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Grant Coquette, PA, receives vaccine from Kate Sander, RN.

Essentia Health-Fosston administers first COVID-19 vaccine

Essentia Health-Fosston received its initial shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine on Monday, December 21 and shortly thereafter, the first front line health care workers began receiving the vaccine.

Among the first to be vaccinated were Grant Coquette, physician assistant, Dr. Wes Ofstedal, Jason Steinbrenner, registration and Mike Manecke, facilities manager. Nursing home residents and assisted living tenants were also able to be vaccinated. Mary Blevins was the first nursing home resident vaccinated.

Vaccinations were given in a tiered approach, beginning with those healthcare workers who provide direct patient care for COVID patients. To date, the initial shipment of vaccine

has provided vaccinations for 100 healthcare workers 25 long term care residents, and 14 assisted living tenants. The vaccine requires a second shot in 21 days.

Essentia Health plans to follow CDC and state health department guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, including which groups of people are vaccinated next. Waitlists are not part of either CDC or state health department guidelines at this time. Essentia Health plans to accept all vaccine supply allocated by state health departments to provide to our patients.

It is important to note that until a large percentage of the population is vaccinated, wearing a mask, maintaining social distance and frequent hand washing continue to be necessary.



Mike Manecke, facilities manager, receives vaccine from Kate Sander, RN.



Mary Blevins, Essentia Health Living Center resident was the first long term care resident to be vaccinated in Fosston.

Garden Valley Technologies Pays Out \$1.6M in Unretired Capital Credits

[Erskine, MN Dec. 29] In December, the Garden Valley Technologies Board of Directors returned over \$1.6M in unretired capital credits to members age 85 years or older. This payout was part of a successful pilot program designed to ensure our older members have the option to receive 100% of their unretired capital credits.

Capital credits are one of the many benefits of being a GVT member. Because co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues

(called margins) are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits.

"As a member-owned cooperative based in Erskine, MN, it's rewarding to see these dollars go back to people in our local communities," explains Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager of GVT. "Unlike a private company or corporation, our members earn money back for every dollar they spend with us."

This capital credit payout

comes just 7 months after GVT issued more than 16,500 checks to members totaling over \$2,065,000. Meaning our members received \$3.7M in capital credit payouts in 2020 alone.

Payments of capital credits at this time of year made the holiday season a little brighter for 627 members who were part of this pilot program. A member in Red Lake Falls sent a thoughtful card after receiving their payout:

"We want to thank Garden

Valley and all the employees for the wonderful Christmas gift; the large check that we received this week. It was very much appreciated."

Based upon the Cooperative's financial condition and other considerations, the Board of Directors will determine if this is something we will continue in the future. We were pleased with the success of the pilot program and want to thank those who were able to participated.



The ICVMC and Garfield Lake Ice Racers hold up their banners in front of some of the many food supplies they donated to needy vets in the Laporte, Bemidji, Bagley, Fosston and surrounding areas. Tom Lindahl on the right represents the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and John (Roto) Rueter the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club. (the photo was submitted)

Garfield Lake Ice Racers & ICVMC "In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club", "Support for Vets"

By Dennis Peterson

The Garfield Lake Ice Racers had to sit out the racing season last year due to poor ice conditions. It looks like the 2021 season will kick off this January once the ice is at the required thickness on Garfield Lake in Laporte. But the club hasn't been sitting idle. According to club President Kris Baker the club along with the "In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club" donated \$10,000.00 worth of food and meals to needy Veterans in the area between Thanksgiving and Christmas. "The In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club did the leg work in getting the meals out to the vets", Baker

said. "We provided funds from our club along with great help from the Laporte Grocery in Laporte, MN." John Pearce President of the ICVMC said, "We are all about helping vets in need, we want to reach as many as possible that need help." The club has about 25 members and are all vets themselves, "Vets helping Vets". The members of the club contacted veterans in the area about who needed assistance and around 50 were provided Thanksgiving meals and over the Christmas holiday more than 120 were provided food and meals.

