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Foundation elects three new board members

Steven Anderson, of Warroad, elected new chair

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) is pleased to announce the election of three new members to its Board of Directors and the election of a new Chair.

The three new board members are:

•Jill Johnson, of Park Rapids, a retired physical therapist who, along with her husband, opened an independent bookstore, Beagle Books, in downtown Park Rapids. She is a writer, former Kinship mentor, previous Chair of the Park Rapids Library Board, a board member for Itasca Outdoor Club, sings with the Classic Chorale, a member of the Park Rapids Tennis Association, and prior secretary/member of the Region 2 Arts Council. Jill serves on the Healthy Hubbard County 2030 Committee and is a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. Jill graduated from the Blandin Leadership Program in 2006.

•Connie Lindstrom, of Hallock, a Business Analyst whose work is focused on value-added agriculture in rural areas. She specializes in strategic planning, financial reporting/modeling, and advisory services for biofuels production facilities. She has prior experience with crisis centers and tries to see plans and programs from the perspective of a person whose resources are stretched or in crisis.

•Bruce Reeves, of Red Lake Falls, an Assistant Professor at the University of North Dakota, where he has taught Social Work for 17 years. Previously, he was Executive Director of the Violence Intervention Project in Thief River Falls. He has been a practicing social worker for 38 years and is committed to social and environmental justice. He has served on the Board and as Chair for the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and is



Steven Anderson

currently on the Board of Northwest Apartments, a program of Alluma in Crookston (formerly Northwestern Minnesota Mental Health Center).

NMF board members are elected to serve four-year terms, with the ability to serve two terms.

Steven Anderson, of War-

road, was elected as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. Anderson is a private practice attorney, serving as the City Attorney for Warroad and Baudette. He is active in his community, having served as the Chair for the Warroad Area Community Fund. He was first appointed to the NMF Board of Directors in 2014 and previously served as the Vice Chair.

The changes to the Board of Directors were voted on at the annual meeting, at the conclusion of which three long-term board members stepped down: Kristin Eggerling, of Hallock, Chair; Cathy Forgit, of Fertile, Secretary; and Leah Pigatti, of Park Rapids, a previous Treasurer. Each served not only two complete terms but also a one-year extension due to a bylaws amendment that allowed for such during times of emergencies, such as a pandemic.



Three longtime members of the NMF Board of Directors were recently recognized for their contributions to the Foundation as their terms on the Board came to an end. Pictured are, from left: Kristin Eggerling, of Hallock, Chair; Karen White, NMF President/CEO; and Cathy Forgit, of Fertile, Secretary. Not pictured is Leah Pigatti, of Park Rapids, a previous Treasurer.

Bemidji Community Theater presents "Room Service" by Neil Simon

Mark your calendars to enjoy the new Bemidji Community Theater (BCT) Performing Arts Center in beautiful, arty, downtown Bemidji, (316 Beltrami Ave.) where BCT presents for your approval, Neil Simon's "Rumors."

Directed by the versatile thespian Derrick Houle, who has also directed the following memorable productions, Wait Until Dark, Arsenic & Old Lace, Stalag 17, Tom Jones, On Golden Pond, Bedroom Farce, Room Service, Boeing Boeing, and more.

Plan to attend a performance on Feb. 11, 12, 13, & 18, 19, or 20, for Bemidji Community Theater's presentation of "Rumors," a farce by Neil Simon and Directed by Derrick Houle. The curtain goes up Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and Sunday Matinees at 2 pm.

Tickets for all shows on sale, at Iverson's Corner Drug and Ken K. Thompson Jewelers in Bemidji...and at the door. Children are \$6.00, Elders \$12.00, and Adults \$15.00.

Wearing a mask is one way to protect others, as well as yourself. Masks are Required for Audience Members.

Rumors, a Farce, by Neil Simon, Directed by Derrick Houle

Players: Mitch Blessing as Ken Gorman, A well-spoken, handsome attorney. A bit high strung.

Sasha Almendinger as Chris Gorman female, Ken's elegant and attractive wife. A bit high strung.

Steven Mayer as Lenny Ganz, An accountant who has just wrecked his brand new BMW. Irascible, sarcastic, and very likable.

Allison Cease as Claire Ganz, Lenny's gossip-monger, attractive wife. A Westchester, New York housewife type.

Dave Moffit as Ernie Cusack, A smug psychiatrist.

Vicki Stenerson as Cookie Cusack, Ernie's wife and a cooking show host with a bad back. She has a very dramatic, physical personality.

Mark Claussen as Glenn Cooper, An ambitious, polished

man preparing for a run for the state senate. A Kennedy-type.

Rebecca Cue as Cassie Cooper, A jealous type who believes in the healing power of crystals. Glenn's trophy wife. Insecure, sexy, shrewish.

