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Facing south, predawn January 7

Waning Moon

Spica

CORVUS



Minnesota Starwatch for January 2021

As the new year dawns, three of the five brightest planets are busy dropping out of view—Venus from its position as a morning planet, Jupiter and Saturn as ornaments of the evening sky.

Actually, the planets are only switching places. We're leaving Jupiter and Saturn in the dust as we circle behind the sun, but when we come around in a couple of months we'll find them in the morning sky. Likewise, speedy Venus is now heading behind the sun, but it will reappear as an evening planet in late spring.

In the last two weeks of January, Mercury pops up very low in the west-southwest. The sunset glow may obscure it, so have your binoculars handy. Mars, however, remains high but drifts slowly westward as the large knot of famous winter constellations closes in on it from the east.

These constellations won't all be up until about three hours after sunset on the 1st, earlier as the month goes on. Atop the assembly sits brilliant Capella, in Auriga, the charioteer. At the bottom, even more brilliant Sirius outshines not only its fellow stars in Canis Major, the

big dog, but every other star in the night sky. Sirius also is one point of the nearly equilateral Winter Triangle. The others are Betelgeuse, at Orion's right shoulder, and Procyon, to the upper left of Sirius in Canis Minor, the little dog.

The morning of the 2nd, Earth reaches perihelion, its minimum distance—about 91.5 million miles—from the sun. We sweep through perihelion at top speed: 18.8 miles per second.

On the 6th, a last-quarter moon hovers above Spica, the only bright star in Virgo, the maiden, in the predawn sky.

The next morning, the moon appears next to Spica. Off to Spica's lower right is the skewed four-sided figure of Corvus, the crow. High to the left of Spica blazes Arcturus, the beacon of kite-shaped Bootes, the herdsman. An old moon rises near Antares, the heart of Scorpius, the morning of the 10th. If you go out 40 minutes before sunrise on the 11th, you may catch a very thin lunar crescent close to Venus.

January's full moon shines the night of the 28th and follows the winter constellations across the sky.

Warm winter clothing donations needed

You might have noticed some boxes set on a table under the covered pavilion at the American Legion Veterans Memorial Park in Erskine. The boxes are there to collect donations of warm winter clothing like jackets, sweaters, gloves, etc. for both adults and children. They are also there so that people who are in need of these items can go and look in the boxes and find something. All that is asked

is that you don't throw the clothes around and make a mess when you're looking through them. Please be respectful of the site and others. So- if you are in need of some of these items please come and have a look, and if you have some of these items in your home that you could part with - please come and drop them in a box.

"Take what you need, leave what you can."

Essentia Health welcomes Dr. Bertha Ayi

Dr. Bertha Ayi, who specializes in infectious disease is now seeing patients at Essentia Health-32nd Avenue Clinic in Fargo.

"As a young person growing up in Ghana, I had dreams of eradicating malaria, an infectious condition that still affects millions of people every year," explains Dr. Ayi. "That was what drew me to infectious disease as a specialty. While I have not realized that dream yet, I have enjoyed the variety that the field of infectious diseases provides to me in my career."

Dr. Ayi earned her medical degree at the University of Ghana Medical School in Accra, Ghana. Dr. Ayi completed a residency in internal medicine at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, Md. and a fellowship in infectious

disease at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. Dr. Ayi is board certified in infectious disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

"Infectious disease interacts with every specialty and deals with infections involving every organ system. Treating MRSA infections (a bacterial infection that is resistant to several antibiotics) is my forte and the various facets of COVID-19 have been interesting as well," shares Dr. Ayi. "My hope is that I can answer patient's questions with compassion and empathy. I am truly excited to be a part of the Essentia Health family."

Make an appointment with Dr. Ayi by calling the Essentia Health 32nd Avenue Clinic at 701-364-8900. To learn more about infectious disease, visit the "Services & Specialties" sec-



tion of [EssentiaHealth.org](https://www.essentialhealth.org) and click on "Doctors & Providers" to see Dr. Ayi's full profile.

