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Boondocking in the Desert and Colorado River

Last winter during the Covid pandemic, I took my 5th wheel, traveled south and discovered a new word called “boondocking”. By my own definition, boondocking means free or almost free camping on BLM land (Bureau of Land Management) in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

The Bureau of Land Management has several ways of boondocking. You can get a one year permit for \$180.00 or you can squat on your own 500 acres for free. There are 10 day and 12 day maximum stay for free. You can also purchase a 14 day permit for \$40.00 that includes a water and dumping station. I found in most places that require a fee, you can never find anyplace to pay.

My trip starts out 5 miles south of Why, Arizona. You may ask “why”.... Why Arizona. This is the first BLM land that I encountered. There were several RV’s parked here, all maintaining about 100 yards distance from each other. Initially I saw a sign that said “fee area”, but I would learn this meant nothing. The next sign I saw said “smuggling and Illegal immigration may occur in this area”. Again, nothing was observed.



Organ Pipe Cactus.

I then traveled to Organ Pipe National Monument. This monument was named after the organ pipe cactus and this area is the only place in the United States where they grow. There is an incredible amount of bird life here and owls that burrow underground. The area also hosts 23 types of bats and 11 types of rattlesnakes (dormant in the winter). I even came across a desert tortoise shell on a hike. I also noted that many people leave their hoods up in their vehicles because packrats like to nest in the engine. So I did the same. I don’t know where the packrats go at night.



A 55 gallon drum full of drinking water. Some humanitarian group has placed these throughout the desert for illegals traveling through.

When hiking in the park, you will occasionally see a tall blue flag in the desert. Underneath the flag, there will be a 55-gallon drum full of drinking water. Some humanitarian group has placed these throughout the desert for illegals traveling through.

At Christmas, I met some friends from Denmark. We had a delightful Danish traditional Christmas dinner in the desert. Say that real fast three times.

The day after Christmas, I traveled a few miles north to the town of Ajo, Arizona. Ajo is a copper mining (open pit) town that has a Minnesota connection. The original engineer of the mine was a man called Greenway. The town of Greenway, Minnesota is named after him. Engineers from Minneapolis designed the master plan for the town. They also built a magnificent high school. Today, this building houses artists. The mine was shut down in 1985. The town was almost abandoned, but today is a tourist stop and provides inexpensive retirement homes.

Organ Pipe borders Mexico



Boondocking here along the river.

and is one of the places a new wall (separating Mexico and the United States) has been built. The wall is made of 6 X 8 inch rectangular steel held in place by cement. The wall is approximately 40 feet high with a 4 X 8 foot steel plate on top. There are about 6 inch slots between the rectangular steel. Oddly enough, as I walked near the wall, Mexicans would put their arms through it trying to give me money to help pay for the wall.



Part of the Wall near the Mexican border.

My actual destination was the Colorado River. I left Organ Pipe and headed for Yuma, Arizona. I made a quick stop in the middle of the Sonoran Desert at the small hamlet called Dateland. At Dateland, you can buy a date shake. I know this sounds horrible but they are actually quite good.

When you get near Yuma, Arizona and the Colorado River, you come across fields and rivers of lettuce being harvested. There are two dams on the Colorado River near Yuma, the Laguna and Imperial. They create the lakes of Cibola, Mitry, Imperial and Martinez. Believe it or not, the lakes have fish – crappies, small and large mouth bass and stripers. People seem to catch a few from time to time. Most of the area is BLM land so you can camp where you want.

The systems of dams continue north. Located north of Parker, Arizona is the Parker Dam which creates Lake Havasu. The Davis Dam is located in Laughlin Nevada creating Lake Mojave and north is the Hoover Dam, creating Lake Mead.

I only went as far north as Lake Havasu. You can boondock most places along the way. The problem in January and February is the further north you go, the weather keeps getting colder. In the south, I experienced low 70’s for the highs and mid 40’s for the lows.

After spending quite a of time on Lake Mitry, I headed north to Quartzsite, Arizona, the unofficial home of boondocking. No matter what direction you enter in Quartzsite in January and February, there are RV’s in the desert as far as you can see. According to the Chamber of Commerce, there can be anywhere from 1.2 to 2 million people passing through this area in the winter. This year, campers were greatly reduced due to Covid and Canadians could not cross the border. You will see tents, homemade campers and million dollar RV’s and everything in between.

One of the attractions in Quartzsite is possibly the world’s largest swap meet – ev-

erything from soup to nuts. This area also contains many gems and minerals if you want to prospect on BLM land. You are allowed to take home 25 pounds of rocks a day. If you need a religious fix, there is a tent revival meeting every night. Off roading is huge here since you can go anywhere on BLM land. There is even a 700 mile trail called the Arizona Peace Trail.

When you first arrive at Quartzsite, you would think the entire state of South Dakota is there. That is until you ask what part of South Dakota they are from. This question is met with a blank stare...they look down and say I’m really not from South Dakota (cheap license plates).

There is one historical monument in Quartzsite called Hi Jolly. This monument is to honor a Syrian who led camel caravans of cargo from Quartzsite to the Colorado River prior to the Civil War. Once the war started, this program was discontinued.

From Quartzsite, I continued north to Parker, Arizona

on the Colorado River. North of Parker is the Parker Dam. This is the deepest underwater dam in the world, 375 feet below surface. On the Arizona side of the river between Parker and Lake Havasu City, the drive is spectacular (rugged desert mountains) with some great places and views for boondocking. Lake Havasu is probably best known for the London Bridge. The bridge was actually dismantled, numbered piece by piece in London. It was then shipped to Lake Havasu City and reassembled piece by piece and was completed in 1971. The town itself is pretty new and a great place to visit.

I then traveled back south to the Parker Dam and crossed over to the California side of the river. You immediately see signs to beware of the wild burros. I never saw one but there were certainly a lot of warning signs.

Traveling south, I eventually ran into the town of Earp (sound like what a baby does). This town was founded by Wyatt



Davis Dam.

Trio of Minnesota FFA State Officers Find a Home at UMN Crookston



Elaina Knott, Ben Olander and Laney Swiers.

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Not one, not two, but three. Three is the magic number this year when it comes to current Minnesota State FFA Officers on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus. It seemed unthinkable. UMN Crookston is no stranger to having a state officer on-campus during their team. Britton Fuglseth (reporter) did it in 2019-20. Eleora DeMuth (reporter) did it

in 2017-18. James Mathiowetz (sentinel) is on campus now after serving in his role in 2018-19. But this year, UMN Crookston boasts the current Minnesota State FFA President Ben Olander, Treasurer Elaina Knott, and Sentinel Laney Swiers.

