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Many were at the awards ceremony for the Vintage Snowmobile swap meet that was held at Fireside in Bagley on Saturday, December 4th.



Gail Friborg announcing the raffle winners at the Vintage Snowmobile meet that was held at the Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley. Also helping was Sherry Peterson.

Show and Swap meet held in Bagley

Legends of the Snow Vintage Snowmobile held a show and swap meet on Saturday, December 4th at the Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley. Fifteen classes and Peoples' Choice awards were presented with trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. Food and refreshments were available at Fireside. Photos by Randy Sims



It was a beautiful day for viewing the vintage snowmobiles on Saturday, December 4th. Not much snow for the sleds when the 12th annual meet was held. Raffle prize winners included: Grand prize of the

Vintage Sled went to: Tammy Lundstrom, Osage, MN of the 1973 Johnson Reveler 27 donated by Lee Peterson. Second prize of \$100 cash went to David Lundstrom of Osage, MN; 3rd prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Fireside Grill & Patio went to

Kevin Olson of Bagley and 4th prize of \$50 went to Jeremiah Lund of Grand Rapids. Another prize went to Mark Olson of Devils Lake, North Dakota who came the furthest distance. This is the 12th season that

they have held the ride and they went this year from 12 classes to 18 classes with trophies in each of the classes. There was not enough snow to head out on the trail for a ride, but Sunday a full amount came down.



The sleds at the Vintage Snowmobile meet that was held on Saturday, December 4 were divided into classes. There were three in the Custom Class.



Sanford Health merges with A Better Connection (ABC) in Park Rapids

PARK RAPIDS, Minn. – Sanford Health and A Better Connection, Inc. (ABC) in Park Rapids, Minn., recently completed the final steps necessary to move forward with merging the two organizations. Effective Monday, Dec. 13, A Better Connection, Inc. (ABC) will begin operating as the Sanford Health Park Rapids Behavioral Health Center. “After months of due diligence, we are excited to join forces with ABC to provide and expand behavioral health care services for the Park Rapids community,” shared James Coughenour, senior director of behavioral health services at Sanford Health Bemidji. “ABC programs are critical to the community, and their mental health expertise paired with Sanford Health’s commitment to quality care close to home make this partnership a natural step in expanding the community’s behavioral health services together.” Patients will be able to continue seeing their current providers and taking part in programs and services at their current locations with no interruptions in their care. Serving the Park Rapids community since 2012, ABC provides comprehensive behavioral health and addiction services for fami-

lies, groups and individuals including: • Chemical Health Intensive Outpatient Services and Assessments (Rule 245G License) • Child Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS) • Mental Health Diagnostic Assessments • Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) • Animal Assisted Therapy • Somatic Experiencing (SE) • Play Therapy • Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) • Heart Math Therapy • Behavioral health services for a variety of diagnoses including, but not limited to, eating disorders, bariatric surgery, difficult behaviors, autism spectrum disorders, grief and loss, trauma, domestic violence, personality disorders, chronic pain management, mood disorders, stress management, spiritual counseling, parenting support, etc. Sanford Bemidji Regional Behavioral Health Since merging with Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center in 2018, Sanford Health expanded behavioral health services in the Bemidji area to include adult and child psychiatry, addiction recovery, adult rehabilitative mental health services, children’s therapeu-

tic support services, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), mental health mobile crisis services and additional outreach behavioral health services at Sanford Health locations throughout northern Minnesota. Sanford Health constructed the Sanford Health PrimeWest Residential Support Center in Bemidji in 2019 as a voluntary residential treatment facility for adults across northern Minnesota who are overcoming mental health and chemical dependency issues by integrating a patients’ entire care team into their treatment and healing process while they remain in the community. The regional healthcare provider recently broke ground on the Sanford Bemidji Behavioral Health Crisis Center in October 2021. The center will provide behavioral health crisis services and facilities for adults and adolescents in crisis from across Minnesota, including an innovative Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) Unit as well as eight adult inpatient psychiatric beds. Constructed in partnership with Beltrami County, the crisis center is planned for completion in late 2022.



Tammie Ehlers from Ynot Sweets, with the help of her niece Mindy Broden, was selling her many choices of homemade candies on Saturday, December 4th at the Vintage Snowmobile swap meet held at Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley.



Tiara Hazelton selling Tastefully Simple products at the Vintage Snowmobile swap meet held at Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley on Saturday, December 4th.



The smell of lefse baking on the grill permeated the Clearbrook Community Center last Saturday, December 4th. Jeff Goad and Nathan Engebretson were busy making the fresh stuff to be sold at Santa Claus Day activities.



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Lonnie English making a purchase from Pat Hammer from his wood toy selections. He had his display at the Craft Day that was part of Clearbrook Santa Claus Day on December 4th.

