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Lutheran social service of Minnesota and Lifetrack announce plans to merge

(March 8, 2021) – Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) and Lifetrack are excited to announce the intent to merge on July 1, 2021.

On January 1, 2019, Lifetrack began a management services agreement with Lutheran Social Service that enabled Lifetrack to improve financial stability, share resources and continue its mission to strengthen resiliency in families. On July 1, Lifetrack will begin service delivery as Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

“We’ve appreciated the expertise that Lutheran Social Service has shared to sustain our operations and focus on future growth,” said Wayne Jarvis, Lifetrack’s board chair. “We see tremendous opportunity ahead to continue operational efficiencies and expand our services to serve more Minnesotans in more communities in the years ahead.”

Lifetrack was established

in 1948 as the St. Paul Rehabilitation Center, responding to the needs of individuals disabled by polio and by military service during World War II. Today, Lifetrack offers Families Together, which combines home visiting services and a therapeutic preschool in St. Paul, Employment Services, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing services that are offered across Minnesota.

The \$4 million organization employs 83 staff who will become employees of Lutheran Social Service, a 156-year old organization with an annual budget of \$175 million, 2,500 employees and 10,000 volunteers that support one in 65 Minnesotans each year.

“I am grateful to Lifetrack board members, employees and supporters for their deep dedication to this important work,” said Patrick Thueson, chief executive officer of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. “We’re impressed by the high-

quality services provided by Lifetrack and look forward to growing them through innovation and synergies with LSS services to help more Minnesotans live full and abundant lives.”

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota began in 1865 when a Lutheran pastor and his congregation opened an orphanage for children near Red Wing in southeastern Minnesota. Through its mission to inspire hope, change lives and build community, the organization seeks to foster safe and supportive homes for children, restore health and wellness in families, empower people with disabilities to live the lives they imagine, and promote health, independence and quality of life for older adults.

For comprehensive information about the work of Lutheran Social Service, visit www.lssmn.org. For more information about Lifetrack, visit www.lifetrack-mn.org.



Essentia Health welcomes Physician Assistant Brittani Williams

Brittani Williams, PA, has joined the Essentia Health team and specializes in family medicine. Williams is now seeing patients at both Essentia Health-Fosston and Essentia Health-Oklee Clinics. Williams will also work in emergency medicine in Fosston.

“I chose Essentia Health because I was drawn to the tight-knit community Essentia provided,” shares Williams. “I was born and raised in Minnesota and returned to be closer to family and I’m looking forward to the small-town lifestyle and community.”

Williams received her master’s degree at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in Carbondale, Ill. and is certified as a physician assistant by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Williams explains “I’m looking forward to working in family practice as it brings me joy to work with patients across the lifespan from birth throughout any stage in their life, and all the changes that brings along the way. I became a PA to be able to work, help and connect with people.”

Visit EssentiaHealth.org to learn more about your care options. Click on “Doctors & Providers” to see Brittani Williams’ full profile and find scheduling options by phone or online.

working conditions,” she said. “Being socialists put them at odds with the government so I had to study the government’s methods of stopping dissent voices that reached a high point in World War I.” Neet concluded there were many threads to follow.

One important thing the education propaganda of the Appeal taught her was those who hold the power to promote change need the constant pressure of education to make changes to systems. “You have to pick your battles but never forget it is an ongoing struggle to change,” she said.

Neet went on to state she is not a socialist, she only studies them. “Everytime I present, even at history conferences, the first question begins with ‘You socialists believe...’ I then have to spend time explaining I am not a socialist but study them.” At that time she has to go deeper into conversation and suggest one can’t research and devote a great deal of time to a subject that you are a passionate believer in. “Emotion and wanting clouds that ability to see the subject from different viewpoints,” she said.

In March, the Crookston campus and the world will celebrate Women’s History Month. In speaking with Neet she recapped the women’s movement that began in 1908 where women united in New York City and marched for better labor laws, conditions, and the right to vote. When asked in what ways have women made an impact on this campus, students, and even the community, Neet said the most impact has been the increase of women in tenure track positions, women with terminal degrees, and women full professors. Retired Business Department Head, Sue Brorson, Ph.D., and I became the first women to be promoted to professor in 1997. We were alone for many years but not now,” said Neet. Today on campus there are three associate professors, four full professors, and eight assistant professors who are female.

Red Lake Nation donates stethoscopes for BSU Nursing students

Through a \$5,000 donation from northern Minnesota’s Red Lake Nation, Bemidji State University’s Alumni and Foundation has purchased 54 stethoscopes for students enrolled in the university’s four-year track nursing program.

The donation from Red Lake’s Tribal Health Services enabled the department of nursing to purchase 3M Littmann

Classic III Stethoscopes for all sophomore nursing students.

She first connected with her long-time friend Jerry Loud, executive director of the Oshkiimaajitahdah Institute of Technology in Redby, Minn. The pair discussed ways to honor students entering the nursing field and decided to pursue funds to provide stethoscopes for Minnesota’s future nurses.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation welcomes new board members

March 9, 2021 – BEMIDJI, MN The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) is pleased to announce three new members who recently joined their Board of Directors.

