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Exciting news for 21/22 season

To say our inaugural season for Cor PowerSports as the pro national xc series has been a challenge is definitely an understatement. We typically spend 10-12 months planning and coordinating our events with local businesses, snowmobile clubs, and city officials but with COVID restrictions changing just weeks prior to Pine Lake in late November that started our ever changing scramble to still get eight point races in this season. We can not thank enough the venues that have hosted these last minute events, our racers for going with the flow, and most of all our crew for their flexibility to change direction as needed.

With all this scrambling to find replacement venues there has been a silver lining, we have brought the national series to new markets and are now fielding more interest in hosting events for the future, so we are having to build a list of the who, what, where, and why. As we need to adjust for updated restrictions with this list and look at the who and where information we need to decide on the course options. One thing became clear right away, A LOT of people are excited about cross country racing and are wanting to step up to host events.

In January we started receiving requests to get on the 21/22 schedule so as we evaluated venues for stepping into a rescheduled date for this year we also discussed next year. We met a lot of great hosts, toured some amazing locations, and ultimately have come up with our 9 race 21/22 schedule that brings Cor PowerSports to many new locations and return to a number of favorite venues for next season. The schedule will consists of four lake races, four terrain races, and one ski hill.

Here is the tentative 2021/22 Cor PowerSports Race Series schedule:

- Dec 11/12 - Gerald Dyrda Memorial Gonvick, MN
- Jan 1/2 - Hugo Nightriders

- 100 Scandia, MN
- Jan 15/16 - Okoboji 100 Okoboji, IA
- Jan 29/30 - Heartland 200 Park Rapids, MN
- Feb 12/13 - I500 Goodridge/ Grygla, MN
- Feb 26/27 - Grand View 200 Nisswa, MN
- Mar 5/6 - Snodeo 200 Nayahwaush, MN
- Mar 19/20 - Roseau 200 Roseau, MN
- Apr 8 - TBD Ski Hill (Banquet Saturday night)

Our focus for the remainder of the 20/21 season is to finish strong and get the eight points races in that we announced, late last night we found out that due to ongoing COVID restrictions and other issues that Giants Ridge Resort would not be able to host our event and year end banquet this year. At this time we are in talks with multiple potential venues and hope to have location set within the next week.

Remaining schedule for 20/21 is:

- Feb 27/28 - Heartland 200 Park Rapids, MN
- Mar 6/7 - Snodeo 200 Nayahwaush, MN
- Mar 17/28 - Whitecap Mountain XC Upson, WI

- Apr 10/11 - Ski Hill TBD

This year due to COVID restrictions we had to drop the Midwest Extreme Snowmobile Challenge (MESC) style events from our schedule, these events were some of our favorite events from the past six seasons. In past years it was a battle to fit everything in over two days as hillcross, hillclimb, and xc numbers were growing rapidly. This was something that was not an easy decision but with commitments to sponsors for eight points races and event size restrictions for COVID we needed to focus on just the xc series. For the 21/22 season we have been working on something for our hillcross and hillclimb racers; next season MESC will return BUT it will be its own series and will feature two days of hillcross and hillclimb racing! This allows both disciplines to grow without the time constraint of fitting everything in on one day. MESC will be a 3-4 race series starting at Whitecap Mountain in Upson, WI March 26/27, 2022, the remaining dates and venues are currently in the works but we are excited to see Midwest Extreme Snowmobile Challenge continue to grow in the future.



Klobuchar, Ernst Introduce Legislation to Expand Renewable Fuel Market and Consumer Access

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) reintroduced bipartisan legislation to create a renewable fuel infrastructure grant program and streamline regulatory requirements to help fuel retailers sell higher blends of ethanol.

The Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Investment and Market Expansion Act would authorize \$500 million over 5 years for infrastructure grants for fuel retailers and direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to finalize a proposed rule to repeal E15 labeling requirements warning drivers about E15's potential impact on cars, which may confuse and deter drivers from using E15, a blend of gasoline with 15 percent ethanol. The bill would also direct the EPA Administrator to finalize provisions from the same proposed rule to allow certain existing Underground Storage Tanks (UST) to store higher blends of ethanol.

"Diversifying our fuel supply and introducing higher blends of biofuels in the market are great steps forward as we work to promote clean energy technologies and invest in transportation infrastructure," said Senator Klobuchar. "This legislation will make cleaner fuels more accessible—ultimately benefiting both the economy and the environment."

