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NWMAC Of the Year Photo Piersol, Hanel, Burkel, Wavra

Northwest Artist of the Year Award Given to Rob Burkel

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that Rob Burkel of Thief River Falls has been awarded the Northwest Artist of the Year Award. Burkel is a talented actor in our area.

Rob Burkel has served as Thief River Falls Area Community Theater's (TRFACT) board President, and directed, produced, acted in numerous theatrical productions in Thief River Falls and the area. He's also been a TRFACT Radio Readers Theater cast member and a Lincoln High School Speech Team Coach and One Act Play Director. He sits on the Northwest Regional Library Board and has been the force behind bringing the Fargo-Moorhead Opera to Thief River Falls the past 2 years.

According to TRFACT Director Jane Anderson, Burkel is "the backbone of our local theater. His decades of hard work, phenomenal talent and dedication to theater arts, make him truly deserving of this award. In every capacity, Rob is an asset to the theater. Rob's greatest contribution to the theater is his ability to act and bring characters to life."

Director Teresa McGriff described Burkel as "one of the most prepared actors I have ever worked with. He's not afraid to roll up his sleeves and pitch in. He's a real team player -- upstanding but kind and fun as well. People want to be in shows with him because he is fun to work with. Audiences want to come and see him in shows, as well, because he is well-liked and respected. When auditions are held, he is one of the ones I hope to see walking into the room and that is one of the highest compliments a director can give."

Fellow actor Scott Pream said, "Rob's insight into his character portrayal is only topped by his willingness to help his fellow actors become the best they can be. He is a great leader willing to help in any way he can."

When asked about the impact of the arts on individuals or society, Burkel explained that "theater and art are at their best when they force you to think. If forcing you to think makes you uncomfortable, even better. Art should change who you are going forward and make you a better person. There should be a balance between that and fun and silly. There's a role for humor, too."

The Northwest Artist of the Year Award is given each year to recognize artists within our seven-county region who stand out in terms of artistry. This award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. "Of the Year" Award winners were nominated by area residents and comes with a cash award of \$500.00. Funding for the Northwest Artist of the Year comes from the McKnight Foundation.

Congratulations, Rob Burkel on being named the Artist of the Year!



NWMAC Rob Burkel Artist of the Year 2020

U.S. Postal Service Launches New Election Mail Website

Site Provides Information for Election Officials and Voters Choosing to Use U.S. Mail to Vote

WASHINGTON, DC — As part of its ongoing effort to ensure that voters and election officials have the information they need to successfully use the U.S. Mail to vote in the November general elections, the U.S. Postal Service has launched a new Election Mail website. The website, which provides clear and concise information about voting by mail, is available 24/7 by going to: usps.com/votinginfo.

The Postal Service recognizes that many states are choosing to expand mail-in voting options in the upcoming elections and that there will likely be a significant increase in demand among postal customers to

participate in those elections by using the mail. In response, the Postal Service has updated its website to serve both voting customers seeking information on how to use the mail to vote and election officials seeking resources to help make their administration of the upcoming elections a success.

For domestic voters, the website provides direct links to federal election resources as well as links to state-specific resources. For overseas and military voters, the new site provides additional information, including links to resources supporting their election participation.

The site also highlights what the Postal Service views as the

most critical information for voters who opt to vote through the U.S. Mail: that, in requesting or casting a mail-in ballot, they not only must comply with their local jurisdictions' requirements, but also should start the process early. To allow sufficient time for voters to receive, complete and return ballots via the mail, the Postal Service strongly recommends that voters request ballots at the earliest point allowable, but no later than 15 days prior to the election date. The Postal Service also recommends that voters mail their ballots at least

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Need for Jobs Remains Strong as Gov. Walz Ignores Facts and People he Appointed by Challenging the PUC Approval of Line 3

AVERAGE OF WORKERS IN 10 of 14 "LINE 3 COUNTIES" WHO HAVE FILED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS GOES UP AGAIN

(BEMIDJI, MINN.-As the Minnesota Department of Commerce prepares to file its legal challenge to the Certificate of Need for the Line 3 Replacement Project, the need for jobs across Northern Minnesota remains strong. Governor Walz this week ignored facts, data, and commissioners he had appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission when he ordered the Department of Commerce to challenge the Line 3 Certificate of Need.

The latest information from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) shows the average percentage of workers who have filed unemployment insurance claims has gone up again in 10 of the 14 "Line 3 Counties." Governor Walz's decision to have one state agency legally challenge another does not stop the permitting process, but wastes time and money opposing a project that would immediately create thousands of jobs and millions in new tax revenue at such a critically important time for Minnesota.

"Governor Walz repeatedly talks about how he uses facts and data when he makes decisions yet he ignored this unemployment data, the public record, and the fact his own appointees support line 3," said Mayor Candace Coulter of Gonvick, MN. "Week after week the numbers go up because more people need jobs and the economic help Line 3 will bring

to our communities. We needed Governor Walz to say yes to Line 3 and no to any more delays but instead he went against pledges he made to support Line 3 when he was campaigning and needed our votes. Not only has he forgot what he promised, he now is ignoring facts and reality by opposing this project."

The Line 3 project has been under review by agencies and regulators for almost six years. The decision by Governor Walz to appeal the Certificate of Need does not stop the permitting process. Next week a contested case hearing will be held by an administrative law judge related to key permits from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Because of the decision by the MPCA to hold a contested case, the earliest the agency could issue the permits would be mid-November -- allowing construction to start this year.

"As disappointing as Governor Walz's decision was, the good news is that it has not stopped the other work being done on the permits," Mayor Coulter said. "I share the frustrations of many who cannot understand why this project is not already under construction. We have always needed Line 3 to protect the environment and create new tax revenue for counties and cities. We also need Line 3 to create jobs now and hope at some point Governor Walz understands this and makes sure we can get

this done."

To replace the existing Line 3, Enbridge will invest approximately \$2.6 billion and the project will immediately create more than 4,000 good paying union jobs. Line 3 would generate an estimated \$35 million in new tax revenue for Minnesota in its first year of service using the replaced pipeline. The new Line 3 will also create additional tax revenue for cities, counties, and school districts across Northern Minnesota. To prepare for construction, Enbridge has already spent more than \$100 million in local communities and to help train tribal members for construction jobs.

