



Tri County Canary

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Marlee Steffes is Set to Pursue Dream Career as She Pursues Optometry School at the University of Indiana

CROOKSTON, Minn. - When she was two years old, a daycare provider noticed Marlee Steffes' right eye was turning in. "I have known since I was little I wanted to be an optometrist," Steffes stated. "My parents brought me in and I have something called strabismus, or the turning in of the eye. The condition and the various eye appointments, and surgeries would help guide the path Steffes is on today.

When I was six I had eye surgery and then I did vision therapy and eye patching. It sparked my interest right away. I have seen so many doctors and surgeons and therapists, so it is just kind of in my blood I want to say. I feel like it was kind of a no-brainer for me. I have never wanted to do anything else."

The native of Fertile, Minn., who will graduate with a degree in health sciences and a minor in chemistry in May begin her journey as an optometrist. She has been accepted into graduate school, the University of Indiana School of Optometry in Bloomington, Ind. The first decision that led her on her current path was her decision to attend UMN Crookston. Steffes' mom Bridget is employed at Minnesota Crookston as the compliance director in the athletic department after a previous role in human resources. Despite her mom's connection to UMN Crookston, Steffes swore she was not going to be a Golden



Marlee Steffes, Fertile native, was accepted to Indiana University and will start attending there this fall.

Eagle. It was the decision to take a visit to 'get out of school' with friend Camryn Larson, that ultimately led Steffes to Minnesota Crookston.

"I was not coming to UMC," Steffes stated emphatically. "It was not in the picture at all, especially because my mom worked here. My senior year of high school, Camryn Larson asked me if I wanted to come tour with her. I said, 'well I

will get out of school for a day.' I came with her and I left and I said, 'I am going here.' Everything was just small, close-knit and everyone was welcoming. I had planned to go to the University of North Dakota. I toured there and didn't love it. I had thought it was too big for me. I was just going to go there anyway, but after I left here I knew I had found the school for me."

During her time at UMN Crookston, Steffes has been aided by the help of her professors, especially her advisor Tony Schroeder, Ph.D. Schroeder has helped answer questions, guide her, and has helped make Minnesota Crookston feel comfortable to Steffes.

"With Tony being my advisor I got to know him and he made my classes a little less intimidating to ask questions and participate," Steffes remarked. "Also Kelsey Torgerson has been very helpful. I have only had her for physics but she was also my chemistry tutor. She became someone I could go to for anything, not just class. She has been one that has really helped me feel comfortable here. Everybody has been so helpful and helps you to push yourself to reach your goals. They are super supportive."

One of the most memorable experiences for Steffes during her time in Crookston has been the opportunity to compete for the women's golf team. Steffes had not golfed competitively in her life but through her friends,

she realized UMN Crookston and Head Coach Bryant Friskop was in need of a fifth golfer her freshman season. While it was something new and different, she embraced the challenge and it has become one of the best decisions she has made.

"I have been able to meet a lot of people that I wouldn't have met and go to a lot of places I wouldn't have gone and obtain a lifelong skill," Steffes said. "It isn't really a skill for me, but something I will be able to do the rest of my life. Before I had maybe golfed one or two times for fun. It has actually become something I really enjoy to do. It has been a big highlight for me."

The next challenge for Steffes will be leaving the place she knows and loves to move to Bloomington, Indiana, for optometry school at the University of Indiana. Steffes first started her application process for optometry school this summer. She had applied to programs at Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Ore., Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., Ohio State University College of Optometry in Columbus, Ohio, and Indiana University College of Optometry. Steffes had originally hoped to attend Pacific University,

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March 18 was Transit Driver Appreciation Day

(Crookston, Minn.)- Thursday, March 18, 2021 has been proclaimed, "Transit Driver Appreciation Day" by Governor Tim Walz. It's a day to show appreciation and respect for bus and train operators across the state of Minnesota.

Bus and train operators are serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing an essential service to those who must use transit to travel to work, run errands, and care for loved ones. Tri-Valley Transportation Programs alone, provided more than 200,000 total rides in 2020.

Tri-Valley's "T.H.E. Bus" is a curb to curb service and provides public transportation services to the general public in eight Minnesota counties, Polk, Red Lake, Norman, Marshall, Kittson, Pennington, Mahanomen, and Clearwater. Buses run through these counties on various days with various destinations. T.H.E. Bus available with no age limits or income guidelines. Buses have seat-

ing available for up to 40 passengers. Each bus is handicap accessible with two accessible entrances. If passengers are unable to use the door he/she may request the use of the lift. Each driver has been trained to properly use the lift and secure mobility devices within the buses.

For questions on Tri-Valley Transportation Programs or to schedule a ride, please call 800-201-3432 or visit www.tvoc.org.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency headquartered in Crookston, Minn. In existence since 1965, Tri-Valley provides services in over 95 counties in Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota. For more information on services offered and job opportunities at Tri-Valley visit the website at www.tvoc.org, call 800-584-7020, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TVO-CInc, on Twitter at @TriValley_TVOC, or on Instagram at [trivalleyopportunitycouncilinc](https://www.instagram.com/trivalleyopportunitycouncilinc).

