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Beltrami County and Sanford Health break ground on Behavioral Health Crisis Center

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Beltrami County and Sanford Health broke ground on the Sanford Bemidji Behavioral Health Crisis Center Wednesday, Oct. 13. The \$6.2 million project is made possible through a partnership between Beltrami County and Sanford Health. The center will be the first of its kind to offer adult inpatient hospital psychiatric beds within 90 miles of Bemidji and the first to feature an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) unit for both adults and children/adolescents in Northwest Minnesota.

Located on Hannah Avenue between the Sanford Health PrimeWest Residential Support Center and the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, the new 12,000-square-foot facility will have eight inpatient hospital beds dedicated to adult psychiatric care. The innovative EmPATH unit will provide adult and adolescent patients outpatient crisis care within a safe, supportive space and with direct access to a multidisciplinary care team allowing for timely improvement.

“For someone who is experiencing a mental or substance use crisis, an ER can be overwhelming,” explained Ashlea McMartin, MS, LPCC, clinical manager of community based mental health services at Sanford Health Bemidji, including the Mobile Crisis Unit and the future Crisis Center. “The EmPATH unit and crisis center will provide an environment that is optimal to deescalate a patient’s crisis and help get them the tailored care they need right away.”

The center will offer continued assessment, individualized treatment planning, access to multi-disciplinary teams, immediate psychiatric services, collaboration with primary care physicians and access to medical interventions, including outpatient mental health services to meet the patient and their family’s needs, collaboration with community services such as social services, law enforcement and community schools—all while remaining in the community.

“We are immensely grateful for our partnership with Beltrami County, the county commissioners, the Department of Health and Sanford Health Foundation donors for this project, including the George W. Neilson Foundation,” shared Susan Jarvis, president and CEO of Sanford Health Bemidji. “We look forward to offering patients the care they need close to home and in the best care setting possible.”



Partnering with local contractors, the center is designed by EAPC Architects Engineers, and will be constructed over the course of the next year by Kraus-Anderson. Funding for the crisis center is made possible through \$3.65 million from the Minnesota Department of Health’s Crisis Bond Project grant from and \$1.45 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funding through Beltrami County. The remainder of the project will be funded through philanthropic dollars through the Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota. Donor opportunities are still available for those who would like to contribute toward the project before its opening in late fall 2022.

“There is a statewide and national shortage of psychiatric beds. This can lead to a delay in care and an increased waiting period in the ER prior to transfer to an open inpatient bed across the state,” explained James Coughenour, senior director of behavioral health services at Sanford Health Bemidji.

The Sanford Bemidji Medical Center sees on average six mental health patients per day. The average stay in the ER ranges from 2-30 hours. The duration of time spent in the ER is especially long for many patients who require transfer to a different facility or who carry a diagnosis of significant mental illness or substance use disorder.

One of the most important measures of mental health within a community is suicide. Data from the 2019 Sanford Health Community Needs assessment indicated that the suicide rate in the Bemidji area (18 suicides per 100,000 people) is above the comparison group average.

The Sanford Bemidji Mobile Crisis unit saw a 23% increase in encounters during 2019-2020 and an additional 44% increase from 2020-2021. The Bemidji ER sees additional patients in crisis who report directly to the ER for care. In 2020, the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center saw a total of 406 patients in crisis who required inpatient psychiatric care.

“Having these new crisis resources readily available within our area will not only take pressure off of our local ER and hospital, but this collabora-

tion with Sanford will close the gap in much needed services, help keep families together and positively impact those in and around our county for generations to come,” expressed Tom Barry, Beltrami County Administrator.

Currently, the closest inpatient psychiatric facility to Bemidji is 90 miles away. When children and their families are needing psychiatric inpatient services, many are placed at a greater distance or out of state due to limited availability.

“This increased distance from loved ones and community support poses several challenges for the patient including decreased and/or delayed chances of recovery,” explained Coughenour.

A 2021 study conducted by the University of New Hampshire, Improving Care Transitions for Individuals with Suicide Risk After Discharged from Acute Care, found that the suicide rate during the first week after discharge from an inpatient facility for patients with identified suicide risk history is 300x higher than that of the general population. One out of every 100 suicide attempt survivors will die by suicide within one year of their initial attempt, a risk approximately 100x that of the general population.

“As behavioral health clinicians, we know that the best course of care is staying in the community and continuing family engagement in their treatment to prevent delaying or hindering their recovery,” shared McMartin. “Because of this, it is even more important that we have the necessary services and psychiatric providers available locally.