"I've long been pushing to expand infrastructure for high blends of biofuel, like E15, which is critical for Iowa's economy. This bipartisan effort will help advance the deployment of renewable fuel infrastructure and provide consumers across Iowa and the country with greater access to cleaner, more affordable choices at the pump," said Senator Ernst.

In 2015 and 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorized and implemented one-time infrastructure grant programs to increase the availability of renewable fuels, known as the

Biofuel Infrastructure Program (BIP) and the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP), respectively. Current EPA regulations require all gas pumps that dispense E15 to display a warning label noting that it may be unsafe for use in certain vehicles, though 95 percent of all vehicles are approved for E15 and over 18 billion miles have already been driven on the fuel. Current UST regulations require retailers who cannot find installation documentation for their tanks or piping to prove that the equipment is safe for higher blends of ethanol. Because this often cannot be done without breaking concrete to check the UST, some compatible retailers choose to not offer E15. This legislation would allow retailers who cannot find installation documentation for their UST to store higher blends of ethanol if they use certain advanced spill monitoring or if the tank is double walled.

Essentia Health eases visitor restrictions

Amid a slowdown in the spread of COVID-19 across our region, Essentia Health is updating its visitor policy.

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9, one adult visitor per patient per day will be allowed in all clinics and hospitals, including emergency departments. Previously, visitors only were allowed for special circumstances. However, since the dangerous surge we experienced in November and December, the number of COVID patients in our hospitals has dropped significantly. It's important to note that this change does not affect our long-term care facilities.

There are variances to this policy. For example:

- In pediatric units, two caregivers are permitted per patient per day.
- In neonatal intensive care units, two caregivers are permitted per day.
- In emergency departments,

two caregivers are permitted for pediatric patients.

- In birthing centers, one adult visitor is permitted to visit. The birth partner is permitted at all times and is not considered a visitor. A certified doula will be allowed during labor.

- People under the age of 18 may visit an immediate family member who is dying when they are escorted by an adult.

Visit <https://www.essentia-health.org/covid-19/hospital-clinic-visitor-guidelines/> for complete details of our updated visitor policy.

For adult inpatient COVID-19 patients, no visitors are allowed except for end-of-life situations, when additional visitors may be admitted at the discretion of hospital leadership and the patient's primary physician. Chaplains are available to patients and families for support, ritual and prayer. Throughout this pandemic,

we have continuously re-evaluated our visitor restrictions. They are in place to protect our patients and staff from the transmission of COVID. We will update our policy as necessary — either because of an increase in new cases or a continued decrease in community spread.

Our ability to relax this policy depends on the behavior of visitors, not only within our facilities but also out in the community. We are asking for the community's help to make this policy change safe and successful on an ongoing basis. Specific measures must be in place to continue to safely allow visitors in our facilities.

It's important also to note that we continue to require all staff, patients and visitors to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose. All approved visitors will be screened for COVID and will not be permitted if symptomatic.

Pioneers baseball and softball return after 2020 season derailed by COVID-19

February 11, 2021 – Both teams saw their seasons end during their respective spring trips in March 2020, and both teams began practicing this week in preparation for the upcoming 2021 season.

"We are excited to see the athletes start practicing," said Northland Athletic Coordinator Abdul Chamma. "We have many that drove hundreds of miles to attend school and participate. We are looking forward to the seasons."

"I'm very grateful that the season is a possibility for these ladies," said Northland Head Softball Coach Amanda Lara. "Every day that goes by, it gets more real. I know that anything could happen with this unpredictable time, but we remain hopeful and eager to get on the field. These players have been patient, isolated in their dorm rooms, away from family during a pandemic, no access to the gym or weight room, but they keep asking for updates on the season each week. We're all ready for some normalcy, and it's way overdue."

"I think it's a great thing that the softball and baseball teams have a chance to compete this spring," added Sam Schumacher, Northland's Head Baseball Coach. "It's been a long 11 months."

Last season, the Northland baseball team was in the midst of its spring trip to Texas, and the softball team was on its trip in Florida when the 2020 season was cut short.

"The virus has impacted so many lives in the past year," Schumacher said. "I think it's important that these players, and players around the country, get a chance to return to these activities in a safe manner. These student-athletes made a lot of sacrifices to come to participate this Spring in their sport. We're committed to making it a successful and safe season."

