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Puppeteers and puppets.



Ty Kennet and Isabella Amiot are the Sub Section 31 winners from Red Lake Falls.

Marin Roragen and Jonathon Krueger win region 8 triple A award

The Minnesota State High School League Region 8A Triple “A” Awards banquet was held in Mahanomen on Wednesday, February 2. Fertile-Beltrami’s Marin Roragen and East Grand Forks Senior High Jonathon Krueger won the Region 8A competition and will advance as state finalists.

Sub-section nominees and winners are listed below:

Sub-Section 29 Boys: Tyler Lindow - Nevis, Carson Stosahl - Walker-Hackensack - Akeley

Sub-Section 29 Girls: Donna Thayer - Kelliher, Sloan Merschman - Bagley, Caydence Johnson - Northome, Ava Isaacson - Nevis, Allyson Sea - Walker-Hackensack-Akeley

Sub-Section 30 Boys: Evan DeVos - Ada-Borup, Rylin Petry - Fertile-Beltrami, William Starkey - Mahnomen, Connor Nelson - Ulen-Hitterdal, Loden Clark - Waubun, Anton Hickman - Win-E-Mac

Sub-Section 30 Girls: Kayliana Dahl - Ada-Borup, Marin Roragen - Fertile-Beltrami, Ashten Wolfe - Fosston, Michaela Halvorson - Norman County East, Casey Moore - Ulen-Hitterdal, Sofia Bly - Waubun, Savannah Svalen - Win-E-Mac

Sub-Section 31 Boys: Ethan Osowski - Thief River Falls, Levi Dallum - Sacred Heart, George French - Crookston, Ty Kennet - Red Lake Falls, Gavin Gullickson - Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, Jonathon Krueger - East Grand Forks

Sub-Section 31 Girls: Ma-

lia Beich - East Grand Forks, Karleen Wilde - Thief River Falls, Grace Miller - Sacred Heart, Elise Oberg - Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, Isabella Amiot - Red Lake Falls, Trinity Erickson - Climax - ShellyEmma Osborn - Crookston

Sub-Section 32 Boys: Nathan Waage - BGMR, Nick Groven - Goodridge, Justin Thompson - Grygla, Carter Pankratz - Kittson Central, Izyk Strege - Lancaster, Logan Youngstrand - Marshall County Central, Logan Kostzewski - Tri-County, Ryan Erickson - Roseau, Thomas McGlynn - Stephen - Argyle, Evan Grover - Warroad

Sub-Section 32 Girls: Greta Lee - Badger, Jayce Wojchowski - Greenbush - Middle River, Hannah Wilebski - Goodridge, Katelyn Larson - Grygla, Jenna Davis - Kittson Central, Cheyanne Scalese - Lancaster, Paige Omblor - Marshal County Central, Autumn Gross - Roseau, Macy Haugen - Stephen - Argyle, Eliza Lilly - Warroad

Sub-Section Winners: **Sub-Section 29:** Allyson Sea (WHA) and Carson Stosahl (WHA)

Sub-Section 30: Marin Roragen and Rylin Petry of Fertile-Beltrami

Sub-Section 31: Trinity Erickson (Climax-Shelly) and Jonathon Krueger (EGF)

Sub-Section 32: Greta Lee (Badger) and Thomas McGlynn (Stephen-Argyle)

Region 8A winners: Marin Roragen (Fertile-Beltrami) and Jonathon Krueger (EGF)

The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion

A Lasting Legacy: Determination, Dedication, and Distinction

During the first World War Ralph Lindsey, my great grandfather, kept a journal of his service on the front. He wrote about the front, his travels, his wounds, but the thing that came up most often – the mail. Fast-forward 100 years. Even in the digital age there is something uniquely personal about a written letter – it creates a connection that digital communications simply cannot match. Anyone who has served in the military knows – no mail equals low morale.

In early 1945 as the Battle of the Bulge concluded Army officials reported that a lack mail was hurting morale. Warehouses were filled with millions of pieces of mail destined for the seven million Americans serving in the European theatre. The task of getting that mail to its intended recipients fell on the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion.

Except for a few smaller units of nurses, the “Six Triple Eight” was the only, all black unit from the Women’s Army Corps to serve overseas during WW2. In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor our entire nation was mobilized to support the war efforts. While the war largely united Americans in a common purpose – the military

remained segregated with the ability to serve being restricted based on race and gender. The women of the 6888th not only served – they had to fight for their right to serve. The unit’s commander, Major Charity Adams – became the first black woman to hold a commission in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps.

The Six Triple Eight confronted warehouses stacked to the ceiling with letters and packages. These buildings were unheated and dimly lit, the windows blacked out to prevent light showing during nighttime air raids. Rats sought out packages of spoiled cakes and cookies. As it was a cold winter, they wore long johns and extra layers of clothing under their coats while working in these warehouses. The unit members were organized into three separate shifts daily, so work continued around the clock, seven days a week. They tracked individual servicemembers by maintaining about seven million locator cards including serial numbers to distinguish different individuals with the same name. They dealt with “undeliverable” mail which was sent to their location for redirection. They investigated insufficiently addressed mail for clues to determine the intended recipient, and they handled the sad duty of returning mail addressed to service-

Darla Waldner Named Executive Director of NWRDC

Written by Connie Troska, NWRDC Marketing Manager

Darla Waldner has been named the Executive Director for the Northwest Regional Development Commission (NWRDC). She took over the duties of the Director at the beginning of 2022. Waldner is excited to begin her role in developing initiatives, partnerships, and relationships.

Waldner is very familiar with the NWRDC. She has been a part of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (DSAAA) since 2005 as an Aging Planner and then being named the Director of Aging in 2013. The DSAAA is a program of the NWRDC, and she is excited to really take a “deep dive” into the other programs of the NWRDC.