Latest average unemployment insurance information for Line 3 Counties as of August 17th:

County	Percentage
Kittson	11.3%
Beltrami	24%
Marshall	16.2%
Pennington	23.3%
Polk	20.8%
Red Lake	20.6%
Clearwater	28.9%
Hubbard	26.4%
Cass	33.2%
Crow Wing	29.1%
Aitkin	27.3%
Carlton	29.3%
St. Louis	30%
Wadena	26%
AVERAGE	24.74%

Percentage of people filing for unemployment insurance as a share of the 2019 available labor force.



McIntosh class of 1970 held their 50th class reunion on July 18, 2020 at Bob and Ann Vesledahl's home on Union Lake. Front row left to right: Toni (Senn) Bromley, Joyce (Enerson) Burns, Patti (Norling) Hornbacher, Cindy (Haugom) Bly, Viola (Olness) Myklejord, Linda (Moan) Korhonen, Nancy (Vaa) Grade. Row 2: Sharon (Carlson) Carlson, Orvis Haugen, Lauren Kindseth, Sandy (Vaa) Sather, Lowell Quam, Sidney Finseth, Carol (Vesledahl) Chaput. Row 3: Rick Carlson, Jim Benson, Bob Vesledahl, John Berg, David Milner and Philip Jore.



Barb and Chuck Schulstad enjoy selling fresh produce.

Barb and Chuck Schulstad joined the Mentor Farmers Market in its first year of operation in 2008. It has turned out to be an enjoyable retirement pursuit.

Chuck and Barb retired from their elementary school teaching careers in the Fargo Public Schools in 2001 and moved to the family farm in Woodside Township in 2002. The intention was to relax, plant a garden and tend a you-pick raspberry patch. However, the garden got larger, the raspberry patches expanded and season extending high tunnels (greenhouses) were added, all to serve increasing on-farm produce sales. Lefse, flatbread, jams and fresh flowers were added, as well.

When the Mentor Farmers Market came into existence in the spring of 2008, the Schulstad's jumped at the opportunity to market their products to an even wider base.

Now in their 12th year, the market has grown notably, thanks to the wonderful support and brisk business from the fine folks at the nearby resort lakes and the surrounding area.

Gardening is hard work, but fresh produce seems to be appreciated by all. The feedback from customers, keep Barb and Chuck motivated and encouraged to continue in this pursuit. A common expression from customers is, "We are so glad that you garden for us."

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Polk County Sheriff

Dump truck accident

On 08-19-2020 at 0808 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a Dump truck overturned in the north ditch off CR 73 just east of US 2 in rural East Grand Forks. 44 year old Efrain Ramirez of Hatton, ND was the sole occupant and driver of the 2007 Sterling dump truck. Ramirez was wearing his seat belt and was later transported by Ambulance to the Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND with non life threatening injuries. No citations were issued and the crash remains under investigation. Responding agencies were the East Grand Forks Police Department, East Grand Forks Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol and Altru Ambulance Service. No additional information is being released at this time.

Domestic incident

On 08/20/2020 at approximately 2316 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a grandson fighting with his grandmother at 106 S Lohm Ave in the City of Fosston. Upon arrival, Polk County Sheriff's Deputies identified the male suspect as Kevin Roger Anderson, age 26, of Red Lake, MN. According to a witness who was at the residence, Mr. Anderson was temporarily staying at the residence when he became out-of-control. Mr. Anderson reportedly assaulted his grandmother before law enforcement was called. Alcohol was believed to be involved in this incident.

Deputies arrested Mr. Anderson for 5th degree domestic assault. Mr. Anderson was treated at Essentia hospital and later transported to the Northwest Regional Corrections Center where he will be held until his initial court appearance. The female victim sustained minor injuries and was medically cleared at the scene.

This incident is under investigation.

Also responding to this incident was the Essentia Health Ambulance Service.

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Raina Lynn Neeland drowns at Clearwater Lake dam



On Monday, August 17th at approximately 3:45 pm, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a drowning near the Clearwater Dam on Clearwater Lake in Sinclair Township in northern Clearwater County. Deputies from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office along with the Clearbrook Fire Department and Bagley Sanford Ambulances all responded to the scene. According to witnesses, a group of children had been swimming in the river

near the dam when some of them were caught up in the turbulent water that was coming over the dam and could not free themselves.

The water level at the dam was considerably higher due to the large amount of rain received recently. When the first deputy arrived on scene, an eight-year-old juvenile female had been pulled from the water and initially was unresponsive. Bystanders at the scene had preformed life saving measures and were able to resuscitate her.

An eighteen-year-old female was near the river and CPR

was being preformed on her by other bystanders, but she was still unresponsive. Witnesses has estimated that she had been in the water for approximately ten minutes. Sanford Life Flight was called to the scene and landed a short distance away. All life saving measures were preformed, but medics were not able to resuscitate the eighteen-year-old.

According to witnesses, the eighteen-year-old had pulled some of the younger children to safety before she went under the water. The name of the victim is 18 year-old Raina Lynn Neeland of rural Bagley.



The Clearwater Dam in Sinclair Township.

Minnesota State Fair Announces an Online Marketplace and Four Virtual Competition Showcases

St. Paul, Minn. – Although there will not be the usual opportunity to gather for the Great Minnesota Get-Together this year, the Minnesota State Fair is pleased to announce the creation of the Minnesota State Fair Online Marketplace, as well as four virtual competition showcases, from cookie decorating to crop art, for fair guests to enter and showcase their creativity this summer.

The Minnesota State Fair Online Marketplace is a searchable hub to help fair fans support their favorite State Fair merchandise vendors and discover new shopping surprises. Currently featuring 240 vendors, many of them will offer State Fair deals and special

merchandise, and the online hub will be available through Dec. 31, 2020, so it is a perfect place for holiday shopping. During the 12 days of the fair, there has never been a shortage of shopping, specialty merchants and unique artisans; so this online marketplace will continue that tradition. There will be the hard-to-find gifts and gadgets, handmade and made-in-Minnesota goods, foodie fun, upcycled décor, helpful home services, hobby gear, treats for furry friends, apparel, and more. Each vendor promotional page in the marketplace will include a description of their business and what they sell, website link, photo of their State Fair space, location at the 2019 State Fair, and their contact information. Guests will be able to click through to vendor websites to do their shopping. The link is: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/shops/>

The Minnesota State Fair competition department is offering four virtual showcases for 2020. Entry photos will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. Then State Fair staff picks will be announced on the fair's social media channels between Friday, Aug. 28 and Labor Day, Sept. 7.