• **Jason Carlson:** Jason lives in McIntosh, Minnesota and is the Chief Executive Officer of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council. He helps provide opportunities for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations in Northwest Minnesota. He is passionate about improving the quality of life for people and communities in our region. Carlson has been a long-time supporter of NMF initiatives and is excited to help advance the work of the Foundation.

• **Kristi Thorfinnson:** Kristi lives in Crookston, Minnesota and works a dual role as the Housing Specialist Coordinator and Community Development assistant for the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. She is involved with the federal homeless initiative, Continuum of Care, and is passionate about advancing

the personal, professional, and community opportunities in northwest Minnesota. Thorfinnson looks forward to using her background in community development to navigate our region’s unique strengths and challenges.

• **Kaitlyn Grenier:** Kaitlyn lives in Bemidji, Minnesota and serves as Co-Director of a community led grassroots Native nonprofit organization, Manidoo Ogitigaan. She is passionate about achieving cultural equity and working on social and environmental justice issues in our region. Grenier is eager to start serving on the Board of Directors and sharing her unique perspective.

“We are excited to welcome these new directors to our board. They bring their unique insight, perspectives, and expertise to further the work of the Foundation and strengthen our region,” said Kristin Eggerling, Board Chair.

To learn more about the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, visit www.nwmf.org.

Rep. Fischbach Opposes Unconstitutional Gun Restrictions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, and H.R. 1446, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021. In response, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-7) issued the following statement:

“I oppose any attempt to restrict the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans, and that’s exactly what these bills do.

“Universal background checks criminalize the private transfer of firearms, making it nearly impossible for law-abiding gun owners to acquire, or even borrow or lend, firearms.

These bills also give the federal government the ability to delay a firearm transfer indefinitely without any proof that the person is ineligible to possess a firearm.

“These bills do not stop criminals from getting guns, but they do undermine the ability of my constituents – many of whom are hunters and sportsmen – to exercise their Second Amendment rights.”

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.

Former Bank CEO Sentenced To Prison For Falsifying Bank Records, Misappropriating More Than \$1.6 Million

Acting United States Attorney W. Anders Folk today announced the sentencing of Robert John Hager, 70, a former bank CEO, to 18 months in prison for making a false entry in bank records. Hager, who pleaded guilty on May 18, 2020, was sentenced earlier today by Judge Patrick J. Schiltz in U.S. District Court.

According to the defendant’s guilty plea and documents filed with the court, Hager was the CEO of Border State Bank (“Border”) and served as a director of the bank’s holding company, Border Bancshares, Inc. Hager also held various executive positions in banks that Border Bancshares, Inc. acquired, including the former First State Bank of Clearbrook and the former First Advantage Bank. In late 2015 and early 2016, Hager loaned money to a bank customer to invest in a diamond and gold venture in Liberia, Ghana, and Kenya that promised a quick return. After he depleted his own personal funds on the investment and maxed out the amount he could borrow from the bank, Hager asked other individuals, including bank customers, shareholders, and directors of the bank to lend him money, which would enable Hager to recover his personal funds.

According to the defendant’s guilty plea and documents filed with the court, between 2016 and 2017, Hager requested a series of loans by having Border bank customers take out

loans in their own names, or draw from loans they already had, and then transfer the funds to Hager. In May 2016, Hager issued three unauthorized Standby Letters of Credit (SBLCs) worth \$1.6 million to facilitate the purchase and delivery of diamonds and gold from Africa. In each instance, Hager issued the SBLC on the letterhead of First Advantage Bank and signed the letter as CEO of First Advantage. Letters of Credit are considered obligations of a bank, and they can impact a bank’s financial standing. Such obligations must be entered into the bank’s general ledger so that they can be accounted for and tracked by regulators. In order to conceal his actions, Hager failed to report the SBLCs to bank personnel so that they could be logged into the bank’s system.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Office of Inspector General for the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of Inspector General for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the FBI.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Amber M. Brennan.

Defendant Information:
Robert John Hager, 70
Greenbush, Minn.

Convicted: Making false entries in bank records, 1 count
Sentenced: 18 months in prison

Two years of supervised release

Sharon Neet Helped Pave the Way for Female Professors at UMN Crookston

Story by Michelle Christopherson, Director of Outreach and Engagement

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Sharon Neet, D.A., joined the University of Minnesota Crookston in the late 1990s, “just when UMC was shifting from a two-year to a four-year institution,” said Sharon Neet, D.A., UMN Crookston history professor, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education department. “I taught three years at Marymount College, a year at Cotter College (Missouri), and six years at Valley City State in North Dakota. I also taught the secondary social science method classes and supervised student teachers.” Neet came to UMN Crookston for a couple of reasons, better pay and benefits. Crookston was getting ready to develop four-year degrees and she had the experience needed at that level. “When I came, I was the only woman teaching that had a doctorate. I had tenure at Valley City so I came to UMC with rank and years toward tenure.”

Neet earned an associate of arts degree from Kansas City Kansas Community College and took classes at East Central Oklahoma State and the University of Missouri, Kansas City. She received her bachelor’s degree in history from Washburn University, a master of arts in history and a specialist in education from Pittsburg

State University, and a doctor of arts in history from the University of North Dakota. “All of the degrees were in history and I took political science as second areas,” Neet said. “While I was at Washburn my plan was to be a philanthropist, but my parents had a different idea.” She always planned to study history and a chance at the opportunity to teach college after completing the master’s degree made her pursue teaching.

