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The votes are in! MnDOT announces winners of Name a Snowplow contest

ST. PAUL, Minn. – After plowing through more than 122,000 votes cast, the Minnesota Department of Transportation announced today the eight winners of its inaugural Name a Snowplow contest. One snowplow in each of MnDOT's eight districts will officially be named this month.

The winning names, in order of vote totals, and their future homes are:

- Plowdy McPlowFace – Metro District
- Ope, Just Gonna Plow Right Past Ya – District 4
- Duck Duck Orange Truck – District 1
- Plow Bunyan – District 2
- Snowbi Wan Kenobi – District 6
- F. Salt Fitzgerald – District 7
- Darth Blader – District 3
- The Truck Formerly Known As Plow – District 8

Tallies for all 50 finalists can be found here.*

"We are amazed by the number of creative name suggestions people proposed," said

Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher. "We thank everyone for their votes and participation in this fun contest, and through the process, becoming more aware of our snowplows, the tireless women and men who operate them, and the work necessary to keep our roads safe."

The agency first invited people to submit creative ideas for snowplow names in mid-December. After more than 22,000 name ideas were submitted, MnDOT staff had the challenging task of narrowing down the list and selecting 50 finalists for the public to vote on. These 50 names were determined by considering several factors, including but not limited to how creative or unique the name was, whether it would be understandable or identifiable to broad audiences, and the frequency of submissions.

MnDOT will share additional information on its social media pages once the snowplows have officially been named and are at work on roads across the state.



Trooper Lemay took this photo while on patrol in Coldfoot, Alaska.

UMN Crookston Alum Lemay Patrols Alaskan Wilderness as Wildlife Trooper

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Untamed wilderness. Imagine soaring through the skies and patrolling the roads amidst the beautiful diverse mix of scenery, tundra and grand mountain peaks. This is what University of Minnesota Crookston alumnus Brian Lemay 2018 experiences daily. Lemay is a wildlife trooper for the Alaska State Troopers and is a Roseville, MN native.

Lemay's days consist of enforcing the fish and game statutes and regulations for a remote region in Alaska. He is stationed in Coldfoot, Alaska, just miles away from Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and is the lone wildlife trooper for an area approximately the size of Montana.

"My patrols day to day are dependent on weather and on what season it is," Lemay stated. "Right now it is trapping season, so most of my patrols are being done by aircraft identifying trap lines or a snow machine running the trap line. I work a little bit on the highway contacting trappers or if there are any hunters up here for the open hunting seasons. I am responsible for responding to search and rescues in my patrol area and the sole trooper north of the Yukon on the Dalton Highway. Any incidents I typically respond to as well, so that usually consists of crashes or commercial vehicle accidents."

Lemay was first exposed to the opportunity during his

time at UMN Crookston. As a student in aviation, one of his instructors who had been a fish and wildlife pilot in Alaska brought in a speaker who used to be a fish and wildlife pilot, but now works for the Department of the Interior. It was through this connection Lemay was first introduced to the idea of being a wildlife trooper in Alaska.

"Our instructor brought in his friend to talk to us about flying in Alaska and flying for the federal government in a natural resources or law enforcement role," Lemay said. "I kept it in the back of my head and ended up reaching out to him late in my junior year. It turned out he had a brother who is a wildlife trooper up here and put me in touch with him. I was able to talk to him about what he does on a day-to-day basis and what it is like to be a trooper. That helped me decide to apply to the troopers and I ended up getting hired."

One of Lemay's favorite things about his job is the independence of his agency. He loves the flexibility of his day-to-day work.

"As a trooper in our agency we collaborate very independently," Lemay opined. "We don't have supervisors standing next to us for everything we do. My supervisor is in Fairbanks. Most of my days I am patrolling alone and I make my own patrol schedules. I am able to do what is needed. It is not a set hard line where you need to work in a particular area today. If I have something going on in the north slope area of my patrol area, we have a cabin up there

where I can head to. I like the flexibility of it."

He also enjoys the fact every day is different in his line of work. "Our agency is a full service law and enforcement agency," Lemay stated. "For students who want to work in law enforcement, it is an excellent agency to work for, and you can work everything from patrol to investigations to drug units. State troopers and wildlife troopers are all in the same department, so there is the opportunity, if it arises, a person may be able to transfer. Whereas a lot of other state agencies are very difficult to get hired by. I think they just have a ton of applicants for very few positions, and we are basically hiring year-round and we are currently hiring for our fall academy."

Lemay's education at UMN Crookston helped to set him up for success as a wildlife trooper in Alaska. A major factor was the criminal justice program at the University and the training he received as an undergraduate.

"My education at UMN Crookston really helped me when I was at the academy in Alaska," Lemay remarked. "Matt Loeslie's classes are awesome and they covered all of the same material our academy covers over 16 weeks. It was a lot higher paced learning. Having already had the knowledge helped me to excel and be the valedictorian of my academy class. Really, the only difference was the Alaska-specific laws and statutes. Our constitution in Alaska has some minor differences to Minnesota's."

A major aid to the criminal justice program is the type of people brought in as instructors. At UMN Crookston, it is a point of pride that the people teaching the subject matter in criminal justice have hands-on experience in the field they are instructing. Lemay sees this, and the fact that people with experience in smaller communities were brought in, as key factors in the education he received.