The showcases include:
• **Cookie Decorating:** Decorate cookies depicting a favorite fair activity. One person, chosen by State Fair staff and notified by email, will receive two free tickets to the 2021 Minnesota State Fair.

• **Crop Art:** Join in virtually for the beloved crop art tradition. One entry in the advanced class and one entry in the amateur class, chosen by State Fair staff and notified by email, will each receive two free tickets to the 2021 Minnesota State Fair.

• **K-12 Artwork and Photography:** Students from across the state are welcome to submit their artwork and photography. All who enter will receive a certificate of participation via email. State Fair staff will select three photography and three drawing/painting entries from each grade to

feature on social media. Entries include photography (black and white or color) and drawing/painting (using any medium including but not limited to: crayons, markers, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media).

• **Quilt On-A-Stick:** One of the fair's most unique competitions, Quilt On-A-Stick features the 2020 theme, "Fishing in Minnesota: The One That Got Away." Maximum dimensions are 8" x 9" and can use any quilting method – machine or by hand – with a paint stirrer as the stick. This competition will be judged, and the top five submissions will be highlighted on social media.

More information on each showcase and how to enter can be found at the following link: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/competitions/competition-2020/>

In addition to the virtual showcases, the fair previously announced that the show will go on for the 2020 Fine Arts Exhibition of Minnesota. This one-of-a-kind showcase will feature amazing work by hundreds of artists from across the state selected through an online juried competition. Fair fans can get an up-close opportunity to view the exhibition during special in-person gallery showings from Thursday, Aug. 27 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, in the Fine Arts Center on the State Fairgrounds. Tickets for gallery showings are \$10 each and currently on sale. The exhibition is also available through a video-recorded tour and an online catalog, both available later this summer at no cost. For more information, visit the following link: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/competitions/fine-arts/fine-arts-exhibition-event/>

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2021 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 26 - Labor Day, Sept. 6.

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August 29, 2020

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RLCC High School is looking for a part-time kitchen assistant. Applications are online at rlcc2906.org or available in the Oklee Site office. Position open until filled. 022-23C

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The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a **Full-time Para Professional**. This position will be working directly with students. Applicants must have passed or be able to pass a para pro test and pass a background check. Please submit letter of interest, resume, and two references to:
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Essentia Health's back-to-school digital toolkit focuses on safety amid COVID-19

With schools preparing to reopen, families are deciding how their children will attend — in person, via distance learning or some combination of the two. Safety concerns stemming from COVID-19 ensure that the start of this school year will look vastly different than most. Essentia Health is excited to offer a back-to-school digital toolkit aimed at keeping students and educators safe at school. The toolkit contains resources for things like how to properly wear and clean a face mask; recommendations for effective social distancing inside and out of the classroom; additional safety precautions; and answers to frequently asked questions. Resources for educators and administrators include com-

prehensive school-planning guides from state departments of health, printable classroom posters and graphics, and more information about Essentia's COVID-19 community response team. "We all realize that sending our children to school during a pandemic is a scary thought," said Dr. Jonathan KenKnight, a pediatrician at Essentia. "That's why we have developed this toolkit — with input from our pediatricians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, child life specialists, the CDC and state departments of health — to bring you guidance and tips to help navigate this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in preparing for the next academic year. "We hope you find this re-

source helpful as you move forward to making a decision. Whether you choose to send your child to school or participate in distance learning, or some sort of in-between, we are here with you and support your decision as parents and caregivers." Also on the toolkit, you will find videos featuring: • Students, pre-K through high school, discussing their thoughts on returning to school and what they will do to stay safe • Essentia Health child life specialists Jessica Hotchkiss and Michelle Finneman demonstrating mask-wearing tips and tricks for youngsters • Dr. KenKnight talking about the challenges that surround this decision-making process for many parents

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NWROC Director of Operations Albert Sims explains, “COVID-19 has changed the way we’re interacting with each other and our stakeholders. Nevertheless, NWROC is still fulfilling our research and outreach mission to supply timely and valuable information to the agriculture community of NW Minnesota and the broader

state and region.”

Crops and Soils Day video topics include:

- Conservation drainage research
- Rye variety trials
- Do blackbirds have a preference between 2- and 6-row barley
- Search for resistance: Bacterial leaf streak of barley
- Resistance to Fusarium head blight in barley
- Fall vs. spring urea in Minnesota
- Management of Rhizoctonia in sugarbeet
- Spray application via drone
- Colorado potato beetle

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- Net blotch fungicide trial
- A new approach to managing white mold in Minnesota soybean

All are encouraged to visit nwroc.umn.edu to learn about the research work going on at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) in Crookston. The researchers featured in each video will be happy to answer questions about their projects via phone or email.

Contact Maureen Aubol at aub0002@umn.edu or 218.281.8602 with questions.

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one week prior to their states’ due dates to allow for timely receipt by election officials. Voters should contact their local election officials for further information about deadlines and other requirements.

In addition, the site provides resources to state and local election officials as part of the Postal Service’s ongoing efforts to partner with such officials to make the elections a success. The site guides election officials in contacting Postal Service personnel to discuss how they can design their mailings in a manner that comports with postal regulations, improves mail piece visibility and ensures efficient processing as well as timely delivery. The site also provides links to information, such as the official 2020 Official Election Mail Kit (Kit 600) and the State and Local Election Officials User’s Guide (Publication 632), both of which were distributed to 11,500 election officials earlier this year.

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Question: It seems like I am seeing more motorcycles than ever. Can you talk about their safety?

Answer: Here is some information that was shared on the Department of Public Safety’s blog: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20200824-make-every-motorcycle-ride-safe.aspx>

“With everything going on in the world today, a motorcycle ride can be the perfect escape. Leave your worries behind, put that helmet on, and head for the open road. Wearing proper protective gear can help keep you safe in case of a crash, but having good riding skills and a strategy can prevent a crash

from happening in the first place.

The number of motorcycle fatalities is high this year compared to past years with 42 rider deaths, according to preliminary reports. At this time last year, there were 31 rider deaths. August through fall is prime riding time for many Minnesota motorcyclists.

Here are steps you can take to reduce your risk of crashing:

- Ride sober.
- Wear highly visible protective gear, including a brightly colored helmet.
- Have a good riding strategy for every ride.

Motorcycle training is a great way to develop and improve safe riding skills, but time

is running out to register for the Basic Rider Course (BRC) to earn your endorsement. So register now for one of the 22 locations throughout Minnesota. More than 1,300 riders took the BRC in the first two months of the training season, which started the first week of June, and nearly 300 more riders took other MMSC training courses.