Help is available
The Mobile Crisis Team offers emergency and crisis services. Our team is available 24/7 to help adults and children during a mental health crisis. We can help you over the phone, at your home, in the hospital or wherever you need us.

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Artists of Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit is Open at NCTC in Thief River Falls Oct. 7 to Dec. 1

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is pleased to announce our latest exhibit – Artists of Northwest Minnesota at our gallery at Northland Community and Technical College, 1101 Highway 1 East in Thief River Falls. This exhibit will run through Wednesday, December 1. There are approximately 95 pieces of artwork in this exhibit, many of which are for sale, including metal art, photography, watercolor, acrylic and oil painting, pen and ink, mixed media, pottery, glass work, stone, poetry, children’s books, fiction and nonfiction, greeting cards, music, and mosaics created by regional artists.

“I’m excited about how eclectic this gallery exhibit is!” Staff member of Northland Community and Technical College.

Artists featured in the exhibit include Rock Bakken of Hallock, Debbie Aune of Gatzke, Peggie Sue Branden of Lake Bronson, Paulette Christianson of Badger, Alex Conwell of Red Lake Falls, Jeanne Cooney of Hallock, Kristin Eggerling of Hallock, Trey Everett of Crookston, Christine Foster of Thief River Falls, Andy Hall of Crookston, Mara Hanel of Warren, Kim Hrubá of Warroad, Dale Jacobson of Alvarado, Therese Jacobson of Alvara-

do, Janet Johnson of Roseau, Dennis Kinkad of Hallock, Jolene Juhl of Greenbush, Cindy Kolling of Gully, Elizabeth Rockstad of Hendrum, Janice McAlpine of Thief River Falls, Gail Ose of Thief River Falls, Jodi Peterson of Ada and Moorhead, Alicia Spilde of Karlstad, Megan Sugden of Hallock, and Betsy Saurdiff of Goodridge.

According to NWMAC Showcase Specialist Trey Everett, “This gallery was a lot of fun to put together. The artists in our Artists of Northwest Minnesota booklet are pretty savvy and wanting to show their work so they went out of their way to get their artwork to the gallery. The wide variety of work in the gallery includes what we often don’t have a chance to showcase, like giclee prints, CDs, books, greeting cards, and other items you would find in museum gift shops. In addition, we have our stellar original art that is profound and inviting. I think our region will love this show.”

The NWMAC Gallery is located at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and at other times when events are held at the college. Enter through Door A. Visitor parking is free at this time in the large end lot.

For more information about our exhibits look to our website at www.NWArtsCouncil.org, or if you are an artist interested in exhibiting a body of work with NWMAC, please contact Trey Everett at (218) 280-4917 or treyeverettcreates@gmail.com. This exhibit is made possible with funding from The McKnight Foundation. Please sign up for our e-newsletter on our website home page to see the latest news and grant announcements. Email director@NWArtsCouncil.org or call 218-745-8886 to reach our office during regular business hours.

Fall Tips from the Master Gardener

It looks like a late fall in the garden this year. Let’s hope it doesn’t change overnight like some years past. There are a number of things to do before holing up for the winter.

Take time to check the handles of your garden tools, to sand any rough spots, and give them a coat of linseed oil or fresh paint to keep them looking new. Clean and sharpen hoes, shovels, hand trowels and other digging tools keeping the same edge angle that they had when new. You can give the metal parts a light coat of oil or linseed oil to keep them from rusting.

This is also a good time to

Cozzens appointed as new bishop for Crookston Diocese

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA, October 18, 2021 – Today, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has appointed the Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Crookston. His installation Mass has been set for Monday, December 6. Vespers will take place on Sunday, December 5.

Bishop Cozzens, who has served as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since 2013, was born August 3, 1968. He is the son of Jack and Judy Cozzens and the youngest of three children. Bishop Cozzens graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, where he experienced a deepening of the faith through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. During a period of discernment after college, Bishop Cozzens served as a traveling missionary to young people around the country with Twin Cities-based NET Ministries. During his first month as a missionary, his NET team served in the Diocese of Crookston putting on retreats in the parishes and schools throughout the diocese. After serving with NET Ministries, he joined the Companions of Christ, a fraternity of diocesan priests in Saint Paul, and worked for Saint Paul’s Outreach leading college Bible study groups.

After his year of discernment, he was accepted into the Saint Paul Seminary. Four years later, in 1997, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop Cozzens served as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and then Faribault Catholic

Community (now Divine Mercy) before being sent to Rome for doctoral studies. Upon his return to Minnesota, Bishop Cozzens served as a Professor of Sacramental Theology and a Formator at the Saint Paul Seminary from 2006 until 2013.

