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Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sletten on their wedding day, November 3, 1951.

Senior Focus on ...Phyllis Sletten

By Karen Edelbach
Phyllis Sletten has many fond memories of growing up on the quiet shores of Minerva Lake, south of Shevlin, with her 13 siblings. She was born on June 11, 1935.
"We lived in the lake in the summertime, when we weren't playing baseball or some other kind of game outside. In the winter we were in the house or at school. I went to school to the 8th grade at Minerva, and then graduated from Bagley High School. Geography was my favorite subject. I remember Mae Barness, a long time educator, took some of us to the graduation, and then we were done with school. I thought she was a wonderful person."
"Mom had 14 of us, 10 boys, and 4 girls. We were sent down to the lake when the babies were being born. There we waited to hear the baby cry, and then we could go back to the house," she remembers. "The four youngest were boys, and they are the only ones still living, besides me."
"My parents were Rose and Ed Newland. You've probably heard of that family. Dean Newland, who continues to be reelected as a County Commissioner, is my nephew," Phyllis says proudly.
Phyllis' dad served in the Army during the First World War and received several medals, including the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Eight of her brothers served in the military as well.
"I remember Mom often standing by the mail box wondering if she would get a telegram, if any of the boys were wounded or killed. Thankfully, that never happened."
In 1951 Phyllis married Ervin Sletten and moved to Alida. Ervin worked building the missile base in Grand Forks. Then he was the county grader for many years. They raised their five children at the farmstead before moving into Bagley. Phyllis made a hobby of planting beautiful flower gardens. She keeps photos of the varieties

of hollyhocks, black-eyed Susans, zinnias and many others.
She spent a lot of time baking homemade bread, cakes and cinnamon rolls when the kids were growing up. After that, Phyllis worked seven years as a Home Health Aide, making meals, and giving care to many elderly in the area.
"I enjoyed raising my family, and they are very important to me," Phyllis reflects. "The oldest son, Clyde, now lives on the old farmstead in Alida; John lives in Texas; Roxann is in Wisconsin; Glory is in North Dakota; and the youngest son is Jamie, who lives in Norway."
"There was an exchange student here from Norway. Her name was Rigmor, and Jamie married her. I was a bit upset about that because she took him away," Phyllis quips. "But they have a good life there. Ervin and I went to visit them once. Now I tell my son I'd like him to send their son over here to stay."
Phyllis has 17 grandchildren, and also 17 great-grandchildren. Two more are on the way, due in December and January. Her grandson, Thad, wrote a special note to them, asking "How are you doing today? I hope things are good with you." She keeps that in her Bible as a reminder of his last visit with them, along with other announcements and cards.
One of her walls is graced with a quilt displaying the names of all the grandchildren: Thad, Heidi, Gretchen, Chris, Alisa, Thea, Cainan, Christian, Johanna, Danielle, Miriah, Shandell, Matty, Annabelle, Machenzie, Tobin, and Molly.
Phyllis likes to decorate her home. "They're not expensive things, and I'm kind of downsizing these days." Inside she displays many colorful things, pictures, and various figurines. She is especially fond of angels. She has very small ones to a lifesize angel dressed in a white gown.
"Angels have always been very special to me," she says. "They remind me of God's presence and protection, and the

thought of them brings me comfort."
Phyllis doesn't go out too much these days. Like many, she stayed home a lot the past year and a half.
"I get up in the morning, get dressed, and I talk to the Lord each day. My dog Charlie sits right by me, and we do Bible study afterwards." Charlie is a small part poodle, and very attached to Phyllis.
When asked what she and Ervin did for recreation, the answer was, "We went fishing down by the 'Buck Boards Mountains' along Highway 92. We mostly caught Northern; he cleaned them, and I cooked them."
"We never traveled, except for the trip to Norway." As far as a bucket list, like jumping out of a plane in a parachute like some do, Phyllis says, "Absolutely NOT! I have no desire to really ever fly again."
Phyllis has had some challenges and difficulties, like most people do, throughout life. Last year she suffered a bad case of Bell's Palsy, affecting her eyes and some muscles in her face, but it is improving.
"Patience has been a hard lesson for me to learn. Also, learning to take care of myself after my husband died in 2007. I'm content just being able to take care of myself now," she says.
"I've learned a lot of history throughout my life - you can't help but learn about history while living 86 years on earth like I have."
"My advice to others is to love your family."
"Some may think that I was tough as a mother, but it was important to me that the children learn standards and consideration for others, to learn self-control and helping others. I think often the young do not realize that they need help and guidance from the older people in their lives."
"Everybody has to teach their children. Sometimes they don't know what they need until it's too late."



This quilt with the names of her 17 grandchildren hangs on Phyllis' wall.

MnDOT reminds public not to push snow on to roads

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds the public that it is illegal to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.
"Placing snow on or near a public road creates hazards, including drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and unsafe access," said Paul Konickson, Assistant District Engineer – Operations. "Keep

crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed."
Minnesota law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow on to public roads or sidewalks. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roads.
Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement

of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.
MnDOT maintenance crews in District 2 plow and maintain over 3,900 miles of state highways in northwestern Minnesota.