There are a limited number of intermediate courses still available too. This course is a great way to practice riding a new motorcycle or riding with a passenger. You can take the intermediate course with a passenger for no additional charge. MMSC offers advanced and expert training courses too, but those have wrapped up for the season. Challenge yourself to take a training course every year or two to keep your riding skills sharp — after all, training can make a huge difference in avoiding crashes. You can find details about all the training courses on the MMSC’s website, including eligibility requirements for each level.

You can register online for the motorcycle training courses that are available through September, but don’t wait. Courses are filling up. If you can’t take a training course this season, follow other safe riding tips to keep yourself and your passenger safe. Happy summer and happy riding!”

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp.JesseGrabow@state.mn.us.

Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Call the County Extension Agent!

The words came automatically as we observed close-up the ant hills mounting by the day.

“Call the County Extension Agent!” I hollered at the exact same moment as my husband. We both looked at each other and stared. I said it first.

“Wait! Do they still have them?” Honestly, neither of us knew the answer. However, our conversation continued.

“Remember the days when you could call and not only were you able to get a-hold of a real person, but you knew that person cared? And shortly, thereafter, they’d show up at your door ready and willing to take a look at the problem!”

The last agent we knew was Jim. Jim Stordahl to be exact and a relational problem solver he was. Not only did he show up, but he cared. He’d answer questions, converse about many a topic before heading out to research fully any and all questions we had.

How did we feel about Jim? We felt taken care of.

Speaking of being taken care of, has anyone, as of late, dialed a place of business when you needed to take care of business?

I did. Just the other day I dialed with a simple question to a place from which I was purchasing an item. I had a few questions that needed answering, and it was that simple. I was looking for reassurance that what I had ordered was coming. And so, I called.

It rang and rang and rang some more. Rather than give up by hanging up, I decided to hold on. I held on alright. For two straight hours the daunting music played on as I held on to hope that someone might care enough to pick up on the other end of the line. No one ever did.

As I pondered the situation, I’m not so sure I cared about the merchandise as I much as merely wanting my hope restored. I wanted the assurance that mankind still cared about the questions I had. After all, I grew up in an era where “the customer is always right.” In-other-words, if we were the

ones paying for things, then those from whom we purchased appreciated the business. They appreciated it enough to be gracious if not downright humble that you’d chosen to toss your money their way.

Jim, the County Extension Agent, never made us feel as though we were the problem, but rather the reason for his job which was to help solve the problems of others. We loved that about him. We felt valued, and there is great value in that.

It all goes back to the beginning I guess. Genesis 1:27 puts it this way, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Our value begins with the fact that we are made by the hand of the Creator in His image and likeness. That’s how the County Extension Agent always treated us, and that’s how all agents working in business could show value...not only seeing others as valued but by treating them in kind as well. Amen.

The Newer Styled Model A John Deere

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



Here are a couple of pictures of my Grandpa’s 1952 A John Deere that I pulled out of the tree row. It will be heading for restoration soon. I will keep you posted!!

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OBITUARIES

Obituary for Daniel Stauffer

Daniel Martin Stauffer, 87, of Leonard, Minnesota died on Friday, August 14, 2020 at his residence in Leonard, MN.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Stauffer Mennonite Church 42865 County 23 in Leonard, MN. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will be at the Stauffer Mennonite Cemetery in Leonard, MN.

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

Daniel was born on November 7, 1932, in Ephrata, Pennsylvania the son of David and Mary Martin Stauffer. Daniel married Grace (Auker) Stauffer on March 20, 1960. Daniel was a farmer and a member of the Stauffer Mennonite Church.

He is survived by his wife-Grace Stauffer of Leonard, MN.

Children: Daughter-Frances A (David) Martin of Port Trevorton, PA.

Son-Ivan A (Kimberly) Stauffer of Leonard, MN.

Daughter-Lily A. (Eugene) Martin of Hillsboro, OH.

Daughter- Rosemary A. (Harlan) Martin of Leonard, MN.

Daughter-Lena A. (James) Wenger of Port Trevorton, PA.

Daughter-Barbara A. (Daniel) Rissler of Port Trevorton, PA.

Daughter-Abigail A. (E. Clair) Zimmerman of Mattoon, IL.

Daughter-Dorcas A. (Benjamin) Stauffer of Shobonier, IL.

Son-Adam A. (Lois) Stauffer of Denver, PA.

Son-Robert A (Rosene) Stauffer of Leonard, MN.

Daughter-Suzanne A. (Richard) Brubaker of Port Trevorton, PA.

Sister-Mary (Rufus) Brubaker of Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA.

Sister-Elizabeth (Paul) Brubaker of Scottsville, KY.

Brother-Norman (Mary) Stauffer of Leonardtown, MD.

Brother-Levi (Elsie) Stauffer of Liverpool, PA

73 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-Minnie Stauffer; brother-Luke Stauffer; sister-Lena Brubaker; brother-David Stauffer; sister-Eva Brubaker; brother-John Stauffer.

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Obituary for June Bergeson

June Elizabeth (Bjornstad) Bergeson, 84, of Oklee, Minnesota died on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at her son's home in Trail, MN.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with Pastor Bob Kirchman Officiating. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the services at the church. Interment was held at the Silver Creek Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

June was born on May 20, 1936 in Leyden, North Dakota the daughter of Chester and Gertrude (Resler) Bjornstad. She was baptized July 5, 1936 at Walhalla Lutheran Church in Walhalla, ND. Her primary education was from Pembira County Schools in ND. June married Duane Bergeson on November 1, 1955 in Grand Forks, ND. While living in Hallock, MN, 3 children were born, Richard, Kathren, and Bonny. June and Duane were confirmed together on June 25, 1967 at Maple-Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Harwood, ND. On October 4, 1983, June earned her GED and it was recorded at the Walhalla, ND. School.

June and Duane farmed many years by Fargo, ND and Clearbrook, MN. She worked in Fargo, ND at the VA, where June was recognized for her service. While working there she was a seamstress and issued clothes to Doctors and staff for many years. She had a number of volunteer hours

with Elvin & Jewel Erickson traveling with them to sing at various Nursing Homes, Jam Sessions, Rallag, Itasca Pioneer Days, and the Buena Vista Logging Days. June retired to the Pelican Rapids Lakes area and has lived in Oklee the past 20 years, before moving to her son's residence in July.

