceland and the United States. He worked as a ranch hand in Montana, a blacksmith, a truck driver and small engine mechanic for John Deere in Fosston until his retirement. Arnie especially loved serving in all aspects of his church, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lengby. He was an avid hunter with family and friends. One of his greatest pleasures was to turn something on his lathe or create a piece of furniture and gift it to friends and family. In the winter months, Arnie could be found pushing snow with his model "A" John Deere tractor. He was a talented tinkerer. He could fix anything.

Arnold is survived by his wife Gayshon; children, Shane (Anthonia) Lomen, Jacksonville, Fl, Shelly (Jeff) Pewitt, Baxter, MN and Darren (Tracey) Lomen, Fosston, MN; grandchildren, Adam, Daniel, Rachel, Zachery, Jacob, Aaron, Kristen, Trevor, Connor, Sierra, Cora and special god-child, Jennifer (Dustin) Horner, Sartell, MN and 5 great-grandchildren, Makayla, Matthew, Levi, Adelaide, and Adeleyn and sister Marlys Mittlestead of Grand Forks, ND.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Oneal (Lee) Lomen, Harold Lomen and sisters, Mildred Bakken and Mavis Iverson and his grandson, Joshua Lomen.



Services held for Roy Martine

Roy Martine, 76, of Shevlin, MN, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Essentia Health in Fargo, North Dakota.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one-hour prior at the church with Pastor John Swanson Officiating. Interment at the Bagley City Cemetery.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Roy was born on January 4, 1944 to Harry and Lilly (Lorenson) Martine. Roy married Lois (Frederick) on September 7, 1964, together they were blessed with 3 daughters: Lorie, LaRae, and Lisa. Roy worked hard as a self-employed logger before his retirement. He was also a

carpenter and really enjoyed working with wood. He made beautiful hope chests, wooden clocks, and wooden crosses for the nursing home in Bagley.

When Roy was younger, he liked to fish and hunt with his buddies. He liked working in his garden and playing with his great grandkids. Roy had a special bond with his only great grandson Tanner, who was his pride and joy in his life. His wife Lois was the love of his life, and he always liked having her right by his side. Roy cherished his three daughters too. He loved Lorie's cooking, LaRae's joking, and Lisa's devotion for Jesus. He also adored all his grandchildren and spoke highly of them. Roy was a talkative man and had a great sense of humor. He called his friends Darrell, Roy, Otto and Fred almost every day. Roy was very personable and made friends easily.

He is survived by his wife Lois Martine of Shevlin, MN 3-Daughters- Lorie (Tim) Sorenson of Bagley, MN LaRae (Mike Paulson) Martine of Clearbrook, MN Lisa Martine of Madison, WI

Mother-in-law- Elaine Martine of Bagley, MN

9-Grandchildren- Trent, Travis, Tyler (Sheila), Lindsey (John), Sara (John), Tiffany (Trent), Brooke, Emiley, and Abbey

5-Great Grandchildren- Kaydence, Kaylie, Tanner, Kalista, and Madison

Numerous nieces and nephews

He is preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers- Kenny, Earl, James, Billy, and DeeWayne, and 1 sister Eileen.



Services for Roy Nordby

Roy Nordby, Grygla, MN age 85 died January 31st, 2020.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th at Johnson Funeral Home in Thief River Falls, with prayer service at 7:00.

Funeral service will be Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, in Grygla, MN, with Rev. Ken Bowman officiating. Interment will follow at Valle Cemetery, rural Grygla.

Roy Douglas Nordby was born on the farm at rural Grygla, MN July 12, 1934 to Arthur and Dorothy (Tweten) Nordby. He was baptized and confirmed at Valle Lutheran church. He attended elementary school in Benville Township and graduated from Goodridge High School in 1952. As a typical farm boy, he milked cows, cut wood, put up hay, etc.

In December of 1953, Roy enlisted in the US Army where he joined the Airborne Division and was trained as a paratrooper in the 508th Red Devils regiment. He served until September of 1956, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve and received his honorable discharge in November of 1961.

In November of 1957, Roy was united in marriage to Joy Larson at Grygla, MN. They made their home in Moorhead, MN for a short time and then moved back to Grygla where they have since resided. In January of 2016, after years of struggling with Parkinson's disease, Roy became a resident of the Clearbrook Good Samaritan home. In October of 2017 he moved to the Thief River Care Center.

