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Live Nativity at Humbleberry Farms

Humbleberry Farms in Brooks hosted their first evening of a live nativity on December 13th. Folks were also welcome to shop all the wonderful crafts and food items. There will be one more opportunity to enjoy the live nativity this Saturday, December 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.



First COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments Arrive in Minnesota

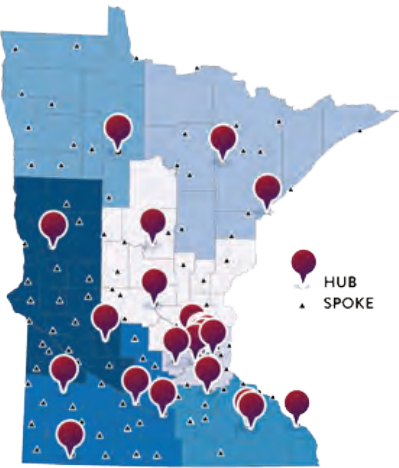
Governor Walz welcomed first shipment at the Minneapolis VA medical center this morning

[ST. PAUL, MN] – The first COVID-19 vaccine shipments arrived in Minnesota today at four sites across the state: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Olmsted Medical Center, and Cass Lake Indian Health Services. Governor Walz visited the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center this morning to greet the very first shipment's arrival in Minnesota. Pool photos of the first shipment arriving in Minneapolis this morning are available on the AP wire or by emailing aaron.lavinsky@startribune.com.

"This is an exciting day for Minnesota," said Governor Tim Walz. "The first vaccines are here. They are safe, and they will be ready to go soon. The sun is coming up, Minnesota"

"With these first shipments, we will soon begin vaccinating thousands of health care workers and the most critically at-risk Minnesotans," Governor Walz continued. "All Minnesotans will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine in time, but until then, we need to stay safe and keep up the fight."

Throughout the week, Minnesota is expected to receive a total of 46,800 units of vaccine across the statewide regional vaccine distribution hubs. From there, the vaccine will be distributed to smaller hospitals or



clinics, and providers will then administer the vaccine to Minnesotans, starting by protecting life and health of those most susceptible to serious complications and those who care for them.

"Because of thoughtful planning by experts who have been doing this work for years, Minnesota is ready to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. We are focusing on maximizing impact, equity, and transparency, so that Minnesotans can be confident in the safe distribution of the vaccine," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan.

"It will be several months before the average Minnesotan will be able to be vaccinated, but we will get there," said Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "These first vaccine deliveries are one small but very important step in the right

direction. In the meantime, we must be patient and absolutely must continue to take those measures that keep all Minnesotans safe: wear a mask when in public, maintain social distancing, get tested, and properly isolate and quarantine when needed."

Department of Health staff will train providers on protocols and procedures for administering the vaccine this week, with most vaccinations expected to begin next week, December 21.

"While we have hundreds of experienced nurses and vaccine providers in the state, this vaccine is new and complex and vaccinating thousands of people in a short time is a massive undertaking, so the training is critical to ensure vaccines are administered according to protocols," said Kristen Ehresmann, director of infectious disease for the Minnesota Department of Health.

The first group to be vaccinated in phase 1 will include health care workers and long-term care residents. The priority groups for phase 1b and 1c have yet to be determined but may include essential workers and older adults.

For more on Minnesota plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html>.

Grams Combines Love of Trap Shooting and Natural Resources at UMN Crookston

Crookston, Minn. - When Minnesota Crookston announced the addition of trap shooting as a club sport in the spring of 2019, it seemed like a perfect fit. The sport of trap shooting was taking off at the high school level in Minnesota and the Golden Eagles already had many people interested in the sport right on campus.

For Nick Grams, who was a senior at Belle Plaine High School, it was the ideal match. Grams was already prepared to enroll at UMN Crookston to pursue a natural resources degree. When he learned the school would also be offering trap shooting, it made him every more excited for his college experience. "I knew I was already going to come here at the end of my senior year," Grams stated. "For my senior year trap shooting we went to Alexandria and we saw UMN Crookston there saying that we were going to have trap shooting and I was excited."

Minnesota Crookston has provided Grams a chance to pursue a sport he loves while also pursuing his natural resources degree. Grams first started in trap shooting early in high school. He decided he wanted to pursue natural resources at the start of his senior year after deciding his initial collegiate path wasn't really for him.

"Early in my senior year I wanted to go to Minnesota Duluth to get a civil engineering or mechanical engineering degree," Grams said. "I decided it was going to be a lot of math, so I decided I didn't want to go that route. I was looking at other options and I looked into it and saw UMN Crookston had natural resources and it seemed like a good fit for me."