"Especially for what I do, it helped a lot that Matt (Loeslie) brought in professors and instructors who are working in small communities," Lemay said. "The vast majority of what I do is work in small villages and small communities. The largest town in my area is an industrial town of 2,000 people. They are primarily workers who change out every two or three weeks. So, Matt bringing in instructors and teachers who have the experience and bring it to students is excellent. Working in a big city versus a small community, there is a different style and different dynamic with how things happen in law enforcement."

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A fire caused "moderate damage" to a BNSF railroad bridge on Monday afternoon in Bemidji. (Bemidji Fire Department photo)

Fire damages bridge

BEMIDJI -- A fire caused "moderate damage" to a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad bridge on Monday afternoon, according to a release from the Bemidji Fire Department.

Firefighters were on the scene for about two hours following the fire's initial report, shortly after 4 p.m. on Monday, March 1. The bridge crosses over the Mississippi River between Lake Irving and Lake Bemidji.

"Upon arrival, Bemidji firefighters encountered a large fire coming from under the railroad

bridge," the release said.

The fire caused moderate damage to the bridge and the cause is under investigation by the Bemidji Fire Department and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office, but does not "appear to be suspicious in nature," the release said.

The Bemidji Fire Department was assisted at the scene by the Bemidji Police Department, the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office and BNSF Railway.

Article courtesy of the Bemidji Pioneer.



These puppies belonging to Kirby Winger of Gonvick were in for their six week check up. The Newfoundland puppies were part of 10 that were delivered by C-Section at the Cornerstone Veterinary Service in Gonvick. Shown with the puppies from Cornerstone Vet Service were Dr. Marceen Hammer and Joely Roberts. Yes... they were smiling under those masks.



Trooper Lemay and Mayfield at the Carlson Center in Fairbanks with country music singer Neal McCoy.

Red Lake Nation College Granted Accreditation

(Red Lake, MN, March 5, 2021) Red Lake Nation College (RLNC) announced this week that it has been granted initial accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Earning regional accreditation is a major achievement that demonstrates that the Tribal College meets HLC's high quality standards and is engaged in continuous improvement.

According to Dan King, RLNC President, attaining accreditation is the culmination of a ten-year process. "We began pursuing accreditation shortly after I arrived at RLNC in 2010, and have been working relentlessly toward this goal ever since," said King. "This is a significant milestone for the College, a huge benefit to all of our students, and it is a monumental achievement for the Red Lake Nation. Having an accredited Tribal College assures that Tribal Members have access and opportunities for high quality, Ojibwe language and culture-based higher education right here on the Red Lake Reservation."

As a two-year Tribal College, RLNC serves as a key access

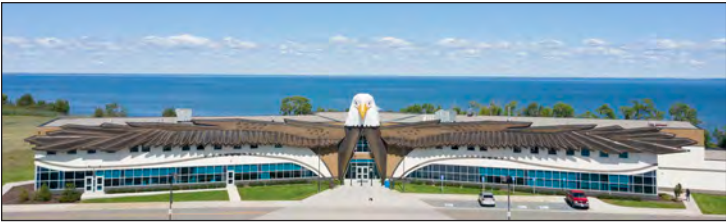
bridge to higher education for students. "The Red Lake Nation desperately needs more educated Tribal Members, and RLNC is the solution. Our vision is for our graduates to continue their education, earn Bachelor's and advanced degrees, and go on to be leaders who bring positive change to their communities, tribes, and the world," said King.

The HLC Board of Trustees voted to grant RLNC initial accreditation at its meeting on February 25, 2021, after a ten-year accreditation process that included extensive academic compliance materials and reports from several comprehensive evaluations. The HLC covers a 19-state region. Being an accredited member provides the public and all academic institutions the assurance that RLNC meets the highest quality standards in higher education.

"Preparing for a comprehensive accreditation evaluation

and site visit is challenging during the best of times," said King. "RLNC did it during a pandemic, in the midst of an unplanned transition to remote learning, while adapting to constantly changing conditions. Despite the unprecedented circumstances, we successfully hosted one of the first-ever HLC site visits utilizing virtual reality technology and we achieved our goal. I couldn't be more proud of our exceptional team of RLNC administrators, staff, and faculty."

King added, "Miigwech [thank you] to the entire RLNC community – the RLNC board, faculty, staff, and students, the Red Lake Tribal Council, Hereditary Chiefs, and community members, as well as our partners and donors. This was an extraordinary team effort. Together, we will continue to improve and expand our educational services and achieve great things"



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Rep. Fischbach Opposes Electoral Power Grab

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Tonight, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the so-called 'For the People Act.' In response, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-7) issued the following statement:

"Tonight's vote was not 'for the people' at all; it was another partisan power grab by Democrats bent on stacking the deck in their favor. The legislation – which was shoved through under the guise of 'reform' and without any Republican input – would fund political campaigns with taxpayer dollars, legalize voting for convicted felons, weaken election security, make it more diffi-

cult to protect against voter fraud, and override the ability of states to manage their own elections.

"Elections belong to the people, but this bill would concentrate power among entrenched Democrat politicians instead. That is not helpful to the people of Minnesota's Seventh District."

Michelle Fischbach is a wife, mom, grandma, attorney, and the U.S. Representative for Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District. Get updates from Rep. Fischbach's congressional office on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



The family of Tim Whalen, Sr. would like to thank all our friends and family for all the phone calls, the cards and memorials, the food, the flowers and for helping us through this hard time.