Schultz launches campaign for Minnesota Attorney General against Incumbent Ellison

PLYMOUTH, MN (December 9, 2021) – Jim Schultz (@JimForMN), a fifth-generation Minnesotan and political outsider, today announced his campaign for the Republican nomination to challenge DFL Attorney General Keith Ellison of Minnesota.
Schultz, who grew up in the small town of South Haven, Minnesota, practices law with a Minnesota company, specializing in business, regulatory, and compliance law. He previously worked at Dorsey & Whitney LLP in Minneapolis. He currently serves on the board of The Front Line Foundation, a nonprofit supporting police and other first responders. This is his first run for elected office.
Schultz announced his campaign in a video emphasizing his focus on public safety, saying Minnesotans deserve communities where our kids can grow up safe, where the rule of law is respected, and an Attorney General who puts victims first and criminals in jail.
"For 50 years, Democrats



Jim Schultz

have owned the Minnesota Attorney General's office, and what's it got us?" Schultz asks in the video. "I'm Jim Schultz and as a fifth-generation Minnesotan, I'm taking a stand. I'm not a politician, I've never run for office. I'm a father, a husband, and a conservative who, like you, is fed up."
Last month Minneapolis voters soundly rejected the ballot measure embraced by Attorney

General Ellison and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar that would have defunded the police. Ellison, who defeated Republican nominee Doug Wardlow in 2018, is considered by many political observers in the state to be the most vulnerable statewide DFL official running for re-election next year.
"Due to the dereliction of duty of elected officials like Keith Ellison, our state burned and people lost their livelihoods, and their lives," added Schultz. "Minnesotans deserve better from their leaders. I'm running for Attorney General as a public servant, not a politician, to ensure public safety and to protect Minnesota families, communities, and small businesses."
Schultz will be seeking the Republican endorsement for Attorney General at next year's state convention in Rochester, Minnesota. Over the next few weeks, he will travel across the state, meeting with voters to discuss his plan to restore trust, safety, and the rule of law in Minnesota.



In 2021 Northwest RSDP worked with the nonprofit 100 Rural Women to support building women's leadership networks across Northwest Minnesota.

Northwest Partnership now accepting proposals for community projects

Northwest Minnesota residents with an idea to strengthen their community can now apply for partnership support from the University of Minnesota Extension Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Northwest RSDP).
Northwest RSDP supports local innovation by connecting community ideas to University of Minnesota resources in four focus areas: natural resources, clean energy, agriculture and food systems, and resilient communities. Community members work on diverse project teams that research, design and plan local sustainability projects with University students, faculty and staff.
Northwest RSDP seeks ideas from community members, especially those who have not previously partnered with the University. In 2022, Northwest RSDP will prioritize projects in RSDP's focus areas that advance sustainable community development; engage historically underrepresented communities; further resilience in food and energy systems; promote climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies; and create a positive narrative for rural communities.
"Community members know best how to make changes toward stronger social connections, valuing nature and fostering a home-grown economy. We're excited to hear what comes next for your community, and share with you how the RSDP can help," said Northwest RSDP Executive Director Linda Kingery. "I encourage people to get in touch with me to talk about their ideas for making our communities more sustainable places."
Project ideas are being accepted through February 14 and can be submitted online at z.umn.edu/RSDPIdeaBrief. Community members are encouraged to contact Kingery at kinge002@umn.edu or 218-281-8697 to discuss their ideas and ask any questions. Successful projects are selected by the Northwest RSDP community-University governing board through a competitive process.
Examples of projects recently supported by the Northwest

RSDP include working with the nonprofit 100 Rural Women to build women's leadership networks across the region, a study of the feasibility of a regional electric vehicle car-sharing program, partnering with White Earth Tribal Community College and the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) to add pollinators to a community solar project, and research on affordable housing needs and opportunities in the region. For more examples of projects supported by the Northwest RSDP, visit z.umn.edu/RSDP-ProjectExamples.
The Northwest RSDP serves Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Beltrami, Polk, Norman, Mahanomen, Clay and Wilkin counties and the Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation.

Pine Lake races postponed to January

Ice is not yet safe enough at Pine Lake for the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial race event. Per insurance and permits they need 14" of ice and where the scoring trailer sits there was only 9.5" and then in other areas 10" so unfortunately they are not where they need to be for safety...
With that they have no choice but to push Pine Lake back one more time and the next available date is January 1-2, 2022.
They know changes like this are hard to work around schedules but ultimately this is a safety call and they are doing the responsible choice. All entries received will be carried forward to the Jan 1-2 event, online registration is scheduled to close now on December 29, 2021.

MSUM expects more than 500 students to graduate December 16th

Moorhead, Minn., December 9, 2021 — Minnesota State University Moorhead will award degrees to more than 500 students during its fall commencement program Thursday, Dec. 16, in the university's Nemzek Fieldhouse. The 1 p.m. ceremony also includes about 147 graduate students.