Essentia Health welcomes Dr. Olayinka David Ajayi

Dr. Olayinka David Ajayi has joined the Essentia Health team in Fargo and specializes in hyperbaric medicine. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a noninvasive, painless procedure that uses 100% oxygen in a pressurized chamber to improve the body's natural healing process, treat carbon monoxide poisoning and other FDA/UHMS approved medical conditions.

"I chose hyperbaric medicine because it is an emerging field of medicine that allows me to provide care across different clinical settings, spurs me to undergo clinical research and since it's an emerging field, there's always something new to learn," explains Dr. Ajayi.

Dr. Ajayi received his medical education at the University

of Ibadan College of Medicine, Nigeria. He earned his master's degree in public health and completed a residency in public medicine at Emory University Public Health, Atlanta, Ga. His fellowship in undersea and hyperbaric medicine was completed at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Ajayi is board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in public health and general preventative medicine.

"I will actively listen to my patients, work together with them and create a workable treatment plan," shares Dr. Ajayi. "My patients can expect me to be their advocate during the course of their treatment."

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Tis a Gift - A Little Box Along Side the Roadside

Curiosity stirred as I drove past the little cardboard box alongside the roadside. The regular route to town was the same as ever. The small hill, a curve or two, the neighbor's cows, a fence line along the way were all in order as they were the day before and the day before that. Not much had changed in the landscape. Seasonally the changes were notable, but this particular day, there was something more.

As I drove up the hill, there alongside the road, smack dab at the end of a gravel driveway at the top of the hill was a little cardboard box.

Careening my neck to see the trappings within was done carefully so as not to cross the center line. No sign to be had, no person beside it, just a box all by itself stood in wait.

As a child, I remember a game show on TV where the host of the show would display a small replica of a house. The house would be majestically walked down the aisle and parked within reach of one person who had been chosen from the audience. You see, there was a surprise inside. The chosen one would then try to guess what was within it according to the hints given. If correct, they won a prize.

As a child, I would watch the show daily in hopes the person would win. I wanted so badly

for the person to get it right, I could hardly stand it! To see someone get their hopes up, only to have them dashed.... well...in my mind, it was a cruelty. The disappointment after much anticipation was just too much for the likes of me.

As I drove by the little cardboard box, I utilized my skills learned long ago and began to deduce what might be in the box beside the roadside. As it was at the top of the hill, it was a bit too precarious to stop and peek. As there was no "free" sign nearby, I didn't really think it was any of my business. Yet, my interest piqued. Secretly, I wondered if they had left lunch for the neighbors passing by. As this is Amish country, perhaps there as a secret code and the cardboard box signaled something I knew nothing of as buggies drove on by.

One day, as my husband and I were together and the cardboard box was still sitting upon the roadside of life, I verbalized my curiosity.

His response was swift and sure. "Oh, it's extra produce from their garden for others to take as they drive by."

"How do you know that?" I fired back as a comeback.

"You can see the produce in it when you drive by!" And just like that the mystery was solved.

Disgruntled he knew so

quickly, I was reminded just as quickly that he drove a pick-up and could see things from a different vantage point than I in my lower lying vehicle.

The discovery of what was within made a mark. Kind community was created by the likes of one small cardboard box alongside the road. Being thoughtful enough to consider others made the mark. Offering the likes of what you have to the stranger was like entertaining angels unaware. But, in this case, I think the angels were those who were offering their offerings.

Suddenly, the neighborhood seemed to connect home-to-home all because of one little cardboard box alongside the roadside.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers ..." Hebrews 13:2.

"Truly I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to Me" (Matt. 25:40).

This leads me to one of my favorites. "Much will be expected to whom much is given. Less will be expected to whom less is given" (Luke 12:48).

Amazing it is when His Word comes to life. Some days we are the least of these, and other days we give to the least...in so many ways...in so many different ways. Amen.