It is a unique happenstance for the Golden Eagles. And one, that when the officers were first announced in May 2020, seemed

Earp while he was working a mining claim. Today the town of Earp consists of a post office.

I then returned to Parker, Arizona and proceeded south. About 12 miles south of Parker is a town called Poston. This town hosts a large monument dedicated to the 18,000 Japanese Americans that were interned here from 1942 to 1945.

South of Poston is a large agricultural area all irrigated from the Colorado River. I stopped at a farm called Rolando and talked to the manager, Albert. He said he has been working on the farm since 1968. The farm is 3,500 acres and they raise cotton, alfalfa and wheat. The land is leased from the C.R.I.T., the Colorado River Indian tribes.

The flow of the Colorado River in this area looks similar to the Mississippi north of Minneapolis. The Colorado River

provides drinking water and irrigates an incredible amount of agriculture across the cities of Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, Los Angeles and San Diego, not to mention a lot of small towns. By the time the Colorado River gets to Mexico, it just dribbles. There is no water that flows into the Sea of Cortez, its natural outlet.

I then crossed the Colorado River back into California near Blythe. I traveled south through acres of onion fields heading for a place called Oxbow. I always thought the Colorado River was the border between California and Arizona. This was once true, then the river took a course change leaving an oxbow – a small chunk of land west of the river. Arizona owns this area.

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Hi Jolly is a monument to honor a Syrian who led camel caravans of cargo from Quartzsite to the Colorado River prior to the Civil War.



London Bridge.

unbelievable even to the trio involved.

“I was the first one announced and thought I was going to be the only one that is going to be from Minnesota Crookston,” Swiers stated. “There was Britton, there was Eleora. There has never been more than one person in a class from Crookston. They said the name of Anna (Euerle) early, and then they said Elaina. Elaina is from region one and we were on a region team together. She was the region president and I was the region vice president. I literally bowed my eyes out because I was like ‘that is so cool.’ I called Elaina right after and was like ‘are you joking, this is amazing.’ And lastly, Ben got called. And I was like wow, we are really representing the north. This is what I wanted so bad. I think it is awesome that we all three get to represent our regions and UMN Crookston.”

All three have had different paths in FFA, but they all have one main similarity - the overall impact the organization has had on their lives. For Olander, a graduate of Staples-Motley H.S., FFA first piqued his interest through supervised agricultural experiences or work-based learning. He was driving home one day and told his father that he wanted to start his own steer business. From there, the

two tried to figure out the best way in which he could start his own business. “That summer my Dad and I went to Menards and built a lean-to and a pen for them and that fall and spring I ended up getting my own steers and raised them for five or six years until I graduated,” Olander stated.

For Knott, she started out in FFA purely to get awards, plaques, and medals while competing in the poultry competition. It was actually almost by accident that she ended up in a leadership role within her high school FFA organization at Lincoln H.S. in Thief River Falls, Minn. “I accidentally went into the FFA and agriculture room,” said Knott. “I was bringing in my check for \$30 for the dues, and they were in the middle of chapter officer interviews. That is not something I wanted to do. I wanted to be strictly in the poultry competition, nothing else, nothing more. Mrs. Katie Shaw, my advisor, saw me and she sat me down. I got almost every question wrong about FFA and the next year I was a student advisor on the chapter officer team. It all started when I accidentally walked into the ag room when they were doing officer interviews.”

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There are some great views to see when hiking in the desert.

Boondocking... continued from front

There is great boondocking here along the river. Beautiful evening skies and like most places in the desert, you will hear a chorus of coyotes in the evening. There is an old wood planked, one lane bridge over the river at Oxbow. When vehicles cross the bridge, it makes a noise like it's going down at any time. Crossing the bridge, the road takes you to Cibola National Wildlife Refuge. In December, January and February, this refuge is the home to thousands of migrating birds. I observed 8 varieties of ducks, snow geese, Canadian geese, pelicans, sand hill cranes, egrets, and herons.

My next stop was south of the Oxbow on more BLM land. There were many abandoned gold mines and the Glamis Sand Dunes to the west. People still come to this area to prospect and see if there is anything left in the old mines. I got to know two other campers, a French husband and wife. They have a sailboat in San Blas Mexico. They couldn't get to their boat because of Covid so they decided to boondock. We had plans for dinner together. We had a great meal and then the wind picked up. The RV was rocking and felt like it was going to blow over (it didn't). The sand blew so hard, it felt and looked like we were in Lawrence of Arabia.

My next stop south was to Alcadones, Mexico. I had both Pfizer vaccines and needed some dental work done. Alcadones is located on the California border not far from Yuma. Alcadones is what they call a medical destination. There are more dentists per square mile than any place in the world - 360 to be exact in this little town. The dental offices are equal to the United States. All the dentists have degrees from the US or Mexico and the cost is about 20 cents on the dollar. There is also no problem getting in and out of Mexico. They all follow strict Covid protocols as well. This is the only time I had a dentist send a car to pick me up once I crossed the border. I call that service.

My last stop was in Yuma, Arizona a town of RV's, park models, trailer houses and normal homes. I visited the Old Territorial Prison which is the number one tourist attraction in Yuma. I had an interesting tour of what prison life was in the late 1880's.



Yuma Territorial Prison.

That concluded my boondocking trip. Along the way, I met many interesting people from all angles of life. An Israeli scientist, two French sailors, full time RVers, a malting barley farmer from Montana, a lady who was on her way to hike the Appalachian Trail, an opera singer, some Wyoming cowboys, three retired nurses that all had their own RV and a Brazilian dentist.

Due to the Covid pandemic, I thought being in the desert would be the safest place to be. Spending the winter in Minnesota was certainly not an option. The trip turned out to be a delight. I would recommend boondocking to anyone who likes this sort of travel.

By Dolly Lindstrom

Northland Community & Technical College Awards Spring 2021 Foundation Scholarships

One hundred thirty-three scholarships totaling over \$63,000 were awarded

April 19, 2021 — Northland Community & Technical College proudly announces the recipients of the spring 2021 Northland Community & Technical College Foundation scholarships. As part of its mission to enhance the educational experience of students, the Northland Foundation offers scholarship opportunities semi-annually to current and incoming students. With the generous support and investments from individuals and local businesses, the Northland Foundation distributes over \$150,000 annually in scholarships. One hundred thirty-three scholarships totaling over \$63,000 were awarded to students on both the East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls campuses during the spring semester.



