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GVT Paid Out Nearly \$3 million in Capital Credits in 2021

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In December, the Garden Valley Technologies Board of Directors returned over \$459,000 in unretired capital credits to members age 85 years or older. This payout was part of a successful program designed to ensure our older members have the option to receive 100% of their unretired capital credits. This is the second consecutive year GVT has offered this payout program. In 2020, 627 members received \$1.6M in unretired capital credit payouts as part of our 85+ program.

Capital credits are one of the many benefits of being a GVT member. Because co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits. "As a member-owned cooperative, it's rewarding to see these dollars go back to people in our local communities," explains Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager of GVT. "Unlike a private company or corporation, our members earn money back for every dollar they spend with us." This capital credit payout comes just 7 months after GVT issued more than 17,200 checks to members totaling over \$2.4 million. Meaning our members received almost \$3.0 million in capital credit payouts in 2021 alone.

Payments of capital credits at this time of year made the holiday season a little brighter for 167 members who were part of the program. We have been pleased with the success of the 85+ program over the last two years and want to thank those who were able to participate. Based upon the Cooperative's financial condition and other considerations, the Board of Directors will determine if this is something we will continue in the future.



The Christmas lights are getting bigger and better at the Arne Kleppe farm near Clearbrook.

Corn stalk rot survey in northwest Minnesota in 2021

This article was written by Angie Peltier, Bruce Potter, Eric Burkness and Bill Hutchison.

Purpose of Study
During a fall survey of 43 corn fields in Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Kittson, Mahnom, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties in NW MN for European corn borer, personnel also assessed stalk strength using a "standard" push-test. Briefly, 20 random plants in each field were pushed at ear height more than 30 degrees from vertical. Plants 'failed' this test by permanently bending or breaking and not returning upright, indicating poor stalk strength.

This survey was not designed to differentiate between stalk quality issues caused by disease or other stressors but rather to assess standability of the 2021 corn crop.

Results
Developing corn kernels

place a high demand on the plant for sugars. Stress slows photosynthesis, reducing the amount of sugar the plant can produce. Different stresses can reduce the rate of photosynthesis: too much or too little moisture, nutrient imbalances, plant injury (ex.: hail, insects, diseases), excessive plant populations, and even long-periods of cloudy weather.

Hybrid genetics and/or high yield potential combined with stress during grain fill can increase the probability of stalk quality issues. Stalk quality tends to decrease the longer the crop remains in the field unharvested.

If a plant is unable to keep up with kernel sugar demand, it can rob sugars from stalk tissue, deteriorating stalk integrity and predisposing it to stalk rotting fungi.

In NW MN, the percentage of plants suffering from stalk rot ranged from a low of 0 percent

(14 fields) to a high of 75 percent (1 field; Figures 1 and 2); 51% of the fields had stalk quality issues that might have impacted harvestability, more than the 46% of fields in 2020.

Crop stressors in 2021 included the historic drought

throughout much of the region, with between 8 and 14 inches less precipitation than normal between Sep 1, 2020 and Aug 30, 2021. Those areas that received some rain had more kernels and so required more sugars, some of which was

likely to be redistributed from and weaken stalks. Without adequate soil moisture, plants also struggled to take up sufficient nutrients or as efficiently photosynthesize and produce and accumulate the sugars needed for grain-fill with rolled leaves.

Statewide snowmobile season here, but most trails not groomed yet

While recent snow in parts of Minnesota has many snowmobile enthusiasts excited to take their first ride of the season, most of the state's trails are not yet groomed and ready to ride, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Riders can expect to find uneven conditions and should check local trail reports before venturing out. Minnesota's snowmobile trails officially open on Dec. 1 each year. Regardless of the date on the calendar, though, several conditions must be met before trails can be groomed:

- The ground must be frozen. Where trails cross wetlands, 15 inches of ice is needed to support the weight of the trail groomers.

- Adequate snow cover, about 12 inches, must be on the ground to allow for trail packing and grooming.

- Trails must be cleared of fallen trees, signs have to be put in place and gates need to be opened. Snowmobile club volunteers and DNR staff are currently working on these tasks.

"It's a big job for local volunteers and DNR staff to get the trail system up and running each year, especially with varying weather conditions,"

said Paul Purman, state trails and snowmobile program consultant. "Unseasonable thunderstorms last week eroded the snowpack in many areas of the state, setting back our trail preparations. Our 23,000 mile system really needs two things now: more snow on the ground, and more volunteers stepping up to help volunteer clubs get the trails ready and maintained. We're hoping for a banner year for snowmobiling and recognize that local clubs are the backbone of that success."

