



Tri County Canary

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New Shooting Star facilities scheduled to open June 2016

A Groundbreaking Ceremony took place south of Bagley last Thursday for a second Shooting Star Casino.

The new casino, which will include a bar and grill, is located on Clearwater County Highway 27 between Bagley and Ebro. The 21,400 square-foot building is being designed by Cunningham Group in Minneapolis.

In the next several days construction workers will establish the foundation and footing for the new facility. Once completed the next step will be to construct the exterior of the building which will allow work to continue inside through the winter months.

In the spring parking lots will be poured and paved and the business is expecting an opening date in June 2016.

They expect about 61 new jobs in the area and an economic boost to the areas of Bagley and Ebro.

A third casino near Dent, MN will begin construction in 2016 with an opening date in 2017. That location will include slots, tables, a bar and grill, a ballroom, a buffet as well as house a gift shop, deli, hotel and an RV park.



Pictured from left: Sam Olbekson, project designer from Cunningham Group, Tammy Loeffler, of Loeffler Construction, Bill Marsh, general manager from the Shooting Star Casino, Tara Mason, secretary and treasurer of White Earth Nation, Eugene Klinke, public relations coordinator for Shooting Star Casino, Steven "Punky" Clark, of the White Earth Tribal Council, Kathy Goodwin, of the White Earth Tribal Council, and Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, of the White Earth Tribal Council. *Photo submitted.*



Greg Blue (right) performs a traditional song with other members of the Mahnomen Singers at the groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday for a second Shooting Star Casino. *Photo submitted.*



Architectural renderings of the new Shooting Star Casino that is being built south of Bagley, Minn.



Pictured from left: Gabe Amon, Crookston; Twilia Evans (accepting for her husband Ron), Ulen and Dave Vanderhoff from East Grand Forks.

Tri-Valley Veterans Recognized for Service in Senior Corps Local Foster Grandparent In-service training puts spotlight on veterans serving through Senior Corps

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.'s Foster Grandparent Program of NW MN, in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), recognized veterans who have continued their service to America as Senior Corps volunteers.

The event, held in Crookston on November 6, recognized these dedicated individuals as members of National Veteran Corps, which is part of a larger effort to raise awareness of the value veterans bring to communities. The event is one of nearly 200 ceremonies featuring National Veteran Corps pin presentation taking place across the country throughout the month of November.

ans and their families is deep and it's twofold: We serve them and we ask them to serve with us. National service gives our heroes a new mission on the Homefront, a pathway to opportunity, and a better transition to civilian life," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "The National Veterans Corps recognizes the family of Senior Corps volunteers carrying out the spirit of our shared values of devotion, honor, and service to our great nation. This month is an opportunity to salute those who are serving our country again, while bringing attention to the critical work being done by veterans-focused national service programs."

are veterans were presented with a special pin, joining thousands of national service members across the country in the National Veterans Corps. They are a part of the Foster Grandparent Program of NW MN. Gabe, Ron and Dave have provided countless hours to children throughout our service area states Heidi Simmons, director of Senior Programs. These three Veterans have been a part of the program for 12, 9, and 7 years respectively, making an impact in over 350+ children's lives.

To be a part of the Foster Grandparent program and add your impact to a child's life, please contact the Foster Grandparent Program at 1-800-584-7020 or 218-281-5832.

Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts

The Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts is a highly anticipated, bi-annual fund-raising event and will be held Sunday, November 29th at the Fosston Library and Art Center. Preview of items begins at 1:00. FREE food and entertainment. Silent and live auction. Visit our facebook page: Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts or call 218-280-6957 for information.



Bill Henney, know in Fosston as "The Honey Man" has donated some of this all-natural, sweet treat. Available for bidding at the auction.



Collette Fish and Char Slough have created this hand-pieced and machine quilted queen-sized, heirloom quality quilt for the auction. This item will be raffled.



Tom Hemphill, well-known retired Fosston teacher, is shown with a selection of his hand-carved fish decoys.

Around the Tri County Canary area

Happy Birthday, Claudine Walton

a.k.a. "Mama Bear"

Please join us for lunch to celebrate

80 wonderful years at the Gonvick Legion

from 1:00-4:00

Saturday, Nov. 21



Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Presents Student Art Exhibit

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is delighted to showcase the Autumn Northwest Minnesota Student Art Exhibit in our East Grand Forks gallery. The work of over thirty students attending four schools is being featured from November 15th through November 29th. Participating students and their art teachers submitted a variety of art styles and media reflecting their lessons from this school year's first quarter.