The Garfield Lake Ice Racers call the 3rd Base Bar and Grill

its home base and funds are raised through their licensed E-Tap machines at the bar. They also raise funds with the racing. Each driver is charged \$30.00 per day to race with funds going to various charities in the area. The club has given many thousands of dollars to people in need, school events, local civic organizations, 4th of July celebrations, life jackets, and many other charities. The racers do not receive any money for the races. Approximately 30-40 ice racers and crew members race each Sunday starting at noon in two classes, the A class for experienced racers and B class for beginners. Two

complete races are held each Sunday. Tom Lindahl will once again be the flagman for the races. Baker said, "Once the ice is 18" we will get started racing and everyone is anxious to get the season started.

With all the fantastic work these two groups have done they deserve a round of applause and a big thank you.

Fans interested in the races can attend free of charge starting at noon each Sunday. Enter the lake access and drive south and drive to the east side of the lake for fan viewing. Drivers and crews will be on the opposite side.

Fargo VA Health Care System approved as priority for future VA Fisher House construction

FARGO, N.D. (Jan. 4, 2020) – The Fargo Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System (HCS) is pleased to announce it has been approved as a priority for future VA Fisher House construction to provide temporary accommodations at no charge for the families and caregivers of veterans receiving care at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

"This is great news for our area veterans and their families," said Dr. Bret Weintraub, Fargo VA HCS Director. "Family support often plays a significant role in the healing and treatment we provide at the Fargo VA. A Fisher House, conveniently located near the Fargo VA Medical Center, will enhance family support and make an important, positive impact on the outcomes for our patients. We're very grateful to the Fisher House Foundation as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs for prioritizing our request for this Fisher House. And a big thank you to our regional county veterans service officers, national veteran service officers, congressional delegations, state leaders, and several other veteran stakeholder organizations who provided a lot of support for our request for this Fisher House." Since 1994, the successful

partnership between VA and the Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, and in Europe, close to the medical center or hospital it serves.

A timeline for construction of the Fargo VA's Fisher House has not yet been established. The homes are constructed by the Fisher House Foundation on government land (military installations or VA facilities). Upon completion, the houses are donated to VA or the Department of Defense, which then has responsibility for the operation, maintenance, upkeep, and staffing.

Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. The Fisher House Foundation ensures there is never a lodging fee. In 2019 and 2020, VA Fisher Houses accommodated more than 47,000 families saving guests more than \$32 million in lodging expenses. The Fisher House Foundation has

built and donated 49 Fisher Houses to VA and 42 to DOD. For more information on the Fisher House Foundation, visit www.fisherhouse.org.

For more information, contact Ross Tweten, Fargo VA HCS Public Affairs Officer, at Ross.Tweten@va.gov or (701) 239-3724.

U of M Extension Press Release: Strategic Farming 2021: Let's Talk Crops!

WORTHINGTON, Minn. (12/28/2020)—REMINDER – if you haven't yet, please be sure to register for the Strategic Farming: Let's Talk Crops program! You can join in on the discussion from the comforts of your own living room, or bring the conversation with you as you go about your day. Whatever works best for you, we hope you will join us this winter to discuss some of the key issues and questions around crop production facing Minnesota corn and soybean farmers today. Sessions will be held over Zoom, which can be accessed via your computer, phone or other mobile device, and run from 8:30 to 9:00 am on Wednesdays, January 6 through March 24.

These online sessions will be very informal and open to all interested. Each session will start with a brief presentation (about 10 minutes) by

the discussion leaders for the day, followed by 20 minutes of discussion, framed around farmer/participant questions on the topic. These programs are being offered at no charge, thanks to support from the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council and the Minnesota Corn Research and Promotion Council.

Speakers will include researchers and educators from the University of MN and North Central region, as well as area agency personnel. Resources will be posted prior to the discussions for anyone wishing to take a deeper dive into the topics.

Topics and speakers
• **January 6: Corn hybrid selection.** Jeff Coulter, Extension Corn Agronomist, Dean

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Young Joins Widseth's Civil Engineering Team

Emma Young has joined Widseth as a Civil Engineer in Training after working with the firm as a summer intern since 2019. She holds a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Young works with the civil engineering department performing office and field engineering tasks including report compilation, Civil 3D drafting, environmental reviews, and construction inspection.

Widseth is a multi-discipline firm of more than 200 employees providing engineering, architecture, land surveying, and environmental services. Its



offices are located in Brainerd, Alexandria, Bemidji, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Forest Lake, Mankato, and Rochester, Minnesota, and Grand Forks, North Dakota. More information is available at Widseth.com.