Masks are required for all graduates and guests.

MSU Moorhead alumnus Brian L. French, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology, will be the commencement speaker. French attended the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his residency at Abbott Northwestern Hospital

in Minneapolis. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps after completing his training, including two combat zone deployments to Iraq and Kuwait.

After separating from the Air Force, French joined the internal medicine hospitalist group at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He served as Lead Physician for his group of about 70 physicians from 2012-18. He has been recognized by the Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine in their annual Top Doctor listings for five consecutive years (2017-21). He is an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School and has received multiple teaching awards over the years in recognition of his education of medical students and internal medicine residents. He has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Parking will be open in all university lots on commencement day. For those who can't attend commencement, it will be streamed live online at <https://www.mnstate.edu/registrar/graduation/>

Kelsey Bingham, BFA Studio Art (BFA), English (BA) Fosston High School, Brooks

Sydney Gunderson, Social Work (BSW), Red Lake County Central Hs, Trail

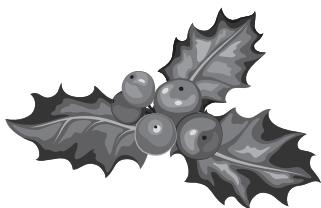
Kyle Kaupang, Project Management (BS), Win-E-Mac School, Hawley

Katie Olson, Summa Cum Laude Biology (BA), Life Science Education (BS), Red Lake County Central Hs, Brooks

Jenelle Haugan, Summa Cum Laude, Nursing (RN to BSN) (BSN), Bemidji High School, Pinewood

Payton Hinrichs, Elementary Inclusive Education (BS), Bagley High School, Shevlin

Abigail Olson, Summa Cum Laude, Psychology (BA), Fosston High School, Fosston



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Peter Johnson-Mr. Potato head

Samantha Gingerich-Shoping Cart

Ryan Bodensteiner-Fire Stick

Larissa Piatkoff-Fire Stick

Sylvia Flateland-Weather forecaster

Ordean Swanson-Air Fryer

Congratulations!



I am thirty-five. Thirty-five weeks old. Well, I decided to dive down and try a different position. My melon is really growing a lot this week. My neurons and brin gyro and sulci are continuing to develop. What is all of that? I don't know, Mom. You'll have to look it up because there is so much going on in my brain that it takes more than half of my energy to keep up. But I still have enough to stretch and kick, Mom. Have you noticed? Guess which melon I'm nearly as big as this week. A honeydew! -a.m.opdahl www.speaklife139.com

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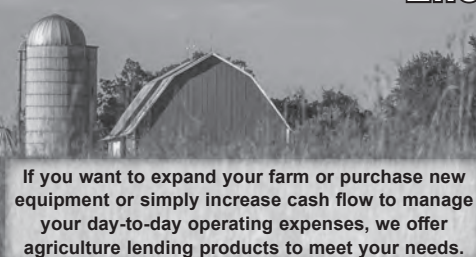
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Lake Agassiz Regional Library Announces Holiday Closures

All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LRL) branches and LINK sites will close at noon on Friday, December 24 and will be closed Saturday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday, with regular hours of operation resuming Monday, December 27. The Crookston Public Library will be closed Sunday, December 26 in observance of the holiday.

The following week all locations will close at or before 5 p.m. on Friday, December 31 and will be closed Saturday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day, with regular hours resuming Monday, January 3. The Crookston Public Library will be open on Sunday, January 2.

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

DNR considers request for negotiated metallic mineral leases

Request from Vermillion Gold, Inc. seeks additional areas for mineral lease in St. Louis County

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has received a new request for negotiated nonferrous metallic minerals lease amendments from Vermillion Gold, Inc. (Vermillion).

Vermillion holds state metallic mineral leases in Itasca and St. Louis counties and has been actively exploring for nonferrous minerals for a number of years. Vermillion's current request seeks to add 120 acres of state-owned minerals to existing state metallic minerals leases located between the cities of Virginia and Gilbert.

The DNR has posted information on its website about this new negotiated lease amendment request, including interactive web maps and details for how to submit public input. The DNR is seeking public input on this request for state leases through January 14, 2022.

Leasing state lands and minerals in Minnesota

Minnesota Statutes, section 93.15, authorizes the DNR to determine which state-owned lands and minerals are available for lease. A state nonferrous metallic mineral lease gives exploration companies like Vermillion authority to explore for deposits of minerals like gold, silver, copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, and cobalt.

Before offering state lands and minerals for lease, the DNR collects extensive data on land uses and environmental features. This critical study of the land helps DNR determine whether to offer specific locations for lease and set special conditions the company must follow during exploration to protect Minnesota's natural

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PART-TIME DEPUTY & DISPATCH POSITION



The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications to fill a Sheriff's Deputy position. This is a part-time position guarantees at least 40 hours every two-week pay period. This position will also cover open shifts when full-time deputies take vacation or sick leave, and to provide extra patrol coverage for special events. The applicant must be flexible and be able to cover open shifts with short notice.