Thanks to the class of 68' for the flowers and the fun memories. Tim loved visiting with his classmates.

Thank you to our police, ambulance crew, and neighbors who responded so quickly when we called for help on January 24th. You treated us with kindness and compassion and we deeply appreciate it. You are our true heroes.

We really miss Tim, but we will cherish our memories of him.

Linda Whalen
Christy & Martin Sørensen & family
Tiffany & Kevin Tvedt & boys

Kim & Jason Ventura & boys

Terry & Sarah Whalen & family

Katie & Bo Tobiasen & family

Tim Jr. & Anisia Whalen & family.

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF FOSSTON TRI-COOP Fosston, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of stockholders of Fosston Tri-Coop will be held at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston, Minnesota on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The business meeting will include the presentation of the annual report and election of two directors, who will serve a term of three years.

Curtis Bartz
Secretary-Treasurer

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Winter load increases (WLI) end and spring load restrictions (SLR) begin

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will end winter load increases in the NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH frost zones Monday, March 8, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will start spring load restrictions in the NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH frost zones Monday, March 8, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

Spring load restrictions are already in effect in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO frost zones.

Winter load increases have already ended in the CENTRAL frost zone.

As announced in the March 1 memo, spring load increases will start in the CENTRAL frost

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zone Friday, March 5.

Frost zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map.

Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

Overweight permits for more than 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal (axle weight limits).

Full-summer overweight permits can be issued, during the spring load restriction period, for travel on the interstate system only.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each frost zone when spring load restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits become available two to three weeks after spring load restrictions are lifted.

Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable and based on how weather is affecting roadway strength.

MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and

Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

For questions about legal axle weight during SLR; Gross Vehicle Weight Schedule, call:

Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Patrol – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 651-350-2000.

For questions about oversize/overweight loads/permitting call: Minnesota Department of Transportation Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations – Oversize/Overweight Permits 651-296-6000 Or email: ofcove-permits.dot@state.mn.us

All changes are made with a minimum three calendar-day notice.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT's automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, or 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT seasonal load limits website at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

For updated road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.

**Hearing for Petition
for Use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7,
RLWD Project No. 20 Drainage System as an Outlet**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 8th day of April, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Board Room, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN, a public hearing will be held regarding a petition from James and Lori Reinbold for use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 20, located in both Polk County and Red Lake County, MN, as an outlet to drain approximately 40 acres in the NE 1/4 (south of the pipeline), Section 9, Equality Township, Red Lake County, Minnesota.

The public hearing will be held in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103E.401 and will consider the petition, the capacity of the outlet drainage system, terms and conditions for use of the drainage system if such use is allowed, the property to be benefited by the drainage system and the amount of benefits to the property for the outlet and any amount to be paid as an outlet fee. If use as an outlet is granted, the properties benefited will be liable for assessments levied after that time in the drainage system, on the basis of the benefits determined, as if they had been determined in the original order establishing the drainage system. The RLWD Board of Managers will consider any input and comments from interested landowners, public or private, likely to be affected by the addition of the land requested.

Said Public hearing will be held in person and via Zoom. If you desire to attend the public hearing in person, you will be required to adhere to all Executive Orders due to the COVID 19 pandemic as it relates to in-person gatherings. If you desire to attend the public hearing via Zoom, please contact the Red Lake Watershed District at 218-681-5800 or via email at RLWD@redlakewatershed.org and request the Zoom attendee information.

Myron Jesme, Administrator

I am six. Six weeks old. You might not have noticed me yet because I am only as big as a grain of rice. When you discover me; my presence may fill you with joy or paralyze you with fear. I have arrived because of you and I am grateful. I am packed with potential; I can feel it whizzing around and doing so many things. When you realize I am here, what will you do? I am just wondering because my life depends upon it.

-a.m.opdahl

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Clearwater County Humane Society

2nd Annual Pet Wellness Expo

Sat. March 20th, 2021 • from 9am - 5pm

- At the Bagley American Legion •
- State COVID Protocols will be followed •
- DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 AM •••

8:45 Greetings from the Clearwater County Humane Society
9:00 am Veterinarian • Maria Sjodin D.V.M., Cornerstone Veterinary Service
9:45 am Grooming • Lexie Lofgren, Off The Tracks Grooming
10:30 am The Blissful Dog, Kathy Dannel-Vitcak
11:15 am Dog Training/Nutrition • Bob & Brittany Bohland, Cattail Valley Ranch

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12:30 Guest Speaker • Jadie Winters, Psychic/Medium Animal Communicator and more
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2:15 pm Herbs for Pets • Alethea Kenney, Boreal Balance, LLC
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Fosston Sportsman Calendar 2021 WINNERS

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 prize was a ROSSI RS22 22LR. The winner is Shelby Chatterton from Bejou, MN. Congratulations!!

Governor Tim Walz to Deliver State of the State Address on March 21

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today announced he will deliver his third State of the State address on Sunday, March 21, 2021, beginning at 6:00pm. The address will be delivered live from the Governor's former social studies classroom at Mankato West High School.

"Over the past year, Minnesotans have made extraordinary sacrifices to save lives and change the course of this pandemic," said Governor Walz. "I look forward to the opportunity to speak directly to Minnesotans and young people across the state as we look toward brighter days ahead."