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Congratulations to our winners!! Calendars for 2022 are now being sold by our Sportsman Club and Fosston Lengby Lions members. Get yours today.

Letter to the Editor

Tim Walz's Failed Covid-19 Policies

Gov. Walz in March 2020, allowed patients with active, contagious cases of Covid to be sent back into nursing homes, leading to the rampant spread of Covid in the places older residents were most vulnerable. States like New York and Michigan, which many think had the worst outcomes for nursing home residents because their governors actually ordered nursing homes to take patients suffering from Covid, only have 32 and 31% of all Covid deaths in their states related to nursing homes (that is, the patient either died in a nursing home or the patient caught Covid in a nursing home and died in a hospital). But Minnesota's death rate related to nursing homes is almost double those states thought to be the worst, with 55% of all its Covid deaths being nursing home related. (Data on the Minnesota Department of Health Covid tracker website, which is updated weekly).

Minnesota's Covid-19 current infection rates are among the highest in the nation and we still have limited monoclonal antibody treatments being administered, for some strange reason. Whereas in Florida, in August 2021, the state set up 25 treatment centers across the state, in addition to hospitals and clinics, to make sure that treatments are readily available to people early, when that treatment is most effective. It is also used to treat vulnerable populations that have been exposed but haven't tested positive. Clinical trials show a 70% reduction in hospitalization and death for Covid patients, with early treatment.

The Walz-Flanagan administration has failed Minnesota in protecting Minnesotans from Covid, rising crime, protecting our kids from transgender policies, and the rewriting of history. They have used Covid as an excuse to shut down small businesses but allowed big box stores and Planned Parenthood abortion centers to stay open. Walz and Flanagan must go!
Earl Roed

Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2022 Scholarship Program for high school juniors

(St. Michael, Minn.) - The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2022 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,000

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submissions and 92 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by May 1st, 2022. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified in August 2022. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in October 2022.

The 2022 essay question is, "The Minnesota Association of Townships has the responsibility to promote public understanding of the heritage and future of township government and its role in the state and federal systems. What are some ways that MAT could promote awareness of township government and inspire township residents and boards to become involved?"

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit <https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship>.

program.

"The MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients and has also been an opportunity to learn about township government, which embodies the values of 'grassroots government' where local citizens directly participate. We encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from rural areas or urban cities," said MAT Executive Director Jeff Krueger.

There are approximately 914,000 township residents in 1,780 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, others host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY - POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA R35fC

The Polk County Attorney's Office located in Crookston, Minnesota, is seeking applications for the position of a full-time Assistant County Attorney to represent the State of Minnesota and Polk County in criminal and civil proceedings. This is a challenging and rewarding position with primary responsibilities including prosecuting felony, gross misdemeanor, and misdemeanor cases, handling child delinquency and CHIPS proceedings, representing the county in other court and administrative proceedings, and providing legal advice to county departments. The emphasis of this position will be criminal prosecution, with the successful candidate's duties mainly encompassing representation of the State of Minnesota in criminal proceedings is district court. The caseload will involve extensive court hearings and appearances, as well as jury and court trials, with an emphasis placed on courtroom skills, legal research, and legal writing abilities. Annual salary range for this position for 2022 is \$81,016 to \$102,981, depending upon experience and qualifications, with annual step increases. The position also includes a highly competitive benefits package. This benefits package includes a monthly \$1,200 cafeteria plan contribution by the County; healthcare plans through BCBS with various deductibles and very attractive, low-cost premiums regardless of the number of dependents; dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County; 10 paid holidays each year; paid vacation and sick leave; and access to other health and wellness programs. Applicants must possess a Juris Doctorate and be admitted to practice law in the State of Minnesota in-order to successfully perform the essential duties of this position. Legal experience in a County Attorney's Office or other Prosecutor's Office preferred but not required. A full position description and application can be obtained by contacting the Polk County Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408 or online at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> and click on Careers. Please mail your application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN, 56716, or e-mail to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us This position will remain open until filled. EEO

TRANSPORT DEPUTY

Polk County Sheriff's Department is seeking applications for a full-time Justice Center Transport Deputy. Applicants must have an associate degree in criminal justice or law enforcement, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of State of MN POST License and a valid driver's license are required. The primary duties for this position is to transport inmates to and from courts, detention centers, medical centers, and other locations as directed. Additional duties include court security, bailiff duty, and proper execution of various civil process and criminal warrants. Applicants must have completed skills and be full time licensed or license eligible by the MN POST Board by date of hire. A valid driver's license is required. Wage range for this position is \$22.59 - \$28.72/hour DOE and qualifications. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including affordable healthcare plans through BCBS including attractive low-cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on "Careers". Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us Applications will be received until **4:30 p.m., December 15, 2021**. EOE. R37-39C

