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Karen Bratvold Wins NPC Upper Midwest Candice Carter Body Building Championship

by Bonnie Kirchman
Karen Bratvold of Clearbrook, competed at the NPC Upper Midwest Candice Carter Body Building Championship 2020 held in Fargo in October. She won her division and was also the overall winner, repeating what she had accomplished at the 2019 competition. Karen competes in the Masters 50+ Physique Division. The competitors are judged on their appearance, their poses, and the performance of a one-minute dance.
This win is another step in Karen's journey to be an International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) Pro, her ultimate goal. Karen gives 100% commitment to a lifestyle that focuses on eating and exercising according to a plan that will help her achieve the level of fitness she needs to win.
People often ask how long Karen trains for an event. Her reply is "every day of my life".
This year's competition was different because of COVID-19. Only one spectator was allowed for each competitor. Karen described the experience of looking out into the audience and seeing smiling husbands sitting six feet apart as "limited, but special".
Karen's husband Darren not only supports her at competitions, he supports her in all her efforts to achieve her body building goals.
"I wouldn't be here without

him," Karen says. She adds, "We are a good team."
When Darren is asked how he helps Karen look so good at her competitions, he answers simply- "venison and walleye and wild rice".
While Darren was able to attend the competition in person, Karen had fans who watched virtually. Mona Nelson, who owns Anytime Fitness in Foston where Karen works as a trainer, gathered a group of friends to cheer Karen on virtually.
"Mona opened her arms and welcomed me in and gave me support for my sport," Karen said.
The local fans are joined by Karen's family in Australia that includes her parents and her children. Karen helps train her children, so they understand her sport very well. Even her mother lifts weights.
"Mom is my inspiration. I inspired her and now she inspires me," Karen said.
Karen has won many awards for her body building success. But it has changed her life in other ways. When she was at a point in her life when she wanted to start working out, she found a trainer. Her successful transformation impressed the people at her gym so much that they hired her and sent her to college to learn about nutrition, training, and group fitness.
Karen's journey continued. As she has worked toward her own goals, she has also

discovered a mission to help others. She wants to share her knowledge and experience with people of all ages and she is able to accomplish this through her work as a trainer. She realizes that her clients have their own fitness needs and goals, and she doesn't expect them to follow her body building path. She provides guidance on how to eat and how to work out. She helps people work out the right way so they aren't wasting time, making it easier for them to reach their goals.
"It's lovely to help someone and see them smile because they've lost a few pounds," Karen said of her clients.
COVID-19 has changed Karen's work for now. With the gyms temporarily closed, people are missing the classes and support they get from her at Anytime Fitness. Once gyms can open again, Karen will be there to continue training. But in the meanwhile, Karen is able to provide support virtually. So if people are feeling the need to get back on track with their fitness goals or start a new program, they can contact Karen for help. She can be reached by phone at 218-368-6247.
Karen looks forward to working on her own goal to become a pro and helping others meet their fitness goals. She appreciates how she got to where she is today through "family support, community support, my own hard work, and a husband who loves me".

Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake Update

So far, this season has already had numerous highs and lows, two weeks ago we had to push back the Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial race at Pine Lake due to ice conditions and COVID restrictions that were in place for large events. This week we have had conference calls with ISR/USAC, MN DNR, & Five Star Promotions who is the local promoter for the event. With the help of ISR/USAC we submitted a 20-page COVID procedure and policy proposal for our event permits but we were notified that the State of MN will not be reviewing event permits until they know what the next round of restrictions from the MN governor will be. We then had a conference call with the Dyrdaahl family and were notified ice conditions at