A full professor with tenure teaching history and political science, Neet says she favors all of it, the classroom, research, and instruction. “I like all of it,” she said. However, this past year of teaching during the pandemic has made her very aware the classroom is much better for her than video online. “Interacting with students makes the subjects more relatable.” Being tenured and getting the full professor rank takes developing research, teaching, and service. It might be a surprise to some on campus she wrote the coaching minor and co-wrote five or six other academic degrees in the past thirty years. “I used to participate in University-wide governance committees and that gave me insights on the Judicial Committee to the tenure and promotion processes. I was the first person from Crookston to serve on the research committee that gave me access to review the research grants and

ethical questions in the medical school,” she said.

One of Neet’s areas of expertise and research includes dead socialists. She developed a strong interest in using newspapers for seminar papers at Pittsburg State and indicated they had a very large periodical collection. “I first worked on Black newspapers of the Uplift period (pre-World War I). I found several short run papers that had not been cited in other works. This primary research gave me a publication, conference presentation, and a real interest in newsprint”.

When she studied at the University of North Dakota, she needed a topic and found one in the archives at Pittsburg State. “I asked the curator if they have any interesting newspapers” The answer was yes, and that set her off on studying the Appeal to Reason, a socialist paper that ran from 1897-1922. She read every newspaper to find a topic.

Neet described the newspaper as a propaganda sheet to convert people to socialism. “It employed women as writers, editors, and speakers. They published books and had a speakers bureau. They supported cooperative companies that built airplanes, manufactured food, and founded a People’s College. They even ran a law school to prepare workers to challenge laws and improve



Alex Dawson scored his 1,000th point for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball team. Alex is a senior and the son of Yolanda and Chad Dahlke.



I am seven. Seven weeks old. I have been busy. I am now 10,000 times bigger than when I was conceived. My legs are finding their legs; stretching out from my body which is now about as big as a cucumber seed. My brain is forming five separate vesicles—(what are those, Mom and Dad?)—and my kidneys are starting to filter toxins. The hollows where my eyes and nose will grow are forming. Who will my eyes remind you of? Mommy? Daddy? Will I get to see you soon?
-a.m.opdahl

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Seasonal Load Limit Notification

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 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 over-size/overweight loads/permitting call:

Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations – Oversize/Overweight Permits
651-296-6000

Or email: ofcvpermits.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.



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The city of Gonvick has the following items for sale on sealed bids:

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Paap will not seek Re-election in 2021 for MFBF President



The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Kevin Paap announced today, after 16 years in this role, that he will not seek re-election in November. Paap is the 13th president in MFBF's 102-year history.

Paap, and his wife Julie, own and operate a fourth-generation family farm in Blue Earth County. The Paaps raise corn, soybeans and have two sons – Matt and Andy and a daughter-in-law Samantha, along with grandson Lennox.

"I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to serve Minnesota Farm Bureau and affiliated companies for 24 years," said Paap. "It has been a tremendous honor to be part of the Farm Bureau family. The face of the MFBF President may change, but the mission and the strength of Farm Bureau will not."

A new MFBF president will be elected to a two-year term at the 103rd annual meeting of voting delegates, November 19, 2021, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Home Country

Slim Randles

Nature hates a vacuum, and so does Windy Wilson. The other day, emerging from the drug store, he looked around, and finding no handy audience, spoke instead to the world.

"Dad-gum ol' Doc, anyway," he said. "He's one-a my bestest pals, but if you go to him for a mizz-ry, he makes you do some things and quit doin' some other things. Them things Doc wants you to do you don't wanna do, and the things he wants you to quit doin' are stuff you bin savin' up to do a buncha years now."

"Now ol' Doc didn't even know he done it, but he proved to me that we had some a-them space alienated bein's for ancestors. Oh, they's hidin' out now, but they got a job ... as pill namers!"

"Doc told me to quit shoein' horses, which was jest fine with me. Missable back-breakin' nasty work, anyway. But then he give me two subscriptions for pills that I am 'sposed to take for my mizz-ry."

"And when the nice girl here at the drugstore give 'em to me, she asked me if I had any questions about 'em. And I ast her how to say the pill names. And she told me, and thass when I knew."

"Ya see, ya can't jest name

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"It wouldn't be too awful dang hard to remember a pill for pain if you called it

Mizzryfixer, now would it? And for a hangover cure, ya jest pop ya a happy little pill called Betcha-wish-ya-hadn't. If ya come down with the sugar diabeets, ol' Doc could tell ya to bullsake down some pills we could call Too-sweet-by-half-

odone. Now, for a instance, if you get plagiarized by them roamin' 'round peewaddles, you could take a pill called Limp-be-gone, or mebbe-so Gimpy-blocker, and you'd know jest what it was for, wouldn't ya?

"Betcha them space guy's jest laughin' theirselves sick. But hey, at least Doc told me to quit shoein' horses, and that there's a constellation dee-voutly to be wished on."

"And you kin tell 'em I said so."