Custodian I Facilities Management Department

The Polk County Facilities Department has 2 (two) immediate openings for a full time, benefitted Custodian I position. This position performs a variety of custodial duties including emptying trash, sweeping, mopping, and vacuuming floors, cleaning restrooms, and ordering and stocking supplies. This position will be assigned a primary location, however, will be required to work at multiple facility locations as needed and assigned, including the jail. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including: affordable healthcare plans through BCBS including attractive low cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous custodial experience is preferred but not required. A valid driver's license is required for this position. Wage range for this position is \$15.93 - \$20.25/hour DOE and qualifications. An application and job description can be found on Polk County's website: www.co.polk.mn.us - click on Careers or contact the Polk County Administrator's Office at (218) 281-5408. Please send your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716, or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us All qualified applicants will be considered for employment. **This position will remain open until filled.** EOE R35fC

DISPATCHER R35fC

The Polk County Sheriff's Department in Crookston, MN has a full-time Dispatcher position available. Applicants must possess excellent computer skills, have the ability to speak clearly and concisely, and have the ability to exercise independent judgment, using all information available in critical and emergency situations. Provides a single point of contact for 24-hour voice/radio communications - emergency and 911 services to citizens. High school diploma or GED is required. Post-secondary education preferred. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including affordable healthcare plans through BCBS including attractive low-cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. Wage range for this position is \$22.59 - \$28.72 per hour, DOE, and qualifications. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers. Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716, (218-281-5408) or e-mail alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us This position will remain open until filled. EOE.

Early Childhood & Head Start Management Positions Available

 Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start program.
Early Head Start Home Visitor: 40 hours a week, year round position, office location in Thief River Falls, MN. Position works with families of children ages birth to 3 years, providing in home education visits on a weekly basis. Minimum of a Child Development Associate, Associate degree preferred; experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. Must be able to pass a background check. **Position open until filled.**
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VICTIM ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST

The Polk County Attorney's Office located in Crookston, Minnesota, is seeking applications for the position of a full-time Victim Assistance Specialist within the Polk County Attorney's Office. This is a challenging and rewarding position with primary responsibilities to include acting as a resource and coordinator for victims of crime, providing short term crisis intervention, counseling, case status, victims' rights, property return assistance, and providing public education and presentations. This position works closely with prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement, and other agencies to ensure victim's rights and needs are addressed.

Annual salary range for this position for 2022 is \$47,240 to \$57,512, depending upon experience and qualifications, with annual step increases. The position also includes a highly competitive benefits package. This benefits package includes a monthly \$1,200 cafeteria plan contribution by the County; healthcare plans through BCBS with various deductibles and very attractive, low-cost premiums regardless of the number of dependents; dental, vision, life, and long-term coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County; 10 paid holidays each year; paid vacation and sick leave; and access to other health and wellness programs.

This position requires a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social work, psychology or a related field or certification in victim services from an accredited college/university and 18 months experience providing crisis intervention and/or counseling services in a private/public setting, or a combination of both education and experience may qualify. A full job description and application can be obtained by contacting the Polk County Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408 or online at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> and click on Careers. Please submit your application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN, 56716, or e-mail to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us before **4:30 p.m. on December 20, 2021**. EEO

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ASSISTANT VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

The Polk County Veterans Office has an opening for a full-time Assistant Veterans Service Officer position. Duties include but are not limited to: Performing difficult administrative work. Responsible for assisting the Veterans Service Officer, by serving as a local advocate for veterans, their dependents, and survivors. This position assists the member(s) in applying for and receiving veteran benefits that they are eligible for. Interviews, informs, advises, and counsels veterans concerning benefit programs, eligibility requirements, changes in laws/programs, and provides other services to assist veterans in the County. High school diploma or GED & moderate experience in human services, social work or related, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have the ability to obtain certification as Assistant Veterans Service Officer in one year from hire date through training & a certification test. Must agree to receive within 6 months of the appointment, training, and education for the duties of the position, including development of an effective working knowledge of relevant laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Must possess a valid driver's license. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including affordable healthcare plans through BCBS including attractive low-cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. Wage range for this position is \$22.59 - \$28.72/hour, DOE and qualifications. To obtain an application and 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 23, 2021**. Please submit your completed application/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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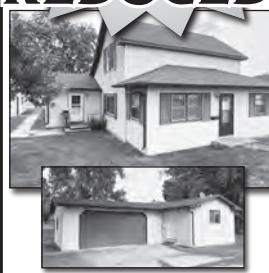
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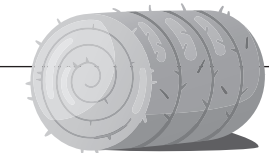
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Advent

Advent, it's my favorite time of year! It's my favorite because it can be an intentional time of slowing down while quieting the rapid pace that's round and about. Glitter and glam doesn't hold a candle to the real deal where tradition has us lighting our way in the wilderness, guiding us back to the Light.

