



Tri County Canary

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Wayne Olson (left) and Chad Blaser of Fosston recently launched a cat-litter business using pea pods. Pea Pawd is available in several area stores.

Moving Peas into a Whole New Field

Editors Note: This article is courtesy of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, AURI out of Crookston. Written by Dan Lemke and photo by Rolf Hagberg.

The product is available in the area at Palubicki's Family Market and Burggraf's Ace Hardware in Fosston, Jered's Grocery in McIntosh, Groceries Plus in Erskine, Kubiak's Family Foods in Bagley, Pet Pantry and Supply in Baudette and Roseau, the Humane Society in Crookston and Natural Pet Center in Fargo.

Chad Blaser was irritated—the pea chips that he bought to feed his lambs were attracting an unwanted farm animal. The chips drew barn cats to the feed bunks not to eat, but to use as litter boxes.

"Every day when I went out, the cats had used the bunks as litterboxes," Blaser recalled. "At first it was just frustrating having to clean out cat feces. After a while it wasn't such a big deal because the peas clumped up really well, so it wasn't that tough to get them out."

After dealing with cats in the feed day after day, Blaser joked with his wife about getting rid of the sheep to pursue making litter from the peas because the farm cats liked using it so much.

Little did Blaser realize how prophetic that statement would be.

Unexpected Turn
 In July 2019, Blaser was diagnosed with Guillon-Barre Syndrome, an auto-immune disorder in which the body's own immune system attacks the nerves, trying to kill a perceived virus or some other phantom invader.

"It came on quick," Blaser said. "In 48 hours, I went from being at work to being essentially paralyzed." Blaser spent time in the hospital and in-patient rehabilitation recovering. During that time, neighbor and childhood friend Wayne Olson, who dealt with a similar bout as a teenager and knew what Blaser was going through, frequently visited Blaser in the hospital and at his home while

Blaser worked his way back to health.

Confined to a wheelchair, Blaser pondered what he could do since he was not able to return to work as a fermentation operator in Fosston. During Olson's many visits, the two men talked about a variety of entrepreneurial ideas. One day an old thought resurfaced.

"I called Wayne and explained my cat litter idea. I knew it clumped well, but I wasn't sure about odor control because the cats were in the barn and I hadn't tested anything," Blaser said.

Olson was intrigued, so he and Blaser decided to pursue the idea. They formed Poplar River Products, LLC, and got more serious about producing field pea-based cat litter.

Adding Value
 Largely grown in northern Minnesota and the Dakotas, field peas can improve soil health and serve as livestock feed. Some pet foods also utilize field peas, while pea powder protein is an ingredient in some protein drinks and plant-based meat alternatives.

During the pea splitting process, the outer hull is peeled off and some fragmentation of the pea happens. The splits and fragments were what Blaser and Olson aimed for as they needed to reduce the particle size for their litter anyway. Blaser said he and Olson bought some pea chips from a local pea processor and started using the pea pieces in litterboxes inside Blaser's barn to see how cats responded. The men also did some odor control testing because they did not know how effective the pea products would serve in that function.

Results were encouraging, so Blaser and Olson bought some small equipment, purchased a tote full of peas and made litter. They took samples to the Humane Society shelter in Crookston, Minn. to see what workers and animals at the facility thought of the prototype. The pea-based litter received rave reviews as the best cat litter some staff at the shelter had ever used. Cats readily used the litter, and it did a re-

markable job of removing odor.

With those favorable reviews, Blaser and Olson started working on perfecting their process. They soon realized they could use some help with testing and refining their product development and reached out to the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI).

"It took a lot more work than we thought. We narrowed the focus and that's when we contacted AURI," said Olson. "AURI could replicate our process, help us hone in on what we needed to do to get a product into a bag and into the market."

Lab Testing
 AURI's senior scientist for coproducts, Alan Doering, has worked with nearly every kind of ag processing coproduct in Minnesota. AURI worked with Blaser and Olson to test various forms of their pea-based litter to identify what type of processing and particle sizing provided the optimum level of sorbency, clumping and other desired performance qualities.

AURI conducted additional testing to evaluate odor control as well as clumping capability and durability. "Clump durability is important, as many cat owners know, the preference is to remove a clump that remains intact from the litter box rather than having it fall apart," said Doering.

In addition to ease of handling, solid clumps help prevent the removal of excess litter.

Dust is also a concern with pet litter, so AURI scientists evaluated product formulations to assure a low level of fine dust when pouring or handling the litter. The minimal level of dust produced by the Pea Pawd litter is a positive attribute that helps differentiate it from some clay-based litters, said Doering.

"With this being pea-based, there isn't silica dust so that is one of the selling points for us," said Olson. "Plus it's sustainable and renewable." During the research, AURI utilized a

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Norsk Høstfest Canceled for 2021; Reiten Retires

The 2021 Norsk Høstfest has been canceled, but plans are underway to bring the festival back in 2022 with a new president at the helm.

The Høstfest Board of Directors voted this week to cancel this year's festival, the second consecutive year the event has succumbed to pressures brought by the COVID-19 outbreak. Board members said the pandemic has hurt the outlook for Høstfest in several ways: the tour business has been severely curtailed, travel concerns reduce the likelihood of attracting visitors from Scandinavia, the Canadian border may not yet be reopened by this fall, and patrons may be hesitant to resume gathering in large numbers under one roof.

Meanwhile, board members say they intend to use the next several months to reimagine the festival and will be meeting with executives from similar events from around the country to determine the best path forward for Norsk Høstfest.