Tandem Tractors

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

My wife likes to make fun of me! I like to watch youtube videos about old tractors. For example I love this one that is 39 minutes long. It is a G John Deere plowing snow for all 39 minutes! My wife thinks I am especially goofy when I come across that video. Well this week I came across some of my favorite videos and there are a lot of them.....old tractors plowing! The one that caught my eye was a couple of old A John Deere hooked in tandem pulling a plow. It made me think of tandem tractors.

When I was a kid going to tractor pulls there were some guys with two WD9 McCormicks hooked together. It was fun to watch them pull. A couple times at the Clearwater County Fair

I saw a U Minneapolis Moline hooked up with a 44 Massey Harris. Then of course Don Dufner from Buxton, ND, came up with 2 D John Deeres hooked together, then 3 Ds hooked together! Now you may have seen his triple 830 John Deere. It is an engineering marvel!

About a year ago right now I did an article about Oklee farmers Einar and his brother Bjarne hooking together a WD9 and a 44 Massey Harris to give them more power on the farm! In around 1958 or so their dad Ole Kvasager purchased a WD-9 McCormick Deering tractor. In January 1959 Einar was off to Korea. Shortly after he returned in 1961 he and Bjarne took the WD9 and hitched Bjarne's 44 Massey Diesel to the

rear of it. They also joined two 11 ½ foot cultivators together to make a 23 footer to pull behind their "new" machine. They also pulled two 4 bottom plows, 8 bottoms, that was quite a plow for the day! The hard part of this connection was the length!! Sitting on the WD-9 up front and looking back at the back 4 bottom plow, well it was a long way back there!

I don't have a shop or probably the skill to build a tandem unit, although I would love it. But I also love toys. I went on-line and ordered a couple A John Deere toys like the ones I saw in the video and I hope to make a tandem A toy! I also have a couple old 3020 toy John Deere tractors from my childhood that I plan to hook up.....I will keep you posted on the progress. If you have any good tandem tractor stories, I would love to hear them!

How about a little tractor trivia

1. The WD9 McCormick Deering tractor was made from 1940-_____.
A) 1948 B) 1950 C) 1952 D) 1954

2. According to tractor Data.com, what was tested with more drawbar horsepower; The R John Deere or the WD9 McCormick?

3. The 44 Massey Harris Tractor was manufactured in _____, although the company had factories in Ontario and overseas.

4. T or F: The 44 Massey was available in gas, diesel, or LP versions.

5. When the A John Deere came out in 1934 it was rated at about 18hp. By 1952 it was rated at _____ drawbar horsepower.
A) 22 hp B) 25hp C) 29hp D) 34 hp

Answers: 1. D. 1954 2. R John Deere 43.15, and the WD9 42.57 3. Racine, WI 4. True 5. D. 34 drawbar hp

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: My neighbor's cattle are always out. They don't take care of their fence and they are getting into my yard. I can deal with that, but my real concern is the high-way we live along. I'm worried someone is going to hit a cow and get hurt or something worse. There must be a law about this.

Answer: This is concerning as this type of activity could lead to a crash resulting in life-changing injuries. In 2019, Minnesota had 1,632 crashes involving animals. While most of those were deer, a significant number of the crashes involved cattle.

Throughout my career, I've responded to several crashes involving cattle, horses, donkeys, mules, sheep, swine, goats and much more. A vehicle running into (and sometimes under) a 1,000 to 2,000 pound animal can quickly turn a se-

dan into a convertible. Many of these crashes resulted in serious injuries and occasionally something worse.

To answer your question, yes, there is a law. Minnesota State Statute 346.16 addresses livestock "running at large." The law states that civil

action can also be taken. The owner of the animal is responsible for keeping it fenced in and safely off public roadways.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).





It's a Girl!

Johanna Monet Hunt was born November 12, 2020 at 9 lbs., 20.75 inches long. She was born in Payson, Utah to Quintin & Molly Hunt. Siblings are Charlotte, Alexander and Donovan.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Connie Hagen of Plummer, MN

Paternal grandmother is Patricia Gibbons of Casa Grande, AZ
Johanna's mother Molly is a 2006 RLCC graduate.

