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Tri County Canary

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Polk County Law Enforcement Officers Received Well-Deserved Recognition & Support

In an era when police morale is at an all-time low, the Polk County Republicans wanted to turn things around by showing support and encouragement to local officers

September 19th, 2020, Mentor, Minnesota

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the American flag was waving in the breeze. Patriots from the surrounding area gathered at the Mentor City Park to celebrate conservative values; namely the 2nd Amendment, President Trump's reelection and backing the blue.

"We feel terrible about what is going on across the nation with talk about defunding the police; they are so unappreciated, especially in the bigger cities." said event organizer Sherry Hoaas. "Here in Northern Minnesota, we respect and admire our law enforcement officers, so we wanted to be an encouragement for them."

Sherry is the president of the Polk County Republican BPOU. The group had wanted to do an event all summer, but COVID-19 had ruined their plans. With only 45 days before the election, they decided to go ahead with an outdoor event and, thankfully, the weather cooperated nicely. They called it the "Rocks and Cows Gathering at the River" - based on a famous comment that Governor Walz had made about outstate Minnesota.

People from all over Polk County and beyond came out to sign a petition to make the county a "dedicated 2nd Amendment county." The program included Sheriff James Tadman giving a moving speech about the dangers the officers face each day and their fortitude to bravely serve the community each day they go to work. Sherry presented Sheriff Tadman with a plaque of recognition and support on behalf of the Polk County Republicans.

Polk County Sheriff Jim Tadman speaks at the Mentor event. Submitted.

U.S. Senate Republican candidate Jason Lewis addresses the crowd. Submitted.

Political candidates were in attendance and each took their turn addressing the energetic crowd, including U.S. Senate candidate Jason Lewis, Congressional District 7 candidate Michelle Fischbach, Representative Deb Kiel and Senator Mark Johnson.

"It was a great day celebrating our values up here in rocks and cows country: President Trump, the 2nd Amendment and backing the blue!" said event organizer Sherry Hoaas. "We ended the program with everyone singing 'God Bless the USA.' Considering the wildfires, violence and general unrest going on right now, I thought it was the perfect, poignant ending. We need to ask for His help to heal this land."

Polk County Sheriff's Office officers are pictured, along with retired Sheriff Barb Erdmann. Pictured from left: Sheriff Jim Tadman, Kyle Olson, Trooper Tony Zajac, Tom Brault, Deputy Chet Carlson, Jake Walker, Former Sheriff Barb Erdmann, Deputy Sheriff Mike Norland. Submitted.

Granlund Lodge, Sons of Norway, "Making Lemonade from Lemons"

Susie and Wes Roland masked up for the meeting held outside in July.

Carol Wold, Raymond and Lynnette Sundrud social distancing in the shelter by the Heritage House in Fosston.

By Roz Watnemo

We've all heard the phrase, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade"! That's exactly what the Granlund Lodge #240, Sons of Norway is about to do!

Since the "normal" March meeting, nothing has been normal for this organization! Just about every "normal" thing in life has had to be changed, adjusted, canceled, postponed, or morphed into something else! The only monthly meeting since March for the Granlund Lodge was held in July and it took place outside in the shelter by the Heritage House in Fosston. The members wore masks and sat at picnic tables with distance between everyone. The "lunch" (normally a delicious meal in itself) was replaced by store-bought, prepackaged sweets, bottled water or soft drinks and of course, coffee. Nonetheless, an interesting program featuring Norway's Stave churches was enjoyed by all, door prizes were given, and distance visiting brought laughter and a sense of comfort during this uncomfortable season of life.

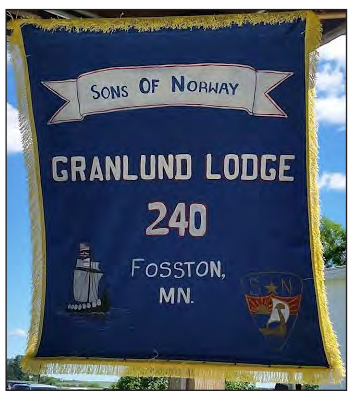
Not only were the business meetings cancelled, but this also meant cancelling the scheduled special guests as well as the summer picnic and grill potluck, the pie and ice cream social and the soup and chili night! Getting together and socializing has always been enjoyed by this group of Norwegians and the fellowship is greatly missed.

SO, what "lemonade" from lemons has been made by the Lodge? For one thing, the quarterly newsletter was mailed out in late August and it included featured articles on some of the members, news from headquarters, and personal notes from many members on what they have been doing to keep busy during this time of the Virus. This was just one way to keep the group together when they couldn't get together in person. Now with October just around the corner, their annual Torsk and Meatball Dinner was in danger of cancelling! More lemonade had to be made!

This year, for the first time ever, the Sons of Norway Annual Torsk and Meatball Dinner will be a Drive-Through – Pick Up and Take Home meal! Working with caterer, David Lee, from Thief River Falls, and also a member of the Granlund Lodge, the event will be held on Thursday evening, October 15. Along with the most delicious torsk and meatballs, there will be mashed potatoes, gravy, a vegetable, salad, roll, lefse, and dessert. The price is only $10 per person! This is below their actual cost per meal but the Lodge wants to do something special for the community during this crazy time so is offering this discount price, enabling many to enjoy this traditional Scandinavian meal in their own homes. Another feature added this year is free delivery to shut-ins in Fosston! For those who are able to drive through, the pick-up will occur at the back door of the Embassy Center in Fosston, (corner of 3rd and Eaton) beginning at 4:30 pm on Thursday, October 3. Pre-registration is required and the deadline to register is Monday, October 12th. To register contact either Wes or Susie Roland at 435-1230 or Harold and Roz Watnemo at 435-1140.

As everyone maneuvers their way through the maze of 2020, stay strong and steadfast and find ways to make lemonade!

Harold and Roz Watnemo.



Lefse and Torske, besides other good food, will be served at the Granlund Lodge Drive-Through-Pick Up and Take Home meal on October 15th.