MCCL meeting scheduled

The March meeting of MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) local chapter #45 will be held on Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church in McIntosh.

All interested persons are invited and welcome to attend.

Polk County Sheriff

Motor Vehicle Accidents

On 3-1-21 at 1316 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Polk County Road 20 and Polk County Road 23. 92 year old Donald Vansickle from Warren, MN who was southbound on County Road 20 in a 2018 Chevy Equinox was struck by a westbound 2004 Red Oldsmobile Alero driven by 30 year old Christina Lambert of Grand Forks, ND.

Donald Vansickle and his passenger 79 year old Shirley Vansickle were transported to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries. Christina Lambert was transported via personal vehicle to Altru with non-life threatening injuries.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota DNR, Altru Ambulance, Warren Ambulance and the Warren Fire Department.

There will be no further information released at this time.

On 3-4-21 at 0735 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Polk County Road 23 and 260th Ave NW in Brandt Township. 30 year old Jamie Baker of Warren, MN who was eastbound on County Road 23 in a 2008 Saturn Vue was struck by a southbound 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by a 16 year old male from Warren, MN.

Jamie Baker was transported to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with apparent non-life threatening injuries. The 16 year old male was treated and released at the scene by Warren Ambulance.

Alcohol was not a factor. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts. The 16 yr old driver was cited for Failure to Yield.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Warren Ambulance and the Warren Fire Department.

There will be no further information released at this time.

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CRUNCH CHIPS 9 OZ **2/\$5**

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Can You Believe It?

The young couple opened their home to give what they had. What they had was a new baby, a single bed in the basement, and hearts allowing the elderly woman a place to sleep.

They soon realized sharing their one and only bathroom might be a bit of a challenge as well as the quiet evening gatherings they'd been used to. You see, the woman loved chit-chat and her incessant chatter as the new baby slept added a bit of white noise around the house.

When meal time rolled around, the woman helped herself. Her presence was hard to escape and as they traveled here and there, she barged right into the backseat directing traffic as if the young couple were her personal chauffeurs. Not a nickel was offered for gas... not once.

Each morning the young couple went to work while the elderly woman didn't so much as leave the house. She readily entertained herself and the child without any thought of looking for work outside the house.

She did manage to wander about the neighborhood for blocks at a time in the evening which gave them a little time to themselves, but soon, they'd had enough, and the woman was sent packing.

Can you believe it? The nerve of the woman to take advantage of such a kind young couple!

Can you believe it? If not, perhaps you'd believe it from this perspective.

The young couple opened the doors to their home to give what they had. What they had was a new baby, a single bed in the basement, which allowed grandma a place to sleep.

Once she'd settled in, they soon realized that sharing their one and only bathroom wasn't all that bad as she offered to

scrub the tub and the toilet a time or two.

The evenings brought with it fun conversations, but eventually all settled in to a quiet rhythm.

Meal time came and grandma not only helped herself, but helped with the planning and prepping of meal making so the young couple might have a lighter load after their long day's work.

When errands needed running, grandma hopped in the back of the car caring for the little one in the car seat beside her so the parents could share conversation up front with one another.

Not a nickel was offered for gas because grandma wanted to give of her presence while bonding with the baby...and that was worth far more than silver or gold.

Entertaining herself by entertaining the child each day was a delight.

Some evenings, walking the city blocks for exercise was a brave show of courage for grandma who knew not the neighborhood.

One day, grandma packed

her bags and left. You see, the time promised the little family had come to an end, and grandma needed to get back to the farm...back home to grandpa. It had been a joint effort you know. Grandma served without grandpa beside her, and grandpa served on the home front without grandma beside him. Each sacrificed a little so the little one could grow.

Can you believe it? I think you can.

They say stories are a matter of perspective. I say, stories are a matter of the heart. Accurate perspective takes discernment. If discernment is not used, then perspective can quickly become skewed which can turn into bearing false witness.

I love what Philipians 4:8 has to say about this. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable...if anything is excellent or praiseworthy...think about such things."

And I say...speak about such things...write about such things...and desire to aspire to such things. Amen.


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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Deer-vehicle crashes peak in the autumn months, but Minnesota's large deer population makes them a safety hazard on the road year-round. Deer crashes are especially dangerous for motorcyclists — a group which accounted for 17 of the 20 vehicle-deer related deaths over a five year period (2015-2019).

- In the last five years (2015–2019) in Minnesota, 20 people died in 7,247 deer crashes reported to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
- The 7,247 deer crashes also led to 121 serious injuries and 105 of those people were motorcyclists.

- Here are tips to stay safe around deer on the road.
- Motorists:

- Don't swerve to avoid a deer. Swerving can cause you to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic.
- Drive at safe speeds and always buckle up.

- **Motorcyclists:**
- Avoid night and low-light riding periods.
- A rider's best response when encountering a deer is to use both brakes for maximum braking and to keep your eyes and head up to improve your chances of keeping the bike up.

- If a crash is imminent and there is enough space to swerve around the deer without leaving the roadway, use maximum braking and just before impact, attempt a swerve in the opposite direction the deer is traveling.
- Riders are encouraged to wear full face helmets and full protective gear to prevent injury or death in a crash.
- High visibility gear can assist other driver's in seeing you better, whether it's while making an evasive maneuver to avoid a deer or lying on the roadway after hitting a deer.