While snowmobilers wait for grooming to start, now is a good time to make sure registrations are current, confirm that snowmobiles are in good operating order, review safety training, and check local trail maps for route changes or new trails.

Registrations for new snowmobiles may be purchased in person at any deputy registrar of motor vehicles or at the DNR License Center in St. Paul. Registration renewals and out-of-state trail stickers may be purchased in person or online at mndnr.gov/licenses.

Local trail conditions are often posted online by local tourism associations, chambers of commerce and volunteer snow-

mobile clubs. Contacts for DNR-funded, locally managed trails can be found at DNR website. State park and trail conditions are posted on the DNR website.

Local snowmobile clubs welcome volunteers to assist with annual trail preparations like removing brush and fallen trees, holding snowmobile safety classes, and stocking trailside shelters with firewood. To find the nearest club, visit the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association website.



Clearwater Christmas Project is happy to accept support from the Bagley High School Student Council. As a service project during December, the BHS student council collected fifty-five gifts and raised a total of \$1,759.62. Over the years, the BHS student council has been a huge supporter of the CCP, collecting gifts and money for the community non-profit organization. All donations and gifts received during the year are used to provide toys for children, meal vouchers for families, and meals at the senior centers during the holiday season. President of the CCP, Lyn Schroeder is all smiles as she accepts the donation of gifts and money from ninth grade student council members Ava Phrakonkham and Drew Nelson.

New Year's Radar Run sponsored by Knightriders

The Lengby-Fosston Knightriders Snowmobile Club will be having their 9th annual New Year's Shoot-Out Radar Run on the backup date, Saturday, January 8th, due to the extremely cold temperatures predicted for this weekend. Registration starts at 9:00 am with racing from 10:00 am through 4:00 p.m.

The location is Ouff Lake, 2 miles east of Fosston on Hwy 2, next to Golf Course.

1,000 foot shaved track with 2,000 feet of shut down. Honesty is the best policy, sleds will be checked.

\$5 per run and \$20 for 5

runs. There will be no jumping of classes. 1st and 2nd place awards plus cash prize drawings for Radar Run Classes.

120 radar run starts at noon. For more information on the Radar Run call Mark Fjerstad at 218-280-9614. For more information on the 120 class call Mike Schmidt at 218-760-6040.

Two mile Ice Lemans race with registration starting at 9:00 am. Racing starts at 10:00 am. Five classes: 120 CC; traction 500; Traction 600; Traction Opne; and Vintage. 1st and 2nd place winners for each class.

Awards to be given at Ventures Bar and Grill in Fosston.



Sand Valley Sunday School Christmas Program. Front: Sawyer Knutson-Willett; 2nd row: Avery Hoeft, Cylvia Schmit, Emma Nyland, Carrie Schmit; 3rd row: Alexa Anderson, Niah Knutson-Willett, Cora Herden, Tayton Nyland, Bella Anderson; 4th row: Logan Knutson, Jake Knutson, Tucker Nyland, Ray Srnsky, Kathryn Srnsky and Hailey Hanson.

Letter to the Editor

We will soon be seeing 2021 coming to an end and 2022 arriving right around the corner. In spite of Washington trying to fix all the problems that we face, have you ever asked yourself "what is the vision for the United States going forward into the New Year?"

We recently saw a \$1.7 trillion dollar bill being pushed thru Congress and sold to the American people as a "Build Back Better" plan...and stating that the cost of the bill would be deficit neutral. The CBO just reported the actual cost of BBB to be a whopping \$4.9T. Washington's spending spree and their Wish List of permanent social programs, will add \$3T to our deficit. If our elected officials and our President were really interested in making the U.S. better, you would think they would implement policies and bills that actually do that very thing instead of trying to train-wreck our economy. Adding more money to our national debt and more social programs to remedy the created problems doesn't seem to be the answer. If it were the answer, we would already have solved the problems and then some. Better yet, if the monies allocated for certain programs was actually spent on that program instead of being funneled into something else...like Social Security or our gas tax, just to name a few.