In the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Bishop Cozzens has served as Vicar for Catholic Education and supervised the Archdiocesan Synod Process while overseeing the offices of Latino Ministry, Evangelization, and Marriage, Family and Life. He currently serves as the chair of the board for NET Ministries, St. Paul’s Outreach, The Institute for Priestly Formation and The Seminary Formation Council. Additionally, Bishop Cozzens is the chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis where on behalf of the bishops he is leading a three-year National Eucharistic Revival that will begin in June of 2022.

Commenting on his appointment Bishop Cozzens said, “I am humbled and honored to be asked by the Holy Father to be the next Shepherd of the Diocese of Crookston. I look forward to getting to know the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and many faithful laity of the diocese. I pray that together we can grow to be Christ’s faithful disciples who make present his love in Northwestern Min-



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“The Diocese of Crookston extends a heartfelt welcome to our new shepherd, Bishop Andrew Cozzens,” said the Most Rev. Richard Pates, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Crookston. “He brings an engaging pastoral spirit, extensive experience, positive energy and will soon have the smell of the sheep of Northwest Minnesota on his person. May his days among us be especially blessed.”

Bishop Cozzens succeeds Bishop Michael Hoeppner, whose resignation was accepted by Pope Francis on April 13.

The Diocese of Crookston serves the 14 northwest counties of Minnesota with more than 32,000 Catholics and 66 parishes.

Eleven Minnesota traffic safety leaders receive Toward Zero Deaths Awards

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Eleven people and one organization will be officially recognized by the Minnesota departments of health, public safety and transportation with Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths Awards

during the 2021 TZD state conference, held virtually Oct. 13 through Nov. 17. The TZD Awards are presented annually to recognize significant achievements that help save lives and reduce life-changing injuries on

Minnesota roads. Road fatalities have decreased by 40 percent since the TZD program began in 2003.

The awards are given to individuals and organizations in Minnesota that show excellence in TZD’s emphasis areas of enforcement, emergency medical and trauma services, education and engineering. They have shown their leadership and creative capacities to improve traffic safety throughout the state and build partnerships.

This year’s awards will be presented online, on different days, during individual sessions of the online statewide TZD conference. About 1,000 people—including traffic safety professionals, educators, engineers, scientists, attorneys, judges, law enforcement, volunteers and advocates—attended last year’s online TZD conference. With this year’s conference again online, every session is open to the public.

TZD Award winners represent many regions of the state.

The list of 2021 TZD award winners includes a high school student, nurses, advocates and traffic safety professionals. The winners are:

Twin Cities Metro area award winners:

• Kathy Swanson Outstanding Service Award – Colonel Matt Langer, Minnesota State Patrol

• Distinguished Public Leadership Award – Paul Aasen, Minnesota Safety Council President

• Enforcement Star Award – Sargent Josh Moore, St. Paul Police Department

• Engineering Star Award – Diane Langenbach, South Area Engineer for MnDOT’s Metro District

Greater Minnesota award winners:

• Media Award – Ken Thomas and Tess Taylor, WJJY-FM, Hubbard Radio, Baxter

• Education Award – Crystal Hoepner, Alexandria

• Emergency and Trauma Services Star Award – Tim Cook, Thief River Falls

• Child Passenger Safety Star Award – Bridget Nez, Morton

• Traffic Safety Innovation Award – Minnesota Emergency Nurses Association, Minnesota State Council



**Emergency Medical Services Star Award
Tim Cook**

• Tim Cook, Thief River Falls, is recognized for his traffic safety efforts with the Pennington County Safe Roads Coalition. As a lead paramedic for Sanford Ambulance in Thief River Falls, Tim is often the first to volunteer to represent EMS/trauma at any traffic safety public event, contributing to the conversation and offering innovative ideas. Tim contributes to the Teen TZD program, State TZD Conference and other events. He has participated in traffic enforcement ride-a-longs to better understand traffic safety, is community-minded and always willing to support TZD in every aspect.



**Emerging Leader
Avery Malone, Detroit Lakes**

• TZD recognizes Avery Malone, Detroit Lakes, for her efforts to improve traffic safety through her leadership with the Thief River Falls Key Club. During the 2020–2021 school year, Avery’s family moved, but she chose to continue to attend her school and Key Club remotely. At a time when many students were experiencing Zoom fatigue, Avery continued to advance the work of Teen TZD and TZD in the Thief River Falls area. She helped plan and organize the final school day’s visiting traffic safety “celebrities,” coordinated work on the Teen TZD website and engaged fellow students to continue planning TZD efforts.



