



Tri County Canary

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New pastor at Vernes Lutheran

Vernes Lutheran Church is pleased to announce their new Pastor.

Pastor Lee Laaveg, was installed as the new pastor on Oct 3, 2021.

After serving churches in North Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois, Pastor Laaveg retired the end of July 2021 to the Bemidji area.

Pastor Lee says "I still love to preach the gospel and I genuinely love people. I was delighted to receive the call, to serve as Vernes's pastor."

Pastor Lee is married to Denise, and they have 4 adult children and spouses, and 8 grandchildren.

Vernes Lutheran would like to invite you to join them for worship. Sundays at 9:00am.



Pastor Lee Laaveg and his wife Denise.

Pine Lake Watershed Improvement Project

Pine Lake Watershed Improvement Project is nearing completion. What started out in 1980 when the Clearwater County Commissioners petitioned the RLWD for an improvement of the Pine Lake outlet that would provide the public with flood control measures and wildlife benefits. That project, which was completed in 1981, consisted of a sheet pile dam with two adjustable stop log bays located

on the Lost River approximately 700 feet north of Pine Lake.

Now is 2021 the RLWD has taken it one step further and more work has been done to upgrade the project.

The initial project provided many years of flood control benefits to the area. A Project Team was created to explore alternatives that might be explored included modification of the existing outlet structure and adding water-detention facilities upstream of Pine Lake.

The projects goals would be to modify the outlet to assist with summer and winter lake levels, manage agreeable lake levels, and improve water quality. According to RLWD, the project will provide upstream storage to reduce persistent flooding conditions, manage lake levels, and improve water quality in the lake and downstream river reaches.



Starting to get the dirt moved to make way for the Pine Lake dam project.



Getting the water diverted so that the cement work can be done on the dam.



Getting the water heading in the correct direction. The lifts in place with water at two different levels. Davidson Construction Company of Newfolden did the work this year.

Shareholders Approve Merger Between Farm Credit Associations

Shareholders have approved a merger proposal bringing together two Farm Credit organizations serving Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. AgCountry Farm Credit Services and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota will merge under the name AgCountry Farm Credit Services, beginning January 1.

The merged organization will operate in 82 counties throughout parts of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin

with 46 branch offices. Headquartered in Fargo, N.D., the Association will serve over 25,000 member-owners, and have over \$10 billion in assets.

"We want to first thank our shareholders for exercising their right in helping shape the future of our cooperative," said Ed Hegland, board chair of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. "From the beginning, both boards felt a merger would provide our member-owners

with greater long-term benefits, and this vote further affirms that belief."

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota Board Chair Bryan Ankenbauer shares, "Our commitment to serving agriculture and rural America will only grow stronger with this merger. We look forward to the new opportunities that will be created while keeping the best interests of our members at the center of all that we do."

Loeering publication award

University of Minnesota Crookston Professor John Loeering was recognized with The Wildlife Society's Publication Award for a journal article entitled "Population Trends in Vermivora Warblers Are Linked to Strong Migratory Connectivity". The article was published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Loeering was an author on the publication along with Gunnar R. Kramer, David E. Andersen, David A. Buehler, Petra B. Wood, Sean M. Peterson, Justin A. Lehman, Kyle R. Aldinger, Lesley P. Bulluck, Sergio Harding, John A. Hones, Curtis Smalling, Rachel Vallender, and Henry M. Streby.

The Wildlife Society's Publication Awards recognize excellence in scientific literature of wildlife biology and management issued within the last three years. The publications selected are characterized by originality of research or thought and a high scholastic standard in the manner of presentation. Five categories of research or management-oriented publications are eligible for awards: book, edited book, article/journal paper, monograph, or student paper. The award ceremony was held Nov. 1, 2021 in conjunction with the virtually held 2021 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society.

Loeering was part of a large research team studying Golden-winged Warblers from 2007-15. Loeering's part of the research was focused on working with a University of Minnesota Twin Cities graduate student to collect data in Central Minnesota, which he did with his wife Lisa Loeering, who is also acknowledged in the paper. The field work included John and Lisa capturing birds, attaching geolocators, and then recapturing the same birds a year later at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Rochert, Minn.