Washington seems to be more interested in keeping American locked down and masked, our travel monitored and restricted while they gladly open the doors on our Southern border and let in millions of illegals from who-knows-where, unattended children, more and more drugs and a steady in-

crease of human/sex trafficking. The number of illegals coming across the border is the highest on record and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. They are not being monitored or have to show proof about their identity while I need to prove who I am with identification to deposit money into my own bank account. Over the last 6 months, 70 flights of illegal immigrants have arrived in Florida alone. Drug overdoses have increased in this country by 60%...while states continue legalizing marijuana to increase state revenue and employers struggle to find employees who can pass drug tests or even show up for work.

Recently the U.S. was exporting oil and becoming energy independent...until President Biden's 1st day in office when he halted our oil industry production. Now the push is for "Green New Deal" policies. Don't worry...electric cars are right around the corner for us. It was recently reported that \$6.7M is going to be used to build charging stations on the Red Lake Indian reservation and the Standing Rock reservation in ND. Imagine, charging stations in Northern Minnesota...where the rocks and cows live. I would like to know what the plan is to dispose/recycle all the batteries that are going to be used...and the cost. Just a thought!!

Immigration and energy are only two issues but believe me, there are many more...Critical Race theory, transgender issues, Education, balanced budget, religious freedom, gun rights, election integrity, jobs, housing and welfare...just to name a few. But not to worry, there will always be another government program in the

works to help. Washington at work....taxes and more taxes, spending and more spending. Problems created in Washington by government bureaucrats to help secure their positions in Congress...and remedied by increased debt to the American people and a strain on every aspect of our society.

So what is your vision of America going forward in 2022?

Submitted by Joani Marquis, Trail, MN

OPAL IS HOME!



Opal was found on Christmas Eve with the help of a kind passerby who reported where he saw her. Our family had the BEST Christmas Gift EVER having Opal with us again! Many thanks to all who helped, looked and prayed for her return! God Bless you and Merry Christmas!
Mike & Jenny Illies & Family

Letter to the Editor

December 23, 2021
Dear Friend:

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and that you are able to spend some precious time with loved ones. I look forward to being with mine and working hard for the 7th District in 2022.

While waiting for the last votes of the year, my D.C. office decided to take some time to spread some holiday cheer, along with our very own Santa Elvis! This can be a busy and stressful time of year for everyone, and it was nice to be able to take a little break for some joy.

As always, my office is 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. Have a happy holiday break!
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Klobuchar, Smith Statements on Senate Confirmation of Judge Kate Menendez to be U.S. District Court Judge

Washington – U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Tina Smith (D-MN) issued the statements below following the Senate's confirmation of Judge Kate Menendez to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Currently serving as a magistrate judge on the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Menendez was recommended by a judicial selection committee comprised of distinguished members of the Minnesota legal community.

"Judge Menendez has dedicated her career to making our state a more just place. Having served for five years as a federal magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, I am confident that her extensive qualifications will make her an excellent U.S. District Court Judge. I fought hard to move her nomination quickly through the Senate, and I am grateful to my colleagues for their support for Judge Menendez," said Klobuchar.

"As a public defender, law professor, and magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Menendez has demonstrated a deep commitment to equal justice," said Smith. "I am confident she will continue serving Minnesota well on this court."

Mendenez was appointed to serve as a magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in 2016. Prior to that, she served

as a federal public defender for nearly two decades. She has worked as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School, Hamline University School of Law, and St. Thomas University School of Law. Judge Menendez received her B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago in 1993 and her J.D. magna cum laude from New York University School of Law in 1996. She served as a law clerk for Judge Sam Ervin, III on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from 1996 to 1997.

Menendez was among the candidates recommended by the judicial selection committee, which was chaired by Lolita Ulloa, Deputy Hennepin County Attorney and Director of Domestic Abuse Service Center; with members: David Ackerson, former state court judge on Minnesota's Sixth Judicial District Court; Amran Farah, attorney at Greene Espel and president of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers; Peter Knapp, Interim President and Dean of Mitchell Hamline School of Law; David Lillehaug, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court and a former United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota; Cecil Naatz, Managing Attorney of the Public Defender's Office in Marshall, Minnesota; Forrest Tahdoahnippah, partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP and president of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association; and Vildan Teske, founding partner of Teske, Micko, Katz, Kitzer & Rochel.