The safety of students, faculty, and staff has been a priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Before announcing baseball and softball's return, the college created a return to athletics plan that details the procedures that both teams will use.

All athletes and coaches must complete a daily symptom screen using the Northland self-assessment screening tool to participate.

Athletes and coaches are required to wear masks at all times and follow physical distancing guidelines.

Both teams have adjusted their practice schedules during the indoor portion of the season to follow the gymnasium and fitness center's capacity limits.

Finding gym time is also a challenge for the Northland baseball team.

"Initially, we will be practicing two days a week, with the team split up into two different pods," Schumacher said. "Obviously, you want to avoid close contact as much as possible," Schumacher said. "We're fortunate

that we can do almost every baseball activity from at least a six-foot distance."

Schumacher said his team would be outside as soon as the weather allows. Until then, the team will make safety a priority while preparing for the season.

Northland athletes and coaches will also be required to take a Covid-19 test once per week. If a test is not administered, participation will not be allowed.

Team personnel who test positive will be excluded from practice and play for ten days following the onset of symptoms. Team personnel deemed to be in close contact with an individual who tests positive shall be excluded from practice and play for 14 days.

The competition will look a bit different this year as well. Neither team will be taking its traditional out of state spring trip. Both teams will utilize charter buses for transportation, and overnight trips will be limited.

The Northland softball team will open its season March 27-28 at the 14th Annual Minnesota Classic Tournament at the Irish Dome in Rosemount. The Pioneer

baseball team is set to begin competition on April 2 in Austin against Riverland Community College.

Area students on the baseball team:

OF 6'3" Zutz Gunner, Freshman Thief River Falls, Lincoln HS

INF 6'1" Yutrenzka Hunter, Freshman Stephen, Stephen-Argyle HS

UTTL 5'10", Kempert Keaden, Freshman Thief River Falls, Lincoln HS

OF 6'0", Kirchoffner Logan, Freshman Roseau, Roseau HS

Area Students On The Softball Team:

IF/OF 5'6", Lexi Huot, Freshman Thief River Falls, Lincoln HS

IF/OF 5'11", Abbie Johnan-neck, Sophomore Red Lake Falls, Lafayette HS

IF 5'6", Shawna Larson, Freshman Red Lake Falls, Lafayette HS

OF 5'8", Kia McGlynn, Freshman Red Lake Falls, Lafayette HS

OF 5'7", Kylie Shetler, Freshman Newfolden, Tri-County High



Close up detail of "Dragonflies"

"Restorative Loops" Tapestry Exhibit Opening February 17

Bemidji, MN - "Restorative Loops" focuses on themes of environmental science and human connection to the natural world. Years of watching plants and animals adapt to phenological changes and seasonal cycles, certain elements have surfaced to intertwine with artist Kristen Anderson's life. Her work is an exploration of these

relationships, circles of connection, and reciprocity. Anderson uses a traditional wet-felting technique to create her large tapestries.

Opening February 17 in the Lakeview Gallery. Watermark Art Center is free and open to the public. 505 Bemidji Avenue N, Bemidji, MN. 218-444-7570. watermarkartcenter.org.



It's a boy!

Taybryn Knutson would like to announce the birth of her little boy Klayton Ward. He was born Friday February 5th, Weighing in at a whopping 8lbs. Proud Grandparents are Derick and Brandi Knutson.

College News

UMN Crookston Fall 2020 Graduates

CROOKSTON, Minn. (January 21, 2020) - The Office of the Registrar at the University of Minnesota Crookston recently announced its list of fall 2020 graduates. Students completed their degree requirements during the fall session 2020.

Fall session graduates include:

Meine, Michaela Jo, Animal Science B S, Mentor MN
Verbout, Shantel, Agronomy B S, High Distinction, Grygla

Jayden Fore of Oklee named to NDSU Dean's List

Jayden Fore made the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for the Fall Semester of 2020.

Being named to the Dean's List is a significant accomplishment and an honor widely recognized throughout higher education as a standard of scholastic excellence.

Fall Semester 2020 Dean's List and President's Roll of Honor

The University of North Dakota's Office of the Registrar today issued its Fall Semester 2020 Dean's List and President's Roll of Honor.