Septic System Fix-up Grant Program

Polk County Environmental Services is pleased to announce the availability of a cost-share grant program that is available to property owners in Polk County that have an existing noncompliant septic system. Funds are intended to fix septic systems that are currently failing codes or functionality. These dollars are made possible through a grant received from the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act.

There is a limited amount of funding available and preference for funding will be determined based on household income status, condition of existing system, and proximity to priority surface waters. Income restrictions do apply. A major goal within the fix-up program aims to fix "imminent public health threats". Polk County uses USDA low-income guidelines to group funding grant contributions.

Households must not exceed these income guidelines, must be the landowners homestead

not a second dwelling or rental, and applicants will be required to pay any match requirement upfront if approved. No holding tank septic systems can be installed and SSTs for new construction of a dwelling does not qualify for the program. The County will provide a cost share grant contributing 60% and up to 80% of installation cost up to a maximum of \$12,000 grant dollars.

To learn more about this program, please call Polk County Planning and Zoning at (218) 281-5700. Prior program applications can also be found on our website at www.co.polk.mn.us under the Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning Department page. The deadline to apply for the Septic System Fix-Up Grant Program is June 1, 2021. After this date, remaining funding will be available on a first come first serve basis. -----

Jacob Snyder, Polk County Assistant Environmental Services Administrator

Essentia Health moves into next tier of COVID-19 vaccinations in Minnesota

Now that Minnesota has vaccinated more than 70% of its 65-plus population against COVID-19, Gov. Tim Walz has expanded vaccine eligibility.

Beginning today, Essentia Health and other systems across the state are cleared to begin immunizing those in Tier 2 of Phase 1B, including people with specific underlying health conditions (sickle cell disease, Down syndrome, active cancer treatment, immunocompromised from an organ transplant, oxygen-dependent chronic lung or heart conditions); essential workers in food-processing plants; and those with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of severe illness.

This smaller group is expected to take about a week to work through, after which we will move into Tier 3, comprised of people aged 45 and older with one or more of the following underlying medical conditions, or 16 and older with two or more underlying medical conditions:

- Active cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Diabetes (Type 1 or 2)
- Heart conditions (heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies)
- Immunocompromised state from HIV, bone marrow disease,

chronic steroids for more than 30 days, immunodeficiency disease or taking immunosuppressive medications

- Obesity
- Pregnancy

Tier 3 also includes Minnesotans at least 50 years old in multi-generational housing, as well as essential frontline workers in agriculture, airport staff, additional child care workers not previously eligible, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail, food service, judicial system workers, manufacturing, public health workers, public transit and U.S. Postal Service workers.

Essentia Health has begun notifying patients through MyChart and by phone that they are eligible to schedule their vaccination as part of the next tier. We will return to a randomization process, pulling eligible patients who are on MyChart or on the wait list as we work through notifications for this next group.

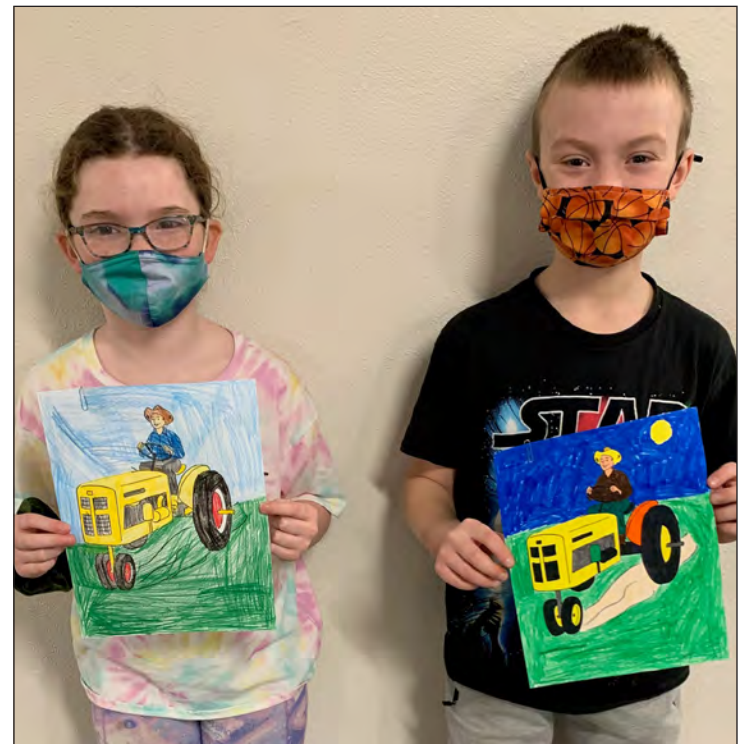
In addition to Tiers 2 and 3, which include about 1.8 million Minnesotans, people who are at least 65 remain eligible for the vaccine. Those folks can self-schedule their appointment through MyChart or by calling (833) 494-0836.