Natural resources was a great fit for Grams. He had grown up in a fishing and hunting family and he always had been interested in everything that went into wildlife management. "I am a big fisherman and hunter," Grams stated. "My dad's side has always been into fishing and hunting. Being out in the wild and seeing everything really piqued my interest into how everything worked."

Grams has loved his experience at Minnesota Crookston so far. He has thoroughly enjoyed his experience on the trap team and the many people he has met



from being a part of the program in its first two seasons. "Trap has been a really big thing for me. Every week I have been able to go out and participate in trap shooting. UMN Crookston is a tight-knit campus and you get to know almost everybody on campus."

Grams had an outstanding first year in the trap program as he put up some of the best scores on the team in 2019, including two rounds with an average of 24.0. He helped the Golden Eagles to second-place finish in 2019. Grams followed it up with another strong season in 2020. He averaged a 20.9 on the season and tied for fifth among UMN Crookston shooters and again helped UMN Crookston to a second-place finish in the USA College Clay Target League conference standings.

"This year was pretty good," Grams remarked. "Last year it was nice being part of a team when we took second in our conference. It was really nice for our first year. This year I did pretty good too. It was not as good as I wanted to or as good as I did last year."

Grams has enjoyed shooting trap under Head Coach Andy Gjerswold, who has been the program's only coach in two seasons of existence. Gjerswold, a 2018 UMN Crookston graduate who was very familiar with the campus. In addition, he had experience starting up a trap

shooting program as he was on the inaugural Crookston High School squad and had seen first-hand what his father Darren did to get the high school program off the ground. "Andy has been a great coach," Grams said. "Knowing he was a recent graduate from UMN Crookston makes it nice. He is just a little older than us so he can bring his experience and also understands what we are going through."

Grams has also loved his time in the natural resources program and is excited for what is to come in the program. Grams is hoping to get into either fisheries management or wildlife management once he gets his degree from the University of Minnesota.

"So far the professors have been really nice in my first two years here," Grams said. "Phil Baird has been great. He is really the only natural resources professor I have. I will get into Matthew Simmons and John Loegeing soon, hopefully. It has been pretty enjoyable. I like all the aspects of the classes and the people I have met through the natural resources department."

Grams is excited for what his future holds at UMN Crookston. He is grateful the school has provided two things he is very passionate about and it has made for a great experience for him.

"Having both of these things on campus makes my overall experience a lot better," Grams stated. "The college experience on campus has been really nice having everything right here ready for you."

UMN Crookston is excited to see the trap shooting program continue to find success and for students like Grams to find a niche in northwest Minnesota where they can obtain a great degree and pursue their passion of trap shooting. So far it has been a perfect match.



Sanford Health Eye Services supports Edith Sanford Breast Center

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Sanford Health Eye Services recently made a donation to the Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota in support of its Edith Sanford Breast Center. This kind of support will help enhance Edith patient navigation and care.

The Sanford Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the enhancement and expansion of health care services, state-of-the-art technology and facilities to provide health and healing for our region. Anyone interested in sup-

porting the Foundation may do so by contacting the Sanford Health Foundation at (218) 333-5515. Partnering with the Foundation not only supports new services and technology, but also helps care for individuals within the community.



Pictured in the photo are (l-r): Sanford Health Eye Services team and Cole Young, development officer for the Sanford Health Foundation.



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LINDFORS Insurance Agency

Lindfors Agency will be closing at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd and will be closed all day Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24th & 25th.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Christmas Kitty

The little refugee was let off at the border as best we could tell. A drive-by drop-off no doubt...smack dab at the end of our driveway. The fluff of orange was caught perching near the bottle calf in the midst of the straw, in the midst of the wooden shelter.

The need for companionship for these two little vagabonds seeking a place to belong in the cold cruel world was a survival tactic to say the least. Teaming up was doable, and so they did.

Pete, my farmer, caught a glimpse of the two every so off as soft like they did gather feeding from the trough. Like all farmers, he tenderly tends to those in his care as life depends on him. Expanding on what he dropped in the trough, he sprinkled a little cat food round and about in hopes the Christmas Kitty would take note. As the weather had turned cold and the snow remained silently upon the ground, the little ball of fluff was desperate for food and eagerly partook of the portions.

For a few weeks he had mentioned there was a stray on the loose. He'd managed to not only catch a glimpse, but grabbed hold of it allowing it to cozy up so-to-speak. It wasn't until he stood in the crack of the door holding the little kitty that I, too, took note.

Entering into the kitchen the little creature came. Its contented purring was heard like a rattle of love joining in. As I cuddled, the kitty's pronounced ribcage made it known just how famished it had been. Soon, the creature dashed from our arms as it ran full blast to the small plate of tuna we'd spread out like a feast.