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sharpen cutting tools like pruning shears, clippers, hand weeders,

garden scissors, and loppers. Most need to be disassembled to sharpen them properly. Keeping the blade angle correct will insure that they will perform like new next spring. Oil them before putting them away.

Service all the power equipment before they go into storage for next spring. Change oil now if you do it once a year – old oil in the crankcase can lead to corrosion if left in all winter. Mower decks should be cleaned out so the mold and rust will not shorten the life

Gardener tips...

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Two Fellows Named for Northwest Minnesota for 2022-2023 Initiators Fellowship

October 18, 2021 (Bemidji, MN) – Two residents of Northwest Minnesota are among eight individuals throughout Minnesota who have been chosen as Fellows for the two-year Initiators Fellowship, which assists social entrepreneurs in fast-tracking their ideas, growing their social and professional networks, and further developing their business and community leadership skills.

The two Fellows for Northwest Minnesota are:

• Daniel Barrientez Jr., of Bemidji. Daniel will build felon-friendly employment opportunities as he develops a food truck business, creating jobs for former felons. Daniel, himself, struggled to find employment due to his record after he was released from incarceration in 2010. Faced with many roadblocks — from employment to housing — he ultimately earned a degree in the culinary arts.

• Brenna Rolie, of Fosston. Brenna will develop wellness



Daniel Barrientez Jr., of Bemidji.

and community-building opportunities with her yoga business by providing classes, events, and camps, with an emphasis on healing and culture. Her dream is to create a community where all residents live in harmony with the land, water, and each other.

The eight Fellows selected for the 2022-2023 cohort represent 53 counties and six sovereign



Brenna Rolie, of Fosston

nations in Central, Northwest, Southwest and West Central Minnesota. They will receive an annual \$30,000 stipend during the two-year program, which also includes comprehensive programming, executive-level mentoring and leadership training, ongoing education, and support from dedicated staff members to advance their mission-driven business or nonprofit endeavors.

The Initiators Fellowship is new to Northwest Minnesota. It originated with the Little Falls-based Initiative Foundation in 2017 and its first cohort of four Fellows graduated in December 2019. This December, seven Fellows will graduate from the 2020-2021 cohort.

The Initiators Fellowship expanded to include the Northwest Minnesota Foundation for this next cohort, offering the fellowship opportunity to social entrepreneurs throughout NMF's 12-county service area and two native nations, Red Lake and White Earth.

Visit fellows.greaterminnesota.net for a map displaying all of the 2022-2021 Fellows' locations and question-and-answer responses about their social enterprise ventures.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is a public, charitable foundation serving 12 counties of

Northwest Minnesota by investing resources, facilitating collaboration and promoting philanthropy.

UND posts Summer Session 2021 Commencement

The University of North Dakota has issued its Summer Session 2021 Commencement List for students who list hometowns in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Roue, Emily M, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Brooks
Lunakm, Savannah K, Master of Science, Erskine
Bodensteiner, Elizabeth G., Bachelor of General Studies, Summa Cum Laude, Gonvick

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Polk County Sheriff

ICR 21-001248 Beet Truck vs. Box Truck Crash in Keystone Township

On 10/11/2021 at approximately 2248 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a 2004 Sterling beet truck and a 2018 Ford F350 box cargo truck at the intersection of 340th Ave SW and 130th ST SW in Keystone Township, approximately 7 miles west of Euclid.

Upon investigation, it appeared that both trucks were southbound when the box truck attempted to pass the beet truck. The beet truck attempted to turn left, and the two trucks collided. The beet truck sustained minor damage. The box truck sustained severe damage. There were no injuries reported.

Joshua Schumer, age 25, was driving the beet truck. Noah Habermann, age 22, was driving the box truck. Habermann was cited for passing in a no-passing zone.

Assisting agencies include East Grand Forks Fire Department, Crookston Area Ambulance and Minnesota State Patrol.

The crash remains under investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

Beet Truck Accident

On 10-15-2021 at approximately 2148 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to American Crystal - Crookston for a report of a female who had been hit by a beet truck. When first responders arrived, they discovered that a beet truck was attempting to turn around and had backed into the piler. The victim had been pinned between the truck and piler. Witnesses advised the victim was only pinned for a few seconds before the truck pulled away. The victim was transported to RiverView ER in Crookston and later taken to Altru in Grand Forks. She is currently in stable condition and being treating for her injuries.

Victim was identified as Barbara Velasquez DOB 10-27-1989 of Perris California. The driver of the truck was identified as Mike Severson DOB 4-26-1992 of Grand Forks North Dakota.