Nineteen of Deb Aune's high school students in Greenbush-Middle River created whimsical Calaca Dolls from found objects to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Students contributing sculptures to this exhibit are Jordan Hendricksen, Annabelle Chaplinski, Jonathan Mathews, Josh Koehmsted, Chris Koehmsted, Casey Ryan Gram, Callahan Stewart, Caitlin Wahl, McKenzie Lynn Berge, Emily Wicklund, Tyler Allen, Austin John



Calaca Dolls, Greenbush-Middle River students.

Aune, Jordan Brandon, Nicholas Kaml, Shantelle Gustafson, and Kristy Raye Williamson.

High school pupils of Betsy Saurdiff in Goodridge-Grygla used pencil and colored pencil to create living figures and other objects in either realistic or textural styles. Participating students in this showcase are Benji Wilebski, Hannah Dietsch, Jeremy Wiskow, Jesse Wiskow, Kristin Farris, Samantha Kraulik, Olivia Tykward, Samantha Kraulik, Anthony Loken, Arman Duyar, and Ashley Moe.

Crookston instructor Gary Stegman submitted a variety of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artworks his students created using acrylics, pencil, ceramic, or aluminum wire. Juniors and Seniors whose works are included are Alyssa Schultz, Gunnar Roed, Presley Chandler, and Marie Sandman. Students of Chris Kirchner

at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo created paintings depicting loved ones, places, or things of importance in their lives. Participating students are Samantha, Jacob, Alexandra, Amanda, Fostyn, Rebecca, Courtney, and Ashton.

A reception for the artists and teachers will be held Sunday, November 29th, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the gallery. The Northwest Minnesota Student Art Exhibit is free to the public at the Arts Council Gallery inside the River Walk Artists shop and gallery, 211 Demers Ave, located in the Riverwalk Theater Mall, East Grand Forks, MN. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange a private showing, or for information, please call the Arts Council office at: 218-745-9111, or T. Jacobson at 218-965-4216; or email NWMAC director Mara Wittman at mara@nwrdc.org.



Feather; Ashley Moe, Grygla HS



Marriage celebration

Please join us in celebrating the marriage of Joseph and Kelly (Starkey) Lee on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 1-4 pm at the McIntosh Community Center.

If you would like to help them furnish their home, they are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Everyone is welcome.

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Engagement announcement

Holly & Mark Spong, along with Darby & Gene Trontvedt, would like to announce the engagement and wedding of their children, Brianna Marie Spong and Cody Allan Trontvedt. Brianna and Cody are both 2011 graduates of RLCC-Oklee. Brianna is currently employed as an LPN at Pioneer Memorial

Care Center in Erskine and is a student at NCTC in the RN program. Cody attended the Minnesota School of Diving in Brainerd and is currently employed with Hegge Farms of Oklee.

A December 5, 2015 wedding is planned at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.



King of the Pencils; Kristin Farris, Goodridge HS.

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Red Lake County Sheriff

Official News Release 11/16/2015

On the evening of 11/09/15, law enforcement officers from the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Daniel Gabriel Proulx (32) of Red Lake Falls. Mr. Proulx was stopped by law enforcement officers in his vehicle on CR. # 13 in Red Lake Falls Township.

Mr. Proulx was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and he also had a loaded .45 caliber pistol in the center console of his vehicle. Several other illegal items were later seized at Proulx's residence in Red Lake Falls. He was arrested and taken to the Correctional

Facility in Crookston and he was charged with Controlled Substance Crime in the 5th Degree (Felony) and was also charged for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, which is a Gross Misdemeanor offense. He made his first court appearance to face these charges on 11/12/15 in District Court in Thief River Falls. He was held in custody until he appeared in court in Red Lake Falls on the morning of 11/16/15. At that court appearance, Mr. Proulx pleaded guilty to both counts and he was released from custody, with several release conditions, and he will return to court in Red Lake Falls on 12/21/15 for formal sentencing on these charges.

Ecumenical Service at Zion in Oklee

On Sunday, November 22nd, an Ecumenical Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. This is a joint service of the Oklee Lutheran Parish and the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish and has become a tradition in Oklee with the service rotating between the two churches.

Members from both parishes are joining together for an evening of great music, worship before the Thanksgiving holiday and fellowship.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22nd and this year is being held at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee. After the program coffee and bars will be served in the fellowship hall.