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David Reiten, who has been president of the Norsk Høstfest Association since 2011, has announced he is stepping down from that position. Reiten took over leadership of the festival from his late father, Chester, who helped found the event in 1978 and guided it through years of rapid growth and long-term success. David Reiten says his love for the festival remains, but adds that Høstfest will continue with great leadership. "After 40-plus years of a Reiten at the helm, it is time for someone else to take hold of the reins and guide Norsk Høstfest into the future," Reiten says he and the entire Reiten family are thankful for all of the volunteers, vendors, entertainers, artists, and patrons who helped make the Høstfest into the largest Scandinavian festival in North America. "Without the contributions of thousands of people who make the event happen every year, the vision

of Chester Reiten would never have been realized. We are grateful to all who have donated their time and talents over the decades and trust the volunteer spirit will continue for decades to come."

The Board of Directors issued the following statement: "The city of Minot, the state of North Dakota, and the Scandinavian-American community at large owe the Reiten family an enormous debt of gratitude for the leadership and dedication poured into Norsk Høstfest over the decades. In his tenure, David Reiten rose to the challenges that changes in the entertainment industry have presented, and kept the celebration going nonetheless. On behalf of the board of directors, we thank him for a job well done — and pledge continuation of the Reiten legacy."

Plans call for the 2022 Høstfest to be held in late September. Specific dates will be determined later this year.



Maple Lake summer preparation

On 04/29/2021, the Polk County Sheriff's Office assisted the Polk County Highway Department with placing a brand new fishing pier near the east shore Maple Lake public access. The other pier that is placed near the Polk County roadside park on Maple Lake was also placed into the water by the highway department with the assistance of the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

After the pier's were placed, the Polk County Sheriff's Office also placed several swimming area marker buoy's on Maple Lake marking the east shore and Polk County Park swimming areas. PCSO looks forward to another fun and safe summer season.



Essentia Health offering treatment for high-risk COVID-19 patients

As COVID-19 remains prevalent in our communities, Essentia Health continues to offer a treatment for people diagnosed with mild to moderate cases of the virus who are at high risk for severe complications and hospitalization.

It's called monoclonal antibody treatment. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins, which mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful pathogens found in viruses. The first monoclonal antibody to receive emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was bamlanivimab in November 2020. Since that time, other monoclonal antibody treatments have also been authorized for use.

Data from 4,600 patients in Minnesota showed that bamlanivimab lowered hospitalization rates to 2.3%, compared to 10-15% for those who didn't undergo the treatment. Preliminary data also showed as much as a 70% reduction in both hospitalizations and death in treated patients.

However, data from ongoing clinical trials indicates that bamlanivimab alone is not effective against emerging COVID-19 variants. Thus, a new combination monoclonal antibody treatment, which includes both bamlanivimab and another drug called etesevimab, is now in use, including at Essentia. Research shows the treatment to be more effective against COVID variants.

Bonnie Shipman-Banks of Pillager, Minn., said monoclonal antibody treatment helped her get back on her feet. The 61-year-old Shipman-Banks started feeling sick on April 4. Her symptoms included a sore throat, cough and fever. A COVID-19 test came back positive April 8.

"I just thought, 'No way'. I was kind of in denial," said Shipman-Banks.

The monoclonal antibody treatment was administered to Shipman-Banks on Friday, April 9, at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Baxter Clinic. Shipman-Banks said her symptoms

persisted into Saturday. By Sunday morning, she could tell her body was responding.

"The biggest thing I noticed was I started to feel a little better every single day after receiving the treatment," she said.

Shipman-Banks was never hospitalized. She said the process was quick, easy and painless. The treatment is administered through an IV. Shipman-Banks said it only took about an hour and a half once she was given the IV.

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Red Flag Warning issued

With extreme fire risk conditions across central, northwest and western Minnesota today, the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the following counties:

Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Lake Of The Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Roseau, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin and Yellow Medicine.

A Red Flag Warning means the area is experiencing critical weather conditions that are ideal for wildfire, including

strong winds and low humidity. Do not burn while the Red Flag Warning remains in effect and check any burning done recently to ensure the fire is out. Any spark could become a wildfire under Red Flag conditions.

The Red Flag Warning expires at 9 p.m.

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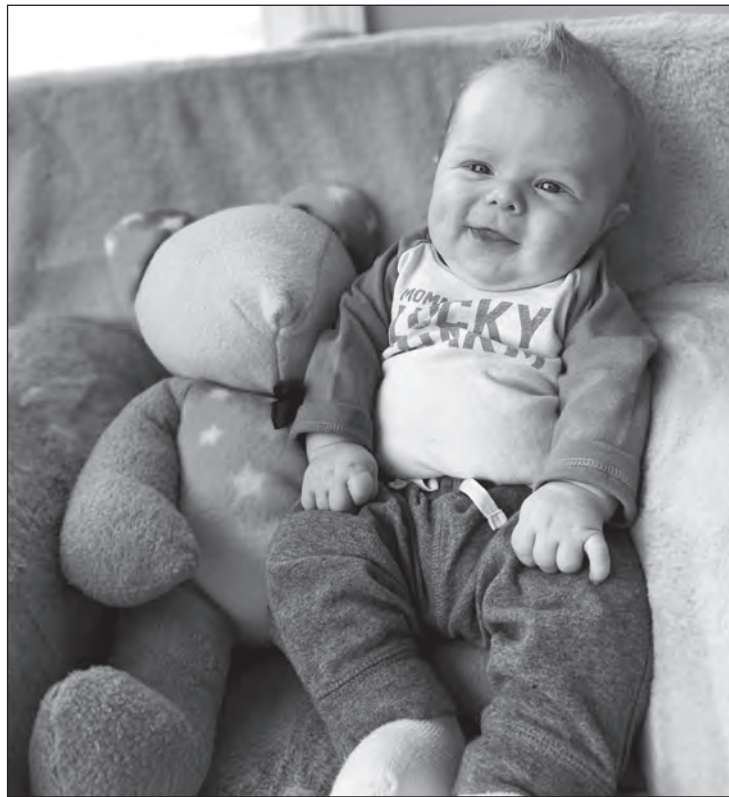
- Check the statewide fire danger and current burning restrictions webpage, which the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources updates daily.