Katie Carpenter as Officer Welch, A vigorous, straight-talking, veteran police officer

Synopsis:

At a small quaint town house in Palisades, about 20 miles north of New York city, Charlie and Myra Brock are about to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary. They have invited four couples over for a celebration dinner. However, The Deputy Mayor of New York, Charlie Brock, has just been shot and Myra is nowhere to be found. Being the first to arrive, his lawyer Ken and his wife Chris, upon their discovery, are left with the task of figuring out what has happened and what exactly to tell the rest of the guests as they arrive. Was it attempted suicide or was it attempted murder? Let the Rumors begin.

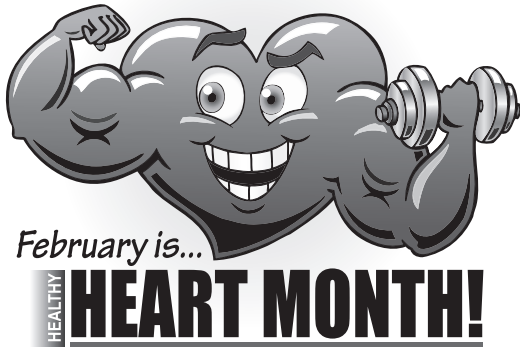
or interests, just to name a few.

The deadline to apply for most of the scholarships is April 15, 2022.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support one of our existing scholarship funds, please visit www.nwmf.org.

www.nwmf.org by clicking on "scholarships" at the top of the homepage. You will be required to create an online account and take the eligibility quiz to begin the application process. From there, the online application will provide you with a list of the scholarships you are eligible to apply for, based on your answers from the eligibility quiz.

Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$4,000. There is a variety of scholarships available, including those for students in specific districts and extracurriculars, and for those with specific intended majors



February is...
HEALTHY HEART MONTH!

Wednesday, February 2, 2022



Get outside to stay active and healthy this winter!

City of Fosston Outdoor Ice Rink

Save your Sunday early afternoons in February

Fitness Fever is back for the month of February, featuring our great outdoor activity locations across Polk County. Polk County Public Health, the Polk County Wellness Coalition, and many amazing community partners and volunteers are excited to highlight this year's outdoor family activities and the variety of active living choices we have available right here in our area. Winter is an important time to get outdoors and find ways to connect with nature. Upcoming February Fitness Fever activities can provide you with positive experiences, resources and tools that make it easier for you to get out, have fun, move your body, and remain active and connected to nature this winter. Outdoor family activities will be offered every Sunday in February across Polk County and are free for the entire region.

The month's events kick off on Sunday, February 6th at the Sandhills in Fertile for the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center's Winter Fest! Come out for a variety of free activities at the AELC, located nearby the Fertile Golf Course. From 1:00pm to 5:00pm, you can enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, schmoosh races, snow games, activity stations, sleigh rides, prizes and refreshments! AELC is located at 400 Summit Ave SW in Fertile. Contact Stacy Erickson or Lisa Liden at (218) 945-3136 or cityoffertile@gmail.com with questions. This experience is sure to result in many future trips to this

wonderful regional amenity throughout every season!

Join us on Sunday, February 13th for Sledding & Snowshoeing in **Crookston's Central Park!** Meet us at the Crookston Pool Parking Lot or the top of Central Park to do some sledding or try out snowshoeing. Free snowshoes will be available in various sizes. Bring your family and your sleds for an afternoon of outdoor activities and a bonfire from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Sunday, February 20th will be a free Ice Skating Day at the new Ray Ecklund Complex outdoor skating rink! We are excited to partner with the **City of Crookston** to offer free skating from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Ice skates in various sizes will be available for use for youth and adults. Be sure to also get out and explore other outdoors rinks in Polk County including the **City of Fertile** Lighted Skating Rink at JD Mason Park on the west side of Second Ave; the **City of Fosston** Outdoor Ice Rink located at the Softball Complex on the Northeast end of town; and Nash Park and Stauss Park Outdoor Rinks in **East Grand Forks**.

The final Sunday of the month on February 27th will be a new and exciting Ice Fishing Day! This day will be for new to beginner ice fishers with equipment and volunteers available to learn everything you need to have a successful first fishing experience! Stay tuned for further details.

We are excited to again announce that Fitness Fever attendees can get free rides to and from the Crookston activities on February 13th, 20th, & 27th from Tri-Valley Transportation, T.H.E. Bus. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please call Tri-Valley at 1-800-201-3432 by 4:30pm on the Friday before the Sunday event you wish to attend. Tri-Valley will have the final return trip depart from the events at 3:00pm. Thank you to Tri-Valley for making our events more accessible to all!

Children and adults of all ages and skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend these free fitness events. Connecting to the outdoors and remaining active improves physical health, mental well-being, and social connectedness. There are many safe, easy, and free to low-cost healthy family activities that you can try outdoors in Polk County. Remember to dress in layers and take time this winter to experience the fun and activity winter can provide! The outdoor fun doesn't stop in February; we encourage families to keep the "fever" going and to keep moving, keep active, and get outdoors all winter long and every season to come.

For more information and resources on where and how to stay active in your community or if you have questions regarding upcoming February Fitness Fever events, contact Amanda Lien Polk County Public Health at 218-281-3385.