Advent, a time of waiting it is. Anything good is worth waiting for. Healing, restoration, dreams, goals, and that which is to come finds us in wait and thus, Advent finds us waiting for the birth of Christ. It's all rather extraordinary you know. Never a dull moment as if I need tell you.

Sometimes I'd settle for dull. Dull means not much is going on by way of news tantalizing the senses. It means the beat of the day-to-day drum is just ho-hum and that's not all bad. Other times, the extraordinary comes by way of an unexpected illness or perhaps even death without resurrection this side of the veil. Sometimes it means what we thought we had, we never actually did and thus the

grieving process begins. We cry from deep within...From whence does my help come?

Still, other times it's as if the whole world was knocked off its axis...sending us into orbit. Maneuvering life is flat out too much and not only are we off center, but off kilter, feet no longer under us. Yes, truly, sometimes the seasons between the Advents of our lives are flat out arduous.

Lighting our way round to the season of Advent by way of an Advent Wreath can bring hope. It reminds us of that which is to come. Advent offers us a time to prepare for His coming to earth as a babe. The colors lit help tell the story of prayer, and the evergreens beneath it remind us of continuous life.

The first candle lit is purple, symbolizing HOPE. It's the prophecy candle in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah who foretold the birth of Christ.

The second purple candle represents FAITH. It's the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Toys Are Awesome

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



Well, I love “real” tractors. But my love of toy tractors is not far behind. This past weekend at the Armory in TRF there was a toy show. Last year it was cancelled due to COVID, so it was another event to enjoy happening again!

It is not a huge show but like any other hobby you get to know a few people involved. Isn't that the way it is....the fun part of the experience is the people you meet. Well, I made my rounds stopping and looking at many displays. Sure enough I ran into a fellow that I bought something from at his auction, another that I have crossed paths with talking tractors many time. I visited with a couple of vendors that I have done business with before. I suppose I was at the show for maybe 2 hours. One hour looking at toy tractors, another hour talking (and yes talking tractors-toys and real life!). Few things are more fun to me than spending some time with great people!

Did I buy anything? Yes! I bought a 2nd birthday present for my grandson, and I couldn't help getting one more thing.....for myself! Some of you may remember the story I shared this summer about acquiring a 720 John Deere (more to come on that one!). A friend of mine who had a booth had what I thought was a cool set. It included a 720 John Deere gas toy and an 820 Standard Diesel. Well since I have a 720 that caught my eye and those of you who read my column know that I love those big powerful standard tread tractors, like the 820. So I guess I got myself a Christmas present! (And don't forget my grandson's birthday present!)

Next December watch the newspaper and I bet you will

see an add for the Annual Toys Show at the Armory in Thief River Falls. You can go take a look, maybe you'll find something fun. If not stop and visit for a while, take it from me there are a bunch of nice people there!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The 720 and 820 John Deere tractors were manufactured from 1956- _____.
A) 1957 B) 1958 C) 1959 D) 1960

2. The 720 and 820 John Deere tractors both had a _____ speed transmission.

A) 5 B) 6 C) 8 D) 12

3. T or F The 720 gas had a smaller displacement than the diesel because the diesel had a larger bore.

4. T or F The 720 was rated at 53 drawbar hp while the 820 was rated at 67 drawbar hp.

5. The early model 820 tractors were very similar to the model 80. They were called “Green” dash tractors. The newer 820s were improved and call _____ dash 820s.

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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.”

About AgCountry Farm Credit Services

Headquartered in Fargo, N.D., AgCountry is a member-owned, locally-governed lending institution that provides credit, financial and insurance services to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in eastern North Dakota, western Minnesota and central Wisconsin. AgCountry is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperative financial services institutions that serves rural America. Learn more at AgCountry.com.

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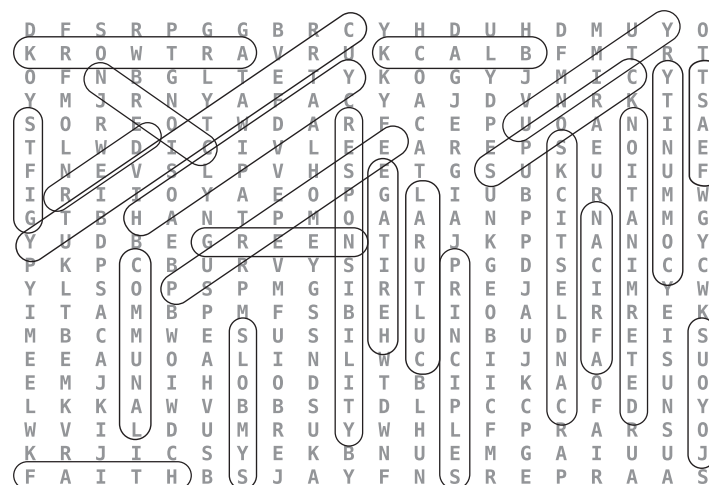
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Obituary for Lyle Nelson

Lyle Stanley Nelson, age 93, a Clearbrook native and long-time resident of Fort Myers, Florida passed away November 29, 2021 in his home with his family.