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Stability at Its Finest Hour

We all need it you know. Stability. That's what secures all of life. The launching pad is firm and with a firm foundation we may launch. We are able because He is stable.

One year ago, I got a bee in my bonnet to resurrect and up-cycle Christmas Crêches. So once the Christmas season was over, I began to scout out a few thrift shops and grab and go on line as best I could. Soon, I'd collected an eclectic assortment of items and as I began putting one set of figurines with a stable I'd gathered...it sort of all fit together. Adding lights made it a silent night where Mary might want to gather. With each one made I can hear her say, "Joseph, I want to go to THAT stable!"

As each little set found a home, a few more sets began appearing by hands gifting the treasures they'd found when seeking. A name for all of this came to mind. The printers printed and One of a Kind Design unfolded all fun like.

Mom's came, grandma's came, kids came, and each one had a wish. They wished to have a stable which made them able to visualize the Holy before them. Advent came and on it went...figurines appeared and stables made us all able.

"She loves sparkles." And sparkle figurines would suddenly be found.

"He loves gold topped anything with a little splash of color." And gold topped figurines with a splash of color came forward just in the nick of time.

Treasure boxes were found all the way around and within the boxes were placed secrets only the generations before would know anything of. Stability's finest hour awakened little and big hearts alike as the

story... the true story told of old helped equip hearts as part of the communion of saints.

More stables were needed. Gifted hands created all heart-felt in artistry at its finest hour. Give the couple did so many could have and hold and see and touch and be part of the story of old made new.

Once leather was wish for. Leather showed up from a heart who had tucked it away for such a time as this. God uses all. There are no such things as scrap piles...only piles of treasures awaiting a home.

Once or twice or thrice figurines were needed and who knew the particulars of why or how come...but He did. And into the door they came...and out the door they went into the hands who were now able to create a stable for such a time as this.

Once, more little sacks for feed to place within were longed for... and the call came. "I have 17 more little bags for you!" The same hands help each one not only under the sewing needle but in prayer as they were prepped.

"I have a nativity set from Madagascar but have never had a stable for it. Could I come?"

"I have an old stable. Can it be fixed up so I can pass it on to my nieces?"

And thus it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be.

Why? Because He is the only One able to make this world stable. As the treasure we seek is Him, may we know the treasure He seeks...is us.

"For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten son, so that whosoever believes in Him will have life everlasting."

And that's the truth...the whole truth...and nothing but the truth. Amen.



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MCCL meeting scheduled

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Malvick, Extension Plant Pathologist and Tom Hoverstad, Researcher

• **January 13: Soybean variety selection.** Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Agronomist and Dean Malvick, Extension Plant Pathologist

• **January 20: Herbicide technology traits: What to use where, when, and how?** Debalin Sarangi, Extension Weed Specialist and Tom Peters, Extension Sugarbeet Agronomist

• **January 27: Broadcasting versus banding P & K.** Jeff Vetsch, Researcher and Dan Kaiser, Extension Nutrient Management Specialist

• **February 3: Third crops ready to work for you.** Jochum Wiersma, Extension Small Grains Specialist and Craig Sheaffer, Forage Specialist

• **February 10: We've got you covered: The latest on cover crop research and tools you can use.** Axel Garcia y Garcia, Sustainable Cropping Systems, Anna Cates, Extension State Soil Health Specialist and Gregg Johnson, Biomass Cropping Systems

• **February 17: Adjusting soil pH to maximize crop production.** Dan Kaiser, Extension Nutrient Management Specialist and Jeff Vetsch, Researcher

• **February 24: The nuts'n bolts of on-farm research - Doin' it right.** R.L. (Bob) Nielsen, Extension Corn Specialist, Purdue University and Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Specialist

• **March 3: Making every acre pay.** Naeem Kalwar, Extension Soil Health Specialist, North Dakota State University, Tanner Bruse, MN Ag & Conservation Programs Manager, Pheasants Forever and Alan Lepp, NRCS

• **March 10: What insects are bugging your corn this year?** Ken Ostlie, Extension Entomologist and Bruce Potter, Extension Integrated Pest Management Specialist

• **March 17: SCN: So tough a threat, it warrants a coalition.** Greg Tylka, Nematologist, Iowa State University, Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Agronomist and Samuel Markell, Extension Broadleaf Plant Pathologist, North Dakota State University

• **March 24: Stand establishment for corn and soybean.** Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Agronomist, Jeff Coul-

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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Ardys Bjerke

Ardys Irene Bjerke, 92, of Clearbrook, MN, went home to our Lord while residing at Havenwood Care Center, Bemidji, MN on December 27th, 2020, with her children by her side. Due to COVID restrictions, a family burial service will be held at Sinclair Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held sometime this spring or summer.