Knowing what goes in must come out, I searched frantically for what might suffice and suffice it to say just that very day a box had been delivered upon the front porch. Now, it stood empty for such a time as this. With a bit of ingenuity, I sacrificed one potted plant and the soil beneath it to do the trick and



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that was that.

The rest is history. The little orange fluffy kitty soon had a name. "Let's call her Matti," was the suggestion made. After all, she had plenty of those in her fur so it sort-a kind-a stuck if you know what I mean.

After hours passed, I could tell that ultimately the little refugee didn't need me as much as I needed it. Thinking about something other than myself

was rather refreshing...a gift really. Meeting the needs of others just brings out the best I guess.

Luke 6:38 wraps it up as gift. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Just a little food for kitty... and just a little food for thought. Amen.

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Hello Sergeant Grabow, I really enjoy reading your column. I was hoping in a future column you could talk about safely navigating a roundabout.

Last fall, a roundabout was put in by our Elementary School. Since the start

of the 20-21 school year, I've been using it 20x/ week dropping my kids off and picking them up. I see many drivers stopping at the yield sign in order to let other drivers in the roundabout continue on their way. It's my understanding that when using a roundabout, you are to slow down and merge into the roundabout to continue on your way. Could you please clarify how to safely and legally navigate a roundabout for your readers. Thank you.

Answer: This is a good topic as we are seeing more roundabouts all over Minnesota. Here is some information to help everyone out.

Drivers
• Slow down when approaching a roundabout. For multi-lane roundabouts, as with any intersection, get into the appropriate lane.
• Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. It is the law.

• Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Merge into the traffic flow when it is safe.
• Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass in a roundabout.

• Exit the roundabout immediately if an emergency vehicle approaches, and then pull over. Do not stop in the roundabout.

• Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk when exiting the roundabout.
• Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout. Large trucks may straddle both lanes while driving through a multi-lane roundabout.

Pedestrians
• Cross only at crosswalks, and always stay on the designated walkways.
• Never cross to the central island.

• Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the median island as a halfway point where you can check for approaching traffic.

Bicyclists
• Ride with traffic inside the roundabout or use the crosswalks appropriately.
• Follow the same rules as vehicles when riding with traffic and yield when entering the roundabout. Since traffic is slower inside the roundabout, cyclists should be able to travel at or near the same speed as motorists, staying in line with the circulating traffic.

Roundabouts are not complicated but can be confusing as it is something new. Sometimes it's easier to learn by seeing it, then to read about it. Feel free to access this navigational video to help you. <https://youtu.be/h5FAs9gEYNQ> For additional information go to: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/roundabouts/index.html>

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~ Luke 2:10-11

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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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For more information contact Robin Proffitt at 218-776-3112 ext. 320 or Melissa McCoy at 218-776-3112 ext. 105. Position is open until filled. R37-40C



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Answers are on page 7

OBITUARIES



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

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

Robert (Bob) Alan Janssen was born June 19, 1965, Crookston, MN to Evalée & Herman Janssen, youngest of five children. He was a life-time member of Samhold Lutheran Church, being bap-

tized & confirmed in his faith. Bob attended Gonvick- Trail School graduating in 1983.

After graduation, he worked at Bagley Hardwood then Marvin Windows in Baudette. He always helped his dad with the farming.

Bob moved to Detroit Lakes and worked for his good friends Jeb and Kari Melbostad at Taco Johns. He was employed at Taco Johns for more than seventeen years. Bob also worked for Perfect Touch Cleaning Service in Fargo and became good friends with the owners.

Bob's Hobbies included roller skating, bowling, playing cards and games and just driving around. He suffered a heart attack and survived a triple by-pass. He fell ill with COVID-19 November 4th and passed away December 5th from complications of the disease.

Bob was preceded in death by his dad, Herman, aunt Phyllis Janssen-Erickson, uncle Darrel Christopherson and son Tom, grandparents Arian and Clara Janssen and Mavis and Helmer Christopherson . He is survived by his mother, Evalée, brothers David and his wife Anne, Curt and his wife Brenda, sisters Judy and her husband Mick, Cheryl and her husband Glen, and many nieces and nephews.

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



Obituary for Ronald Rustan

Ronald Rustan, Oklee, MN, 66, passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, with his loving family by his side.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at River of Life Church in Thief River Falls, MN, with Pastor Timothy Self officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation was held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Prayer Service on Monday, December 14, 2020 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation also took place one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at River of Life Church.