1st Grade winners: 1st Hudson Shulstad, 2nd Maddilynn Stengrim.

Tri River Pioneers Coloring Contest Winners

Submitted by Tri River Pioneers President, Eric Mickelson
The Tri River Pioneers again hosted a tractor coloring contest. The Pioneers want to promote history and agriculture. A big thank you goes out to the teachers at J.A. Hughes Elementary for taking time with their classes to participate in the contest. First place winners received a \$10 prize and second place received \$5. Thank you to first grade teacher, Mr. Mickelson, for submitting the pictures. Stay tuned for more winning pictures coming from RLCC Elementary in Plummer.



2nd grade: 1st Alex Gullingsrud, 2nd Aubree Klinger.



3rd Grade Winners: 1st Rylan Knott, 2nd Brooklyn Gagner.



4th Grade Winners: 1st Chase Michaelson, 2nd. Abby Seeger.



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where several doctors she has worked for attended, but she is very happy she will be attending Indiana University starting the fall of 2021.

"I started my application this summer using something called OptomCAS," Steffes stated. "It honestly came down to the standardized test. Indiana didn't require it and I am horrible at standardized tests. I interviewed at Indiana and Ferris State in Michigan. When I got into Indiana, which was my second choice, I was like 'why would I retake the test to try anything else.'"

Steffes interviewed over Zoom, and was unsure about how her interview went at first. However, three days later she received notification she was accepted and it was off to the races from there.

"I was like, okay let's do it," Steffes said. "My parents were like 'hold on, let's think about this.' And I was like, 'no, I am going.' We visited about a month ago. I drove down with my parents. It was a long 14-hour drive. I didn't have to do any of the driving. The campus is huge. But I am just going to be in two buildings right across the street from each other. I found a roommate already. We met her and her parents and toured my apartment. I think it is going to be a good fit. It seems like a place I can make home for a while."

Steffes has also reached out to UMN Crookston graduate Kari Torkelson 91, an optometrist at Lifetime Vision Center who also attended the University of Indiana School of Optometry.

"My mom has been telling me for years to reach out to Kari Torkelson," Steffes said. "I never did. Right before we went to Indiana, she got her email and I have been emailing her for a little bit."

Steffes has already been getting field experience with in optometry working at the Crookston Eye Clinic. It has been a valuable experience for her, and it has helped her to realize that she is making the right choice for her career path.

"I work at the Crookston Eye Clinic in town," Steffes said. "That has given me a really good experience to get into the field and actually know I want to do this as a career."

Steffes is set to move into her new apartment in Bloomington, Ind., in early August. She is scared of the next challenge, but is also very excited for her next chapter.

"I hate change," Steffes remarked. "My brother just moved Wednesday to North Carolina. I will be eight hours from him and 14 from here. He went farther. If he can do it, I can do it. I am nervous, excited, scared, happy, a little bit of everything."

Change can be scary, but it will be an exciting step for Steffes as she continues to pursue a career she has wanted to get into since she was a young child. She has made choices and taken on the unknown in her past, whether it was attending UMN Crookston or choosing to play golf. She has found great experiences and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The next chapter for Steffes is sure to be an amazing one.

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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Join Bagley Area Arts Collaborative for a Combination Beginning/Intermediate Sami Bracelet Workshop

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Spring burning restrictions begin March 24

Annual restrictions on open burning are in effect beginning March 24 in southern Beltrami, northern Cass, Clearwater, Mahanomen and eastern Polk counties, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The restrictions are weather dependent, but normally last from four to six weeks until sufficient green vegetative growth occurs to significantly lower fire danger.

During the spring burning restriction period, regular burning permits will not be issued. The DNR can issue a limited number of permits through a variance process. These permits are confined to situations such as prescribed fires that are conducted by trained personnel, burning for approved agricultural practices and construction, or economic hardship burning for which there is no feasible alternative.

Variance permits are not issued online - individuals seeking a variance permit must call their local DNR Forestry area office. Fire wardens do not issue variance permits.

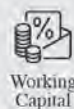
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Can anyone shed light on this lamp? It's been in the Polk County Historical Society's museum in Crookston in a "needs repair" state for about 20 years. It was recently restored and the original cloth covered cord replaced. The shade is made of pieces of amber/green/white slag glass. Since there is no signature and the four twisted wood supports are not identical, it was likely handmade locally. If anyone has any information on this lamp, they are encouraged to email Historical Society President Anne Muir at imamuir@hotmail.com or call PCHS Secretary Twylla Altepeter at 218-289-4665 or email fertilejournal@hwy32publishing.com.

Fosston Sportsman Calendar 2021 WINNERS

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 winner of a RUGER Mark IV 2245 22LR is Dennis Matveev (1).

Friday, March 19, 2021 winner of a Red Poppy Certificate is Mary Shuman. Congratulations to our winners!

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Warren, MN. The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce their latest "Call for Entries" for the 2021 Annual Art Exhibit. The deadline to submit your artwork is April 22, 2021!