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 @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Minneapolis Moline

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I made a trip up to Lake of the Woods fishing last weekend,(don't ask about the fishing), but on my way I saw a U Minneapolis Moline along the road and I had to take a picture. It was a U Standard just like the one I have heard my dad talk about. Dad and grandpa had a U before my time!

In 1887 the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company (MTM Co.) was formed. They started with threshing machines and eventually manufactured steam powered tractors. In 1902 the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company (MS&M Co.) was also founded. Their engineers developed a lightweight tractor line using the name Twin City. Due to a depressed farm economy the MTM Co, MS&M Co., and the Moline Implement Co. of Moline, Illinois, merged on March 30, 1929. They formed the Minneapolis Moline Power Company. They manufactured tractors under the Twin City name until 1938. After that the name of the tractors was changed to Minneapolis Moline. They also then took on the pretty yellow and red paint scheme. The first of these "Visionlined" models was the model "Z". The models "U", "G", and "R" followed in the company's letter series of tractors.

I was able to see a few of these letter series tractors at the Northland Threshing Bee a couple of years ago. In particular there was a couple model R's that caught my eye. One was a nice model R standard and another was a model R cab. The R cab is a rare machine and is

quite a collectors item. At Rollag a few years ago there was a nice tandem tractor hook up with a model G and a model GB. The Minneapolis Moline "Double Header" at Rollag was designed by Alvin Dotzernrod, Wyndmere, ND. Man, I wish I could have seen that tractor pull back in the 1950's.

The first tractor I ever bought was a Minneapolis Moline, so seeing that U Minneapolis Moline along the road has re-kindled my love of the yellow and red machines!! Those old tractors.....I love them all!!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. The H Farmall and R Minneapolis Moline both began production in 1939. The H ceased production in 1953. What year did the MM company cease the production of the R?



U Minneapolis Moline near Grygla, MN.

A) 1950 B) 1952 C) 1954 D) 1956

2. Was the R MM tractor ever manufactured with a factory cab?

3. The H Farmall was tested with about 26 belt hp. About how many hp does the R MM tractor have on the belt?

A) 22hp B) 25hp C) 27hp D) 30hp

4. The Model U MM tractor had a _____cylinder engine.

A) 3 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

5. What is the official name of the "yellow paint" color used on MM tractors?

Answers: 1. C.1954 2. Yes, they are very collectible today. 3. C. 27.09hp to be exact. 4. B. 4 cyl 5. Prairie Gold

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"The purpose of the 24/7 substance use disorder hotline is to help remove barriers to connect patients suffering from a substance use disorder directly to an appointment with an Essentia Health provider for non-judgmental care," says Kelly Black, who is the program manager for Essentia Health's Opioid Treatment program. "We've made great strides to increase the number of medical providers who can offer medication for opioid use disorder."

Known as Medicine for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), the program uses medicines, such as Suboxone and therapy to reduce cravings and withdrawal. Essentia Health has a staff of over 30 trained providers across its service areas currently and plans to have an additional 40 trained providers within the next year.

"Opioid use disorder is a chronic, relapsing condition, the treatment of which falls within the scope of practice for family physicians," Black explains. "With appropriate medication and supporting services, patients are more likely to enter full recovery."

Essentia's care team offers personalized care to patients and families suffering from the chronic disease of substance use disorder, including alcohol, tobacco, vaping, opiates, methamphetamine, and marijuana.

The clinic-based program provides education and an individualized, patient-centered

treatment plan to help with withdrawal symptoms. It also helps connect patients with community resources. Care is provided in a safe, supportive environment, and families can be involved in treatment plans, depending on the patient's preferences.

Polk County Public Health, along with our local healthcare and pharmacy partners, is making great progress with COVID-19 vaccine distribution in our community. If you or someone you know is 65 years of age or older and have not been vaccinated, please reach out to your healthcare provider, pharmacy, or Polk County

Public Health at 218.281.3385. "As vaccine availability continues to increase, we are committed to working closely with our local partners to vaccinate eligible individuals as quickly as possible following the guidance from the State of Minnesota" said Sarah Reese, Director, Polk County Public Health. As more vaccine becomes available, everyone will have the opportunity to receive it.

Please continue to do your part by slowing the spread of COVID-19 by practicing preventative habits such as wearing a mask, staying 6 feet from others, washing your hands often and staying home if sick.

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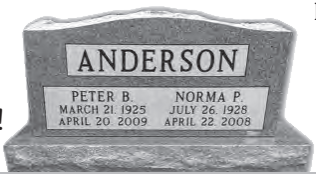
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Obituary for Kathleen Ollestad

Kathleen "Kathy" (Schons) Ollestad passed peacefully on March 1st, 2021 following a stroke and went home to her Savior in heaven.