Ronald (Ron) Rustan was born on June 23, 1954 in Thief River Falls, MN. He was the eldest of 6 with 5 sisters who all grew up on the family farm. Ron attended school in Oklee and graduated in 1972. Ron married Judy Snsky on April 3rd, 1976 at the St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee, MN. They raised 3 children together in their rural home.

Ron attended Northland College in Thief River Falls. Later went to Staples to become a machinist. He spent

some time on the road working construction. He spent several years serving as a caregiver and later in maintenance. He took great pride in his work.

Ron loved the outdoors and tending to the yard. Ron valued reading, especially history. He was a strong supporter of his children's education encouraging them along the way. He made sure his kids had cars when they left home for college. He loved fishing Zipple Bay on Lake of the Woods. Ron cherished his vinyl records music especially with his musically, talented family.

Ron enjoyed having the grandkids visit. The grandkids learned about grandpa's passion of the outdoors by helping with yard work, shooting BB gun, and riding the 4 wheeler around the yard.

Ron and Judy shared their time to visit, bowl, camp, dance, garden, and tour the farm country together.

Ronald was a member of River of Life Church, Thief River Falls, MN and served as secretary for Midland Board of Directors from 1982-1983.

Ron is survived by his wife Judy of Oklee; children Ryan (Wendy) Rustan of Vining, Keli (Dan) Cox of Barnesville, Kim Douglas of Bexley, OH; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Will, Jaida, Elias, Brant, Josephine, and David; sisters, Jean (Bob) Halvorson, Glenda Strand, Janice (Dave) Odegaard, Sandra (Scott) Lucas and Shari (Sergio) Palacios; Along with numerous other relatives.

Ron was preceded in the death by his mother and father, Gloria and Richard Rustan; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elouise and Lawrence Snsky; brothers-in-law, Scott Strand, Jerry Snsky, Arlin Sanders, Rolland Asselin, and Kenny Coan; sister-in-law, Joy Olson.



Obituary for Leroy Irlbeck

Leroy Irlbeck, 55 of Go-odridge, MN passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Sanford Broadway Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Private family services will be held.

Leroy Todd Irlbeck was born December 14, 1964 in Tulia, Texas the son of David and Judith (Dobmeier) Irlbeck. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. In 1969, Leroy moved with his family to a farm in Espelie Township, near

Grygla, MN. He graduated from Grygla High School and following high school he attended college for a short time.

Leroy worked for a time in the Twin Cities for FedEx and Federal Ammunition before returning to Grygla where he worked for area farmers.

He enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends, going fishing and spending time outdoors.

Survivors include his loving parents, David and Judith Irlbeck; Timothy (Tami) Irlbeck and Trever (Robin) Irlbeck all of Grygla, MN; nieces & nephews, Zachary (Stephanie), Clayton, Sheyenne, Forrest, Sierra (Ben), Ethan, Candace (Zachary), Chancellor (Miranda); great nephews, Maximillian, Paxton, & Lennox; his good friend, Scott Hamilton; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Shane; grandparents, Ed & Mary Irlbeck and Leo & Brigitta Dobmeier; and several aunts & uncles.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

Z Minneapolis Moline

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

This "mild" start to our winter keeps my mind on.....tractors! I have had two in my garage to work on so far. I have a list I hope to repair this winter! We will see how deep the check-book is! Recently while scoping the computer for tractor ads I came across an auction with a Z Minneapolis Moline. I am a sucker for Minneapolis Moline. Maybe it is the yellow paint and red wheels, maybe it is because they were made in Minnesota, but I think it is the stories I heard from my dad about the couple Minneapolis Molines they had back in the day.

This leads to the Model Z

Minneapolis Moline. When I was a sophomore in high school there was an auction near Oklee with a ZB Minneapolis Moline. I knew nothing about Molines but I knew my dad had a UB Minneapolis Moline so I thought why not a ZB? Luckily thanks to mom and dad my savings account had a few hundred dollars in it. The ZB sold for I believe \$425 or \$450 and came home with me. Unfortunately for me it was a "good" running ZB, but would occasionally heat. We used it around the farm to haul a few wagons and such but I never got to use it as much as I wanted. When I went off to college and after it kind of sat around and the motor got stuck. It is still sitting in "machinery row" at mom and dad's farm.

This winter of tractor fun made me want to get that old ZB going. That is why seeing that Z for sale made me go a little crazy! I had to put in a bid...will I get it, I don't know but it sure gave me Minneapolis Moline fever. Now here is my question for you mechanics! Does the engine out of a 1953 Z Minneapolis Moline fit a 1955 Minneapolis ZB? They both have 206 cu. in., 4 cylinder engines. It looks like they often did, they cranked up the rpms a little to give the ZB more horsepower. I would sure love to get that ZB going.....I'll mark it down and put on my list and maybe I can roll it in the garage!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The Z Minneapolis Moline came in several versions. What was a ZAU?