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians 2022 Election Timeline

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Establishment of residency-required of candidates

Friday, February 18, 2022. Rules must be published or posted

1st Wednesday, day to file for February candidacy 2, 2022

Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Last day to file for candidacy. Preliminary candidates list is posted. Preliminary eligible voters list is posted.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Deadline for withdrawal of candidacy.

Friday, March 4, 2022. Deadline for voter change of residency.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Final eligible voters list is posted.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Deadline for posting of the certified candidates list.

Monday, March 14, 2022. Absentee balloting begins.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Deadline for district election boards to be appointed.

Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Deadline for ballot counting watchers.

Friday, May 13, 2022. Deadline for Election Day Poll Observers.

Monday, May 16, 2022. Absentee ballot committee at Red Lake Embassy - Minneapolis, Red Lake Urban Office - Duluth, Oshkiimaajitahdah Office - Bemidji.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

ELECTION DAY Polls open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are due by 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 19, 2022. Posting of the certified election results

Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Deadline for contesting the election

Friday, June 3, 2022. Deadline for the General Election to rule on requests for election contests (if any)

Friday, July 22, 2022. If the election was uncontested, the run-off election must be held before this date

Tuesday, August 2, 2022. If the election was contested, the nm-off election must be held before this date.

Apply for the Northwest Minnesota Annual Art Exhibit — Open Now

Warren, MN. The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce their latest "Call for Entries" for the 2022 Annual Art Exhibit. The deadline to submit your artwork is February 28, 2022!

This year, the annual Art Exhibit will be in Thief River Falls at the NWMAC Gallery at Northland Community and Technical College. Artwork will be immediately put up for viewing at our gallery starting March 7 through the end of

April.

Artists from our 7 county-service region can enter into this art exhibit and will be competing for \$2,300 in cash awards. Artists must reside in Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington, Roseau, or Red Lake counties to be eligible. Both adult and student artists are encouraged to enter. Exhibit cash award winners will be chosen while the exhibit is on display by a qualified juror. They will be recognized and

receive their check at the Artist Reception in Thief River Falls at the end of April.

Visit our website at <https://northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/nwmnartsexhibit-apply> for more information, including the exhibit entry rules and directions. If you would like the application mailed to you, please contact our office 218-745-8886 or director@nwartscouncil.org. The application must be submitted no later than February 28, 2022.

Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery NCTC in Thief River Falls through February 28 Artist Reception Saturday, February 12 from 3 to 5 pm

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is pleased to announce Celebrations: The Ceramic Art of Betsy Saurdiff. The exhibit is open through February 28 at the NWMAC Gallery at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls.

People love to celebrate special occasions. This new collection of pottery will make these celebrations even more special. Saurdiff explained, "Some art is put on the shelf or on the wall without interaction, a passive statement by the artist to be interpreted by the viewer. Functional pottery crosses this divide because it is meant to be touched and used, a conversation between the pottery and the user. This is why I make functional pottery. I hope you enjoy the exhibit."

You won't want to miss this pottery exhibit! Please join us for an Artist Reception with Betsy on Saturday, February 12 from 3 to 5 pm at the gallery.

The NWMAC Gallery is located at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30-5 PM and at other times when events are held at the college. Enter through Door A. Visitor parking is free and at this time in the large end lot.

For more information about our exhibits look to our website at www.NWArtsCouncil.org, watch the video below, and/or watch the Artist Spotlight with Betsy.



The Ceramic Art of Betsy Saurdiff.

Minnesota students named to NDSU dean's list

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 25— Area Minnesota students were among the 3,850 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2021 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the summer list.

Bagley Cori Bonick, Pharmacy; Andrea M. Friborg, Biological Sciences; Hallie Lind-

gren, Business Administration; Katelyn Lindgren, Human Dev. and Family Science; Emma Mattfield, Exercise Science
Clearbrook, Jennifer Lavin, Art

Erskine, Alex P. Jacobson, Management Information Systems

Fosston, Katlyn A. Balstad Management Communication; Trent Balstad, Computer Engineering; Jaime Carlin, Radiologic Sciences; Jordyn O. Manecke, Nursing; Emma Olson, Strategic Communication; Jaxon Paulson, Physical Education; Lengby, Kyle Jacobson, Construction Management

Mentor, Brekken M. Lindberg, Mechanical Engineering; Christopher M. Longtin, Crop and Weed Sciences; Grant Wilson, Agribusiness

Plummer, Andrew Fish, Geology

Red Lake Falls, Carter Williams, Exercise Science

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Johnson: Senate Focused on Getting Minnesota Back on the Right Track

ST. PAUL, MN – On Wednesday, Senate Republicans held a press conference to announce session priorities to get Minnesota on the Right Track. Their focus this session will be on affording everyday life, reducing crime, and empowering parents. Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) released the following statement addressing his caucus priorities this upcoming session:

"The Senate is prioritizing tackling the tough issues that most Minnesotans care about," Johnson said. "We are working to reduce costs and give significant tax relief for Minnesota families, improve public safety, and empower parents in their children's education. So much of our state is on the wrong track and we are committed to implementing common-sense solutions to get Minnesota back on the right track."