Pine Lake are only half way to what we need to hold the event and there is no significant cold weather in the forecast.
As a group we processed our next steps and with the unknown of the permit status for the event, current ice conditions, and restrictions in place for fundraising for the event we have made the decision that the event will be canceled for the 20/21 race season...
With the news of the hold on permits in MN earlier this week we have already started working on potential venues outside the state of MN where restrictions will allow events like ours to continue. We have options for both lake and terrain venues in North Dakota, Iowa, & Wisconsin that we are working with our contacts in

each state to secure alternate locations if the need arises in January.
We want to thank Five Star Promotions for all their help in trying to keep Pine Lake on the schedule for this season. This was not an easy decision but with many factors out of our control we have no other option than this decision.
I want to thank our sponsors for their continued support, all the racers that have reached out over the past two weeks with their encouragement and understanding as we work on this, and the Cor PowerSports crew.
For those that have already registered for Pine Lake I will be in touch with you.
Sincerely, Todd Myers
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U of MN Crookston Students Combine Natural Materials with Ancient Native American Techniques to Create Pottery



Crookston, Minn. - Students on the campus of the University of Minnesota Crookston are actively engaged in hands-on learning throughout the year. Eric Castle, associate professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources department, has taken it to heart as he sought to show students in his Art 1353: Pottery Design and Techniques course they can make pottery from materials found in nature. Castle learned the ancient

technique of the Anasazis, a Native American people that inhabited the American southwest in modern day Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico, during a class he had taken this summer.
"One of the teachers I learned this from was contracted by the Bureau of Land Management, the federal agency that manages a lot of land out west," Castle stated. "They paid him to go around the southwestern United States and assess clay deposits for their use of making pottery. He has been doing pottery since the 1970s. He has been trying to replicate ancient techniques. He was a good person to go out and assess clay sources and he found a bunch of them that were suitable in making pottery-style clay."
Castle brought back his teacher's favorite clay and it became the root of one of the class projects this semester. The process was an elaborate one as Castle taught his students how to utilize materials around them.
"We brought the clay back (to Crookston) in a bucket with chunks of this lightish-gray colored clay," Castle said. "From there we needed to process it. We then processed the clay by going out in the nature nook and finding a good round rock from the landscaped areas. We used that to grind up the clay and turned it into a fine powder. If there were any rocks in the clay we cleaned them out at the same time. Then we got it wet and mixed it to the right consistency for working. We

had to add a little bit of sand to add structural support. From there, we made coil pots and let those dry."
After the pots were dry Castle and his class focused on painting the pots using a technique known as black and white style. "There is a lot of evidence of white-looking pottery and the paint is black. To get that black color of the paint, the paint we used was made from Rocky Mountain Bee Plant. You take the whole plant and you put it in a pot and mash it and heat it up for a couple of days. It boils down to a tarry consistency. From there we made paint brushes using Yucca leaves. You have the stiff part of the leaf and the other part we used our favorite rocks to mash the end of the Yucca leaves and scrape off the pulpy flesh so we were left with just the fibers of the Yucca leaves. We then painted the pots."
After the pots were painted the focus became firing the clay to finalize the project. In order to stick with the ancient techniques of the Anasazi people, Castle needed to find sandstone and an area in which the class could dig a hole for an underground kiln. It was with the help of the Facilities staff at UMN Crookston that Castle was able to check both boxes off.
"We coordinated with facilities on campus," Castle stated. "They were great with finding a location on campus where we could dig a pit about 14 inches



The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) decision last week to deny the motion for stay of the Line 3 Replacement Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Route Permit and Certificate of Need means that the work on the existing 51-year-old pipeline being replaced can now go ahead. Work has now begun to replace the aging line.



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deep and three feet wide and eight feet long. Ideally in this pit you have it lined with sandstone slabs. Unfortunately sandstone doesn't occur naturally around here. So I mentioned to Facilities if they knew anywhere we could get sandstone and apparently there were old parts of the Student Center made of sandstone. When they redid the Student Center they saved pieces that went around the window that were sandstone. They took those and stored those for 30 years and apparently were waiting for a pottery class to come around. So they took their equipment and hauled them and arranged them in the pit how I had told them to."

Now that he had a location, Castle brought his class out on Sunday, October 18 for the last step of the project as they fired their clay pots in the underground kiln. "We came out one Sunday and got the fire started. Students came in shifts with me and we tended it. To create those oxygen-starved conditions you heat the fire until it is peak temperature and right at that point you want to smother the fire. We took the dirt we excavated out of the pit and buried the kiln with all of the pottery inside of it still. We let that bake and cool overnight. The next day we dug it out and unearthed the pottery the students made."