Waldner has a passion for older adults and community development. As the Director of Aging, she worked to develop programs where older adults and caregivers would live in-

dependently with respect and dignity. She is eager to bring that passion to the rest of the NWRDC programs.

Waldner moved from Michigan back to northern Minnesota to be closer to her parents. She and her husband, Jon, have four children, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren.

Waldner...

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Darla Waldner

Bird Puppets, Fish Puppets and Stilt Walking Oh My

Last week has been abuzz at Bagley Elementary School. Puppeteers Anne Sawyer and Julie Boada came to our school on Monday to work with us over the next two weeks.

We learned how make bird puppets using plastic water jugs that have been cut in half lengthwise. We added a cardboard beak that we made out of a cereal box and some eyes made out of newspaper. Then we learned how to cover the whole head with paper mache and very colorful paper that made our birds look almost real. There have been three ladies sewing and making our wings so we can fly!!!

We also have been making beautiful fish puppets. We stuffed florist bags with bubble wrap, colored tissue paper and tinsel. This process made the body of our fish. The body was then stapled to a cardboard head and cardboard back. A piece of lath has also been stapled to the head and tail. We have been using paper mache to make our fish either yellow, orange or pink!!! Wait until you see them, they are beautiful “lunkers”!!!

Oh, and did I tell you I learned how to walk on stilts? Well, let me tell you about this amazing fact. I went into the gym and learned how to tie the stilts to my legs; there is a special way to do even that. Then, with the help of one of my parents, I was able to stand on the stilts and boy I sure felt tall!!! Well, it is pretty scary when



My fish.

you look down at the floor and think about how far it is if you fall!!! But, believe it or not within one hour, I was walking on my own without holding on to anyone. In fact, I was able to walk almost the whole distance of the gym floor!!

Beginning next week, we will be learning how to manage a puppet while walking on our stilts. There will be lots of new puppets introduced next week and the rehearsing of our Puppet Pageant “Nanaboozho and the Woodpecker” will start. On Thursday, the musical duo Curtis and Loretta will join us and provide live music to enhance our show!! Wait till you hear the harp and the flute!!! Wow!!!

We are very excited about

this wonderful expression of art and want to invite you to come to the Bagley Elementary School’s big gym on Saturday, February 19th at 3:00 pm. We will be so happy to see you in the audience and will do our very best to introduce you to our many puppets as we tell the story.

The Bagley Area Arts Collaborative and Bagley Schools are hosting this free event. The Bagley Area Arts Collaborative has received grants from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Region 2 Arts Council in Bemidji and the Bemidji Area Arts

Endowment of Bemidji. This event would not be happening if it were not for this funding.

-Submitted

the writing of this article that bill has passed the Senate and is awaiting a vote in the U.S. House of representatives.

Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years’ experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is a graduate of Norwich University, the oldest private military college in the country.

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Team Industries – Don Ricke scholarship seeking applicants

The TEAM Industries – Don Ricke Scholarship Fund, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) is seeking qualified students to apply for the 2022 scholarship round. The intent of the scholarship is to develop career opportunities in Northwest Minnesota by helping students pursuing post-secondary education with a preference for engineering, machine tool trades and technology-related fields of study.

Scholarships are offered as a one-time award to local high school graduates. Previous recipients may reapply for a second-year scholarship with proof of successful completion of first year of study; renewals are not guaranteed.

Students must have or will graduate from Bemidji (ISD #31), Bagley (ISD #162), Bertha-Hewitt (ISD #786), Blackduck (ISD #32), Cass

Lake (ISD #115), Clearbrook-Gonvick (ISD #311), Detroit Lakes (ISD #22), Fosston (ISD #601), Frazee-Vergas (ISD #203), Hawley (ISD #150), Kelliher (ISD #36), Lake Park Audubon (ISD #889), Laporte (ISD #306), Nevis (ISD #308), Park Rapids (ISD #309), and WinEMac (ISD #609) or their successors; preference will be given to a current graduating student (senior).

Applications for the scholarship are being accepted through April 15, 2022. Applications are completed online through the NMF website www.nwmf.org by clicking on “Scholarships” on the home page. If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support the TEAM Industries – Don Ricke Scholarship, please visit www.nwmf.org.



Hank Beckett Gunvalson, born on December 2, 2021 at 6:52 pm at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio to Ben & Kourtnei Gunvalson. Grandparents are John & Cheri Gunvalson of Gonvick, Greg Honeycutt, Kalen & Max Hall. Great grandfather is Charlie Short. Great grandma Emily McDowell of Bemidji.

Holte Family Establishes Scholarship in Memory of Cody Holte

February 14, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – The family of Cody Holte has recently established the Cody Holte Scholarship Fund, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF).

This scholarship will support students from Independent School Districts as follows: Ada-Borup-West, Bagley, Climax-Fisher, Fertile-Beltrami, Fosston, Hillsboro, Kittson Central, Mahanomen, Twin Valley-Gary, Ulen-Hitterdal, Waubun and Win-E-Mac. Students that are eligible must be majoring in an area of law enforcement or criminal justice, be involved in ROTC, or be a high school student who is currently enlisted with the national guard or military.

The scholarship was established by the family of Cody

Holte to honor his memory and assist students in the region with the same passions as Cody. He was a loving husband and family man who tragically died in service to his community as a law enforcement officer. Proceeds from an annual softball tournament in memory of Cody will go toward the scholarship fund.

The deadline to submit an application is April 15, 2022. The applications are completed online through the NMF website, www.nwmf.org by clicking on "Scholarships" on the home page.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support the Cody Holte Scholarship, please visit www.nwmf.org.

Shand released without having to pay bond

Steve Shand, 57, a Florida man had been arrested for human smuggling after four people were found dead in a blizzard in Canada and seven more immigrants were found alive nearby in the U.S. was released from jail last week without having to pay a bond.