The state's projected \$7.7 billion surplus will be one of the most discussed items in St. Paul. Following record inflation, Senate Republicans are pitching a series of tax cuts targeted to working Minnesotans, families, and seniors to help them afford their everyday life. Republicans passed several tax cuts in the last five years including the first income rate tax cuts in 20 years.

Record violent crime levels are dominating the headlines. The Senate is focused on addressing the urgent need to increase police presence, provide the tools and resources to fight crime, and recruit and retain police officers. Much of the crime wave can be attributed to extreme policies that only embolden bad actors. The Senate's policies will take a tough-on-crime approach. These policies have the goal of reducing crime, holding criminals accountable, and giving justice to victims.

Finally, the closure of schools due to COVID has been an eye-opening experience for parents across the state. Across the nation, many parents have raised concerns about their kids' education coming at the cost of political activism. To that end, Republicans propose increasing transparency and accountability in our school system and are working to empower parents to be active partners in their child's education.

Senate Republicans have had control of the Senate since 2017 and consistently stopped harmful tax increases on working and low-income Minnesotans. They stabilized the health care market in 2017 with the very successful reinsurance program, passed record funding for students in schools. Senate Republicans also continue to reduce burdensome regulations on Main Street businesses and support economic development across the state.

Polk County Sheriff

House Fire

On 1-29-2022 at approximately 1810 hours the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Fosston Fire Department were dispatched to 221 S Mark Ave in the City of Fosston. Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputies were first on scene and observed that the occupants 67-year-old Debra Aspen, 45-year-old Lisa Aspen and one juvenile had exited the home. None of the occupants were injured as a result of the fire. The house was a total loss.

Winger Fire Department, Essentia Ambulance Service and the Minnesota state Patrol assisted. This case is under investigation, no further details will be released at this time.

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Join us on February 5th, starting at 9AM for a beginner's sewing class. We will go from **start to finish** using the pattern Sawtooth Star Table Topper. We will do the cutting, sewing, quilting & binding.

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Please use caution as open water and thin ice conditions can fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked area!

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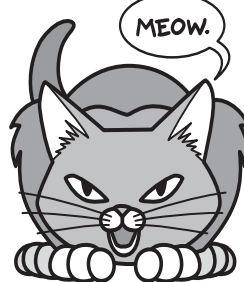
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Strategic Farming: Let’s talk crops! compares and contrasts managing corn grown for silage or grain

St. Paul, MN (01/24/2022)—It should be a surprise to none that drought dominated conversation topics during the 2021 growing season. As dairy or beef cattle producers struggled to source enough feed to support their herds, using - corn crops initially planned for grain harvest for livestock feed was not an uncommon phenomenon. While there are similarities in how best to produce corn destined for grain or silage, there are also important differences that may influence crop management during the 2022 growing season. On January 19, 2022, Drs. Joe Lauer, University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison corn agronomist, and Luiz Ferrareto, UW-Madison ruminant nutritionist, joined UMN Extension educators for a wide-ranging discussion of how best to manage corn harvested as grain or silage crops.

Whether corn is grown for grain or silage, one of the top factors that can influence yield and quality is hybrid selection. Dr. Lauer said that in his hybrid trials over the years that the top- and bottom-performing hybrids can vary by up to 70 bushels per acre when grown for grain and up to 3.5 tons of dry matter per acre when grown for silage. “This translates into about a \$350 or so economic swing just based on this decision,” Lauer continued.

When selecting a silage hybrid, focus on those that provide the highest yield and highest quality. When Lauer examined milk per ton and milk per acre

in the hybrid trials, the difference in milk per acre between the top and bottom hybrids was 11,500 pounds of milk. “It pays to be able to make a good decision in picking some of those hybrids,” he adds.

Several factors affect corn silage digestibility. When corn is chopped for silage, approximately 50-55% of the dry matter is green plant material (stover) such as leaves and stalks and around 45-50% is grain. Approximately 40 to 70% of the stover is digested by ruminants, and digestibility is dependent upon hybrid, cutting height and moisture, efficacy of fermentation and crop maturity. Approximately 30% of the grain is starch, of which 80-98% is digestible in the rumen, and dependent upon the size of the kernel particles.

Corn maturity at chopping time affects hardness of the kernels. As maturity progresses, kernel hardness goes up and digestibility decreases. “The harder the kernel is, the harder it is to break at harvest,” according to Dr. Ferrareto. When too-dry or too-mature corn is chopped for silage, more kernels will be left intact. Since both dairy and beef cattle need to eat 60 to 70 pounds of feed (dry matter) per day, they tend to eat far faster and break far fewer kernels than we would imagine, meaning that much of the crop’s starch content moves through the rumen undigested.