"The research findings turned out to be pretty important, explaining much of why we see huge differences in sub-population survival and population abundances in North America," Loeering stated. "Those different sub-populations winter in different locations in central and South America, and we suspect it is the quality of those wintering areas that have contributed to the steep population decline we see in the Appalachian region

but not in Minnesota. We used a very innovative technique to track birds for a year between the breeding grounds in Minnesota to New York and then flew to Belize or Venezuela for the winter. It is a great example of how UMN Crookston faculty can contribute to collaborative research. Lead author Gunnar Kramer has continued this research and I anticipate more surprising findings!"

Loeering has been on the faculty of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department since 2000. His research

interests include avian ecology, quantitative ecology, riparian and wetland ecosystems, wildlife-habitat relationships, and wildlife-human interactions. He has been published in numerous academic journals and many awards including, but not limited to: The Wildlife Society Fellows Award, Outstanding Service Award by the Minnesota and Oregon Chapters of The Wildlife Society, the Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Silver Award for Agricultural Communicators in Education.



John Loeering with Golden-winged Warbler.



Lisa Loeering with Golden-winged warbler.

Northland Community & Technical College to Host the Pioneer Vex Robotics Tournament

WHAT: The Pioneer Vex Robotics Competition is an event for high school students in grades 7-12. Nearly 50 teams, over 200 competitors, from all over Minnesota and North Dakota will be participating. Teams will compete in a series of qualifying rounds leading up to final events. This event is a qualifier for the MN State HS VEX Robotics Tournament and MN State MS VEX Robotics Tournament.

WHY: Northland is dedicated to serving manufacturers in Minnesota and North Dakota and utilizes a multifaceted approach to highlight careers in manufacturing. Tournaments like the VEX Robotics Competition provide an exciting opportunity to get youth interested in manufacturing, technology, and engineering fields and build awareness of Northland's technical program offerings such as electronics, mechatronics, and welding.

WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 2021 • 9:45 a.m. - Opening Ceremony

• 10:00 a.m. Qualifying Rounds

• 3:00 p.m. - Elimination Rounds

• Awards ceremony to follow elimination rounds

WHERE: Northland Community & Technical College Gymnasium

1101 Highway 1 East
Thief River Falls, MN 56721
CONTACT: Kelly Jordet
Communications Coordinator
218.793.2428
kelly.jordet@northlandcollege.edu

Festival of Wreaths

For the second year, the Tuesday Study Club has had to cancel Tables for Tots because of Covid concerns in our area. Tables for Tots is a fall fundraiser that supplies the Clearwater Christmas Project with a significant number of toys and funding.

Creativity reigns within the Tuesday Study Club and a Festival of Wreaths fundraiser was implemented instead. Wreaths were displayed at FireSide.

Tracy Imle set up the online auction during mid-October. Successful bidders were able to pick their wreaths up after the auction. Thanks to the fantastic community support, the Tuesday Study Club was able to donate over \$800 to the Clearwater Christmas Project to support them in their quest to bring a Merry Christmas to everyone in our county!

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We wish to thank everyone who came out for the Benefit for Terry. Thank you for all the generous donations. Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club, the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee and ALL the wonderful volunteers that

worked so hard putting this all together! Thank you everyone for the kind words and for the huge support!!! It means so much to us and our family during this very difficult time!!

We are so proud to be a part of a supportive and generous community and have such great friends that are so loving and caring!!

Thank you ALL!!

Love, Terry and Stacy Halvorson and family

LINDFORS

Insurance Agency
Lindfors Agency will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

Polk County Sheriff

House Fire

On 11-21-2021 at approximately 1212 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Gonvick Fire Department and Oklee Ambulance Service responded to 302 Birch Street Trail, MN to the report of a house fire. The resident Jonathan Wilson and one minor child were in the house when the fire started. There were minor injuries reported. The fire was caused by a 20-pound propane tank that was brought into the house to thaw out. The house was a complete loss. There will be no further details released at this time.



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Gary Schmidt of New Berlin, WI is the winner of a Beretta U22 NEOS 22 LR from the 11/10/2021 drawing.

Jerry Dehmer of St. Michael, MN is the winner of a Henry Golden Boy 22LA from the 11/11/2021 drawing.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library to Close November 25 for Thanksgiving Day

MINNESOTA - All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will close at or before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24 and will be closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving Day.