June loved farming and farm animals of all kinds, especially her dairy cows. She always raised a big garden, was constantly sewing making her children's clothes and also made stuffed animals. She enjoyed making crafts of all kinds; wood items, lots of Christmas decorations, embroidery and made homemade gifts for everyone. She took great delight in decorating for the holidays.

She is survived by her son Richard (Linda) Bergeson

Daughter- Bonny Stormo

Grandchildren- Rick's Children: Skip (Angel), Lindsay (Chris), Scott (Jenna), Skyler (Leah), Lisa (Riley)

Kathy's Children: Kris (Gary), Kyle (Britta), Kelvin (Monica), Kenny (Hannah)

Bonny's Children: Stacy (Josh), Jeremy (Lindsey), Justin (Marisa)

19- Great Grandchildren and 2- Step Great Grandchildren

Brother- Earl Bjornstad of Walhalla, ND.

Sisters-in-law-Dee Neumann of Leander, TX; Signe Bergeson of Bagley, MN; Donna Anderson of Greenbush, MN; Donnis Hendrickson of Fargo, ND; Dorene (Tony) Wood of San Luis Obispo, CA; Paula Bergeson of Arlington, WA.

Brother-in-law- Daryl (Nancy) Bergeson of Bagley, MN

Numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Duane (1979); daughter-Kathren June Johnson (2019); son-in-law-Wes Johnson; her parents; her brothers-Willard (Doreen), Clarence (Dolly); her infant sister-Leone; nephew-Patrick Bjornstad; brothers-in-law-Donald Bergeson, Darwin Bergeson, Ron Neumann, and Edsel Anderson

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Obituary for Kenneth Walberg

Kenneth Karroll Walberg, aged 66, died on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, MN after a 4-year battle with kidney cancer and subsequent, related ailments.

He was born in Clearbrook, Minnesota to Karroll and Beverly (Bjerke) Walberg on March 29, 1954 and was the eldest of four boys. After attending his first year of school in Arvilla, North Dakota where his family moved for a short time, he continued and finished his education in Clearbrook, where he graduated in 1972. Throughout his junior and high school years, Kenny enjoyed playing sports,

participating in basketball in seventh and eighth grade, wrestling in grades nine through 12 and football from the seventh grade through the 12th grade where he got the nickname "Crazy Legs" because of the way he ran.

A lifelong bachelor, he was an avid sportsman, enjoying deer hunting from the time he got his first deer (at around age 12 with a 44-40), and fishing, especially ice-fishing, though he personally didn't much care for the taste of fish. Kenny went to work for the Soo Line Railroad, which later became the Canadian Pacific Railroad, in 1972 and continued there until he retired in 2014. He then briefly worked as a mail carrier for the Clearbrook post office, leaving that job upon his diagnosis.

Kenny is survived by parents Karroll and Beverly (Bjerke) Walberg, brothers Steve Walberg, Randy (Tia) Walberg, Stanley (LeAnne) Walberg, nieces Heidi Walberg, Abigail (Ben) Miller, Chrissy Walberg, Ashley Walberg, nephews Daniel Conner, Zachary Walberg, Simon (Kayla) Walberg, Adam Walberg and 7 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Oliver and Esther Walberg and Edwin and Astrid Bjerke.

Obituary for Edgar Olson

Edgar Laverne Olson, age 82, of Fosston, MN, passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, August 20th, at Madison Healthcare Services Hospital in Madison, MN. The family will have a private burial and will arrange a Celebration of Life once COVID restrictions are lifted. Interment will be in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Queen Township. Memorials are preferred and may be dropped at the funeral home in Fosston. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Edgar was born on October 19, 1937 in Fosston, MN to Ida (Haugen) Olson and Anton Olson. Edgar was the eldest of five children born to Ida and Anton.

Raised in rural Fosston on the family homestead, Edgar grew up speaking Norwegian and only learned English when he began attending Sunnyside Country School. He always said it wasn't a problem as all the store owners in Fosston at that time also spoke Norwegian (except for the candy store, and there he could just point at what he wanted!).

Edgar attended Fosston High School (Class of 1955) where he played football, basketball, and was very active in 4-H and FFA, receiving his American Farmer Degree. He briefly attended NDSU, and returned to farming full time.

Appropriately for a farmer, Edgar met his first wife, Phyllis Marquardt, at the 1956 Minnesota State Livestock Show in St. Paul--he was exhibiting sheep and she had the prize-winning steer! Edgar and Phyllis married on October 27, 1957 and made their home on the family homestead in Fosston. Edgar and Phyllis had two children, Kristine (1964) and Jon (1968). The family raised beef, prize-winning Hampshire sheep, small grains and corn on their farm and always had a beloved border collie or two as well. Sadly, Phyllis passed away in 1991.

During his life Edgar was an active leader in the local community—whether 4-H and FFA, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the East Polk County Fair Board, the Red River Valley Winter Shows Board, and the Garden Valley Telephone Board. He also served on the Essential Health Hospital Board and the Ultima Bank Board.

Edgar was also active in

many industry groups—most notably the American Sheep Producers Council for which he served as national President. He merged this association with the National Woolgrowers Association and created the American Sheep Industry (ASI) association and served as its first president.

Having been active politically with the Democrat Farm Labor Party (DFL) throughout his life, Edgar was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives in 1984, representing District 2B, and served in the legislature until 1998.

Edgar also served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)—a position which he held for 8 years until he retired in 2006.

Edgar met his second wife, Julie Bleyhl, through their shared interests in agriculture and politics. The couple were together for many years and most recently resided in Madison and Roseville, MN. Edgar and Julie also enjoyed traveling, especially their trips to Australia, New Zealand and Norway. They enjoyed their times with Julie's parents, Lillian and Emerson, as well as the many farm cats they adopted—most recently 'Little Guy'--Edgar's favorite cat.

Edgar enjoyed seeing his grand-children grow-up—particularly watching their sporting events—and travelled to visit Jon and Dee in their new home in California. He also regularly travelled to visit Kristine and Bryan in England where over the years they went to many UK and European agriculture shows. Highlights of which were the Paris Farm Show and seeing the livestock auction yard in Perth, Scotland, from which one of his bulls had been purchased many years before. Edgar loved traveling and the related experiences and was very proud that he had visited 47 of the 50 states in his lifetime, as well as the UK, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain and Norway.

Edgar was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis (Marquardt) Olson, his parents, Anton and Ida Olson, and his brother Arlen Olson. Also preceding him were his parent in-laws, Herold and Esther Marquardt and Lillian Bleyhl; his sisters-in-law Helen Marquardt and Judy (Duane) Olson, and his brothers-in-law Duane (Clarice) Dietrich and Earl (MaryAnn) Young.