Roy worked as a heavy equipment operator on road construction for about 40 years, mostly driving a grader. He also drove trucks in the winter months. After breaking his back in 1993, he was forced into retirement. He served as a veteran's service officer for Marshall County for 11 years and also managed Motel 89 in Grygla during that time, serving breakfast

for his guests. Roy always enjoyed cooking for others and spent time managing the Goodridge Café and the Grygla Cafe.

Roy volunteered countless hours for numerous community projects and organizations. He was a member of the Grygla Volunteer Fire Department for 31 years and a charter member and first president of the Grygla Lion's Club. He was a charter member and officer in the Grygla American Legion and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council a number of times. He was also a member of the Fourtown-Grygla Sportsman's club and an officer in the Grygla Development Corporation.

Roy was a people person and liked to help wherever he was needed. He was a volunteer driver for Marshall County Social Service. He delivered the Grand Forks Herald for a number of years, only because he thought everyone wanted to read their paper by 6:00 a.m. He liked to play cards, scrabble and cribbage, especially with his kids and grandkids. He enjoyed watching sports, especially football and was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan. He always got a kick out of sparring with his Viking friends. He also enjoyed playing golf, deer hunting, ice fishing, berry picking, and large family get-togethers. His upbringing on the farm always stayed with him and in his later years he loved to drive around the country to watch progress out on the farm.

Roy is survived by his wife Joy and his six children: daughter Gwen (Paul) Belvedere, son Robert (Lori), son Richard, daughter Sandra (Joe) Smaker, son Bruce, and son Jeremy (Kerri). He is also survived by 14 grandchildren: Erika (Nordby) Bowen, Barb (Nordby) Nelsen, Amanda Nordby, Nicholas, Matthew and Jeffrey Nordby, Molly (Knutson) Kocer, Ben Knutson, Andrew, Anthony and Bryan Belvedere, Soren, Myra and Lila Nordby; Five great-grandchildren: Sam and Annika Bowen, and Colton, Easton, and Mila Nelsen; sisters: Marie Konickson, Carol (Leland) Lee, and Ardhith Erickson, and sister-in-law Shirley Nordby; as well as his close friends Ellkay and June Foss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Orvis, his brother-in-laws Jerry Erickson, Wayne Konickson and Rodney Anderson, his nephew Dayle Anderson, several cousins, and all his aunts and uncles.

Lieu of Flowers donations could be made in Roy's name to the following: Disabled American Veteran or Grace Lutheran Church, Grygla, MN.

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What is Real ID?

Written By Karin Haugrud

It is an identification card that meets minimum standards for proof of identity and residency set forth by the Department of Homeland Security and bears a gold star in the corner. For many people, it will be a driver's license that meets the extra requirements; people without driver's licenses can get state ID cards that comply with the Real ID requirements. A Real ID can be used for boarding domestic flights and entering military bases and other federal buildings.

Travelers without a Real ID will need a passport, passport card or Enhanced ID to board a domestic flight starting in October 2020.

What is Enhanced ID? It's a Real ID that also acts as a "mini passport," allowing travelers to re-enter the United States by land or sea from Mexico, Canada and some Caribbean countries. It is marked with an American flag. An Enhanced ID cannot be used for international air travel.

Who needs a Real ID or Enhanced ID? It depends on where people go and what other identification documents they have. Anyone 18 or older will need a Real or Enhanced ID — or a passport or a passport card — to board a domestic flight or visit a federal facility starting in October 2020. Travelers who are under 18 do not need the new ID cards.

What documents are needed? Applicants must bring one document to prove their identity and date of birth. Acceptable documents include an unexpired passport, a certified copy of a birth certificate or a certificate of citizenship. Applicants must also show proof of having a Social Security number by presenting a Social Security card, a W2 form showing taxes withheld from a paycheck for

the current year, or a pay stub with name, address and Social Security number.

To prove Minnesota residency, applicants must show two documents, such as an unexpired Minnesota driver's license, a credit card or bank account statement less than 90 days old, or a federal or state income tax return from the most recent filing year.

When will REAL ID be enforced? The final enforcement deadline is October 1, 2020. By this date, not only must all states be issuing Real ID-compliant licenses or IDs, but individuals must also have visited their state's driver's licensing agency and obtained a REAL ID compliant card, or acceptable alternative such as a U.S. passport, if they wish to fly on commercial aircrafts or access federal facility.

How do I know if my license or identification card is REAL ID compliant? REAL ID-compliant cards will have one of the following markings on the upper top portion of the card. If the card does not have one of these markings, it is not REAL ID-compliant and won't be accepted as proof of identity in order to board commercial aircraft.