Kathy was the eldest child of Patricia and Larry Schons, and was born on March 21, 1950 in Fargo, ND. She was raised in Moorhead, MN and was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral and confirmed at St. Francis de Sales. She graduated from Shanley High School in Fargo and earned her Associates Degree in Nursing (RN) from Rochester School of Nursing (Mayo Clinic) in 1970. She married Michael Somes in 1970, and had two children, Chris and Lisa. She was divorced and later married Clarence Ollestad in 1978. They lived in Moorhead until 1988 and then moved to Gonvick, MN where they lived together until Clarence passed away in 2008. Kathy and Clarence opened their home and hearts to many children over the years,

including exchange students and those in need. After Clarence's passing Kathy remained in the Clearbrook-Gonvick area for a few years; she eventually moved to Pine River, MN then Yankton, SD to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

Kathy worked as an RN until her retirement in 1993. She was active in her church community, most recently Yankton Assembly of God. Her faith in her savior Jesus Christ was extremely important to her and was the center of her daily life. Kathy also enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening, stitching and making Christmas ornaments every year. She loved to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Tim Schons; and her husband Clarence Ollestad. Left to cherish her memory are her two children, Christopher (Lisa Marie) Ollestad and Lisa (Chad) Newland; her grandchildren: Carmen Rose (Charles) McCoy, Kale Ollestad, Cade Newland, Katrine Newland, Jordan Ollestad and Noah Ollestad; and one cherished great-granddaughter Addyson Rose McCoy. She is also survived by her younger siblings; Tom (Karen) Schons, Jack (Terry) Schons, Dave (Kathy) Schons, Diane Dalton and Sue Baumgartner; as well as numerous nieces and nephews that Kathy loved dearly.

Later this summer Kathy will be laid to rest next to the love of her life, Clarence, in Clearbrook, MN.



Obituary for Violet Ronne

Violet Myrtle (Rustan) Ronne died on February 24th at the age of 90 while she was a resident at the First Care Living Center, Fosston Minnesota. She bravely battled against Dementia, which slowly caused her to lose her independence and some of her mental facilities, but it is no small feat that she remembered her children's names and details that even her children may have forgotten.

Born in 1930, she called herself a "1930 model". She had a wry sense of humor. Like so many people in her era she was profoundly affected by The Great Depression, the second World War and was shaped by the struggles they ensued. I guess that is why they are called "The Greatest Generation."

She was born on August 11, 1930 to Edward and Josie (Gunderson) Rustan on a farm north of Oklee, Minnesota. Violet was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was the second oldest sister to three younger sisters and had six brothers and one-half brother.

Fortunate enough to be born into a family of many gifted musicians, she too had musical talent and played the piano and accordion "by ear." She played everything from Ragtime to "In the Mood" (Big Band), Lutheran hymns and Old Tyme music like the "St. Paul Waltz." Playing music brought out the liveliness in her and those around her.

When Violet graduated from High School in Oklee, she worked in a nursing home for a year before marrying Ervin Weberg, of Trail Minnesota in 1949. They had four children and lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a ranch in Montana and finally settled in Trail, until they

divorced in 1968.

In 1971 Violet married Charles Ronne, Erskine, Minnesota, and they lived in Thief River Falls and Warroad, MN where they both worked at Arctic Cat and Marvin Windows. She worked hard Blue-Collar jobs and even as a welder. While at one job she became a union representative and prided herself in "never losing a case." After moving back to Oklee in her later years, she volunteered for RTC (Rural Transportation Cooperative) bringing patients to doctors' appointments.

It is possible that Violet never really knew the talents and creativity she had, but those around her did. Her skills as a baker were exceptional and her cinnamon rolls could rival those in any bakery. Her home cooked meals are remembered by friends and family. She was a perfectionist as a seamstress, and she loved making flannel pajamas for her grandchildren.

Violet had several brothers who preceded her in death-Bennie, Edwin, Milan, Richard, Alward, as well as one sister, Evelyn Piegras, and several cousins and aunts and uncles.

She is survived by all of her children-Pamela Field, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Gary Weberg, (Barbara) Wylie, Texas, Debra Kay Haugen (David), Minneapolis, MN and Scot Weberg (Rena) of Tuolumne, California. She has 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Lillian Hilgeman, Lyla Kimball and Dellys Nylec, brothers Elmer and Hilmer Rustan and several nieces and nephews.

Violet spent the last 15 months of her life cared for by excellent caregivers at the First Care Living Center, Fosston, MN. Thanks to all who cared for her and to Timothy Lundeen, Pastor, of Erskine, Minnesota.

She will have a private family burial in June, at the Saron Lutheran Cemetery, Erskine, where she will be buried next to Charles Ronne.

As Violet wished, any memorials may be sent to a charity of personal choice.

Thank you Violet for sharing your life with us!

Arrangements entrusted to Johnson Funeral Service in Oklee, Minnesota

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Gerald "Shorty" Olson

Gerald "Shorty" Olson, 47, died on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at his residence in Berner, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota with Pastor Kris Snyder Officiating. Visitation will begin 1-hour prior to the services. Interment will be held at the United Lutheran Cemetery in Berner, Minnesota. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Shorty was born on July 17, 1973 in Fosston, MN the son of Rodney and Joan (Widseth) Olson. Shorty was baptized in Berner, MN and confirmed in Trail, MN at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. He was a member of United Lutheran Church in Berner, MN. He attended schools in Gonvick, Oklee, and graduated from

Bagley High School in 1993. Shorty was self-employed and enjoyed working on small engines. He loved spending time with family and friends especially being with his nieces and nephews whom he adored very much. He took pleasure in sparking up a conversation with whomever he met. Shorty liked 4-wheeling, hunting, fishing, and was very fond of his car "Monte Carlo" and referred to it as his (baby).

Special thanks to Chris Olson for taking such good care of Shorty.