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Anticipated start date for this position will be February 1, 2022. Salary range is \$21.89 - \$28.63/hour as of the current union contract for 2021. There will be an increase in the wage when the union contract is finalized. Applications can be obtained online at www.co.clearwater.mn.us or at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 213 Main Ave. N, Bagley, MN. Completed applications and resume must be submitted to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on **January 7, 2022.**

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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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CEC Recruitment

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners is inviting applications for two individuals to serve on the County Extension Committee beginning in January of 2022. All candidates must be a resident of Clearwater County. The purpose of the Extension Committee is to provide feedback and perspective to Extension by serving as the eyes and ears of Extension's diverse clientele in the county. The committee is comprised of two county commissioners, the county auditor and six county citizens that bring expertise to strengthen connections and grow Extension programs in the county. New members are appointed by the county board and usually serve two three-year terms.

Those persons interested in being appointed to serve on the County Extension Committee may submit their names, address, contact information, a brief summary about themselves, and a letter of how they can contribute to the committee to the County Board for consideration. Please send information to Allen Paulson, Auditor/Treasurer 213 Main Avenue North, Bagley, MN 56621 by 4:30 p.m., Friday December 31, 2021.

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Maintenance II Polk County Highway Department

Polk County Highway Department is seeking applicants for a Maintenance II position. The primary duties for this position are the maintenance and repair of county roads, bridges, parks by operating various heavy equipment, including motor grader, tandem truck, loader, forklift and tractor/mower. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED and moderate experience in mechanical and heavy equipment operation experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have a valid Commercial Driver's License with Class "A" endorsement. 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 \$20.52 - \$26.08/hr. DOE and qualifications.

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JOB POSTING CLEARWATER COUNTY ASSESSOR CLERK

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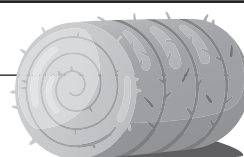
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Liver Pate

I come by it sorta naturally. Ignorance that is. They say, ignorance is bliss, but I suppose that only goes so far. When the rubber-meets-the-road, so-to-speak, oft times one needs a bit more grip for traction to make it through this side of the veil. After all, excuses only go so far when one tries to explain why they do what they do. Let me share a case in point.

My friend was moving. Clear across country was her destination with only the shirt on her back and a car load of stuff. The price was too high for a moving van, and so she ditched her stuff. A car can only hold so much and when the rubber literally met the road in this case, she needed every inch to count for something.

Overboard she tossed some items, sold others, and flat out gave away many more. Left behind were a few things for the next tenant and out of the kindness of her heart, she gifted me with several items to take care of if she were to ever return. Her plants were now mine, but once home, I noticed she'd placed a few more treasures round and about my vehicle. Amongst those items were a few canned goods.

"Venison & Lentil Pate" is what was written upon one deep purple and gold can. With a price tag of \$3.59 I was thrilled. Never before had I splurged on such an item, and began wondering how it would taste upon a cracker or two served up.

We like venison in our house and since hunting season had just come to a close, it sorta

seemed like a seasonal item perfectly timed for such a time as this. I placed the rich looking can of goods amidst my other items and promptly forgot all about it. Until...

One day, when I was making homemade soup with venison burger I'd cooked up the night before, I began thrashing through my cupboard in hopes of finding something that might enhance the taste. A large can of crushed tomatoes caught my eye. In it went. A can of chick peas was next up, some squash, broccoli, and venison burger. Spices rounded up the rest of it, but as I combed the cupboard for more, the beautiful purple and gold can caught my eye.

As a gluten-free consumer, I am careful and began reading the ingredients. Nothing seemed too out of the ordinary, and as I visualized it adding texture to my soup, paused a bit more wondering if I should actually douse this in soup... or save it for something more savory. I'm not exactly a master chef, but the little I knew from TV shows and fancy people, had me visualizing the pate as something served up as an appetizer.

I hesitated longer than usual, not wanting to waste such a delicacy gifted. Should I toss it in the soup? Or not? Some of the ingredients looked rather unusual and so I thought I'd lose the taste if watered down. The venison broth would do just fine. Beef liver, sweet potatoes, salmon oil and the likes of many other goodies seemed almost too good to be true.

Suddenly, my eye noted some words that read, "Grain-Free." Wow! This is really fancy stuff

continued my train of thought. And, after reading it several times, I noticed one final line in fine print towards the bottom of the can.

"FOOD FOR DOGS."

And there you have it. I'd jumped to conclusions once again by simply looking at the packaging. I'd presupposed something that wasn't and had I not paused for full disclosure. In other words, I was wrong.