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Marvin shares profit with employees despite difficult year

WARROAD, Minn. (Dec. 18, 2020) – After rebounding from a significant drop in sales early in the pandemic and avoiding layoffs, CEO Paul Marvin announced yesterday that \$15,326,676 in profits would be shared among 5,841 employees across all Marvin locations. A 63-year tradition, profit sharing began at Marvin in 1957 and is a key part of Marvin's history of giving and a core tenet of the company's purpose and values. Amidst a pandemic and an all-around challenging year, Marvin is able to share more profit than in 2019, thanks to swift pandemic response plans, a continued commitment to the safety of all the company's team members, and a workforce that is truly stronger together.

Just as Marvin's employees have adopted many different ways of working this year, the company's annual meeting yesterday was completely digital, foregoing their community-based gatherings for the first time in 63 years. Employees from across the company's various locations across North America viewed the meetings

Did you know?

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 250 million preschool children are vitamin A deficient. That's a significant concern, as children who are not getting enough vitamin A are at greater risk for severe visual impairment and blindness. Vitamin A deficiency also increases a child's risk of severe illness, and even death, from common childhood infections, including diarrheal disease and measles. The WHO notes that breast milk is a natural source of vitamin A and urges mothers of infants to breastfeed to ensure children get ample amounts of vitamin A. Parents of older children can look to various healthy foods to make sure youngsters are getting enough vitamin A. The National Institutes of Health notes that foods such as sweet potatoes, carrots and fortified cereals typically contain substantial amounts of vitamin A. The U.S. National Library of Medicine reports that various animal products, including meat, fish, poultry, and dairy products, also contain significant amounts of vitamin A. Parents can speak with their children's pediatricians to determine the healthiest, most effective ways to ensure their youngsters are getting enough vitamin A.

on computer screens across the country. They reflected on the year's many successes despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, and received the news that profit sharing would once again provide a year-end check that's needed this year more than ever.

President Darrin Peterson reflected on the year with gratitude and optimism. "I am most proud of the resiliency and adaptability of our teams," he shared. "Each of us worked through our own personal challenges and at the same time adapted to new ways of work-

ing. We found new ways to thrive, accepted change, and persevered through some notably difficult times."

Paul Marvin echoed similar gratitude throughout his update on the business. "Product quality was strong, we experienced one of the best safety years in our history, and record sales came in across the enterprise," Marvin noted. "The common thread that ties all of these accomplishments together is our people. Our actions and attitudes in the face of pressure this year put us in a great position for the year to come."

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Making Every Acre Pay webinar series to be held in January 2021

Agronomists visiting north-west Minnesota (and eastern North Dakota for that matter) may be amazed to see just how quickly crop producers are able to complete their spring field work to take advantage of as much of the short growing season as possible. As seedlings begin to emerge, the producers and these visiting agronomists alike might also notice that there are field areas from which no crop seedlings emerge. Some of these bare areas may never have had either crop or weed seedlings emerge throughout the growing season and the bare area may increase in size over time.

Of additional concern; many continue to farm these unproductive acres, working the soil, planting seed, spreading fertilizer and other inputs as if expecting a crop were to be produced. So not only is this land not producing a marketable crop, costs associated with inputs mean that these bare areas start out the growing season as a negative asset.

To learn more about both what causes these unproductive field areas and what practices could be employed to help make every acre pay, join University of Minnesota Extension for the Making Every Acre Pay series of webinars to be held on January 15, 22 and 29, 2021 from 8 to 9 AM.

Speakers and topics will include:

Naeem Kalwar, NDSU Extension soil health specialist
Tanner Bruse, Pheasants Forever ag and conservation programs manager
Alan Lepp, NRCS assistant Minnesota conservationist – field operations

Jan 15 – Soil Health 101 and Remediation. What are

characteristics common to NW MN soils? What is it that makes them susceptible to becoming unfavorable for crop growth and development? Can work investigating crop salt tolerance help in remediation?