Ardys was born on March 15th, 1928, at home in rural Leonard, MN, the daughter of Odin and Emma (Moen) Johnson. She completed 1st through 8th grade at Pine Grove School, District 15, in Sinclair Township. While growing up with three brothers, it has been said, "She was quite a tomboy in her early years." She could shoot clothes pins off a clothesline with a 22 pistol. While the boys helped their dad in the barn and with field work, she worked with her mom in the garden and learned to cook. She was a wonderful cook!

Ardys married Orval Bjerke on April 16th, 1948. Following their marriage, they lived in Adams, ND, where Ardys worked as a waitress. They then moved to Richmond, CA, where Ardys again worked as a waitress and a cashier. Four years later, Orval and Ardys moved back to rural Leonard and purchased a farm. During that time, she also worked at Granley's grocery store in Clearbrook. In 1967, they purchased Clearwater Lake Store, which

they owned for 19 years. In the early years, they had a lunch counter where she always enjoyed visiting while preparing and serving delicious meals, yummy baked treats, and endless cups of coffee. During the summer months, people enjoyed the campground and coming to the lake. In the winter, people stopped at the store while going ice fishing and snowmobiling on the nearby trails. After retirement they moved to Clearbrook.

Ardys volunteered for several years at the Clearbrook Senior Citizens Center where she enjoyed braiding rugs and working in the craft shop. She was a member of Good Shepherd Church, WELCA, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 256 for 50 years. With her servant heart, no wasn't in her vocabulary. She was always willing to help in any way she could.

Ardys, at the age of 85, moved to Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook and later to Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji. We would like to extend a special thank you to the nursing homes and the extraordinary staff that took such great care of our Mom!

She will be sadly missed. Our cherished memories will include her kind, loving, giving nature.

Ardys is survived by her children: son Gary (Loretta) Bjerke of Pinewood, MN, daughter Patricia Bjerkes of Woodbury, MN, and son Bruce (Debbie) Bjerke of Leonard, MN; six grandchildren: Dan (Sommer) Bjerkes, Ryan (Pam) Bjerke, Heidi (Ethan) Johnson, Darin (Ingrid) Bjerkes, Brandon (Jessica) Bjerke, and Jason (Jaime) Bjerke; fifteen great-grandchildren; one brother Duane (Betty) Johnson, one sister-in-law Wanda (Dwayne) Matz and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Orval, who passed away in 2003; her parents Odin and Emma Johnson; brother and sister-in-law Arlie and Frances Johnson, and brother Kermit Johnson.



Obituary for Thomas Larson

Thomas (Tom) Joe Larson, 73 of Clearbrook, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tom was born January 7, 1947 to Vern and Jo (Efraimson) Larson in Bagley, Minnesota. He attended Clearbrook High School and graduated in 1965. In February 1966, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam until his honorable discharge in November 1969.

He went to work for Lakehead Pipeline (Enbridge) in June 1970. He worked for Enbridge until his retirement in January 2002.

Tom was united in marriage to Margaret Torkelson on November 1, 1970. Three children were born to this union.

He farmed for 47 years (20 years with his father) raising grain, hay, and livestock.

In 2003, he started his second career hauling gravel for Jorgenson Construction and continued until the time of his death.

Tom's passion was fishing

on Lake of the Woods and other area lakes with family and friends. He enjoyed snowmobiling and going for ATV rides. Tom also liked to do field work and when he retired from farming, he would help out the neighbors. He made daily visits to the gas station in Clearbrook for coffee. He made daily visits to Jeff Jorgenson and always had a story for Jeff.