What it takes to make each list: The Dean's List comprises students whose grade point average are in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Deans list: **Mckinzie Halverson**, Bagley
Jarret Merschman, Bagley
Christian Forsberg, Gonyea

Charlie Bergerson, Gully
Josie Huot, Red Lake Falls
Megan Lacrosse, Red Lake Falls

To qualify for the UND President's Roll of Honor, a student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

Presidents list: **Mckinzie Halverson**, Bagley
Charlie Bergerson, Gully
Megan Lacrosse, Red Lake Falls

UND 2020 fall graduates

More than 800 University of North Dakota students graduated Friday, Dec. 18, in an online ceremony.

The graduates included 10 law students, 208 graduate students, and 650 undergraduates.

The ceremony included an address from President Armacost; a performance by members of the UND Concert Choir and a message from academic deans.

Graduating from the area were:

Nelson, Kaitlynn M., Bachelor of Science in Education, Cum Laude from Fosston.

Kolstoe, Hannah J., Bachelor of Accountancy, Cum Laude from Oklee.

UMN Crookston Fall 2020 Dean's List

CROOKSTON, Minn. (February 12, 2021) - Students named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List were announced recently by the Office of the Registrar. The U of M Crookston is one of the most respected career-oriented, technology-based universities in the nation.

To qualify for a place on the Dean's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. The Crookston campus is the online leader in the University of Minnesota system and the only campus providing every full-time student with a laptop computer.

Students named to the Dean's List include the following:

Buchholz, Joby, Natural Resources B S, Bagley
CoanMercedes, Communication B S, Goodridge
Espeseth, Lindsey, Animal Science B S, Erskine

Gerbracht, Izabell, Equine Science B S / Animal Science, Bagley MN

Gunderson, Ashley, English B S, Fosston

Irlbeck, Chyenenne, Agricultural Business B S, Grygla

Johnson, Caidyn Derick Carl, Post-Secondary Enrollment Opt, Mentor

Kolseth, Lisa, Agricultural Business B S, Plummer

Lacoursiere, John Michael, Post-Secondary Enrollment Opt, Red Lake Falls

Swiers, Laney, Agricultural Education B S, Bejou

Verbout, Shantel, Agricultural Business B S / Agronomy, Grygla

Wolfe, Alexander P. Sport & Recreation Mgmt B S, Fosston

Fall 2020

Chancellor's List

CROOKSTON, Minn. (February 12, 2021) - Students named to the fall semester 2020 Chancellor's List were announced recently by the Office of the Registrar. The U of M Crookston is one of the most respected career-oriented, technology-based universities in the nation.

To qualify for a place on the Chancellor's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 4.00 grade point average. The Crookston campus is the online leader in the University of Minnesota system and the only campus providing every full-time student with a laptop computer.

Students named to the Chancellor's List include the following:

Kolstoe, Sarah Joy, Post-Secondary Enrollment Opt, Red Lake Falls

Mulcahy, Bailey, Communication B S, Fertile

OlekSamantha, Software Engineering, B S, Red Lake Falls

Sorenson, Annika, Accounting, B S, Fertile

Thoma, Benjamin Ryan, Management B S, Sport & Recreation Mgmt B S, Clearbrook



The Fosston Sportsman's Club and the Fosston Lengby Lions would like to announce the winners of the calendar drawings for the past week.

Saturday, February 6, 2021 prize was a gift card to the Fosston theater. Congratulations to the winner Bruce Lindgren from Euclid MN.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 a Benelli Nova 12 GA was won by David Kicker from McIntosh, MN.

Sunday, February 14th, 2021 was a Gift Certificate to Fire-side. The winner was Steve Godtland from Fosston, MN.

President's Day, Monday, February 15th, 2021 prize was a RUGER 10/22 22LR. The winner was Sarah Bjerklie from Gully, MN.

Congratulations to all our winners!!

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Letter to the Editor

"A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. And a house divided against itself, cannot stand." Mark 3:24-25. A similar quote came from Abraham Lincoln.

On Inauguration Day of 2021 Joe Biden focused mainly on unifying our country and bringing sides together. "We must set aside politics and face crises together as one nation, not as warring tribes of this or that political party."

Good advice and one we could all agree on. However, his words did not follow him into the first day he was in office. He proceeded to sign 24 of the most contentious executive orders that have been dividing this country these last eight years, and overturned many of the things that meant the most to conservatives.