Jan 22 – Dollars, Cents and Yield Maps. Comparing and contrasting: what the research tells us about cropping or making a change on underperforming acres. Objectively analyzing yield maps to identify parcels that cost more than they earn.

Jan 29 – More Options for Under-Performing Acres. What in the world do under-performing acres have to do with hunting? Are there federal or other programs that might be a good

fit for under-performing acres?

About the training: Pre-registration is required. You will not be able to access the Zoom meeting room without first pre-registering and receiving the secure Zoom link and passcode from Extension staff.

To register: Register at z.umn.edu/MakingEveryAcrePay2021

ALL attendees MUST pre-register prior to the event, and must be able to access the Zoom platform to be able to view the training. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Heather Dufault at (218) 280-1129 or email pohl0024@umn.edu.

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SAP 060-611-021
CP 121-505-1351

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On CSAH 11 from city limits of Crookston, MN to CSAH 46 Andover Township, 1.0 mile South of Crookston, MN

TYPE OF WORK : Grading, Storm Sewer, Aggregate Base, Curb & Gutter, Bituminous Surfacing, Concrete Trail and Lighting
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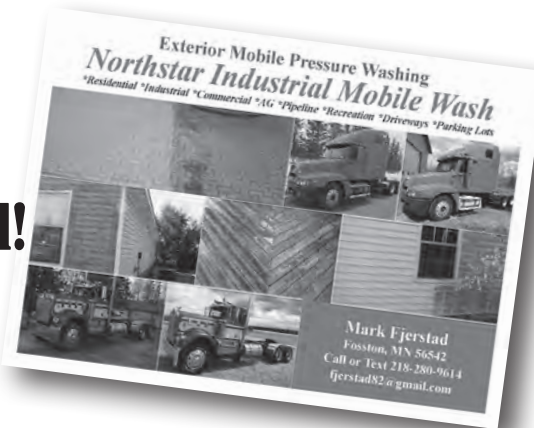
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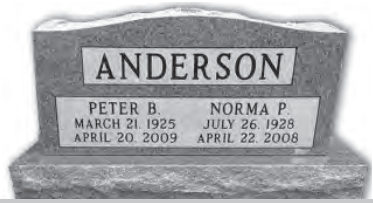
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Velda Hetland

Velda F. (Prestby) Hetland, age 91, of Bloomington, MN, passed away on December 21, 2020. Velda was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Hetland; parents, Erling and Metta (Rasmussen) Prestby; and sisters, Vivian Olson, Donna Danielson, Shirley Eck, and Claudette Bodin.

Velda is survived by her daughters Valerie (John)

Harrison and Tracey Hetland; grandchildren Patrick (Ellen) Harrison, John (Kimberly) Harrison, Katherine Harrison, and Laura (Steve) Heron; great-granddaughters Emily, Aubrey, and Nora; brother Virgil (Leilani) Prestby; and nieces and nephews. Velda grew up in Gonvick, MN. After high school, she attended beauty school and pursued a career in the beauty industry and spent over 25 years working in Loehmann's infamous "Back Room."

Velda and Wayne were married for 64 years and enjoyed traveling, dancing, and playing cards with their friends. Velda loved to bake (cinnamon rolls, bread, and lots of different cookies), crochet, and play cards and games. Most importantly, she was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved spending time with her family and who will be dearly missed. A private family service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Obituary for Diane Smith

Diane Carol Smith, 71, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bagley, MN.

Funeral services will be held on a later date in the spring when friends and family can gather safely. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.



Obituary for DelRay Ruud

DelRay Ruud, 65 of Gatzke, MN passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

A gathering time for family and friends will be held from Noon – 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing. A private family service led by Rev. Timothy Lundeen will follow at 2:30 PM.

DelRay Mylan Ruud was born August 17, 1955 in Roseau, MN the son of Mylan Herbert and Lila Ellen (Brandt) Ruud. He was baptized in Gatzke, MN at the United Lutheran Church. As a young man he worked on the farm in Veldt Township, Marshall County, MN with his siblings milking cows and raising sheep. DelRay attended Gatzke Elementary, Middle River High School, and graduated from Newfolden High School with the class of 1973.