Mark your calendar and come worship with your friends and family at the Ecumenical Service at Zion Lutheran in Oklee.

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Job Title: Area Certification Specialist
Location: 240 Cleveland Ave., P.O. Box 57, McIntosh, MN 56556

Classification: Full-time, temporary. Position is contact based with continued position funding
Contingent on successful program implementation and funding by MN Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Salary Range: \$45,000 - \$50,000, dependent upon qualifications and experience

Benefits: Health Benefit, Paid Time Off, Holidays, Retirement Benefits

Closing Date: November 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

The East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for an Area Water Quality Certification Specialist

This position will be under the direct supervision of the District Manager and the East Polk SWCD Board of Supervisors, this position will lead promotion, implementation, and reporting for the MN Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) throughout North Area 1 including Lake of the Woods, Beltrami and Clearwater Counties of Area 8. The position works directly with landowners throughout the area and through local SWCD offices. The goal of this position is assisting agriculture producers in becoming water quality certified through the MDA program, and training local SWCD staff in the certification process. The Area Certification Specialist position must be able to work independently with occasional supervision of the SWCD Manager and direction from MDA program managers.

Position Duties:

- Completes whole farm assessments for producers and landowners seeking MAWQCP certification. This includes gathering background data, producer interviews, completion of MAWQCP assessment tool runs and field verifications.
- Provides recommendations to producers for resolving water quality resource concerns.
- Directs producers to resources that can provide technical and financial assistance for resource concerns identified during the MAWQCP process.
- Reviews the work done by licensed certifying agents in their assigned region and acts as the official certifier by signing contracts and certification records.
- Works with the Field Operations and Training Coordinator to provide guidance to Certifying Agent trainees in their region.
- Serves as the program liaison to the SWCDs and NRCS field offices within their region as well as to other LGUs that interact with the program.
- Organize and facilitate program promotional outreach activities within their region. This includes making presentations to groups.
- Assist other Area Certification Specialists as requested and when appropriate.
- Attend MAWQCP training events as well as appropriate conferences to stay current with water quality, conservation and agronomy topics.
- Keep record of activities and accomplishments and submit reports to MDA as requested.

Administrative Tasks

- Assist with assigned SWCD vehicle maintenance.
- Keep detailed time records and prepare biweekly pay period time sheet, monthly board report, annual accomplishment report, and other reports as requested.

Position Requirements:

- Ability to attain Certified Conservation Planner and/or Certified Nutrient Management Planner status through Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

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- CCA, CPAG, CPCSc or CPSSc status from the American Society of Agronomy or CPCC from NAICC with registration as a TSP with NRCS encouraged with certification for CAP104 or CAP102
- Attend an approved MAWQCP Assessment Tool training.

Education:

- A four year degree in Natural Resources, Biology, Ecological Sciences, Hydrology or closely related fields plus minimum 5 years of experience in related field. Applicable experience may substitute for a 4 year degree.

Experience:

- Knowledge of local land use practices and interactions with ground and surface water.
- Knowledge of NRCS Field Office Technical Guide that identifies Conservation Practice requirements.
- Strong writing and verbal communication skills sufficient to disseminate highly technical information to local citizens and SWCD staff and board members.
- Comfortable speaking to large and small groups of varying demographics.
- Has worked under limited supervision and is highly motivated and organized, as well taking direction from multiple sources.
- Knowledge of governmental agencies (MPCA, BWSR, DNR, NRCS, County and SWCD).
- Experience with hand held GPS units and Arc GIS Programs.

Other Requirements:

- Excellent communication, organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Familiar with standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers.
- Valid driver's license.

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- Experience with handheld GPS units and ArcView Programs.

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Travel:

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Conditions of Announcement:

- The East Polk SWCD reserves the right to extend or make changes to the content of this position announcement without notification and may at any time withdraw the announcement.

Please mail cover letter and resume and references to: East Polk SWCD, P.O. Box 57, McIntosh, MN 56556 or email to lisa.newton@mn.nacsdnet.net by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2015. East Polk SWCD is an equal opportunity employer. R34-35C

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Lt. Gov. Tina Smith announces free admission to state parks on Black Friday

Lt. Gov. Tina Smith and Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Landwehr announced today that entrance fees to all 76 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will be waived on Friday, Nov. 27 for "Free Park Friday," encouraging Minnesotans to spend time outdoors, and with family, on the day after Thanksgiving.