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Damage was localized to the rear of the shop where a chicken coop was located. No further information will be released at this time.

Assisting agencies include Mentor Fire, Erskine Fire, Fertile Fire and Fertile County EMS.

Reckless Discharge of a firearm

On 4/18/2021 at 1458, Polk County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a possible gunshot at 324 N Mark Ave in the City of Fossston. Polk County deputies responded to the report of a gunshot inside the Foxtail Apartment building. During the investigation it was determined no one was injured inside of the apartment complex. A firearm and empty shell casing was located. One adult male was arrested and is in custody at Northwest Regional Corrections Center.

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Anyone interested in having calcium chloride applied to the road adjacent to their home or business should contact the Clearwater County Highway Department in Bagley, MN at (218) 694-6132 or you may send an email to char.syverson@co.clearwater.mn.us no later than Friday, May 21st, 2021.

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All bidders must have completed a Contractor Application prior to 4:30 P.M. on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Information regarding the sale is available at the Land Commissioner's office, Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley, MN or on the County website, www.co.clearwater.mn.us

Public Notice Licensed Beaver Trapper Wanted

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If you want to be included on the trapping list, please submit your name, address, phone number, email, and area of the County you are willing to trap to Clearwater County Highway Department, 113 7th St NE, Bagley, MN 56621 or email char.syverson@co.clearwater.mn.us with contact information.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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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:

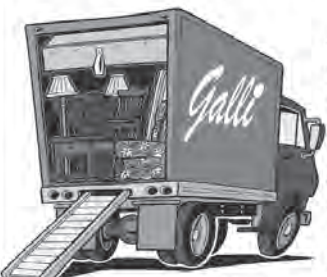
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PO Box 190,
Oklee MN 56742**

This position will remain open until filled. The City of Oklee is an Equal Opportunity Provider

O48th

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29 South Main Ave
Bagley, MN 56621

R5-7C

LANDFILL TECHNICIAN - POLK COUNTY LANDFILL

The Polk County Landfill located in Gently, MN has an opening for a full-time **Landfill Technician**. Primary duties include but are not limited to evaluating and inspecting waste materials, documenting load information, operating heavy equipment to process materials, maintaining equipment, collecting fees and maintaining compliance with local, state and federal permits. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and have a minimum two (2) years of experience operating various types of heavy equipment. A valid Class B MN driver's license is required. Applicants must have the ability to clearly and effectively communicate verbally with the public and to work in adverse site conditions and extreme environments. A pre-employment physical exam is required. Wage range for this position is \$18.97 - \$24.12/hour, DOE and qualifications. To obtain an application and full job description go to <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on "Careers". Applications for this position will be received until filled. Please mail your completed application to the Polk County Government Center, Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail: alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us EEO.

R3TEC

FACILITY YARD OPERATOR

The Polk County Incinerator, Fosston, MN has an opening for a full-time Facility Yard Operator position. Duties include but are not limited to: Screening incoming material loads, directing and assisting the public with proper waste disposition, aggregating materials, maintaining material receiving areas and containers, processing incoming material loads, loading/unloading material transfer containers/trailers, performing basic cleaning/maintenance of equipment, facilities and grounds, and completing basic tracking/reporting functions. High school diploma or GED and a minimum 3 years of experience operating various types of heavy equipment, or equivalent combination of education and experience. A valid driver's license is required. Wage range for this position is \$15.93 - \$20.25/hour, DOE and qualifications. Interested individuals may contact the Fosston Incinerator at 218-435-6501 or the Polk Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408. To obtain an application and full job description go to: www.co.polk.mn.us and click on Careers. Please submit your application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 or to the Polk County/Fosston Incinerator, 708 8th Street NW, Fosston, MN 56542. Applications may also be emailed directly to jon.steiner@co.polk.mn.us or alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us

Applications will be received until April 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. EOE

R4-5C



Red Lake County Central Elementary School in Plummer, MN has a **full-time Elementary Education teaching position open for the 2021-2022 school year**. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire a Minnesota teaching license.

Interested candidates must submit the following:

- **District Application**
- **Letter of Application**
- **Resume**
- **Teaching Credentials**
- **Copy of Official College Transcripts**
- **Three (3) signed Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants interested in the position, should submit their completed application to: Mr. Andrew Fougner, Principal, Red Lake County Central Elementary, PO Box 7, Plummer, MN 56748, 218-465-4222

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application forms are available at www.ricc2906.org
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O4-5C

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R43th

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME CUSTODIAL STAFF

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

R3-6C

HELP WANTED

Need person to run tire truck and work in service shop. Benefits include paid vacation, sick leave most holidays. 401k.

Apply in office or call
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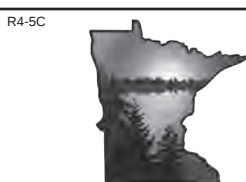
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Preferred skills include excellent communication, organization, and problem solving. Will be responsible for quality checks in all areas of the shop, willing to train on the job.

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G2-5C



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R4-5C

HELP WANTED

City of Plummer

Part time summer help. Duties include mowing, weed whacking, painting and other duties assigned by Maintenance Supervisor.

Must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications may be picked up at the City Clerk's office
Mon. - Thurs., from 8-noon.

Application deadline is May 4, 2021.
City of Plummer is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

O4-6C



Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, MN is seeking a 7-12 Music teacher 1.0 FTE position for school year 2021-22.

Position open until filled. Interested candidates should contact Randy Pederson, Principal, at 218-796-5136

O3-6C

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R48-7C

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R38th

Transport Deputy - Polk County, MN

Polk County Sheriff's Department is seeking applications for a full-time Transport Deputy position. Applicants must have an Associate's Degree in criminal justice or law enforcement, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of State of MN POST License and a valid driver's license are required. The primary duties for this position is to transport inmates to and from courts, detention centers, medical centers, and other locations as directed. Additional duties include court security, bailiff duty, and proper execution of various civil process and criminal warrants. Applicants must have completed skills and be full time licensed or license eligible by the MN POST Board by date of hire. A valid driver's license is required. Wage range for this position is \$22.59 - \$28.72/hour; DOE and qualifications. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on "Careers". Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us. Applications will be received until 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2021. EOE.