Example: there is a large percentage of the population that does not agree that abortion should be funded with tax dollars, yet President Biden reintroduced the Mexico City Policy (funding organizations overseas that perform abortions) as one of his first day priorities.

He also withdrew his support of the Hyde Amendment which restricts the use of tax dollars for abortions in the U.S. This policy has had bipartisan support since it's institution in 1976 until now. It even survived a Supreme Court ruling.

And the cancellation of the Keystone Pipeline also fueled the fire of disunity as it affects the economy of rural America, pitting them against those who support the Green New Deal. Unity?

On another note, allowing free speech would accomplish a lot for unity. It was the most important aspect of the original writers of the Constitution - the First Amendment. However, college campuses are fertile ground for censoring conservatives. Students have been attacked viciously for wearing Trump hats etc.; some so severely they needed medical attention. Conservative speakers invited to campuses have been canceled or riotous protesters have made it difficult to present, while campus police don't seem to notice. The only regress has been to sue the college.

Before the election social media silenced conservative voices. A liberal could spew whatever vitriol and hate they pleased on social media, but a conservative message, however mild, was and is muzzled, especially conservative politicians. Since the election, the censorship and Cancel Culture has been ratcheted up to include columnists, broadcasters, big business, insurance companies, retail stores, Hollywood, airlines...way too many to list here. Those with a conservative opinion had better keep it to themselves or their livelihood could be in danger.

And the vote? Mike Lindell made a 2-hour video showing what he called absolute proof of election fraud. Where has that gone? One clue may be the threat of the Michigan Attorney General that any lawyer or legislator who challenged the vote in Michigan would be prosecuted. The Lindell 2-hour

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Polk County Sheriff

Train derailment

On 2-8-2021 at approximately 2010 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a train derailment near Hwy 75 and Co 252 North of Crookston. Deputies arrived and located multiple rail cars scattered along the tracks and ditch. The train was a total of 14 cars with 9 being derailed. There were several cars leaking non-hazardous material, there is no concern for public safety at this time. No injuries were reported as a result of the derailment.

At this time the Sheriff's Office is asking the public to use caution when driving on Hwy 75 between 210th St Sw and 200th St Sw, as crews will be working on cleaning up the area and repairing the tracks in the upcoming days.

No further information will be released at this time.

Assisting with the call was: Minnesota State Patrol and Crookston Fire Department.

February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

video has since been canceled on Youtube. Is this the United States of America? Are we living by the equal application of the rule of law?

The list of individuals and organizations who share a conservative view are simply canceled at big tech discretion whether there is a valid reason or not. Our country is being run by elites with money and power who think they have all the answers, and if one does not agree or if one challenges them he/she is canceled. That is the philosophy of China and her communist partners.

Democrats have been wondering aloud and in print why the conservatives cannot just "get along" and "make nice." Are these the same people who could say nothing but negative comments about President Donald Trump, his family and his administration for four years? Are these the same leftists who wished him dead publicly, who encouraged their followers to accost them in public, who wouldn't allow them to go to a restaurant in peace, who charged an innocent teenager (proven innocent in a court of law) on national media of harassing an old man?

Since Biden was so adamant about talking about unity during his inauguration speech, why has he not condemned the Cancel Culture and big tech censorship? Why has he not condemned the destructive rioting of Antifa? Why have his political moves been so controversial?

Is it any wonder conservatives are near the boiling point? If we truly are looking to find unity in this country, it is time to stop canceling those who don't agree and start listening to what the other side has to say. If we are to have a country to hand on to our families, the left needs to stop smothering the airwaves with leftist indoctrination, and the Cancel Culture has to stop trying to stifle the opposition. Establishing unity most definitely will require a lot of prayer, understanding and patience.

In the words of Benjamin Franklin at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, "You have a republic, if you can keep it." Neither side has all the answers, but if we let the elite leftists of this country rule, we are headed for a one world government (the Great World Reset).