LARL's branch libraries are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahnomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.

Permits still available for Lake Bemidji State Park muzzleloader deer hunt in December

Permits are still available for the Dec. 3-5 muzzleloader deer hunt at Lake Bemidji State Park, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Participating hunters may harvest up to two deer of either sex. More details can be found in the 2021 Hunting Regulations booklet.

Hunters interested in participating in the hunt must call the park at 218-308-2300 and provide the following information: first name, middle name, last name, street address, city, state, zip, and phone. Informational packets will be mailed to the address provided.

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To obtain an application and full job description go to: www.co.polk.mn.us and click on Careers. **Applications for this position must be received by 4:30 p.m., December 1, 2021.** Please submit your application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716. (218) 281-5408. Applications may also be emailed directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us EOE.

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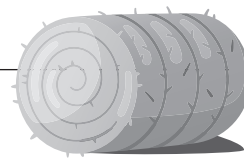
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Substitute Teacher positions. Substitute teaching opportunities are available at Bagley Public Schools. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume', teaching license, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Paraeducator positions. Paraeducator position openings in the Elementary, candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Substitute Para positions. Substitute para opportunities are available at Bagley Public Schools. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. Currently accepting applications for Food Service Support Staff at the High School and Elementary. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

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

Native American Home School Liaison positions. Full-time positions open for the 2021-2022 school year. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

For more information, please call Nichole Ekre at 694-6184.

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Roseau River Watershed District Audaciously Shuts Down Public Feedback on Controversial Roseau Lake Project

Critical board meeting may be impossible for public to speak at, much harder for public to see

ROSEAU, Minn.—Four days before a crucial Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) meeting that will include discussion of the controversial Roseau Lake Rehabilitation project, the RRWD Board made an unusual announcement: board meetings will no longer be viewable online, and individuals wishing to address the board must give 10 days' notice. Other attendees will only be permitted to speak "at the discretion of the Chairman." The Roseau County Landowners Coalition, made up of landowners who stand to have their land rendered unfarmable from the project, are thus left with no venue to make their voices heard as this pointless project proceeds.

The Roseau County Landowners Coalition has worked alongside the Institute for Justice (IJ), a national nonprofit dedicated to stopping government abuse of property rights. "To call this move a 'lack of transparency,' massively understates the audacity of RRWD's decision. If a state agency threatens your land for no good reason, the least it can do is give you a chance to make your objections heard," said IJ Assistant Director of Activism Chad

Reese. "Remote meeting access is a vital way for busy farmers and landowners to engage with the RRWD, and the board has suddenly pulled the rug out from under stakeholders trying to make their voices heard. This cruel decision should outrage all Minnesotans who think the government should not be allowed to trample over its residents' property rights."

The coalition has previously highlighted the injustice of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) being both the project proposer and reviewer, and RRWD for its failure to honor its mediation agreement concerning flood damage reduction projects, noting the proposed Roseau Lake project will do nothing for exceptional storms, a benchmark agreed upon for flood reduction projects. The project work team, which includes landowners and whose participation in project development is required by the agreement, has also been largely ignored by the RRWD for years.

The given justification for the project has constantly changed—from a wetland habitat for ducks, to an attempt at flood reduction for areas outside Roseau, to a project for recreational activities. But for whatever reason the state

uses to move the project forward, it would mean one thing for Roseau landowners: they would lose the farmland that they worked so hard to own and would no longer be able to pass it down to their children.

"It's like they're trying to cover their tracks about what they're doing here," said Mitch Magnusson, who has worked the land on his farm in Roseau since the 1980s. "They say they want to continue to work with landowners, but they haven't done that in the past. And how can you say you're working with landowners when we have busy schedules on the farm and some of us are from out of town and cannot attend virtually?"

Shareholders Approve Merger Between Farm Credit Associations

Fargo, N.D. - Shareholders have approved a merger proposal bringing together two Farm Credit organizations serving Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. AgCountry Farm Credit Services and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota will merge under the name AgCountry Farm Credit Services, beginning January 1.

The merged organization will operate in 82 counties throughout parts of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin with 46 branch offices. Headquartered in Fargo, N.D., the Association will serve over 25,000 member-owners, and have over \$10 billion in assets.