Windy sneaked in here courtesy of the nice folks at the University of New Mexico Journalism Department, where they claim they can talk more gooder than him.

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



Wednesday, March 10, 2021 prize is a TRISTAR Upland Hunter O/U 20GA. The winner is Larry Roed from Fosston. Congratulations!

Polk County Sheriff

Train Derailment

On 3/10/2021 at approx. 3:45 PM the Polk County Sheriff's Office received a report of a train derailment from BNSF at the intersection of US Hwy 75 and 210th St. SW, north of Crookston. Nobody was injured in the train derailment and nothing was leaking from the cars. A total of 22 cars had derailed. There is no concern for public safety. This is the same location as another train derailment from 2/8/2021.

No further information will be released at this time

Responding units included the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Crookston Fire Department

Scam

The Polk County Sheriff's Office received a report of scam regarding cash advance loans. An email arrives from an alleged attorney (Paul Anderson – info@fdrdbtcollectionagencyus.com) stating a law suit has been filed against the individual for failure to pay the loan. The email is very detailed with alleged company names, file numbers, and loan account numbers and dates. There is also an invoice attached to the email and they give you different payment options. PCSO has determined this to be a scam and asks that the public not correspond or send payment. See email for further details.

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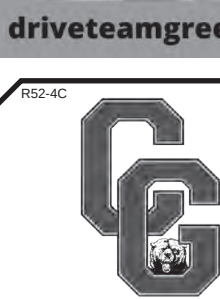
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It's the Little Things

I'm on grandma duty. Perhaps you are too. Maybe it's virtual these days...or maybe you are a surrogate grandma for another. Not to exclude grandpa here as he just left after spending several days alongside our new little grand as well.

Today is day sixteen out of the 30 days promised. My heart says to stay forever, but I must let go and trust. I must trust that other arms will hold, other smiles will bless, and those who are part of the family of God will give the little one what is needed.

Day one was fun. The newness of entering into this world was remarkable. Tis a gift to be invited into the lives of our adult children.

When children are little, they receive what is given because they have little say in the matter.

Now, as adults, they may choose to have grandma on board or not...and when they do say come on down or over...tis a gift. They could have chosen the child center waiting with arms wide open to hold their little one during these days of transition; but, they didn't. They chose grandma.

Grandma knows what a privilege it is to carry. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound when this one cries to be fed. I get to feed. How sweet the sound when the little one cries to be changed. I get to change. How sweet the sound when the little one whimpers, nap time is near. I get to place this child in the crib for a bed.

Today, he awoke and looked

around. Yesterday he awoke, but not like today. It's as if suddenly the world round him came into view as neck careened from side-to-side. Eyes locked upon the book case, mantle, kitchen counter, and although not certain, I believe he is now noticing bottle coming his way. Quick movement gives a hint as hands tilt upwards to grab hold of the goods.

It's the little things...

Grandma heats up left over soup for supper so the couple returning home will have something to eat and one less chore to do. It's not much, but an offering it is. I toss what little laundry there is into the washer and fold what I can as they have things under control and truth-be-told, they don't need me. I simply offered, and they accepted. Giving a little respite to the young couple adjusting to this part of life is a gift. It's a gift to grandma because they received her offering.

What good is a gift given if one does not receive it? I suppose it's no different than all

gifts given. One simply need receive the love shown in the form demonstrated. And since we've all had True Love demonstrated and given as a gift, we know it well.

Or do we?

1 John 4:19 tells about it in written form and how we are actually able to love at all. "We love because He first loved us."

John 15:13 goes a little deeper...if that is possible. "Greater love has no one than someone lay down his life for his friends."

John 3:16 shows us how this love was demonstrated real time. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

And finally, Romans 5:8 proves how deep and wide this love reaches. "God shows His love for us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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Law enforcement will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or

passengers — including those in the back. A seat belt violation can cost more than \$100.

Seat belt enforcement of this law begins with the motorist — Drive smart and insist passengers are buckled up.

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



Oliver 2655/MM A4T1600

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



I have fun doing my research every week. I drove by a bunch of Allis Chalmers on my way to Bemidji on Sunday afternoon. Idea one Allis Chalmers! Then later near Bagley I drove by a nice unstyled B John Deere.... Idea number 2. Looked through the Marketplace ads on Facebook and found an interesting WD9 McCormick Deering. Ideas were racing through my mind. Finally the idea came as a read a magazine with an Oliver tractor.

There is more to the story. The magazine I was reading was a gift. Over the years my enjoyment of tractors has been well known and a friend of mine, Elmer Hanson, always gave me a couple of his magazines after he read them. Last October Elmer passed away, but his daughter Diane recently brought me a handful of magazines to read! One of these magazines featured the 2655 Oliver tractor.

The 2655 was an articulated 4 wheel drive made in the early seventies. I don't know a lot about Oliver's of this vintage but it is certainly an impressive machine. It featured a 504 cubic inch 169hp engine. I did once own a 1650 Oliver tractor. As you know I am a John Deere guy most of the time but I sure liked

my little Oliver while I had it. Well the pictures of this nicely restored 2655 in the magazine. It was purchased by the Stebins Family in Virginia, and moved to their farm in Ohio. When it came home all the com-

ponents were there but it didn't look like it does today. I love to see a nice restoration!!