He is survived by his Sister- Lori (Larry) Voeltz of Oklee, MN

Brother- Jeff (Laura) Olson of Fisher, MN

Brother- Gene (Lillie) Olson of Bemidji, MN

Sister- Kristie Olson of Fosston, MN

Nephews and Nieces- Travis & Ryan Voeltz; Justin (Jamie), Nicholas, & Christopher Olson;

Donovan, Alex, Violet & Diane Olson; Lynsey & Kaitlyn Morris; Peyton & Mason Williams.

Great Nieces and Nephews- Taelynn & Devin Voeltz; Hattie & Brynn Lee, Waylon Voeltz. Step great nephews, Aaron, Waylon, Michael, Ean, and Issac.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rodney & Joan Olson; grandparents Andrew & Violet Widseth; Howard Olson; Ruth Hanson; and niece Carrie Olson.

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Obituary for Thomas J. Fallon

Thomas J. Fallon, 80, husband of Judith Mercil Fallon, went to be with the Lord February 26, 2021.

Tom was born in Thief River Falls MN February 26th, 1941 and grew up in Plummer MN. He was a veteran of Vietnam 1967 - 1968 and retired as Warrant Officer 3 in the US Army, in 1984. Tom enjoyed his Military Service and was immensely proud of his country. After retiring Tom finished his College education and graduated from Marion College in Indianapolis, IN.



While in the service besides Vietnam, Tom served in various Army Bases including Germany and Saudi Arabia.

Tom married the love of his life Judith (Judie) Mercil Fallon on Nov. 1965, in Brooks MN, and had celebrated 55 wonderful years of marriage.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are his 3 daughters, Carmen Schilling (Brent Rector), Colleen Anderson (Christian), and Carrie Crovello. 7 brothers and sisters, Joanne Musich (Tom), David (Sharon), Martin (Shirley), Beverly, Donald, and Bernard (Renee) & Linda Kooyer. Brother-in-Law, Joseph Mercil (Nola), Sister in Laws, Suzanne Mercil McRae (Randall), & Mary Mercil Smith (Billy). 11 Grandchildren, Detrich, Drake, & Dane Schilling, Jeremy, Cassandra, Sarah, Madelyn & Carter Anderson, Nicholas and Thomas Crovello. Also, many Nieces and nephews.

Tom loved spending time with his family and two of his favorite pass times were gardening and Nascar.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Monica Fallon, Brother, Richard Kooyer, & Sister-in-Law Gabriel Mercil; also, nephews Randall Christopher McRae, Richard Kooyer JR.



Obituary for Jerald Holthusen

Jerald "Jerry" Holthusen of Grygla, MN, 72, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, ND.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN, with Rev. Kristin Ostercamp officiated. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery, Thorhult, MN.

Visitation also took place one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Jerald Royal Holthusen was born on March 23, 1948 in Thief River Falls, MN, to Royal and Ardell (Grondahl) Holthusen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Jerry graduated from Goodridge High School in 1966.

On July 3, 1971 Jerry was united in marriage to Vicki Hanson. Together they had three daughters - April, Jolene, and Amy.

Jerry worked for the State of Minnesota after graduation, then went to work for Wheelers Logging. He worked for Holthusen Construction until 1972 when he went to work for Elgin Construction and Earl

Woods Logging. Jerry also worked for Thorson Construction and farmed for Richie Engelstad. In 1985 he went to work for Marvin Windows in Warroad until 1994. He was an over-the-road truck driver for Tri-Campbell Farms in Grafton, ND until 2002. Until retirement Jerry worked for Zavoral Construction. Following retirement he continued to work part-time for Moe Logging and Holthusen Construction.

Jerry enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, listening to music of all genres, and just being outdoors. He was an excellent carpenter, mechanic, and an avid reader.

Jerry is survived by his daughters, April (Andrew) Schneider of Vadnais Heights, MN, Jolene Holthusen of Grygla, MN, and Amy (Craig) Conner of Buxton, ND; mother, Ardell (Grondahl) Holthusen, Roen of Thief River Falls, MN; former wife, Vicki Lott of Nikiski, AK; sisters, Pam Hogenson (Roger Hoeper) of Stephen, MN, Vickie Ruud of Gatzke, MN, Lori (Robert) Nordby of Moundsview, MN; grandchildren, Kayla, Grace, Claire, and Lily Schneider, William Holthusen, and Jack, Sophia, Evelyn, and Oliver Conner; best friends, Darald (Lorraine) Holthusen and Billy (Phyllis) Wikert, both of Grygla, MN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Royal; step-father, Philip Roen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and Adeline Hanson; brothers-in-law, Michael Hogenson, Neil Hanson, and DelRay Ruud; grandparents, Fred and Ida Holthusen, Henry and Bertha Grondahl; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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Obituary for Lois Gray

On Tuesday, February 3, 2021, Lois Karen Gray went into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She passed away at age 77 from complications of Covid in McAllen, TX.

Lois was the youngest of eight children born to Louis and Lettie Emmel. She was born on June 14th, 1943. She attended Elementary and High School in Clearbrook, MN. She furthered her education by earning lab and X-ray technician certificates. Lois worked in hospitals and clinics in at least 6 Minnesota communities including McIntosh, Brownville, Long Prairie, Clearbrook, Bagley and Bemidji.