This year, the annual Art Exhibit will be in Warroad in June. The deadline for the Exhibit has been extended until April 22 due to June dates for the showcase. The application is open online for artists to submit work anytime until April 22. The Artist of the Year deadline will be extended until April 22, as well.

Artists from our 7 county-service region can enter into this art exhibit and will be competing for \$2,300.00 in cash awards. Artists must reside in Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington, Roseau, or Red Lake counties to be eligible. Both adult and student artists are encouraged to enter. Exhibit cash award winners will be chosen while the exhibit is on display by a qualified juror. They will be recognized and receive their check at the Artist Reception. The Artist Reception will be in June in Warroad.

Visit our website for more information, including the exhibit entry rules and directions. If you would like the application mailed to you, please contact our office 218-745-8886 or email director@NWArtsCouncil.org. The application must be submitted no later than April 22, 2021.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021



I am eight. Eight weeks old. Even though I don't have to breathe on my own—(thanks Mommy!)—I am getting ready for the moment when I can. My lungs are forming as my brain continues to grow. This week, my arms and legs are showing signs of fingers and toes. My body is now about as big as a watermelon seed. Also—somewhere inside—my body is working on a surprise. It will tell you if I am a boy or a girl. Which do you think I will be?
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The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an open position for an **Agricultural Science Teacher**. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2021-2022 school year. Courses currently include Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Small Animals, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Communications, Foods, and Exploring Agriculture. Course offerings are flexible including potential Industrial Tech.

Requirements: MN Teaching Licensure in Agricultural Sciences. Individuals with alternative licenses are encouraged to apply. Individuals interested in an adviser role for FFA are encouraged to apply.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and two references to: Clearbrook-Gonvick School 16770 Clearwater Lake Rd Clearbrook, MN 56634 Attn: Jeff Burgess

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Clearwater County Department of Human Services

is accepting applications for an **Agency Social Worker**. This position will provide intake, child protection, adult protection, mental health and substance use disorder services. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on 3/29/2021. Starting pay for this position is \$24.33/hour depending on experience.

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THE BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS



Athletic Director (Half-Time). Preference given to a Four-year college degree and experience in the field of education. Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Position will remain open until filled.

Elementary Dean of Students. Bachelors in Elementary Education and Teaching Licensure Required. Preference given to applicants with 3-5 years' school experience. Interested applicants should send a resume, teaching credentials, letter of interest, and three letters of recommendation. Send application materials to: Jenetta Weems, Human Resources, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley MN 56621 or email jweems@bagley.k12.mn.us

Payroll-Business Manager position. Preference given to applicants with a 4-year business or accounting degree and a background in school finance and payroll. Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Position will remain open until filled.

Accounting/HR Assistant. Minimum two-year accounting/vocational training required. Experience in School Payroll Preferred. Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Position will remain open until filled. Send application materials to: Jennifer Hecht, District Coordinator, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley MN 56621 or email jhecht@bagley.k12.mn.us

Anticipated Early Childhood Parent Educator. Bagley Community Education has an anticipated opening Parent Educator contingent on the program needs. Applicants should have a License in Early Childhood, be willing to work towards a Parent Educator license, and be able to pass a criminal background check. This position is for the 2021-22 school year. The rate of pay will be the current contract rate and hours vary. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching credentials, and three letters of reference to: Corrie Uhler, Dist. 162 Community Education, 202 Bagley Ave. NW Bagley MN, 56621, or e-mail: cuhler@bagley.k12.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until filled. For additional information call 694-3232.

Paraeducator. Paraeducator opening in the Elementary. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Substitute Paras. Substitute para opportunities are available at Bagley Public School. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Native American Home School Liaison Positions - One full-time position open for 2020-2021 school year. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Lead Cook, a high school diploma or equivalent. Food Safety Manager Certificate or able to obtain it in one year. Previous food management including supervisory experience. Working knowledge of state and local food preparation and sanitation regulations.

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Substitute Food Service Support Staff, a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. Currently accepting applications for substitute food service support staff.

Full-Time Route Bus Drivers and Substitute Bus Drivers, must have or be able to obtain a school bus driver's license endorsement. The District is willing to help applicants obtain their school bus endorsement. New drivers will receive a \$200 stipend after six months of driving to help defray the cost of certification.

Application forms may be picked up in the District Office at 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or you may email jweems@bagley.k12.mn.us
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Communion

The formation was linear. Forward they came, one by one. On-and-on the partakers of this sacrament moved in unison. The little ones, arms crossed upon chest stood alongside adults to receive what was due them...a blessing. An honor to receive in any form and for now, until they understood more, the blessing would suffice.

“Take and eat, this is My body. Do this in memory of Me.” Matt. 26:26.

The table is set; grace is given as all are forgiven. Confession releases us to partake of His body and blood. After all, He gave it for all...once and for all...and all are welcome.