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2. What is a ZAE?

A) Tricycle front end B) Single front wheel C) Standard D) adjustable wide front

3. What is a ZAS?

A) Tricycle front end B) Single front wheel C) Standard D) adjustable wide front

4. What is a ZAN?

A) Tricycle front end B) Single front wheel C) Standard D) adjustable wide front

5. What is the main difference between a Z and a ZB tractor?

Answers: 1. A. Tricycle 2. D. adjustable wide front 3. C. Standard 4. B. Single front wheel 5. Z has a hand clutch and a ZB has a foot clutch



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Death Notice for Paul Noyes

Paul Noyes, age 67, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 12th, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. Because of attendance restrictions, funeral services for Paul will be for his family only. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19th, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine with the Rev. Michael Sletto officiating.

The public is invited to gather for a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery, rural Erskine, immediately following the funeral service (approximately 3:00 p.m.). Mask use is required at both services. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

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The importance of shopping locally has been emphasized with increasing urgency in recent years. Events like Small Business Saturday and Plaid Friday have brought some much-needed attention to the importance of shopping local, which is even more crucial now as so many small businesses try to survive the pandemic.

A poll from the trade group the National Federation of Independent Business reported that about half of all the businesses in the survey reported a 25 percent drop in sales since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, and roughly one in five businesses have seen sales decline by more than 50 percent.

If the economic climate does not radically improve, 20 percent of small businesses won't survive.

According to NBC News, small businesses employ 60 million people in the United States, almost half of the nation's private-sector employees. In addition, small businesses generate tax revenues that help communities by funding schools, maintaining parks and contributing to public safety programs. However, based on research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, even before COVID-19 spread across the world, only 20 percent of healthy small businesses had sufficient cash reserves to continue to oper-

ate if they experienced a revenue loss for two months. Some have been shuttered for much longer.

Individuals looking for everything from clothing to home improvement services to office supplies can look to small businesses to fill those needs.

Look for small businesses for any and all of your shopping needs. Chances are items sold by big box retailers also are sold by small businesses. When the options are the same or similar, purchase from a small business instead of its big box competitor.

Readily provide recommendations of small businesses with which you have done business. Too often people are quick to complain about places that have failed them, but those same people don't think to say kind words about companies that went above and beyond. Share great experiences on social media or through word of mouth.

Talk to small businesses owners first if you have an issue. It's tempting to go directly to social media to complain about something, but such complaints can have a dire impact. Always take issues to the manager or business owner first to see if a resolution can be reached. A manager may not be aware of an issue at all. Give small businesses a chance to make it right before taking things public.

If you own a small business, rely on other small businesses to fulfill your needs. Order supplies from fellow small business owners, seek the help of local financial advisors and tax professionals and use local suppliers and delivery personnel.

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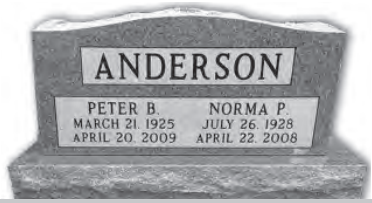
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Lois Anderson

Lois Jean (Orr) Anderson, 89, of Bagley, Minnesota passed away peacefully on December 5, 2020 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, MN.

A graveside service was held for immediate family on Friday, December 11, 2020 at the Bagley City Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. The Cease Family Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Lois Jean (Orr) Anderson was born on March 2, 1931 on a farm at Truman, Minnesota to parents Homer and Edna (Manthee) Orr. She graduated from Blackduck High School as Valedictorian of her class. Lois worked

various jobs in Blackduck where she met her future husband Herman Anderson. They were married on April 28, 1956. To this union they had one daughter. They lived in Bagley until 1963 when they moved to a farm south of Bagley. Lois was a kind and generous lady who was always willing to help others.

Lois is survived by her husband – Herman Anderson of 64 years of Bagley, MN, Daughter – Mary (Bradley) Maruska of Bagley, MN, Grandchildren – Daren (Dawn) Maruska of Faribault, MN; Brady (Kristi) Maruska of Bagley, MN; Jan (Scott) Netland of Bismarck, ND. Great Grandchildren – Cody Carlson of Fargo, ND; Jesse (Mikaila) Carlson of Detroit Lakes, MN; Ashley Maruska of Bagley, MN; Brad Maruska of Bagley, MN; Ashton Maruska of Owatonna, MN. One great grand grandson – Colton Carlson of Detroit Lakes, MN. One niece – Dayle Patterson of Duluth, MN

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers – Arlynn Orr and Tom Orr; sister-in-law- Wanda Orr; and one niece – Virginia (Orr) Essig.