I sure loved reading this article and researching the 2655.....and by the way thanks Elmer, for the idea this week!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

- How many cylinders were in the 169hp engine?
- Where were these tractors manufactured?
A) Charles City, Iowa B) Brantford, Ontario C) Minneapolis, MN
- Did this tractor ever have an LP engine?
- What was the Minneapolis Moline counterpart of this tractor called?
A) 2656 B) A4T-1600 C) G2655
- There were 2 more versions of this tractor, what were they?

Answers: 1. 6 cylinders 2. C. Minneapolis, MN 3. Yes, a MM LP engine 4. B. A4T-1600 5. The Cockshutt 2655 and the White A4T-1600



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Additional information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can be found by visiting EssentiaHealth.org and clicking on the "vaccine distribution" link at the top of the page.

Public Hearing Notice

Public Hearing Notice
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA: DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS FOR STATE DITCH 61

Please Take Notice: The Board of Commissioners of Polk County, Minnesota, Drainage Authority for the redetermination of benefits of State Ditch (SD) 61 will hold a Final Hearing on the Viewers' Report of Benefits and Damages for the redetermination of benefits for SD 61. The Viewers' Reports were filed with the Drainage Authority on February 26, 2021, and are available for inspection at the office of the Polk County Taxpayer Service Center. The hearing will be held on April 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Community Center, 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN. The Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the Viewers' Reports. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments may be directed to Michelle M. Cote by email (michelle.cote@co.polk.mn.us) or by U.S. Mail to Michelle M. Cote, Director of Property Records, 612 N. Broadway, Suite 207, Crookston, MN 56716 by 4:30 p.m. on April 5, 2021. Written comments will also be accepted in person at the hearing.

The following properties are affected by the redetermination of benefits and damages:
Hill River Township, T149N-R40W, Sections 3, 4, and 5; Gully Township, T150N-R39W, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, and 36; and Chester Township, T150N-R40W, Sections 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 all in Polk County.

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Public Hearing Notice

JOINT DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR POLK COUNTY AND RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR THE REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS FOR JD 72

Please Take Notice: The Joint Drainage Authority for Polk County and Red Lake Watershed District, Minnesota, Drainage Authority for the redetermination of benefits of JD 72 will hold a Final Hearing on the Viewers' Report of Benefits and Damages for the redetermination of benefits for JD 72. The Viewers' Reports were filed with the Drainage Authority on February 26, 2021 and are available for inspection at the office of the Polk County Taxpayer Service Center. The hearing will be held on April 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Community Center, 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN. The Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the Viewers' Reports. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments may be directed to Michelle M. Cote by email (michelle.cote@co.polk.mn.us) or by U.S. Mail to Michelle M. Cote, Director of Property Records, 612 N. Broadway, Suite 207, Crookston, MN 56716 by 4:30 p.m. on April 5, 2021. Written comments will also be accepted in person at the hearing.

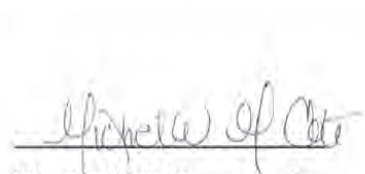
The following properties are affected by the redetermination of benefits and damages:

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Obituary for Lewis Marsh

Lewis Marsh, 89, of Shevlin, Minnesota died on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Colleen's Caring Hands Center in Bemidji, Minnesota, with his wife and family by his side.

Visitation took place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021 at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Clearwater Lutheran Church in Shevlin, MN with Pastor Mark Kuleta Officiating. Visitation was 1-hour prior to the service. Interment at the Clearwater Lutheran Cemetery in Shevlin, Minnesota. Military honors were accorded by the Irvin Blix Post 16 American Legion of Bagley, MN.

Lewis Rauk Marsh was born on August 5, 1931 in Shevlin, MN to August and Lottie (Rauk) Marsh. Lewis was raised near Shevlin, MN and attended rural schools #47. He farmed for several years with August and Lottie before proudly serving his country during the Korean War with the United States Army from December 16, 1953 to October 19, 1955. Lewis was married to Edna Mittag on May 19, 1956 in Leonard,

MN. Lewis and Edna purchased the home farm in 1961. This May they would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Together they raised 5 children; Byron, Kathryn, LouAnn, Carla, and Shelly. Lewis drove school bus for Bagley Public Schools for 23 years; retiring in 1992.

Lewis enjoyed the Pioneer Farmers, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, camping, hunting, training and riding horses. Family was especially important to Lewis, who loved spending time on the farm with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed tractor mechanics, and his Army Reunions. He was on numerous boards such as; Clearwater County Soil and Water, Shevlin Township and at the Bagley Elevator. He was a lifelong member of Clearwater Lutheran Church, where he held many offices along with being a Sexton of the Cemetery. Lewis was a 4-H Leader, and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his Wife- Edna Marsh of Shevlin, MN

Son- Byron (Rena) Marsh of Shevlin, MN

Daughters- Kathryn (Michael) Denzel of Cloquet, MN

LouAnn (Bruce) Gunderson of Shevlin, MN

Carla (Todd) Beecher of Lowry, MN

Shelly (Steve) Ward of Bemidji, MN

Sisters- Mary Waggoner of Shevlin, MN and Molly Hugger of Maplewood, MN

Brother- Dick (Corrine) Marsh of Pengilly, MN

Lewis was the proud Grandfather to 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters; 1 brother; and 2 great granddaughters

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

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for Robert Cwikla

Robert "Bob" Cwikla, 66 of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at his home with his loving family by his side.

The Celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2075 Highway 59 SE, Thief River Falls, MN with Rev. Alex Amiot officiating. Burial will be at St. Olaf Cemetery one mile east of Grygla, MN on Highway 89. Visitation will be 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 6:00 PM prayer service/time of sharing on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at church.

Robert William Cwikla was born March 9, 1955 in Thief River Falls, MN the son of Paul and Frances (Jesme) Cwikla. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended school in Middle River, MN, graduating with the class of 1973.

On September 28, 1974, Bob was united in marriage to Bonnie Sistad. They made their home on a farm in Veldt Township north of Grygla, MN where they raised their two sons, Ryan and Adam. Bonnie passed away on October 21, 2001.

Bob's most recent employment was at the Warroad NAPA selling automotive parts until his retirement on March 31, 2017. He also worked for TR Jobbing out of

Middle River, Farmers Union at Grygla and road construction. He also enjoyed working on his farm near Grygla.

On June 18, 2011, Bob was united in marriage to MariLou Miller Anderson at Birch Beach on Lake of the Woods. Together they enjoyed winter and summer fishing, traveling, meeting new friends at the lake and watching FOX News.

Bob was affectionately known as "Mr. C" by friends. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, snowmobiling, Ranger rides, gardening, especially growing pumpkins for his grandkids, working for farmers, watching purple martins who nested in his yard, watching TV and spending time with family. He had a love/hate relationship with the MN Twins & Vikings. He especially loved spending time with family.

He was very quick witted, had a comeback for everything, and enjoyed visiting with people.

Survivors include his loving wife, MariLou Miller Cwikla of Thief River Falls; sons, Ryan (Darcie) Cwikla of Warroad, MN and Adam Cwikla of Donaldson, MN; MariLou's children, Garrett (Amanda) Anderson of Bemidji, MN and Laura (Jeff) Stengrim of Thief River Falls; six grandchildren, Andrew (Brittany) Loewe, Samantha (Jossith Thode) Loewe, Gwen & Miller Stengrim, Devon & Everett Anderson; 6 great-grandchildren, Ariya, Aurora, Aston, Aikley, Arysens & Ambrose; mother, Frances Jesme Cwikla; siblings, Doris (Roy) Bernstein, Ken (Sybil) Cwikla and Lorri (Jim) Brandenburg; mother & father-in-law, Edgar & Dorothy Miller; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie; father, Paul; infant daughter; grandparents, William & Alice Jesme, Peter Cwikla, and Caroline Cwikla Zelik; and Bonnie's parents, Stewart & Lottie Sistad.

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Obituary for Judith Kotrba

Judith (Judy) Kotrba, of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021, at her home, with her loving family by her side, at the age of 78.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Judy's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN, With Rev. Vicki Saude-Worthington officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at the Northwood Cemetery, rural Grygla, MN.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home.

Judith Ann Lee was born on December 16, 1942 in Thief River Falls, MN, the daughter of Harland and Anna (Hanson) Lee. She was baptized on May 23, 1943 and confirmed on November 4, 1956 at the Northwood Church on Moose River. Judith attended first grade at Big Grass north of Moose River; grades two through eight in Grygla, MN; and grades nine through twelve in Goodridge, MN, and graduated from Goodridge High School in 1960.

Following high school Judith attended the AVTI in Thief River Falls for Cosmetology, graduating in 1963. For

several years she worked in Thief River Falls at LeMoine's Beauty Shop and Jolene's Beauty Shop.

On December 26, 1966 Judith was united in marriage to Duane Kotrba. In 1968 after Duane was discharged from the Army, they made their home near Thief River Falls and raised their three children – Lynelle, Brian, and Cara.

Judy enjoyed cooking and baking, gardening, visiting, spending time at the family farm on Moose River and spending time with her grandchildren.

Judy's family would like to thank Hospice of the Red River Valley for their excellent care.

Judy is survived by her husband, Duane of Thief River Falls, MN; children, Lynelle Kotrba of Los Angeles, CA, Brian Kotrba of Red Lake Falls, MN, and Cara Kotrba of Warren, MN; grandchildren, Logan, Kalen, Shelby, and Lola; brothers Kenneth of Warroad, MN, Vernon (Arlene) of Cloquet, MN, Gerald (Betty) of Grand Marais, MN, Leland (Carol) of St. Cloud, MN; sisters, Delilah Anderson of Kalona, IA and Jeanne Brenna of Cloquet, MN; sister-in-law Myrtle Lee of Thief River Falls, MN; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Earl, Harland, George, and Ralph; sister, Cerise Swanson; nephews Ernest and Keith Anderson, and Lynn Lee; niece, Rhonda Mastey; brothers-in-law, Theodore Anderson, Donald Swanson and Russell Brenna; sister-in-law, LaVonne Lee; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jacob and Elsie Kotrba.

