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L-R The Pookie Strong Race Team.....Kalin Honer, Kaylie Winge, Justin Honer, Brandon Hunter and Gordon Hunter.

Racing for “Pookie”



Kaitlyn "Pookie" Hunter at her favorite place to be...the race track.

*By Dennis Peterson
7/21/2021*

Come out to Bemidji Speedway any given Sunday and you will hear a large group of fans cheering on their favorite drivers. But one of the biggest cheers is when the “Pookie Strong Race Team” drivers come on track. Who is “Pookie”? Pookie is the nickname for Kaitlyn Hunter a six year old little girl who happens to love race cars and watching races. She has been coming to races most of young life and can be seen cheering on her own special team of drivers when ever she is home from the hospital.

On August 14, 2018 Kaitlyn (Pookie) was taken to Gillette children’s hospital in St. Paul, Mn for an MRI because she was complaining of neck pain. During the MRI the brain surgeon came out and introduced himself and told the family the worst thing any parent can hear “they found a mass on her brain.” They immediately admitted her to the hospital and the following day (August 15, 2018) she had brain surgery. After her surgery, she ended up getting posterior fossa syndromes, she couldn’t talk or walk, nothing. Her pathology report came back as medulloblastoma. On September 8th Pookie was sent to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s hospital in Minneapolis for her chemo treatments. She has three induction rounds followed by three high dose chemo treatments followed by stem cell transplant. She completed her chemo treatments in May, 2019. Back in school at Solway Elementary now in Kindergarten Pookie was doing well. On March 30, 2021 she had her normal regular MRI scan and once

excitement and smiling face. But she is well represented on the track with signs and stickers on cars up and down the pits by well wishers, with “Pookie Strong” stickers on their cars. Four drivers including her dad Brandon Hunter, Grandpa Gordon Hunter, along with Kalin Honer, and new in 2021 Kaylie Winge and Justin Honer who share race duties in the mini stock class all race for “Pookie”. Everyone is praying for a Victory for Pookie over her cancer battle.

If anyone would like to help with the many expenses incurred on the Hunter family they can make a donation on her GoFundMe page at https://www.gofundme.com/f/pookiestrong?utm_source=facebook.

again got the word “It’s back”. Kaitlyn Pookie Hunter is now six years old. Her oncologist recommended radiation treatments. So, she went through 30 sessions of photon radiation. On July 12 she had an MRI again and will be admitted to the hospital to start 6 months of chemo therapy. It will be three days per month that she will have chemo.

Family and friends miss “Pookie” at the races, all her

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is Pleased to Announce “Of the Year” Award Winners

Three awards are given each year to recognize artists and arts advocates within our seven-county region who stand out in terms of artistry or volunteerism in the arts. “Of the Year” Award winners were nominated by area residents.

Of the Year Award Winners include:

Connie Nelson of Hallock will be awarded the Northwest Artist of the Year Award for visual and performing arts. Connie has a strong history in the arts in our region. She is a visual artist who has painted many murals. She is also an actress, director, and set designer. Our Artist of the Year award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. It is a cash award of \$500.00.

Annethea (Ann) Novacek of Greenbush will be awarded the Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year Award. Novacek is a visual artist and an advocate for artists. She is a prolific painter and has been an active member of Artists Unlimited. Our Arts Advocate of the Year award is \$500 and includes arts from all disciplines.

Donald Kakaygeesick of Warroad will receive the Northwest Star Award. Kakaygeesick had a long history of representing Warroad and Roseau County in the arts field. The Kakaygeesick name is synonymous with Warroad history, culture and art. He paints in the well-known Indigenous style called, “Woodland School of Art.” This visionary style emphasizes outlines and X-ray views of people, animals, and plant life. This award comes

with \$5,000. Artists can only receive our Northwest Star Award once as a lifetime achievement award.

These awards will be presented on Thursday, August 26 in Warroad at the Allison Park Pavilion. Mingling, food, and live music begins at 5:30 pm and the program at 6 pm. The event is free of charge and open to everyone. The reception is a wonderful day of celebrating the arts in our region. Please join us!

For more information about these awards, see our website at <http://www.northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/>

Funding for Northwest Star and Northwest Artist of the Year comes from The McKnight Foundation. Funding for Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year comes from the Minnesota State Legislature.



Connie Nelson.



Annethea Novacek.



Donald Kakaygeesick.



Kids waiting for candy and families enjoying all the entries at the Gonvick Rodeo Days/All-School Reunion parade held on Saturday, July 10th.