Maturity at harvest can affect fermentation quality. As the crop matures and moisture

content decreases, conditions for fermentation also decrease. This is because the microorganisms that carry out fermentation cannot move and spread as well in the silo, bunker or bag containing the silage crop. Dr. Ferrareto suggests that when using whole plants chopped to make silage, “we usually suggest people shoot for 65-67% moisture content as this is the optimum moisture content for fermentation”. Silage pH and storage length is also affected by moisture content, with less stable, higher pHs occurring with higher dry matter content. Good fermentation also affects the digestibility of starch, the most energy-rich contents of silage.

A high yielding variety -from a grain perspective- should also be a consideration as this can offer the grain- and silage-corn producer some flexibility as to whether or not to chop the crop for silage or harvest it for grain. Good standability and pest resistance are also important considerations for flexibility in crop use as healthier foliage tends to result in greener, higher-quality silage. Over the years in the Wisconsin corn hybrid trials, transgenic hybrids (particularly those that express European corn borer Bt traits) have tended to out-yield conventional hybrids and so Dr. Lauer urges great care when selecting high-yielding conventional hybrids.

Source: Angie Peltier (apel-tier@umn.edu) and Phyllis Bongard (bonga028@umn.edu)

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By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



I have owned two Allis Chalmers tractors in my life. One was a WC. Let's take a look at the WC tractor. It was introduced in 1933 as the country was trying to crawl out of the grips of the stock market crash and depression. Year after year sales increased peaking in 1937 and staying strong through the end of it's production in 1948. The WC was known as a "square tractor" because it had a four in bore and four inch stroke. It was rated by the Nebraska test having 21 drawbar hp. The base price was \$675 dollars on steel although being a leader in the rubber tire industry most WC's were delivered on rubber. Total production was 178,000

making it one of Allis Chalmers most successful tractors.

I am not a travel agent but if you're free the third weekend in July, I have an idea for you!! Go to Hutchinson, Minnesota, for the Orange Spectacular. This event started out at the Karg Farm. I had the good fortune of attending this event a few different times. Now for a man who loves green tractors this may seem out of place, but this all Allis Chalmers show is a great one!! Now the event is held at the McLeod County Fairgrounds on the southwest side of Hutchinson. This past summer's feature was the WD Allis Chalmers tractor although I myself still love the WC vintage tractors. A few years ago

the show did feature the WC. If you are a fan of YouTube you can find many videos of WC's working at that show. There is threshing, baling, plowing, combining and so on. (This can provide hours of enjoyment, just ask my wife!!) WCs and WDs just a few of the Persian Orange greats!

Since February 7th is the birthday of a real Allis Chalmers man, Bruce Bjerklie this article is dedicated to him. Hope you have a great birthday!

How about a little tractor trivia

1. The suggested price for a WC on steel was \$675. What did one cost at the same time on rubber?
A) \$725 B) \$825 C) \$925
2. Where did the president of Allis Chalmers get the idea for there orange color?
3. What was the name of the Allis Chalmers patented round balers?
4. What is the name of the Allis Chalmers model that used WC frame but the smaller engine from a Model C?
5. What was the first tractor model driven by Ambrose Beaudoin and Morris Hendrickson?

Answers 1. B) \$825 2. a field of poppies 3. Roto-balers 4. RC 5. WC



Here is picture of Bruce Bjerklie and one of the many Bjerklie WD tractors!



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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If you drive a commercial vehicle, you're required to carry three emergency triangles and place them in three locations during a stop. Emergency tri-

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Small Town...Home Town

It was time for a home town visit. Soon the snow would fly and the winter weather would stop me in my tracks and as the route home hadn't been traveled for some time, now was the time.

The hours of travel flew by as I drove the familiar route. Upon arrival, the home grown memories were everywhere and like a kid in a candy store, I made my way around town. Down the neatly organized isles of the local grocery, shops along main, the route taken to school for many a year, and the church on the hill all loomed large. The local library felt welcoming as did the baseball park and playgrounds scattered about. The stern gray metal bridge acting as a gateway to the pool each summer had been replaced with a more up-to-date structure, and it was evident that those who remained maintained the hometown well. I was proud.

Many a building had been resurrected in ways to better serve. A second hand store supported the church, a museum had replaced one of the hardware stores, an empty building now turned restaurant waited upon the locals, and all seemed to be in full bloom including the

flower shop which had taken over the former drug store. Even the hospital, no longer used as such, now held the area food shelf, offering dignity to all who entered. The volunteers were a plenty and I was proud of my community from whence I'd come.

After visiting those whom I'd come to see, I made my way out of town. However, the steering wheel seemed to have power all its own as it took a turn to the right and headed in the direction of one final resting spot.

Up the familiar gravel road the car drove and as a passenger within, I knew exactly where it was going. Coming to a full stop, I opened the door and set my feet upon the ground. The evergreen swags invited as did the gray headstone looming beneath it.