Region 2 Arts Council Awards $19,000 in Artist Relief Grants

Artists contribute in multiple capacities to our region's economic and cultural vibrancy, and their opportunities for contribution have been greatly restricted in recent months. In response, the Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) held two Artist Relief Grant rounds this past summer. $500 relief awards were granted to 38 artists who rely on the creation of art to generate income, have lost arts income due to COVID-19, and have no overdue final reports with R2AC. Due to the large number of requests and the limited funds available, each grant round opened and closed within a day. The R2AC Board of Directors understands that the need among artists surpasses our capacity to meet that need. Anyone interested in supporting artists through R2AC programming is invited to make a tax-deductible donation (checks payable to "Region 2 Arts Council") and mail to: P.O. Box 693, Bemidji MN, 56619. Region 2 Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to strengthening the presence of the arts by supporting opportunities for arts creation, promotion, and education for the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen counties.

40th Anniversary Open House & Tribute to Charles Evenwoll

Pearl Evenwoll, Don Evenwoll and the employees of EvenAire Systems, Inc. invite you to our 40th Anniversary Open House & Tribute to Charles Evenwoll being held at our shop located at 12652 Clearline Rd NW, Shevlin, MN, 56676 on October 2nd, 2020 from Noon until 6:00PM. There will be tours, door prizes, food and friendly conversation. Covid rules will be implemented so bring your social distancing skills and favorite mask.

Polk County Sheriff

Scam calls

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has received numerous reports of people receiving calls claiming there is fraud involving their Social Security number in Texas. The calls are being placed to look like they are coming from local numbers. These calls are scams, the callers are asked to continue on with the phone call and typically the person on the line threatens criminal action if they don't comply with the instructions. The IRS or Law Enforcement do not conduct business this way.

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Northland Community & Technical College Awards $180,000 in Workforce Development Scholarships

September 21, 2020 – Northland is proud to announce the 72 recipients of the Minnesota Workforce Development Scholarship. Scholarships totaling $180,000 for the 2020-2021 school year will be awarded in this initiative.

Beginning in 2017, the Minnesota Legislature created the MN Workforce Development Scholarship allocating over $1 million in funds to encourage Minnesota's graduating seniors to enter high-demand fields at one of Minnesota State's colleges. The 2019 Legislative session resulted in a supplementary $2 million earmarked for students for this school year. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in one of six high-demand career areas: advanced manufacturing, agriculture, early childhood education, health care services, transportation, or information technology.

"This initiative supported by the Minnesota Legislature highlights the giant impact that Minnesota State's colleges have on the education of the state's workforce. Their continued support is much appreciated" states Northland President Dennis Bona. "We are excited to be able to award a large number of these scholarships to area students. The results should be a boon for Minnesota's workforce."

Since it's conception in 2017, Northland has awarded over $282,000 in Workforce Development Scholarships to its students. Having a $2,500 scholarship is a huge help to students and an incentive to complete their program."

Brooks- Whalen, Natalia, Nursing

Clearbrook- Taflin, Jackie Lynn, Nursing

Erskine- Knutson, Jaycee, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Osland, Dustin, Computer & Network Technology; Burns, Morgan, Animal Science; Henrickson, Maloni, Nursing

Gully- Beckett, Haven, Early Childhood & Paraprofessional

McIntosh- Neste, Clarissa, Radiologic Technology; Sander, Carlie, Physical Therapy Assistant

Plummer- Nemec, Justin, Automotive Service Technology

Red Lake Falls- Bulger, Olivia, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Hackett-Ulrich, Rickey Automotive Service Technology; Klipping, Logan Radiologic Technology; Larson, Shawna, Nursing; Mugaas, Shaylee Nursing; Rondorf, Kendra, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Technician

Trail- Hanson, Tyler , Animal Science

Wannaska- Diesen, Hannah, Nursing

Northland Awards Fall 2020 Foundation Scholarships

September 17, 2020 — Northland Community & Technical College proudly announces the recipients of the fall 2020 Northland Community & Technical College Foundation scholarships. As part of its mission to enhance the educational experience of students, the Northland Foundation offers scholarship opportunities semi-annually to current and incoming students. With the generous support and investments from individuals and local businesses, the Northland Foundation distributes over $150,000 annually in scholarships. One hundred thirty-six scholarships worth nearly $57,000 were awarded to students during the fall semester.

Scholarship distribution is at the heart of the Northland Foundation's mission, and under normal circumstances, the Foundation would hold a public ceremony to celebrate our recipients and acknowledge our contributors. However, in consideration of the restrictions on attendance numbers, the fall ceremony will be postponed until the spring when all recipients for the year can be celebrated.

SONS OF NORWAY SPECIAL EVENT
Thursday, October 15, 2020
Torsk and Meatball Dinner
WITH all the trimmings!
Drive through, pick up and take home!
Pick up at the back door of the Embassy Center in Fosston (corner of 3rd and Eaton)
Between 4:30 and 6:30 pm
Cost is only $10 per person! Please wear your mask!
REGISTRATION is REQUIRED by Monday, Oct 12.
Call Wes and Susie Roland: 435-1230 or
Harold and Roz Watnemo: 435-1140

"This year is significant because if you combine our fall scholarships totaling nearly $60,000, spring semester foundation scholarships expected to exceed $70,000, our Dept. of Agriculture New Farmer Scholarships over $63,000, and the Workforce Development Scholarships from the State of Minnesota at over $180,000, our students at Northland will be receiving over $370,000 in scholarship funds!' exclaimed Lars Dyrud, Northland Foundation Executive Director. "That doesn't even include scholarships students receive from their hometown organizations and other community groups. It's wonderful to see so much support going to our students at a time in their lives when they often need it the most. Thank you to all of our contributors who make this possible!"

Congratulations to the following recipients: (Students listed alphabetically by hometown)

Brooks- Jensen, Lexi, Hartz Foundation Scholarship

Fosston- Carlson, Treydan, Hartz Foundation Scholarship; Nelson, Gunnar, Hartz Foundation Scholarship