He is survived by his loving wife Margaret of 50 years; son, William (Willie) and daughter, Heidi both of Clearbrook; son Chad (Heather) of Baudette. Three grandsons, Gavin and Trevor Bergstrom of Clearbrook and Archer Larson of Baudette.

Sister, Lois (Ken) Bjerke of Clearbrook

Brother-in-Law, Chris Engebretsen, Erskine MN

Sister-in-Law, Betty (Joe) Caswell, Fredericksburg, VA

Sister-in-Law, Edith Dolitsky, St. Peter MO

Nephews: Bruce (Sherry) Bjerke, Brian (Tracy) Bjerke, Jeff (Lorie) Engebretsen, Mike (Lynn) Engebretsen, Bill (Cindy) Stoller, Todd (Stephanie) Torkelson, Rob Torkelson, Scott (Sharon) Dolitsky, Mark (Katie) Dolitsky.

Nieces: Joann (Pat) Green-dahl, Darcie (Jason) Caswell, Sherri Dolitsky, Shelly Torkelson, Jodi (Rei) Mesa, and Sheila Dolitsky.

As well as numerous cousin, great nieces nephews and neighbors he visited with on a daily basis who they called Tommy.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, Vern & Jo Larson; brother William; father-in law Bennie and mother-in law Lily Torkelson; sister Joan; niece Sharon Bjerke Stoller, nephew Steven Bjerke, Nephew Shawn Torkelson

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for Parnell Myhrum

Parnell "Bart" Howard Myhrum, 96 of Sneads Ferry, passed away Saturday morning at his home.

The family received friends at Jones Funeral Home of Jacksonville on Tuesday evening from 6 - 7 PM. A memorial service will be held at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 PM with Pastors Saurman and Braswell officiating. Burial will be private per family request.

Parnell Howard Myhrum, was born on February 27, 1924 in Fosston, MN to parents Redvald and Ella (Osmonson) Myhrum. He attended Cloverdale Country School, District 237 in rural Fosston through the eighth grade, and Fosston High School, graduating in 1943.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in December of 1943. He served over 30 years, retiring in January 1974 with the rank of Master Chief Hospital Corpsman. His overseas assignments were Special Augmented Hospital #3 on Okinawa in

1945; First Marine Air Wing in Tsingtao, China; Inchon Landing and Chosin Reservoir Campaign with the First Marine Division in Korea in 1950; and the First Marine Air Wing in Danang, Vietnam in 1967. He served aboard the USS Antares and the USS Blackhawk in the Pacific and the Destroyer USS Conway in Atlantic waters. His last assignment was Training Chief at Field Medical Service School at Camp Lejeune, NC

Parnell was united in marriage to Muriel Bjerkes at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN in September 1946. Muriel and Parnell were married for 69 years, and from this union they had four children; Barbara, Parnell Jr., Karen, and Kristi.

He was a charter member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Jacksonville, NC where he held several positions of leadership. He loved reading, computers, crossword puzzles, history, and genealogy.

He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Disabled American Veterans, the Chosin Few, and the China Marine Association.

Survivors include his son Parnell, Jr. (Kaye) of Cary, NC; daughter Karen (Tom) of Sneads Ferry, NC; daughter Kristi (Lonnies) of Hampstead, NC; 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; and brother Roger Myhrum (Sue) of Satellite Beach, FL. He was preceded in death by his wife Muriel, daughter Barbara, brother Everett, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations and memorials may be made to the Onslow Community Outreach Soup Kitchen, 600 Court St, Jacksonville, NC 28540.



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.

Diane was born on September 26, 1949 the daughter of Elmer and Helen (Hinnan) Johnson. She was baptized and confirmed at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN. She attended school and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1968. Diane worked at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook for 15 years as a Nurses Aide. She married David Smith on December 28, 1973 at Watertown, South

Obituary for Joseph Sharp

Joseph Sharp, age 53, of Plummer, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 28th, at Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls, MN.

Due to the pandemic, no services will be held at this time.

Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



Dakota and to this union they had 3 boys. Diane was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook and her favorite hymn was "The Old Rugged Cross". Diane enjoyed going to the casino and playing Bingo and Keno. She appreciated talking on the phone and visiting with friends every day. She loved to read and do word searches. Diane treasured playing Nintendo and Game Boy with her Grandson Cameron and loved her grandchildren very much. She especially adored her dogs - Abby the Dachshund and Buddy the Yorkie. Diane will be remembered for her quick wit and ability to make people laugh.