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"That support provided much-needed rest for Trent and me because we could actually go to bed. It was really a blessing," Brandi shared.

Cathy helped the couple prepare for the end of Gauge's life, including after his death. She provided essential pre-death grief support to them while they were coming to terms with everything that was happening and arranged for the couple to attend a retreat for grieving parents after Gauge died.

"Hospice allowed us to grieve in the process, which I think was much more healing than being distracted and having to grieve afterward. We knew what was happening, and we could have that time to come to grips with what was going on," Trent explained. "When you can spend time like that with someone who is dying it makes it easier than a sudden death. We didn't have regrets like wishing we would have spent more time with him. We had the time and that made it easier for our family. We had been grieving the entire time, and Hospice allowed us to do that."

Another important aspect to the family was documenting Gauge's precious life. Cathy took special note of this and arranged for a professional photographer to visit the Niemeyers' home and take family portraits while Gauge was still well enough to participate. Hospice also arranged for the family to participate in a photo documentary exhibit by Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) photography students called Witness to Life. A MSUM student spent time with the family and captured day-to-day life with Gauge in beautiful photographs.

One special memory that also stands out to Brandi is when Cathy held Gauge during her visits so Brandi could walk the half-mile to their mailbox and back. "It was always just the right amount of fresh air to recharge, and I really appreciated that," Brandi shared.

"Brandi and Trent had such a deep connection with Gauge; they were truly one with him. They were always so encouraging to him, and they made every day an amazing, bright, fun-filled day for him," Cathy said. "They trusted us and embraced our help. It was so humbling to help care for Gauge."

Gauge passed away peacefully on Sept. 8, 2010, just 10 days before his birthday.

Finding Purpose, Value

"We fully attribute this to his constant care and attention, and our ability to focus completely and positively on him," Brandi said. "Hospice of the Red River Valley made this possible. The outcomes would have been very different had we not had Hospice."

Gauge's life had purpose—purpose in inspiring countless people to act in kindness and generosity to those in need and purpose in adding immeasurable value to the Niemeier family. When Gauge was receiving care at Boston Children's Hospital, Brandi and Trent were first introduced to the idea of foster care, which is how they later came to foster and adopt their two boys, Clark (8) and Elliott (7).

"Gauge had a very full life, and we got so many quality moments with him," Brandi said. "From the start of having Hospice and throughout, and even following Gauge's death, we had foundational support through Hospice. We were able to be a family and that would not have been possible without the support from Hospice of the Red River Valley."

A framed picture of Gauge that holds an audio recording of his sweet giggle sits on the family's fireplace mantle, right next to the little toy apple he loved. It is a daily reminder of Gauge's sweet disposition and purpose-filled life.

"Gauge taught us about the value of life. He wasn't with us for very long, but he sure impacted many people's lives," Trent shared.

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3rd round of USXC racing came to Thief River Falls

Story by Emily Wicklund
The 3rd round of the 2019-2020 USXC season brought racers to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the hometown of Arctic Cat. Mother nature was mostly on our side this weekend with above zero temps and no blizzard conditions. However, the flat light made it hard for riders to see approaches on the course. Slush on the Red Lake River forced crews to change the Day 1 course from two 60-mile laps to three 40 mile laps, all ditch. Riders started 2 at a time 30 seconds apart this weekend making for some tight racing action. At this event, Juniors also got to compete both days which made for an even more exciting weekend for the young racers.

Arctic Cat's David Brown and Polaris' Ryan Springer were the first two sleds off the line for the weekend. Top runners Christensen (Polaris) and Herfindahl (Arctic Cat) started 5th and 6th. After one 40 mile lap, Springer jumped to the lead on the course and had the fastest lap of 38 minutes and 52 seconds. Brown trailed him with 34:20 and Christensen moving from 6th to 3rd in the opening lap with 33:54. Semi-Pro rider Marshall Busse (Polaris) also worked his way from the 27th starting spot to the 14th position. Defending TRF 250 champion, Zach Herfindahl, had mechanical issues after lap one which caused him not to finish. Since he didn't finish on Day 1 he was done for the weekend. After the 2nd lap, Springer was still out front with a time of 38:12. Brown trailed a ways behind coming through at 39:33 and Christensen at 39:46. Busse made another leap on lap 2 coming from 14th to 9th with a time of 40:24. On the final lap Springer came through with the fastest time of 40:22. Brown was the 2nd sled through with Justin Tate (Polaris) getting around Christensen and coming through 3rd with a time of 40:23. Taylor Bunke made up some time on the final lap coming through 6th with a time of 41:16.