"At a time of year when Minnesotans pause to give thanks, I am so grateful for the incredible state parks and trails we have here in Minnesota," said Smith. "Visiting these parks is a great way to spend time with family and loved ones, relieve stress, and enjoy exercise in the great outdoors."

Gov. Mark Dayton has proclaimed Friday, November 27, 2015, to be "Free Park Friday" at all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. The governor also directed the DNR Commissioner to exercise his statutory authority to issue a written order, waiving entrance fees to state parks on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"We are very fortunate to have such outstanding state parks and trails in Minnesota," said Landwehr. "So get out there, walk off your turkey dinner and have some fun on Friday!"

Research shows that spending time outdoors benefits children and adults, including improving mood, enhancing creative thinking and problem solving, promoting a conservation ethic, and improving physical fitness. On Thanksgiving Day, the average American consumes around 4,500 calories. A brisk walk can burn about 300 calories in one hour.

"There is a Minnesota state park within 30 miles of almost everyone," said Erika Rivers, director of Minnesota State Parks and Trails. "So no matter where you live or celebrate Thanksgiving, the restorative power of nature is always nearby."

Minnesota's state parks contribute to a \$13 billion tourism industry in Minnesota, a key sector of the state's economy. At 2012 study from the DNR found that Minnesota state parks draw in over \$230 mil-



From left: Explore Minnesota Tourism Director John Edman, DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, Lt. Gov. Tina Smith, Minnesota State Parks & Trails Division Director Erika Rivers.

lion in spending to local communities each year. An estimated 69 million domestic travelers and 270,000 international travelers vacationed in Minnesota in 2013.

"Outdoor recreation is a main draw for visitors to Minnesota and numerous state parks and recreation areas are a big part of Minnesota's tourism economy," said John Edman, director of Explore Minnesota. "State parks are nestled near vibrant communities where you can find cozy hotels, B&Bs, resorts, dining options, unique festivals and something new to experience only in Minnesota this season."

Those visiting Minnesota state parks and recreation areas on November 27th are encouraged to share their adventures on social media using #FreeParkFriday and #Only-inMN.

Explore Minnesota State Parks

With 76 state parks and recreation areas statewide, almost every Minnesotan lives within 30 miles of a free, outdoor adventure this Thanksgiving weekend. Here are a few of the great options to explore across Minnesota:

Explore a three-mile loop around Pike Island at Fort Snelling State Park in St. Paul and keep an eye out for wild turkeys near the entrance to

the park. Hike along the St. Croix River at Afton State Park in Hastings.

View trumpeter swans at Lake Maria State Park in Monticello.

Visit the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Itasca State Park in Park Rapids to watch for the first signs of ice between the rocks.

Take the trail to Shovel Point at Tettegouche State Park in Silver Bay while listening to Lake Superior's waves lapping on the shore.

Check out the views of the Whitewater Valley from the Chimney Rock overlook at Whitewater State Park in southeastern Minnesota.

See—and hear—thousands of waterfowl at Lac qui Parle ("the lake that speaks") State Park in Montevideo.

Hike the prairie at Blue Mounds State Park in Laverne, or drive through a restored prairie at Minneopa State Park in Mankato, and see what the bison are up to.

For more information on Minnesota state parks and recreation areas, visit the DNR website. For additional resources on things to do and places to stay across the state, visit exploreminnesota.com, and share sights this season on social media using #Only-inMN.

DNR seeks comment, announces meetings about potential muskie lakes

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input to help determine if new muskellunge lakes spread geographically throughout Minnesota should be established in 2016.

"The DNR is committed to seeking broad public input as it considers new muskie waters," said T.J. DeBates, east metro area fisheries supervisor.

The DNR posted signs at accesses of candidate muskie lakes and began talking with local angling groups and lake associations last summer. Comments are now being taken at public input meetings and online.

Lakes being considered are Big Marine in Washington County; the Fairmont chain in Martin County; and Gull chain in Cass County. Two chains of lakes in Otter Tail County are under consideration – Franklin and Lizzie chain, and Loon chain – although no more than one of the three lakes within those chains will be chosen. All but Big Marine are chains of lakes, which would allow some movement of stocked muskellunge to connected waters.

Meetings to collect public input will be:

- Big Marine: 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Scandia Community and Senior Center, 14727 209th St. N. in Scandia.
- Fairmont chain: 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Martin County Library, 110 North Park in Fairmont.



• Franklin and Lizzie chain, and Loon chain: 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Lake Region Electric Cooperative, 1401 S. Broadway, in Pelican Rapids.