Food for thought and now food for the animals upon the farm. We are fresh out of dogs but my best guess is that the cats will love it and love me a whole lot more...at least until they finish it. Then, they will want more of the same as I readily disappoint when coming with their crunchy bits of plain ole cat food.

May 2022 find us all pausing a little more readily and not be consumers of our own presuppositions. It might just turn out that we were, after all, wrong and there's nothing wrong about that. There nothing wrong, of course, as long as we don't toss what we thought into a pile of soup, mix it up, and serve it as food to a whole lot of others.

In Ephesians 4:25 it says, "Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor for we are members of one another."

Timothy was reminded in 6:20 and if Timothy was, how much more may we glean from it... "O Timothy, guard what as has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge'. Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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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

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How about an 820?

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I was doing my thing.... reading about tractors and I came across another for sale ad that made me wish I had a little extra money "sitting around!" It really is a continuation of a long line of Deeres that are really my favorite.

You see in 1923 the John Deere company introduced there first real "John Deere" tractor. They had earlier purchased the Waterloo Boy Tractor and if you read Deere history there are conflicting theories of other tractors produced for or by John Deere. For me the "Long Green Line" begins with the model D! When John Deere decided it was time to end the D lineup they disassembled the "assembly" line. But dealers were calling. Customers wanted more Ds than what was available. 92 more Ds were assembled in the street. They are called "streeters".

Around the same time some will tell you the introduction of John Deeres first Diesel the model R kind of replaced the model D. The fuel efficient R was a great and popular addition to the John Deere line up. The standard tread "wheatland" design was popular with prairie farmers who needed a big machine to pull the plow and do other seed bed preparation. After the R came the model 80, and after the 80 the 820. This is where my research fits in.

I came across a for sale ad with a nice looking original 820. I recently bought a toy 820 also. So my mind was racing with

thoughts of how fun it would be to own an 820. I don't know if the seller was into marketing the product, but the 820 was parked in front of a big red barn on a fresh white bed of snow, a very nice backdrop! I don't really have the need or the resources to buy the 820, but that doesn't mean I can't dream a little. I am a farmer so I just keep thinking Maybe next year!! Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wishing you the Happiest of New Years!!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The 820 was made from 1956-1958. How many 820s were made?
A) 5000 B) 6590 C) 7080 D) 10,010



Here is an 820 John Deere with 23.1 X 26 rear tires.

2. The model 80 preceded the 820. What model replaced the 820?

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How to care for winter birds that visit your yard



The pristine, white backdrop of a snowy winter day can be a wonder to behold. While fresh snow on the ground can make for awe-inspiring landscapes, the absence of greenery amid the starkness of winter poses challenges for animals that do not ride out winter in a state of hibernation.

Several bird species stay in colder climates over the winter. Red-winged crossbills, snow buntings, bohemian waxwings, evening grosbeaks, and cardinals are just some of the birds one may find while gazing outside on a chilly winter's day. Birding in the winter can be a rewarding hobby because, despite the chilly conditions, birds tend to be easy to find in

bare trees. Furthermore, the colder temperatures may keep many people inside, meaning neighborhoods, trails and parks can be very quiet, making it easier for those who brave the cold to see birds.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds indicates that winter is a difficult time of year for birds due to the weather and the scarcity of food. Furthermore, birds must consume a lot of food in a short amount of time to have the energy and body warmth to survive each day. Even birds that store food in caches or have developed special scavenging strategies to find as much food as possible can benefit from a little wintertime help. Penn State Extension suggests providing a variety of foods to attract the greatest number of species. Small, black-oil sunflower seeds are preferred by many smaller

species of bird and have a high oil content that is nutritionally important for birds. Other sunflower seeds will be appropriate for blue jays and cardinals. Some other popular foods include white proso millet, thistle seed, niger seed, and peanuts.

Consult a wild bird store, which likely sells a birdseed mix that enables you to place a variety of seed into one feeder. In addition to seed, suet, which is made from high-quality animal fat, is crucial for birds in the winter. Families can get crafty by spreading peanut butter onto pine cones and sprinkling seed on top. Hang the pine cones tied to pieces of string from tree branches for homemade feeders.

Birds likely need a little help surviving the winter, when conditions can be bleak. Offering food and observing backyard visitors can be a great way to unwind on winter afternoons.