Shand appeared via live-stream from a jail in Grand Forks, North Dakota. U.S. Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer of Minnesota did not order bond, but said Shand must report to a supervisor in his home state of Florida and surrender his passport or any other travel documents.

Shand must show up for all court proceedings, obey all laws and cannot have contact with any victims or witnesses in the case. He will only be allowed to travel to Florida or Minnesota, where the court proceedings will be held. Some hearings could be scheduled virtually, Bowbeer said.

Bowbeer ordered Shand to undergo a mental health evaluation within 60 days. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said that the Patel family, arrived in Toronto on Jan. 12, a week prior to their deaths about 40 feet from the border into Minnesota.



The four family members found dead near the Minnesota-Canada border during dangerous winter conditions. They were Jagdishkumar Patel, a 39-year-old male, Vaishaliben Patel, a 37-year-old female, Vihangi Patel, an 11-year-old female, Dharmik Patel, a 3-year-old male.

MCCL meeting scheduled

The February meeting of MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) local chapter #45 will be held Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church in McIntosh. All interested persons are invited and welcome.

College News

UND President's Roll of Honor

To qualify for the UND President's Roll of Honor, a student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

Mckinzie Halverson, Bagley
Paige Andersen, Puposky

UND Dean's List

Students whose grade point average are in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools. A UND student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Merschman, Jarret, Bagley
Hemberger, Grant I, Fosston
Roy, Dylan C Sr, McIntosh
Andersen, Paige M, Puposky

UND graduation

More than 870 new graduates are eligible to cross the stage at the University of North Dakota's winter commencement ceremonies Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. UND President Andy Armacost will preside over all three ceremonies.

Braaten, Katy J, Master of Social Work, Bagley
Engesether, Bailey P, Bachelor of Science***, Bagley
Merschman, Jarret, Bachelor of Science**, Bagley

Minnesota students receive degrees from NDSU

Minnesota students included on the attached list were among the students to graduate from North Dakota State University in fall 2021. NDSU awarded 957 degrees to students.

Students are listed by hometown. The list includes their major and degree received. An asterisk indicates students who graduated with honors. A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher to graduate with honors. Please include all area students in your news publications.

Goodridge, * Abby Marie
Kiesow BS, Accounting
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Lorenson, BSN, Nursing
Waubun, * Tessa Zima, BS, Mathematics

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\$22,000 Raised for Agassiz ELC through Giving Hearts Day

"It truly was heart-warming to see the donations coming in to support helping get kids outdoors," said Agassiz ELC Executive Director Wayne Goeken. A total of \$22,000 was raised from 73 donors in Agassiz ELC's first time involvement with the Giving Hearts Day program.

"Donations were coming in every hour throughout the final day of Giving Hearts Day on Feb. 10th," said Goeken. "The majority came from Fertile, but donors gave from all our nearby neighboring communities plus many donations from Crookston, Grand Forks, and Fargo."

The focus of the fund drive was to help get more kids outdoors to discover the wonders of nature through the youth programs that the AELC provides at the Fertile Sand Hills. This funding will allow the AELC to hire staff to work with school groups to help guide their outdoor explorations.

Goeken noted, "We couldn't have done this without the generous support of so many who believe in this effort to get kids outdoors. Most sincerely, thank you to one and all."

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FROM THE PAST



Plowing bee at Clifford Evans the fall of 1958. People from Eden Township but not all are named. Standing: ?, Neal Anderson, Art Realis, ?, ?, Edwin Quam, ?, Phillip Schmit. Middle row: Carl Engebretson, ?, ?, ? Seated: Roy Larson, Vernon Wold, Lloyd Wold, Art Nelson, Marlo Roland, ? and ?. This picture was brought in for us to identify the rest of the group question marks in the picture. If you know some of them let us know. Thank you.

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Application form available at www.co.clearwater.mn.us or contact

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Environmental Technician Position

Polk County Environmental Services, Crookston, MN is seeking applicants for a full-time Environmental Technician. Duties include but are not limited to; performing intermediate technical work, providing information, clarification and assistance with solid waste, household hazardous waste & planning & zoning regulations, conducting inspections & making recommendations regarding enforcement of regulations, and related work as assigned. A Bachelor's degree in a related science field, or related field and moderate experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have 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 \$20.52 - \$26.08/hr. DOE and qualifications. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers. Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us Applications will be received until 4:30 p.m., February 25, 2022. EOE.

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AGENCY SOCIAL WORKER POSITIONS

Clearwater County Department of Human Services is accepting applications for 2 Agency Social Worker Positions.

These positions will provide waiver case management to vulnerable adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Other duties may include, but are not limited to, adult general case management, intake, assessments and investigations.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on 3/4/2022.

Salary range is \$24.33-\$31.87/hour as of the current union contract for 2021. There will be an increase in the wage when the union contract is finalized. To see the position description and to apply go online to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem>

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PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENING



RLCC High School in Oklee has an immediate opening for a paraprofessional for the school year 2021-22. Contact the School for an application or with questions at 218-796-5136.

Position open until filled. ISD 2906 is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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PROGRAM TECHNICIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

The East Polk County Farm Service (FSA) Office has a Full-Time Permanent Program Technician position open. Annual salary ranges from \$31,520.00 - \$56,790.00 (CO-4 through CO-7) depending on the qualifications of the candidate. This position is located at the East Polk County FSA Office at 370 US HWY 2 SE McIntosh, MN 56556.

Apply online at www.usajobs.gov. Job Announcement Number FSACO-11370694-22-MN-KW beginning Monday, January 31 through Monday, February 22, 2022. The entire announcement and instructions can be found online.