R5-6C



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Greige (Part I)

“Paint it ‘Greige’ mom,” said my daughter. “It’s a nice combination of gray and brown tones. It’s much warmer than a cool singular gray color.”

It sounded good to me, and so I arrived at the paint store to put in a request for my new kitchen colors. “I’d like to see the paint color ‘Greige,’ please.”

The keeper of the paint store gently nudged me over to the choices. “It’s a color pallet. You have many shades from which to choose.”

“Oh,” was all I could muster. Decisions aren’t my forte. It’s not like I don’t make good ones. I do. However, factor in the number of choices for any given decision and...well, “Houston, we have a problem!”

Some say you can always repaint...it’s just paint. I say, I need to get it right the first time because I don’t want to spend time redoing it. Thus began my dilemma.

I came home with many samples to say the least. More suggestions came in, and soon I was off and running to gather each one. I loaded up on every swatch that looked like a color match and at this point, there

were a BUNCH!

Narrowing it down came easily enough until the sunlight moved within the room. I began digging out the ones I’d already put away in order to compare and contrast. Soon, there were not just a few narrowed down color choices, but many, and thus it went.

I sent videos in order to gather opinions from those I trusted. For several days...back and forth the discussions went. “I need a decorating therapist,” was my S.O.S. sent out to one who was willing to put up with my oral processing.

“Lord, you know my needs before I even ask. I ask for you to make it clear to me what color you’d like me to paint my kitchen. This space serves others. It’s a place my kids call

home, and I have time to focus on this now. Please, I ask You to give me some sense of direction in this decision making process. Help bring about a peace so I know it’s the right choice. It’s becoming a distraction and at times an obsession. Help me to see things as you see them and not how I perceive them to be. May this process of discernment be a blessing as unto the Lord.”

“I pray this Lord, in Your name. Amen.”

I’m heading out the door. I’ll keep you posted once I’m back. (To be continued.)

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Can you talk about motorcycle safety going into Spring riding?

Answer: Here is some helpful information that was shared on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety’s blog: Finally, some sunshine and warmth: The perfect time to dust off your motorcycle and get back on the open road, if you haven’t already. There are a few riding hazards that only spring can bring. Best to know how to navigate them safely. And while you’re at it, how about signing up for a rider training course?

Sometimes the things your city or town did to help mitigate the effects of snow and ice during the winter – that is, laying down sand or gravel on the streets – can prove hazardous for motorcyclists in the spring. Keep an eye out for it especially at intersections and turns.

Cycles of freezing and thawing can also make the pavement crack and buckle. This can result in anything from uneven surfaces to large potholes, so watch the road carefully. And remember that the ice may not be entirely gone yet. Spring nights can still get pretty cold, which can cause snow runoff to refreeze. Watch for it especially in shady spots or on early morning spring rides.

No matter what season it is, remember to wear full, brightly colored protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet.

It’ll keep you visible to other motorists and protect you in case of a crash.

A great way to sharpen up your skills after the long winter is to take a rider training course from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC). The MMSC rider training program has served riders for more than 35 years with affordable, high-quality, professional training and education. Training starts in April at sites throughout the state.

Before you think training is just for beginners, consider this: The MMSC offers training for every skill level. For example, the Intermediate Rider Course is a great way to warm up for this year’s riding season or practice on a new motorcycle. All riders should take a training

course every couple of years to keep their skills sharp. It also makes for a fun day out on your motorcycle.

So visit motorcyclesafety.org to read about course offerings and register for training courses. Then you can ride safely throughout the season with confidence.

<https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210329-spring-motorcycle-safety-training.aspx>

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).





Don’t See a Jet Star Everyday

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



I just love it when I get to stumble across a tractor or a story that I can use in my article. Sunday, on my way to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, near Grande Corner, I came across just one of these tractor opportunities!

Coming down a long driveway I recognized a Minneapolis Moline slowly making its way toward the highway leveling the gravel. I drove by, then looked at my watch and said to my wife, “We have time!” Next, I made a U-turn and reached for my phone. Luckily the Minneapolis Moline was now right at the end of the driveway. I stepped out of the truck and walked over to the tractor and introduced myself and took a picture of an original condition, Minneapolis Moline Jet Star Two! The driver, Jessica Byklum told me the fine little Minneapolis Moline was a great starter and runner. As I said the tractor was a Jet Star Two and it had been purchased new by her grandfather, Ole Byklum. It then was passed down to her father Orvis Byklum, and now Jessica is in the driver’s seat. Jessica and her mother Marilou live on the farm and have some cattle and lucky for me they have this nice little Minneapolis Moline tractor that caught my eye.

After doing some further research I assume the little Moline came from Henry Holte’s dealership which was located on the east side of Grygla where part of Machine Well is now located.

It turns out the Jet Star tractor came out in 1959 and was made until 1962. In 1963, it became the Jet Star Two. This was the only year of production for the JS Two. One thousand

one hundred of these tractors were made with a gas engine and considerably less with a Diesel engine. I have never driven a Jet Star, but now I know where one is....so maybe I can request a chance! Thank

you, Jessica, for deciding this would be a good time to grade the driveway so I could meet you and see a nice Minneapolis Moline. I can’t wait to go for another drive.....you never know what you might see.

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What is the obvious difference between the Jet Star and the JS Two?
2. Why do you think the JS Two was only produced for on year,1963?
3. T or F The Jet Star, JS Two, and JS 3 all used a 3.4 liter engine.
4. Minneapolis Moline claimed the HP of a Jet Star Two was
A). 34hp B) 39hp C) 44hp D) 47hp
5. How many speeds does the transmission of a Jet Star Two have?

Answers: 1. The Jet Star was painted brown, while the Jet Star Two has the Moline yellow. 2. It came out at the time that White bought out Minneapolis Moline and immediately the Jet Star 3 replaced it. 3. True-all the same engine 4. C. 44hp 5. The Jet Star has 10 forward speeds and two reverse thanks to the Hi/Lo AmpliTorque transmission.



Jessica Byklum on her Jet Star Two!