• Gull chain: 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Crow Wing County Land Services Building, 322 Laurel St., in Brainerd.

A Twin Cities area meeting to discuss all proposed lakes will be from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the Oak Room at the Bunker Hills Activity Center, 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, in Andover.

People can choose to comment on each lake online at www.mndnr.gov/muskie. Comments also may be submitted via email or postal mail to the following area fisheries offices:

- Big Marine: DNR east metro fisheries, 1200 Warner

Road, St. Paul, MN 56401, metroeast.fisheries@state.mn.us.

• Fairmont chain: DNR Windom area fisheries, 175 County Rd 26, Windom, MN 56401, windom.fisheries@state.mn.us.

• Franklin and Lizzie chain, and Loon chain: DNR Fergus Falls area fisheries, 1509 1st Ave. North, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, fergusfalls.fisheries@state.mn.us.

• Gull chain: DNR Brainerd area fisheries, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401, brainerd.fisheries@state.mn.us.

Muskie fishing is one of the fastest growing segments of Minnesota sport fishing. Estimates suggest that more than 30 percent of Minnesota's anglers either already target muskies or want to try muskie fishing.

Several years ago, the DNR prepared a long-range plan designed to balance interest in expanded muskellunge fishing opportunities with those that oppose muskie management and continued stocking. The plan called for eight new waters to be stocked with muskie by 2020. Three of those lakes – Roosevelt, Pokegama and the Sauk River Chain – already have been stocked.

"Fisheries research work in Minnesota and Wisconsin shows that muskellunge coexist with healthy populations of walleye and other important game fish," DeBates said.

In Minnesota, muskie populations are managed for low densities, mimicking what would be found naturally.

The proposal's goal is to provide additional muskellunge fishing opportunities by stocking a handful of additional lakes with low densities of muskie.

Additional information on the proposals is available online at www.mndnr.gov/muskie

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Northwest Regional Development Commission to Hold Annual Meeting

The Northwest Regional Development Commission will be holding its Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Eagles in East Grand Forks. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a lunch at 11:45 a.m.

At this meeting the Commission will review and approve their Calendar Year 2016 Work Program; elect their Board of Directors; elect their public interest representatives; review grants awarded and all other program activities for the past year.

The Commission would like to invite and encourage public officials and other interested persons to attend all or part of the days' events. If you have questions or plan on attending the lunch please contact Carol Sorensen at the Commission Offices, 218-745-6733 or email csorensen@nwrdc.org.

MNsure Continues to Cost Northwest Minnesota

by State Representative,
Dan Fabian

MNsure should be renamed UNsure, because that's how folks are feeling as they face another year of dramatic cost increases thanks to our broken health care exchange.

After the Department of Commerce and MNsure released its rate increases last month, I have been hearing from people all across my district about how their family's budget cannot continue to absorb rising monthly premiums. For many folks in Northwest Minnesota, those increases are more than 50 percent, and that doesn't even include skyrocketing deductibles and expensive co-pays. People are frustrated with our broken health care exchange, and they have every right to be.

Governor Dayton and Democrat legislators who crafted our Obamacare exchange promised 413,000 enrollees and hundreds of dollars a year in cost savings for Minnesotans in exchange for a substantial \$200 million (and counting) taxpayer investment to build and operate MNsure. Instead, with a mere 60,000 sign-ups and ever rising costs, MNsure has given us nothing but one broken promise after another.

Northwest Minnesota in particular has been hit hard, as costs have jumped significantly since MNsure became a dysfunctional reality in 2014. For example, the monthly premium for a Gold Plan has gone up 54 percent for the average 25 to 60 year old, and for a family of four,

that increase is a whopping 58 percent or \$381 per month.

That's a lot of money and a real chunk of your income going toward health care each month. Those kinds of rate increases are neither affordable nor realistic for people in our community.

While Obamacare is a federal law that cannot be overturned by our state, Minnesota Republican state legislators did what they could last year to check MNsure and limit cost increases. During the 2015 legislative session, for instance, we passed legislation to improve MNsure's transparency and lower rates by increasing access and competition in health care. Unfortunately, those common sense reforms were rejected by Governor Dayton, even though it would have resulted in significant taxpayer savings.

So as we face another year of skyrocketing health care costs thanks to expensive federal and state mandates, I'd like you to know that I share your frustrations. I will continue to work with and try to convince fellow state leaders that it's time to make real changes to our state's health care system, even if that means eliminating the boondoggle MNsure all together.