Trouble is, sometimes we justify rather than allow Him to do what He came for...to take away the burden, not add to it or to be a burden. In other words, we like to hang on to our sins rather than hand them over and let Him carry. To the world, releasing them can often be shameful, but He does not shame. He not only takes away, but carries all

that is too heavy for us. This world is not our home. Transition to the other side of the veil can be a stumbling block when we contrive our own strategies on how to get there. He has made a way; we need not make our own...nor can we. Why do we stumble? Most often we, knowingly or unknowingly, want to be on the throne. We want to be in charge. We want to call the shots so to speak. It comes natural to our old nature, but when we confess by admitting our short comings...sin dissipates as quickly as it enters once confessed. Confession...what a gift it is to be aware of sin...to turn from and turn towards His forgiveness.

So now what? We confess. We partake. We humble ourselves to receive that which He has already given...His body broken for us. What's our part? Once we confess, we need merely receive the gift given.

When Communion Sunday

rolls round, come to the table of grace which has been set. It's an offering given for you...for once...for all...for you...for me.

John 6:53 gives the reason for the gift which allows us to go, therefore, and live the Gospel. “I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life in you.”

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



drivers I'm seeing these days, both in my city and on the Interstate. What can I do about it?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol is extremely concerned about the high rate of speeds troopers are seeing throughout our state. In fact, as of Feb. 25, troopers have cited 132 drivers for speeds of 100 mph or more this year. That compares with 68 during the same time period last year.

With the alarming number of speed-related traffic incidents we're seeing, the Minnesota State Patrol is teaming up with law enforcement across the state with an educational and enforcement campaign aimed at motorists who are driving dangerous speeds. It's part of a campaign that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety is coordinating in collaboration with the Minnesota departments

of Health and Transportation. In addition to enforcement, education and awareness influence positive behaviors as well. We're getting the message out through social media, media relations and advertising across Minnesota.

Preliminary reports show 120 motorists died in speed-related crashes in 2020, the most since 2008 (125). The 395 traffic fatalities in 2020 (preliminary) are the most in five years, with speed contributing to 30 percent of all fatalities last year.

Twenty people have already lost their lives this year in speed-related crashes in 2021 compared with 10 this time last year. Troopers don't want to meet you on the side of the road for dangerous driving behavior, or worse, respond to a crash with fatalities or serious injuries that involve you or your loved ones. If you speed, expect to be stopped.

If you are concerned about a person speeding or driving aggressively, find a safe place to call 911 and provide as much information about the vehicle

as possible.

By driving smart and slowing down, we can all save lives on Minnesota roads and help everyone arrive home safely at the end of the day.

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).

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Sunday Drive

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



What can you get out a Sunday afternoon drive.....around Fourn town? Well, just a plain and simple great time. I grew up west of Oklee, MN, and now live east of Oklee, MN. I moved seven miles from home! One of my favorite things to do is go for a ride around the countryside and look for tractors and barns. These are a few of my favorite things(Sound of Music Pun intended)! Well I got even more than I bargained for!

I have recently had the opportunity of doing some lay minister work for the Grace and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches in Grygla. First this has been a great experience. Now after Sunday's service my wife asked, "What do you want to do?" I answered, "Go for a drive!" She was not surprised. We went by the home of Lee and Kandy Sundberg. Kandy worked as a FACS teacher with me at Goodridge School.....so instead of driving by we pulled in! In true Minnesota nice style we were invited in for coffee(social distancing of course). Before we stepped in the house I had to ask Lee for a tour of the tractors I saw in front of me in the hayshed. Now you must understand his preference is of the red variety and mine the green, but hey I love all tractors! First in line was an 856 with a cab, next a 656, a 560, and a nice 300 with a wide front. As you know and obviously from my last sentence you know I can not go long without a tractor conversation!

The history of that nice, red, low hour 300 caught my attention. I hope all my information is correct as I didn't write anything down and trusted my memory(not always a good idea)! The nice 300 was bought new in 1956 by Lee's father, Robert. It was purchased from the Anderson Dealership in

Grygla. Not only was there a IH dealership in Grygla, I learned there was a Minneapolis Moline and Allis Chalmers dealership and Case. My love of small town history was spiked! It is an amazing thought to me to think of all the small towns in the area that had one, two, maybe even three major agricultural dealerships! Boy times have changed! Thanks Lee and Kandy! Patty and I had such a great visit! I loved the stories about

How about a little tractor trivia!

- The 300 Farmall was built from 1954-_____?
- The drawbar horsepower of a 300 is _____?
A) 29.9hp B) 34.52hp C) 38.75hp
- With the Torque Amplifier the 300 Farmall has _____ forward speeds and _____ reverse.
A) 6/3 B) 8/1 C) 10/2
- What model did the 300 replace?
- What model replaced the 300?