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No further information will be released at this time.

Assisting agencies: Crookston Area Ambulance.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone in the Red River Valley to be safe and aware of their surroundings while traveling on the roads or working in the fields. The annual beet harvest has been delayed but will be ramping up again in the upcoming weeks.

Side by Side Accident

On 10-17-2021 at approximately 1110 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to 390th ST SE, Erskine for a Side by Side rollover. Polk County Deputies arrived on scene and assisted with giving medical aid to a 40 year old female from Erskine. The 40 year old female was transported to RiverView Hospital in Crookston and later air lifted to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. A 46 year old male driver and 3 year old passenger reported no injuries.

Due to an active investigation no names will be released at this time.

No further information will be released at this time.

Assisting agencies: Erskine Fire department and Essentia Ambulance.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



Bending the Willows

The unknown often creates curiosity. As a child, the bended bowing Weeping Willow Trees sparked within me curiosity.

Who could be so lucky as to own one of those...came the thought. They appeared to be of poetic grace-filled stature barring none. Often times a lawn chair or two would appear beneath them as summer breezes enveloped those whimsically sitting beneath the Weeping Willow.

Who could ask for more is what I used to think.

"They're a mess!" spoke the owner of such riches. "They have all this white stuff that floats off the tree and it gets all over everything! It's on the lawn, it's on the house, and it's a mess!"

I had no idea! I thought the way the branches hung all wispy-like were signs of a weepy movement. Who knew it gave off a form of tears representing so much sorrow to others?

Yet, captivating to this day is the furniture made from willows. I now know there is a difference in willows. Willow selected for furniture is different than the willow tree planted in one's yard.

People hunt for willow branches used for the making of furniture.

When such a treasure is found, branches are not only cut, but soaked, and bent to form that which the artist desires to create. The homemade chair or table with their curving movements always struck within me a voice which beckoned... come tarry a while.

Much like the willow tree, the crafted curves of the furniture made from the coveted branches appeared to offer a place of pause...so much so that even the craftsmen when photographed, appear prayerfully serene.

I suppose when one is doing the forming of this craft, one cannot do so without bending low. And the item being formed must be soaked in the waters.

Perhaps, like us, the sticks are rather stiff at first. They are rigged in their ways. Once soaked in water, the formation process of being transformed by the maker...begins.

Much like the willow or the furniture being made from it, He leads us beside still waters restoring our souls (Psalm 23). Eventually, over time, those waters transform us. It's a process. A process created by the Creator who not only bent low but bowed low on bended knee. He soaks us in the Truth of living waters to make us not only pliable but in order to transform us into His image, the image of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

from only 40 of the 326 public school districts in Minnesota.

Any driver who violates the stop-arm law faces a \$500 fine. If they pass a school bus on the right, pass it when a child is outside the bus, or injure or kill a child, they could face higher criminal charges. In short, it's not worth it.

Fortunately, obeying the law isn't difficult. Whenever you see a school bus, expect it to stop – especially during the morning and afternoon hours. Give it plenty of room (20 feet at a minimum), and as always, stay off your phone and put other distractions away.

If you have kids who ride the bus, help them remember to look carefully to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder. If they need to cross the street, they should wait until the bus driver signals that it's safe to do

so. And when they're crossing the street, either to get on the school bus or to go home, remind them to make eye contact with motorists before they cross.

As the saying goes, it takes a whole village to raise a child. That includes keeping children safe. As their village, it's up to all of us to drive responsibly so that students can get to and from school safely."

For more information go to <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210930-school-bus-safety-week.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).





Tractor Pull Fun!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



This weekend I was doing some farm clean up around the yard. I had an old G John Deere that my dad bought from John Kolstoe years ago. It was sitting behind the shed in kind of a bad spot so I pulled it out hoping to work on it someday. This got me thinking about Gs and tractor pulls!

I spent a lot of time in my life going to tractor pulls. My favorite is of course antique tractor pulls. I love those old tractors! Two of my favorite were the Clearwater County Fair Tractor pull or the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers Pull back in the days it was held in Bagley, at the fairgrounds. The Lake Itasca pull was always fun. Back in those days they had a skid that was made so as it was pulled by the tractor people were positioned every 10 feet one on each side of the skid. As it came by the people would step on the skid. Eventually enough people were on sled to stop the tractor. Guess what? I always volunteered to be one of the people to get on the sled, then you could get a good view of the tractor that was pulling!