Checking our rising health care costs will take a bipartisan effort, and it's time for our elected leaders to come together on behalf of Minnesotans and implement solutions that don't leave folks unsure year after year about how they're going to afford their "affordable" health care.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Edythe from Cavalier

As I stepped foot onto the porch opening weekend of deer season, the sun overhead reflected warmth that pierced the soul. It was a rare extension of the fall season and I, like many others, was intent on making the best of it. With gear in tow, I was in search of my trophy. It was bucks only this year, so I needed an alternative plan as there were not many around. Into my vehicle I loaded my stuff, double checking to make sure all was accounted for.

On my way to take my stand, I passed many wearing the bonded bright orange. They stood in groups of two, three, and four along the roadside. I knew my destination, and it would not be along a road making plans. Nope, not me. I kept my focus making a mental checklist: Clothing...check. Gas...check. Bucks...at least several in sight. Shoulder strap...check. On I drove.

By the time I pulled up, any fears of running late were quickly alleviated as I observed others also just arriving. Grabbing the items needed, I made my way in to where I was assured of one thing and one thing only. Only bucks would be taken, and my heart was racing before I'd even begun to sight in that which I was looking for. Today was opening hunting alright, and I was going to find my trophy at the annual craft sale a mere fifteen miles from where I'd begun my journey.

Shoulder strap in place, I knew my money would be secure until deciding to depart with it. I began the hunt in earnest. With wall to wall vendors, I was sure I couldn't miss. By the time I'd almost completed my rounds and coming into one of the final turns, I spotted Edythe. Piled high upon her table were cozy, comfortable mounds of soft, warm fleece which would brighten anyone's

day. Spotting the exact item I'd been looking for, I knew I'd found my trophy, handmade by Edythe.

I soon discovered that Edythe, from Cavalier, was 89 and in the blanket ministry. Ministering by giving them to children in need was high priority. Ministering as the Lord leads was her life's calling, and this passion radiated from deep within. From her gentle touch upon her blankets, to her humble engagement in conversation, Edythe's love was shared this opening weekend of deer season. And, like the sun overhead, she reflected warmth that pierced the soul.

I got out my bucks and paid Edythe in full while assuring her that the high school students who were going to be auctioning it off for their good causes would appreciate every bit of her heart and handiwork that went into them. I began to place the blanket over my arm in order to depart when Edythe gently took her hand and reached for another blanket.

"Here," she said, and placed it atop the blanket I was holding.

"Do they like horses?" The subdued brown shading of wild horses, contrasted nicely against the other blanket I'd chosen. As I gasped, she quickly reached for a bright blue one, and yet another pink flowered one to complete the foursome of the good will giving by Edythe from Cavalier, North Dakota.

"I love my Lord," she simply said as she grasped my hand. I could not help but draw comfort from Edythe as she lived out the words in song.

"So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross. Till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged Cross, and exchange it someday for a crown." Amen.



Klegstad and Lambert join Mattracks Team

Mattracks, the world innovator in rubber track conversion systems since 1992, Karlstad, Minn., producing rubber tracks for ATVs, UTVs, vehicles, tractors, trailers and custom applications is pleased to announce the addition of new team members to its staff.

Kayla Klegstad joined the Mattracks Team, Karlstad, Minn., in the Customer Service Department. She attended Moorhead State Community Technical College.

Kayla brings 11 years of experience to Mattracks in customer service, having worked in banking and restaurants. She understands the importance of customer-focused service and creating loyalty with customers. Kayla resides in rural Halma, Minn.

Joe Lambert joined the Mattracks Team, Karlstad, Minn., in the Customer Sales Department. He is from Buffalo, Minn and received his degree from the Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis. Joe brings 10 years of sales experience to Mattracks, with the Mattracks' sales team having a total of 130 years of sales experience on a global level. His focus is working with customers to understand what their track needs are and provide a recommendation on what track will work the best for them. Joe resides with his wife and son in Greenbush, Minn.

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State
Patrol



Question: With the month of November here, there is a lot of talk about "Movember" and "No Shave November." I'm curious to know what the policy is for facial hair on a male trooper (such as beards, mustaches, goatees, etc.) Thank you for your time.

Answer: This is an excellent question. I will first explain what "Movember" and "No Shave November" are about. These are month-long journeys during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation about men's health, and raise cancer awareness. Those missions often involve web-based, non-profit organizations devoted to growing cancer awareness and raising funds to support cancer prevention, research, and education. "Movember" focuses on the mustache, whereas "No Shave November" covers the entire face.