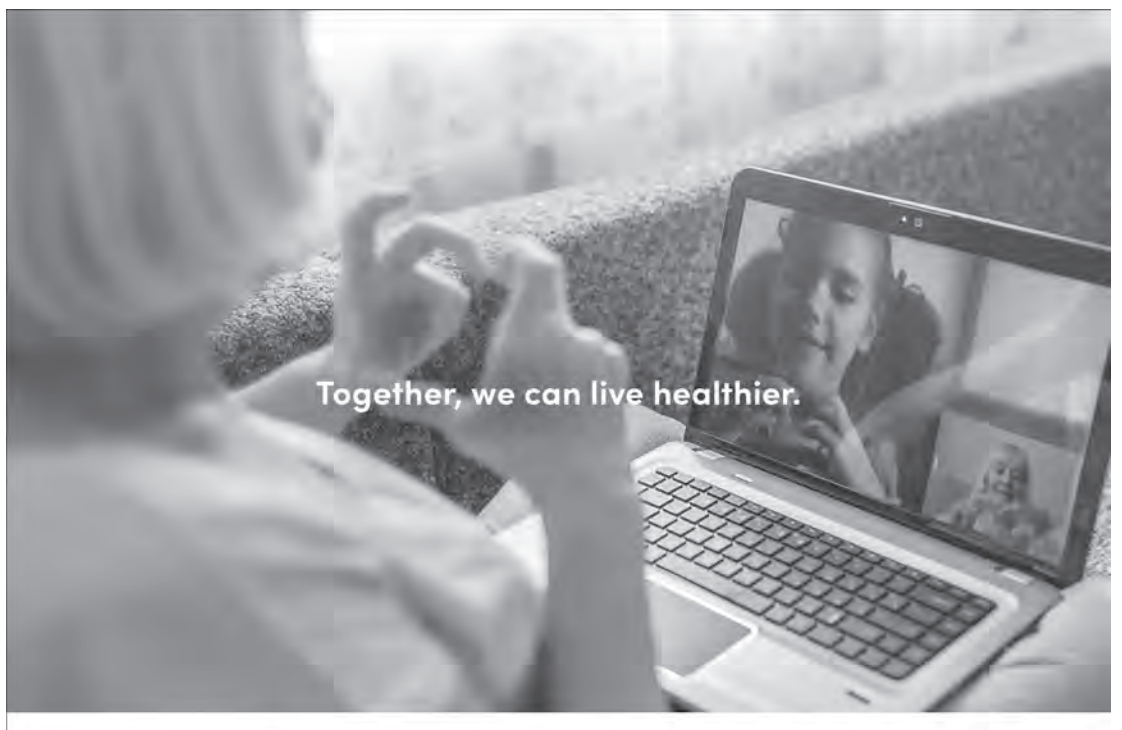
Goodridge- Burns, Morgan, Hartz Foundation Scholarship; Hruby, Madeline, Hartz Foundation Scholarship; Welk, Haley, Hartz Foundation Scholarship; Wiskow, Amy, Lowell & Marge Swenson Endowment Scholarship

McIntosh- Halland, Marly , Hartz Foundation Scholarship

Oklee- Anderson, Jacob, Never Too Late Scholarship; Prickett, Brea, IGNITE PSEO Scholarship; Prickett, Brea, Lowell & Marge Swenson En**dowment Scholarship**

Red Lake Falls- Brummund, Susan Hartz, Foundation Scholarship; Derosier, Madison,Hartz Foundation Scholarship; McGlynn, Kia, Gladys Person Estate Scholarship; Ramirez, Javier, Ole & Ruth Tweet Endowment Scholarship; Sandberg, Jayde, Nathan Hageman Memorial Scholarship

Trail- VanDam, Vanessa, Hartz Foundation Scholarship



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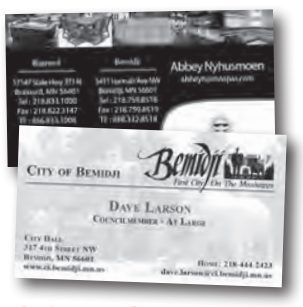

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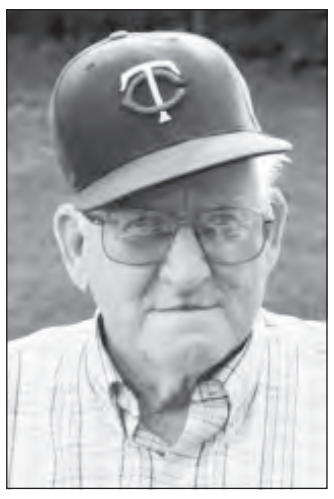

Obituary for Norris Maple

Norris M. Maple, 88, of Moorhead, MN, passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020, at home under the care of family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Norris was born November 27, 1931, to Martin and Nora (Narveson) Maple, in Clearbrook, MN, where he grew up and attended school. Following high school, Norris enlisted in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Fort Bliss Texas Antiaircraft Artillery on February 13, 1953. Norris was stationed in Tachikawa, Japan and served during the Korean War. On April 2, 1961, he married Colleen Torgerson in Clearbrook. Together they lived in East Grand Forks for a time before settling in Moorhead in 1969. Over the years, Norris enjoyed working in sales with Westinghouse and later with Dakota Supply Group. He also enjoyed time outdoors, hunting, watching the Twins, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren! He will be greatly missed.

Norris is survived by his son, Corey (Katie Erickson) Maple; daughters, Trixie Maple and Holly (Ryan) Stall; grandson, Max Maple; granddaughters, Mya Maple and Lexie Stall; and brother, Dick Maple. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, Warren Torgerson and Doug Torgerson; sisters-in-law, Loretta Halvorson (passed away September 26, 2020), Rita Tjenstrom, Sheryll Torgerson, TruDee (Mike) Torgerson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen; parents, Martin and Nora; brother, Laverne Maple; sisters, Joyce Thompson and Marlene (Bob) Rutkowski; brother-in-law, Wayne Torgerson; sisters-in-law, Ardell Maple, Barb Torgerson; and mother and father-in-law, Gertrude and Rudolph Torgerson.

In honor of Norris and his love for the MN Twins, feel free to wear your Twins gear.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 30, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m., in Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead, MN.

Graveside service will be Saturday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m., Seljord Cemetery, Clearbrook, MN.

Video tribute and online guestbook at www.wrightfuneral.com

Obituary for Adeline Sletten

Adeline Sletten passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston, MN.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Our Saviour's Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Reverend Alex Amiot Officiating. Burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday 5 – 8 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Minnesota and CDC guidelines will be followed, another option will be to listen on your car radio in the parking lot tuned to 102.5FM.

Adeline Muriel Sistad was born July 15, 1927 at Grygla, MN daughter of Joel and Mina (Bye) Sistad. She was raised and attended school near Grygla. Adeline moved to Minneapolis and worked for a time. She moved back to Grygla and worked on the family farm.

On June 24, 1953 she was united in marriage to Willard Sletten at Grygla, MN. The couple lived in Cheyenne, WY until Willard was discharged from the US Airforce in 1955 when they returned to Thief River Falls, MN. Adeline worked at the hospital in Thief River Falls until 1981. She was a volunteer for bingo at Oakland Park, driving people to medical appointments, spent many hours volunteering at the Eagles Auxiliary, and Our Saviour's Christian Academy.