A huge crowd gathered for the Rodeo during Rodeo Days held Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE AWARENESS EVENT

September 1st, 2021 / 5 PM - 9 PM / Pennington County Fairgrounds

FREE EVENT

2021 E-RACE STIGMA 5K WALK/RUN

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BE THE VOICE

Let's *TALK* about it.
with Renee Rongen & Tim Eggebraaten

HOSTED BY:

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Adult Mental Health Initiative

The Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (people with live experience), NW8 Adult Mental Health Initiative, and HOPE Coalition (suicide prevention group) are hosting a Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Event on September 1st, 2021 from 5:00pm-9:00pm at the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Thief River Falls.

They will be kicking off the evening with the eRace Stigma 5k hosted by the HOPE Coalition. Anyone can register on Facebook @minnesotahopecoalition or on our website @ www.mnhopecoalition.org. Registration cost for the 5k is \$25/adult and children are Free. Must register by August 6th to receive a Free eRace stigma T-shirt. All proceeds will go to Suicide prevention efforts in NW Minnesota.

The Mental Health Awareness Expo will be from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Currently there are 13 key partners and Providers from the region that will be there with resources and goodies.

The NW8 Adult Mental Health Initiative will end the evening with the Main FREE Event: "BE THE VOICE, Let's

talk about it" with Renee Rongen & Tim Eggebraaten from 7:00-9:00 @ the Grandstands.

Entertainer and Keynote speaker Renee Rongen takes the stage emotionally buck naked to share her passionate personal story of struggle and triumph. Five years ago, her life abruptly took a 180. As a humorist speaker, storyteller, and author on stages across the country with big names and big venues it appeared "she'd made it!" What her audiences, friends and family didn't know was how incredibly dark her world had become.

Flawed and vulnerable, a little scared and definitely still funny, Renee will have you laughing and asking your friend for a tissue. Accompanying Renee on stage is Entertainer of the Year, Tim Eggebraaten, who shares his own powerful story and music that is sure to touch hearts and get you on your feet. Together this duo is using their voices and life experiences to bring light to the traditionally unspoken subject of mental health & suicide.

You can register for the Free "BE THE VOICE" show on our Facebook page @nw8amhi or on our website @ www.nw8amhi.org. Register by August 6th to receive a Free "BE THE Voice" T-shirt.

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Fosston Sportsman Calendar 2021 WINNERS

The winner of the July 21st calendar drawing was Brittany Djernes of Fosston. She won a Ruger 10/22 22LR. Congratulations!

It was wonderful to see everyone at my birthday party. Thank you for coming!
Morris Hendrickson

Pioneers meeting
Tri River Pioneers meeting 8:00 p.m., August 2, at the Plummer Museum

College News

Oklee's Krista Bernstein makes Dean's List
BEMIDJI, Minn. (July 22, 2021) - Krista Bernstein, a student from Oklee, Minnesota, has been placed on Bemidji State's dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, Bemidji State students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA during the semester.

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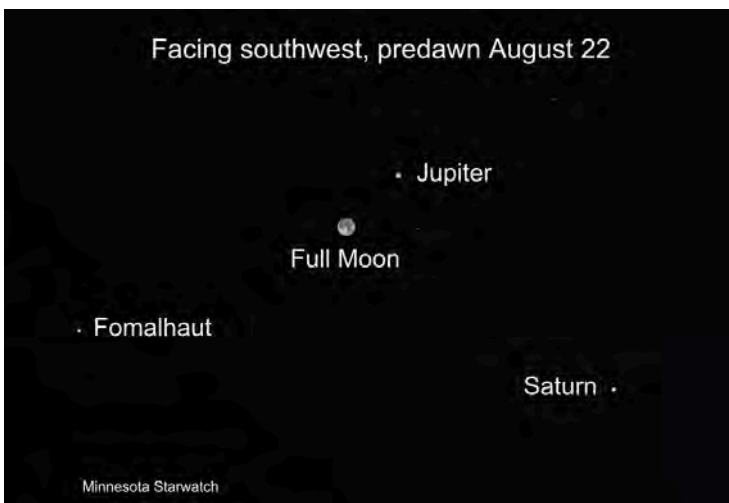
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Minnesota Starwatch for August 2021



By Deane Morrison
Jupiter and Saturn are at
their best of the year this month,
thanks to Earth lapping them in
the race around the sun.
When Earth laps a planet,

the event is called opposition
because Earth passes directly
between the planet and the
sun, making the planet appear
opposite the sun in the sky.
Therefore, a planet at opposi-

tion rises around sunset and
sets around sunrise.

Saturn is at opposition on
the 2nd, Jupiter on the 19th.
On those dates, the respective
planets will be up all night.
They will also be near their
maximum brightness for the
year, although the difference
will hardly be noticeable, given
how far out Jupiter, and espe-
cially Saturn, orbit. The planets'
average distances from the
sun are 484 million miles for
Jupiter and 886 million miles
for Saturn.

Traveling the night sky be-
low and slightly east of the plan-
ets is Fomalhaut, dubbed "the
loneliest star" for its status as
the only bright star in its patch
of sky. Its constellation—Piscis
Austrinus, the southern fish—
ranks among the dimmest.