Lois married the love of her life, Stanley Gray on June 27th, 1964. She delivered a May basket to him when she was nine and that began a lifelong relationship. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Tim (Sandy) Gray of Clearbrook, MN, Mark Gray of Coon Rapids, MN, and Cindy (Dudley)

Wishard of Clearbrook, MN.

Lois loved her seven grandchildren beyond measure. Rachel, Mike, Lindsey, Sam, Cooper, Auggie, and Ellie all knew they were loved by the smile she gave when they walked in her door. She relished baking chocolate chip cookies for them and serving more food than they could ever eat. If you were blessed enough to be at her house, you likely sampled her cookies and felt welcomed by her warm hospitality. Memories of her cute sayings will bring joy to her family for years to come. Her love will bring comfort as we mourn her loss and her residence in heaven will bring peace.

Lois was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook. She spent many years showing children God's love by helping them learn Bible verses and guiding them in the Awana program. She loved the kids she helped in Awana all the way into adulthood. She gave her time to missions in Ukraine and numerous other ministries to spread the gospel.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, parents and many other family members. As we imagine her reunion with them in heaven we smile and enjoy a comfort beyond words.

A memorial service will be held Saturday May 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook.

Messages of condolence may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com

The Cease Family Funeral home of Bagley is assisting the family with arrangements.



Obituary for Donald Hedman

Donald Owen Hedman was born to Edella and Joseph Hedman on January 23, 1941, and died on March 5, 2021. He was a late life baby, and no one but the immediate family knew of his impending arrival. The day he was born, Edella asked Joe to hurry to the McIntosh Times to get the birth announcement in that week's edition, delighted to surprise everyone. He grew up on the homestead farm outside of McIntosh, MN, and graduated from McIntosh High School, where he edited the yearbook and was an accomplished musician, playing piano, organ, saxophone, and trombone, and surprising his family by winning a top rating as a vocal soloist his senior year.

Don earned a degree in journalism at the U of M (and played with the U band at the Rosebowl). After graduation he married Nancy Davidson and worked as a newspaper reporter in Crookston and a magazine editor in Duluth until drafted in 1966 into the Vietnam conflict. There he published a weekly newspaper for the 9th Infantry Division;



sion; he said that his job was to witness horrible things and then make them palatable for readers. After his return to civilian life, he and Nancy divorced, though they spoke of each other with great fondness for the rest of their lives.

Don settled in Minneapolis, spent a year working for the St. Paul United Fund, and then began what became a 35-year career in the Minnesota State Department of Health. In 1980 he earned a Master of Public Health from U of M. He worked as a grants manager for the Emergency Medical Services section and then the newly created state Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board. While on educational leave from the Health Department, Don lived in Oslo, Norway, where he polished his Norwegian and worked as a church organist.

Don developed a wide, rich circle of friends, was an active member of Mt. Olive Lutheran church for many years, and was a fine host to four generations of family visiting him in Minneapolis, and, later, St. Paul. Many nieces and nephews have happy memories of visiting his homes and being squired around town by Uncle Donald. The annual Hedman reunion at Ruth and Jay's lake home was a pleasure for him; his longtime partner, Don Van Ert, attended with him, at least once even after they separated.

Donald was a model son, and his life enriched the lives of the whole family, as did his driving north for graduations, funerals, and weddings (he was organist at several). One sister, Ellen Burslie, survives, along with nieces, nephews, and their families; his brother, Jaynes, and sister, Mary Ann Simonson, preceded him in death.

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Kia Bachand in tip off against the Chargers on February 25th. Photo by Mustang Stampedede.



Shawna Majeres makes a free throw in the game against the Chargers on February 25th. Photo submitted.

Heartland 200 recap

Cor Powersports brought teams to Park Rapids Minnesota for the annual Heartland 200 with the infamous neon sign up for grabs. This was round three of the 2021 race season with both rounds one and two being ice races. This race was planned to be ran as a terrain race but with the lack of snow in the area the event had to be moved to Fish Hook Lake for an ice race.

After three rounds of racing the season points are the following:

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2- Vince VanSlyke (128)
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Lemay also holds in high regard the natural resources program and how it worked to prepare him for the animals he encounters in his work as a wildlife trooper.

"I learned a lot of hands-on, practical things during my natural resources classes," Lemay stated. "Even though they are the same animals, wildlife, and waterfowl up here, having had the experience of learning and identifying them in class, I already knew how to identify all of the wildlife and waterfowl up here."

Lemay earned his bachelor of science degree in natural resources - law enforcement and aviation at UMN Crookston. While the aviation program seized operation, it was a major factor in his education helping him in obtaining the role he has today.

"My aviation training I received in Crookston was huge for me," Lemay said. "I know you don't have the program anymore, but that was immensely helpful getting hired and getting to where I am now. I am a department pilot and that is how I ended up getting stationed in Coldfoot with the wildlife troopers. The Alaska State Troopers has the largest aircraft fleet and it provided me the best opportunity to be a pilot, as well as a law enforcement officer."

Lemay has thoroughly enjoyed the experience he has had as a wildlife trooper in Alaska. Where else can you live and find a wolf in your backyard and then go to work and watch thousands of caribou grazing through the snow. He loves the chance to see a beautiful landscape not everyone gets to see on a day-to-day basis.

"It is just a different experience," Lemay remarked. "Alaska is different from any other state in the country. It is kind of hard to quantify."

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