- Follow @mnforestry (DNR Forestry) on Twitter for up-to-date information on statewide fire conditions.

- Follow @mnics (Minnesota Incident Command System) for information on large wildfires.



This tool was donated to the Polk County Historical Society's museum in Crookston. It's made of wood, 13 inches long with a wood screw four inches long. The hinged wing is 5.5 inches long. If anyone knows what this tool may have been used for, they are encouraged to email Historical Society President Anne Muir at imamuir@hotmail.com or contact PCHS Secretary Twylla Altepeter at the Fertile Journal 945-6120 or fertilejournal@hwy32publishing.com.



Bruer Scott Bakke

New arrival

Brennan and Brooke Bakke of Clearbrook are proud to announce the birth of their son Bruer Scott Bakke born on December 21, 2020. He was 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was also welcomed home by three-year-old big sister Blair.

Grandparents are Steve and Julie Wraa and Scott and Leeann Bakke of Clearbrook. Great grandparents are Gerald and Edna Wraa of Clearbrook, Wayne and Darlene Johnson of Leonard, Warren and Dorine Bardwell and Wayne and Kathy Bakke of Gonvick.

Note: Last week the wrong picture was printed for Bruer. This is the REAL Bruer Scott Bakke!

May Sons of Norway meeting has been cancelled

The May 13th, Sons of Norway, Granlund Lodge meeting has regretfully been cancelled. The officers want to wish each one a Happy Syttende Mai Day, May 17th. Future Granlund Lodge meetings will be scheduled on a month to month basis until the health threat involved in gathering together again is reduced.

For questions on membership and future meetings, please contact Wes at 435-1230.



Wednesday, April 28, 2021 winners of a T/C Compass II Compact 308 are Beth Hanson/Jean Agnes. Congratulations!!

Spring load restrictions end

The Minnesota Department of Transportation ended on spring load restrictions (SLR) in the NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH frost zones Monday, May 3, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

Spring Load restrictions have already ended in the other frost zones.

Polk County Sheriff

Grass Fire

On 5/1/2021, The Polk County Sheriff's along with the Crookston Fire Department were dispatched to Section 14 of Russia Township to check on someone possibly burning. The Sheriff's Office and Crookston Fire Department arrived on scene and noticed that a grass field and woods were on fire and out of control. The fire was able to be put out. There was damage to an abandoned car that was in the field.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to remind residence that Polk County is under a red flag warning due to the dry weather and burning is prohibited at this time with the exception of a contained camp fire.

Assisting agencies: Beltrami Fire Department

The fire is under investigation at this time and no further information will be released.

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Lake Agassiz Regional Library is pleased to announce that the following students are winners of the contest:

Grades 4-9
First Place: Lewis Johnson, Fosston, Grade 7
Second Place: Gabe Leff, Detroit Lakes, Grade 7
Third Place: Jakob Rudie, Ada, Grade 7
Fourth Place: Evan Rogness, Moorhead, Grade 4
Grades 9-12
First Place: Gracie Rouland, Climax, Grade 12
Second Place: Nicholas Santo, Ada, Grade 11

To read the winning poems and view an eBook with all the poems submitted visit larl.org/poetrycontest.

Participation was open to students in the following counties served by Lake Agassiz Regional Library: Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahanomen, Norman, Polk, and Wilkin.

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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.

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LANDFILL TECHNICIAN - POLK COUNTY LANDFILL

The Polk County Landfill located in Gentilly, 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.

CLEARWATER COUNTY DEPUTY ASSESSOR

Applications are being accepted for a Deputy Assessor position, under the general supervision of the County Assessor. This position performs a variety of property appraisal tasks including: viewing, inspection, valuation, and classification of property for tax purposes, updating department records pertaining to current assessments and property data and responding to information requests regarding property value, classification, and taxes. This position is also responsible for responding to concerns regarding assessments and interpreting regulations and statutes to seek and resolve disagreements and disputes, reviewing and analyzing Clearwater County property sales data as a resource for determine assessments and utilizing maps and other technologies to complete assessment work.

Position is a full time, 40 hours a week position. Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent and minimum of 2 years additional education; be a Certified Minnesota Assessor (CMA) or have a minimum 2 year's assessment, real estate or appraiser experience preferred but not required. Must have a valid driver's license. Experience using a computer and Microsoft Office is required. Must be proficient in computer skills and willing to learn various software applications.

Applications may be obtained from the Clearwater County Service Center located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse or on the website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

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

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 plus benefits, 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 you can go to: www.co.polk.mn.us and click on Careers. Please submit your application 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 May 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. EOE

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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Are you seeing increased speed more in the metro or Greater Minnesota? And are those increased speeds on the Highway or the city streets?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol is seeing increased speeds across the state. Whether you live in the metro or Greater Minnesota, excessive speeds are a cause for concern.

People tend to think of dangerous speeds on the highway, but traveling at a high rate of speed through a city can be just as tragic. Law enforcement statewide recently cited 759 drivers for going 20 mph or more above the limit in a 30 mph zone (Feb. 1-March 31). The highest speed clocked in a 30 mph zone was 83 mph by Minneapolis Park Police. Imagine if a ball got away from a child or a person was crossing the street. At those speeds, it could be tragic.