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On 2/14/2021 at approximately 11:54 pm, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office dispatch received a call of a house fire on Stockyard Road approximately 14 miles south of Bagley. A Clearwater County Sheriff's Deputy responded as well as the Bagley and Shevlin Fire Departments. When the deputy arrived on scene, the house belonging to Allan and Sue Dahl, was fully engulfed. It was discovered that the Dahl family was not home at the

time of the fire and the house was unoccupied. Two vehicles were parked near the house and both suffered extensive fire damage. No one was injured in this fire. The Minnesota State Fire Marshall's Office was called in to investigate the cause of the fire. No foul play is suspected. The house was a total loss. The case remains under investigation. Also assisting at the scene of the fire was the Bagley Sanford Ambulance.

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ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic situation we have decided to cancel our Annual Meeting.

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Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountyycc.org. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountyycc.org. Position will remain open until filled. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information.

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Job Summary: As the primary accountant and human resources person, the Office/Finance Manager performs a variety of accounting and financial functions for the Cooperative including but not limited to:

- Oversee all financial activities of the Cooperative including the budget and financial statement preparation and conducts an ongoing financial analysis.
- Maintain good cash management of general funds to ensure prompt payment of legal obligations.
- Responsible for annual financial audit and filing all tax returns.
- Administering all functions of Human Resources including employee benefits, workers' compensation, health insurance plan, etc.
- Perform special projects and studies.
- Provide financial management and prepare required reports.
- Oversee office personnel.
- Address members' issues and requests.
- Attend functions as representative of the Cooperative.
- Assist General Manager in preparation of monthly board meeting materials, prepares minutes of board meetings and special reports as requested.
- Delegate authority to department personnel while retaining full responsibility. Determines employee attitudes on organizational goals and motivates department personnel toward accomplishment of those goals.
- Collaborate with affiliated organizations.
- Participate in updates and development of viewpoints, objectives, policies and operating procedures in coordination with the General Manager and assist with interpretation or clarification.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: CPA and/or degree in Accounting or Business; OR an equivalent combination of education, experience and training may be accepted. Five years management/supervisory experience preferred. Knowledge of the principles and practices of non-profit accounting and financial activities. Ability to follow both verbal and written instructions. Knowledge of general office principles, practices, and procedures. Ability to communicate effectively with all levels of staff. Ability to meet established deadlines. Ability to travel to conferences, seminars, training, etc. Knowledge and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office software. Must be able to multi-task and pay close attention to details and maintain accurate records, must work well in a team environment, as well as independently and must be regular in work attendance. An understanding of electric cooperatives, Minnesota workers compensation laws and health insurance is preferred.

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Twins sign Nelson Cruz to one-year contract

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN – The Minnesota Twins announced today that they have signed designated hitter Nelson Cruz to a one-year contract through the 2021 season.

Cruz, 40, played in 53 games last season, hitting .303 (56-for-185) with six doubles, 16 home runs, 33 RBI, 33 runs scored, 25 walks, a .397 on-base percentage, a .595 slugging percentage and a .992 OPS. The slugger ranked third in the American League in on-base percentage, fourth in OPS, fifth in slugging percentage, tied for fifth in home runs and seventh in batting average. He joined Atlanta's Marcell Ozuna as the only players in baseball with at

least 15 home runs, 30 RBI, 25 walks, a .300 batting average and a .990 OPS, while his OPS was the fourth best all-time among players age 39-or-older.

The recipient of the 2020 Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award at the 2020 ESPYS, Cruz was also named the winner of the 2020 Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award, an honor voted on by his peers for a player that "most respect based on his leadership on the field and in the community." Following the season, he was also voted the winner of the Most Valuable Twin Award and the Bob Allison Award for team leadership, winning both honors for the second consecutive season.

He originally signed with the Twins in January of 2019 and has hit .308 (197-for-639) with 32 doubles, 57 home runs, 141 RBI, 114 runs scored, 81 walks, a .394 on-base percentage, a .626 slugging percentage and a 1.020 OPS over his two seasons in Minnesota. In that span, he ranks second in baseball in OPS and slugging percentage, seventh in on-base percentage and ninth in batting average (min. 700 PA).

The 16-year major league veteran has played in 1,742 career games, hitting .278 (1777-for-6397) with 330 doubles, 13 triples, 417 home runs, 1152 RBI, 952 runs scored, 632

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Carlee Whalen- jumpshot.