Venus still hovers close to
the horizon after sunset, coming
out slightly farther south from
night to night. And in the morn-
ing sky, the familiar winter
constellations rise earlier every
day en route to their annual
comeback.

The Perseid meteor shower
is expected to peak the night of
the 11th-12th, but the nights on
either side of it may be just as
good. The best time is usually
after midnight. With no moon
to interfere, this is a favorable
year for the shower.

August's full moon arrives
shortly after moonset the morn-
ing of the 22nd. As it nears the
western horizon, the plump
setting moon will shine against
a pale predawn sky. This one
qualifies as a blue moon accord-
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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Answer: This is a great topic as all parents need to take an active role in their teen driver's education. Since 2015, all Minnesota driver education providers (schools) must offer a "Supplemental Parental Curriculum" to any parent/guardian who chooses to the course. The course helps provide the information concerning graduated driver licensing, safety risks associated with novice drivers, potential influence of adults on novice driver behaviors, and additional resources.

Common Teen Driving Laws

- For the first six months of licensure: Only one passenger under age 20 is permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- For the second six months of licensure: No more than three passengers under age 20 are permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Exemption: Passengers under age 20 who are members of the driver's immediate family are permitted.
- Parents are encouraged to set stricter passenger limits for their newly licensed teen by not allowing any teen passengers for the first six-months of licensure, and no more than one for the second six-months.

Minnesota's nighttime limits for teens:

- For the first six months of licensure: Driving is prohibited midnight – 5 a.m.
- Exemptions: Driving when

accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older; driving between home and place of employment; driving to/from home and a school event for which the school has not provided transportation; driving for employment purposes.

- More than half of all fatal crashes that occur at night and involve 16-year olds happen before midnight. Parents are encouraged to set stricter nighttime driving limits for their newly licensed teen beginning at 9 or 10 p.m.

Due to inexperience, distractions and risk-taking, teens are a part of an unfortunate group of drivers in Minnesota statistically speaking. In 2019, teens (15-19) made up just 6 percent of all licensed drivers. Yet, they made up 16 percent of all drivers involved in traffic crashes. As parents, it's important to continue educating and driving with your teen driver, even after they receive their license. Together we can help our teen

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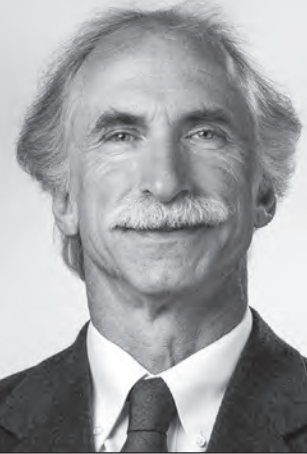
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Hunting for Heart Rocks

The quiet crunch beneath my feet was familiar as I made my way down the gravel road. It's been more than three decades now, and funny thing is I never tire of it. Perhaps it's recognizing my surroundings that brings comfort.

Today as I walked, hunting for heart rocks was on my mind. At times they seem to appear out of nowhere and when they do, I pick them up. Today, however, they were few and far between

When one was found, it was tucked safely into the palm of my hand. Soon, my focus was so intent I began to see things that were not there. A pointed end surely meant there were rounded tops offering the much sought after curvature completing the shape of a heart.

Once home, I discovered there were eleven rocks. Upon review, only four could actually be classified as hearts. The oth-

ers came in the shape of ovals, triangles, or plain ole pebbles... but in my desire to see hearts, they were chosen.

I suppose if left long enough, the rough life along the gravel road would eventually take off a few more edges and those not yet formed would become more heart shaped. (Down the road so-to-speak.) After all, isn't that what we all desire...to be recognized as one with a heart?

Heart-to-heart we all know the journey in life takes off a few rough edges. Sometimes the edges are worn off while others are torn off in the shaping process. Come to think of it, it wasn't His heart alone that was pierced for our transgressions but His whole body broken for us. He even offers a way for us to re-member ourselves to Him through the amazing sacrament (which is a way of remembering His sacrifice) of Communion.

He says, "Take and eat"

(1Corin. 11:24). In other words, He invites us to partake in. We not only get to partake in the remembrance of Him, but we get to partake in what it takes to make our heart like His. We get to enter into the suffering it takes to round off a few of the sharp edges in order to shape it accordingly.

What a gift to behold...to have and to hold.

So the next time you go kicking down the gravel road of life upon which you've been placed, may you see His work in progress. May you unite as one with Him in the formation process

as we are being shaped more fully into one of His heart rocks. May our compassion be on full display as we pick up others along the road in their formation process.