"We want to first thank our shareholders for exercising their right in helping shape the future of our cooperative," said Ed Hegland, board chair of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. "From the beginning, both boards felt a merger would provide our member-owners with greater long-term benefits, and this vote further affirms that belief."

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota Board Chair Bryan Ankenbauer shares, "Our commitment to serving agriculture and rural America will only grow stronger with this merger. We look forward to the new opportunities that will be created while keeping the best interests of our members at the center of all that we do."

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Tethering the Ties that Bind

the number in song remains on wooden board upon the wall as if at any moment all will stand and join in to sing His praises.

Equipping the saints came in the way of His Word, and prayer...not unlike today. Not sure tethering to the Truth nor the ties that bind can come about in any other way. Oh, the format changes generation to generation. Connections must be made and thus, the means in which His Word is proclaimed is all new you know... at least we let them think so. Yet the prayers which rise and His Word proclaimed does not change nor will it ever.

Upon bended knee we must be, bowing before the Lord our God our Maker. He sees the heart and He hears the cries of each one. He will show Himself faithful through all generations.

Long ago He taught us to pray, "Our Father, who art in Heaven..." And thus, we teach the next generation to pray:

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" And on it goes expressing deep, rich, truth... for "He gives us this day our daily bread and He forgives us of our trespasses as we forgive those. He delivers us from evil" (Matt. 6:9-13).

Although generations may appear to no longer be in the pews of yesterday, don't kid yourself. He can show up and will show up in any way the pews are formatted among all generations. For, "He is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow" (Heb.13:8).

May we continue to tether the next generation and those yet to come to His Truth as He says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life as no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Upon bended knee we remain...wherever that may be and we pray... "for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory both now and forever" (Matt. 6:13). Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Ques-
tion: I just heard about "Winter Hazard Awareness Week." Can you talk about that?

Answer: Great topic as we are at that point and time of year. Here is some information we shared on the Minnesota Department of Safety's blog.

"It seems our pleasant fall has come to an end as Minnesota officially welcomed the first real wave of winter weather. It's tempting to forget about winter's cold bite, isn't it? But we know what's coming ... even if our first snowfall and colder temperatures came a little later this year.

The fact is, winter weather can freeze out a lot of our plans if we aren't adequately prepared. From holiday travel, to participating in seasonal sports, Winter Hazard Awareness Week reminds us of important safety tips to get us through the coming months.

For example, if you're one of the many Minnesotans who doesn't bat an eye at driving in winter weather, take a moment to congratulate yourself—then complete your Winter Safety Checklist. It starts with winterizing your vehicle to minimize your chances of breaking down when it's cold and snowy out.

Travel throughout Minnesota can be significantly impacted any time there is snow and wind, so it's important to be

ready. Do you have a winter survival kit in your car? Creating a kit won't take much time and could make all the difference for you and your family. Always look at weather predictions before you leave. If your phone doesn't have a built-in weather app, here's a list of weather alerts or emergency preparedness and warning apps you can sign up for.

Before you even leave your driveway, make sure to check road conditions. If authorities have issued no-travel advisories, then delay your drive. Next, be sure to tell someone where you're going and notify them when you arrive safely. If you don't report when you're supposed to, you'll be easier to find on the way. And if you have to wait for help in your car, make sure you know what to do—and what not to.

Your phone becomes indispensable during winter outings (but please don't surf or text on it while driving). Do you know

what information to give a 911 operator if you're in an unfamiliar area? Snowplows will soon be a common sight on Minnesota roads, and it's critically important to stay safe around them. Among other things, it's important to stay back at least five car lengths to allow for a snowplow's slow speed and the additional stopping distance needed for wet or icy conditions.

You may be sad to say goodbye to fall, but remember that winter is more enjoyable when you're safe and sound."

More information can be found <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20211115-winter-hazard-awareness-week.aspx>

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Uncle Sam Tractor

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



On November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day. When first celebrated as Armistice Day, the day marked the end of World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918. When we celebrate Veterans Day, still recognizing the original tie with November 11. That means Veterans Day is on the same day every year -- November 11 -- regardless of on which day of the week it falls, although businesses may recognize the official day as well as the following Monday, if the 11th falls on a weekend.