I have been in a few tractor pulls in my life. I've never had a great tractor set up for it, but it was fun to try. The first pull I was ever in was about 1980. My mom and dad rented a pick up and trailer from Earl Swenson in Oklee to haul our 4010 John Deere to Bagley. I was up against many Internationals. I believe there was a 706, an 806, a 560 and a few others. I think I placed 5th out of seven with the 4010. I was disappointed but, what a fun experience! Thanks mom and dad!! As I wrote about a couple of months ago I took my R John Deere to the Lake Itasca show and had a good time.

A few years ago on my birthday Patty and I attended the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers pull with my son Nick and his wife Nicole. They graciously came with me and watched the tractor pull. My daughter-in-law made me so happy. She said, "I want to be in a tractor pull, and I want to win!" "YES!!" I thought. I have plenty of old tractors around that could be pullers with a little (or a lot) of work!!

This was just the motivation I needed. I now have a goal. I quized Nicole, showing her a picture of an G John Deere. Next, I showed her a picture of a newer A John Deere, I have five of them! After that I showed her a picture of a U Minneapolis Moline, I also have one of them. I said what is your favorite one? She picked the G John Deere! Good girl! One of my favorite tractors!

So you see I have my work cut out for me. The two G's I have both need their share of work. But, what a good problem to have!! I have to get to work on one of my John Deere G's, and get it ready to pull, for Nicole! So you see why I pulled the G out...time to get to work.

2. The later model G tractors has a _____ speed(forward) transmission.
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6

3. From 1942-1947 John Deere Model Gs were marketed under the model designation GM. Why?

4. What visual distinguishing factor is easily noticeable to identify a styled model G when sitting beside a styled model A or B?(Besides the size of the tractor.)

5. What model did John Deere replace the G with?
A) 50 B) 60 C) 70 D) 80

Answers: 1.. B. 4 speeds
2. C. 6 speeds
3. To receive government approval during WWII for a price increase.
4. The muffler and air cleaner stack are on opposite sides of the hood instead of being in-line down the middle like the A and B.
5. C. 70

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. The early G John Deere's had a _____ speed(forward) transmission.
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6



Here is a picture of a GM tractor taken at the Classic Green Show in Columbus, Ohio. Notice the F & H front wheels!

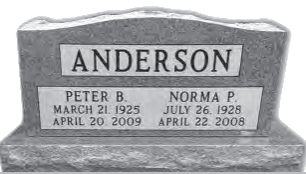
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OBITUARIES

Obituary for Doris Olson

Doris Olson, age 93, of McIntosh, MN, formerly of Winger, MN, died Friday, October 15, 2021 at McIntosh Manor Nursing Home in McIntosh.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021 at Dovre Free Lutheran Church, Winger. Visitation will be held one hour prior at the church. Burial will take place in Dovre Cemetery, rural Winger.

Following all Covid-19 safety protocols, and CDC guidelines, social distancing will be practiced. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available.

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Obituary for Dianne Benson

Dianne Benson, age 74, of Crookston, MN, died on Friday, October 8, 2021, at her home in Crookston. A memorial service was held at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 18, 2021, at Stenshoel Houske Funeral Home in Crookston, with a visitation at Noon.

Dianne Rogers was born at Mercy Hospital in Thief River Falls, MN, on June 12, 1947, to Anna (Hendrickson) and Dwight Rogers. Dianne grew up in Fourtown, MN (rural Grygla area), where she attended Grygla Elementary and gained a deep appreciation of nature and the written word. In her four years at Goodridge High School, where she graduated in 1965, Dianne was a member of the National Honor Society and had read 234 books from the school library, nearly every book excepting Shakespeare and the Bible.

Dianne had worked in Minneapolis, MN., after high school as a secretary for NSP. On July 15, 1967, she was united in marriage to David Benson. Dianne and

David eventually moved to Crookston MN in 1970, where they raised their two daughters Debra and Dawn. Dianne and David divorced in 1994, but in later years, regained their friendship and were there for each other in times when it mattered. Dianne was the type of mom that made sure the kids had after school snacks of homemade cookies and treats. Many memories of playing Scrabble are etched into our minds.

After the kids had grown, Dianne worked retail first at Ben Franklin until they closed; then at Fleet Supply in Crookston, until she retired due to health issues. Dianne loved and was proud of her three grandchildren, seeing that they grew up into kind and caring young people. Even though she didn't live close, throughout the years she sent care packages and cards with handwritten notes on birthdays and all the holidays, that always arrived just in time. Dianne remained an avid reader her whole life and was a regular visitor of the Crookston Library. Dianne checked out and read a wide variety of books, including medical journals, spiritual books, fiction (especially Steven King), autobiographies and humor books (a particular favorite was Dave Barry).