It was mom's grave. Her dark brown eyes came to mind as a vision of her walking down main greeting others with a smile pushed its way into my thoughts. Engaging others in conversation was her gift. Whether on her way to the Post Office, grocery store, hardware store, or school, she never passed another without an encouraging word, smile, or full conversation. For hours she had knelt in prayer within the

brick church upon the hill and memories poured in about how she'd poured herself out.

As I looked up, surrounding mom were the names upon many a grave of those who had walked beside her. Row after row of names waved welcome as I stood beside mom's grave and now, along with them, she was among the communion of saints.

Every town has them, you know, the saints who have gone before those still remaining. "For in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

I was and will always be forever grateful for small town community which is faithful because He is faithful. In an ever changing world, that will never change. Amen.



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Letter to the Editor

January 23, 2022

Dear Friend:

It's been an eventful couple of weeks back in D.C.

The Democrats tried and failed in their attempt to federalize all elections by inserting two partisan bills, the Freedom to Vote and Voting Rights Advancement Act, into a bill about NASA equipment. It was a last-ditch effort to cater to the Senate Majority's attempts to get something passed for their radical base, even though it was clear to everyone the bills would never pass in the Senate.

Senate Democrats also used this failed legislation as an attempt to do away with the filibuster, which of course also failed.

And, last week, the Supreme Court officially blocked President Biden's vaccine mandates for large employers, saying the Administration "lacked authority to impose the mandate." This Supreme Court decision was a huge win for the American people, but we cannot forget that healthcare facilities accepting Medicare and Medicaid were not included in this decision. I will continue to advocate for our healthcare workers against all government overreach. You can read my press release on the decision here.

These things were just the cherries on top of a year filled with failure for the Biden Administration.

A Year of Biden Failures

Since President Biden took office a year ago the U.S. has faced:

A border crisis: Biden has stopped border wall construction, resumed President Obama's catch-and-release policies, and wants to provide mass amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants. This has resulted in an increase in human trafficking, drug smuggling leading to a dramatic increase in overdoses, crime, and a lack of respect for our existing immigration system.

Increased homicides: Following a year of "defund the police" rhetoric from Biden and Congressional Democrats, over a dozen major U.S. cities had record high homicide rates in 2021, including Minnesota's capitol, St. Paul.

An energy crisis: This Administration's anti-energy policies are costing Americans jobs

and increasing energy prices. He prefers to cancel pipelines in the U.S. that would increase energy independence and encourage Russia to build pipelines, forcing us to depend on adversaries for fuel and paying more for it.

Record-high inflation: The 1st major piece of legislation Democrats passed was a \$1.9 trillion spending package that Democrat Larry Summers warned would cause higher inflation. It did. Prices are spiking for just about everything from eggs to propane while real wages decrease, costing the average worker nearly 2 paychecks last year.

A workforce shortage and supply chain crisis: Biden's policies have led to a labor shortage, disrupting our supply chains. Last year, I introduced the STOP the GRINCH Act to alleviate the problem. Of course, Pelosi still hasn't put it on the House Floor for a vote.

A failed exit from Afghanistan: Biden chose to withdraw from Afghanistan in the worst way possible, evacuating our troops before evacuating all our citizens, leading to the death of 13 service members in an attack. Many Americans are still trapped in the Taliban-controlled country. Late last year, the State Department estimated that about 300 U.S. citizens are still in the country.

A lack of voter confidence: The amount of voters who say they're "very confident" in our election security dropped from 37% to 20%. Democrats have responded to this crisis by pushing a radical election takeover bill that helps make permanent the decreased election safeguards that cause so many problems in 2020 while giving billions of public dollars to campaigns.

49 Years After the Tragic Roe v Wade Decision

This week marks the 49th anniversary of the tragic Roe v Wade decision, which has cost more than 60 million unborn lives and left an irreversible mark on countless mothers, fathers, and families.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, I believe every innocent life is precious from conception until natural death, but for five decades, abortion has remained one of the biggest tragedies in our nation. This week, I joined

House Republican Whip Steve Scalise in writing an opinion piece on how the U.S. is ready for a world without Roe v Wade and highlights our hope that this is the last March for Life with Roe as the law of the land.

I also joined several colleagues in writing a letter to the Acting FDA Commissioner urging them to answer questions regarding noninvasive prenatal tests. While I am grateful and impressed by the advances in science and technology around ensuring safe pregnancies, I urge the FDA Acting Commissioner to take our questions seriously and respond quickly. It is irresponsible for these non-invasive prenatal tests to be issued with such a high rate of inaccuracy. I am also very worried parents are being pressured to take these tests, not as a way to prepare for the arrival of their child, but as a financial windfall for manufacturers that results in the termination of innocent life.

House Ag Committee Leader GT Thompson invited me to Pennsylvania Farm Show. We toured the arena, which was filled with everything from show animals to a massive hall of goods from local growers and producers. And, because the Majority has been dragging their feet on scheduling hearings and stakeholder meetings in preparation for the Farm Bill, we held our own listening session from the ag community, including FFA representatives and community leaders, to hear where Congress should be directing their focus.