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Obituary for Norman Meter

Norman Meter passed away on March 10, 2021 at the Cornerstone Residence Senior Care after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.

Norman Glen Meter was born on January 19, 1938 to Carl and Lucila Meter in Los Angeles, California. While attending school, Norm held various jobs of delivering newspapers for the Los Angeles Times, renting out boats in Echo Park and working for Mr. Jackson at the collection agency.

Norm graduated from John Marshall High School in 1955 and joined the United States Marines in 1955. He was deployed to Korea as a machine gunner and fought in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged from the Marines on May 19, 1959 as a Corporal E-4.

Upon being discharged from the military, Norm worked for his uncle Art at his gas station doing automobile maintenance. He began racing Greeves motorcycles along with his brothers Darrell and Ken through Nicholson Motors in North Hollywood, California. He met and married Patricia in August 1962. Lisa Marie Meter was born to Norman and Patricia. Norm continued working and attended night school and graduated from the National School in Los Angeles as an automotive service mechanic in November of 1969.

The family decided to move to Sheridan, Wyoming. Michael Glen Meter was born. Norm was employed with the Sheridan County Fire Department as a paid firefighter in 1977. He worked with them until 1980 when he was offered a job to work with Sheriff D'Mateo at the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department in Los Cruces, New Mexico. Norm moved his family to Los Cruces, New Mexico. Norm graduated from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy on November 13, 1980 and began working at the Dona Anna Sheriffs

Department as a deputy. He was promoted to Investigator six months later.

His family missed Sheridan, Wyoming so they moved back in 1983 and Norm began working for the Sheridan County Sheriffs Department as a deputy. He became qualified as an NRA police firearms instructor in May 1983 and began teaching firearms training. He opened his business called the 38 Gun Shop and began repairing and selling firearms while working at the Sheriff's Department. Patricia and Norm were divorced in September of 1985. Norm and Betty Horn were united in marriage on May 28, 1986.

Norm and Betty moved to Bagley, MN and Norm began working for Kmart in Bemidji, MN as a prevention manager. In 1990, Norm began working part time for the Bemidji Police department and began working full time for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department in March of 1991. Norm worked as an investigator with the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department. He also became their firearms instructor in 1991 and taught classes in the community on gangs. He joined the Headwaters emergency response team in 1996. He retired from law enforcement in 2000.

Norman was fun, loving individual who was very optimistic about life. He was an individual who loved his country and was appreciative of all the men and women who fought and died to keep our freedom. He was a member of the American Legion in Bagley. He loved to watch football (go Vikings!) Norm also enjoyed the outdoors and liked to fish. He had a Harley Davidson motorcycle that he worked on and showed at various motorcycle shows in the State and won awards for. He loved to travel with his wife and they spent time going to casinos. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was always willing to help out. We will miss his smile and easy demeanor and his comment of "You look overworked, take the day off"

Norman will be remembered by his wife, Betty; his children, Michael Meter and Lisa Meter-Keyes; two granddaughters; a great grandson; his brothers, Kenneth Meter and Darrell Meter; and many other friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Lucila Meter; and his brother, Carlos "Chuck" Meter.

Services will be held at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for Rhonda Lindsey

Rhonda Lindsey passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at her home in Thief River Falls, MN surrounded by her loving family.

Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Rhonda Lindsey was born on September 19, 1951 in Thief River Falls, MN daughter of Andreas and Esther (Webber) Gausen. She was raised in Thief River Falls, MN and attended Lincoln High School graduating in 1969. She moved to Chicago, IL where she lived for a couple years when she moved to Houston, TX, then to Dallas where she worked for Mercantile Bank. She met Durwood Lindsey the love of her life who she spent many years with. In 1994 the couple made their home in East Grand Forks and moved to Thief River Falls, MN in 1996 where they have since resided.

On October 14, 2004 they

were united in marriage in Deadwood, SD. Rhonda worked at Digi Key for 16 years retiring in 2013.

Rhonda enjoyed spending time at home, being with family and friends. She loved the TV shows Mom, CNN, MS-NBC, Lets Make A Deal, The Price Is Right and Ancient Aliens. She was apart of the DNC and donated to ASPCA.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Durwood "JR" Lindsey Jr. of Thief River Falls, MN; children Brent (Friend Daisy Blizzard) Comstock of Plummer, MN, Jessica (Jonathan) LaFever of Thief River Falls, MN; step-children Christi (Friend Wade Grindel) Lindsey-Stephens of Thief River Falls, MN, Joshua Fain of Thief River Falls, MN; grandchildren Ashleigh Gilmore, Zachary Comstock, Ashton Comstock, Crysi Dawn Comstock, Kaidyn Comstock, Emileigh Comstock, Onya Jayne Parsons, Bentley Garner LaFever, Katelyn Stephens and Farryn Fain; great-grandchildren Elijah Hutson, Zara Kai Gilmore, Alan Joseph Comstock; brother Danny (Loydelle) Gausen of Warroad, MN; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings Glenda Gausen, Larry Gausen, great-granddaughter Jaycee Wells; sister-in-law Karen Gausen, nephew Marty Gausen, cousin Gary Gausen.