Lyle was born in 1928 in Clearbrook, Minnesota to the late Selmer and Judith Nelson and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1949. While completing his 21-year military career, during which he was stationed in numerous locations both domestic and abroad, Lyle obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from Omaha University (now

Obituary for Mark Gunning

Mark Gunning, 69, of Clearbrook, Minnesota passed in Jesus arms on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston, Minnesota with the Pastor Mark Richardson officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN and 1-hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be held at the Greenwood Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN.

Mark Andy Gunning was born on December 31, 1951 in Bagley, MN to Gilman and Beulah (Thompson) Gunning. Mark graduated in 1969 from Clearbrook High School. He spent one season sailing the Great Lakes. Mark is known for copping the Clearbrook Dances at the hall back in the early 70's. In 1971, he and Sylvia Ysen were married. They shared the joy of having two daughters, Lynette and Dana. He also worked 1978-80; 2011-2015 with local 49ers Union. His main employment was with Northwood Panelboard Company of Solway, MN where he worked from the 80's until he retired from there 30 years later as dryer operator. Mark married Sarah Schmidt at Calvary Free Lutheran in Fosston, MN, on August 18, 1984. Together they had two children, Mark and Jennifer. Farming was Mark's passion. Throughout all these jobs, he burnt the other end of the candle trying to keep the home farm North of Clearbrook, running productively and smoothly. He farmed mostly beef cattle and hay crops. He and Sarah had two big round balers and did many, many hours of custom baling to make ends meet on the farm. Mark always wanted to be sure his dealings with other people were fair, so that both parties felt good when hands were shook. He couldn't stand

Obituary for Terry Halvorson

Terry Scott Halvorson, 55, of Gonvick, MN, lost his courageous battle to colon cancer Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, December 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Samhold Lutheran Cemetery in Gonvick, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley, MN assisted the family with arrangements.

Terry was born December 22, 1965 at the hospital in Fosston, MN, to parents Elmer and Mavis (Walberg) Halvorson Marcus. He was baptized and confirmed at the Gully Lutheran Church. From Kindergarten through the 5th grade he was enrolled at the Gully School, then continued at Fosston School until he graduated in 1984. He travelled to work in Tennessee for Ronco Irrigation. Terry later moved back to Minnesota and went on to attend Staples Technical Institute and completed the food preparation program in May of 1985. He then chose his career in construction and went to work for Northern Pipeline and Michels Pipeline, where he worked and became a foreman until recently becoming ill.

Terry had his first son, Brandon, in 1986, followed by his daughter Brittany in 1987. On May 10, 1997 he married the love of his life, Stacy Sorenson in St. Cloud. They made their home near

Obituary for Eugene Lange

On Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, Eugene "Gene" Ordell Lange passed away, with his wife by his side, at the Bemidji Sanford Medical Center. He was 94 years old.

Gene was born on Aug. 4, 1927 in Clarkfield, Minn., to Otto and Lilie (Anderson) Lange. When he was a child, his family moved to a farm north of Clearbrook. As a young man, he worked for a custom combining company, harvesting crops from Texas to Montana.

A lifelong Jehovah's Witness, he symbolized his dedication through baptism at an International Convention held at Yankee Stadium in New York City in 1953.

On June 3, 1956 in Thief River Falls, Gene was united in marriage to Beryl Westgaard of Bemidji, where they made their home. He was employed as a mechanic for Ernie Paul IH Implement. In 1960, he moved his family to Crookston, which had grown by two children: David and Jolayne. For 10 years, he was the shop foreman at the Crookston IH dealership. During this time, two more children were added to the family: Daral and Melanie.

In the early 70s, Evert Anderson from Gonvick encouraged him to take over his school bus business. In 1973, the family moved to Gonvick and Gene and Beryl worked for several decades building a bus business. They provided transportation for the Gonvick-Trail School District and in 1983 the charter bus company, Lange Transport, was born.

Lugene loved to travel... as long as he had 40 passengers traveling with him. He traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. His passengers included BSU athletes to Hostfest and Folklorama enthusiasts to adventure seekers going to Churchill, Manitoba to see the polar bear migration. For almost 10 years, Gene and Beryl arranged trips, often twice a year, to the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York. Those trips grew to include Washington, D.C., New England and the Canadian branch of Jehovah's Witnesses. Gene drove the bus for most of those trips, thoroughly enjoying meeting hundreds of his "brothers and sisters in the faith."

Throughout his life, Gene was a fan of Red Power, as International Harvester tractors are known. He collected many antique Farmall tractors and Cub Cadets, restoring some of them to mint condition.