Adeline enjoyed crocheting and embroidering, baking bread and buns. She also enjoyed gardening and flower gardening. Adeline and Willard enjoyed dancing.

Adeline is survived by her sons Larry Sletten of Alexandria, MN and Rodney (Heidi) Sletten of Thief River Falls, MN; Grandchildren Joe (Sally) Sletten of Alexandria, MN, Jim Sletten of Alexandria, MN, Brian (Shannon) Morin of Fargo, ND, Kelsey (Kelly) Brateng of Thief River Falls, MN, Jayson (Missy) Sletten of Red Lake Falls, MN, Kristine (Mark) Oslund of Wannaska, MN; 20 Great-grandchildren and two Great-great-grandchildren; sister Alma Foss of Aiken, MN; sisters-in-law Laudy Sistad of Thief River Falls, MN; Bernice Sistad of Thief River Falls, MN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Willard in 1995, siblings Marvin (Alice) Sistad, Hazel (Ardell) Bjorge, Palmer (Lavona) Sistad, James (Gladys) Sistad, Arvid Sistad, Stewart Sistad; brother-in-law Marvin Foss.

Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Tato Part IV and Final

For such a time as this we are born…your time, my time, his time…our time. For a purpose and a plan we are created, and Tato was no exception. Orest, who is married to my first cousin, continues telling the story of his father, Tato. It is with permission that I complete the story.

There is always more to tell and Tato's story is no different. Tato had plenty to be bitter about. If he chose, he could easily have deflected blame onto others such as the Poles, the Germans, or the Soviets. He could have blamed those who had discriminated against him in the United States, but he did not. Even though he had incurred more cruelty, hatred, bigotry, and degradation, he would not blame a group of people for the treatment done by individuals. That was deeply embedded wisdom he'd gained over the gruesome treatment at the hands of many…but not all.

How did he respond to the world at large and to the individuals he met along the way? He responded in kind by being kind. With dignity he saw the face of Christ in all.

He worked with Poles and had lifelong Polish friends. He married a German girl. As well, he was thankful for the kindness shown him by one of his German captors during the war. So thankful was he, that he traveled back to Germany to thank the man's widow four decades later.

Through it all he could have tried to calm his nerves with tobacco. He could have dealt with his pain and escaped from his sorrow through alcohol, drugs, or worse. He could have blamed God…others did. He did not. Instead, he reached out to those who had chosen more trauma to deal with the pain of trauma, and on any given Sunday, you would find Tato at the home of a fellow countryman. Perhaps they had no family in the United States after immigrating, perhaps they had sunken into depression, perhaps they had lost their faith or were self-medicating. If so, he would sit all afternoon chatting away simply because he cared.

His hard-won philosophy in life served him well, and he raised his own brood of four accordingly. If you wanted something, the only way to get it was by the sweat of your brow.

You see, Tato understood poverty. He understood that if one was served thin oatmeal each day, then you thanked God for thin oatmeal. He understood what it was like to have feet on solid ground because with no floor to stand on, the dirt was still home, and he was thankful for it.

The "privileged" in Tato's eyes were those who were born here, ones given a solid free education, and those who were blessed enough to have extended family nearby…not to mention those who were lucky enough to speak the language. To him, these "privileged" had no one to blame for their circumstances, and it was incomprehensible to Tato that anyone would.

As a father, he emphasized the importance of education and hard work. No excuses were accepted. He loved his kids more than life itself and lived faith in action. No task was beneath him as he readily partook of diaper duty, cooking, laundry, mending clothes, and cleaning house. His singular dedication in trying to guarantee that the lives of his children would be better than his own was pursued with unwavering and sometimes overzealous passion. But in all…Tato was Tato and he could be no one else but who he was.

He inspired. Tough as nails yet tenderly compassionate he was. Often quick tempered but gentle with innocent humor was his trademark.

Life had been unfair, but never did he stop praying or believing that God would hear those prayers. "What are you, a Communist now?" could be heard if one would sit at the table of grace and forget to bow one's head in prayer.

You see, much had been put upon Tato…cruelty, betrayal, disrespect, and prejudice, but he never let betrayals derail his attitude towards mankind. Tato knelt each night in prayer; and because he did, the only thing he found unacceptable in life was when others would not take time to acknowledge the God whom he not only loved but personally knew.

Tato died a successful man. He loved his Ukrainian homeland with a deep and abiding passion, but he considered America the greatest country on earth. If he could make it, then anyone could…if they chose to. He would become the patriarch of fifteen grandchildren, and at the age of eighty-five, he passed. Bravely he faced his death with his wife and children by his side.

Tato was a great and imperfect man. He was loved not only by Orest, his son, but by all his extended family…and now by the world at large.

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If you have more questions, contact the appropriate local highway department, depending on the type of road (state, county or city.) This would also be the place to contact if local authorities or technicians removed your signs by for pick up.

The Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

As for auction signs, they are allowed but have some requirements under the law.

For information about the proper placement of signs or where to retrieve them, contact your local MnDOT office. See also mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html.

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Following me home!!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Here is one of the Hs that followed me home!!

Last week I left you with a last sentence saying, "Maybe one will follow me home!" I was talking about H Farmalls. This past Saturday I attended the Lawrence Berberich and Family Sale. I wanted to check out the lineup of Farmall Hs as well as some of the other 60 plus tractors. Of course one of my favorite pastimes is whether conducting or attending auction sales.

The only Farmall I really had anything to do with in my life was the H Farmall my dad bought from Stein Birkeland in Oklee. I think dad had grown up with John Deere tractors and had always had a desire to try a Farmall. I am putting words in dad's mouth by saying that, but I think he was probably quite happy to have a Farmall H! As it turned out the old H used a little oil. Dad took it to Plummer to be overhauled. I can remember using the H for many jobs around the farm. Dad used it to mow hay. What a champion mowing machine. It was coupled with a John Deere #5 mower and worked quite well. That was probably the job I remember most. It was used in the winter time to do chores. I remember seeing it hooked to the manure spreader or stoneboat for barn cleaning time. Eventually the head cracked and a few other problems came up and it was retired to what we call "machinery row" where it still rests today. I hope to get to it someday!