After Day 1 of racing action Ryan Springer (Polaris) was the leading Pro Stock rider with a total time of 1:52:27. Justin Tate (Polaris) was 2nd quickest coming across with a time of 1:55:38. Brown (Arctic Cat) was 3rd (1:55:49), Bunke (Polaris) 4th (1:57:06) and Christensen (Polaris) 5th (1:57:11). Top Semi Pro rider for Day 1 was Marshall Busse with a time of 2:00:10. Boe Bunke came in 2nd (2:05:00) and Neil Jakubowski in 3rd (2:05:46) all on Polaris sleds.

On Day 2, riders headed south on two 60 mile laps. Dillian Dohrn (Ski-doo) and Matt Feil (Arctic Cat) were the first sleds off the line due to the inverted starting order from Day 1. After lap 1, Justin Tate (Polaris) went from the 8th starting spot all the way up to 1st with a time of 53:48. Aaron Christensen (Polaris) followed him and went from 9th to 2nd in the opening lap at 53:33. Ryan Springer (Polaris) moved up 5 spots on the track clocking in at 54:14 going from 11th to 6th. Brown (Arctic Cat) trailed him and moved from 12th to 7th (54:50). Semi Pro rider Boe Bunke (Polaris) had an impressive first lap crossing the line in 8th with a time of 54:52. After lap 1 riders had to take a mandatory fuel stop which will show in lap 2 times. During the final lap, Christensen got around Tate and crossed the line first with the time of 58:30 to finish out his weekend. Tate came through 2nd at 58:39 and Alex Hetteen (Polaris) in 3rd. Springer came through in 4th with the 3rd fastest time of 59:25.

With an impressive Day 1, going into Day 2 with over a 3 minute lead on the field, Ryan Springer (Polaris) took the overall win with a total time of 3 hours and 46 minutes. Even though Tate and Christensen had faster times than Springer on Day 2, it wasn't quite enough to get the win. Tate (Polaris) went home with the 2nd overall at 3:48 and Christensen (Polaris) took 3rd

with a time of 3:49. Springer did not enter Pro Open so the podium ended up being Tate (Polaris), Christensen (Polaris), and Brown (Arctic Cat). In Semi Pro, Marshall Busse ended the weekend with the win with a time of 4 hours and 1 minute on his Polaris. O'Ryan Bosek took 2nd at 4 hours and 7 minutes on a Polaris. Boe Bunke ended in 3rd after a hard off after the fuel stop on lap 2. His time was 4:09, also on a Polaris, making it a Pro, Semi Pro Polaris sweep at the TRF 250.

For other classes, Savannah Landrus (Polaris) took the win in the Women's class with Lydia Sobock (Ski-doo) running 3rd but getting the win in the Sport 600 Improved class. Boe Bunke (Polaris) took the win in the Sport 600 class and Marshall Busse (Polaris) won the Semi Pro Improved class. Cooper Kangas (Arctic Cat) won both the Junior 14-17 class and the Expert 600 Limited classes this weekend. Nick Roehl (Ski-doo) took home the win in the Masters 40 class with Jim Sobock (Ski-doo) winning the Masters 50+ class. Danika Diesen took another win in the Junior 14-17 Girls class on her Arctic Cat. Aiden Johnson made up some time on Day 2 and won the Junior 10-13 class on his Arctic Cat. Reese Novacek won the Junior 10-13 Girls class on her Polaris. As for the classic classes, Ryan Derrick won the Classic IFS 1980-1998 and John Griep won the Classic IFS 50+ class, both on Polaris sleds.

Christensen is currently leading Pro Stock Points with Selby in 2nd and Tate in 3rd. For Pro Open points, Tate is leading with Selby in 2nd and Christensen in 3rd. In the Semi-Pro class, Busse is leading with Dohrn in 2nd and Bosek running 3rd.

Next weekend, USXC has the weekend off while teams travel to the Soo I-500 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Good luck to all USXC teams competing! USXC will be back in action the next weekend, February 8th and 9th for the famous I-500.



Hudson McMillin Senior for Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke Chargers trying to get between Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears defenders Alex Dawson 23 and Levi Nelson 34.