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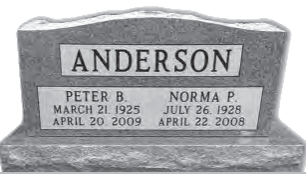


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Obituary for Lisette Reinbold

Lisette Reinbold, 34 of Oklee, MN passed away tragically on Friday, July 9, 2021 at her residence.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 11:30 AM on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls, MN with Father Bob Schreiner presiding. Burial followed at St. Peter Cemetery in Gentilly, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the service at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Lisette Garza was born March 16, 1987 in Bakersfield, CA the daughter of Mario Garza and Elvia Juarez. She was baptized into the Catholic faith in Los Angeles, CA. She attended Highland Elementary School and Crookston High Schools in Crookston, MN.

Her first job was at McDonalds and later worked at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston. She learned to work hard at an early age and loved the outdoors. She enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling with her Dad.

Lisette is the very proud mother of Jared, Justin, Brielle and Kreedyn!

After moving to rural Oklee in 2010, Lisette enjoyed being home with her children. She worked on home crafts and loved her life on the farm.

Lisette was a friendly, social, very kind and caring person. She was a wonderful mother, daughter, sister and friend and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She loved her pet dogs and cats and also loved butterflies.

Lisette was a very active, loving mother to her kids. She was a dance mom, soccer mom, basketball mom, theater mom, softball mom, and swimming mom.

She worked for a time as a barista at the Wired Bean in Thief River Falls. Lisette worked as a Customer Service Associate and Registration Specialist at Altru Clinic in Grand Forks and Thief River Falls and in June 2021 began work as an Insurance Representative at Sanford Health in Thief River Falls.

Survivors include her loving children, Jared, Justin, Brielle and Kreedyn; mother, Elvia Juarez; father, Mario Garza; siblings, Myrna, Jessica, Rolando, Mario Jr.; grandparents, Maria Teresa Salinas and David Garza; and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Jose Juarez and Maria Arellano; aunt, Maria Teresa Garza in infancy.

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Obituary for Donald Johnson

Donald Johnson, age 85, of Gully, MN, passed away on Saturday, July 24th, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh, MN. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston with Pastor Gary Johnson and Pastor David Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Kingo Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home. Military honors will be conducted by the National Guard Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Donald Lloyd Johnson was born on November 3, 1935, in Fosston, Minnesota to parents Oscar and Esther (Rue) Johnson. He grew up on the Johnson home farm in Eden Township, attended the Gully Elementary and graduated from Fosston High School in 1953.

After high school he attended LBI (Lutheran Bible Institute) in Minneapolis for a year. He worked in Cloquet, Minnesota and then he moved to Montana (a place he dearly loved). While in Montana, he worked at the Wolfe Point Hog Farm, Dana Ranch, Leonard Rossmiller farm in Montana. He also drove road grader in Dutton, Montana. He was well-liked and kept in touch with many of them throughout his life. He spent a few years in Illinois where he hauled sheetrock and where he met and married his wife. After their marriage they

returned to his roots at the home farm near Gully where he lost his arm in a farming accident, but continued to farm the rest of his life. He was a very hard worker and put his all into everything he did.

While in the U.S. Army, after being deployed to Korea, he was selected to be a driver for a Colonel's vehicle. Because of that experience, Don was able to go many places he otherwise wouldn't have been able to go.

He was married to Nancy Schmidt on April 20, 1963, and two daughters were born from this marriage, Robin and Rebekah.

Don had many interests including tractors, old westerns, animals, hunting, farming, water skiing, horseback riding, and history.

He always had a deep love for airplanes and built many models. He held a pilot's license for several years and, in his later years, he enjoyed his flight simulator, flying planes even out of the country. He also organized Christian music groups for a number of churches and services in the area. He was a man of strong faith-prayer warrior that friends and family could always count on.

Don passed away peacefully, with his family by his side on Saturday morning, July 24, 2021 at McIntosh Senior Living at the age of 85 years.

Survivors include his two daughters, Robin (Mark) Nelson of Zimmerman, MN, and Rebekah (Rolf) Flen of Pequot Lakes, MN; eight grandchildren, Tarah Nelson of Zimmerman, MN, Brianna Nelson of Blaine, MN, Riley Nelson of Zimmerman, MN, and Brayton, Talya, Tasia, Talem and Sadiya Flen, all of Pequot Lakes, MN; two sisters, Phyl Gemar of MT, and Gail Rossmiller of MT; two brothers, Gary (Lois) Johnson of Gully, MN, and David (Brenda) Johnson of Bagley, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Nancy Johnson; and sister, Marilyn Ramberg and two nephews.