- Applicant will be expected to work nights, holidays and weekends
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Pass a background check and complete a physical and psychological exam
- Applicants must be POST license eligible
- Starting Salary is \$24.73

The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office is also looking to fill a Part-time Dispatcher position. This part-time position guarantees at least 32 hours every two-week pay period with opportunities for more hours if desired. The starting salary for this position is \$19.35 and the applicant will be expected to work nights and weekends.

Applications can be found at the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office 124 N. Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls, or on the County's Official Website www.co.red-lake.mn.us. Further job description and information about additional qualifications standards for these two positions are available upon request (218-253-2996).

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY - POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE OR REGISTERED NURSE

Public Health Nursing is more than a career, it is a calling. Come and be a part of our team! Polk County Public Health currently has an opening for a Public Health Nurse or Registered Nurse in our East Grand Forks or McIntosh office location. This exciting career gives nurses the opportunity to work directly within our communities to educate people and give them the tools they need to improve health outcomes for themselves, for their family and their community. The best public health nurses are excellent communicators and critical thinkers. They are also enthusiastic, able to attend to multiple priorities, flexible, and have a genuine interest in impacting lives and influencing change.

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BAGLEY SCHOOLS CURRENT OPENINGS

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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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. R39-40C

EMPLOYMENT

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

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



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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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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Christmas Church

C a m - ou f l a g e d amidst the falling snow was the little white country church. All Christmas like it stood as the flag flapping in the wind at full mast called all those passersby to attention. Only thing is, nobody was passing by nor stopping by for that matter. Long ago the little country church had closed its doors. Yet, a few still knew the secret within.

Watching over were the tall pines now laden with snow silhouetted against the night sky. Fresh tracks lead through the gates of the church yard. Deer, rabbit, perhaps a bird or two made their way in to the quiet of this most sacred of spaces. The silence was sheer poetry in the stillness of the snowy eve.

"The communion of saints" had been part of the creed professed each Sunday for all who entered in. No doubt it had also been prayed upon bended knee for those gathering on any other day of the week as well. Now, round and about the little Christmas church were the markers. Each stone was proof of blessings now flowing

forth into the world at large. Yes, stabilizing the ground upon which we trod are the saints who've gone before us.

Mound like markers of white snow now lay upon each of the long cement steps leading to the entrance of the front doors of the Christmas church. And, for one holy moment, one could all but visualize neighbor greeting neighbor as they gathered to shovel snow before the service. Wood stove flames must be fanned as others would soon be arriving. The kitchen below the sanctuary had to be warmed for those coming in on horseback a few miles away.

Yes, only from a few miles away the people did come as there were many little Christmas churches dotting the landscape...each caring for its people within. Far enough apart each church stood, yet, close at heart and united in our Savior's birth they remained.

Snow was no excuse to stay home. On the contrary, each was needed. Neighbor depended upon neighbor to make life better or to minimally maintain...and so they came. They came to worship at the Christmas

church in the middle of the falling snow, in the middle of a meadow now set aside for such a time as this.

And the secret? The secret still whispers deep within. If you put your ear to the ground, or pause in sacred silence, you will not only hear it, but you will know it. You see, the Christmas church doors are never closed. They remain open no matter the season. He speaks it well by inviting you in.

"Knock and the door shall be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7).

The next time you pass by... enter in. In the quiet, knock. He awaits.

Amen.

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about winter travel safety?

A n s w e r : Snow and ice can make driving a bit more challenging, even if you grew up here. It not only involves knowing what to do while your vehicle is in motion, but preparing carefully before you leave the house and being ready in case of a crash. Based on the typical wintertime crashes they see every year, here are the Minnesota State Patrol's top 10 winter driving tips.

Before you leave

1. Check weather and road conditions. Whether you look online or call 511, make sure the roads between you and your destination are safe enough to travel. And we cannot stress this enough: If a travel advisory says it's not safe to drive, don't drive.
2. Grab your emergency kit and charge your phone. If you get in a crash, you'll need a fully charged phone to call for help and the items in your emergency kit to stay comfortable until help comes.
3. Tell someone where you're going. Let them know when you expect to arrive at your destination and the route you're taking to get there. That way, if you don't show up, they'll know you need help.
4. Top off your tank and clean off the snow and ice. Travel in poor conditions can take a lot longer than normal, so make sure you have plenty of gas. And when we recommend cleaning the snow off your windows, we mean all of them, not just an eye-level swath of the wind-

shield. While you're at it, get the snow off your hood, roof, and trunk so that it doesn't fly off and blind you or the vehicle behind you, and clear off your headlights and taillights as well.