Statewide, law enforcement cited 23,052 drivers for speed violations from Feb. 1-March 31 during the extra speed enforcement campaign. The highest speed clocked in the metro

was 127 mph and 135 mph in Greater Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS), in collaboration with the Minnesota departments of Health and Transportation, announced the statewide campaign on Feb. 8. The campaign was created due to a significant increase in speed-related incidents and traffic fatalities in 2020.

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. Visit DriveSmartMN.org for more information.

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).



Movie Stars

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



I am currently directing a play at Goodridge School, where I work. It is called The Misadventures of Romeo and Juliet. I also recently watched my nephew, Guy Bergeson, in his play at RLCC High School. They put on a production of CLUE. When I was in school I always enjoyed being in the play.

Nowadays I enjoy sitting down to a good movie, when I have time. But whether it is TV or a movie I always perk up when a tractor crosses the screen. My wife and I are fans of the office. Whenever the action in the show heads to Dwight's beet farm you often get to see a tractor. I have seen an Oliver, Coop, and an old John Deere while watching!

Sometimes we even get a glimpse of a tractor on the 'big screen"! One of my favorites is in Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds. Suddenly out in the yard is an old two cylinder John Deere. In The Bridges of Madison County, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep, they are driving a new generation John Deere. Well, recently another TV star tractor went up for grabs on the auction block. It was a 2640 John Deere that was used in the 1989 movie, Field of Dreams. The tractor was owned by Donny Lansing. One day he got a knock on the door and was asked, "We want to make a movie, can we use your farm?" Well, we know they did

and his low hour 2640 also got to be a movie star! That movie star tractor just got auctioned off. Most 2640s are selling for about 8 to 12 thousand dollars, this "actor" brought a whopping \$64,000! It was sold on Day 1 of a 2 day sale called "Hollywood Legends" taking place in Beverly Hills online at Julien's Live. I don't suppose anyone will be knocking on my door to make a movie, but if they do I'll find a tractor for them to use!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What model John Deere tractor appears Hitchcock's, The Birds?
2. What model John Deere does Clint drive in The Bridges of Madison County?
3. How many cylinders does a 2640 John Deere have?
4. The 2640 was manufactured from 1976-_____.
A) 1979 B) 1980 C) 1981 D) 1982
5. The 2640 was manufactured in _____.
A) Dubuque, Iowa B) Waterloo, Iowa C) Davenport, Iowa

Answers: 1. Model A 2. 4020 gas 3) 4 cylinders 4. D. 1982 5. A. Dubuque



Here is a picture of the 2640 that became a movie star!



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



Flowers Frozen Solid

Twas springtime. At least that's what the calendar proclaimed. The frigid air greeted full blast as the winds made known the need of winter wardrobe upon this morning's walk.

I marched to the tune of "April showers bring May flowers" but the only flowers round me were those stuck all solid like within the ground. The country cemetery just across the road had its gates open and so I entered His courts with praise. Making my way several times round the old church resuscitated my hope of spring as the fresh air filled my lungs. However, each time I circled, memories came full circle.

It was last fall when this same path had been taken. The silk flowers under a fresh pile of snow looked like ice covered gardens. The winter weather had moved in sooner than later and the colorful piles stood frozen solid...well grounded. A tug upon them made it known just how well rooted they had become as they'd settled in for the long haul of cold weather.

However, months later as I now passed by the same little clumps of flowers, they waved all friendly like in the morning sun. As the wind ruffled the silk

like pedals, it were as if they, too, were glad the earth was warming up now so they could do what they were supposed to do...bring comfort to those looking on.

Each time I made my rounds, I noticed another bunch I hadn't noticed. The purple and pinks stood out as if to say...frozen ground does not have the final word. And truth is...it doesn't.

Come what may is a delightful saying. But truly, when May does come in the tundra land of the northland, we are grateful. We are grateful for the spring thaw, the colors that bloom bright, and the renewal of hope sprouting into spring.

It's the time of year when calves are born...at least in our neck of the woods. It's the time of year when the greenhouses offer therapy as you stand round not only purchasing plants with color blossoming upon them, but you get to ingest color which treats your eyes like soul food.

The soul food offers blessed assurance that not only Jesus is mine...but oh what a foretaste of the glory divine. Watching a waiting...looking above filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

How would one know so

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

EMPLOYMENT ADS

CLERK TYPIST CASHIER III - ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The Polk County Attorney's Office is seeking applicants for a full-time Clerk Typist Cashier III position. This position performs data entry, clerical support, and office support activities to assist the attorneys in representing the State and County in criminal and civil proceedings. Applicants must possess the ability to deal with information and evidence of a graphic nature on a routine basis. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of one (1) year of specialized or technical legal secretary training or at least two (2) years of related experience. Wage range for this position is \$16.88 - \$21.46/hour, DOE, and qualifications.

A full job description and application can be found at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers or by contacting the Polk Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408. Applications for this position must be received by 4:30 p.m., May 19, 2021. Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716. Applications may also be emailed directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us EOE.

Case Manager Position Available

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for an opening in our Family Services department:

Case Manager: The Case manager will recruit, coach, and provide comprehensive coordination of services to homeless and at risk of becoming homeless youth, individuals, and families. The position is full time/40 hours a week working out of our Oklee Office.

Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycouncil.org. Send completed application and resume to **Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742** or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Applications must be received by 4:30PM on Monday, May 17th. Call 218-796-5144 x1017 for more information.

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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,
PO Box 190,
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This position will remain open until filled. The City of Oklee is an Equal Opportunity Provider

The **Red Lake County Sheriff's Office** is accepting applications for a **Part-time Dispatcher**. This is a scheduled position and the applicant will be expected to work 32 hours every pay period (every two weeks). Applicants will also be given the opportunity to fill other shifts that open up due to vacation or sick leave taken by other employees. The applicant will also be expected to work nights and weekends. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a background in the use of computers and be able to communicate effectively. Starting salary for this position is \$19.35 per hour. Further job description will be available upon request. Applications can be found at the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office in Red Lake Falls. All persons interested in this position must submit their application to Sheriff, Mitch Bernstein by 4:00pm on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Any applicants selected for oral interviews will be contacted after that date. Applicants must be available to begin working in this position by June 14, 2021.