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



Obituary for Sheldon Lee

Sheldon P. Lee, age 79, of Fosston, MN, formerly of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Wednesday, December 9th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. Due to pandemic restrictions, no service will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. At that time, burial will be at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, rural McIntosh. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Sheldon Pervin Lee was born on May 12, 1941, the youngest of eight children to parents Peder and Sophie (Mjovig) Lee in McIntosh, MN where he grew up and attended school.

He joined the U.S. Marines at age 17 and served from 1959 to 1962. He spent most of this time in San Diego, CA and Okinawa, Japan.



He married Nancy Lucille Pearson in 1967 in Minneapolis, MN and had three children. He worked as an iron worker and welder for most of his career.

Sheldon was a free spirit spending time traveling and working at various locations including Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and Greenland. He loved country and bluegrass music enjoying concerts throughout the United States, especially in Wyoming and Missouri. He could sing a tune to go along with any situation. He loved his children and never forgot a birthday. Sheldon will be remembered for his great sense of humor and quick-witted remarks.

He is survived by his daughters; Christine (Cory) Gerlach of Knoxville, TN and Kathy (Bruce) Richmond of Woodland Hills, CA.

Son; Craig Lee of Phoenix, AZ.

Four Grandchildren; Madison Gerlach, Olivia Gerlach, Ethan Richmond, and Zooley Richmond.

Sister-in-law; Clarice "Dolly" Lee of McIntosh, MN.

Many nieces and nephews including his special guardian angels Sandra Eck of Hibbing, MN, Mark (Joan) Lee of McIntosh, MN, Ernie (Nancy) Lee of St. Cloud, MN, Jeff (Sandy) Eck of Hibbing, MN and Greg (Connie) Eck of Trail, MN.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Luverne, Bernt, Ernest, Harvey and Marvin Lee. Sisters Dagny Eck and Gyda Gullekson (who passed away on December 2, 2020), and brothers-in-law Ronald J. Eck and Lynn L. Gullekson.



Obituary for Verlyn Strenge

Pastor Verlyn Strenge, age 69, of Clearbrook, MN, peacefully passed away surrounded by family on December 6, 2020, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND, due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on November 10, 2020.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with Pastor Scott Stoll Officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will be held at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

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

Verlyn was born on June 12, 1951 and grew up on a farm by Colman, SD. He graduated from Rutland High School in 1969.

Verlyn loved to roller skate and met the love of his life, Merry Jensen of Brookings, SD, at the Lake Campbell Roller Rink. They were united in marriage on June 15, 1972, and had three children. They made their homes in a number of places: Brookings, SD; Nunda, SD; Bemidji, MN; Camp Crook, SD; and Clearbrook, MN.

During his ordination, Verlyn wrote, "On April 2, 1980, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Pastor Brandt of Sinai, SD, led me to Jesus Christ. "PRAISE THE LORD!" What a difference He makes in one's life!" Later he felt a call to go on to Oak Hills Bible College where he graduated with a BA in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministries. He became a pastor for Community Bible Church in Camp Crook, SD,

for 6 years and then relocated to First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, MN, where he faithfully served for the last 25 years. His life goal was to share the love of Jesus Christ with anyone and everyone.

Verlyn was a devoted student to the teachings of the Bible. He read through the Bible at least 6 times every single year and committed many verses to memory. His love of Christ helped lift up countless communities and people in need. Verlyn made numerous trips to Ukraine to help with youth day camps at a fellow sister church. His strong faith and love of travel led him and his wife to Jordan and Israel in 2020. This trip was a treasured highlight in Verlyn's life.

In addition to being a pastor, Verlyn enjoyed his hobby farm, and he loved to fish. He drove a school bus for 26 years. He would make time to greet anyone and help anyone where he could. He was actively involved in many ministries: New Life Bible Camp of Lake Bronson, MN; Clear Waters Life Center of Clearbrook (where he served as a board member); Mokahum Ministry Center in Cass Lake; AWANA; Clearwater Hospice; and Meals on Wheels. Verlyn gave endless love and energy to the communities and people he served. He presided over countless weddings, baptisms, life events and funerals. He was there for families in crisis and times of struggle, and in times of celebration and triumph.

He was preceded in death by his parents Virgil and Grace (Mullett) Strenge, brother-in-law Joe Jensen, and nephew Kyle Jensen, and niece Valerie Strenge. Survivors are his wife, Merry Strenge; their children, Scott (Stacey) Strenge of Wyndmere, ND; Jayme (Devon) Nelson of Sioux Falls, SD; and Linda (BJ) Engen of Clearbrook, MN. His adored grandchildren include Emma, Sierra, Ella, Ava, Abby, Vincent, and Mya. His siblings are Virtus (Jo Lynn) Strenge and Vickie (Pat) Alschlager of Colman, SD, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Verlyn's family has been overjoyed with the amount of love and prayers they have been given and want to thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts.