On September 7, 1974, DelRay married Vickie Lynne Holthusen at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, rural Grygla, MN. They made their home in Gatzke, MN and were blessed with a daughter and a son. The family moved to Grygla, MN in 1980 and they were blessed with another son.

Throughout his life DelRay had various jobs including, Falls Concrete in Thief River Falls, janitor/bus driver at

the Gatzke School, Grygla Implement, salesman at the Ford dealership in Roseau, MN, Marvin Windows in Warroad, MN and started his career in the mid-1980's at Machinewell in Grygla where he worked until retirement in 2017 as a Quality Assurance Manager.

While living in the community of Grygla, DelRay served on the Grygla City Council from 1982-1988 and was elected as mayor in 1988 and 1991. He was a member of the Grygla Jaycees where he held numerous local and state positions. He was also a member of the Grygla Lions Club, acted in local plays and sang for public events, served several years as a First Responder and was a member of the Grygla Fire Department.

In his younger years, DelRay enjoyed playing football, softball, baseball and basketball. As a young adult, he loved bow, rifle, muzzle loader hunting, cooking, riding ATV's and motorcycles. His biggest enjoyment was being with his wife, children, grandchildren and newly arrived great-grandchild, Ainsley.

Survivors include his loving wife Vickie of 46 years; children, Heather (Vince) Hagen, Derek (Danielle) Ruud and Devin (Krystle) Ruud; grandchildren, Kelsie & Jordan Hagen, Cole Garthus, Summer & William Ruud; great-granddaughter, Ainsley Renwick; mother, Lila (Charlie Ellingson) Ruud; siblings, Diane (Bruce) Lunsetter, Donovan Ruud, Denise (Blair) Holthusen, Dwight (Deb) Ruud; mother-in-law, Ardell Roen; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mylan on April 28, 2004; sister, Doreen on August 11, 1979; fathers-in-law, Royal Holthusen in 1969 and Philip Roen on December 13, 2002; and grandparents, Mennik & Constance (Johnson) Ruud and Bennie & Ellen (Lisel) Brandt.

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Obituary for Maxine Ophus

Maxine Ophus, age 87, of Apple Valley, CA, and formerly of Fosston, passed away on Thursday, December 24th, at Kaiser Extended Care Services in Fontana, CA. A graveside service will be announced and held in the spring. Interment will be in Mamre Cemetery, rural Fosston. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and mes-

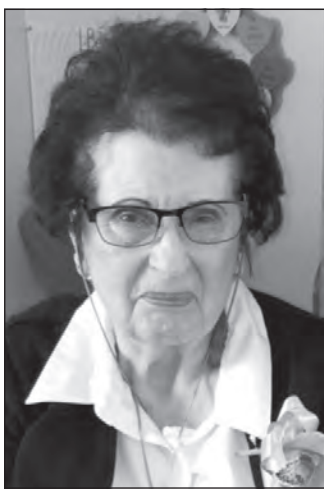
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Maxine Beverly (Lee) Ophus, daughter of the late Palmer Lee and Mabel (Nelson) Lee was born March 18, 1933, in Duluth, Minnesota. She graduated from Duluth's Central High School in 1951.

Maxine and her parents were members of the Duluth Gospel Tabernacle where Maxine prayed to receive salvation in 1940 and was baptized in water and baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1942.

Her Christian life and her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. Maxine went to be with the Lord on December 24, 2020, in San Bernardino County, California.

Her life will forever be cherished in the lives of her loving and devoted husband of 68 years, Duane Arden Ophus, and in the lives of her three daughters: Sandra Ophus, Cindy Lucas and Renee Ely, her seven grandchildren, her two great-grandchildren, and her sons-in-law.