While you're driving

1. Buckle up and put distractions away. This is good advice no matter the weather, but before those wheels roll, put on your seat belt (same for all passengers). Limit distractions by setting your music and GPS before you go, or just put your phone away altogether. Remember that Minnesota is a hands-free cell phone state.
2. Slow down. When you're driving in snow and ice, don't drive to the speed limit; drive to conditions. It may take you longer to get to your destination, but you'll arrive alive. Also, increase your following distance from the vehicle ahead of you so that you can stop more easily if you need to.
3. Turn your lights on. In the wintertime, headlights are as much for being seen as they are for seeing. Don't depend on the

auto headlight feature; make sure other vehicles know you're there by manually turning on your lights.

If you crash

1. Steer where you want the car to go. If you hit a patch of ice, stay calm and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the car to go.
2. Get off the road. If you do crash, try to get off the road to a safe location, such as a parking lot. This will help keep other motorists from crashing into you.
3. Stay inside. Once you're off the road, don't leave your car. You'll want to conserve as much heat as possible without running the engine so that you can stay warm until help comes.

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



Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



In 1887 after some realignment of other companies and investors the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company was formed and a manufacturing plant was to be built on 20 acres in Minnetonka Township, Hennepin County. The immediate goal was the manufacture of Threshing machines.

The Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company of West Minneapolis, Minnetonka Township,

Minnesota then began manufacturing agricultural steam traction engines in 1890 using the Return Flue style boiler. This style boiler was manufactured for twenty-three years and was discontinued in 1913. During the thirty-four years of steam engine production Minneapolis manufactured over 8500 steam engines of which 4170 were Direct Flue Fire-Box boilers.

Eventually the change was made to internal combustion engines and The MTM Co. was no exception. I recently read an article about one of these early gas powered machines. My heart as far as tractor collecting is models coming from the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. But once in a while when you see one of these early giants the early engineering is kind of amazing. The model featured in the article I read was the model 22-44. The 4 cylinder crossmounted kerosene powered engine obviously claimed to have 22 drawbar and 44 belt horsepower.

We know there is more to the story. In 1902 the Minneapolis

Steel and Machinery Company (MS&M Co.) was also founded. Their engineers developed a lightweight tractor line using the name Twin City. Due to a depressed farm economy the MTM Co, MS&M Co., and the Moline Implement Co. of Moline, Illinois, merged on March 30, 1929. They formed the Minneapolis Moline Power Company.

The fun article I read spurred on my thinking of the history of the agricultural tractor, and early agribusiness, as well as one of my favorites, the Minneapolis Moline!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. T or F The factory built by the MTM Co, helped the city of Hopkins, MN, grow.

2. The 22-44 Tractor had a 4 cylinder liquid cooled engine with a 6in. Bore and a ____ inch stroke.

3. Literature said one of the main jobs for the 22-44 was to plow. It was rated to pull 4 to ____ bottoms, depending on conditions.
A) 5 B) 6 C) 8

4. T or F The 22-44 had a 2 speed transmission with a top speed of 2.6 mph.

5. The 22-44 had a little brother, the 12-25. It's giant big brother was the _____.
A) 25-50 B) 30-60 C) 35-70 D) 40-80

Answers: 1. True 2. 7 inch 3. B. 6 bottoms 4. True 5. C. 35-70



This is a picture of a restored 22-44 made by the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company!

Decorative holiday symbols add to seasonal celebrations

Decorating homes and other spaces is a major component of the holiday season. Holiday decorations often reflect celebrants' religious beliefs, and the following are some traditional holiday decor symbols for people of various faiths.

Christmas tree

Christian or secular Christmas symbol

Few things evoke thoughts of Christmastime quite like a towering evergreen parked front and center in a home's picture window. Christmas trees are believed to date back to sixteenth century Germany. The custom ultimately arrived in America when the country welcomed an influx of German immigrants. It is widely believed that various non-Christian cultures may have used evergreen plants indoors in celebration of the winter solstice, which suggests Christmas trees may pre-date Christian symbolism.

Menorah

Jewish Chanukah symbol

Menorahs are seven-armed candelabras used in Jewish religious worship. To mark the Chanukah celebration, a special nine-armed hanukiah is displayed for eight days and nights. A candle is lit each day to commemorate the miracle of oil lasting in the rededicated Temple after the Maccabees' successful uprising against the Syrian Greeks. The menorah typically is placed in a highly visible spot, such as the front window of a home or in a high-traffic living space.

Advent wreath

Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran, among others, Christian symbol

The Advent wreath is used by various Christian denominations and draws attention to the weeks preceding Christmas. A new candle is lit on the wreath each Sunday at mass to prepare the faithful to receive the Lord Jesus.

Kinara and Mishumaa Saba

Kwanzaa cultural symbol

The Kinara (candle holder) and the Mishumaa Samba (the seven candles) are symbolic of Kwanzaa. The candles and holder represent the Seven Prin-

ciples, or the minimum set of values by which African people are urged to live.

Baby New Year

Secular symbol

Baby New Year is a popular promotional symbol used to commemorate the dawn of a new year. The baby represents rebirth and may be traced back to the ancient Greeks or Egyptians. Historians say the Greeks believed that their god of wine, Dionysus, was reborn on New Year's Day as the spirit of fertility. While people may not decorate with Baby New Year figurines, they do participate in "First Baby" competitions, which celebrate those infants born in the opening moments of

a new year.