Oklee wins 50-48 against Northern Freeze

Oklee against Northern Freeze in Newfolden February 1st, 2021. They won 50-48. Kia Bachand was awarded "Player of the game" by TRF radio station. Stats from the game:
Kia Bachand- 22 pts, 14 rebounds, 4 steals.
Shawna Majores- 10 pts, 11 rebounds, 2 steals.
Carlee Whlen- 9 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 steals.
Cari Bachand- 4 pts, 6 rebounds, 3 steals.
Marissa Thomas- 4 pts, 4 rebounds, 1 steal.
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by Slim Randles

One of the problems Marvin Pincus discovered about running the Fly Tying Love Center here in the valley is that there appeared to be more fly tying than love counseling going on.

This particular morning he was whipping up a nice fluffy Adams dry on a number 12 and wishing everyone's love problems were as easy to solve as tying one of these. He takes silent pride in being a pioneer in this field of combining fly tying and romance solutions, but that doesn't mean he couldn't quietly hope for his neighbors to have more love problems. His advice had worked well with Dewey (a lead-wire-wrapped wooly bugger leading to the suggestion he showers before he asks a girl out on a date), and with Randy Jones (a pheasant-tail nymph and a Parmachene Belle sending him on his way to girlfriend happiness with Katie Burchell). But there were others out there. There had to be others.

The counselors who just sit there taking notes managed to find any number of unhappy potential love victims.

"Marjorie," Marvin said over coffee, "maybe if I offered an incentive, you know? Some little extra that would bring them in for advice?"

"Like what, Honey?"

"Maybe taking some flies that I tied for them and making earrings out of them?"

"The men around here don't really take to wearing earrings."

"I mean, for the women ... you know. Women are the emotional ones who need love advice the most. Everyone knows that."

"How many clients have you had so far?"

"Well, two."

"Both of them were ...?"

"Men, true. But I'm not sure what I could offer the guys except the flies themselves to use to go fishing."

"That sounds good."

"And the earrings?"

"We could get you some of those fasteners for the earrings, and it would probably be a good idea to cut the points and barbs off them. And I could wear a pair just to start the neighbor ladies talking about it."

"Good idea! I'll tie you up a few right now."

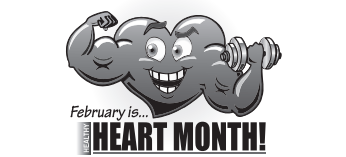
"In that case," Marjorie told her husband, "I've got the ladies club luncheon today and I planned to wear the red outfit..."

"Royal Coachman streamers on number fours! Honey, you're the best."

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Did you know?

Flowers can have sentimental value, particularly those received as gifts or those that were part of momentous occasions, like weddings. Fresh flowers have finite life spans unless measures are taken to preserve the blooms. The flower experts at ProFlowers say pressing flowers can preserve them for years to come. While flower lovers can invest in a flower press, other heavy objects also can be effective at pressing flowers. Start by choosing flowers that are either still in bud form or are freshly bloomed. Dry the flowers out as quickly as possible to prevent browning. Place the flower between two pieces of white, nontextured paper. Then place all within the pages of a book. Depending on the size of the book, you may be able to press more than one flower at a time. Place other books on top to weigh down the book with the flowers inside. Change the moisture blotting sheets every few days. After two to three weeks, the flowers will be completely dry and flat. Remove the flowers carefully using tweezers or fingertips. Store the fresh flowers in a cool, dry place or consider framing them in a shadow box.



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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Absolutely

Moses wrote them down upon large stone tablets.

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any false gods before you.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

3. Keep the Sabbath holy.

4. Honor your father and mother.

5. Thou shalt not kill.

6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7. Thou shalt not steal.

8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against my neighbor.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Pretty basic they are. Yet, having them and following them are two different things. Following them with heart-felt obedience driven by the belief that He is the giver of them is freedom at its finest.

What might this world look like if we received well these gifts handed down to us in love?

1. No false gods would eliminate every idol but Him. It would be freeing to say the least.

2. Cleaning up language to bring honor and glory might just be refreshingly restorative.

3. Pausing one day a week to hear His still small voice might usher in the essence of peace.

4. Mothers and fathers would be honored and forgiveness could be sought when not.

5. All life would matter. ALL. ALL. ALL. All words would matter. ALL. ALL. ALL.

6. Families would have stability and when spouses remain faithful, it builds.

7. When we don't take the stuff of others, it would free up the judicial system and build trust neighbor to neighbor.

8. Gossip magazines and news media proclaiming falsehoods could no longer thrive on the curiosity that not only kills the cat but kills a culture.