EMPLOYMENT ADS



218-776-3375

Part time employee. Job tasks will include, but will not be limited to Customer service, Cash Handling, Stocking, Cleaning, Food Prep, Product rotation, merchandising and cooking. **R5C**

HELP WANTED

American State Bank of Grygla, Erskine Branch is seeking an Operations/ Customer Service person. The ideal candidate will maintain a professional image to assist customers with our banking products. Strong communication skills and basic computer knowledge required. Please submit a resume to michelle.johnson@asbgrygla.com or American State Bank of Grygla, PO Box 280, Erskine, MN 56535. EOE of women, minorities, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities **M5-6C**



North Central Feed Products in Gonvick is seeking an employee to work in their feed manufacturing plant. This is a full time Monday thru Friday position. Desire a person with a strong agricultural interest or background with good communication skills and willingness to learn. A full job description and job application are available at our office at 70 Alice St in Gonvick. Stop and pick up an application or call for an appointment. 218-487-6040. **R5C**

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Clearwater County will be taking applications for an Engineering Technician position in the Clearwater County Highway Department. This position will include construction inspection, material testing, surveying, computer aid design, plan preparation, and other Department functions.

Education and Experience: Preferred qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, or experience related to civil engineering in surveying, inspection and drafting plans, and experience in using computers.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until position is filled.

Clearwater County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

R5-7C

Red Lake County Deputy Auditor

Position is responsible for performing accounting and administrative functions of the Auditor’s office, work with computer programs and software, and work with the public. Position is full-time, 35 hrs./wk.; wage is \$19.35/hr., benefit package is available.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent; 1-2 years of post-secondary education in Accounting, Business, or related field and 1-2 years related experience; or an equivalent combination of education and related experience. Computer experience and Microsoft Office is required.

Must be proficient in computer skills and willing to learn various software applications.

Applications and more information are available at www.co.red-lake.mn.us/employment. Questions call the HR office at 218-253-2590 or email hr@co.red-lake.mn.us. Position is open until filled. EOE **O5-6C**

DEPUTY SHERIFF PATROL

The Polk County Sheriff’s Department is seeking applications for a full-time Deputy Sheriff Patrol position. This position would be assigned to the Fosston area. Applicants must have an Associate’s Degree in criminal justice or law enforcement, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of State of MN POST License and a valid driver’s license are required. Duties include but are not limited to: investigations, testifying, responding to calls, complaints, patrolling the county, and assisting with service of civil process. A full job description and application can be obtained by contacting the Polk County Administrator’s Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN (218) 281-5408 or go online to <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> and click on Careers. The salary range for this position is \$25.38 - \$32.27/hr. depending on experience and qualifications. Applications for this position will be received in the Administrator’s Office until 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2021 or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us Applications will be received until 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2021. EOE. **R5-6C**

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Items can be viewed at the elevator; bids should have a name and phone number.

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The Clearbrook Elevator Reserves The Right To Reject Any And All Bids.

R4-5C

Hearing for Petition for Use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 115 Drainage System as an Outlet

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 22nd day of April, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Board Room, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN, a public hearing will be held regarding a petition from Wayne and Debra Vetteson for use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 1, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 115, located in both Polk County and Red Lake County, MN, as an outlet to drain approximately 200 acres in the W1/2 SE1/4, Section 26 and the SE1/4, Section 35, Equality Township, Red Lake County, Minnesota.

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

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

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Laney Swiers



Ben Olander



Elaina Knott

Swiers' path to FFA started because of her siblings, and more specifically the impact of her older sister Lindsey. "My sister Lindsey was in FFA and she was in the Nursery/Landscape CDE contest," Swiers remembered. "All of my siblings have been in FFA. I am the fifth kid. My dad was in the FFA. My mom was in FFA. My sister Lindsey encouraged me to join and she said you should do Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE) with me. I was like okay. I didn't really have a thing for plants when I was in high school. Little did I know I would be minoring in it when I got to college. I am minoring in horticulture all because of Nursery/Landscape."

They each had their different routes to their leadership positions within FFA. Like stated before, Knott's was almost by accident, but both Olander and Swiers had their paths a little more planned out. For Swiers, she always had envisioned the potential of being in a leadership position, but she didn't think it was truly possible. It would be at the State Greenhand Leadership Conference (SGLC) during the summer after her freshman year that Swiers truly started to believe it was possible. It was also with the help of someone who would eventually become a friend and fellow Golden Eagle.

"I remember the summer after my freshman year I went to a conference called SGLC (State Greenhand Leadership Conference)," Swiers said. "The state officers there were mesmerizing. It was an all girl team, so I was like, 'that could be me.' I thought I needed to do a lot of work to get there. There was a girl named Emma there and she told me you could be a state officer. And Eleora (DeMuth) was a state officer at the time. She was the state reporter. For the last day of the conference she

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came up to me and said, 'Laney, you need to work hard and get involved because you would be an amazing state officer.' I took that to heart. I went home and practiced interview questions for years after that. I was like I am going to be a state officer because Eleora told me I could be."

Olander's road to a leadership position began because of what he observed at a leadership conference within FFA. "I really never dreamed that I was going to get to a leadership position like this," Olander stated. "I went to a region two leadership rally. The first one I went to in the fall of my freshman year. I saw the region officer team and region president there and saw what they did to facilitate the event, including some of the organizational skills. I am very detail-oriented and I like to see some of those things come together. I thought it was so cool to see how they ran it as students. FFA is considered the largest student-lead organization in the world, and it is. It is incredible to see students and what they can actually do."

All three students had different paths within the organization, but amazingly they would all find their way to UMN Crookston. Swiers from Mahanomen, Knott from Thief River Falls, and Olander from Staples.

"Sophomore and junior year I was set on going to NDSU," Olander stated. "I went on a tour there and I absolutely hated it. I like the small town feel. Their lecture halls are huge. The campus takes 20 minutes to walk across from one corner to another. At UMN Crookston, I have timed it in five to seven minutes. The other thing up here, I mentioned I like to work. It has been easy to find funds to support working on different projects. While you may find your group within your classes (at a bigger school), I don't think you get the connection with the whole campus or the overall diverse group. You wouldn't acclimate with each other as you do here because of the small town feel. Even if I go out of my hall, even though it is a COVID year, you still recognize a lot of people. You walk by and say, 'hey, I recognize that person.' It is definitely something I truly enjoy."

"Originally wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon and then I was really kicking around being a veterinarian, until later into my sophomore year," Knott recalled. "I then started to see what my ag teacher was doing and all the different impacts she has on her students, and impact on myself, as well. I started getting involved on the region level and now onto the state level."