1. Ryan Springer 541 - POL, 2. Justin Tate 28 - POL, 3. Aaron Christensen 10 - POL.

MINNESOTA STARWATCH FOR FEBRUARY 2020

By Deane Morrison
A dazzling evening “star,” Venus comes out in twilight and sticks around long enough to outshine all the real stars against a dark sky. So bright is our sister planet, it has been mistaken for a UFO. Watch it climb in the southwest throughout the month, and be sure to catch it on the 26th and 27th, when a waxing crescent moon appears near it.

The moon takes many partners this month, especially as it tours the group of bright winter constellations now moving onto center stage in the southern sky. On the 3rd, a bright moon crowded the face of Taurus, the bull, and its bright star Aldebaran, the bull's eye. On the 6th, a fatter moon will shine near the Gemini twins Pollux (the brighter) and Castor.

February's full moon rises in the late afternoon of the 8th and reaches fullness at 1:33 a.m. on the 9th. This full moon will



be quite big and bright, since the moon reaches perigee, its closest approach to Earth in an orbit, only about a day and a half later.

In the morning sky, the three outer planets—Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—are positioning themselves for a spectacular dance in March and early April. All rise in the southeastern predawn sky; Mars first, then Jupiter and finally Saturn, which may be too low to easily see until the last few days of the

month. When the three planets are all above the horizon, they will form a nearly straight line, with brilliant Jupiter in the middle.

On the 18th, a thick waning moon passes in front of Mars, making the red planet disappear behind the moon's illuminated side. Mars may be hard to see next to the moon's glare, and the time of Mars's disappearance varies slightly by location. But if you get out by 5:45 a.m. you should be able



Shelby Durand senior guard for the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies team scored her 1,000th point as they traveled to Clearbrook-Gonvick for a game against the Bears.



Nick Groven drives the court for the Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke Chargers. The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the team on Tuesday, January 28. The Bears won the game 67 to 57. The Chargers had 16 steals to 7 for the Bears. The Bears were having trouble with turnovers with 32 for 18 for the Chargers.

Super Saturday at NCTC Feb. 8

Here is the schedule for this year's Super Saturday:

Time, Home Team, Away Team

1:30 p.m. Clearbrook-Gonvick vs. KCC

3:15 p.m. Northern Freeze vs. Climax Fisher

5:00 p.m. WAO vs. Goodridge-Grygla

to watch the event.

On the 2nd, we celebrated an astronomically based Celtic holiday known as Imbolc, or lamb's milk. It was one of four cross-quarter days falling midway between a solstice and an equinox. It was held that a sunny day predicted cold and continued winter, but a heavily clouded, shadow-free day portended warm spring rains that would soften up the fields for planting. This myth survives in modern Groundhog Day rituals; if the groundhog sees its shadow it means six more weeks of winter, whereas thick clouds mean spring is right around the corner.

Red Lake County Rebels vs Northern Freeze played on 01/28/20 (60-47) (Away) at Karlstad. Score 1st period: Northern Freeze-16, Red Lake County Rebels 28. Score 2nd period: Northern Freeze-28, Red Lake County Rebels 32.

Player	#	GP	GS	Min	FGM	FGA	FG%	eFG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OReb	DReb	REB	PF
Derek Peterson	2	1	1	28	7	16	43.8	46.9	1	4	25.0	5	6	83.3	3	5	8	3
Brody Moen	10	1	0	3	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1
Eric Gieseke	11	1	1	27	4	10	40.0	40.0	0	2	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	3	3	1
Trent Goulet	21	1	1	15	1	2	50.0	50.0	0	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	0	2	2	1
Bailey Hince	23	1	0	22	3	9	33.3	33.3	0	3	0.0	1	2	50.0	2	2	4	0
Carter Williams	24	1	1	21	1	3	33.3	33.3	0	1	0.0	0	2	0.0	0	2	2	1
Brock Tvedt	31	1	0	6	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Isiah Olson	33	1	1	25	5	9	55.6	55.6	0	0	0.0	1	4	25.0	3	8	11	3
Tyler Hanson	41	1	0	5	1	3	33.3	33.3	0	2	0.0	2	3	66.7	1	1	2	0
Hayden Cardinal	45	1	0	14	2	5	40.0	40.0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0.0	2	4	6	0
Brady Leuthner	22	1	0	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Jake Duden	15	1	0	16	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	2	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	3
Isaiah Aquino	3	1	0	3	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1
Jeremy Kruchowski	12	1	0	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Total for Game		0	5	191	24	62	38.7	39.5	1	14	7.1	11	20	55.0	12	27	39	14



The Chargers and the Bears went at it last week. Going up for a rebound were Moses Jensen, 24, Alex Dawson 23 and Ian Haugen 33.