In 2015, Gene and Beryl moved back to Bemidji, closed the circle and settled into retirement.

Gene was known to be a hardworking, kind and honest man. He enjoyed gardening, going to auction sales, tinkering with his old tractors and having coffee with old friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, Alaina, when she would spend her summers in Gonvick. Eugene will be missed by his family and friends.

Gene had strong faith in the promise made at John 5:28. He was comfortable with the fact that he may have to sleep in God's memory until the promise of the resurrection is fulfilled.

Lugene is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beryl; daughter, Jolayne (Gary Corder) of Richland, Wash.; son, Daral, of Duluth; daughter, Melanie (Carlos) Mendez of Bemidji; granddaughter, Alaina (Max) Morgan, of Richland, Wash.; three great grandchildren: Aiden, Kya and Cambria; numerous nieces and nephews; and his cat Dander.

He was preceded in death by his son, David; his parents; and sisters, Vernice Bartos and Lois Bonik.

A virtual memorial service will be held via Zoom on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m. Meeting ID: 823 0216 9017/ Passcode: 8427

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Death Notice for Betty Harmon

Betty Harmon, 91, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Sanford Bagley Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley, Minnesota.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Death Notice for Ronald Nyland

Ronald Nyland, age 87, of Clearbrook, MN and Gully, MN, passed away on Wednesday, December 1st, at his home in Clearbrook. There will be no services at this time. Arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston.

Obituary for Nancy Bagne

A bell rang and an angel, Nancy Jo Bagne, received her wings.

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family and friends of Nancy Jo Bagne, 64, of Perham, Minnesota, formerly of Clearbrook, MN, announce her sudden passing on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at her home in Perham.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. Pastor Mark Olson will officiate. Interment will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Nancy was born Jul 3, 1957 to a very young 14 year old mother. Her biological mother was unable to give Nancy a good life and decided to place her for adoption. Nancy's life truly began when she was adopted on July 27, 1957 into the very loving family of Gordon and Evie (Grothe) Bagne. Nancy was raised in Clearbrook, Minnesota, where she attended Clearbrook School and graduated in 1975. She was a very active student and was involved in band, choir, and Cheerleading for basketball and football among many other things.

Nancy was a staunch Republican. She worked as a staffer for Arlan Stangeland in Washington D.C. After he lost his bid for reelection, Nancy returned to Minnesota and moved to Fergus Falls to work at Westridge Mall. She went on to work for the Jamestown Convention Center and CCI Engineering. After moving to Perham, Nancy spent the last 20 plus years of her career working as the office manager for Kit Masters. She retired in 2020 but continued to work part time for the company.

Nancy was very involved in volunteering for Perham Area School sports, whether it was selling tickets, working concessions, or any other way she could help. Nancy, also known as the Bag Lady and the Cat Lady, among other terms of endearment from her close friends and family, was an avid softball player. She was one of the best pitchers in the league. She loved traveling and going to casinos with family and friends, gardening, and adopted any cat that would show up in her yard.

She is survived by her 5 four-legged furry babies with whiskers, Grubby, Grayson, Bully, Smuggley, and Auto; her special cousins, Patty Grothe, Susie (Patrick) Bruggeman, Chris (Stacey) Bruggeman, Dusty (Nicole) Bruggeman, and Carter, Halle, Madilyn, Austin, and Olivia; her best friends, Nancy (Rick) Vyskocil, Joni (Mike) Connell, Sue (Brian) Nelson, and Cindy Hemmelgard; her brother, Tom (Cathy) Bagne; her niece, Elena Bagne; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Evelyn Bagne.

Long live the memory of Nancy.

In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to a Humane Society of the donor's choice in memory of Nancy.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Obituary for Arlene Berry

Arlene M. Berry, 78, of East Grand Forks, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021 at Altru Hospital of Grand Forks.

Arlene Marie Gunderson was born August 16, 1943 in Thief River Falls to the late Torkel and Ragna (Hofstad) Gunderson. She grew up in Oklee, MN and graduated from high school there in 1961. She moved to Red Lake Falls and worked in the office for the REA. On December 17, 1966, she married Robert Berry at Clearwater Lutheran Church of Oklee. They moved to Minneapolis and Grand Forks before settling in East Grand Forks, where they made their home. They were blessed with three children. She also shared her love as a foster parent.

Arlene retired as an administrative assistant from Polk County Social Services in 2009. She loved to sing and was active throughout her whole life with choirs and music groups including Tops, The Unforgettables, and many others. She was a member of River Heights Lutheran Church, the Grand Forks Senior Center, and the Sons of Norway.