Obituary for Joyce Balstad

Joyce Balstad, age 80, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, July 18th, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 24th, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Winger, MN with the Rev. Gordon Syverson officiating. Interment was in New Sweden Cemetery, rural McIntosh. Family greeted friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service, serving McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Joyce Carol Hegland Balstad was born on December 20, 1940, in Minot, North Dakota to parents George and Ellen (Johnson) Hegland. She lived in Van Hook, North Dakota until moving with her family to Minneapolis in 1945. The family moved to McIntosh, Minnesota in 1954 and Joyce graduated from McIntosh High School in 1958.

Following high school, Joyce attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota where she went on to receive a degree in Elementary Education. After graduation, she taught for a year at

the Erskine school.

She was married to Floyd Balstad on August 4, 1962, and they had three sons, David, Paul, and Dale. She remained home to care for her growing family until 1991 when she returned to work outside the home by starting a job at the Shooting Star Casino. She had a natural knack for dealing Blackjack and was known to be hard to beat at the Blackjack table. Joyce retired in 2013.

Joyce loved all animals but had a special, and life-long, love of horses. She loved gardening and flowers (especially peonies and roses). She also was very artistic; she liked rosealing, knitting, refinishing furniture, and especially enjoyed painting on canvas. Joyce enjoyed watching her sons' and her grandsons' sporting events. Joyce loved being a mom, grandma, and great grandma and enjoyed family gatherings of all kinds, especially the holidays. She had many friends that she would get together with for coffee, lunch, or a little shopping.

Joyce will be remembered as very patient and a likeable person. Because of these beautiful traits, she had the gift of being able to develop friendships with people of all ages. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

Survivors include her three sons, David (Shawn) of Fertile, MN, Paul of Grand Forks, ND, and Dale of Winger, MN; six grandchildren, Justin, Daulton, Travis, Sarah (fiancé, Joe Gasperlin), Grant, and Everett; and one great granddaughter, Danica Gasperlin. Also surviving is her sister, Karen (Richard) Hagen of Minnetonka, MN; and nephews, Mark (Deana) Hagen and Daniel (Jan) Hagen.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Obituary for Loveon Ruth Henke

Loveon Ruth Henke (McKay) 1/1/34 - 7/22/21

On a long enough time line, the survival rate for everyone drops to zero. Sigmund Freud said "The goal of all life is death". Looks like I have reached my goal. There were other goals I wanted to reach first, but there is no sense in crying over missed bowling pins. I actually had my picture on the first page of the Wisconsin State Journal when I was born. I was the first baby born in Madison in 1934. Quite an honor but I can't remember it. We all have goals in life but this is not one of them. And we have no more power to stop it than we do tornadoes in Kansas. I remember starting kindergarten at 4 in Madison. The cut off date was January 1st so I just made it. I am sure my mother was happy to enroll me as she had 2 more boys at home. I had 2 older brothers and a sister at school already. It was an act of faith when we moved to Clearbrook in 1975, buying the Hartz Store from the Everharts. We didn't know one person in the area. Our oldest son Gary was in the Marine Corps and daughter Suzy had moved to Milwaukee to sell advertising for a radio station. So we had our 'second' family, Mike who was 11 and Jennifer was 9. Their first day of school was Halloween and Principal Olga Petterson welcomed them warmly. We

knew nothing about running a grocery store but then Al introduced us to Anne Bergh. She taught us everything we needed to run a grocery store, and with the loyalty and hard work of Lonnie English, we had a long successful run. The town supported us even though we were German Methodists, not exactly the nationality or religion of everyone around. Living in Wisconsin for many years I was a Green Bay Packer fan. It was different up here seeing the purple and yellow instead of green and gold, and we had fun with it, as anyone who came into Hartz Store over the years knew.

Our mother, Loveon, wrote the above obituary. Being quite independent and efficient, she wanted to be sure all the details of her end of life were taken care of. What we found incredible was after our dad died, she ran Hartz Store for 5 more years, a seven day a week job. Then, after she sold to Kevin Berg, she still worked part time at the store. Her passions besides the Green Bay Packers included bowling where she bowled an incredible 245, and country music, especially Conway Twitty. She died peacefully in her sleep and we will miss her. Loveon was preceded in death by her husband Milton, and is survived by four children, Gary (Dale Goth), Madison, WI, Suzanne (Jim) Werley, Chicago, IL, Michael (Michele) Henke, Grand Island, NE and Jennifer (David) Aakre, Solway, and grandchildren Jessica, Alice, Amanda, DJ, Kenny, Kaija and Annikka.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pastor Bob Kirchman presiding, with a visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Clearwater County Hospice or a garden club, or plant some flowers to enjoy yourself.

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Obituary for Bernice Shelquist

Bernice Harriet Shelquist, 95, died on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Greenwood Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Bernice was born October 4, 1925 to Melvin and Clara (Walberg) Peterson of Clearbrook. She worked at the Clearbrook Hotel when she was young. She went on to work at the Forum Cafeteria

and The American Bag Company in Minneapolis.