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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.rlcc2906.org

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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
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ENERGY AUDITOR

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for an opening in our Weatherization Department:

Energy Auditor: Responsible for assessing energy efficiency and health and safety conditions in client's homes, prescribing cost effective remedies and providing clients with energy conservation and health and safety education. Experience in carpentry, home rehabilitation, heating systems or related fields. Full time

Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycouncil.org. Send completed application and resume to **ICCC, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742** or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Applications must be received by 4:30PM on Monday, May 17, 2021. Call 218-796-5144 x1016 for more information about the position.

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Thorson Wins State FFA Discussion Meet

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation worked with the Minnesota FFA to sponsor the 19th Farm Bureau FFA Discussion Meet competition. Fifteen regional FFA finalists from across the state competed at the Minnesota State FFA Convention on

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April 21 virtually on Zoom.

Mikayla Thorson of the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted FFA Chapter won the competition and Anna Ridenour of the Triton FFA Chapter took second place. Mackenzie Henning of the Jackson County Central FFA Chapter and Livy Johnson of the Ashby FFA Chapter also advanced to the final round. Thorson and Ridenour both receive a college scholarship sponsored by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation.

Other regional winners participating in the Discussion Meet included: Robert Blanchard, Detroit Lakes FFA; Caden Mrazek, Staples Motley FFA; Hannah Baumgartner, Detroit Lakes FFA; Joe Dagel, Russell Tyler Ruthton FFA; Kiya Avery, Triton FFA; Allison Offerdahl, Park Rapids FFA; Logan Clouse, Glencoe Silver Lake FFA; Alexis Ripka, Blooming Prairie FFA; Kayla Zimmerman, Cleveland FFA; Lauren Krieger, Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg FFA; Alex Tupper, AFSA FFA.

Topics of discussion for this year's event included:

•2020 provided a unique market situation for farmers, how can FFA and Farm Bureau work together to promote market stability and the value

of our food chain to consumers in the future?

•With many in-person activities, conferences and events being held online, how can FFA and Farm Bureau work together to promote agriculture on an online platform?

•In today's agriculture the idea of a "family farm" is changing. While multi-generational farms are growing bigger, it is becoming more difficult financially for beginning farmers to enter agriculture. What can FFA and Farm Bureau do to help all types of farms succeed? How can we support beginning farmers and the transition of farms to the next generation?

Road construction on Highway 2 near Marcoux corner

Bemidji, Minn. – Motorists on Highway 2 west of Erskine can expect short term delays and lane closures as construction began on April 26. The project will include a Reduced Conflict Intersections (RCI's) constructed at the intersection of Highway 2 and Highway 32. During the project, crews will be replacing the concrete roadway on Highway 2 eastbound lanes from Highway 32 to 1.8 miles

NOTICE DUST CONTROL SIGN UP

The Clearwater County Highway Department will again offer the application of calcium chloride to residents living adjacent to gravel county and township roads to help control dust. The landowner will be responsible for the cost of the application. The cost for one application will be \$350.00 for an area 20 feet wide and 350 feet long. The length can be extended in 10 foot increments at a cost of \$1.00 per foot. Applicants will be required to make full payment in advance.

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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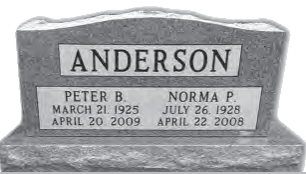
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OBITUARIES



Death Notice for Donald Dukek

Donald Dukek, 81, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley, MN. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



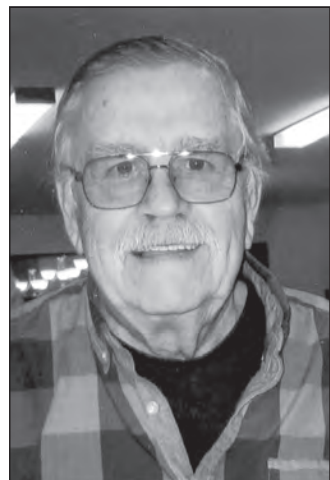
Death Notice for Harold Anderson

Harold Anderson, 89, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji, MN. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Death Notice for Duane Mathison

Duane Mathison, 79, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Saturday, May 2, 2021 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. A visitation will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Grace Free Lutheran Church. Interment will be held at Bagley City Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for Dennis Engebretson