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Essentia Health welcomes new chief transformation officer

Essentia Health is enhancing the way it provides care by hiring Dr. Karyn Baum as the system's inaugural chief transformation officer (CTO). "It is my goal to support and lead care-delivery innovation across Essentia," said Dr. Baum. "My role is to identify opportunities for meaningful change in how we provide care and operationalize large-scale improvements." That will include an effective transition into our new hospital in Duluth, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2023, and to work as one Essentia systemwide to ensure the highest quality care for all patients in the communities we are privileged to serve.

Dr. Baum is a hospitalist by trade and will continue in that role while also serving as the CTO. "Continuing to provide bedside care to my patients is the best way to stay grounded in my work, be a member of the team and gain a deep understanding of the system and what improvements I think we can make," said Dr. Baum.

Dr. Baum earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. She has more than 15 years of administrative experience and held several leadership roles at multiple health care organizations in Minnesota. Dr. Baum has also directed the Minnesota Critical Care Coordination Center (C4), a patient-placement program that evolved out of high demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, this program has placed more than 1,000 patients needing inpatient care statewide.

"I'm looking forward to helping build new processes and structures at Essentia so our highly skilled doctors, nurses and other health care providers can deliver care more easily and effectively," said Baum. "There are already so many amazing things underway here, and I feel honored to be part of this team."

At the national level, Dr. Baum served as the senior consultant with the Association



Dr. Karyn Baum

of American Medical Colleges in Washington D.C., working on its "Educating for Quality" initiatives nationwide from 2015-17. "I couldn't turn down the opportunity to become Essentia's first CTO," said Dr. Baum. "This position will allow me to be innovative in our care delivery across the system, while also still practicing medicine. I love patient care and am lucky to find an organization that allows me to do both leadership and maintain my role as a physician"

Widseth names new staff promotions

Widseth announced several staff promotions, effective December 1, 2021, including the following:

- Vanessa Hines, PE, Civil Engineer (Rochester) — promoted to shareholder/vice president
- Lindsey Kriens, CID, Interior Designer (Brainerd) — promoted to shareholder/vice president
- Juergen Brunkhorst, LS, Land Surveyor/Hydrographic Surveyor (Alexandria) — promoted to associate
- Brady Bussler, Digital Marketing Manager/Remote Pilot (Brainerd) — promoted to associate
- Scott French, Senior Systems Administrator (Brainerd) — promoted to associate

Widseth's ownership structure and transition plan are founded on mentoring future leaders from within—a system that has seen successful transitions since the firm was launched in 1975 by Dick Widseth, Howard Smith, and Don Nolting. With the new slate of promotions, Widseth President Tim Ramerth expressed his optimism for the future of the firm: "I'm very impressed with the leadership these professionals have already shown, and I'm excited for the fresh ideas they're bringing to the leadership team!" Widseth is a multi-discipline firm of more than 200 employees providing architectural, engineering, land surveying, and environmental services. Its offices are located in Alexandria, Bemidji, Brainerd, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Forest Lake, Mankato, and Rochester, Minnesota, and Grand Forks, North Dakota.



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Minnesota Starwatch for January 2022

By Deane Morrison

In January Venus emerges from its short trip between Earth and the sun to become a "morning star." It begins a rapid climb over the southeastern horizon in mid-month, making its way toward much dimmer Mars. Try looking just before the sky starts to lighten on the 29th. Venus will be to the upper left of a thin waning moon and Mars will be between them, but closer to the moon.

The bright star off to the upper right of this assemblage is Antares, the heart of Scorpius. Its name means "rival of Mars," and for the time being it outshines its planetary competitor.

New Year's Day sees brilliant Jupiter and dimmer Saturn lingering in the southwest at nightfall. The two planets form a nearly equilateral triangle with Fomalhaut, the brightest star in Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish.

But the triangle breaks in mid-month, when Saturn gets lost in the sunset. The best evening to see the three objects may be Tuesday, the 4th, when a young moon shines to Saturn's left. Also on that day, Earth reaches perihelion, its closest approach to the sun in its orbit, and achieves its highest orbital speed—which does nothing to help Jupiter resist being left behind in the sunset. By month's end, the king of planets will be poised to follow Saturn over the horizon.

The first full moon of 2022 rises almost perfectly round before sunset on Monday, the 17th. Within an hour after nightfall, the bright star Procyon, in Canis Minor, the little dog, and radiant Sirius, in Canis Major, the large dog, come out and form a nearly straight line with the moon.