Castle was very pleased with the project and is excited to teach his future classes the same style of pottery. One thing he is looking forward to is finding local clay and people who know more about the ancient traditions of the Red River Valley region.



"I would like to try to find some local clay. I would like to coordinate with some people who know more about the history of pottery in this region. The technique I am using here is from the southwestern United States."

Castle believes the project met his ultimate goal of helping show students that they can make things with materials found right around them.

"I wanted to show the students they could make clay and fire pottery with things they could find around them,"

Castle remarked. "You don't need fancy clay, you don't need a fancy kiln. It is just this very primal way of connecting with the place you are. If you can find clay around you, that is a part of the place you live, you can take that clay and make something beautiful or useful or something beautiful and useful."

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Live Nativity at Humbleberry Farms



Humbleberry Farms in Brooks will be hosting a live nativity on December 13th and 20th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be live Christmas carols, campfires, and the BarnShop will be open for holiday shopping. Find us at 23636 MN-92, Brooks. This is a free community event.



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Annual Tree Walk cancelled

For the health and safety of our community, patients and staff amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Essentia Health-Fosston has made the decision to cancel the annual Tree Walk for Hospice.

The annual tree walk raises money to assist with providing specialized care to patients and families served on hospice. "The tremendous support we've received from our community allows us to continue providing the exceptional, personalized care we are known for," explains Kristi Mienert, hospice care manager. "We all wish we could give you a big hug to show our appreciation for your support of our hospice program. Instead, please accept our gratitude and thanks."

Even though the event must be cancelled, the opportunity to purchase an angel tree ornament is still available. The ornament is available to purchase in honor or memory of a loved one. The recommended donation is \$10 per angel. To purchase, please send your donation to Essentia Health-Hospice, 900 Hillgoss Blvd, SE, Fosston, MN 56542. You can indicate the name or names of whom the angel is in memory or honor of. Also, please include the mailing address to mail the angel to.

If you have additional questions, please call Kristi at 218-435-7670.

Redeemer Lutheran Church raises more than \$3,000 for Hospice

Thief River Falls, Minn., Dec. 2, 2020— Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minn., has raised \$3,545 for Hospice of the Red River Valley. The church typically holds an annual spaghetti benefit dinner in early October, but COVID-19 altered plans for the event. Organizers were committed to still supporting this important work, so they held a fundraising drive instead.

Redeemer Lutheran Church has raised more than \$33,000 to support Hospice of the Red River Valley.

"We are so grateful for the generosity and support despite the challenges presented by COVID-19," said Curt Seter, development officer with Hospice of the Red River Valley. "The continued commitment to supporting Hospice of the Red River Valley ensures compassionate end-of-life care will continue long into the future."

Hospice of the Red River Valley has an office in Thief River Falls. The service area expanded in 2009 to cover individuals living in Thief River Falls and the surrounding communities.

Did you know?

The modern era is often referred to as the "Digital Age," but mankind's relationship with science and technology dates back much further than the 21st century. According to Wired.com, in 2006 scientists confirmed that a device discovered in 1900 amid the remains of an ancient Mediterranean shipwreck was an analog computer. The device, since dubbed the "Antikythera Computer," was believed to help calculate astronomical cycles so sailors could more easily sail between Alexandria and Athens. The Antikythera Computer has been dated to sometime around the first century B.C., proving that man's fascination with gadgets is an ancient one that has been paying dividends for millennia.