It was the hope of getting that H running again that brought me to the sale. I was hoping to get an H to use as a parts donor to fix up dad's H. Well, as it turns out I found a donor H and another H…..just for posterity! When an H comes up for sale with new rubber all around and was just simply a nice looking machine, well, then even a John Deere man may raise his hand and bid on a Farmall. With the help of another tractor man, Jon Smith, the H was running the next day! So now I am the owner of an H Farmall……well, I guess 2 H Farmalls. You see a little farther down the line that "donor" H came up for sale and yes, I had to raise my hand again.

Like I said, auctions are fun! I spent a few hours visiting with Farmall guys, John Deere fans, Ford, Case, Allis Chalmers, and even a Minneapolis Moline was represented. I learned a few things and had a great time. Like I said last week, I was thinking an H Farmall would "follow me home!" But you know what is even better? When two of them follow you home!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. The model H was the row crop version. What was the name given to the standard version?

A) HS B) HV C) W-4 D) W-6

2. The Rock Island, Illinois plant was opened in 1926, but was not closed until _____.

A) 1955 B) 1965 C) 1975 D) 1985

3. The Farmall name was officially dropped by IH in _____.

A) 1953 B) 1963 C) 1973 D) 1983

4. The Farmall H had _____ forward speeds and one reverse.

A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6

5. One version of the H was called the HV. What type of tractor was this?

A) Wide Front B) High Crop C) Tricycle D) Single front wheel

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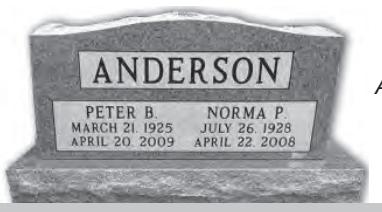

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OBITUARIES

Death Notice for Jovann Espeseth

Joyann Espeseth, age 89, of Thief River Falls, MN, formerly Winger, MN, died Monday, September 28, 2020, at Oakland Park Nursing Home, Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral Services pending.

Obituary for Adeline Rogstad

Adeline Rogstad, 84, of Bemidji, Minnesota formally of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the Sanford Health Neilson Place in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Private graveside services were held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elim Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

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

Adeline Elvera Holm was born on May 31, 1936 in Clearbrook, Minnesota the daughter of Walter and Clara (Olson) Holm. Adeline grew up and was raised in Clearbrook, MN, where she was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. She graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1954. Adeline married Merlin Rogstad on January 9, 1955 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. Together they had 3 children: Debbie, Sharon, and Wes. They lived in Westby, Montana before returning to the Clearbrook area in 1964, where they forever made their home.

Adeline cherished spending time with her children and grandchildren. Having get togethers at her parents' home, while visiting with her sisters, was always a real treat; as everybody was always talking and nobody was ever listening. Other enjoyable moments were spending time on the farm, visiting with family and friends from Montana and when her sister Doris and brother-in-law Dave would visit from Seattle.

Adeline was a devoted housewife and worked for the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook as a kitchen aide/cook for 20+ years. She was a member of the Elim Lutheran Church in Clearbrook where she participated in the Ladies Aide.

She is survived by her:

Daughter-Sharon (Mark) Larson of Clearbrook, MN and their children: Danny (Nicole) Larson, Matt (Melissa) Larson and David (Cali) Larson.

Son-Wes (Mary Beth) Rogstad of Clearbrook, MN and their children: Whitney (Evan) Twedt, Tyler (Jessica) Rogstad, Trevor (Lexi) Rogstad and Oshion Rogstad.

Grandsons: Ryan Dwight and Jared Dwight.

Great Grandchildren: Dylan, Elsa, Emma, Ava, Eric, Sawyer, Reese, Mason, Jordan and 1 due in October.

Sisters- Mavis (Joe) LaBelle of Grand Forks, ND; Gloria Valgren of Grand Forks, ND; Susan (Joe) Wysoski of Fargo, ND.

Numerous nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Debbie, grandson Michael, her parents, mother and father in-law, and brother-in-law- Herb Valgren.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Elim Lutheran Church.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Obituary for Lyle Evenson

Lyle Evenson, age 80, of Winger, MN, died Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at Rosewood on Broadway in Fargo, ND.

Lyle Evenson was born on November 9, 1939, to Edwin and Belinda (Mork) Evenson. Lyle, along with his siblings, Allen and Beverly, grew up just outside of Winger on the family farm. Lyle graduated from McIntosh High School on May 29, 1958. In 1963, Lyle joined the army and served two years as a machinist. He was designated as a master marksman and sharpshooter. He made lifelong friends while he was in the army and often talked about his service with great pride.

After completing his time in the army, Lyle returned to the family farm to work. On November 1, 1975, Lyle and Carol (Lindner) were united in marriage. They have three children together, Christy, Tiffaney, and Evan.

Lyle farmed most of his life. During the winter, he sometimes worked at Dee Inc. or Winger Implement. Lyle loved farming but in 1998, he made the hard decision to retire. After that time, he worked several years for Strata in Detroit Lakes, MN. Lyle always seemed to have a project he was working on, whether it was fixing the neighbor's tractor or fixing things around the farm. He was always a hard worker and gave his best in whatever work he was doing.

After he retired, Lyle occupied his time with restoring antique horse drawn farm equipment that was on the farm that his father once used. He even sold some equipment to a local Amish farmer and found great joy in seeing the equipment being used.

Lyle is survived by his children: Christy (Brandon) Moulds of Fisher, MN, Tiffaney (Chris) Primeau of East Grand Forks, MN, and Evan (Amanda) Evenson of Winger, MN; three grandchildren: Nicholas Johnson, Mason Primeau, and Lyvia Primeau; sister, Beverly (Waldo) Thompson of Thief River Falls, MN; brother, Allen (Jane) Evenson of Billings, MT; and several nieces and nephews.

Lyle is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Belinda Evenson; and great-nephew, John Murphy.

A graveside service with military honors was held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Storelvedalen Lutheran Cemetery, rural Winger, MN. Visitation was held Sunday, September 27, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Anderson Family Funeral Home, Mahnomen, MN.

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family Funeral Home

in Mahnomen. Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituary for Myrtle Skalet

Myrtle Skalet, 90, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Karlstad Nursing Home, Karlstad, MN.

The funeral to celebrate Myrtle's life was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Rev. Kristin Ostercamp officiating. Burial will was at Salem Cemetery, rural Oklee, MN.