It was very apparent to me I needed to be an ag teacher and that is where I wanted to be. I absolutely love sharing my passions for agriculture, a little extra to the poultry. I also love seeing members develop those leadership characteristics I got and to have those aha moments. I absolutely love that. When I had my major figured out, I started to look at colleges like one does. I was dead set on going to the Twin Cities ever since I was very young. I started to look at their ag ed program and I started to see that it wasn't what I really wanted. I love the atmosphere down in the Cities, but I personally didn't think the education was as quality as I could get in Crookston. I would say that I get a lot more hands-on experiences in Crookston. Yesterday I was in the barn shearing sheep. Never have I ever done that before. That was interesting. At the same time, we are shearing sheep, we have a heifer giving birth a few pens over. It just shows the small community Crookston has and the opportunities we have available as students."

"After ninth grade I went to a conference called Intense," Swiers remembered. "We went all across Minnesota to different businesses, industries, and universities. We started at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and eventually made our way to UMN Crookston. That is where I found my niche. My advisor -Jenna (Cardinal) Bendickson - went to UMC and she always talked about it. I was focused on the Twin Cities for a while, and I didn't want to go college until I went to Intense. That is where I found my place to belong here at UMC. It was kind of cool. My advisor was the one who was talking to us when we got to UMC. She was showing us around and telling

us about ag ed and different places on campus. I was like, I could see myself going here."

While they all have had different routes, they were all influenced by FFA in their lives. Now they are enjoying UMN Crookston and serving as Minnesota State FFA Officers while on the same campus. It has great advantages, especially in a COVID year where they have hosted many of their events virtually.

"It is honestly so cool," Swiers said. "We can go into one of our rooms and prepare for convention or we can record videos. It is so easy, it is so accessible. They are amazing people. It is a huge bonus that I get to be on the same campus as them."

"It is pretty special," Olander stated. "It has been a blessing for the three of us because we have been able to work on some projects together. I work with Laney and she shoots a lot of my videos because she has a nice camera. They both know how to put videos together and I didn't know how before this year. That became an important tool. Now I am able to do some of my own work. Being there for one another and providing those opportunities and support has been really special."

They have also been comforted by having other past FFA State Officers on campus in DeMuth, Fuglseth, and Mathio-wetz who have been instrumental in providing guidance and help whenever the trio needs it.

"When we came here, Britton, Eleora, and James were on our case," Swiers recalled. "They were going to help us out with everything we needed FFA-wise and Ag Ed-wise. Me and Elaina have coffee with Eleora just to talk about life and talk about Ag Ed, how passionate we are about it, what emphasis we want to go into and what school districts. Knowing someone is further along than us, but is still passionate about it, is so great to hear. It is the same thing with Britton. We can sit down with her for hours and talk about Ag Ed, our chapter, and FFA. It is nice to have someone to talk to who understands because they have been state officers too. There are a lot of challenging parts of being a state officer. There are more amazing parts, but also those challenging parts they have experience in. It is nice to have someone to talk about it."

Olander, Knott, and Swiers are currently putting the final touches on the FFA State Convention set to take place next week April 19-23 virtually. They have been putting in the work and all three are excited to unveil everything they will be doing for the convention.

"I think back to March 2020 and I was like, 'oh, I am just going to go to the next day and to the next day,'" stated Olander. "You don't necessarily think about some of those things you take for granted on a day-to-day basis. The virtual world has opened up the ability to have some different experiences that you would otherwise travel to in-person in a normal year and probably wouldn't be able to make it. Our convention theme this year is "Work It." As you look forward to future conventions, I wouldn't be surprised if in-person attendance isn't as high as it used to be. That isn't a bad thing. It just means people are receiving that information in a different way. A phrase I often use is to optimistically adapt. It has allowed us to adapt to different things as they came about, and finding opportunities. You learn to never look too far into the future and take it day-by-day, and not take for granted some of the things you have."

"We are doing a virtual convention this year," Knott stated. "We are meeting in the Cities to record our entire convention. We will have five sessions. Convention will be five days long. They are just very short snippets because nobody wants to sit in front of a screen for very long. We are trying to come up with content that is worthwhile to watch for our members, for our teachers, for our partners. When it comes to convention, those videos will be rolled out throughout the state. There are different challenges. We've been very thankful to partner with our financial partners and our foundation to provide some really awesome prizes for our members, to encourage them to come and reward them. Our team will be traveling that entire week across the state. We

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will be living out of a van and maybe a couple of hotel rooms. We will be stopping by and literally rolling down a window and giving some kids their awards, waving, shouting and then rolling the window up and down the road we go."

"Honestly I am so excited,"

Swiers said with a big smile on her face. "I am literally shaking every time I think about it. It is going to be so cool. At first we were so bummed it was going to be virtual. The more we planned, the more we talked about it, we were like, we need to execute this because it can be really cool. We are pre-recording convention and then we are going to be sending it out April 19-20. Through the entire week the state officers will be driving through Minnesota and waving through our windows at different chapters. I will save all the details for later because we don't want to give away the surprises."

FFA has given so much to the trio of State Officers on the UMN Crookston campus. They are groundbreaking. They have bucked the trend of state officers at larger institutions like South Dakota State, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and North Dakota State University. It has brought more attention to Crookston within the FFA community.

"You don't see a lot of officers come to the U of M Crookston," Olander said. "It has been really nice for Minnesota Crookston to have that representation and be able to feature some of the things on the campus."

FFA has provided so many things for Olander, Swiers, and Knott. They have grown as leaders, have become more career ready, and they have experienced personal growth. None of them envisioned becoming the leaders they have through FFA, but it is something they will forever be grateful for.

"So I will preach until the day I die that FFA has given me so much personal growth," Knott said. "That is one of three things as an organization we really believe our students get. It is real. I experienced an immense amount of personal growth. FFA made me a much better person, getting away from only wanting the recognition and really valuing leadership and in general learning to be a better person."

"I would say career readiness," Swiers said regarding the main impacts FFA has had on her life. "I am a lot more secure in my public speaking. You hear it all the time, but you hear it all of the time because it is true. It sounds so cliché, and it sounds like a normal thing that everyone is good at public speaking - but it actually helps. Also FFA has helped with passion. I found my passion for agricultural education within FFA. I have never felt as passionate about anything in my entire life and honestly I could talk about it for days."

It will be exciting to see where the paths of Olander, Knott, and Swiers go from here. Their years as Minnesota State FFA Officers will soon be ending, but their journeys have just started. Olander is pursuing degrees in agricultural business and agronomy with a minor in finance. Knott is seeking a degree in agricultural education. Swiers is an agricultural education major with a minor in horticulture. UMN Crookston is proud to call all three of them Golden Eagles and excited to see how their futures soar.