Answers: 1. 1956 2. B. 34.52 hp 3. C. 10/2 it had a 5 speed transmission with one reverse, but the TA doubled that. 4. The 300 replaced the Super H 5. The 300 was replaced by the 350



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Help Wanted

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SUPERINTENDENT

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is hiring for a Superintendent of Schools. The contract for this position will begin July 1st, 2021. The Clearbrook-Gonvick school offers a regionally competitive salary and benefits. The final salary will be negotiated commensurate with experience and qualifications. Qualified candidates must submit the following documents by April 6th: Resume, cover letter, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and certificate of required licensure to be a superintendent in the state of Minnesota. These documents should be sent to: **Clearbrook-Gonvick School 16770 Clearwater Lake Rd. Clearbrook, MN 56634 Attn: Melissa Weems** R52-4C



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Applications may be obtained from Allen L Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer, 213 Main Ave N, Dept 202, Bagley, Minnesota 56621 or on the county website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us Annual salary range is \$59,716.80 –\$77,688.00. Applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. on April 2, 2021 to the Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Clearwater County will be taking applications to fill Heavy Equipment Operator positions for an employment roster. Future positions will be filled as needed from the roster created by this interview and testing process. There is one full-time position open at this time.

The applications will be screened for the following minimum qualifications: Class A Commercial Driver's License, three years of experience operating heavy equipment including motor graders, tandem trucks, loaders, backhoes, and dozers, and high school graduate or GED.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621, (218) 694-6132 or on our website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications must be received no later than April 19, 2021.

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City of Oklee Full Time Maintenance/Water and Waste Water Operator

The City of Oklee is seeking applicants for a full time City Maintenance/water and wastewater operator.

Duties include but will not be limited to operating City drinking water and waste water systems which requires Class D Licensing.

Wage rates based on experience. Applicants will be subject to a Background Check.

Experienced and licensed would be preferred although training will be given to the right applicant if required. Other Duties will include, snow removal, tree trimming, mowing and general street maintenance and other duties as assigned.

Applications are available by calling the City Clerk's office at 218-796-5183.

Applicants should submit the completed application to the:

**City of Oklee,
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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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POLK COUNTY, GULLY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND PENNINGTON COUNTY.

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Polk County Director of Property Records

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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:

Pine Lake Township, T149N-R38W, Section 6; Winsor Township, T150N-R38W, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31; and Hangaard Township, T151N-R38W, Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 all in Clearwater County. Eden Township, T149N-R39W, Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12; Gully Township, T150N-R39W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36; and Johnson Township, T151N-R39W, Sections 25, 35, and 36 all in Polk County.

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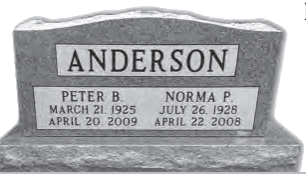
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Merle Burnett

Merle wrote his own obituary before he passed.

I, Merle Robert Burnett, was born June 23, 1949 in Crookston, MN (to Ruby and Leonard Burnett). On March 9, 2021, I looked up to heaven, raised up my hands and saw the Glory of Jesus Christ my Lord.

What a wonderful time it was growing up as a child on a dairy farm in northern Minnesota. There were plenty of chores to do, but there was also plenty of time for playing in the hay loft, running through the woods and pastures, hunting and fishing and all the other things that come from living in the country. It

was a great time to be a child in the 50's.

My mother (Ruby) was killed in a car accident when I was 4 years old. My grandpa and grandma Harold and Regina Casselman and Uncle Ken Casselman raised my oldest brother Gary and me on the dairy farm. An Uncle and Aunt in California, Lloyd and Evelyn Casselman raised my twin brother Mark for a number of years, then he came back and was raised at the farm with Gary and me. A childless couple, Harold and Norma Hoffard adopted my older brother Lowell and another Aunt and Uncle Chet and Clara Casselman adopted my baby sister Linda Ward.

Merle is survived by his wife of 37 years, Joy, daughter April and stepdaughter Karen and their families, his sister, Linda (David) Ward and sister-in-law, Janet Hoffard, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and one remaining Uncle-JL Burnett.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, Grandparents, Brothers Gary Burnett, Lowell Hoffard and Mark Burnett, and great niece, Ella Herr.

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Obituary for LeRoy Nelson

LeRoy Nelson, 70 of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Mass of Christian Burial for LeRoy was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 22, 2021 at St Bernard Catholic Church, Thief River Falls, MN with Father Rick Lambert officiating.

Visitation was held from 4-6 PM Sunday March 21, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service, Thief River Falls, MN with a 6 PM Prayer Service and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

LeRoy Dean Nelson was born on July 28, 1950 son of Vernon and Myrtle (Askeland) Nelson in Thief River Falls, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Olaf Lutheran Church at Grygla, MN. He attended Grygla elementary through 8th grade and graduated from Goodridge High School in 1968. He attended Thief River Vocational School and received a two-year degree in welding.

On November 15, 1969 he was united in marriage to Dorothy Schindler at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls. To this union two sons were born Dean and Jeff. The couple made their home

in Fargo where he worked for the Fargo foundry as a welder. In 1973 they moved back to Thief River Falls. LeRoy joined St. Bernard's Catholic Church in 1977.

LeRoy worked for GTA, Thief River Grain, Newfolds/Strandquist Elevators, Forrest River Elevator and Simplot in Thief River Falls. In 1995 he started Nelson Custom Application, leasing on with Simplot of Grafton, ND and was doing this until May of 2020 when he retired due to ill health. He also drove truck for Hartz Truck Line, Hutchinson Transfer, and did mowing for Jeff Olson Construction in the off season.