Obituary for Verlys Homme

Verlys M. Homme (Malme), age 85, of Winger, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 19th, at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine. A graveside service will be announced and held in the spring. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Verlys Maureen (Malme) Homme was born at Shelly, Minnesota to Ole and Josie (Flikka) Malme on October 13, 1935. She attended grade school in Shelly and graduated from Climax High School in 1953. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead and graduated with a degree in Home Economics. She taught Home Economics in Plummer, Buhl, and Erskine, Minnesota.

She was a very good solo-

ist, having sung at numerous weddings since her early teen years. She was also a very good pianist. She quit singing as a soloist and pianist in 1960 after she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at the Mayo Clinic. She was very "up beat" about her MS and was never heard to say "why me?". She pushed herself to walk and keep going until 2016 when she could not stand or walk anymore.

She met Helmer Homme in early 1966. They were married September 10, 1966. After retiring from teaching, she and Helmer farmed as a couple until retiring in 1995.

She had several major surgeries in her later years which were hard on her strength. She had to be admitted to Pioneer Memorial Care Center in 2014.

Verlys and Helmer accepted Christ Jesus as their Savior in 1984. Verlys was an active member of her church, different ladies aid circles, and in the Gideon's International.

Verlys passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Pioneer Memorial Care Center with Helmer by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ole and Josie (Flikka) Malme; her brothers, Ken (wife, Kay), LeRoy (wife, Lorraine), Jubert (wife, Del); and a niece, Barbara Malme.

She is survived by her husband, Helmer, of Winger; brother, Merle (wife, Linda) Malme; and numerous nephews and nieces.



Obituary for Calvin Skeie

Calvin Skeie, age 72, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Wednesday, December 23rd, at McIntosh Senior Living. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh with the Rev. Gordon Syverson officiating. Because of attendance restrictions, the funeral service will be for only family to attend.

There will be, however, a walk-through visitation for the public from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Our Savior's Church. The public is also invited to attend the graveside service and military honors after the funeral at Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery in McIntosh (approximately 11:45 a.m.). Mask use is required. Military honors will be provided by the National Guard Honors Team and arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh Messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Calvin LeRoy Skeie was born on June 11, 1948 in Crookston, Minnesota to Maynard and Doris (Mitchell) Skeie. He was baptized and confirmed at the Winger (Calvary) Lutheran Church. He attended Winger Elementary School through the eighth grade, then went to McIntosh

High School and graduated in 1966.

He was drafted into the United States Army in February 1968. He was stationed at various bases in the United States and served as a cook and kitchen supervisor. After an honorable discharge, Calvin joined the National Guard serving in the "Bearcats" Second Battalion (Mech) 136th Infantry, retiring in 1994. He was also a lifetime member of the Winger American Legion.

Calvin was united in marriage to Donna Eraker on June 14, 1969 at Winger (Calvary) Lutheran Church. They lived and raised their daughters in McIntosh. Calvin worked for Red Lake Falls Manufacturing for a short time, and then was hired by the McIntosh/Winger School District as a custodian/bus driver. He then retired from the district.

Calvin was an active member of Our Savior's in McIntosh serving on the board of Trustees and two terms as President of the congregation. Calvin enjoyed working and making projects in his "wood shop". One of the many projects was an altar table he made for Our Savior's Church.

He loved spending time with his family and thought the world of his grandchildren, Dylan and Kalli.

Calvin passed away at McIntosh Senior Living at the age of 72 years on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

Survivors include his wife, Donna, two daughters Kristi Skeie and Anita (Dean) Roy, grandchildren Dylan and Kalli Roy, all of McIntosh. Two sisters Patti Broden of Fertile, and Wanda (Bryan) Johnson of Fosston also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents Maynard and Doris, step-father, Kenneth Bratager, and in-laws Clarence and Andrea Eraker.



Obituary for Peter Bohn

Peter Bohn, age 83, of Trail, MN, passed away on Thursday, December 17th, at his home in Trail. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 2nd, at New Journey Church (Family Life Center) in Fosston with the Rev. Bob Kelly officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the Life Center. Mask use is required. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Peter Oscar Bohn was born on April 3, 1937 at Rosy, Minnesota to parents Oscar and Grace (Mash) Bohn.