Myrtle Skalet was born April 8, 1930 in Mayfield Township, Pennington County, MN the daughter of Arthur and Oline "Lena" (Warstad) Skalet and identical twin to Muriel. She grew up on the family farm in Mayfield Township and has lived in Plummer, MN, Red Lake Falls, MN, Argyle, MN, Faribault, MN, Fergus Falls, MN, Thief River Falls, MN and most recently Karlstad, MN.

She had a spunky personality, loved lefse, donuts, chocolate, stuffed animals, listening to music and celebrating her birthday!

Survivors include many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her siblings, Muriel (2017), Thilda (2016) (Olaf) Haugen and Alton (1979) (Evelyn) Skallet, Selma (1989) (Carl) Peterson, Gladys (2001) (Harold) Walseth, Stella (2015) (Edwin) Halvorson and Helen (2016) (John Cardella & Ed Sampley) Sampley.

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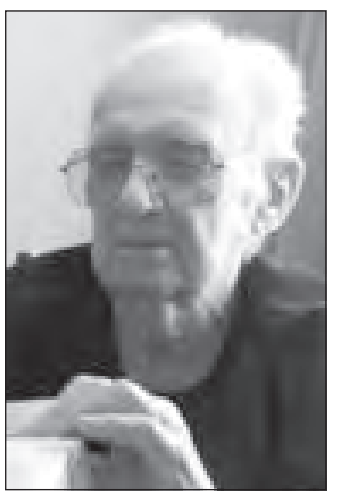

Obituary for George Mork

George "Keith" Mork passed away at LifeCare Roseau Manor on September 23, 2020, at the age of 93. Keith was born in Crookston, MN on August 1, 1927 to George and Mary (Kiltie) Mork and brought home to Skime, MN. Keith went to school in Skime at District 86 until 8th grade and then graduated from Roseau High School.

His first love was farm life but he also cut pulp wood in the winter months in the Beltrami Forest area. He picked potatoes in North Dakota in the fall. He planted many, many trees to preserve the land. Keith loved to hunt, take drives with his best friend "Tami", and visit with his friends about the goings on in the community and country. He loved sports, especially hockey and baseball. Keith was a man who loved his solitude but could also talk your ear off.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary; brother Jim Mork and an infant brother; sister-in-law Maxine Mork; brother-in-law Hubert Olson; nephew Jim Jr; nieces Huberta and Sharon. He is survived by his sister Mavis Olson; nephew Ken (Vicki) Olson, nieces Deanna (Tim) Sorvig; Denise Olson, Stacy Anderson, Alice Mork; along with his great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his best buddies Brian Olson and Tami.

Thank you to LifeCare Roseau Manor for caring for Keith in his final years and to Brian Olson for always being there for Keith.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Skime. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Online guest book at: www.helgesonfuneralhome.com

Obituary for Iona Robbins

Our loving mother, Iona Harriet Bries Robbins, died peacefully Aug. 31, 2020 at Thurston Woods Villa.

She was born July 20, 1924, in McIntosh, Minn., a daughter of Philip and Alma (Nesland) Bries. She was baptized in the Lutheran church in 1924, was confirmed in 1938 and continued to live in McIntosh until 1943.

Her father was born in Luxembourg and her mother was Norwegian. She appreciated and enjoyed her ancestry. She visited and made friends of the families in both countries.

After graduating from McIntosh High School in 1942, Iona moved to Wayne and worked as a riveter on the nose ring of the B24 Bomber at Willow Run. She transferred to Time Study. It was at Willow Run where she met her husband, Jack E. Robbins. They were married on Aug. 8, 1944, in McIntosh and moved to Colon in 1945. Their life together continued almost 67 years until Jack's passing on July 1, 2011.

In addition to working 32½ years at Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Iona also busied herself with Colon United Methodist Church, which they joined in 1957, the Methodist choir, the Community Historical Society and as a volunteer in Emergency Food. They participated many years as members of the Battle Creek Square and Round Dance Club, as a Girl Scouts and Brownies leader and Tri-County Council program counselor, and a charter member of Sons of Norway Askeladden Lodge #5-610 of Kalamazoo, formed in 1988. Iona enjoyed her family, church work, community service, cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, leathercraft, refinishing antique furniture and reading. Jack and Iona were recognized as Honorary Citizens of the Year in Colon by both the Colon Chamber and Colon Kiwanis. The couple also was awarded the Community Citizen Award by Colon Grange in 1988. Iona had a charitable heart and lifestyle.

Iona is survived by two daughters, Jackie (Larry) Boals and Vicki (Gilbert) LeRoque, both of Sturgis; a granddaughter, Susan (LeRoque) and husband, James Davis, of Monroe; two granddaughters-in-law, Kerry (Gary) Bradford of Los Alamitos, Calif., and Lora (Mike) Ianucilli of South Whitley, Ind.; great-grandchildren Derrik Bankemper of Los Alamitos and Nicholas, Michael and Jacob Ianucilli of South Whitley; five step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack E. Robbins; her parents; two grandsons, David Bankemper and Lee Elliott; and sisters Marvel Gordon of Seattle and Frances Fowler of Prairie Farm, Wis.

The family wishes to thank her friends who have been thoughtful of her the last years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests those wishing to make a memorial to consider Colon United Methodist Church for stained- glass window repair; Community Historical Society for future roofing repair fund or your personal choice. She has chosen to be cremated.

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Obituary for Michael Rude

Michael Wayne Rude, 59, of Gonvick, Minnesota died on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center in North Dakota.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 2:00- 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Gonvick, Minnesota. Interment will be held Samhold Lutheran Cemetery immediately. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born on December 6, 1960 in Fosston, MN, the son of Norman and Rosella (Cole) Rude. He was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. Mike from a very young age knew he would follow in his father's footsteps learning about engines and all the aspects of mechanics. He knew where his career path would take him after graduating from Gonvick High School in 1979. He attended Wadena Tech College for two years and received his certification as an auto mechanic. His entire career was spent perfecting the trade. His experiences took him several places where he worked, including Park Rapids, Grand Forks, and Albuquerque, New Mexico before returning to Gonvick to take over his father's business, "Rude's Repair".

Mike was a proud member of the Gonvick Lions Club, Samhold Lutheran Church, and the Gonvick Volunteer Fire Department. He loved four-wheeling, deer hunting, fishing, attending sprint car races, and working to restore his 1970 Mercury Cougar. He had a big smile that could light up a room. Michael was caring and generous. It was important to him to help others. In continuation of his charitable spirit, his family chose to have his cornea's donated through the Dakota Lion's Eye Bank.