Edgar is survived by his wife, Julie Bleyhl and his father-in-law, Emerson Bleyhl, of Madison; his daughter Kristine Olson-Chapman and her husband Bryan Chapman, of London, England; his son Jon Olson and his wife Dee, along with their children—Marie, Kate, Sophie and Jake--all of El Dorado Hills, CA. He is also survived by his sisters, Clarice Dietrich of East Grand Forks, and Marion (Andy) Grondahl of Fosston, and his brother, Duane Olson of Fosston and his sister-in-law MaryAnn Young of Faribault.

Thank You

The family of Albert Graftaas would like to thank everyone for their concern and friendship following Albert's death. You have all played a part in a tribute to a life well lived. We are in awe of all the friends he has made along his life journey.

Thank you to the Sheriff Dept., EMT's, Nola and Eileen for being here so fast. Thank you to Carlin Funeral home, Pastor Jane Ekholm and Rich Fredine. Thanks Terri Godtland, Shawna, Trista, Megan, Lauren, Gretchen, Hunter, Catherine and Linda Rusten for the music. Thanks to the Samhold ladies who helped with the "bag" lunch. It was great. Thanks to the pallbearers and for all of the food brought to the house. Also thanks for all of the beautiful flowers.

Sharing the song Catherine wrote for her grandpa: "Thank you for always being there, all the memories that we shared. We'll hold you close to our hearts... all the lessons learned from you."

We know you're home now, but wish you were home with us, but you're home with God and we have to trust we'll meet again and there is no end to our love for you.

Goodbye Grandpa... We love you and we will never forget you.

Shirley, Brian, Eric and families

Death notice for Joyce Ronning

Joyce A. Ronning, 91, of

Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

Graveside services and interment will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Fosston, Minnesota with Crosswire Ministries officiating. There will be a visitation thirty minutes prior. Please bring your own chair for the services. Due to COVID-19 masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

There will be a full obituary in next week's Canary.

Obituary for Polly Englund

Polly (Gram) Englund, 78 of Thief River Falls, MN passed away peacefully on Friday, August 21, 2020 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Reverend Ken Bowman Officiating. Burial will be at Northwood Cemetery north of Grygla, MN. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Polly Ann Englund was born February 6, 1942 in Midland, South Dakota to Milford and Clara (Olesen) Gram. The family moved to Moose River when she was about 6 months old. She attended Grygla school through 8th grade. She attended Goodridge High school graduating in 1960. She moved to Thief River Falls, MN to live with the Muzzy family. While in school she enjoyed twirling baton and played on a woman's basketball team.

On January 14, 1961 Polly was united in marriage to Melvin Englund in East Grand Forks, MN. They started a family soon thereafter and continued to live in East Grand Forks. They moved to the Englund family farm outside of Grygla in 1962. As the family increased in size, Polly worked at home as a housewife until the children were of school age. Throughout her life Polly worked at a variety of jobs and gained many skills. She worked in the potato fields, turkey plant, planting trees, Arctic Cat clothing, Marvin Windows, cooked at the Grygla school and was a home health aide. When she had the opportunity, she attended community education classes and learned how to reupholster furniture

and decorate cakes and sign language. In addition, she taught knitting and crochet classes. She worked for Machinewell in Grygla where she retired at the age of 62 in order to enjoy fishing at Springsteel Resort in Warroad, MN.

Polly enjoyed all types of crafts including quilting, embroidery, knitting and crocheting. She loved playing cards, and video games, flower gardening and spending time with her family and friends. For the past four years she spent time laughing, cooking, eating and creating with her many friends at Skylite apartments.

Polly is survived by her children, Michael (Lynette) Englund of Warroad, MN, Margie (John) Jones of Mounds View, MN, Robert (Wendy) Englund of Grygla, MN, Stacy (Kris) Englund-Petrich of Hibbing, MN; grandchildren Jessica (Spencer) Lahr of Waverly, MN, Jamie (James Elwood) Englund of Thief River Falls, MN, Ann Jones of Columbia Heights, MN, Chelsi (Caleb) Lindley of Gonvick, MN, Jacob Jones of Minneapolis, MN, Austin (Samantha) Englund of Grygla, MN, Saphire (Blake) Walker of Thief River Falls, MN and Topanga Brown of Thief River Falls, MN; great-grandchildren, Arrow, Zelly, and Thistle Lindley, Bexleigh Lahr (one on the way) and Otto Englund. Sisters Bev Hough of Bemidji, MN, Donna (Jim) McNally of King of Prussia, PA, Lois (Dale) Anderson of Middle River, MN, Pat Thompson of Northome, MN, Merrilee (Ross) Shoultz of Lastrup, MN and Melissa Wolf of Casa Grande, AZ; Brothers Kay (Irene) Gram of Rochester, MN and Dale (Linda) Gram of Bloomington, MN, along with several nieces and nephews as well as the Loopy Ladies from Skylite apartments.

Polly is preceded in death by her husband Melvin on March 3, 2020, parents, siblings infant Larry & Duane Gram.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lois Anderson and Lois Peterson "In The Garden" and "We Have This Moment"

SPECIAL MUSIC: THE GIRLS

CASKET BEARERS: All of Polly's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

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Bemidji Speedway racing season winding down

8/23/2020

By Dennis Peterson

The racing season at Bemidji Speedway is rapidly winding down with just one night of racing for points left after Sunday nights races. Next Sunday is "Track Championship" night with each of the seven classes vying for the season points championship in each class. Races start at 5:PM.

But, the racing season will continue with the Annual Paul Bunyan Stampede slated for September 26th and 27th with a starting time of 4:PM for Saturday the 26th and 2:PM for Sunday's races. Joining the field will be the Northern Renegade Sprints once again. Also, on October 3rd the track will host the first "October Slam" endurance race. The race is a 100 lap challenge broken into three segments. The first and second segments will be 33 laps and the final segment set for 34 laps with a 5:PM starting time.

New at the speedway added this week was additional grandstand seating on the west end of the track for increased social distancing space and safety.

It was a hot and steamy night for racing on Sunday with a grand total of 99 cars in the pits including the 16 Northern Renegade Wingless Sprints. During intermission the track, drivers and crews donated 81 "school backpacks" to be given out to school age children packed with school supplies and race photos of the drivers. Lots of happy faces all around.