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Application forms may be picked up in the District Office at 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or you may email jweems@bagley.k12.mn.us For more information, please call Jenetta Weems at 694-6184. R38-39C

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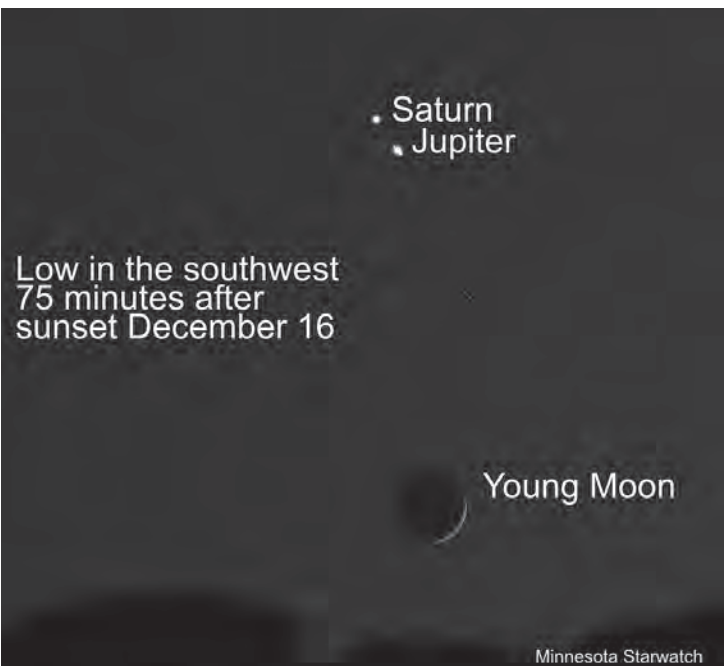
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Minnesota Starwatch for Dec. 2020



By Deane Morrison
This year December belongs to Jupiter and Saturn. The two giant planets put on a show just before they drop over the horizon, on their way to the morning sky.
And what a show it is. On the 21st, Jupiter and Saturn make their closest approach since 1623. Jupiter, with its higher orbital speed, glides just 0.1 degrees—about one-fifth of a moon width—below Saturn. Because this happens in early morning, when Jupiter and Saturn aren't visible, the evening of either the 20th or the 21st will be the best time to look. The two planets will be so

close that through a small telescope they, along with many of their moons, will fit into a single field of view.
Jupiter regularly overtakes Saturn like this; on average, it passes the ringed planet every 19.6 years. But they won't get this close again until 2080. To see them, go out as soon as the sky darkens enough to reveal two orbs, one (Jupiter) much brighter, very low in the southwest. Try following the planets' approach and separation over several days; say, from the 16th through the 23rd. On the 16th, a very young, thin crescent moon comes out below them, making a pretty trio.

If you have neither a small telescope nor a good friend with one, try binoculars, especially if you can steady them with a tripod. If all else fails, images of the event are sure to pop up online.
Winter arrives officially with the solstice, at 4:02 a.m. on the 21st. At that moment the sun reaches a point over the Tropic of Capricorn and begins its annual trek back toward the northern sky. However, although the day length shortens as we approach the solstice, Minnesotans experience the earliest sunset of the year during the first two weeks in December (the date varies slightly with location). After the solstice, our sunrises will still be getting later for several days, but the evening darkness will have begun to shrink.
December's full moon comes at 9:28 p.m. on the 29th. It rises in late afternoon, opposite a sinking sun.

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Death Notice for Robert Janssen

Robert Bobby Janssen, 55, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota formerly of Gonvick, Minnesota died on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, Minnesota. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be held at Samhold Lutheran Cemetery.

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

A full obituary will be posted next week.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for Terrance Lendway

Terrance G. "Terry" Lendway was born March 7, 1963 and passed away November 27, 2020 at the age of 57. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Kelly Cadow Lendway, his daughter, Kati Hall (Snug), and two sons, Logan and Jacob Lendway. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kylie, Kallie, and Owen Hall, and his sisters, Carrie Luger and Tracy

Klinke. He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Dariel Lendway. Terry worked as a service technician with Mayeaux's Air Conditioning for 29 years.

He loved being home with his family and will be remembered as an amazing chef, especially his breakfasts. He will also be remembered as an avid gamer, he was ranked number 712 in the world for Call of Duty, and was very proud of that accomplishment. Terry was known for being a completely selfless person and always put his family first. He took great pride in his children and made sure they were always taken care of. A strong family man is how he will be remembered.