1. For questions, please contact Nathan Peterson at the East Polk County FSA Office at (218) 563-3615 ext. 2.

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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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Social Services Director/ Social Worker

Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center is hiring a Social Services Director/Social Worker. This position plans, organizes, directs and carries out the operations of the Social Services department in accordance with regulations and facility policies and procedures to ensure the needs and overall well-being of each resident are met and maintained.

Works closely with residents, families, staff, outside agencies, and others regarding admissions, discharges, care conferences, to identify and meet resident needs.

Works with financial components such as guardianship, conservatorship, POA, and Medical Assistance.

Must possess effective communication skills and understanding of social and psychological aspects of the aging process, must possess leadership ability and the willingness to work well with others. Bachelors of Science in Social Work or related field preferred with knowledge and experience in health care required.

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Clearwater County is looking to hire a part time support staff person to work in the University of Minnesota Extension Office for 1040 hrs/year starting at \$15.51/hr. Flexible hours. Located in Bagley MN. Open until filled. For a full job description visit co.clearwater.mn.us/employment

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DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Polk County is seeking to fill the position of Deputy Administrator – salary range \$102,274 to \$130,021.

Polk County, with a population of 31,524, is located in northwestern Minnesota and is the fifth largest county in the State by land area. The County consists of 58 townships and 15 cities, and the City of Crookston serves as the county seat.

Polk County is proud to be home to the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife and Rydell National Wildlife refuges, several very popular recreational lakes, two county park-campgrounds, two of American Crystal Sugar Company's processing plants, and the University of Minnesota-Crookston and Northland Community Technical College (East Grand Forks) campuses. The County is also ranked #1 in three areas of crop production- spring wheat, dry beans, and sugar beets.

The Polk County organization is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners. It is the mission of Polk County to provide a comprehensive, high-quality set of governmental services to the landowners, businesses, residents, and visitors to Polk County in a professional, courteous, efficient, and cost-effective manner. County operations and services are provided by its approximately 300 employees.

Under broad policy guidance and direction, the Deputy Administrator is responsible for providing assistance and support to the County Administrator by carrying out special projects and leading the assigned departments. The position serves as an integral member of the administrative management team to make a wide range of policy and management decisions for the County and performs leadership and staffing to the County Board for committees and projects as assigned by the Administrator. The Deputy Administrator performs a wide variety of work involving continual public, inter-governmental, and interdepartmental relations. The position also acts in the absence of the County Administrator and performs skilled and responsible technical analysis and administrative functions in planning, organizing, directing, and supervising County-wide administrative policies, activities, and other services as assigned by the Administrator.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in a related field and six years of progressively responsible experience with three of those years in a supervisory role or a master's degree in a related field and four years of progressively responsible experience with two of those years in a supervisory role, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Budget preparation experience is required.

To apply, visit <https://daviddrown.hiringplatform.com/88210-polk-county-deputy-administrator/280333-application-form/en> and complete the application process by March 4, 2022.

Please direct questions to Gary Weiers at gary@daviddrown.com or 612-920-3320 x109. DDA Human Resources, Inc., Faribault Office, 1327 Merrywood Court, Faribault, MN 55021. Phone: 612-920-3320 x109 Fax: 612-605-2375, gary@daviddrown.com, www.ddahumanresources.com

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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 or substitute licensure with a 4 year degree, 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. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. 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.

Special Ed Native American Home School Liaison, opening in the High School. 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. A type 3 and valid driver's license is required to assist with student transportation/IEP transportation.

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

Full-Time Route Bus Drivers and Substitute Bus Drivers positions. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a school bus driver's license endorsement. The District is willing to help applicants obtain their school bus endorsement. New drivers will receive a \$200 stipend after six months of driving to help defray the cost of certification. 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 Stuart Duke at 694-6122.

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Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycc.org. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycc.org. Applications must be received by **4:30PM on Monday, February 21st**. Call 218-796-5144 x1018 for more information.

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Executive Office & Administrative Specialist University of Minnesota Extension Regional Office

Administrative support staff position at the Polk County Extension Regional Office in McIntosh. This position provides local support for 4-H and Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource (AFNR) program educators. This position will be 20 hours per week.

To access the complete job description and apply online, visit: <https://z.umn.edu/PolkCSS2022>. Job ID - 345720 (open until February 27)

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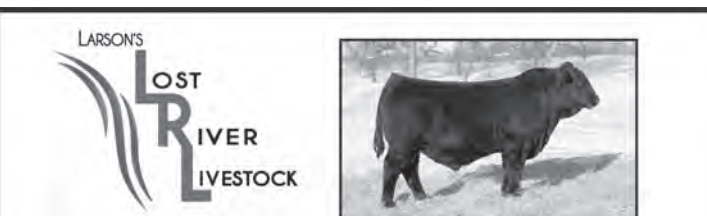
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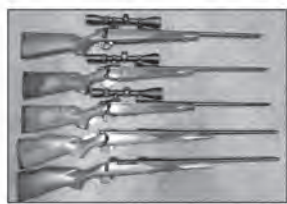
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Comments by Carstie Clausen

If you’ve been living in a cave you probably have yet to know much if anything about what’s going on on the roads and in the capital city of our neighbor to the north, Ottawa. Just a few weeks ago in occasional commentaries I’d make on Unz Review, an alternative website which is mostly wide-open to even controversial opinions—where do you find that anymore—I’d taken to calling our neighbor “Canuckistan”, because of their growingly tyrannical regime, which was imposing some of the strictest Plandemic “get your jab” restrictions in the world.

I’d seen other signs before that their national broadcasting company, CBC, or the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had deviated far, far from those days and nights I’d listen to CBW out of Winnipeg. The dulcet voices of Peter Gzoski, Don Herron and Allan Maitland had been replaced by in-your-face, politically correct “woke” types who kept regurgitating “correct” and “on message” themes which continually followed the “party line” established by the ruling financial aristocracy.