Dennis Engebretson, 73, of Leonard, Minnesota died on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 surrounded by his loving family at Mayo in Rochester, MN. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minnesota. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley. Interment will be held at the Norway Lake Cemetery at Leonard, MN. Dennis was born February 20, 1948 in Bagley the son of Belvia Engebretson and Henry Blohm. Dennis grew up in Clearwater County and attended schools at Twin Valley, Gonvick and Bagley. At the age of 14, Dennis went to live with Art and Ethel Johnson in rural Bagley. He graduated from Bagley High School in 1966 and worked for the Youth Corp. After graduation, he worked at the Bagley Peeler, then spent a season as a Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes. Dennis then took a bus to Alaska to visit his Aunt Gladys and Uncle Mel Lofthus, and upon returning he was drafted into the United States Army in March of 1968. In 1969, Dennis was sent to Vietnam. After serving our country, Dennis was honorably discharged in March of 1970, with several medals received. He moved to the Twin Cities, where he held various jobs for 3 years. He married the love of his life, Renee Thorson, in Leonard in 1972. To this union 3 sons were born, Chad, Shane and Cole. The couple moved back to Leonard, where he owned and operated Engebretson Logging for over 30 years. In 2001, Dennis went to work for the Bemidji Post Office as head of maintenance retiring in 2011, after 10 years of service. Dennis was a member of the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley, MN for 46 years as well as the VFW and the Vintage Car Club. His favorite pastimes were playing guitar and singing and was a member of the B.S. Valley Boys Band. Dennis volunteered his time playing music at Nursing Homes and other functions. He enjoyed working on and restoring 57' Chevy's, and especially recently started working on and restoring his two door 57' Chevy hardtop, with his son, Cole. Dennis also enjoyed doing yard work, curling, traveling, feeding and watching the birds, sports, riding the side by side, spending time with his "Sweet Pea" (Renee), his sons, granddaughters, family and friends. Dennis is survived by his wife of 49 years – Renee Engebretson of Leonard, MN. Sons – Chad Engebretson of Leonard, MN; Shane Engebretson of Lisbon, North Dakota; Cole Engebretson of Shevlin, MN. Granddaughter – Madison Haugen of Lisbon, ND. Granddaughter – Skylar Engebretson of Crookston, MN. Brother – David Johnson of Grand Forks, ND. Sister – Diane (Ed) Kuhn of Lake Oswego, Oregon. Brothers-in-law – Barron Thorson of Leonard, and Arlan Dahlke of Bagley. Jim Olson of Bagley. Special Aunts – Marion Haugen of Fosston. Marge Engebretson of Bagley. Special Uncle – Norman Anderson of Bagley. Like a Brother – Bruce Haugen of Fosston. Numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters – Linda and Mary; one brother – Kenny Johnson; Father-in-law and mother-in-law; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; numerous aunts, uncles and 2 nephews. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com

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I would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of the prayers, kindness and sympathy during the loss of my dear wife, Verlys. Thank you to the Pioneer Memorial Care Center for the years of wonderful care and to Pastor Don Edlund for his prayers and guidance. I would also like to extend a special heart-felt thank you to the Bill Mettler family, the Lonnie Paradis family, the Tyler Schow family, Jessica Thompson and so many others that helped love and comfort her in friendship in her years. I am truly blessed and thankful. Helmer Homme R7C



Obituary for Lyle Clemenson

Lyle James Clemenson, age 85, passed away in his sleep on January 31, 2021. By his side was his wife of 65 years, Darlene, who survives him. Lyle is also survived by his children, Sabrina (John) Ryan; Renee Krieger; Danny (Mary) Clemenson; grandchildren Thomas (Ari) Ryan; Julia Krieger (Evan Vanderveer); Anna Krieger; Carl Clemenson; Nicholas Clemenson, and Nathan Clemenson; great grandchildren Asher Ryan and Callum Ryan. Lyle is also survived by his younger sister Jane (Lloyd) DeBruycker of Dutton, Montana as well as many relatives and friends. Lyle's parents, Carl and Clara Clemenson preceded him in death as did his older sister Olive Brandt and brothers Clary, Milan, and Lavern Clemenson and granddaughter Christina Ryan. Lyle was born in Gonvick, Minnesota and raised on his parent's farm in Berner, Minnesota. He graduated from high school in Crookston, Minnesota and later secured his college degree from Virginia Junior College while working full-time for the Erie Mining Company. While in high school, he met his future wife Darlene, who attended high school in the nearby town of Clearbrook, Minnesota and they began their married life together on October 8, 1955. Lyle was a fiercely independent (stubborn?) Norwegian who, with his wife Darlene by his side supporting his many ventures and adventures, was a self-employed small business owner primarily in construction. Lyle was also an inventor holding many patents for tools and equipment used in the construction business and traveled to faraway places such as China and Qatar seeking manufacturing opportunities for his inventions. Lyle and Darlene raised three children who were all born in Virginia, Minnesota. In 1964 the family moved to North Minneapolis and then Golden Valley; eventually settling in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Through the years, Lyle was involved in locals politics, was a self-published author, taught job interviewing skills through the Osseo School District and was an active member of the local Lutheran Church, most recently Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, Minnesota. Lyle and Darlene took time for each other as well; they read the Bible together daily, and enjoyed annual skiing trips to Colorado and California. Lyle was also a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying to construction job sites including those in Northern Minnesota. On one occasion years ago, he coaxed his mother Clara to fly with him to visit her son Milan and his family in Gonvick. Clara had previously refused to fly with him in the one engine Cessna, but the idea of visiting her favorite son as well as being a stubborn Norwegian who would never admit to a fear of flying, she went along for the ride. Just before takeoff, Lyle handed her a paper (barf) bag which she reluctantly kept in her lap. Upon successfully landing, Grandma Clara immediately shoved it back at Lyle proclaiming, "I didn't even need it!" Until last year, Lyle never fully retired and was seldom tired! He always had some project in a state of readiness and often enlisted Darlene to hold a ladder or ride along on a trip to Menards. A recent improvement project at Emmanuel Lutheran Church was right up his alley: updating the sound system so all parishioners could participate fully in the weekly service. Lyle was one of those parishioners due to a significant hearing loss suffered in early childhood after a bout of pneumonia. This deficit grew greater as the years unfolded due to inferior protections in the construction industry. As he aged, his ability to hear declined to an even greater degree. His disability, however, never allowed for a negative outlook on life. As Darlene remarked, "He never let it get him down or slow him down." As the years advanced, Lyle was grateful for the time on earth he was allowed by the grace of God, and had no fear as he bravely faced the diagnosis of terminal lung cancer. Knowing he would not have long to live, Lyle pointed skyward and said, "I'm ready to go Home." Rest in Peace. Now you are Home. In honor of Lyle's wishes, he will be buried in Gonvick. A Burial Service is planned for late summer. The family requests memorials in Lyle's memory be directed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church Youth. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1506 Main St. NW, Elk River, MN 55330