The policy of the Minnesota State Patrol is to maintain a uniform dress and grooming code for all sworn personnel. Appearance reflects the professionalism of the organization and clearly identifies to the public the presence of a Minnesota State Patrol Trooper. As for facial hair, a Trooper's face shall

be clean-shaven except for sideburns and mustaches. A mustache may be worn by sworn personnel. If worn, shall be kept trimmed and clean. No portion shall extend below the corners of the mouth, 1/2 inch beyond the corners of the mouth or below

the vermilion border of the upper lip. The mustache shall not twist in an upward position or be curled with any wax applied.

I know there are several Trooper and other officers participating in "Movember," myself included. These different foundations have become a global charity committed to men living happier, healthier, longer lives. Since 2003, millions have joined the men's health movement, raising \$650 million and funding over 1,000 programs focusing on prostate cancer, testicular cancer, poor mental health and physical inactivity.

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 Sgt. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56560. (You can follow me on Twitter @MSP-PIO_NW or reach me at jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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Thanksgiving Day Quiz

It is once again time to talk turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings. Thanksgiving is celebrated in both Canada and the United States with similar parades and fanfare. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and enjoy the company of family and friends during a special meal. Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each and every year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

- Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?
 - a. Pennsylvania
 - b. New Jersey
 - c. Massachusetts
 - d. Delaware
- Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?
 - a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Thursday
- Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North America on which ship?
 - a. Daisy
 - b. Mayflower
 - c. Santa Maria
 - d. Roseflower
- Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?
 - a. Algonquin
 - b. Lenape
 - c. Shoshone
 - d. Wampanoag

- Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?
 - a. 10 million years ago
 - b. 15 million years ago
 - c. 20 million years ago
 - d. 25 million years ago
 - Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?
 - a. Orange duck
 - b. Turducken
 - c. Turkey chowmein
 - d. Chixtureck
 - In what year did Congress make Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?
 - a. 1932
 - b. 1939
 - c. 1941
 - d. 1946
 - Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.
 - a. apples
 - b. cranberries
 - c. cherries
 - d. grapes
 - The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?
 - a. Albert
 - b. Manitoba
 - c. British Columbia
 - d. Newfoundland
 - Canadians sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.
 - a. Yanksgiving
 - b. Amerigiving
 - c. Turmerica
 - d. USthanks
- Answers: 1. c. 2. a. 3. b. 4. d. 5. a. 6. b. 7. c. 8. b. 9. d. 10. a.

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Marissa Thomas's first deer: Marissa Thomas of Oklee, shot her first deer this season while hunting with Terry and Sarah Whalen. She was using her Grandpa Jake Martell's 243 rifle, which she stated will be hers, since getting her first deer. Marissa is the daughter of Kippy Thomas and Gil Thomas, Oklee and her grandparents are Jake and Pokie Martell, Oklee.



Jonny Hamnes of Gonvick with his 11 point buck.

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Chandra Braaten of Bagley got this 188 pound eight pointer.



Chellsey Fering Pletschett of Gully bagged this 229.99 pound buck.

Hunters register 68,401 deer during first weekend

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 68,401 deer during the first three days of firearms deer season, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Hunters are seeing more deer this year as we continue to build deer populations across much of the state," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations program manager. "We've issued a conservative number of antlerless deer permits, and because of this, many hunters are seeing deer they can't shoot. However, patience this year should translate to more harvest opportunities in the future."

Final numbers from the first three days show that the number of deer registered rose 6.3 percent from 2014. Buck harvest during the first three days of the firearms season was up 8.5 percent from last year.

Zone 1 total firearms harvest was up 8.2 percent, Zone 2 was up 5.9 percent and Zone 3 was up 3.2 percent.

The DNR is projecting the 2015 total deer harvest to be

between 140,000 to 155,000 deer. The 2014 total harvest after last year's conservative season was just over 139,000.

In much of Minnesota, the deer season continues through Sunday, Nov. 15. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 22; the late southeastern season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 29; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 28, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 13.

New this year, hunters can preview an interactive deer information tool being developed by the DNR at www.mndnr.gov/deermap. This map is the first step toward launching an online application that delivers useful information hunters need and want. Hunters are encouraged to take a look at the application, discuss it and provide DNR with feedback.

More information on deer management can be found at www.mndnr.gov/deer.