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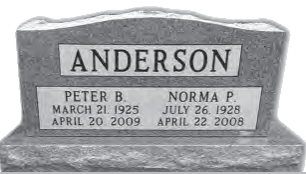
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Corrine Solheim

Corrine Solheim, age 76, originally of Trail, MN, passed away on Wednesday, April 14th, at Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile, MN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21st at the Family Life Center in New Journey Church in Fosston with the Dawn Hanson officiating. Interment will be in Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, rural Trail. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the Family Life Center. All are invited to attend with mask use and social distancing observed. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Corrine Thelma Solheim was born on October 28, 1944 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota to parents Palmer and Bertha (Klove) Solheim. She was raised on the family farm eight miles north of Trail, attended Bethany Lutheran Church, and went to school through the eighth grade in Oklee, Minnesota.

Corrine lived with her par-

ents on the farm until moving to Thief River Falls. She lived with her aunt, Selma, for a short time and then, in 1975, relocated to a Board and Care in town. She worked at the ODC and DAC in Thief River Falls. She lived and worked in Thief River Falls until 1988 when she moved to the REM home in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Due to health reasons, Corrine moved to Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile late 2016 where she was an active resident and took part in as many activities as she could. She loved to color and enjoyed counting and sorting. She also liked the games Yahtzee, Sorry, and Uno (games she grew up with). She enjoyed Beach Boys music or any music with a good beat and liked to dance. One of her favorite things to do was going out to eat. Her favorite food was chicken.

Corrine lived and loved life above her challenges. She loved being around her family and attending family gatherings of any kind. She was truly a "glue" that kept her family close all these years.

Corrine passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, April 14, 2021 at the age of 76 years.

Survivors include her seven siblings, Lynnette (Ray) Sundrud of Fosston, MN, Warren (Shirley) Solheim of Clearbrook, MN, Susan (Bill) Jeuch of Euclid, MN, Stanley Solheim (Pat DelRosario) of Trail, MN, Maxine (Gary) Nelson of Bagley, MN, Fern (Lyle) Carpenter of Bagley, MN, and Elaine (Jon) Nelson of Bagley, MN. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Nels and Thea Solheim and Lars and Christine Klove; two nephews and one great niece.



Obituary for Barbara Aos

Barbara Ellen Aos, 88, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Cornerstone Assisted Living in Bagley, MN.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at Sell Lake Lutheran Cemetery in, Shevlin, Minnesota with a time of visitation held prior from 12:00- 2:45 p.m. at the Cease Funeral Home in Bagley, MN. A potluck dinner will be held after the service at Amanda & Colby Thorsen's home 11442 370th Street Bagley, MN.

Barbara was born on March 8, 1933 to Alfred and Ellen Mary (Moss) Ellis in Greenwich, London, England. She grew up and attended school in England. She lived on Military Base in Germany Ramstein until 1959, until moving to a Military Base in Newark, NJ. In 1961, she lived in Wichita Falls, Texas before moving to Lowrey Airforce Base in 1966. Barb lived in Denver until 1975, when she finally settled in Bagley, MN. Barb married Gordon Aos on March 11, 1971 at Aurora, CO and Gordon passed away on November 12, 1997. Barb worked in many places in her life such as Watson's Pottery in England, PX (Post

Exchange) on Base. She was a lunch lady at school and worked at many restaurants, including G&G Cafe in Bagley, in which she owned. Her husband hauled mobile homes and Barb did Mobile Home Staging and was a Flag Car driver for delivering Mobile Homes. Barb was a Foster Grandparent also at the school and enjoyed every minute of it.

She loved cooking, bowling, flowers, reading and crocheting.

The moments and memories we share will remain. We will always remember your smile, your strength, your determination and your love of family

She is survived by her children, Melody Skerik, Alan (Monica) Aos, Alice Aos, Gunder Aos, Bill (Ember) Roach, and LeeAnn (Antonio) Torres; her grandkids, Amanda (Colby) Thorsen, Michael (Darla) Gregory, Ashley (Jon) Hawkinson, Robert Roach, Cody (Courtney) Severson, Cory Fogelquist, Gordon Aos, Jayden Aos, and Enrico Capone; her great grandkids, Kali (Sonny) Knox, Lani Thorsen, Kayden Thorsen, Preston Stuhl, Sylvie Hawkinson, Ila Severson, and Will Severson; and her great great grandkids, Cinch Bakke, Lexie Knox, and Cheyenne Knox. Sisters – Carol (Eric) Hubbard and Veronica (Lou) Clarke; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents, Alfred and Ellen Mary Ellis; her husband, Gordon Aos; her brothers, Vic Ellis, Brian Ellis, Alf Ellis, Lloyd Ellis, Raymond Ellis, Wally Ellis, Ronnie Ellis, and Philip Ellis; her sister, Vivian Snowling; and one grandson, Kristopher.

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Memorial Service for Tom Larson

Memorial service for Tom Larson of Clearbrook, MN will be held May 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook.

Burial will follow the service at Silver Creek Cemetery, Clearbrook. Lunch at the Larson Farm following the burial. R5-6P



Obituary for Gladys Amundson

Gladys Amundson, 86 of Thief River Falls, MN formerly of Grygla, MN passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Pioneer Memorial Care Center, Erskine, MN with her loving family by her side.

The funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, April 26, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Rev. Gary Graff. Burial will follow at Emardville Cemetery, rural Plummer, MN. Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls.

Gladys Elaine Fredrickson was born May 12, 1934 in Gervais Township, Red Lake County, MN the daughter of Chester Milton and Ida Augusta (Westerlund) Fredrickson. She was baptized November 7, 1935 and confirmed June 26, 1949 in the Lutheran Faith. She attended Pershing School in Plummer, MN graduating with the class of 1952.

Gladys was a bookkeeper/ secretary for several businesses in the area including Plummer State Bank, Northern State Bank in Thief River Falls, MN, American State Bank in Grygla, MN, Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls and served as personal secretary for L.B. Hartz.

On May 26, 1961, Gladys was united in marriage to Loren Borsheim at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN. Together they made their home in Thief River Falls and were part owner in the Borsheim Printing business. They were married for 12 years and were the parents of Lynette and Murray.

In 1975, Gladys met Ber-

ton Amundson and they married on October 23, 1976 and made their home in Grygla and Plummer. Together they owned and operated a Hartz Grocery Store in Plummer for several years. Through this marriage she gained stepchildren, Brent and Kimberly.