She is survived by her husband - David Smith of Clearbrook, MN.

Sons Corey (Sherry) Smith of Fosston, MN; Chad Smith of Bagley, MN; Blair (Heather) Smith of Aberdeen, SD.

Grandchildren - Cameron Smith, Morgan Smith, Evan Smith, Logan Smith, Jennifer Feitosa Salas.

Aunt - Carol Hallan of St. Cloud, MN

Numerous nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother - Dale.

The family wishes to thank all the workers at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley for their dedication, care, and support.

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How much should you stockpile for an emergency?



lies. One workaround is to fill a bathtub in one bathroom with water to use for hygiene and reserve bottled water for drinking.

In regard to food, City Prepping, a popular social media channel for preppers, has created a list of what might be included in a two-week emergency supply. Most of the supplies are nonperishable items. Some options include:

- canned soup (20 cans)
- powdered milk
- cereal (two boxes)
- canned vegetables (20 cans)
- peanut butter (two jars)
- pasta (20 bags/boxes)
- coffee or tea
- canned fruit (20 cans)
- oatmeal (five pounds)
- rice (20 pound bag)
- olive oil

When the novel coronavirus COVID-19 was officially proclaimed a pandemic in March 2020, people were urged to stay home and limit their exposure to those outside their households. Understandably, some measure of panic ensued after that proclamation.

Fears of lockdowns and an inability to shop for necessities created worldwide shortages of cleaning supplies, meat, canned goods, grains, and paper products like toilet tissue. Shoppers were grabbing what they could when they could, and empty store shelves were left in the wake of the demonium.

Although it's wise to keep an ample stockpile of foods and other supplies in advance of a weather emergency, it's important to draw the line between planning proactively and hoarding goods. But what is the right amount to have on hand?

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, each person should have a cache of supplies that can last up to two weeks. Included in the recommendations are 11/2 gallons of water each day per person. One half-gallon is for drinking purposes and the remaining gallon is for hygiene should water supplies be interrupted by the emergency. That equates to 84 gallons of water for a family of four, which may not be feasible for many families.



Obituary for Keith Anderson

Keith Wayne Anderson died peacefully, surrounded by his family, January 2, 2021 following a long and courageous battle following exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam conflict and from complications resulting from a medical procedure performed in 2000. Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines, burial with Military Services

will be held at a later date in Northwood Cemetery, located in Grygla, Minnesota.

Keith Wayne Anderson was born on April 25th, 1947 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the son of Theodore and Delilah (Lee) Anderson. Keith was raised on the Anderson family farm on Moose River Road, north of Grygla, Minnesota and was baptized and confirmed nearby at the Northwood Lutheran Church. He attended grade school in Grygla and high school in Goodrich until 1964 when, in his junior year of high school, his family moved to Kalona, Iowa. He graduated from Mid Prairie High School in Wellman, Iowa in 1965.

Survivors include his wife, caretaker, and best friend Teresa and four sons, mother Delilah Lee Anderson and six siblings.

Condolences may be sent to Beatty & Peterseim Funeral Home, 201 B Ave., Kalona, IA 52247. Memorials may be sent to Iowa City Hospice or Paws and More in Washington, Iowa.

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Obituary for Daniel Berg

Daniel Harvey Berg of Clearbrook, MN, passed away at Autumn Hills Assisted Living Facility in Bemidji, MN, on December 30, 2020, at the age of 73.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Oswald Berg and Bernice (Bardwell) Berg.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Smith) Berg, his four children Darren (Denise) Madsen, Dane (Wendy) Madsen, Elizabeth (Tracy) Berg, and Rachel (Brent) Vesta as well as his beloved grandchildren Raya, Ahna, Jordyn, Raelyn, Benjamin, Emily, and Aliasha and his eight siblings, Jean (Gary) Bergstrom, Joy Parker, Mary (Bill) Elsholtz, Bernkie (Kathy) Berg, John (Connie) Berg, Orvie (Dianne) Berg, Trygvie Berg, and Karen (Bill) Klossos.