And those crazy Canucks just kept taking it, seemingly sleepwalking when the regime in Ottawa kept on imposing the most stringent regulations as to whether you even still had any form of control over your own body. With over 80% of Canada’s truckers having already taken the mRNA jabs (not really true vaccines and never given full testing by laboratory methodologies—“Oh, it’s an emergency” —) they were informed by the little dictator, Justin Trudeau, that they could no longer cross the American border unless they had submitted to the mandates. If you don’t happen to know it, Big Rig truckers are some of the most independent minded working-class folks left in North America. That mandate just stuck in their craw, whether or not they had taken the jab.

So they got them a CON-VOY. It began clear out on Vancouver Island, ferried over to Vancouver and just kept on taking in more and more rigs as they headed nearly 3,000 miles eastwards. All along the highways and particularly in the towns, crowds of people clutching Maple Leaf flags cheered them on, passed them notes and bundles of food as the truckers happily honked their approval. One woman, in Saskatchewan, I believe it was, held up a sign reading “Truck You Trudeau”.

Trudeau, it was later revealed, had been one of the notorious Klaus Schwab’s personally trained “future world leaders”, along with more than half his cabinet. Schwab, proud of his Great Reset on behalf of the hyper-rich organization which calls itself The World Economic Forum, learned his chops at the feet of the egregious Heinrich Kissinger, long a minion for America’s biggest crime clan possessing trillions in controlled assets. Along the way, Schwab, citing their Agenda 2030 promised the world that “You will own nothing and be happy”, as these creeps are planning an Administrative dictatorship over the entire planet.

In a matter of days the now many hundreds of trucks, along with various support vehicles, made their way to Ottawa, where a portion parked themselves in front of that nation’s Parliament building. The trucks, bedecked with Canadian Maple Leaf flags and messages stressing “Freedom” were immediately joined by thousands upon thousands of cheering fellow Canadians, who had clearly regained their souls. Meanwhile, Trudeau called

them “fascists, racists, homophobes, trans-phones” and even “anti-democratic”. His already plummeting popularity dropped down to the sub-basement as hundreds of thousands of Canadians right across the country cheered on the truckers and their demands for the government to drop its Mandates. What followed was absolutely hilarious as according to news reports he had abandoned Ottawa for parts unrevealed. He was immediately accused of “chickening out”.

That planned world takeover by the ruling financial elite who own most governments, mass media and social networks, in their plot to shut off the border to those who refused the jab and are not in possession of a Vaxx Passport, overlooked something: Beneath the surface, the usually quiet and quiescent Canucks were seething with anger and frustration, many of whom had lost jobs and businesses due to the persistent and generally unnecessary lockdowns, even of schools. All it took was a bunch of working-stiff truckers to get them up a convoy. Suddenly...it was like the shot heard around the world...In most European capitals there had been numerous street demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of outraged citizens. When the news of those truckers effectually blockading the Canadian government, the whole thing went

viral. In country after country, convoys of Big Rigs have been descending on major cities. That will just be a prelude to a mass move on Brussels, Belgium, the alleged, though its Administrators were never elected, capital of Europe.

There are rumors all over the internet that American truckers may soon descend upon the Di\$trict of Corruption. Leaders of “our” two-party duopoly are all upset at the prospect. Despite the worst efforts of boobtoob noose presenters and talking-heads, it is highly probable that the majority of Americans are fed-up as well. Than includes millions who have already taken a couple of mRNA jabs and are now saying “enough already”.

For those who want to keep up on events, without the news being slanted by the corporate media, there’s an engaging blonde woman up in Canada who has a website called AmazingPolly.net. She shows a lot of on-scene videos which have not been previously vetted by the “authorities”. One last note: As an independent-minded “bullheaded Norskie”, the very word “authorities” is developing a sour smell about it...a whiff of people who think they know better than we do as to how we should be able to live their lives. The most basic of all human rights is the ownership of your own body

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
Do you ever wonder how your local public library is funded or who pays for the books, computers, librarians and internet? As a previous president of the board of Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) for five years, I could tell you all about something called RLBSS — Regional Library Basic System Support — that’s the underlying Minnesota legislative mechanism that provides state funding to our libraries large and small.

There’s a funding formula issue with this mechanism, one HF1710/SF1131 will resolve. It’s a rare piece of legislation that garners bipartisan support, has the full support of all 13 regional library systems in Minnesota, and has the support of The League of Minnesota Cities Fiscal Futures Committee. This legislation can correct an issue that has lingered since 2008 which disproportionately impacts rural Minnesota’s public libraries.

Why should taxpayers care about library funding via RLBSS? It’s the foundation upon which our library system is built. The role of public libraries continues to evolve to meet the changing environment of technology, pandemics, education and early learning, and local community needs and economics. It is critical that Minnesota’s funding of public library systems undergoes much-needed structural repairs via HF1710/SF1131 because libraries are a vital piece of our infrastructure.

Creating Minnesota’s regional library system sixty years ago was visionary.

Those of us in rural Becker County, Crookston, Gonvick and other small towns benefit from the collective strength and resources of systems like LARL. Many of these communities would be without libraries if not for the funding provided by the legislature. Those funds ensure that the elderly, children and families have access to materials and programs that enrich their lives.

Public libraries redefine opportunity. Opportunity for all who desire it.

Whether it’s to learn, rest and get warm, apply for veteran’s benefits or health insurance, look for a job, attend a cultural event, read the New York Times, or simply reflect — there’s no other place in town better suited than the local public library.

Why should the legislature support this funding change for public libraries?

Countless programs, services and infrastructure needs are all competing for tax dollars. But, none are more worthy than those which seek to raise the bar for all people in rural areas and cities than our public libraries. This is the investment that will best prepare Minnesota for its future and that of all who desire an opportunity.