This reminded me of an article I recently read about a tractor with an interesting name, the Uncle Sam tractor. The U.S. Tractor and Machinery Company was founded by G.D. Harris in Chicago. Shortly after it's debut in 1918 the factory was placed in Menasha, Wisconsin. Two unique features of the Uncle Sam Tractor were an extended right front wheel which was placed in the furrow while the rest of the tractor re-

mained on land when plowing. Another interesting feature, for such an early model, was a handy light also on the furrow side of the tractor.

The first tractor introduced by the company was the 20-30. In 1920 they introduced another model the 12-20. The 12-20 boasted another great feature, a self starter. The tractor appeared successful and even had dealerships in several foreign countries. By 1922 advertising for the tractors seemed to stop and a new venture of automobile manufacturing began in 1923. Unfortunately the car manufacturing venture failed and the tractor company fell by the wayside. Sadly another seemingly successful tractor company disappeared. I have never seen an Uncle Sam tractor....but I will keep my eyes out for one!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The 20-30 tractor had a Beaver Engine with _____ cylinders.
A) 2 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

2. Living up to it's expectations the 20-30 was tested in Nebraska actually Producing _____ drawbar hp, and _____ belt hp.

A) 20 and 30 or B) 22 and 31

3. T or F The Pabst Brewing Company operated a farm near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin using Uncle Sam tractors.

4. The 12-20 self starting system used _____.
A) 6volt system, B) a shotgun shell C) a 12 volt system D) compressed air

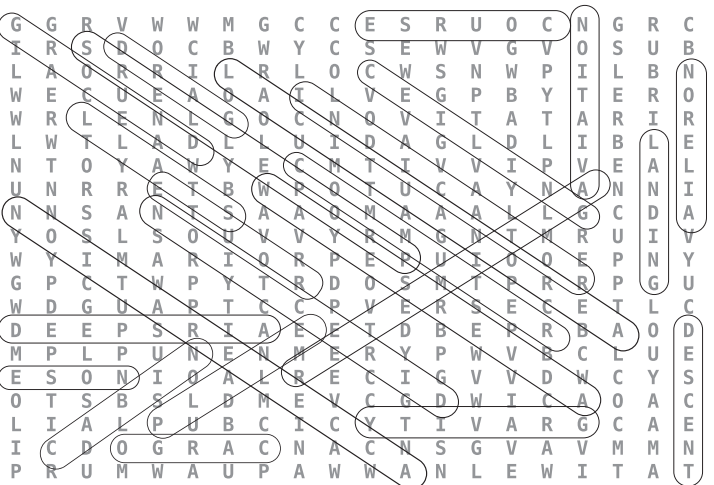
5. What do you think was another advantage of the extra-wide offset right front wheel used for plowing?

Answers: 1. B. 4 cylinders 2. B. 22 and 31 3. True, they also raised Holstein Cattle and Percheron Horses 4. D. Compressed Air 5. Easy belting for the thresher or other machines.



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Death Notice for Nancy Bagne

Nancy Bagne of Perham, MN, formerly of Clearbrook, MN passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. Funeral arrangements are pending at Cease Funeral Home at Bagley. A complete obituary will be published at a later date.



Obituary for John Handyside

John Handyside, age 80, of rural Fosston, MN, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 17th, at his home north of Fosston, surrounded by loved ones, after a battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 3rd, at Country Faith Church, rural Clearbrook, MN with the Rev. Michelle Miller officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Military honors will be provided 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.

As written by John...

If you are reading this, I must have ended my bucket list. Life has been good. I was born in Fosston, MN on February 12th, 1941 to Raymond (R.V.) and Mabel (Myhre) Handyside. I graduated from Fosston High School in 1958. Two weeks after graduation, I found myself in Fort Leonardwood Missouri. I had enlisted in the army.

After 6 months of active duty, I returned to my parents farm, North of Fosston, and farmed cattle with them for several years. I also remained active in the national gaurd in Bemidji until 1961. I then went into construction doing mostly welding on the building of power plants and pumping stations. I found that this really wasn't for me, so I returned to the family farm around 1970, where I raised cattle for the rest of my life.

In 1978 I met Leslie Ann Poppler at a dance in Lengby, MN. We were married one year later in 1979. We had two children, Ryan and Jessica. They blessed us with six grandchildren.

I have enjoyed many things outdoors all of my life, including hunting and fishing. In my younger years, I was scuba diver and a pilot.