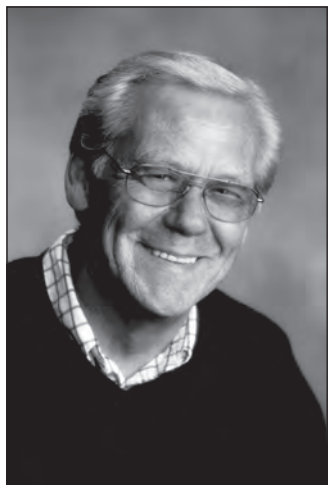
Bernice married Ernest Shelquist in East Grand Forks, North Dakota on June 20, 1953. They lived on their farm in the Clearbrook area until Ernest moved to live at the Good Samaritan Center and Bernice moved into town. Ernest died May 6, 1997. She was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Bernice moved to Monticello in November of 2011 to be closer to her family. She went on to move to the Care Center in Monticello in July of 2020.

Bernice cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren as well as her other family and friends. She loved animals, especially cats and a pet squirrel she and Ernest raised.

She is survived by her children, John (Linda) Peterson of Monticello, Larry Kihlstedius of Becida, and Shelly (Lyle) Stenberg of Monticello; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; her siblings, Charles (Rita) Neslund, Janet Bakke, Susan (Bob) Eck; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Shelquist; her brothers, Curtis Peterson and Rodney Neslund; and her parents.

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Obituary for Paul Neill

Paul Neill of Bagley, Minnesota, age 76 passed away peacefully at Cornerstone Nursing on July 19, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Paul was born in Chicago, IL to parents Maurice and Millie Neill. The family lived in Walla Walla, WA, Minneapolis, MN, and Bagley, MN.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Bagley, with the Pastor Jeb Monge officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, July 23, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley. Interment will be held at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Paul graduated from Bagley High School and moved to his sister's in Fort Worth, TX where he attended the University of Texas. He later joined the Air Force in 1965 and was stationed in Anderson Air Force Base in Guam.

Paul had 2 children from a previous marriage, Christy and Michelle, and in 1978 he

moved his family to Farmington, MN where he owned and operated Neill's Plumbing and Heating. In 1983, he moved back home to Bagley where he met and married Janice Edevold Lien, who had 2 children, Steve and Pamela. Paul and Janice were married for 37 years.

Paul was very active in the community and had a lot of interests. He owned and operated Neill's Plumbing and Heating in Bagley for 38 years and retired in 2016 due to health problems. He was on the school board for over 20 years and had two terms as post commander at the Bagley American Legion. He was a part of the color guard and was the gambling manager for the Legion. While Paul was president of Zion Lutheran Church, he was involved in the rebuilding the Zion Church. He loved bowling, golfing, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, fishing, traveling, and politics. Paul had such a quick wit about him, and he enjoyed bantering with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by mother, Millie Neill, father Maurice Neill, brothers Kenneth Thorson, Gary Neill, and Robert Thorson and sisters Dorla Herrin and Donna Harris. Paul is survived by his wife Jan, his four children Steven Lien of Bagley, Pamela Sharp of Bagley, Michelle Raiter of Shevlin, and Christy Neill of West Virginia, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, sisters Carol Hromidko, Sharon Trandem, and numerous nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.



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Bemidji Speedway Advantage RV Modified Tour

7/25/2021

By Dennis Peterson

One of the highlights of the summer at Bemidji Speedway in 2021 occurred Sunday night at the track. The "Advantage RV Modified Tour" rolled into town with 19 of the best Wisconsin modified drivers in the Midwest and they did not disappoint. Johnny Broking made a last second pass at the finish line to defeat Tyler Peterson in dramatic fashion to win the feature and move up in the overall standings to second behind point leader Peterson with Shane Sabraski third. Great racing in all the classes thrilled the packed grandstand once again. The Wisconsin Mod Fours enjoyed a night off on Sunday and will be for the regular race card next Sunday with a 5:PM start time.

Wisconsin Pure Stock Feature:

Dusty Caspers and Kade Leeper were the front row after a crash in the first attempt sent front row starters Billy Binkley and Josh Berg to the pits and tail end. With the green flag of Tim Jackson waving Caspers grabbed the early lead followed by Leeper, Michael Roth, Jared Miller and Austin Carlson. Caspers slipped up high turn two and dropped back to third behind Leeper and Roth. He was able to retake second but Leeper drove to his first feature win of 2021. Caspers, Roth, Miller and Carlson filled the top five spots.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature:

Brandon Hunter held the pole for the start of the mini stock feature with Gordon Hunter to his right. Brandon Hunter powered to the lead trailed by Ashton Schwinn, Conrad Schwinn, Kalin Honer and Gordon Hunter. Conrad Schwinn raced out of turn for with the lead with Honer close behind as the laps began to go by quickly in the flag to flag race. Charging out of the last turn Honer got around Schwinn as the leader was caught in lapped traffic and Honer took the checkered flag in a crazy wild finish. Schwinn, Ashton Schwinn, Travis Klein and Gordon Hunter made it into the top five.