He was born in the family farmhouse outside of Clearbrook in the summer of 1947, July 15. The second to youngest of his eight siblings, he was the baby of the family until his younger sister Karen

came along. He remained there farming with his parents after finishing high school in Clearbrook. He also served in the Army National Guard. He met Linda at the Clover Chapel in 1979. They were married shortly thereafter on March 15, 1980, and raised their own family on the farm as well. There are fond memories of mending the fences and bottling calves, rock picking adventures in thunderstorms, and building snow tunnels after winter plowing. He knew his cattle by name, and took great care with raking and baling the crops every summer. A man of few words, he said much with his quick smiles. He will be dearly missed.

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Daniel's memorial gathering for the family will be planned for the summer of 2021.

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County Highway Project BIDS CLOSE: January 29, 2021, 10:00 AM CST Polk County, Minnesota

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-

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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-611-020
SAP 060-611-021
CP 121-505-1351

LOCATION : On CSAH 11 in Crookston, MN
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

LENGTH : 1.3 Miles
5.4 Miles
0.2 Miles

Major Items :

COMMON EXCAVATION	25,000 CY
AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 MOD	30,000 TON
TYPE SP 12.5 BITUMINOUS MIX	18,000 TON
RC PIPE SEWER	3,000 LF
CONCRETE WALK- REINFORCED	57,000 SF
CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	11,000 LF
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To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: <https://egram.co.polk.mn.us>

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans, and specifications are also available at: Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 S, Crookston, MN 56716 Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax)

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

Richard C. Sanders, Polk County, County Engineer

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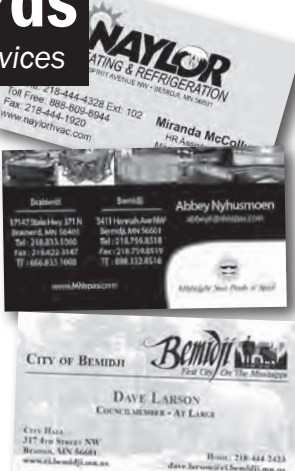
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**John Deere D**
By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

This week I kind of got myself a new job. I don't know if you are familiar with the Green Magazine, but it is a John Deere publication that has been around for sometime. Recently I saw they were looking for a person to write about what John Deeres are going for at auctions around the country. I thought hey, I am an auctioneer, I like to write about tractors.....so I sent the editor a message and after a few back and forth emails TAH DAH, I got the job! My first research revealed a 1925 Spoker D John Deere that sold at auction in November. This got my memories going.....

One of my fondest memories of tractor stories includes hearing my dad tell about the 1925, "spoker D", they owned on the farm near Clearbrook in the late 1940's. When they moved to the farm it came with an F-20 Farmall. Grandpa traded with George Felch of Shevlin. So long F-20, hello Model D John Deere! After a while they upgraded again and traded the Spoker D for a newer 1936 model D on rubber. They also got the D from George Felch. It had come from the John and Olaf Hayes farm south of Bagley. When they moved to Oklee in 1952 the D came with them. A lot of farm work was done with that D until it was traded for a Case baler and a new disc at Bagley Implement. I think this was the start of a family farming with mostly John Deere tractors. So I guess these old Ds are the reason I love John Deere!!

When John Deere wanted to release the model D tractor sales were poor and John Deere's board of directors were not sure if they should release their model D. Who would buy it? But, farmers bought the model D and John Deere tractor sales grew. Starting in

1923 the very early D's had a 26 in. spoked flywheel, and the steering on the left side. In 1925 the 24 inch spoked flywheel was used, and in 1926 a solid flywheel replaced the earlier spoked flywheels. This of course makes a "spoker D" a real collector's item. These early unstyled D's had 2 forward speeds and one reverse(not known for it's speed!). In 1939 the model D was styled. The new sheet metal design streamlined the tractors, just as automobiles were doing during this time. The D went through many changes over the years. It became the longest produced tractor model in history.

How about a little Tractor Trivia!