Mike loved his mother's cooking and she was always ready to whip him up any of his favorite goodies or a Sunday dinner. When Mike lived in New Mexico, he took in his beloved dog, Sam. Sam came with him to Gonvick and became the unofficial guard dog of the shop.

He is survived by his parents, Norman and Rosella Rude; his siblings, Ronald (Donna) Rude, Teresa (Douglas) Faldet, Denise (Mark) Borseth, and Kristi (Gary) Robbins; his nieces and nephews, Tresha, Ryan, Cody, Nolan, Brittany, Christopher, Matthew, and Ashley; and many other cherished family and friends

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Nathan Faldet; and his grandparents, Olaf and Anna Rude and Virgil and Daisy Cole.

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Obituary for Leif Haugen

Leif Haugen, 89, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with Pastor Verlyn Strenge and Pastor Rick Moore officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN. Interment will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery near Clearbrook, MN.

Leif was born on October 22, 1930 at Gonvick, MN, the son of Ole and Florence (Johnson) Haugen. He attended Gonvick High School and married Devona Bergeson on November 2, 1957 at Clearbrook, MN. Leif was self-employed and lived in both Clearbrook and Bagley. He always put his faith in Jesus first. Leif was always praying for family and friends in need. He enjoyed reading his Bible and often shared verses and stories he had read. His dream was to see, each and everyone he knew in Heaven with him. Leif had such a deep love and appreciation for his family. He often asked where everyone was going, or he was heading to the farm to check on Mike and Jesse. He often wondered when Tammy was coming home to spoil him or was talking to Tony on the phone. He enjoyed always being busy or was always teasing Val and Ken, which was their way of showing love. Leif enjoyed giving those he loved nicknames. Leif, to his family, was a man full of strength and had a heart full of gold. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clearbrook and the Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Bagley. He cherished his church family and the relationship he had with each and every person. Leif enjoyed spending time driving around with the love of his life "Dolly".

He is survived by his wife Devona Lea Haugen of Bagley, MN

Sons - Michael (Janet) Haugen of Bagley, MN; Kenneth (Kelly) Haugen of Fosston, MN. Daughters - Valerie (Ken) Bower of Bagley, MN; Tammy (Wade) Dukek of Menomonie, WI. Son - Tony Haugen of Bagley, MN

17 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ole and Florence Haugen; His grandsons – Jeremy Baumann and Logan Dukek; Siblings - Arthur Haugen, Orville Haugen, Emma Satran, Dorothy Lindgren and Doris Larson.

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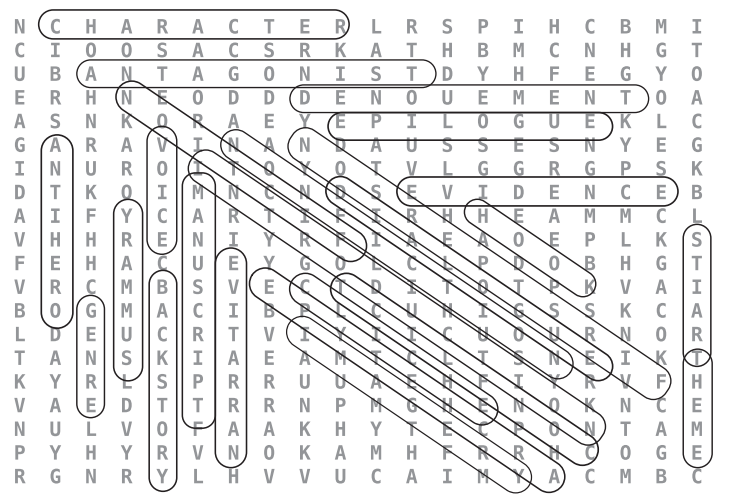

The Streets of Gonvick were filled with 78 cars for the Vintage Collectors 15th Annual Auto Show. The top five awards, based upon popular vote by participants, each received $100.

Gonvick Pumpkin Day!

Steve Hughes of Gonvick had his 1962 Chevy Impala Super Sport in the 15th Annual Car Show in Gonvick last weekend.

Andrew Hillstad and Abby of Winger with his 1976 Ford F150 pickup. This truck has never seen a body shop and the needle has never been buried.

Joe Speer of Ulen with his 1978 Trans Am. The same kind of car that was in Smoky and the Bandit movie. He had a signed signature in the trunk of his car.

Minnesota high school football and volleyball are back this fall

In a virtual meeting Monday morning, the Minnesota State High School League board of directors voted to reinstate both seasons. The vote for football was 15-3; the vote for volleyball was 14-4.

These votes reversed last month's decision to postpone the volleyball and football seasons to March due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agreed upon in Monday's meeting was that both the football and volleyball seasons will start practice on Sept. 28.

As for football, the season will be 10 weeks long, with a six regular season games. The first game will be held on Oct. 9-10. The football postseason will last two weeks, but end by Nov. 28. The postseason format has yet to be determined.

For volleyball, the season will last 11 weeks, with 14 dual competitions. The first competition is slated for Oct. 8.

The reversal decision stemmed from a special meeting last week, where officials discussed revisiting the Aug. 4 decision that pushed volleyball and football back to a spring "flex season."

That meeting resulted in a survey being sent out to schools in the league. According league officials, nearly 400 schools responded, most of which said they wanted volleyball and football played in the fall, not the spring.

With the Covid 19 people were able to have their lunch outside on Main Street in Gonvick for the annual pumpkin and car show day.

12th Annual Trails to Treatments Cancer Benefit and Ride, A Successful 2020 Event!

Submitted by Sue Helm

The 12th Annual NCH Trails to Treatments (TTT) Cancer Benefit and Ride was held over the Labor Day weekend in Middle River. It is a fact that the TTT Committee felt there needed to be changes made to the weekend's activities, but the pandemic didn't stop them from hosting this annual fundraising weekend so those in need of funding during their treatment of cancer can continue.