Please contact your legislators and ask them to support HF1710 and SF1131.

Then stop in to experience all that’s happening at the Library.

Terry Kalil, Past President Lake Agassiz Regional Library System

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



The Old School Desk Upstairs

The old wooden school desk stood watch. The supporting black rod iron supported the seats which offered stability. The reflective sheen upon the wood hadn’t been touched for years and yet, she remained a beauty.

A student could slide nicely into the seat from either side. Alphabetical order or perhaps behaviorally students were placed for safe keeping within the confines of the wooden desks.

The pencil holding groove etched deep into the top of the desk so as not to dislodge the fat black pencil each student had been given on day one was duly noted.

Years have passed since this desk found use within the school building from whence it came. Now and again our grandkids on overnights sit within it while “learning,” yet, the wood, the iron, and the strength of the design looms large within

the framework of the A-frame where it now sits. This desk, having been purchased by mom at auction years back, serves as a reminder of the sacred past of my school years grades 1-8 at St. Raphael’s. No updates needed to date as it stands stalwart as a story all its own.

I suppose it only makes sense that one child with one uniform should have as a reminder one desk used. Cause long ago, the one uniform had one closet in which to sit alongside one pair of shoes. The one who did the purchasing had one job and the commitment to it was one lifetime because they served within one community and within the community, each served the others.

One hand-me-down went to the next one down or the neighbor across the road. One dollar was one big deal as was one penny found along the road. One stamp upon that penny said it all and one was blessed when they picked it up. “In God we trust,” it read, and so we did.

“One nation under God” we pledged as one. And, we believed it and many still do.

Yes, it’s amazing what memories can be conjured up from one item within one room within the one home in which we’ve lived our whole married lives to one another upon one farm.

I suppose blessed would be one word to describe it, but better yet, His Word, found in one book is better still. It proclaims well the Word made flesh that dwelt among us.

Truth is, in sitting in that one desk as one little child, I remember well what was taught. We were taught that one thing mattered most in the whole wide world. That one thing that mattered most and still does is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:30-31).

Those things have never and will never change as an abiding discourse throughout the course of one’s life. May it be so. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



Question: Can you get an open container violation if you are on your way to a recycling center with empty bottles, cans, plastics, etc.? This assumes that some of the contents being recycled are opened/empty beer, wine and liquor containers? I am assuming that the driver has not been consuming any alcohol but simply going to recycle the cans, bottles and plastic containers?

Answer: The “open bottle law” states “possession” means either that the person had ac-

tual possession of the bottle or receptacle or that the person consciously exercised control over the bottle or receptacle.

From my experience and common sense, it’s pretty obvious if bottles, cans or other containers in a box or bag are intended for recycling and are not a violation. If a person says they were planning to recycle the half empty can of beer sitting in the center console once they finish it - that’s a different story.

If you are simply transporting a half empty bottle of wine or liquor, keep it in the vehicle’s trunk, if equipped. If you don’t

have a trunk, cargo area, pickup box, etc., place the container in another area not normally occupied by the driver and passengers. Be aware that a utility compartment (center console) or glove compartment is considered within the area occupied by the driver and passengers.

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).

The Model A

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I grew up driving a Model A John Deere. I have seen many Model A Farmalls. Of course Henry Ford made the Model A Ford car. But the other night I got a phone call asking me about the Model A Allis Chalmers. I had to admit I am not an expert on the Model A Allis but I have seen a couple at the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, MN. So of course I had to do a little research!

I have a book called Allis Chalmers Tractors by Andrew Morland & Peter Henshaw. I scrolled through and found the pages about the Allis Model A. Allis was in need of a big tractor so in 1936 they introduced the A. One job that was intended for the A was belt work, like powering threshers. Ironically coinciding with the release of the Model A was also a new implement, the combine. So now there was less need for powering threshers!

Some might say the introduction of the A was sort of untimely and seemingly outdated, it was still a powerful tractor. It produced 33 hp on the drawbar and 44 hp on the belt. In a short production lasting from 1936-1942 a little over 1200 tractors were built!

I think I have read about a few other Model A tractors of different brands but today I

kind of want to drive a Model A.....Allis Chalmers!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The Model A replaced the 25-40. The 25-40 was also known as the Model _____.

A) Model B B) Model C C) Model D D) Model E

2. The Allis Model A was rated to pull what size plow?

3. The 25-40 had a 2 speed transmission but the new Model A had a _____ speed transmission.

A) 3 speed B) 4 speed C) 5 speed D) 6 speed

4. The Model A had an Allis Chalmers _____ cylinder engine.

A) 2 cyl. B) 4 cyl. C) 6 cyl. D) 8 cyl.

5. Two different engines were made one to burn gasoline the other to burn _____.

A) Diesel Fuel B) distillate C) LP gas D) Jet fuel

Answers: 1. D. Model E 2. 4-14” 3. B. 4speed 4. B. 4 cyl. 5. B. distillate(or tractor fuel)



Model A Allis Chalmers.

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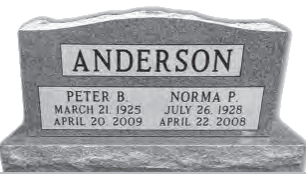
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Clara Brown

Clara Brown was born November 22, 1932 in Boone, Iowa to Lee Brown and Hazel Frances (Maynard) Brown. Clara and Jack Mondt were married April 16, 1956 in Boone, Iowa. She was baptized on August 26th, 2018 at Crosswire Ministries Cowboy

Church.

Clara and Jack farmed in Maplewood Township. She also worked at the West Central Turkey plant in Pelican Rapids for 30 years. Clara enjoyed spending time with her family and pets. She passed on her talent and love of crafting, painting and creating art, which she enjoyed doing with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a wonderful crocheter, an avid reader and she loved all things Minnesota.