LeRoy was a Past President Eagle Club, Knights of Columbus and a member of the 567 Chevy Club. He loved to watch the grandkids sporting events, he enjoyed working in the shop on various projects, camping and going to Auction sales. He absolutely loved to visit with people, attending car shows, deer hunting with brother Lyle, nephews, nieces and grandchildren. When asked one thing that he was proud of he said "picking up the 7-10 split" in bowling. He will be missed dearly by all.

LeRoy is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Dorothy of Thief River Falls, MN; sons Dean (Carol) Nelson of Stewart, MN and Jeff (Jana) of Thief River Falls, MN; grandchildren Alex Nelson, Logan Nelson, Kade Nelson and Isabela Nelson; brother Lyle (Linda) Nelson of Grygla, MN.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Gloria Holte, brother-in-law James Holte, brother-in-law Roger Schindler and mother and father-in-law Jean and Ed Schindler.

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MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN – The Minnesota Twins announced today that single-game tickets for their first 17 scheduled home games of the 2021 season, from the April 8 Home Opener through May 6, will go on sale to the general public beginning at 10 a.m. CT this Thursday, March 25, and will be available online via twinsbaseball.com or through the MLB Ballpark app. There will be a limit of four (4) tickets per purchaser for the April 8 Home Opener, and twenty (20) tickets per game, per purchaser, for each of the other 16 games through May 6.

Per current state guidelines established by Governor Tim Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Twins will open the 2021 season with a maximum capacity of 10,000 fans per game at Target Field. To provide the safest environment possible for fans, staff and players, and to maximize guest comfort, the Twins will seat guests in "pods" of exactly two (2) or four (4) contiguous seats only, with a minimum distance of six (6) feet between pods in all directions. Sales are restricted to one (1) ticket purchaser per pod.

The 2021 home opener for the back-to-back American League Central Division Champion Twins is scheduled for Thursday, April 8 vs. the Seattle Mariners, with a 3:10 p.m. CT first pitch from Target Field. Minnesota's

Public Notice

Clearwater County Highway Department

5 Year Road and Bridge Plan

We are updating our 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan that details upcoming road and bridge projects within Clearwater County. All interested citizens, public officials, representatives of townships, cities, and tribal government are invited to provide input on the plan and help us address any issues, which we can look at programming. A copy of the 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan map can be viewed on our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us; go to Department List, then Highway, 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan or contact the Clearwater County Highway Department for a paper copy. We would appreciate comments, issues or concerns, please send comments to **Dan Sauve** at dan.sauve@co.clearwater.mn.us or mail to **Clearwater County Highway Department, 113 7th St NE, Bagley, MN 56621**. Please call us at (218) 694-6132, if you prefer to call in comments, have questions, or to request an individual meeting to discuss the plan.

Dan Sauvé, P.E., Clearwater County Engineer

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3. Fit window in Clerks Office (no window in presently) and replace existing windows (13# in total) on North, East Elevations and South Elevation.
4. Remove existing Siding on North and East Elevations of City Hall, Fire Dept. and Event Hall all the way up to Cenex.
5. Replace with 2x4 all supporting framework for siding and insulate, use a treated 2x10 at sidewalk level to allow for movement of sidewalks.
6. Replace existing siding as per plan and make good to existing Door Jambes at Fire Hall.
7. Level up Canopy over East Double doors and replace shingles and fascia and soffit.
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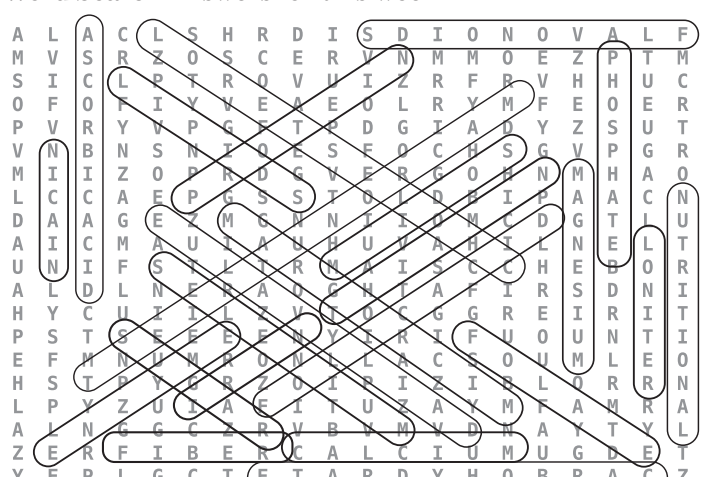
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Humhej Finds Comfortable Place in UMN Crookston

Story by Michelle Christopherson, Director of Outreach and Engagement

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Katie Humhej, right-hand pitcher from Surrey, British Columbia, joined UMN Crookston's softball team last fall to wrap up a second degree and complete her NCAA eligibility after three seasons at Long Island University Post prior to the program's decision to merge sports from LIU Post and LIU Brooklyn.