Wissota Pure

Stock Feature:

The Wissota Pure Stocks were led on track for their feature by Dawson Kimble on the pole and Michael Roth to his right. Roth raced to the lead followed by Josh Berg, Kimble, Margo Butcher and Al Sadek Sr. Roth quickly extended his lead to a near quarter lap and picked up his second feature win in two weeks at Bemidji Speedway. Berg was second with Kade Leeper, the current point leader in the class third. He was followed by Butcher and Joey LaValley. The track championship next week will be decided between Leeper, Sadek and Austin Carlson who are all within three points of each other.

Wissota Midwest

Modified Feature:

Mike Johnson and Bret Schmidt led the field of Wissota Midwest Mods to the green flag with Schmidt grabbing the early lead over Skyler Smith, Brandon Bahr, Jason LaValley



Nathan Higginbotham of Bagley raises his hands to the sky in celebration of his Wissota Super Stock feature win Sunday night. Photos taken by Dennis Peterson.

and Alan Olafson. Following an early caution and restart Smith dropped back to 4th with both Bahr and Olafson getting passed him. Smith regained the third spot passing Olafson with Jeff Reed now in fifth from his fourth row starting position. Out front Schmidt held a sizeable lead and was in control but a caution for contact between Reed and Aaron Blacklance sending Blacklance to the pits for repairs brought the field back together again. Smith regained second with a high side pass of Bahr and then continued racing the highside to pass Schmidt for the lead in a terrific comeback for the #16 of Smith. Smith collected the checkered flag with Bahr moving up to take second followed by Olafson, Schmidt and Reed.

Bemidji Mini

Stock Feature:

Cory Nelson and Travis Klein led the Bemidji Mini Stocks on track with Nelson grabbing control early followed by Klein, Waylon Current, Billy Foster and Kalin Honer. Klein dropped back several positions as Foster and Current moved into second and third. Nelson was in cruise control with a huge lead but Foster now in second was beginning to gain ground on the leader with each lap raced. With three laps he was on the leaders rear bumper and the last lap with Nelson going just a bit high Foster raced into the lead to pick up the win. Nelson was second, Current, Honer and Ashton Schwinn was fifth.

Wissota Super

Stocks Feature:

The Wissota Super Stock Feature front line was held by Nathan Higginbotham and Nicholas Jacobson. As flagman Cole



Blake Erickson of Bagley salutes the cheering crowd after his Wissota Mod Four feature win Sunday night.

Isensee waved the green flag it was Jacobson powering to the lead chased by Higginbotham, Dalton Carlson, Tim Carlson, and John Farrington in a very fast start on the fast track. The field quickly spread out around the track and the two Carlson's dueling for third each trading places with the other before the youth (Dalton) grabbed the spot. Matt Sparby started dead last in the feature and was making up ground quickly charging through traffic into the top five. A few laps later Sparby was in third. A tangle up of cars in turn four slowed the race sending the leader to the pits along with two other cars handing the lead over to Higginbotham for the restart. The restart was a war between the leader Higginbotham and the late charging Sparby with Sparby making advances side by side but never able to make the pass and Higginbotham held on for the feature win, his first of the summer. Sparby was second with Dalton Carlson, Tim Carlson and Farrington in the top five.

Wissota Mod

Four Feature:

Next on track the Wissota Mod Fours rolled on track led by Dean Shaver on the pole. At the green flag it was outside front row starter Blake Erickson who took the lead with Dean Larson, Conrad Schwinn, Shaver, and Nicole Fedra in the top five. Larson moved up high and Schwinn took the advantage racing into second. Third row starter

Tommy Bawden was on the move racing into third as Larson dropped to fourth. The leaders began to lap traffic with Bawden passing Schwinn for second and slowing began to gain ground on Erickson in the lead but the laps ran out and Erickson picked up the win and drover to Victory Lane. Bawden, Schwinn, Larson, and Shaver took home top five honors.

Wissota Hornet Feature:

Jordan Thayer and Chase Goliet led the field of Wissota Hornets down the front straight with the typical four and five wide battle down the back straight to decide who would lead the race. Travis Olafson grabbed the lead with Ross Magnusson in second followed by Goliet, Justin Barsness and Terry Romick III in the top five. Magnusson challenged Olafson right to the finish but Olafson held his line and picked up the win. Magnusson was second with Barsness, Romick III, and Stephen Boyd trailing.

Wissota Modified Feature:

The final race of the night was the Wissota Modifieds led on track by Ron Reed with Doyle Erickson outside. Erickson raced to the early lead but Davey Mills drove up on the inside and passed Erickson on the back straight before the yellow flag waved for an incident in turn three. The restart had Mills out front, Erickson, Josh Beaulieu, Reed and Lance Schilling trailing. When the green flag again waved it was Beaulieu up to challenge Erickson for second racing door to door as Mills increased his lead over the field. Erickson kept his second spot as Mills held onto the lead through another caution late to claim another feature win in 2020. Erickson was second, Beaulieu, Schilling and Reed made up the top five.

Northern Renegade

Wingless Sprints:

Feature winner.....Ken Hron
No other results available

Four more first time winners at Greenbush Race Park

by Keith Cumming
It was another warm and sticky night for racing at the

Greenbush Race Park, which included a modest car count and only three cautions flew over the six features made for a quick night of racing.

It was another light field of Modifieds on hand but Jordan Duray of Karlstad, Mn., would be out in front early from the pole. Duray would hold onto the lead until new dad, Aaron Holtan of Newfolden, Mn., would make the pass for the lead on lap six coming out of corner two. The only caution came at the halfway point and even through the restart Holtan was able to hold everyone off, but late in the race it looked like Holtan developed some type of mechanical issue. Holtan had enough to hold on to get the win and the sweep, but had to be pushed into victory lane. This was Holtan's third win on the year and second in a row. Mark Esala of Thief River Falls, Mn., finished second and Duray third.

The Streets would send 11 cars to take the green flag, and outside polesitter Ryan Johnson of Karlstad, Mn., would be in command from the start. A caution about halfway through put everyone on Johnson's bumper, but on the restart he was in command once again. A good four car battle for second between Doug Van Mill of Bagley, Mn., Jerome Berger of Badger, Mn., Joe Potter of Euclid, Mn., and Jeremy Gust of Strathcona took place after the restart with Berger eventually getting the edge and then started to put pressure on Johnson, but Johnson would hold everyone off to get his second win and a sweep of the evening. Berger would finish second and Potter third. John Halvorson of Warren, Mn., picked up the other heat win.