She was a former resident of Clearbrook.

Clara is survived by her children: David, Wayne, Norma Hongerholt, Ivy Holmer, Marion Silvestre and Alan: 17 grandchildren and over 20 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her husband Jack Mondt, grandson Michael Holmer, grandson Douglas Mondt and good friends Dorothy and Janet.



Obituary for Dorothy Miller

Dorothy Miller, 82, of Goodridge, MN, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Valley Assisted Living in Thief River Falls, MN after a long courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

The service to celebrate Dorothy's life was held at Noon on Monday, February 14, 2022 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Pastor Alex Amiot officiating. Visitation from 10:00am to 12:00pm prior to the service. Burial at Reiner Lutheran Free Cemetery of Goodridge.

Dorothy Mae Coan was born to Inga and Bert Coan on June 28, 1939, in Thief River Falls, MN. She grew up on a farm near Highland with her older brother, Kenny. She was confirmed into the Lutheran faith.

Dorothy attended Old Glory grade school and later transferred to Goodridge Public School, graduating in 1956. She was very close to all of her classmates and served on several class reunion committees.

Dorothy often visited her Aunt Clara and Uncle John Coan. There she met a tall, handsome man named Edgar who was a friend and neighbor of the Coans. Edgar Miller was intrigued by Dorothy, and they soon began to date.

After graduating from high school, Dorothy was a nanny at the Earl and Helen Halvorson home. She saved her money to pay for her wedding, and the dream came true in Thief River Falls, MN on June 28, 1957. Edgar and Dorothy were married on Dorothy's 18th birthday.

As soon as they were married, they happily lived on a farm east of Goodridge, and four children were born.

First and most, Dorothy loved being a wife and mother, but she also enjoyed working on the farm driving machinery, taking care of the animals, doing the book-

keeping, and caring for the large yard. She and Edgar enjoyed visiting relatives and neighbors, traveling, playing cards, puzzles, Sunday afternoon drives, and dancing. Dorothy was a jokester and always enjoyed a good story and laughter.

After the children left home, Dorothy worked at the Best Western in Thief River Falls and then at Valley Home in Thief River Falls where she found her dream job of caring for elderly persons. Many people still mention how loving and kind Dorothy was to the residents and coworkers.

Dorothy enjoyed writing the Reiner News, serving her Lord and Savior through Reiner Lutheran Free Church, sewing, crocheting, lawn work, but mainly she loved taking care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always kept a watchful eye and kids were always welcome.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Edgar James Miller; her daughters, Marilou Cwikla, Shirley (Bruce) Wegley; sons Jack (Jayne) Miller, and Gary Miller; grandchildren, Garrett (Amanda), Laura (Jeff), Samantha (Brandon), Diana (Alfonso), McKenzie (Michael), Jaclyn (Jason), Kari (Robert), Luke (Tori), Chloe (Chase), and Holden; 14 great grandchildren and one on the way. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

When Dorothy was growing up, she always wanted a sister, but instead found loving relationships with sister in law Margie Coan and Edgar's five sisters, Dodie, Marilyn, Sharon, Judy (Richard), and Joyce and his four brothers and their wives, Richard (Judy), Norman (Sharon), Morrie (Mary) and Gene (Kari).

Preceding Dorothy in death are her parents, Bert and Inga Coan; brother, Kenneth Coan, her in laws Signe and Morris Miller; two sons in law Donavon Verbout and Bob Cwikla; sister-in-law, Sharon Miller Iverson; brothers-in-law Arnold Keim, Dick Lacoursiere, Norman Miller, and Larry Geer; and beloved nieces and nephews, Jessica, Michael, and Jason.

Dorothy moved to Valley Assisted Living in Thief River Falls in September of 2021 where she had the best of care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Blessed be her memory.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Irene Green

Irene Green, age 87, of Fosston, MN, went home to be with the Lord and Savior on Monday, February 7, 2022, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh went home to be with the Lord and Savior on Monday, February 7, 2022, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh, MN.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 19th, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Mark Richardson officiating. Interment will be in Duane Cemetery, rural Fosston, in the spring. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Irene Emily Erickson Green was born on August 24, 1934. She was born in Clearbrook, Minnesota, to parents Emil and Inga Hauge Erickson. Irene attended school in Clearbrook. Irene was the youngest of twelve

children, eight boys and four girls.

Irene married Harold Howard Green of Fosston, Minnesota in May of 1951. In their 63 years of marriage, they had seven children.

Irene and Harold moved to McIntosh in 1986, where they had a floral shop. Irene loves spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren teaching them about the Lord. She also enjoyed teaching bible study at her home in McIntosh. Irene belonged to the Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston where she taught Friday school, Sunday school, and put together the Christmas program.

Irene went home to be with the Lord and Savior on Monday, February 7, 2022, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh at the age of 87 years.

Survivors include their seven children, Valerie (Jim) Sears of Lengby, MN, Bonnie (Kevin) Olson of Fosston, Pamela (Andy) Kerssen of Fosston, Vicki (John) Cymbaluk of Fosston, Marcy (Chad) Winter of Fosston, Steve (Cindy) Green of Fosston, and Michael (Janet) Green of Hatton, ND; 30 grandchildren, 88 great grandchildren, and 9 great great grandchildren; one brother, Benny (Eileen) Erickson of Clearbrook, MN; and one sister-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; seven brothers; three sisters; grandson, Carl Cymbaluk; great grandson, Carter Peterson; great great granddaughter, Lillian Green; son-in-law, David Reep; four brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law.



Obituary for Conrad Tollefson

Conrad Murl Tollefson, 66 of Leonard, MN died on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior to the service. A visitation will also be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm with a prayer service at 6:30 pm at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, MN. Interment will be held in the spring at East Zion cemetery in Leonard, MN.