The Farm All Tractor

by Auctioneer, Eric Mickelson

We know the John Deere Company was named for the man, John Deere. Allis Chalmers was named after Edward P. Allis and Thomas Chalmers. But, was the Farm All company named after Joe Farm and William All? No, the name came from the design International Harvester was hoping to achieve. Many companies were building a standard tread tractor with non-adjustable wheels capable of many but not all the jobs on the farm. IH wanted to design a tractor capable of not only general field work, but also row crop cultivation, belt work, and the use of PTO implements. Hence the name, Farm All. Many prototypes were built and field tested in the early 1920's. The were well received by farmers. These early Farm Alls were built in Chicago. But the Chicago factory was busy building the McCormick Deering 10-20 tractor. Their other Milwaukee plant was being used to manufacture the McCormick Deering 15-30. IH had a great idea in the Farm All tractor, but they needed a place to build it. They eventually purchased the Moline Plow Company in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1924. The plant was refitted in 1925 and full production of the Farm All "Regular" in 1926.

The Great Depression caused the demise of many tractor companies. It also hurt

the production numbers of the for International Harvester's Farm All division, but the "Regular" proved successful in competing in sales with Henry

Ford's Fordson tractor. Now nearly every manufacturer was trying to create their own version of the Farm All tractor. The days of farming with horses was becoming a step nearer to it's end.

Tractor Trivia

1. The Farm All tractor was tested in Nebraska in September of 1924. It developed _____ horsepower.

A. 17 1/2hp B. 20hp C. 25hp

2. In 1925 IH shipped 250 Farm All "Regulars" to the state of _____.

A. Kansas B. Iowa C. Texas

3. Over 42,000 Farm Alls were built in the year _____.

A. 1928 B. 1929 C. 1930

4. The Farm All "Regular" featured a _____ speed forward transmission and one reverse.

A. 3 B. 4 C. 5

5. The Farm All "Regular" was replaced by the model _____.

A. F20 B. F30 C. Model 'H'

answers: 1. B. 2. C. 3. C. 4. A. 5. A

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Win-E-Mac: Alec Kiecker; **Norman County West:** Steele Armstrong, Ryan Borgen, Dylan Johnson; **Ada-Borup:** Victor Garza-Barbosa, Michael Kolness, Lucas Lindell, Dustin Olson, Dexter Pelzman, Austin Robb; **Norman Co. East/Ulen-Hitterdal:** Brett Braseth, Dylan McCollum, Colby Neset, Brady Sirjord; **Waubun:** Justin Bellefeuille, Dayton Makey, Sam Rothschild, Peyton Syverson, Nathaniel Syverson, Corey Weaver, Darius Woods-Steichen

Honorable mentions: **Win-E-Mac:** Hunter Chaput, Andrey Erofeeff, Mikah Olson; **Norman Co. West:** Isaac Nelson, Caleb Walz; **Ada-Borup:** Tyler Hoven, Tanner Somers; **Cass Lake-Bena:** Jared Brown, Coredeell Coss, Chase Johnson, Ralph White; **NCE/UH:** Sam Hilde; **Waubun:** Mason Bartos, Trevor Borgrud. **Lineman of the year:** Dylan Johnson; **Most valuable offensive player:** Michael Kolness; **Special teams player of the year:** Dexter Pelzman; **Most valuable defensive player:** Justin Bellefeuille; **Co-sub district MVPs:** Peyton Syverson and Woods-Steichen; **Coach of the year:** Paul Clark, Waubun.



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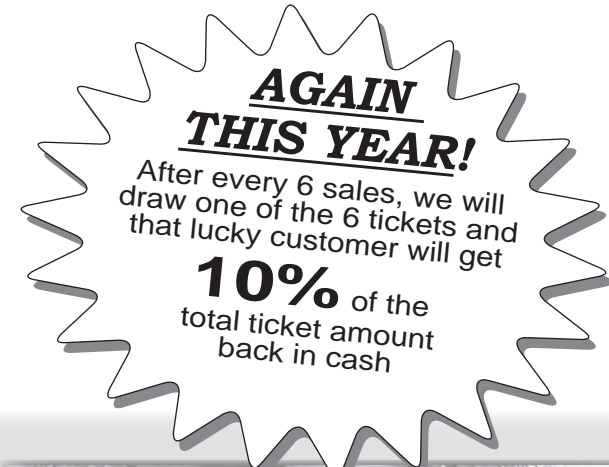


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