"The support here is unbelievable," she said. Humhej visited UMN Crookston one weekend last year when she found out she could complete her last year of athletic eligibility and earn a second degree in one year. "Everyone being so friendly and outgoing right away stepping on campus, I felt like I had a second home," said Humhej. "I loved the campus; honestly, the dorms are what got me," she said. "Crookston had more than the traditional residential life, it was the whole package. Right away everyone made me feel welcomed, and as an international student, Rae French, has been a big part of my time at UMN Crookston,"



"Right away, after stepping on campus, I felt like I had a second home," Katie Humhej, UMN Crookston health science senior, British Columbia.

she said. Humhej was excited she could finish a second degree in a short period of time, play the rest of her NCAA softball

eligibility, and enjoy the personal touch Crookston offered. "It was just something I just couldn't turn down," she said.

Humhej also plays for a national team, the Czech Republic women's national softball team. "I am a dual citizen, between Canada and the Czech republic, my dad was born there. I was noticed by the team when I was 18. They were playing in my city in the world championships. My dad was speaking Czech with one of the parents in the stands and one of the club managers overhead and was wondering a bit about his heritage." Humhej says the rest is history, "they came and watched me and offered me a position on the women's national team."

Humhej says the team atmosphere at UMN Crookston is one thing she will take back to her national team. "Being part of the game and being involved, as a pitcher I won't play every game, and here I have learned there are roles I can do from the sidelines to be part of the game wherever you are on the field," she says.

So what's next for Katie? She will graduate in May complet-

ing her degree in health sciences and will await to hear of her acceptance to graduate school. She will return to her national team, of the Czech Republic, for competition. "We lost in the Olympic qualifiers two years ago and didn't compete this past year due to COVID. The next chance for the Olympics will be to qualify for the 2028 games in Los Angeles. Humhej says that is a way off and she is hoping to play as long as possible and, in the meantime, get back to British Columbia and maybe go to graduate school. "I have been away for five years. I miss my family, and they miss me."

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Retailers Urged to Remove Marimo Moss Balls from Shelves; Consumers Asked to Destroy

March 17, 2021-Government agencies and invasive species programs across the country are urging stores to remove Marimo ball moss plants from sale after they were discovered to harbor a destructive invasive pest. Tiny zebra mussels were found in the imported aquarium plants, which are sold in pet, nursery, and home décor stores.

Consumers are urged not to purchase this product and—if they have any at home—to safely dispose of them by freezing or dunking in hot water, salt water or bleach. Once treated, balls can be placed in a sealed plastic bag and thrown in the trash. If balls were placed in an aquarium or terrarium, it is a good idea to treat the tank, pump, and accessories after removing fish, animals and plants. Further guidance can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/ANS/zebra-mussel-disposal.html>.

"Large pet stores including PETCO and PetSmart have

been extremely cooperative," says Doug Jensen, University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program's Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator. "They have removed Marimo balls from their shelves and sanitized their tanks." In the past, Minnesota hobbyists have mistakenly released many aquarium plants and animals into the wild, and Jensen says releasing Marimo balls would be very destructive. More information is available here from the national Habitat-titude campaign. <https://www.habitattitude.net/>

Locally, the Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is working with Jensen to get the message out to smaller retailers and hobbyists. Coordinator Lori Seele says, "Only a few Northland waters are infested with zebra mussels and we want to keep it that way."

If you see zebra mussels attached to moss balls, report it to the federal Nonindigenous



Aquatic Species database at <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/>.

Zebra mussels, and their relatives quagga mussels, can quickly take over once they get into lakes and rivers. These invasive mussels can clog drinking water intakes and foul boat hulls, motors, docks and lifts.

They disrupt the food chain and slow the growth of young walleye, making them vulnerable to predation and poor winter survival, according to a recent study by the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Center.

MnDOT conducts aerial photography in northwestern Minnesota

Residents asked not to disturb temporary targets

BEMIDJI, Minn. – In a sure sign of spring, the Minnesota Department of Transportation begins its transition away from snowplow season to construction by conducting aerial mapping in northwestern Minnesota.

Aerial mapping will take place in the following locations:

- Laporte and Benedict-

Highway 200

- Lake Bronson- Highway 59
- Walker and Akeley- Highways 371, 34 and 200

The aerial survey process relies on clear observations, and must be conducted after the snow has melted and before the trees leaf out. To assist the aerial survey plane in obtaining highly accurate mapping, MnDOT crews begin by paint-

ing large white "X" targets on paved surfaces, or using plastic or fabric "X" targets on unpaved surfaces. A survey crew then records the coordinate position and elevation of the temporary targets.

MnDOT requests that landowners not remove or disturb the targets until the photography is completed. If a target must be moved, please contact the MnDOT District 2 survey office at 218-755-6558 or by email at bradley.e.friese@state.mn.us.

Weather permitting, work will take place over the next couple of weeks. The mapping will create a record of existing infrastructure and landscape along MnDOT right of way for transportation planning and highway design. The wood panel targets are temporary and will be removed when the photography is completed.

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