Obituary for Joann Redgate

Joann Redgate, age 87, of Columbia Heights passed on Dec. 6th.

She was preceded by sons, Bruce & Scott; brother, Myron Leverson; sister, Joyce Flermoen.

Joann is survived by son, Greg Redgate; daughters, Karen Redgate (Wade Wutschke), Robin Redgate; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-

grandchildren; many nieces & nephews; other loving family & friends. Joann was a kind & loving soul.

Visitation was held at 10AM & Funeral at 11AM on Fri. Dec. 11th at Miller Funeral Home, 6210 Hwy. 65 NE, Fridley. Memorials preferred to Vintage Moments in Vadnais Heights.



Obituary for Alvin "Royce" Wolden

Alvin "Royce" Wolden, 93, of Bethany Beach, Sawyer, MI, passed peacefully into the presence of his loving Savior on Friday, December 4, 2020. Cremation has taken place; his ashes will be interred on the family plot in northern Minnesota. He was a victim of Covid-19 and was one of 193 pandemic deaths in Michigan on that day.

Royce was born on the family farm near Gonvick, MN, on October 3, 1927. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 at age 17, and served as a radioman in the South Pacific.



Obituary for Marvin Wikstrand

Marvin Duane Wikstrand was born on May 20, 1938 in Fosston, MN, to parents Victor and Annie (Nesseth) Wikstrand. He was baptized at Landstad Lutheran Church, Fosston, Mn, and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Salem Lutheran Church, McIntosh, Mn.

He grew up walking over a mile through the fields and snow to attend Footlake Country School in rural McIntosh until the 4th grade. He then went to town school in McIntosh and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1956.

After graduation Marvin lived in Grand Forks, ND. While in Grand Forks, he did custom combining with his best friend Ronnie, worked at Lockwood Graders, and was a foreman on the Missile Sites. Marvin returned to McIntosh in the spring of 1962. Marvin married the love of his life, Janis, on July 20, 1967. Together they had one daughter, Wendy but to this union Marvin gained three children, Pam, Penny, and Duane.

Marvin attended Wadena

Technical College in 1969 for telephone communications and went on to work for Jerry Campbell, a private telephone contractor. After retirement Marvin did some farming for Punky and Lois Ostenna.

Marvin enjoyed having his family around, sports, yard work and having a big garden. He will be remembered for his love of white cars, talking sports with his grandsons, and found pure enjoyment from visits with his great grandchildren. Through all the years, Marvin continued to stay in touch with his lifelong friend, Ronnie, of 75 years with frequent phone calls and many laughs.

Marvin moved to McIntosh Senior Living in September 2017 where his wife Janis would spend nearly every day with him. Marvin passed away on December 4th, 2020 from complications from COVID 19 in Minneapolis, Mn.

Marvin is survived and missed by his wife of 53 years, Janis; daughters Wendy (Thomas) Reitmeier of Leavenworth, KS; Pam (Steven) Hopperstad of Red Lake Falls, MN; Son Webb Duane Fullmer Jr. of Columbia, SC; seven grandsons; one granddaughter; several great grandchildren; sister Alice Hogenson of Fargo, ND; five nieces; and three nephews.

Marvin is preceded in death by his parents, his uncles, the Nesseth Brothers; brother-in-law Marvin Klemmetson; daughter Penny Magne; and best friends Ronnie and Connie Norling.

Due to pandemic restrictions, no service will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. At that time, burial will be at the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, McIntosh.



Obituary for Joan Carpenter

Joan passed peacefully on to her eternal home with her Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the age of 69 while at home with loved ones near her side after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brooks, MN with Father Bob Schreiner officiating. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Brooks, MN.

Joan Beth (Laniel) Carpenter was born on October 2, 1951 in Crookston, MN the daughter of George "Ralph" and Pearl (Fontaine) Laniel. She was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic Faith at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks, MN. She attended Brooks Elementary and Plummer High School graduating with the class of 1969.

Joan spent her first year after graduation employed by Bucyrus-Erie Company of South Milwaukee, WI in the data processing group.

On August 1, 1970 she was united in Holy Matrimony to Gary Jo Carpenter at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks, MN. Together they made their home in Plummer, MN and were members of St. Vincent De Paul parish. Their union was blessed with two sons and two daughters: Sean, Tracy, Grant, and Tanya.