The bright winter stars will all be up in the east by mid-evening on January 1, earlier as the days go by. Brilliant Capella caps the group from its perch in the constellation Auriga, the charioteer, while Sirius—the brightest star in the night sky—holds the "anchor" position.

Death Notice for Kurtis Hedman

Kurtis Hedman, age 59, of Fosston, MN and formerly of McIntosh, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 20th, near Frazee, MN. Services will be 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 Mary L. Sather

Mary L. Sather, 72, of Gonvick, Minnesota died on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at The Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley with the Reverend Kris Snyder officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Interment was held at the Lund Lutheran Cemetery in Gully, MN.

Mary Lucken (Buer) Sather was born May 10, 1949 in Bagley, MN to parents Olaf and Zona (Granley) Buer. She was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church. Mary grew up on the farm east of Gonvick where she loved being out in the barn with her dad, spending time with the sheep and raising bottle lambs. Climbing trees and being in the woods were a great part of her life. She attended school in Gonvick and graduated in 1967. After graduating, she moved to Minneapolis and worked at the Federal Reserve Bank for three years.

On June 2, 1973, Mary married Paul Francis Sather at Samhold. They lived in Pipestone for a bit while Paul attended Brick Laying School. Together they built their house on the 40 acres east of where she grew up. In 1979, their son, Leif Erick was born. Paul, Mary and Leif spent hours fishing in the summers until Mary tired of it and stayed home!

Mary worked at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick for well over 30 years, retiring in 2014. At Samhold, Mary was involved with the Ladies group, worked as a Financial Secretary and many other activities. On December 13, 1990 Paul passed away suddenly.

Nineteen years ago, September 2002, she received a gift of a liver transplant and was forever grateful to her donor and his family.

Mary was a very practical, no-nonsense person. Her interests were cross country skiing, gopher trapping, old country western music, especially Jim Reeves, playing her guitar, singing, writing songs, and entertaining family and friends with her skits, planting trees, gardening, flowers, watching birds, painting, baking, sewing, poetry, scrabble, jigsaw and cross word puzzles and doing comical arts and crafts. What she truly loved were dogs! Especially the neighbor dog Jax, her chocolate lab Cocoa, and her precious Corgi pup Peanut. They brought her such joy!

She is survived by her son Leif Sather of Gonvick, MN. Brothers-Franklin (Margie) Buer of Trail, MN, and Paul Buer of Gonvick, MN. Sister-Sonja Buer of Gonvick, MN. Nephews-Buddy (Denise) Buer, Ethan and Wyatt Nieces-Holly O'Shea, Maureen and Irene Numerous cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul; parents Olaf and Zona; grandparents Ole and Inga (Furuseth) Buer; Peder and Gurine (Lucken) Granley and in-laws-Myron Sather and Elenore (Moe) Sather

Mary endured many struggles in her life. But now she is safe and sound in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! For as 2Timothy 4:7 says; I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Blessed be her memory.

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DNR cautions about uneven conditions as ice season gets underway

Anglers in some parts of Minnesota have been venturing onto the ice for several weeks, while water remains open in other parts of the state. So far in December, weather in the state—which has included rain, snow and fluctuating temperatures—has affected ice-making and impacted ice that's already formed.

As a result, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources stresses the importance of checking ice thickness with a spud bar, auger or other device before stepping out onto it. Do not rely on other people's footprints, tracks or social media posts.

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least

4 inches of new, clear ice. A minimum of 5 to 7 inches of ice is necessary to support an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile, and there should be at least a foot before hauling out a truck or wheelhouse-type fishing shelter. People should check the thickness of the ice regularly, since it can be highly variable even on the same body of water.

"The week between Christmas and New Year's is typically the kickoff of the 'wheelhouse season,' and we anticipate it'll be the same this year, especially in the northern part of the state," said Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director. "Whether you're walking onto the ice or hauling out a shelter you'll sleep in, checking the ice thickness regularly is absolutely vital and one of the easiest ways to ensure tragedy doesn't strike before you arrive at your fishing spot."

Each year, unexpected falls through thin ice lead to serious injury or death. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy should someone fall through the ice, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks will help a person get out, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they'll be able to call for help.

General ice safety guidelines No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize

the risk:

- Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).
 - Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.
 - Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
 - Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
 - Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.
 - Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.
 - The minimum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice are:
 - 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.
 - 5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.
 - 8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.
 - 12-15 inches for a medium truck.
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