1. The model D was produced from 1923-_____.
A) 1951 B) 1952 C) 1953

2. John Deere claimed the early D produced _____ hp on the draw bar.
A) 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

3. During the end of production John Deere claimed the D produced_____hp, although when tested they produced even more.
A) 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

4. The cost of a model D in 1924 was _____.
A) \$1000 B) \$1295 C) \$1750

5. The 1924 D was rated a _____ plow tractor.
A) 2 bottom B) 3 bottom C) 4 bottom

Answers: 1. C. 1953 2. A) 15hp (They were called the 15-27.) 3. C. 30 hp(They were actually tested with 38 on the drawbar and 42 on the belt!) 4. A. \$1000 5. B. (It was rated for 3 14" bottoms.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: With the New Year upon us I wanted to take the time to share a powerful story that was posted on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's blog. It's from a crash that one of my coworkers investigated and should leave every one of us something so simple and preventable to think about.

French fries. Who'd have thought it would be French fries?

Sgt. Kelly Phillips has been a crash investigator for the Minnesota State Patrol for 12 years, and there's one crash that will stay with her forever. And it all started with a bag of French fries.

Sgt. Phillips was called to the scene of a fatal crash on County Road 50 in Lakeville. It was Dec. 12, 2009, and three generations of a family – a grandmother, aunt, and granddaughter – were heading home from a Christmas choir practice at their church when their car was hit head-on by a truck going the opposite direction. "There were family members waiting for them at home, but instead of their family showing up, it was officers and a chaplain saying they were never coming home," says Phillips sadly.

As she was responding to the scene, Phillips was told two had died. But as she stood talking to some Lakeville police officers, some firefighters called her over to the car, asking her to look in the backseat. There lay the body of an eight-year-old girl, partially thrown out of the back door. Dead.

"I try not to get personally involved. Just for my mental health, I can't let it affect me too much," explains Phillips. "But some hit home." She collected her thoughts as best she could, letting her training take over so she could do her job: "Look at the evidence. Mark it. Take pictures. Document. Forensically map the scene." Step by step.

When the medical examiner showed up to remove the occupants and document the injuries, they had to start with the little girl. Phillips recalls standing over her for "quite some time. Then the grandmother. Then the aunt. They clearly died in an instant." The realization gave Phillips scant relief, because she kept thinking about how that little girl should have been at home. "Fatal crashes aren't just a moment in time," she says, her voice gaining urgency. "She should have woken up Christmas morning and opened gifts with her grandma watching. The aunt's little girls lost their mom."

"It's the trickle-down effect," Phillips continues, thinking about what that little girl would be doing now. "She should have been graduating high school

and planning out a future and worrying about boyfriends. She was robbed of that. Her whole family was robbed of that."

Those memories come up more and more for Phillips now that she's a mom. "When my daughter turned eight, I would look at her in the rearview mirror and think that other little girl was just as carefree and happy in the backseat, not knowing it was her last car ride. Not knowing she'd never go home again."

Phillips' voice takes on an urgency borne of frustration, her words tumbling out of her mouth almost faster than she can say them. "This year has been way worse in terms of traffic deaths. People were driving over 100 mph almost daily. It's scary. At those speeds, you can't stop in time; you wouldn't be able to control it. As a reconstructionist, it's frustrating to see two or three deaths a day. Plus serious injury crashes that change their lives...paralysis, traumatic brain injuries..." She pauses for breath while she gathers her thoughts, then quietly declares, "I would love to never be called to another crash ever again."

But Phillips does this job anyway, because "It's about giving the families closure. They deserve to know why and how this happened, and whether it could have been prevented."

Just like that family of that grandmother, aunt and granddaughter 11 years ago. At the crash scene that December night, Phillips began examining the other vehicle involved in the crash: a large pickup truck piloted by a teenager who wasn't seriously hurt. There was a McDonald's bag on the front seat, and the smell of food still hung in the air. Days later, she went over all the evidence to determine the cause of the crash. The road was straight — there was no reason this truck should have crossed over the center line. Speed wasn't an issue, and neither was his cell phone — he let them look, and there was no activity on it at the time of the crash. Phillips was puzzled: "So why did he look down that long and cross over the center line?"

Then she remembered the McDonald's bag, and the fries scattered on the seat of his pickup. French fries. "He looked down too long to get his food." The simplicity — the sheer cruelty of it all — is shocking.

Phillips sums it up with simple determination: "The public needs to understand that if you slow down, wear a seat belt, get a sober ride and pay attention, you can prevent these crashes."

Here is the link to the DPS blog: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20201221-three-generations-fatal-crash.aspx>

Wednesday, January 6, 2021