Both Joan and Gary were employed at Arctic Cat in Thief River Falls, MN during the 1970's where Joan continued working in data processing. Joan became a successful "Powder Puff" snowmobile racer in addition to being a homemaker, having a full-time job, and enjoying family camping and fishing trips.

In 1978, Gary, Joan and family moved to Jamestown, ND to pursue new opportunities, adventures, and employment. Joan was employed by

Coca-Cola Bottling Company doing data processing and Gary was employed by an aerospace firm. They were members of St. James Basilica. They eventually emptied the nest after a 25 year stay in Jamestown.

In 2001, they moved to their Lake Minnie home near Lake George, MN where they have resided until the present, and where many family memories were made. Joan enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, fishing, and was one of the best cooks ever. Joan could make a great meal out of almost anything!

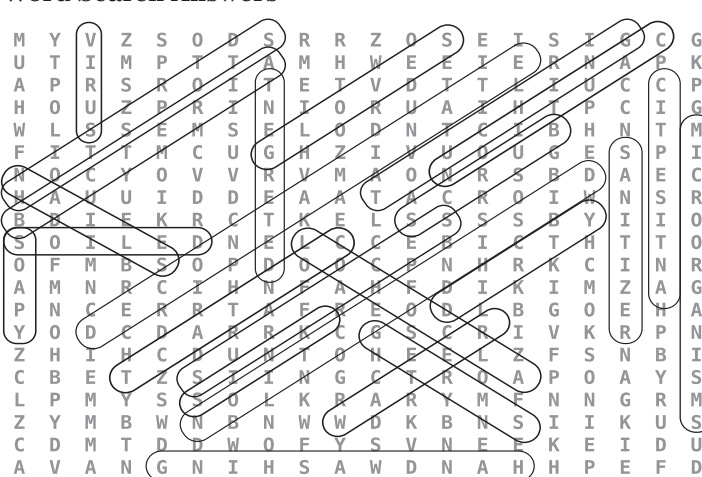
Joan and Gary were fortunate to tour Rome, Italy where they attended a mass by Pope John Paul II at St. Peters Cathedral and visited other Christian historical sites including the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican. As snowbirds, Joan and Gary wintered in Casa Grande, AZ and San Benito, TX.

Joan will be lovingly remembered by her husband Gary of 50 years and by their four children: Sean (Kimberly) Carpenter of Jamestown, ND, Tracy (Todd) Breidenbach of Sabin, MN, Grant (Ginny) Carpenter of Fargo, ND, and Tanya (Jason) Haakenson of Kindred, ND. Nine grandchildren: Hunter (Alyssa) Carpenter, Brittney Carpenter, Riley Strendin, Lindsey Strendin, Jayden (Amber) Haakenson, Jocelyn, Jordan, Jemma, and Jake Haakenson. One great-granddaughter, Millie Carpenter. Three step-grandchildren: Landon Mickelson, Taylor (Dylan) Anthony, and Jayce Breidenbach. Two step-great-grandchildren: Mia and Jaxon Burnside. Five sisters: Ruth Carriere, Dolores Grimm, Alice (Arnie) Cekalla, Lora (Charlie) Johnson, and Janel (Roger) Walter. Two brothers: Mike (Diane) Laniel and Jim (Barb) Laniel. Mother-in-law Jean Carpenter, many brothers and sister's in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents George (Ralph) and Pearl Laniel. Great-grandson infant Phoenix Haakenson. Sisters: Judy Ophus and Ann Peterson. Brothers: Paul Laniel, John Laniel, and infant Joseph Laniel. Nieces: Julie Carriere, Hawkinson, Joey Johnson, and infant Jody Johnson. Nephews: Jack Kelley and Danny Hovet. Father-in-law Eugene Carpenter. Brothers-in-law: Linus Carriere, Darryl Grimm, Danny Carpenter, Bob Hince, and Ron Peterson.

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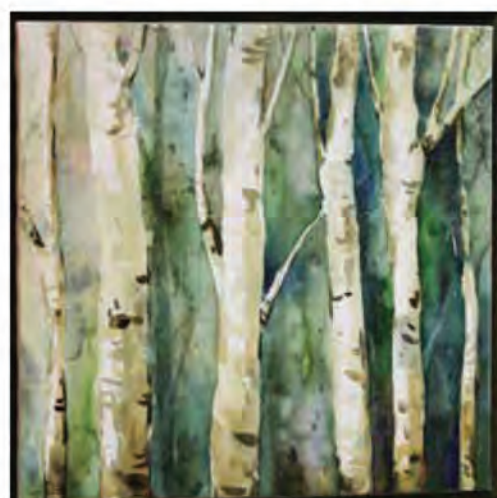
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