I met with the Association of Minnesota Counties President, Lac qui Parle County Commissioner Todd Patzer. We discussed the association's priorities for 2022 like federal pandemic response, workforce shortages, and telemedicine flexibility.

I recently met with the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers to talk about sustainability and regulatory issues, economic conditions, and more.

Coming Up

Next week I'm back in the District to meet with my Agriculture Advisory Committees, stop by several local businesses, and meet with constituents.

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

Sincerely,

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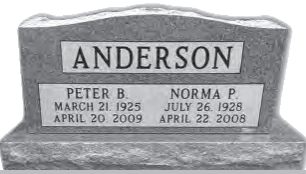
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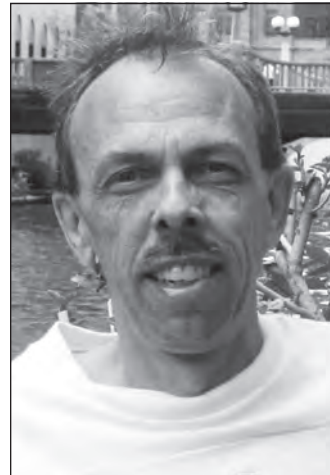
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Obituary for James L. Bagne

James L. Bagne (63) passed away on December 8, 2021 due to complications of pneumonia at Essentia Health Hospital, Fargo, N.D. Jim's Celebration of Life February 12, 2022 Samhold Lutheran Church, Gonvick, MN Visitation: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Celebration of Life 12:30 Pastor Bob Bagne will officiate

A complete obituary will be in next weeks paper.





Obituary for Jerome S. Strand

Jerome S. Strand age 66 of Erskine, Minnesota passed away on Monday, January 24th at his mother's home while on Hospice surrounded by his family.

Jerome was born in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota on December 25, 1955, to parents Stanley and Bonnie (Anderson) Strand. He was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran church in Erskine and graduated from Erskine High School in 1974. After graduation, Jerome traveled with Midway of Fun Shows for a summer. After that Jerome was employed different places including American Crystal Sugar, City of Erskine, 20 years with Bob Lerfald Electric, Bobcat/ Erskine Attachments, 5 years in Texas at Home Depot, 17 years as the projectionist at the Lesdan Theater in Fosston, he also served for several

years on the East Polk County Fair Board. His meticulous abilities showed through in all his work but especially noted by Electrical State Inspectors. Jerome's artistic talents began at a young age when he created a working miniature carnival using small motors and tinker toys which he displayed at various local county fairs. Hobbies included wood burned, color stained posters and plaques, full length feature films and collecting vintage Fair memorabilia to name a few. Jerome provided assistance to family and friends whenever there was a need and even at times for complete strangers.

Jerome loved to visit, reminisce, share jokes and watch movies with friends and family.

Jerome is survived by his mother, Bonnie Strand of Erskine, sisters Renee (Ron) Howe of Erskine, Jacalyn (Jeff) Hendrickson of Bismark, North Dakota, Jill (Jeff) Sartori of Crofton, Maryland, Becky (Brian) Anderson of Cambridge, Minnesota, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Grandparents, and his beloved dogs Gretel and Princess.

Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at <www.carlinfuneral.com>

The family intends to have a memorial service in the Spring of 2022.



Obituary for Nancy McKnight

Nancy Lucille McKnight (nee Sormrud) died peacefully in the early morning hours of January 23, 2022 at the age of 97 years 6 months at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, Minnesota.

Nancy was born the youngest of four children to Fred and Ethel Sormrud on June 22, 1924 in Hillsboro, Wisconsin. She grew up in a farming community where she developed her love of nature, gardening and animals. To the end of her life, she could give you exact driving directions to the farm in Hillsboro.

Nancy left the farm at a young age and obtained her cosmetology license. She operated, managed and owned beauty salons in Wisconsin and Illinois. While living in Chicago, she married Edward McKnight with whom she had two children, Cathy Jo and Joseph Sean.

Nancy loved to travel and was known to head out on a road trip at a moment's notice. In the 60's she purchased a VW pop up camper van, and proceeded to tour National parks on annual summer camping trips with her children. In 1967, on a

trip through northern Minnesota, she fell in love with the area around Spring Lake in Lengby and moved with her children to Lengby in 1968. There she enjoyed her gardens, the wildlife and walks through her woods.

Nancy was a private person who valued family, hard work, strong friendships and lifelong learning. After her children were grown, she continued her education, obtaining college degrees in human services and accounting. She had a long and varied series of occupations, from driving a gravel truck to finding employment opportunities for senior citizens, finally retiring at the age of 78.