9. Restorative action taken would repair relationships rather than destroy them. Building servant hearts could happen if we chose to serve others rather than ourselves.

10. Be content with what you have been given by not spending your time in jealousy of others would free up a little free time to focus on Him rather than downright criminal activity to get what we want when we want it.

What a gift we've been given when given these commandments. Why on earth would we want to disregard the gifts Heaven sent?

The way out of imperfection is mere confession. That's why He died, that's why He came... to lift from us the heavy burden we carry when we sin. He takes it once confessed so we are free to go therefore, and live the Gospel.

John 15:13 says it clear. "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend." He laid down his life for us because "For it was while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

So whether or not you believe in absolute Truth, it matters not. It's still absolutely true. It's historically documented Truth. So blessed we are to be able to turn from ourselves and towards Him. What a gift.

What say you? Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Question: We had a semi truck tractor and trailer stolen recently and the thief put red fuel in the tanks. We are planning on draining the tanks and replacing the fuel filters on this truck. Is that enough or does the system need to be flushed? I don't want to get stopped and have red fuel detected in the truck. Are there any guidelines on this? Any info would be appreciated. Thanks.

Answer: If you do a thorough job when draining the tanks that should be enough to get rid of the red dyed fuel. The clear fuel will flush the lines and filter. When checking for red dyed fuel, it is done by drawing fuel out of the fuel tank. It might be a good idea to have a copy of police report from the theft incident.

For people wondering what red dyed fuel is, here is some basic information. Red diesel is a fuel that is used for machinery and off-road vehicles across a wide variety of industries including farming and construction. This product is just like regular diesel, but is dyed.

Traveling to Milwaukee

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Due to COVID my wife and I had been unable to plan a visit with her mother and father for Christmas. Not knowing what schedules would be at Christmas time for our new grandkids we tried to plan a trip to Milwaukee in October. This trip was postponed because of a spike in COVID cases in Wisconsin. We then tried to reschedule for November when our school had a long weekend for deer hunting season. This time Minnesota had rising COVID numbers. Curses "foiled again!" Looking at our times available it was decided to make a quick trip the day after Christmas. But now....I myself actually tested positive for the CORONAVIRUS putting myself and my wife on "quarantine" cancelling another trip!

I guess it seemed this trip was not meant to be. After almost SEVEN months of not being able to see her parents my wife and I tried one more desperate time. How about President's Day weekend? After all February...the weather may be nicer! Well that was sure wrong! This turned out to be the COLDEST stretch of weather we had since 1996! The threat of freezing water, cows dangerously close to calving, and needing someone to handle our "chores" we bit the bullet and took the trip! (THANK YOU SO MUCH TO MY MOM, DAD, SISTER, and BROTHER for taking care of chores on the coldest days of the year!) Well, the trip was cold, but good until we were about a hundred miles from our destination. Nearing Madison, Wisconsin, we encountered slippery roads. We saw three semi's in the ditch and I would guess twenty or so cars

with the same fate. We came to a standstill as highway patrols and wreckers tried to clear the road in front of us. It was at this point I vowed to never leave the state of Minnesota in the winter again, unless it was a plane ride to a tropical island! Yes, we did finally make it to our destination!

But Eric you say....this is your article about tractor trivia....right? It is amidst the poor driving conditions we were creeping along and off the interstate was a sign reading, "wilkesclassictactors.com!" My

wife quickly made a note of this on her phone and later I had a chance to look it up. They have been in the business of buying and selling classic tractors for the 35 plus years. Currently they have about 30 tractors in their inventory. Some of which look quite appealing. A couple of my favorites included a 5020 John Deere, an R John Deere, and a WDR9 McCormick. Next time I make a trip to southern Wisconsin, (IN THE SUMMER), I will make it a point to stop and see some the Wilkes's Classic tractors!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. Was there ever a tractor named "Wisconsin"? 4. T or F Only about 600 tractors were made.

2. (Hint for number 1) What year did the Wisconsin Tractor Company begin? 5. What was the price of a new Wisconsin tractor?

Answers: 1. YES 2. 1917 3. Sauk City, WI 4. True 5. \$2000(probably why the company failed)



Here is a nice 1918 Wisconsin 22-40 tractor!

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