Nativity scene

Christian Christmas symbol

It's customary for nativity scenes to be included in Christmas decor schemes. The nativity depicts the birth of Christ and typically includes a manger, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, various animals, an angel, and the three visiting Magi. The infant Jesus also is included, though some people prefer to wait until the after the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve to place Jesus in the manger. Live nativity scenes also are commonplace around Christmas. Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223.



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Obituary for Dakota Radack

Dakota James Radack, 32, of Clearbrook, MN passed away at his home on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Dakota was born on March 14, 1989 in Duluth, MN. He grew up on a farm in Gully, MN and graduated from Fosston High School in 2008. After graduating, he remained on the family farm for several years where he raised cattle and assisted with the daily grind of farm life. He moved to Clearbrook, MN and took an interest in rental properties and became a landlord. He

dabbled in various jobs including working at the cattle barn and the horseradish plant. Dakota enjoyed the simplest pleasures in life like a hearty meal and a crisp, cold can of Mountain Dew. He had a kind heart and a great sense of humor and is well known for his contagious cackle. He will be forever missed and his memory cherished.

Dakota is survived by his parents, Rick and RoseMary Forsberg of Gully, MN, sister, Lucie (Craig) DuMarce of Bemidji, MN, brothers, Thomas Daniels-Radack of Leroy, MN and Lee (Jen) Forsberg of Gonvick, MN and multiple grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Forsberg (Slowiak) and grandparents, Joyce Ronning (Forsberg), and Renee and Florian Slowiak.

Thank you to all who have reached out during this time of grief. A special thank you to Gus Farnworth for all your help and support.

Private Family Services will be held in the Spring. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



Obituary for Duane T. Johnson

Duane T. Johnson, 91, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota. Because of the current situation with COVID, masks are strongly recommended at this event. A livestreaming option will be recorded and available on the Cease Funeral Home Facebook page to view during the time of the service as well as anytime afterwards. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Duane was born on September 5, 1930 in Sinclair Township rural Leonard, MN to Odin and Emma (Moen) Johnson. He was baptized on November 13, 1930 by Rev. E. W. Sihler at Seljord Lutheran Church in rural Clearbrook, MN, and confirmed by Pastor K. A. Knutson at East Zion Lutheran Church rural Leonard, MN in 1944.

Duane started his schooling in first grade at Birchmound School and continued his education at Pine Grove School through 8th grade. After 8th grade, Duane worked for several area farmers and fall harvests in Lawton, North Dakota. Starting in 1949, he worked for three years on an ore boat sailing the Great Lakes saving enough money to buy a 160 acre farm that joined his parents' farm. On February 21, 1952, Duane was inducted into the United States Army and was stationed in Wejomba, Korea and Yokohama, Japan during the Korean War. He was discharged on November 20, 1953. He was married to the love of his life, Betty Lou Benesh on December 26, 1954 in Erskine, MN. Throughout their lives together, the two were a team. In the spring of 1955, he and Betty moved to Arvilla, ND and Duane drove truck for Bradshaw Gravel Supply. They returned to Leonard in 1956, where Duane worked at the Leonard Creamery and

farmed for 10 years. In 1966, they moved to Clearbrook and Duane worked as a custodian at the Clearbrook Public School for the next 27 years until he retired on his 63rd birthday in 1993. He enjoyed the relationships he built with the staff and students at school.

Duane loved his community and was always helping out family, friends, and neighbors. He served on the Sinclair Township Board, the Clearbrook Fire Department, the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Citizens Board, delivered Meals on Wheels, and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church council and committees. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. Duane was an active member and part of the honor guard of the Melvin Johnson Post No. 256 of the American Legion of Clearbrook. In 2004, Duane was honored as the Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the year.

Duane loved fishing with his grandsons and attending their sports, music and 4-H events. Opening fishing was always a special time with family and friends at Red Lake. He always looked forward to cooking lutefisk, meatballs and frying steaks with the guys at the Legion. Some additional things that brought Duane joy were winter spearing with Dwight and the grandsons, gardening, farming and helping at the Erickson Farm after retirement from the school. A cup of coffee was always enjoyed with the good company of family and friends. Other highlights were the many road trips with Betty to visit and help out the grandchildren in South Dakota, two trips to Norway, and numerous bus trips throughout the country. Duane will be remembered for his smile, his good nature, and his acts of kindness. Blessed be his memory.