John was always busy with some sort of project or fishing adventure. Over the years, he spent much of his time with his wife, kids, and grandchildren, fishing, hunting, and traveling. In the months leading up to his passing, he was able to accomplish his yearly goal of catching and releasing 1,000 walleyes. He was a kind, gentle man who always put others before himself. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Leslie Ann; 2 children Ryan (Megan) Handyside of Fosston, MN, and Jessica (Nolan) Eck of Leonard, MN; 6 grandchildren, Dustyn, Emily, Elijah, and Isaiah Handyside of Fosston, MN, Arthur and Elsie Eck of Leonard, MN; and sister, Vera Pearson of Lengby, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond (R.V.) and Mabel Handyside and his brother Duane Handyside.

to see all the other fields and animals. Carl served on the Trail Community Council for a few years.

Carl's favorite time of year was deer hunting season. For 40 plus years his nephews, who called him "Uncle Bud", came for the weekend for the big hunt! He looked forward them coming every year and was always sad when the season ended and everyone went home. Carl enjoyed listening to the Minnesota Twins and Vikings but the Twins were his favorite. He loved listening to old time music on the radio and back in the day he enjoyed a waltz or two. He enjoyed when his niece and nephew brought him and his sister to Branson, MO. He was really surprised at how big and windy the hills were there.

Carl spent the last two years of his life at Poplar Meadows in McIntosh. He loved being there and referred to Poplar as one big family. He recently had a birthday at Poplar Meadows and even won the Fosston Dairy Queen cake. He received many cards and wishes; he had a good birthday!

He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Doyle (Lois) Heden of ND, Debra (Dave) Haugen of MN, Gary (Barb) Weberg of TX, Scott (Renee) Weberg of CA, Pamela Field of NM, and Tom Wiberg (Cheryl) of WI; and many great nephews and great nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Emma (Tollefson) Weberg. He was the youngest of five children. Carl was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and a member of Sand Valley Lutheran Church. He attended school in Trail and was a farmer his entire life. He was a hard worker, raised cows and sheep and was very proud of his well-fed cattle. He loved to take drives around the area



Obituary for Carl Weberg

Carl Jerome Weberg, age 89, of Trail, MN, passed away on Sunday, November 14th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 20th, at Sand Valley Lutheran Church in Trail with Dawn Hanson officiating. Interment in Sand Valley Lutheran Cemetery, Trail. Visitation held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Mask use was requested at the service and Covid protocol followed. The service was recorded and available on the Carlin website on Sunday morning. Arrangements with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Carl Jerome Weberg was born in Trail, MN on October 26, 1932, to Art and Emma (Tollefson) Weberg. He was the youngest of five children. Carl was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and a member of Sand Valley Lutheran Church. He attended school in Trail and was a farmer his entire life. He was a hard worker, raised cows and sheep and was very proud of his well-fed cattle. He loved to take drives around the area



Death Notice for Glendine Benson

Glendine Benson, age 78, of Gully, MN, passed away on Thursday, November 18th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be announced and held next summer. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



Obituary for Tim Kerssen

Tim Kerssen was granted his wings on October 27, 2021, after a 7 year fight with cancer. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends.

Tim was a graduate of Fosston High in 1992. He went on to Bemidji Technical College and earned a degree in Auto Body Repair. He then joined the Air Force where he served 6 years active duty and 4 years in the Air Force Guard, including temporary duty

assignments to Kuwait, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

He had a passion for music. he played guitar, piano, wrote music, loved to sing, and even recorded a couple of songs. His easy going personality, quick wit, and laughter will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him;

He is survived by his wife, Susanne Kerssen of Winona, his step-sons, Stephen Brunk of Sioux Falls, SD and Tyler Brunk of Balaton, MN, his parents, Dave and Dianne Kerssen of Gully, MN, his brother Tony Kerssen (Kathy) of Rochester, MN, his sister Tina Novy (Dan) of Gully, MN and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather, aunts and uncles.

The Kerssen family would like to express our gratitude to Tim's life, Sue, for al the love, time and effort she put in to taking care of Tim, allowing him to pass in his sleep at home.

There will be a celebration of life service held at 11 a.m. on December 4, 2021 at Bethel Assembly in Fosston, MN.

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