At the age of 17, Peter married Mary Hardy. To this union were born five sons, Don, Randy, Daryl, Bryan and Dale. Mary and Peter later divorced.

Peter worked in sawmills, on dairy farms, mowing lawns, shoveling snow and

his last job was working for the City of Clearbrook.

Peter married Virginia Brown and cared for her during her long illness. After Virginia's death, Peter raised his three step grandchildren, Amber, Bonnie and David Layton.

Peter liked to watch fireworks, local basketball and Vikings football. He liked going out for rides and having ice cream treats with Bessie.

He liked to ride four-wheeler, play pool, visit, listen to country music and color pictures.

Peter loved his family and friends, being with them or talking on the phone with them. He loved nature and the world God created, the flowers, birds and animals, specifically the deer and a little dog named Bessie.

Peter had a child-like faith. He was humble and kind. He attended St. Bartholomew's Church in Bemidji where he loved to ring the bell.

Peter is survived by his sons, Don Bohn, Daryl (Amber) Bohn, Bryan (Pam) Bohn, and Dale (Shelly) Bohn; brother, Reynold (Beverly) Bohn; sister, Lucille Nolan; grandchildren, Randy, Arron, Brittney, Devin, Darrion, April, Brian and Makayla.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary Bohn; second wife, Virginia; son, Randy Bohn; grandson, Mike Bohn; sisters, Lillian, Minnie, Mary, Ruth, Marie, Virginia, Emma and Harriet; brothers, Ole, Raymond, Fred, Edward, Harold and Donald. Peter was also preceded in death by his dear companion, Claudine Walton. Blessed be his memory.



Obituary for Lowell Smeby

Lowell Smeby of Grygla, MN passed away peacefully with his family at his side at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND, at the age of 66.

Public visitation was held from Noon until 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with a 2:30 Private Family Service led by Pastor Ken Bowman. Burial at Valle Cemetery, rural Grygla, MN at 4:15 PM. Masks and social distancing were encouraged.

Lowell John Smeby was born on August 10th, 1954 in Thief River Falls, MN to John and Doris (Teigland) Smeby. He was raised on the family farm in Grygla, MN. Lowell was the second oldest of six children. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He graduated from Marshall County Central High School in Newfolden, MN with the class of 1972.

Lowell was united in marriage to Rochelle Knutson on May 26, 1979 in Radium, MN. Together they lived on the family farm in Grygla, MN where they raised their 2 children. Lowell spent many years working alongside his father on the farm where they milked dairy cows until 2004 and then raised beef cattle and hay. After selling

the dairy, cows, Lowell spent five years working at Polaris. Since then, he did carpentry work and helped with other projects.

Lowell was known as a man of few words but with a heart of gold. He loved his family very much and was known to glow when talking about his grandchildren. Lowell loved to take his grandchildren on Ranger or four-wheeler rides in the woods. During the winter, they would often have a campfire and enjoy hot cocoa and s'mores. Lowell especially loved being able to watch Oliver grow up and they had a close relationship as they would check out life on the farm.

Lowell took pride in his community. He served on several boards including: Farm Service Agency, Grace Lutheran Church council, Red Lake Watershed, Grygla Creamery and the Grygla School.

Lowell is survived by his wife Rochelle of Grygla and two children Nicholas (Lisa) of Swanville and Gretchen of Grygla; Grandchildren: John, Samuel, Oliver, Madeline, and Violet; Siblings Jim (Eileen) of Fertile; Paul (Marie) of Thief River Falls, Pam (Tim) Mostrom of Grygla, and JoAnn (John) Orpen of Battle Lake. Brother-in-law Perry Hubbard of Panama City, Panama. Along with many, many other family and friends.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents, sister Nancy, father & mother-in-law, Neil & Florence Knutson, brothers-in-law Roger and Randy Knutson, and sisters-in-law Patti Smeby and Kandy Knutson.

Lowell Smeby lived to the age of 66 years, 4 months, and 8 days. May his memory be blessed.

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