Dianne is survived by her children Debra Mortenson of New London, MN; and Dawn (Andre) Benson-Hance of St. Cloud, MN; her brother Francis (Carol) Rogers of Bemidji, MN; and her grandchildren: Driel, Este, and V Mortenson, all of New London, MN. She was predeceased by her mother, Anna Rogers and her father, Dwight Rogers.

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Gardener tips...Continued from Canary front

of the machine. Sharpen mower blades, keeping them at the same angle as new and balanced to avoid vibration when running.

The greatest problem with power equipment is from gasoline left in carburetors over the winter. If there is a shut-off valve on the gasoline tank, close it and run the engine until it quits, applying the choke as it starts to stall. Otherwise empty the gas from the tank (I use a hand suction pump) then run the engine until it quits. I use fuel stabilizer on everything with a small engine unless it is included in the oil of 2-stroke engines. I learned that as a small engine mechanic when I was going through school 50 years ago!

With more lawn and garden equipment going electric, the same maintenance applies to sharpening and cleaning. With the batteries, it is better to remove lithium batteries and keep them inside over winter. If you have lead-acid batteries in any equipment, remove them and keep in a garage or outbuilding where you can put on a trickle charger or battery minder every couple months in the winter.

Now is also the time to service snowblowers and make sure they are in running order before the first blizzard hits. Check the skid plates and bottom edge blade. Replace the bottom blade if it is badly worn, skids too. I weld a new metal strip on mine each year; if you don't have a welder or a good friend with one, get new ones. Car polish in the chute and on other surfaces eases snow removal.

Storing gas-powered equipment in a cold shed or garage can lead to flying mouse nests when you try to start it. A trick I learned from the old car folks is to get a package of the stinkiest dryer sheets you can find and tuck a couple in each engine where the mice can get in to build their winter residence. Remember to take them out next spring before starting up. Air cooled engines overheat very quickly if the nest is left in.

Before it gets any cooler, I am out to plant garlic and clean up some of the late vegetables. By the way – does anyone need kale?

Applications open for Arts grants – deadline of November 1

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that applications are open for Arts Legacy and Arts Project grants. Arts Legacy grants of up to \$10,000 and Arts Project grants of up to \$3,000 have a November 1 deadline.

Applications funded by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, through these important grant opportunities include festivals, community theatre projects, folk music entertainment, sponsorship of visual demonstrations, creative writing workshops and many other activities that improve the quality of life of people in our communities.

Grants are awarded to nonprofit arts organizations, communities, schools, and other nonprofit organizations. Applications are being accepted from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties.

The Arts Legacy Grants is a main category for funding artistic activity within the seven-county service region. Funding for the grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. These grants are a maximum of \$10,000 with a required cash match. To apply, complete the Arts Legacy regular application.

Schools in our seven-county region can apply for an Artist Residency grant of \$2,600 plus an additional \$400 if the residency needs supplies. This application is streamlined and easy to complete especially if you use an artist from our teaching artist roster online.

Our roster is a great resource to view artists available to teach in our area. To apply, complete the Arts Legacy school residency application.

Arts Project Grants are used primarily for small budget arts projects and the sponsorship of performances of touring companies and artists. These grants are a maximum of \$3,000 with a required cash match. These grants have substantially less reporting requirements than Legacy grants.

November 1 is also the yearly deadline for our Arts Project grant called Arts Equipment for Schools. This special grant allows schools to purchase artistic equipment for their art room, theater, band room, etc. Equipment that is used solely for the pursuit of arts like a kiln or theater lights, or a band instrument has a better chance of being funded. Grants of up to \$3,000 are awarded with a 25% cash match requirement.

To learn more about these grant programs and start an application visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org. The grant application process is conveniently online and NWMAC's Executive Director Mara Hanel can help walk you through the process of using the grants portal. You can also request a paper application or come, with an appointment, to our office in Warren, MN to fill out the paperwork at our grant writing station. Contact her at 218-745-8886 or director@nwartscouncil.org to learn more.

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DNR temporarily bans farmed deer movement into and within Minnesota to protect state's wild white-tailed deer

Emergency action will provide time to understand connections between known CWD-positive farms and to identify and prevent transfer from potentially exposed herds

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued an emergency rule that temporarily prohibits the importation and movement of farmed white-tailed deer into and within Minnesota.

This emergency action takes effect today (Oct. 11, 2021) and aims to reduce further spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and protect the health of Minnesota's wild deer. The temporary ban will allow us to determine the previous movements of known CWD-exposed deer and potential additional exposures.