Loving family who survived Arlene are her children David (Melissa) Berry of East Grand Forks, Nikki Aaker of East Grand Forks, and Mark Berry of Grand Forks; 10 grandchildren Payton (Jim) Sad, Devon and Jason Berry, Chantell and Dallas Aaker, Owen Kliniske, Delaney and Seth Aaker, and Kaleb and Jordyn Berry; 2 great-grandchildren, Stetson and Briggs Sad; 2 sisters Dianne (Clarence) Gagner of Brooks, MN, and Sheryl (Arlan) Fore of Oklee, MN; and many nieces, nephews, friends and family that will be left to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Torkel and Ragna and her former husband Robert Berry.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at River Heights Lutheran Church, 2214 10th Ave. NW, East Grand Forks, MN, 56721. Visitation was 1 hour prior to funeral at the church.

Burial will be at Clearwater Cemetery in rural Oklee, MN, Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10 AM.

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Obituary for Ed Rasmussen

Edward (Ed) Rasmussen passed away peacefully at age 93 with family by his side on November 29, 2021.

Ed was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 31, 1927, to Otto and Sadie Rasmussen. He grew up in St. Paul and attended Humboldt High School. He learned to play the piano at a young age and became an accomplished musician, joining the musician's union in 1945. After high school he enlisted in the Navy, serving his country for two years (1946/1947). He then attended Macalester College, earning a Bachelor of Arts (music) in 1951. Ed then taught music and economics at Mahtomedi High School for eleven years, continuing his education and earning a Master of Education degree from Macalester College in 1954.

Ed married Marilyn Lewis in 1952 and they started a family, raising four children. While teaching at Mahtomedi, Ed attended night school at William Mitchell College of Law, earning his law degree in 1960. He was admitted to practice law in the Minnesota court system on October 4, 1960, and he started his legal career working for a law firm in St. Paul. In 1962 Rasmussen was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives. He filed for reelection in 1963, but withdrew when his father-in-law, Oscar Lewis, invited him to join Oscar's law practice in Bagley. Ed moved his young family to Bagley in 1964, joined the law practice established by his father-in-law, and never looked back. Ed said many times that moving his family

to Bagley was the best decision he ever made. In 1980 Ed married his current wife, Betty, and he was a devoted husband to her for 41 years.

Ed was also a devoted father, and he enjoyed spending time with his children, playing and singing music, fishing at Red Lake, golfing, camping, and playing games. Rasmussen was known to have a "green thumb" and enjoyed growing flowers at home and at the office. He appreciated beauty wherever it could be found, in art, nature or in a table setting.

Ed practiced law in Bagley for over 57 years, and he was meeting clients, examining abstracts and handling probate files until just a few weeks before his passing. In the last few years Ed had a number of short hospitalizations, and he was always chomping at the bit to get discharged so he could "get back to the office". No doubt his work gave him a sense of purpose and was part of what enabled him to live independently and function at such a high level for so long.

Ed often came to the office on weekends to meet clients and even made numerous house calls. To him, practicing law was not just an occupation, but a form of public service. In 2010, the Minnesota State Bar Association awarded Rasmussen the honorary title of "Senior Counselor" in "recognition of more than fifty years of honorable service to the Bar." Over the years Ed provided thousands of hours of "pro bono" (free or discounted) legal services to his community.

Music was always a part of Ed's life. He studied, taught and played music everywhere he went. While in St. Paul, he was the organist and choir director at St. Stephen's church, he played for different bands and was the pianist for the 3M Men's Choir, performing all over the twin cities. In the Navy, he played organ for church services on the ship. In Bagley, Ed became the choir director at Faith Lutheran Church, he played the organ at church for over 40 years, he helped with the band and choir programs at Bagley High School, played piano at Rotary meetings, played at countless weddings and funerals, and he put on a Christmas concert for 40 years that became a Christmas tradition for many families. Plain and simple, Ed loved sharing his gift of music.

Ed also committed himself to more traditional forms of public service, serving on the County

Planning Commission as its Chairman from its inception in 1972 until 2014. He likewise served for 42 years as the Bagley City Attorney, and was involved with the Chamber of Commerce, the Bagley Industrial Commission, the Lion's Club, and the Rotary Club. Ed assisted in starting up Twin Pines Golf Course and was one of the founders of the former Greensview Nursing Home. He also supported Farm by the Lake, the Bagley Senior Citizen's Center, the Clearwater County Historical Society, the fair and the library. In 2009, the community honored Ed as "Outstanding Senior Citizen."

Ed's legacy of devotion to his family and community was grounded in his kindness, his humility, his work ethic and his selflessness. He spent his life working hard not to provide luxuries for himself, but to provide for his family and to help build and support his community. He will be sadly missed by his family who adored him, and by the many people whose lives he touched.