The 11 car Midwest Modified feature would run 15 laps caution free and Gary James Nelson of Ponemah, Mn., would lead all 15 of those laps. Nelson started outside second row, and had to hold off Ronnie Novacek of Greenbush, Mn., and then a few laps later Justin Olson of Thief River Falls, Mn. Nelson would go on to pick up his first GRP win of the year, Olson would finish second and Patrick Sobolik of Hallock, Mn., third. Heat wins went to Connor Graff of Greenbush, Mn., and Hunter Hougard of Warren, Mn.

Steve Nordhagen of Thief River Falls, Mn., would sit on the pole for the 12 Pure Stock feature and would lead the first three laps before Austin Brekkestran of Thief River Falls, Mn., would make the pass for the lead out of corner four. Brekkestran started fourth and late in the race would have to hold off the hard charging Dusty Caspers of Bagley, Mn. But Brekkestran was able to hold Caspers off for his first GRP win of the year and a sweep of the evening. Caspers would finish second and win the other heat and Ryan Hagen of Thief River Falls, Mn., was third.

Only eight Lightning Sprints were on hand for their feature and it would be polesitter Jason Berg of West Fargo, N.D. out to the early lead. But coming from outside row two was Dexter Dvergsten of Greenbush, Mn., and he made the pass for the lead down the front stretch on lap two. The only caution in this race came on lap five, and on the restart Dvergsten was gone and was never challenged over the last 10 laps to get his first GRP feature win of the year and a sweep of the evening. Alex Truscinski of Greenbush, Mn., would finish second and father Alan Truscinski also of Greenbush, Mn., third.

The 4 Cylinders would also run their feature caution free and in the end someone other than John Current of Bemidji, Mn., was in victory lane. Kalin Honer of Laporte, Mn., started inside second row and was never challenged for the lead as he went on to get his first ever GRP feature win and sweep of the evening. Current would finish second and Cory Nelson of Leonard, Mn., third.

Just two weekends of racing remain at the Park and up next will be our Lightning Sprint special. Joining the Lightning Sprints will be the Modifieds, Streets, Midwest Modifieds, Pure Stocks, and Outlaw Mini Mods. Pit gates open at 4:30, grandstands at 5:30. Cutoff for the draw is at 6pm with racing starting at 7pm sharp. Masks and social distancing are suggested. For more info check us out on the web at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>, or our Facebook page at Official Greenbush Race Park.

Facing east, 90 minutes before sunrise
September 14

Beehive Star Cluster

• Venus

Waning Moon

Minnesota Starwatch for September 2020

By Deane Morrison

September gets right down to business with a full moon the night of the 1st. It makes a solo journey across the night sky, there being no bright stars close to it. Only lonely Fomalhaut, the mouth of Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish, will glimmer below the bright lunar disk.

But the full moon will be about midway between bright planets. Off to the west, brilliant Jupiter and dimmer Saturn are high in the south at nightfall. Off to the east, Mars climbs over the horizon a couple of hours before midnight, its ruby orb waxing to rival Jupiter as Earth catches up to it in the orbital race.

The night of the 5th, a waning moon rises close to Mars. The moon will be reddened like a rising sun—or the planet that appears ready to ride the moon across the night sky. By the predawn hour, however, the moon and Mars will have shifted positions, with the moon now higher than the red planet.

The evening sky will be moon-free for about two weeks in the middle of September. Get out your star chart and look for the fall "water" constellations Capricornus, the sea goat; Pisces, the fishes; and Aquarius, the water bearer. Or even dim Piscis Austrinus. And watch the Great Square of Pegasus make

its grand entrance in the east.

In the predawn sky, a last quarter moon shines high on the 10th. Look to the east on the 14th, when a crescent moon appears close to luminous Venus and the dim but lovely Beehive star cluster.

Fall arrives with the autumnal equinox at 8:31 a.m. on the 22nd. At that moment the sun crosses the equator into the southern sky and an observer in space would see Earth lighted from pole to pole. Also, from then until spring, the day length shortens as we go farther north.

The University of Minnesota's public viewings of the night sky at its Duluth and Twin Cities campuses have been curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, see:

Duluth, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium: www.d.umn.edu/planet

Twin Cities, Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics: www.astro.umn.edu/outreach/pub-night

Check out astronomy programs, free telescope events, and planetarium shows at the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum: www.bellmuseum.umn.edu/astronomy

Find U of M astronomers and links to the world of astronomy at <http://www.astro.umn.edu>

2020/2021 Race Schedule

It is with great excitement today that we announce the 2020 / 2021 schedule has been filled; Detroit Lakes will be hosting our early Jan race.

This past Wednesday we met via Zoom with the Detroit Lakes Tourism about bringing back the Detroit Lakes 200, with support from the Holiday Inn already in place the Tourism dept. approved bringing the event back for the upcoming season. Originally our goal was a Jan 9/10 date as Jan 2/3 was one of the alternate dates for the Pine Lake race but there is multiple events already on the schedule in Detroit Lakes for the 9/10 weekend and hotel availability was minimal. With that information we asked Pine Lake to adjust their back up date which they did so Detroit Lakes will now fit in the Jan 2/3 date.

There is a lot of history with the Detroit Lakes 200 event and we wanted to bring that back with the new Cor PowerSports National XC Race series.

This event will be a plowed lake race routed entirely on Detroit Lake with pits based in front of the Holiday Inn.

Last week we also spent three days in Northern MN meeting with race venues and finalizing details for their events as well, with that trip and this week's meeting with Detroit Lakes we will have a nine race season. With that we will have one throw out race from season points BUT the I-500 cannot be your throw out event.

Here is our 2021 schedule:

- Dec 12/13 Gonvick, MN
- Jan 2/3 Detroit Lakes, MN
- Jan 23/24 Park Rapids, MN
- Jan 30/31 Thief River Falls, MN
- Feb 13/14 I-500 Goodridge, MN
- Feb 27/28 Warroad, MN
- Mar 6/7 Naytahwaush, MN
- Mar 27/28 Bessemer, MI
- Apr 10/11 Biwabik, MN

Bessemer & Biwabik will be the MESC format style events as we have done for the past five seasons, with that format Hillclimb and Hill X run on Saturday of those events then Sunday we will route a xc course over the entire ski hill property (snow depending).

We are excited to have the schedule finalized so now we can focus on securing event sponsors and getting the infrastructure in place for the events.

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