The DNR will work thoroughly but efficiently on this effort along with the Board of Animal Health, with which it shares concurrent authority to

regulate farmed white-tailed deer. The DNR asks for the full support and cooperation of the farmed deer community.

The DNR is taking this action in response to the discovery that a CWD-positive farm in Wisconsin shipped 387 farmed white-tailed deer to farms in seven states, including Minnesota. Three farms in Minnesota ultimately received a total of five deer from the infected farm.

"This disease poses a clear, immediate and serious threat to Minnesota's wild deer, and these actions reflect what's at stake," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We are committed to doing everything we can to reduce the continued risk of CWD transmission

in Minnesota, including from farmed deer to Minnesota's wild whitetails."

This temporary movement ban will provide time to track the movement of deer from the infected farm and understand the potential risk to other herds. The epidemiological investigations will show connections among known CWD-exposed herds, identify if there were additional exposed herds, and prevent additional transfer from potentially exposed herds. The rule provides exemptions for deer being transported to slaughter and those being transported on a direct route through the state.

As previously announced, the DNR learned on Sept. 27,

2021 that three Minnesota farms ultimately had received a total of five white-tailed deer from the infected Wisconsin farm. Two of those deer went to farms that no longer are in business, and the two animals subsequently moved back to farms in Wisconsin.

The other three deer were moved to a farm in Minnesota that's currently active. Two of those deer were killed and tested; they did not test positive for CWD. The third deer is still alive and the owner is awaiting payment prior to making the animal available for testing. The farm where this animal lives is currently under quarantine.

Sanford Health announces additional \$350 million philanthropic commitment to support rural health care

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The transformation of rural health care continues as Sanford Health announced today an additional \$350 million philanthropic gift that will support a cutting-edge clinical initiative to create one of the world's leading virtual care centers to provide accessible care in rural and underserved areas of the Midwest.

The state-of-the-art virtual care center will serve people from across Sanford Health's network of hospitals and clinics, expanding opportunities to receive care in our communities as well as our long-term care locations. It will also house innovation, education and research initiatives to ad-

vance digital health care solutions for the future.

"It is crucial we continue to break new ground in how we bring the best of today's digital world directly to our patients, with seamless, convenient and world-class care for the communities we serve," said Bill Gassen, president and CEO of Sanford Health. "The virtual care initiative will accomplish this and deliver medical services to communities, patients and long-term care residents around the globe when and where they're most needed."

This additional investment follows a \$300 million initiative announced in March that included a significant expansion of graduate medical edu-

cation and an investment in community health and wellness with 18 new sports fields at the Sanford Sports Complex.

"It is powerful to think about how many lives this gift will change," said Bobbie Tibbetts, chief philanthropy officer of Sanford Health. "Philanthropy can not only save lives, but also inspire the next generation of people to give."

Since March, Denny Sanford has committed \$650 million to supporting Sanford Health's groundbreaking initiatives, bringing his total giving to the nation's largest rural health care system to nearly \$1.5 billion.

"I am committed to seeing this initiative become a real-

ity," said Denny Sanford. "I continue to give to Sanford Health because I believe that supporting the people and communities in the regions they serve is the best investment I can make."

This gift announced today follows a legacy of transformational giving by Denny Sanford to the health system. His gift of \$400 million in 2007 propelled the health system from a small regional provider to one of the largest health systems in the nation. It also sparked a spirit of generosity, inspiring thousands of donors to annually support the mission of Sanford Health.

The basics of hunting seasons

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game were hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states, provinces and territories set up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission breaks down hunting seasons into big game, waterfowl, small game, and webless migratory game birds. Seasons vary depending on where hunters live.

The hunting education resource Hunter-Ed says hunting seasons are determined by the type of animal, the environment and animal characteristics like mating season. Wildlife biologists in various regions study animal populations and make recommendations on hunting seasons. "Open season" is when a species may be legally hunted, and tends to coincide with when the population of that species is at its highest, without interfering with breeding times.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start



their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect season duration. Archery seasons tend to begin before firearm seasons in many states.

Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey is typically hunted in the spring or fall. Migratory waterfowl hunting tends to open in late September and early October. The seasons to hunt deer, and their close cousins like

caribou, moose and reindeer, open in late September and early October, continuing into November for firearms hunting. However, according to the hunting guide CleverHunters.com, deer seasons open up in the summer in Florida, South Carolina and Idaho.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with him or her that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is felled. Hunters are reigned in by the number of tags they have, which will coordinate with game limits. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location.

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