Ed is survived by his current wife Betty; his first wife Marilyn and their four children; son Jon (Deborah) of Bloomington, daughter Pamela (James) of Minnetonka, son Paul (Cynthia) of Bagley, and daughter Susan (Karl) of Blackduck; stepson Chris (Amy) Kvam; Veronica Kvam; nine grandchildren; Harmony (Stephen), Amanda (Says), Derek, Katrina, Justen (Michelle), Laura (Jared), Vanessa, Lauryn and Julia; four great-grandchildren: Ava, Ian, Eli and Saoirse. He was preceded in death by his parents Otto and Sadie, his siblings Otto and Richard, and his stepson Jeff (Veronica) Kvam.

A private family service will be held Friday, December 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. A live stream of the service may be accessed via the Cease Family Funeral Home website (ceasefuneralhome.com) and will be recorded for those who wish to view the service at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Ed's family requests that memorials be directed to the Faith Lutheran Church organ fund, the Bagley Senior Citizens Center, or the Clearwater County Historical Society.

Letter To the Editor

Dear Friend:

Yet another busy week in D.C.! I participated in a Judiciary Committee Hearing on sexual harassment arbitration, and then a mark-up dealing with a bill on the issue. I met with so many great groups including the Values Action Team, the National Biodiesel Board, the National Barley Growers Association, the Boys and Girls Club, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Federal Reserve Bank, the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council.

I also introduced the S.T.O.P the G.R.I.N.C.H. Act, along with Senator Mike Lee from Utah. Empty shelves and backlogged ports have wreaked havoc on American businesses and families over recent months. Inflation is at a 30-year high making holiday purchases and everyday necessities harder for Minnesota families to buy. This bill would ease supply-chain tensions, by streamlining or suspending certain federal regulations, specifically targeting needs in ports, shipping, and trucking.

Of course, the big news out of D.C. this week is that the Democrats' \$1.7 trillion social spending bill narrowly passed the House of Representatives. The spending in this bill will exacerbate already record-high inflation. It will increase tax audits on small businesses. It provides amnesty and payouts to illegal immigrants. It does not have Hyde Amendment protections included anywhere, directly acting against the of millions of Americans who do not want their tax dollars to fund abortions. And, the tax cuts in this bill will overwhelmingly favor the very wealthy, while middle-income households are likely to see an increase in their taxes. This bill is not what the country needs now and it proves how little regard Democrats in Washington have for the American people.

This Week in Ag

The House Agricultural Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit (CEEC), of which I'm the Ranking Member, held a hearing on the renewable economy in rural America. I had the opportunity to ask panelists about economic impacts of the biofuel industry, the economic and environmental benefits of the U.S. bioeconomy, and bioproducts. You can watch my opening statement here.

Interview with "At the Table" by Medical Alley

Medical Alley invited me to be a part of their latest episode of their podcast, "At the Table". Jessica and I had a nice conversation about my time in office so far, and about some of the serious challenges facing rural Minnesota like the need for strong communities, rural broadband for increased telemedicine capabilities, and ways to address workforce shortages.

You can listen to the whole interview here.

Small Business Week Awards 2022

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- Small Business Investment Company of the Year

For more information, and to make a nomination, please visit the SBA website. Nominations can be submitted electronically

by January 11, 2022 and awards will be presented during the NSBW Awards Ceremony in the first week of May 2022. For more information on SBA assistance, click here.

Thank you Howard Olson and Randy Aberle from AgCountry for coming to testify at the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit (CEEC) hearing on the renewable economy in rural America.

We were lucky to have Minnesota Ag and Rural Leadership in town this week for a great meeting on important issues like broadband access, keeping the FARM in the Farm Bill, and drought recovery.

Students from The Southwest MN Christian School came to visit with me on their trip to Washington, DC!

Coming Up

As always, my office is open and ready to serve constituents of Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,

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DNR certifies new state record for muskie

An angler caught a muskellunge weighing 55 pounds, 14 ounces, from Mille Lacs Lake that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has certified as a weight-based state record. The previous record was a 54-pound muskie caught from Lake Winnibigoshish in 1957. Although news of the fish has spread quickly in the news and social media, a record is not official until the certification process is complete.

Nolan Sprengeler caught the muskie on Nov. 22, with friends Kevin Kray and Zack Skoglund. Their plan was to fish the afternoon until after moonrise, which was about 8 p.m. After some delay due to low water and frozen water at accesses, they eventually broke some ice to get Sprengeler's boat in the water after sunset.

"On our last spot of the eve-

ning at about 9 p.m., I felt a tap on the end of my line. I fought the fish to the boat and Kevin Kray netted it for me. The fish measured 57.75 inches by 29 inches," Sprengeler said. "After trying to revive the fish for about an hour we realized she wasn't going to make it. We made the decision to bring the fish in to get weighed on a certified scale."

Sprengeler brought the fish to be weighed on a certified scale with witnesses the next morning, had it identified at a DNR Fisheries office, and then dropped off his catch with a taxidermist.

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