Duane is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Johnson of Clearbrook, MN; his daughter, Susan (John) Sandland of Gonvick, MN; his son, Dwight (Becky) Johnson of Shevlin, MN; 5 grandsons, Nathan (Allison) Sandland of Letcher, SD, Travis (Jay) Sandland of Saint Paul, MN, Brian Johnson of Richmond, CA, Brady (Abby) Johnson of Huron, SD, and Brent (Mandy) Johnson, of Lincoln, ND; 6 great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kyle, and Cole Sandland of Letcher, SD, Emma and Shawn Johnson of Huron, SD, and Emery Johnson of Lincoln, ND; his sister-in-law, Wanda (Dwayne) Maatz of Leonard, MN; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ole and Malla Johnson and Halvor and Thilda Moen; his parents, Odin and Emma Johnson; his siblings, Arlie (Frances) Johnson, Kermit Johnson, and Ardy (Orval) Bjerke; and his niece, Debra Navratil.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Death notice for Kathleen Ulrich

Kathleen "Fay" Ulrich, 86, of Bagley, MN passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley, MN. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley



Death notice for Lance Rivera

Lance "Lanny" Rivera, 67, of Twin Cities, formerly of Bagley, MN passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the U of M Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.



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 Owen Johnson

Owen D. Johnson, age 79 of Lindstrom, MN. Owen unexpectedly passed away on December 4th, 2021 in Rochester, MN. He was born on August 17th, 1942 in Fosston, MN to parents Oscar and Evelyn Johnson.

He is survived by his loving wife MaryAnn Johnson,

stepdaughter Rhonda (Lowell) Pfiffner, brother Milo Johnson, sisters-in-law Cindy Johnson, Barb Johnson, and Esther Johnson; nieces Shannon (Mike) Dallaire, Lori (Greg) Gattis as well as many other family members and dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Oscar & Evelyn Johnson, brother Darrell Johnson, nephews Jon Johnson, David Johnson and niece Julie Callaway.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing trips to Canada, spending time with friends at The Family Deer Camp and his buddy Ole (the cat). Owen had an amazing sense of humor and he always had a story to tell. He drove millions of miles as an OTR trucker as well as the previous owner/operator of MaryAnn's Tours. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

A private family interment will take place at a later date.



Obituary for Luella Arveson

Luella Arveson, 100, of Thief River Falls, MN formerly of Trail, MN, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral service will be 2:00 PM on Friday, December 10, 2021 at Nazareth Lutheran Church, rural Trail, MN with Rev. Jeffery Merseeth officiating. Burial will follow in the Nazareth Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Prayer Service at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service on Friday at Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Luella Hanson was born March 4, 1921, the daughter of Hans H. T. and Anne (Hommie) Hanson, the youngest of

five children, on the Family Farm in Hickory Township. Pennington County, MN. She was baptized and confirmed at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Trail, MN. She attended Pleasant View Country School and the A. C. in Crookston, MN for two years. Following school she worked at Mercy Hospital in Thief River Falls and later at Sweet Food Store in Grand Forks, ND.

Luella was united in marriage to Clifford Arveson at H. T. Hanson home, January 6, 1946. Together the couple lived and worked on the Arveson Family Farm until they moved to Thief River Falls on September 11, 2001.

Luella enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting, gardening, canning and she loved family get-togethers.

She was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Trail, MN and was active in its Ladies Aid.

Luella is survived by two sons, Dale (Candi), Mountlake Terrace, WA and Gene (Evon), Trail, MN; two grandsons, Bryan Arveson, East Grand Forks, MN and Craig Arveson, Mound, MN; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford in 2003; brothers and sisters, Gertrude Christianson, Sanna Brovold, Harry Hanson and Walter Hanson.

Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Beatrice Helstad

Beatrice Helstad passed away at the Warroad Senior Living Center on December 4, 2021 at the age of 91.

Beatrice was born in Grygla, MN on November 17, 1930 to Ray and Alice (Auna) Eastby. She attended school

in Roseau and graduated from Roseau High School. After high school she attended Bemidji State University, graduating with a teaching degree. She taught school for 40 years. Her hobbies were baking, and crocheting. She was always busy!

Beatrice is survived by her husband of 71 years, Jerome; son James (Sue Vanberg); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Rose Helstad; brother Rod (Marge) Eastby; special friends Clay and Michelle Jerome; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Ray & Alice Eastby; Ole Eastby; son Jeffrey.

A Traditional Service will be held on December 9th at Rose Free Lutheran Church at 2:00pm with a visitation an hour before hand. Interment will be held at Norland Cemetery.



Death notice for James Lowell Bagne

James Lowell Bagne, 63, of Gonvick passed way on December 8, 2021 in a Fargo Hospital from his courage battle with pneumonia and an appendix rupture. He was born October 4, 1958. Funeral services are being planned for later in February.

Death notice for Richard Christopherson

Richard "Dik" Christopherson, age 68, of Trail, MN, passed away on Thursday, December 9th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be announced and held at a later date. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



Obituary for Rodney Newton

Rodney (Rocky) Newton, age 74, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2021 at his home with his family at his side.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Rocky's life will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. Burial will follow at St. Olaf Cemetery in Grygla, MN.

Visitation will take place from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Service.

Rodney Gene Newton was born on March 14, 1947 in Thief River Falls, MN, the son of Norman Ordean Newton and Lillian Petra (Sorenson) Newton. He was raised on the family farm north of Grygla and baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN. He attended school in Grygla, MN, and graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, MN in 1965.