Relatives and friends Celebrated Terry's life on Saturday, December 5, 2020. In Terry's honor, please consider making a donation to Perry's Posse.

To share condolences with the family please visit www.HCAlexander.com.



Obituary for Mary Sweno

Mary Ann (Boutain) Sweno, 71, of Oklee, Minnesota passed away at Essentia Health Living Center in Foss-ton, Minnesota on Sunday, November 29, 2020.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Bethany Cemetery near Gully, Minnesota

Mary was born on January 1, 1949 the daughter of Alexander Arthur and Sadie Mavis (Wilson) Boutain. She was raised on a farm near Dorothy, MN where she attended a country school. She enjoyed crocheting knitting

and gardening. Mary married Albert Charles Kezar May 20, 1967 in Pennington County MN and had four children. Mary then married David L. Sweno April 29, 1999

She is survived by her husband - David Sweno; Her children - Todd (Mary Jean) Allen, Brenda Rae (Jeffrey D Hamm), Valerie Ann Robb, Kay Lynn (Scott Dreger); Step daughter -Debbie Sweno Moy; Siblings- Wilford (Pat) Boutain, Clarence (Varuna) Boutain, Lawrence (Evelyn) Boutain, James (Kay) Boutain, Sharon Grinlen, Linda Hamlin, Virgil (Jennifer) Boutain; Grandchildren- Jordan (Alison) Hamm, Jarvis (Sierra)Hamm, Jenna Hamm, Elizabeth (Chris) Underdahl, Nicholas Kezar, Ethan Skjerven, Leah Dreger; Great grandchildren - Autumn Kirk, Alaina Hamm, Brianna Hamm, Runa Hamm, Aubrey Underdahl.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents- infant sister Darlene. Brothers - Raymond, Ronald and Alexander and twin sister Margaret Ann.

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Obituary for Delores Aakre

Delores Ann (Habadank) Aakre of Clearbrook, MN, was born in Madison, Wisconsin on April 13th, 1938 to Albert and Elsie (Eggers) Habadank. On May 15th, 1938 she was reborn as a child of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Delores confessed her baptismal faith in the rite of Confirmation on June 1st, 1952. She was united in holy marriage to Charles Aakre on June 13th, 1959. God blessed their marriage with the gift of six children.

Dee expressed her devotion to the Lord through many labors of love. She worked side by side with her husband milking cows and driving her favorite John Deere model "G" tractor while sporting her matching John Deere hat. She also tended two large vegetable gardens, canned and preserved fruits and vegetables, sewed many outfits for her children, taught Sunday School and served on the Ladies Aid at Redeemer Lutheran Church and still found time to make the best homemade pizza.

Dee delighted in bird watching. She would refer to her favorite bird book and take record of the birds and the dates she spotted them. Her love of gardening, which was passed down from her

mother, was also passed down to her children. Gardening was her time with the Lord and gave her refreshment after her daily chores. Each year her enjoyment was renewed as she would savor each type of flower in full bloom.

Dee was a prayer warrior. She faithfully brought the trials and sorrows of her family and friends to the Lord. Dee loved chatting with old friends and new friends alike. Her sense of humor and quick wit brought many smiles and laughs as she would tease, always with a twinkle in her eye!

On November 26, 2020, Dee fell asleep in the arms of her Lord and Savior. She was 82 years old when she was welcomed into the Promised Land. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15)

She is survived by her husband, Charles; her children: Deborah (Steven) King; David (Jennifer) Aakre; Charles Aakre Jr.; Colleen (Tod) Duffy; Daniel (Brianna) Aakre; and Denise (David) Reimink; sixteen grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lillian; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Albert Jr. and Roland; sister-in-law, Marlene; and great grandson, Dominic.

Due to Covid restrictions, a private visitation for immediate family members will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bagley on Wednesday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. Funeral service and graveside committal service will be held later in the spring. Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bagley or The Lutheran Hour Ministries.

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By increasing the amount of cover crop data in the FINBIN database, MOSH hopes to improve our understanding of the economic value of incorporating cover crops into farm operations.

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