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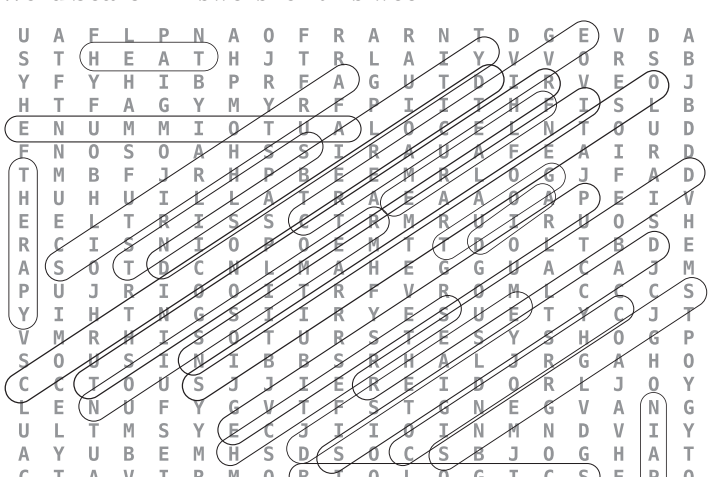
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FOR BIDDING INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
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synthetic product to simulate pet urine and focused on liquid temperature to replicate real world situations. That pilot lab testing helps AURI clients decide if their product is ready for market or if it needs further refinement. The pea-based litter controlled odor well and made a durable clump, said Doering. An added benefit to Pea Pawd is that it adds value to a renewable agriculture coproduct. "One of the key benefits of Pea Pawd litter is the sustainability of the product because it is natural and utilizes a coproduct of field pea production," Doering explained. **RCDG Support** Efforts to develop the pea-based litter were supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program. The RCDG program aims to improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually owned businesses through cooperative development centers. AURI has operated its Rural Cooperative Development Center since 2011, helping existing cooperatives remain vital elements of the agriculture industry while supporting their ability to grow. AURI also works with newly created cooperatives and organizations operating in a cooperative manner to launch new businesses and plan for long-term viability. The goals of the Center are to use cooperative development as a strategy to maintain or improve economic conditions of rural areas while continuing to grow a collaborative, integrated approach of delivering cooperative development services while utilizing the appropriate expertise. "The Pea Pawd litter project is a classic example of how the RCDG program can provide technical and business assistance to rural businesses to get those value-added products on the shelf and into the marketplace to create rural wealth," said AURI's Commercialization Director Michael Sparby. Sparby added, "This wouldn't be possible without the Minnesota Legislature's support of AURI, as the organization is able to tap into these types of federal programs to leverage state dollars to benefit more Minnesota businesses." **Heading to Market** With a process and product in hand, Blaser and Olson moved from the concept to the marketing stage. Pea Pawd cat litter is now on the shelves in a variety of pet and grocery stores across northern Minnesota. "We did kind of a soft start, focusing on local stores," said Olson. "We're looking for distributors. We're working with one in Minneapolis that deals with pet boutique-type stores, which is where I think this would fit the best, but we're still seeking other distributors for the product." Negotiations are also taking place to get the product into stores in the Fargo area as well as making it available on Amazon. The process of moving from concept to having litter in stores only took about nine months—a relatively short timeframe for most businesses. While Olson and Blaser have growth goals in mind, they know it is important to not get overextended. "We wanted to crawl before we walked or ran," said Olson, "and I think that was a good move. We started fast, but we wanted to just try it, not go full bore." Olson said the company has made inroads with stores in the local area and the interest in Pea Pawd is growing. However, the COVID-19 outbreak has thrown some cold water on efforts to expand distribution. "It's been hard this year because there are no trade shows," Olson explained. "We have a lot of one-on-one conversations. It's hard to get through the iron curtain that separates us from buyers. We're not going to trade shows talking to a hundred buyers." "Marketing has been a challenge. We're in a number of local stores, but once you get beyond the people you know would be receptive to putting it into their stores, you start running into roadblocks," said Blaser. "Part of it is the coronavirus because no one is in their offices, they won't take meetings, so that's been a hurdle. All you can do is keep doing the legwork. We just have to be persistent." Olson said customer feedback on the Pea Pawd litter has been positive, which bodes well for growth and helps spur them on. **Looking Ahead** Blaser and Olson have opened a small manufacturing plant in Fosston to produce the litter and they source the field peas from a processor near Crookston. Pea Pawd is Poplar River Products' first entry into the marketplace, but it may not be its last. Blaser and Olson have some other products in mind. They are likely to seek AURI's assistance again to help move those concepts forward. "We're probably going to be adding another item. It would be great to work with AURI again to help guide us on that journey," said Olson. "We couldn't be happier with AURI." Blaser knows it will take time and effort to make Pea Pawd and any future products successful in the marketplace. He still has not been cleared to return to his off-farm job due to the Guillon-Barre Syndrome, but he and Olson are making the most of a difficult situation to pursue their entrepreneurial venture. "If not for the illness, we probably would have never started this business. I'd have kept going to work every day and never really given it too much more thought," said Blaser. "A lot of different things happened at the same time and all came together for us." Blaser and Olson are proof that inspiration and opportunity can be found even in unusual and challenging circumstances.



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Big Summer of racing scheduled at Greenbush Race Park

by Keith Cumming
2021 is shaping up to be one of the biggest summers of racing at the Greenbush Race Park. With four touring series planning a visit along with two shows for the NLRA Late Models, a first time ever visit for the Limited Late Models, the 2021 race season will have something for every race fan.