Following graduation Rocky enlisted with the United States Army. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1973. He took pride in serving his country and held that close to his heart, as a true patriot.

On August 23, 1980 Rocky

was married to Ina Lou Johnson. Together they raised Becky, Sara, Melissa, and Mali. The family lived in Idaho while Rocky worked in the oil fields. Later they moved back to Minnesota while Rocky worked doing construction and carpentry.

Later in life Rocky met Linda Donarski, and with this relationship they together raised Joe, Tom, and Kristina.

Rocky enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, canning, camping, old western shows, and most importantly spending time with family and especially the grandkids.

Rocky was a member of the VFW, the NRA, and the American Legion.

Rocky is survived by his children, Becky Borgen of Thief River Falls, MN, Melissa (Steven) Gust of Strathcona, MN, Joe (Ashley) Donarski of Spearfish, SD, Mali (Courtney Cole) Newton of Badger, MN, and Tom Donarski of Spearfish, SD; grandchildren, Devin (Mariah) Corneliusen, Derrick Corneliusen, Colten Gust, Katelyn Gust, Kylee Gust, Alex Gust, Dalton Shirley, Dannielle (Josh Hinden) Rausch, Branden Rausch, Payton Hill, Aiden Kompelein, Hailey Donarski, Macey Donarski, Jaxon Donarski, Logan Donarski, and Oasis Donarski; great-grandchildren, Bryer, Dixie, Sara, Keef, and baby Corneliusen due May of 2022; siblings, Dale (Mavis) Newton of Thief River Falls, MN, Danny Newton of Holt, MN, Cathy Newton of Grygla, MN, and Lisa Swanson of Middle River, MN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughters, Sara Corneliusen and Kristina Donarski; his parents, Norman and Lillian Newton; brother, Lyle Newton; brother-in-law, Tim Swanson; and his grandparents.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

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environment. For each lease request, the DNR carefully considers the presence of surrounding trout streams, wild rice waters, state trails and recreation sites, endangered species, native plant communities and other resources. Areas like the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Mississippi River headwaters corridor are not available for lease.

Distribution of revenue from mineral leases requested Vermillion

If leases requested by Vermillion are granted, the revenues will benefit St. Louis County, the city of Virginia, their respective school districts, and public schools statewide. A portion of the revenues would pay costs for the administration and management of state mineral resources.

Public input is critical to the DNR's decision

The DNR is seeking public input before we determine whether to negotiate with the company and present proposed leases to the State Executive Council for approval. All interested parties are encouraged to review interactive web maps and data of the areas requested for lease. Written input about the lease amendment request will be accepted from December 10, through 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2022.

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Cari Bachand- 2pts in the lane.

New venue for April 2-3, 2022

As we enter the 11th season of the Cor PowerSports Race series we constantly have been working on growing and expanding the series. In 2015 we started running spring ski hill races and over the past six seasons have held numerous ski hill events which continued to grow in popularity and bring our sport into the light of new fans and sponsors.

This fall at Hay Days, one of the events that most everyone is looking forward to is Whitecap Mountain; the opportunity for a spring cross country race on a ski hill is still one that many racers get excited about, just as we had been excited 7 years ago when we started processing this type of event.

When in those planning stages we made a list of what ski resorts were our "bucket list" venues and over the past 6 years we had run events at all of them except one... 4 weeks ago we received an email from the ONE asking if we'd be interested in bringing the cross country national series to their venue and with that we started finalizing our bucket list venue and from discussions with our sponsors and manufacturers it is something that is going to bring a lot of excitement and exposure for the series, our racers, and sponsors as it puts cross country right in the center of a large populated area... With that we are ecstatic to announce that Spirit Mountain will now host the Cor PowerSports Cross Country series April 2-3, 2022 which is also our season final event and banquet location.

Spirit Mountain is located in Duluth, MN and has a very long history in snowmobile racing, when we were contacted by Ann Glumac we were very cautious because of the legacy. In conversations Ann stated "Spirit Mountain is excited to welcome Cor PowerSports Cross-Country in April as part of our mission to offer multiple outdoor recreation opportunities and to attract visitors to our community," said Ann Glumac, interim executive director at Spirit Mountain. "In addition to the professional racers, we're pleased that local racers are welcome to compete, as well. We look forward to hosting the racers and their teams and the spectators to this family-friendly event."

The event will feature a 5 mile course routed over the ski hill and what is special about

Cor PowerSports is we have classes for just about everyone, from kids as young as 10 years old to classes for the die hard racers in their 60's. Majority of the snowmobiles competitors will be racing on are the same exact sled that you can buy off the showroom floor which goes back to the old saying "Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday".

Cor PowerSports is a family based cross country series based out of Somerset, WI. The 2021/22 race season is our 11th season of running the race series and will be our 2nd season as the pro national series; for more information on Cor PowerSports and our series please visit us online at www.corpowersports.com

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