Conrad was born on March 8, 1955 in Bagley, MN to Duane "Milton" and Sylvia (Norberg) Tollefson. He was raised in Leonard, MN and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1973. He went on to further his education at the Votech on the Iron Range where he met Kelly Peterson. They were married and had his first son, Christopher, together. They later separated. Conrad went to work in Wyoming and later Oklahoma for a few years before he came back to Clearwater County. He was working in Bagley when he met Kimberly Shutter. They married and had Gabriel, Serenity, Nathaniel, Michael, and Theodore. During this time, Conrad worked in Bemidji and went back to school to earn his LPN license. They moved

and worked together for ten years before they separated. He truly loved his career in nursing and helping others. Conrad married Maria Ann Crider and inherited his bonus daughter, Rachelle.

Conrad was helping, kind, and generous. He lit up a room and was a joy to be around, joking and teasing. He loved to have fun, but never at the expense of others. He was always true to himself, inspiring others to be as well. There weren't many things Conrad was afraid to try and he became quite the jack-of-all-trades. He loved welding, working on his house and cars, and teaching others. He lived his faith and was very active at his church, Country Faith in Clearbrook. He wanted to give back and loved helping at the Mustard Seed Homes. His joyful and generous spirit lives on in all the lives he touched and will be tremendously missed.

He is survived by his children, Christopher (Jennifer) Tollefson of Fargo, ND, Gabriel (Alicia) Tollefson of Fosston, MN, Serenity (Chase) Tollefson of Red Lake Falls, MN, Nathaniel (Jenna) Tollefson of St. Hilaire, MN, Michael Tollefson of Red Lake Falls, MN, Theodore Tollefson of Leonard, MN, and Rachell Crider of Arkansas, his siblings, Debbie (Russell Taylor) Rentz of Bemidji, Carrie (Sam) Rairdon of Warroad, MN, and Tracy Tollefson of Leonard, MN; 14 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, and other family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Tollefson; his parents, Milton and Sylvia Tollefson; his brother, Duane Tollefson; his aunt, Joyce Tollefson; and two infant children.

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Waldner... Continued from Canary front

So, as she begins her role as Director, she realizes the importance of family and how NW Minnesota has opportunities for all ages. “Learning from the lessons of the pandemic, really gave us an opportunity to really look at what are the gaps in our region, and how we can create successful initiatives that encompass all demographics. I think we can build capacity in our region as well as advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion.”

As she plans for the future of the NWRDC, Waldner brings her experience of overcoming challenges to the position. When reflecting on one of her most challenging accomplishments, she states, “In my role as Aging Director during a pandemic like we’ve never seen before, serving those most at-risk of getting the virus – the older adult population was always on my mind. Assisting our grantees and partners with pivotable ideas so they could continue to deliver services to meet the needs of older adults, became an ever-changing endeavor.” Waldner also spoke of challenges in funding. “A lot of funding is based on larger populations. The core funding has remained flat or declined in some capacities because funding is largely based on population. I think our ability to develop partnerships and identify the strengths and needs of our region, where lack of funding happens, will continue to be a challenge. But partnership development and sharing resources can bridge that gap.”

As she looks to the future of the NWRDC, Waldner is looking forward to opportunities to gather valuable input from the

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A class drivers side by side down the front straight ready for the green flag to drop at a recent race.

Races Cancelled

Due to the frigid temperatures and forecast of snow the Garfield Lake Ice races for Sunday were cancelled. Races will resume next Sunday the 20th at noon on Garfield Lake in LaPorte, MN.

The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each project is unique.

Resurfacing

According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the exist-

ing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

Resealing

Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by "cutting-in" by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipi-



tation is forecast.

Repaving

A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading when doing work. The construction blog Main

Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.

Loomis will take the helm as 11th Baseball Coach for the Pioneers

Northland Community & Technical College is pleased to announce that Rich Loomis has been hired as the new head baseball coach. Loomis is the 11th head baseball coach in the history of the program. He replaces Sam Schumacher, who stepped down in early January after serving as Northland's head coach from 2018-2021, ending his tenure with a 32-63 record.

"This opportunity is the culmination of many years in baseball at several different levels and a chance to turn a program into a consistent winner," Loomis said of the opportunity to coach at Northland. "Baseball has been an important part of my life since I was a young boy and has provided me with the best times of my life. This position will allow me to share my experience and passion for baseball with young men and help them develop into the best students and athletes that they can be. I am honored to be the head baseball coach of Northland Community & Technical College, and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead."

Loomis is a 1986 graduate of East Grand Forks Senior High and attended North Dakota State University and played one year of collegiate football for the Bison before transferring to Valley City State



University (VSCU), where he played both football and baseball.

Loomis attended VCSU from 1987-91, where he was an all-conference and all-district pitcher in 1991, an all-conference pitcher in 1990, and an honorable mention all-conference outfielder in 1987-88.

After college, Loomis played two seasons (1991-92) of semi-pro baseball in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, with the Moose Jaw Astros. In 1991, he was named pitcher of the league.

Minnesota Farm Bureau Statement on Gray Wolf Ruling

Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Dan Glessing statement regarding the District Court ruling to return the gray wolf to the endangered species list:

"Minnesota Farm Bureau is incredibly disappointed in the ruling to return the gray wolf to the endangered species list. The gray wolf is a success story for the Endangered Species list which is intended to be a tool for recovery, not permanent protected status for animals that are now thriving. Management of the gray wolf should remain with the states

which can implement specific management plans. It is time for the ESA to work as it was intended and to remove species that no longer warrant its protections."

About the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation is an advocate for agriculture, driven by the beliefs and policies of our over 30,000 member families and 78 county groups. Learn more about our efforts as an advocate for rural Minnesota at www.fbmn.org.



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