Wisconsin Midwest Modified Feature:

The 16 car Wisconsin Midwest Modified field was led by Connor Drewry and Harley Kroening. With the green flag waving it was Drewry out front with Kroening, Jeff Reed, Darin Lawler and Wyatt Boyum trailing. Drewry was steady and fast out front and held his position through several cautions and restarts. Jeff Reed was on the move racing high into second with Joey LaValley making a strong showing from his 5th row starting position up into the third spot behind Reed. Racing high LaValley lost his grip and went around bringing the caution flag out. With the final restart it was Alan Olafson from deep in the pack moving to the outside and making his #77 B-mod stick and flying by one car after another until he was racing for the lead and on the last lap made the pass of Reed who was in the lead as Drewry dropped back. Olafson picked up his first win of the year with Reed, Kroening, Doyle Erickson and Michael Jacobson in the top five.

Advantage RV Modified Tour Feature:

What everyone came to see was up next, the Wisconsin Modified tour race. On the pole was Tyler Peterson, current point leader on the tour, and Bob Broking to his right in the 30 lap main event. Peterson seized control of the lead with Bob Broking, Johnny Broking, Shane Sabraski and Josh Beaulieu in the top five. Beaulieu got a bit high in turn two and dropped back a couple of positions moving Jeremy Nelson into fifth. Peterson was out to big lead as the battle to watch was with the Brokings and Sabraski fighting for second. Sabraski raced inside to get by the younger Broking and then moved up inside of Bob Broking and battled door to door for the back up spot. After several laps of side by side racing Broking spun and brought out the yellow caution flag. Sabraski was sent tailback after some discussion by officials. The restart had Peterson in the lead with Johnny Broking, Bob Broking, Ricky Jacobson, and Ryan Gierke in the top five spots. Peterson and Johnny Broking fought for the lead with Peterson maintaining the lead position as the leaders began to move through lapped traffic. Racing into turn three

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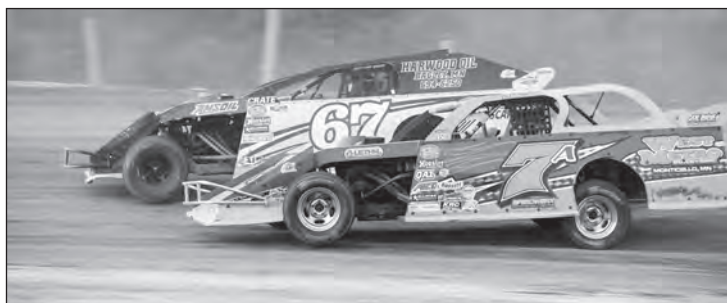
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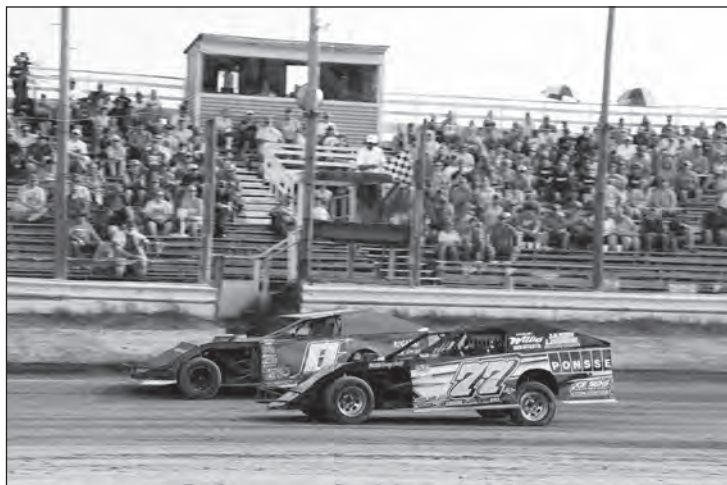
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Wisconsin Midwest Modifieds of #8 Doyle Erickson of Bagley and #77 Alan Olafson of Blackduck.



Saluting the fans at the beginning of the Advantage RV Modified Tour feature the modifieds run three wide down the front straight.

and four with the checkered flag in hand by flagman Tim Jackson the leader slowed just enough for Broking to catch him on the high side along the front wall and pass Peterson for the win by inches in a race that had the fans standing and cheering for their favorites. Peterson took the close second with Bob Broking, Gierke, and Zack Johnson in the top five. An amazing race with fantastic drivers.