Activities kicked-off on Friday at 4 pm with a "Horse Fun Run". There were 47 riders that participated, and Wayne Ziska was the winner of the 50/50 split. Thanks to the Spud Wagon, food was hot and ready to serve from 4-8 pm at the Ornquist Arena. Next up, riders of all ages were encouraged to sign up for a new Friday evening activity, an Obstacle Course Competition. This competition consisted of 3-age divisions and offered a fun and challenging activity for horses and riders. A total of 22 riders took the challenge! The winners of the '12 & Under Division'; 1st place-Keira Gornowicz, 2nd place-Claire Gornowicz, 3rd place-Lilly Heinen, 4th place-Brynn Moen. The winners of the '13-17 Division'; 1st place-Silver Kraska, 2nd place-Gabby Heinen; 3rd place-Zoey Magner. The winners of the '18 & Over Division'; 1st place-Wayne Moses, 2nd place-Shirley Horien; 3rd place-Sadie Gornowicz. Congratulations to all the Friday winners! The night's fun continued with Nathan Bukowski setting up his Karaoke equipment for lots of singing by a crackling campfire.

Saturday started early with a tasty breakfast served by Norie and Friends at the American Legion. After breakfast, a total of 53 riders took off on the trail ride from the Ornquist Arena, riders could choose one of three ride options, 4, 12, or 19 miles. At noon, boxed lunches were served by the Flying V Cancer Fighters at the American Legion. Live music on the Main Street Stage from 2-5 pm kept everyone entertained. A big THANKS to Nathan Bukowski, Lisa Koble, Tami Lee, Marlow Lorenson, and Rick Wiseman for sharing your vocal talents. Also, on Saturday afternoon there were horses to ride by the Fire Hall and wagon rides along the Luminary Trail. A boxed evening meal of barbecued ribs with all the fixin's was served from 5-8 pm at the American Legion. On the street north of the Legion at 5 pm, the Best Dressed Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest was held. There were 5 adorable participants, with 10-month old Karson Klasen and 4-year old Ava Issak winning this year's competition. The Cancer Tribute Ceremony, silent and live auctions filled the rest of Saturday evening, which concluded with a campfire at the Ornquist arena.

Gene Johnson of Crookston took his 2003 grey BMW for a spin to the 15th Annual Car Show in Gonvick.

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"41st Annual Paul Bunyan Stampede"

Wissota Midwest Modified winner Aaron Blacklance of Thief River Falls.

9/26&27/2020
By Dennis Peterson

The 41st Annual Paul Bunyan Stampede was held at Bemidji Speedway Saturday September 26th and Sunday September 27th. Weather conditions were not the best with a steady drizzle and rain soaking the track and the many campers who came early on Friday for the Cornhole Tournament and party held each year prior to the stampede. 139 racers filled the pits with trailers and haulers of all sizes and styles in anticipation of the weekend of racing in 9 classes. As Saturday morning approached the rains let up and track prep ensued making for a fast and smooth racing surface for the first day of the Stampede. The opening ceremonies with lots of flags for the national anthem and a pre-race prayer set the tone for the races to come. The heats started and with just four remaining the skies once again opened up and drenched the track ending the first day of racing forcing track management to be creative and make the two full race shows into one with the last four heats and all the features to be run on Sunday.

Sunday, the track was once again prepped and ready for racing. Under cloudy and cool conditions the fans returned and the drivers were ready to finish the heat races and stampede features.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature – Michael Roth, Austin Carlson, Kevin Baumgarner, Chad TAbaka, Josh Berg, Dusty Caspers, Devyn Weleski, Joey LaValley, Travis Olafson, Mark Gangl, Nick Shumansky, Deryk Weleski, Kade Leeper, Nick Carvelli, Haley Jones

Heat one winner – Jared Akervik,

Heat two winner – Michael Roth

Heat three winner – Devyn Weleski

Northern Renegade Wingless Sprints Feature – Josh Braford, Jake Barsness, Paul Schultz, Teal Arneson, Brad Larson, Brian Trenbath, Dave Braford, Dan Wait

Heat 1 – Lance Solem
Heat 2 – Paul Schultz

Wissota Mod Four Feature – Skyler Smith, Robert Holtquist, Chad Funt, Blake Erickson, Conrad Schwinn, Tyler Larson, Patrick Specht, Dean Larson, Jonathon Feda, Dean Thell

Heat 1 – Skyler Smith
Heat 2 – Conrad Schwinn
Heat 3 – Tommy Bawdon

Wissota Midwest Modifieds Feature – Aaron Blacklance, Jeff Reed, Bret Schmidt, Brandon Hines, Rick Jacobson, Alan Olafson, Blake Higginbotham, Skyler Smith, Dano Ostrander, Jeff Nelson, Adam Prieve, Tyler McClellan, Doug VanMill, Butch Butcher, Cody Krueth, Conner Drewry, Alex Johnson, Justin Feltus, Richard Reed.

Heat 1 – Aaron Blacklance
Heat 2 – Jeff Reed,
Heat 3 – Rick Jacobson
Heat 4 – Brandon Hines

Wissota Hornet Feature – John Current, Ross Magnusson, Travis Olafson, Stephen Boyd, Jason Bush, Brady Albertson, Justin Barsness, Jordan Thayer, Lucy LaValley, Ryder Gangl

Heat 1 – Travis Olafson
Heat 2 – John Current
Heat 3 – Ross Magnuson

Bemidji Mini Stock Feature – Waylon Current, Conrad Schwinn, Shannon George, Donahue Wittner, Cory Nelson, Ashton Schwinn, John Current, Brandon Puschinsky, Gordon Hunter

Heat 1 – Donahue Wittner
Heat 2 – Shannon George

Wissota Super Stocks Feature – Matt Sparby, Mikey Vajdl, Dan Nissalke, Tristan LaBArge, Tim Carlson, Harley Kroening, Butch Butcher, Nic Jacobson, Dylan Nelson, Jeff Frey, Austin Niemeyer, Jake Froemke, Austin Carlson, Tyler Kroening, Trista Pankratz

Heat 1 – Mikey Vajdl
Heat 2 – Bob Schumacher
Heat 3 – Dustin Nelson
Heat 4 – Dan Nissalke

Northern Renegade Winged Sprints feature – Zach Wilde, Mark Chevalier, Chris Lewis, Josh Braford, Brad Larson, Tyler Hass,

Heat 1 – Mark Chevalier,
Heat 2 – Josh Braford

Wissota Modified Feature – Danny Vang, Rick Jacobson, Erick Thiesse, Scotty Messner, Davey Mills, Adam Johnson

Heat 1 – Danny Vang
Heat 2 – Rick Jacobson

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