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Obituary for John Hopke

John Hopke, age 84, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Sunday, March 7th, at Mahnomen Health Care Center in Mahnomen. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment in Rosehill Cemetery, Fosston. The funeral was open to the public however mask use was required. Military honors will be conducted by the National Guard Honors Team and arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. The service was recorded and is available for viewing on the Carlin. Messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

John Basil Hopke was born on March 26, 1936 in Fosston, Minnesota to parents John

and Cora (Berge) Hopke. He was baptized and confirmed at First English Lutheran Church in Fosston. He grew up on the family farm south of Fosston. He attended country school and later attended Fosston High School, graduating in 1954.

While still in school he began working at the Fosston milk plant. Later he entered the United States Army taking his basic training at Fort Carson and was later stationed at Fort Belvoir in Virginia where he worked on the missiles. After his discharge he returned to the family farm south of Fosston. John then went back to work at the Fosston milk plant. He married Stephany Swenson and to this union, one son, Jeff, was born. For a period of time he owned and operated a backhoe service in the area.

In his later years he liked looking for a good bargain and tinkering out on the farm. He was an avid card player and liked watching football.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; sister, Joyce Lee; and brother-in-law, Ernie Lee.

Survivors include his son, Jeff, of Bagley, MN; brother, Howard (Charlotte) Hopke of McIntosh, MN; nieces, Sandy, Sherri, Susan, and Shelly; and one nephew, Scott. Many cousins also survive.

Pallbearers: Duane Myklejord, Bill Bingham, Wesley Trulsen, Erwin Rud, Gabriel Brisbois, and George Doyle.

Blessed be his memory

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Pictured here is Zambia student John Masanzi.

International students participate in Candle Light Ski - Owl Prowl event at Rydell

Story by Michelle Christopherson, Director of Outreach and Engagement

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Five UMN Crookston students participated in the Candle Light Ski - Owl Prowl event at Rydell Wildlife National Refuge and Glacial Ridge Feb. 27th.

"Students from Japan, China, Ukraine, Burkina Fasso

(West Africa) and Zambia said they were grateful for hand warmers and that they picked up on skiing pretty fast," said Rae French, International Programs, Learning Abroad Advisor. Temperatures have been favorable French said so while skiing they also enjoyed hearing the owls and the other sights and sounds that evening.

Minnesota Twins statement on new state guidelines

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN - The Minnesota Twins today released the following statement regarding new state guidelines for large venues, as announced by Governor Tim Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health:

"The Minnesota Twins organization is thrilled that the new state guidelines announced today by Governor Tim Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) pave the way for the safe return of our fans to Target Field for the upcoming 2021 season, beginning with our April 8 home opener.

"Our singular focus remains on the health, safety and well-

being of every person that enters Target Field; to that end, we are currently reviewing the new guidance to ensure our comprehensive re-opening plan adheres to all MDH and Minneapolis Health Department directives. We will announce next steps, including our full ballpark protocols and ticket plans, in the very near future.

"We appreciate the continued partnership and dialogue with Governor Walz, MDH and City of Minneapolis officials throughout this process, and cannot wait to safely welcome Major League Baseball's best fans back into Target Field. Win Twins!"

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Garfield Lake Ice Racers 2021 Season

By Dennis Peterson

The long-awaited ice racing season for the Garfield Lake Ice Racers came late this year and ended after just two weeks of racing. Record numbers of cars and fans converged on Garfield Lake in Laporte, Mn for the two weeks that races did take place but warmer than normal temperatures forced a premature end to the racing season. But the Garfield Lake Ice Racers work continues as the club continues to fund raise to support charities, community events and those in need in the area.

A total of four sets of races in the two classes were completed resulting in champions in each class. In the B Class Nic Lewis finished with 210 points to claim champion status. Dan Riggs finished second with 201 points. Nate Zanter was third with 199 points. In fourth place Jared Miller finished with 193 points and Abe Forseman fifth with 189 points.

In the A Class they had Co-Champions named with both Chad Tabaka and John Hadrava scoring 207 points each. In

third place was John Farrington with 191 points. Kalin Honer finished fourth with 185 points and Bonnie Farrington fifth with 182 points.

Top 12 in B Class

1. Nic Lewis
2. Dan Riggs
3. Nate Zanter
4. Jared Miller
5. Abe Forsman
6. Rob Martinson
7. Josh Bitker
8. Kevin Bahr
9. Truman Crandall
10. Cody Hoffman
11. CJ Roller
12. Brandon Bahr

Top 12 in A Class

1. Chad Tabaka & John Hadrava
2. John Farrington
3. Kalin Honer
4. Bonnie Farrington
5. Sam Delaney
6. Ryan Julin
7. Joel Harvey
8. Bob Pawlitcheck
9. Jon Geshwill
10. Ryan Huston
11. Josh Seely/Sautbine



Class B Champion Nic Lewis.



Class B 2nd place Dan Riggs.



Class B 3rd Place Nate Zanter.



Class A 3rd place John Farrington.



Class A Co-Champion John Hadrava.



Class A Co-Champion Chad Tabaka.

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