Gladys loved cooking, baking, and hosting family gatherings, especially if the grandkids & great-grandkids were involved. A highlight of her life was traveling to Sweden with family to visit the birthplace of her grandfather and meet her family still living there. Gladys was soft-spoken, kind-hearted, humble, family-oriented and loved to laugh. Throughout her life she always saw the good in people and focused on the positive.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer, Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls.

Survivors include her daughter, Lynette Borsheim Dennis of Duluth, MN; Murray (Laurie) Borsheim of Mesa, AZ; step-daughter, Kimberly Luoto of Duluth, MN; grandchildren, Jason (Krystal) Dennis, Jennifer Dennis, Matthew (Kristin) Amundson, Michelle Amundson, Jennifer Amundson, Christian (Meagan) Luoto, Meegan (Kevin) Holubar, Cameron (fiancée Tasha) Luoto, Marnie Luoto, Piper (fiancé Greg) Luoto; great-grandchildren, Alexis, Alison & Nicole Dennis, Madeline & Elizabeth Johnson, Carson & Max Amundson, Lindsey (fiancé Kyle Russ), Jasmine & Austin Amundson, Sylvia Luoto, Olive, Sutton, Maddox & Magnus Holubar, Barrett Luoto; great great-grandchildren, Ryker & Ava Russ, Carson Parker; sister, Clarice Wilcox of Fargo, ND; sister-in-law, Dee Noreen; many nieces, nephews that were very special to her; along with other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bert in 2017; step-son, Brent Amundson; siblings, Floyd Fredrickson, Merlyn (Vern) Perreault, and an infant brother; brother-in-law, Harold Wilcox; sister-in-law, Karen Thygeson; nephew, Wayne Perreault; and infant nephew Paul Michael Wilcox.

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Obituary for Dawny Stevens

Dawny Marie Stevens, 33, of McIntosh, Minnesota died on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A wake will begin on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rice Lake Community Center and continue until the time of the service. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rice Lake Community Center in Rice Lake, Minnesota. Interment will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Dawny was born on March

1, 1988 in Belcourt, ND, the daughter of Lynn Lafountain of Belcourt, ND and Duane Stevens of Rice Lake, MN. Dawny grew up in St. John, ND where she attended school. She then moved to Belcourt, ND where she finished school. She enjoyed going to the casino, listening to music, and watching cartoons with her kids. She loved dressing up and drawing. She enjoyed being with her family. She loved being with her cousins, Racheal Demery. She met her significant other, Dylan Kross and moved to McIntosh, MN where they were raising their two kids together.

Dawny is survived by her mom, Lynn Lafountain; her dad, Duane Stevens; her grandma Gloria Lita Stevens; her six children, Demarion, Deija, Damion, Dakotah, Saphina, and Kaisen; her brothers, Dwight Hill, Bruce Bercier, and Chance Brunelle; her sisters, Emily (Bryce) Azure, Shanae Brunelle, and Tiffany Brunelle.

She was preceded in death by her grandpas, Wilfred Houle and Donald Stevens; her baby sister, Colleen; and her uncle, Jimmy Stevens.

She will be missed and loved by many.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com

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You can access the survey several different ways!

• At our website: www.inter-countycc.org

• On or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/InterCountyCommunityCouncil

• Contact us and we'd be happy to mail a paper copy to you

• Call us at 1-888-778-4008 to complete the survey over the phone

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The Gully Sportsman's Club will be selling these wood duck houses in the area for those who are interested. The boxes were made at the East Polk County Day Activity Center, (DAC). Rick Roed bought them and will give them as a donation to the sports club. Rick Roed Seeds has been in existence since 1981. They sell multi lines of soy beans, corn and sunflowers. They are the "Bulk Seed Dealer" in the area. Club members shown from left to right are: Ted Carlson, Brian Beckstrand, Shane Olson, Kevin Pletschett, Tom Lewis, Club President and Rick Roed.



All the work that has to be done before an event can be held takes a lot of time. These guys were getting the smelt cleaned and ready for the fry that was held at Shorty's in Gully last weekend. Doing the work on Friday afternoon were from left to right: Jeff Pletschett, Ted Carlson, Lonny Carlson and Mike Okstad.

Nearly 11,000 Athletes to Participate In Minnesota State High School Clay Target League

St Paul, Minnesota – 10,959 student athletes representing 382 high school teams across the state are participating in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MNSHSCTL) this spring. The MNSHSCTL is a part of the USA Clay Target League, which offers high school and college programs in 34 states.

"After a tremendously difficult 2020 for schools and student athletes, we are pleased to see participation similar to our pre-COVID spring participation numbers," said John Nelson, President of the USACTL. "The high participation this spring is the result of the incredible efforts of coaches and families to overcome ongoing issues with the pandemic and ammunition shortages."

The League's co-ed and adaptive nature are key attractions to schools nationwide. The League is fully Title IX compliant with both male and female athletes competing on the same team. Additionally, it's an 'adaptive' sport, which allows students with physical disabilities to take part. The League is also the safest sport in high school, with not one

reported injury since the inception of the League in 2001. Each athlete must complete firearm safety certification before participation.

"Athletes of all types are able to participate in clay target shooting," said Nelson. "The League has a 'no benchwarmers' philosophy, and the True Team® scoring system is designed so that everyone's score matters, not just the top athletes on a team."

With over 38,000 participating athletes in the 2020-2021 school year, the USA Clay Target League is the largest youth clay target shooting sport program in the nation. The League offers trap, skeet, sporting clays, and 5-stand leagues to secondary and postsecondary schools across the country. The League is the only 100% school-approved clay target shooting sport program in America.

The League attracts student athletes to participate in shooting sports while creating a 'virtual' competition among other League teams throughout each state. Family travel is minimal because practice and competition are conducted at a shooting range near each school's location. Conferences are determined by team size rather than geographic location for fair competition.

Athletes earn True Team® scoring points as determined by their performance and ranking against all athlete scores within their team's conference. The team score and overall standing are calculated by adding the earned points from qualifying athletes and posted on the League's website. Athletes and their families track their individual and team performance on their phone, tablet or computer via the Shooter Performance Tracker®.

The USA Clay Target League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is the independent provider of clay target shooting sports for secondary and postsecondary schools. The League's priorities are safety, fun, and marksmanship – in that order.

Visit <http://mnclaytarget.com/teams> for more information and a list of participating schools.



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