Wisconsin Hornet Feature:

The Wisconsin Hornets "buzzed" on track led by Malakai Wilson on the pole and Brooke Vernlund outside. Vernlund powered to the lead with Wilson, Payton Edelman, Caylyn Binkley and Ethan Newman in the top five positions. Following a caution Vernlund was sent tailback for the restart moving Travis Olafson up into the top five from his sixth row starting position. Edelman used the restart to his advantage taking the lead from Wilson as Olafson followed into second after a side by side duel for the lead. Olafson continued his assault to the front taking and winning the race as Edelman dropped back late. Newman was second, with Wilson, Binkley, and Lucy LaValley in the top five.

Wisconsin Super Stock Feature:

The final race of the night was the Wisconsin Super Stocks led on track by Garrett Masurka and Ron Reed. Masurka seized control early with Tim Carlson, Dalton Carlson, Nathan Higginbotham and Shane Sabraski in the top five. Sabraski raced high and low looking for an opening to get by Higginbotham. While up front Tim Carlson passed Masurka in turns three and four for the

lead. Following a caution and restart Sabraski moved up high and worked his way around Masurka as the younger Carlson took the lead from his father Tim. Sabraski returned up high and raced passed both Carlson's to take the lead and claim the final feature of the night. Dalton Carlson was second with Tim Carlson third. Matt Sparby and Brandon Bahr rounded out the top five ending an incredible night of action packed racing at Bemidji Speedway.

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Tractor Shows and Grandsons What is not to love !!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

One of my favorite tractor shows was this past weekend. The Little Log House Pioneer Village Antique Power Show in Hastings, MN. It was the 30th annual show, sorry to say I've only seen three of them. In 2018 the feature was Cockshutt. My wife and I made the trip down and it did not disappoint! It was one of the most fun tractor shows for my wife and I to enjoy! Many, MANY vendors of arts and crafts, food items, toys, tractors,.....something for everyone! The grounds are beautiful also. The Little Log House Pioneer Village features many historic buildings, beautiful flower garden, a wedding venue, Porky's Drive Inn, a military exhibit, a replica of the Hastings spiral bridge....you see it is a great Pioneer Village, now add a tractor show and I am hooked! After so much fun in 2018, back we came in 2019 for the show featuring, you guessed it John Deere! In 2020 the show was cancelled due to COVID and now in 2021 it featured International Harvester.

Lucky for me my wife is a saint and goes to tractor shows with me. I know the show itself or tractor pull is NOT her favorite but the hours in the cars together and seeing new sites together is priceless to me. Well, this show added more fun to me. Two of my sons, daughter-in-laws, and grandsons also came to the show and made grandpa's heart swell with joy! It was a brutally hot hot day and I know it was a challenge for parents of a couple little tikes, but it was amazing for grandma and grandpa! Archer(grandson #1), and Callan (grandson#2) walked the spiral bridge, watched the old equipment working the "quarry", watched a WW2 reenactment, and had a bite to eat before the heat of the day sent them back to their other grandparent's homes to cool down. Then my son Nick, wife Patty, and I headed to the tractor pull....something I have always wanted to see there but usually we have had to leave before it starts. I was having a great time; 93 degrees, sitting in aluminum bleachers, with dust flying, this is when Patty headed for the shade, but Nick and I watched a few more classes before calling it a day!

It kind of reminded me of sitting at one of the many tractor pulls I went to with my mom and dad as a kid....So you see two of my favorite things happened this weekend: family.....and tractors! I am still smiling!!(I didn't even mention the next day we went to the Orange Spectacular{Allis Chalmers Show} in Hutchinson, MN!)

How about a little Tractor Trivia!

- One tractor I saw that was beautifully restored was a 1962 4010 John Deere. How many horsepower did John Deere claim a 4010 had on the PTO?
A) 75hp B) 80hp C) 85hp D) 90hp
- Another favorite I saw was an 830 John Deere Diesel. John Deere claimed the 830 had _____ belt horsepower.
A) 75.6hp B) 80.6hp C) 85.6hp D) 90.6hp
- From 1965 to 1967 IH made the 1206 Turbo. IH claimed the 1206 Turbo had _____ PTO horsepower.
A) 100hp B) 105hp C) 110 HP D) 115hp
- In Hutchinson I saw my favorite Allis tractor, model RC. The RC was really a WC Allis Chalmers chassis with an Allis model _____ engine.
A) Model WD B) Model G C) Model U D) Model B
- The Model H Farmall was made from 1939- _____.
A.) 1949 B) 1950 C) 1951 D) 1952
Answers: 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. D 5. D



Patty and I with the two grandsons, Callan and Archer, in front of a nice old Hart Parr.



A nicely restored H Farmall with 2 row cultivator in Hastings, MN.



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Todd Peine from Cannon Falls, MN, on his nicely restored 4010 John Deere pulling a 5 bottom semi-mounted 145 plow.

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