The Race Park will run four main classes, all of them under Wisconsin sanctioning, and they are the Modifieds, Streets, Midwest Modifieds and Pure Stocks. Support classes will be the MinnKota Lightning Sprints, 4 Cylinders and Outlaw Mini Mods.

The 2021 race season will kick off one week earlier than normal this year, with the first night scheduled for May 22nd with a regular night of racing. May 29th and June 5th will also be regular nights of racing. The NLRA Late Models will make their visit of the year on June 12th. On June 19th the Limited Late Models make their first ever appearance at the Park. June 26th the Race Park will be host to the Rebel Midwest

Mod tour as part of the Dugan Memorial. Midwest Mod drivers from across the area are expected to compete and entries could be near 40 plus cars.

July will open with another touring series with the Steffes Street Stock tour on the 3rd. Another good car count is expected with the best drivers the Street Stock division has to offer. July 10th will be a special for the "newly" sanctioned Pure Stock division. July 17th will be the Race of Champions qualifier for the four Wisconsin classes. July 24th will be the return of the Advantage RV Mod tour, and like in the four previous visits the racing will not disappoint. July closes out on the 31st with a regular night of racing and the Race of Champions rain date.

August 7th will see the second visit for the NLRA Late Models. August 14th is a big night for Lightning Sprint fans, as that is the third night of the four night MinnKota Lightning Sprint Summer Shoot Out. This tour is expected to draw Lightning Sprint drivers from Missouri, California, Colorado, and depending on the border

Manitoba and Quebec. August 21st and the 28th will be regular nights of racing.

The season will wrap up on September 4th and 5th, with our annual Labor Day weekend doubleheader. Once again the Northern Renegade Non-Wing Sprint cars will be making an appearance.

Pit gates open at 4:30, Grandstands at 5pm, cutoff

for the draw is at 6pm with the racing starting at 7pm sharp. For more information on which classes are running each night check out our Facebook page at Official Greenbush Race Park or on the web at <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>. For more info on any of the touring series, check out their respective Facebook pages. We hope to see everyone at the Park.

Lake Vermilion creel survey to begin May 15

Anglers fishing Lake Vermilion this summer may be asked to participate in the lake's first creel survey since 2015.

Beginning with the walleye opener on Saturday, May 15, and through the end of September, creel clerks from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be traveling the lake by boat to interview anglers about their harvest.

During the interviews, the creel clerks will ask anglers a few questions about their fishing trip for that day and record

information on the fish species caught. Creel clerks may ask to record measurements of fish that anglers keep. Additionally, DNR pilots and a local contractor will conduct aerial boat counts to obtain information on angling effort.

Fisheries managers rely on creel surveys to collect information on fishing pressure, catch, harvest, and size distribution of several important fish species in Lake Vermilion. This information, when combined with scientific data collected during standard fisheries population assessments, is used to make informed fisheries management decisions.

Angler participation is an essential part of this study, so the DNR is asking anglers to be patient with the creel clerks and provide information that is as accurate as possible. Since 1984, 12 creel surveys have been conducted on Lake Vermilion.

For additional information or questions contact Matt Hennen at the DNR Tower area fisheries office: 218-300-7810 or matthew.hennen@state.mn.us.

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16'		\$250	\$250	\$250	\$265	\$310	\$355	\$400	\$440
20'		\$250	\$250	\$275	\$330	\$385	\$440	\$495	\$550

Township roads will be sprayed at 16 ft and county roads will be sprayed at 20 ft.

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"It was really simple, and the providers were really good. They occupied my time while I was waiting and kept checking on me to make sure I was doing OK. It was painless," she said.

While symptoms of COVID-19 often persist for as long as two weeks, Shipman-Banks said thanks to monoclonal antibody treatment hers did not last that long.

"My quarantine date ended

on April 15, but I was feeling mostly back to normal a few days before that," she said.

What she is most grateful for is not feeling alone throughout the process. Part of the treatment involves sending the patient home with a health-monitoring system to keep track of their progress. It monitors vitals and records them to track the patient's recovery.

"That was tremendous,"

she said. "The nurses would call if my blood pressure went up or my fever went up. That part was fantastic because I felt like I was never alone and that I didn't have COVID in a vacuum."

Health experts say at this time there are enough supplies on hand to utilize the treatment more broadly. Essentia is accepting referrals from all medical providers within and

outside of the Essentia system, and offering it to any patient who meets the FDA's eligibility requirements, including those patients who receive care from an outside health system. It must be given within 10 days of the start of symptoms and as soon as possible after a positive COVID-19 test.

The therapy is offered at these locations:

- Duluth: Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center, 407 E. Third St.
- Fargo: Essentia Health-32nd Avenue Clinic, 3000 32nd Ave. S.
- Brainerd: Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, 523 N. Third St.
- Ada: Essentia Health-Ada, 201 Ninth St. W.
- Deer River: Essentia Health-Deer River, 115 10th Ave. N.E.
- Detroit Lakes: Essentia Health-St. Mary's Hospital, 1027 Washington Ave.
- Fosston: Essentia Health-Fosston, 900 Hilligoss Blvd. S.E.
- Graceville: Essentia Health-Holy Trinity Hospital, 115 W. Second St.
- Virginia: Essentia Health Urgent Care, 901 Ninth St. N.

People who have a positive COVID-19 test at any Essentia Health site are automatically screened for the FDA's criteria. Those who were tested at other sites can contact their primary care provider for a referral, or call a toll-free hotline at (833) 769-1524 to be screened. Hotline hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Health care providers can refer a patient by calling Essentia Health's STAT Doc line.

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