Nancy is survived by her children, Cathy Jo Gunvalson (Ken) and J. Sean McKnight, grandchildren Paige Gunvalson (Nick Stuber), Carly Gunvalson, Joe Gunvalson, John McKnight (Stephanie) and Jacob McKnight, great grandchildren Jackson and Addie McKnight, Emmett and Elijah McKnight, nephew Wayne Sormrud (Lib) and niece Sandra Alvarado (Fred), grand nieces Kristin Lowere (Tom), Lisa Alvarado, Lori Whittier (Tom) and grand nephew Kent Sormrud (Sharon). She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Morlon (Ella) Sormrud, Sherman Sormrud and her sister Hazel Dimitroff (Rod).

Blessed be her memory.

A private family celebration of Nancy's life will be held at a future date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy would like that donations be made to a local hospice organization of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for Gary Schommer

Gary Schommer, age 60, of McIntosh, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, January 25th, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 29th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh with the Rev. Keith Zeh officiating. Interment in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, McIntosh, in the spring. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. The service was recorded and available on the Carlin website. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Gary Richard Schommer was born on May 22, 1961, in Devils Lake, North Dakota to parents Gilbert and Darlene (Janowski) Schommer. He graduated from Fordville High School and North Dakota State University with a degree in Agriculture Economics. He continued to be a devoted Bison fan, along with the Minnesota Vikings

and Twins.

Gary worked for over 30 years for Farm Service Agency while making his home in McIntosh, where he met his wife, Rebecca Carlson.

Gary was very involved in his community of McIntosh. He was a volunteer Fireman and First Responder; a member of The Men's Action Club, and the Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed playing on the men's golfing league and the men's baseball league, as well as hunting, fishing, gardening, and cards night with the guys.

Gary was most proud continuing his father's tradition of making Schommer Sausage with his family. Anytime with Gary was a fun time and could find humor in the hardest of moments. He leaves each one of his family and friends with a cherished "story". Gary had a caring attitude and was always willing to help out when needed.

Gary will be dearly missed by his wife, Rebecca, of 32 years; three daughters, Danelle of Fargo, ND, Jenna (Nick) Drellack of McIntosh, and Marea (Donley) Gryskiewicz of Warren, MN; his mother, Darlene, of Grand Forks, ND; two brothers, Doug of Fargo, ND and Wayne of Fargo, ND; two sisters, Deb (Kent) Whaley of Fordville, ND and Joanne (Shawn) Freije of Duluth, MN; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Schommer; and sister, Karen Schommer.

Honorary Pallbearers: Gary's Nieces and Nephews

Current and Past Members of McIntosh Fire & Rescue

Active Pallbearers: Nephews, Shane Whaley, Ryan Whaley, Jack Whaley, Seth Freije, Justin Carlson, and Jason Carlson.

Submit Obituaries to richards@gvtel.com



Obituary for Gary Eck

On January 24th, Gary Eck of Gonvick, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home with family by his side.

Gary was born on January 29th, 1949 in the Bagley Hospital. He was the first born of Russell T. and Vivian B. (Schmunk) Eck. He grew up just east of Gonvick on the family farm. He was confirmed in the Faith of Jesus Christ at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick by Rev. E.M. Berg in the spring of 1963. Gary was very active in sports throughout high school, enjoying both football and baseball. Gary graduated as a Gonvick Bulldog in May 1967, along with five other cousins that were in his class. Immediately after graduation he and others from the class headed to the Twin Cities to seek their fortunes with good jobs. He pumped gas for a short time at a small station on Lake Street during the time of the 1967 riots. He started working at Thermo King Corporation in Bloomington as a spot welder in the fall of 1967. In the summer of 1972, he met his soon-to-be wife, Joy Ulrich, when she took a job at Thermo King as a temporary summer worker. Joy became Gary's spot welder "helper" in the spring of 1973. Gary and Joy were married on August 17th, 1974 in an outdoor wedding on the lawn of Gary's parents' home. In the spring of 1975, expecting their first child, they left their jobs and headed north with the desire to raise their family in the beautiful north country of Gary's home town and go into dairy farming. They did not find a farm immediately, so for a time Gary took schooling for Dairy Cow Artificial Insemination and worked as a local technician in addition to selling Patz barn cleaners. They purchased their farm and built a new dairy and calf barn the summer and fall 1976. Gary belonged to AMPI and was also on the Farm Bureau Board for many years. Their first son Carl was born in 1975, second son Nolan was born in 1979, and their daughter Molly May was

born in 1981. The family was complete. There were some very hard years for farmers in the 1980's, so when an opportunity presented itself, Gary started working nights, part-time, as custodian for the Gonvick School. A couple of years later he sold all of the remaining dairy herd and went to work for the school district in the maintenance department, while continuing to farm small grains with his dad. When the children left home, he took a position in Bemidji as Head Manager of Maintenance for HUD. A couple of years later a similar position opened at Cornerstone Nursing & Rehab in Bagley. Gary worked there while continuing to farm with his son Nolan until he retired in 2014. From retirement until his passing Gary continued to actively farm with his son.

Gary lived simply, spoke few words and was happiest and most content to be home. His love for his children and grandchildren surpassed all else. Gary's legacy will live on in his children and grandchildren. He had deep Faith in God to get thru every situation and he trusted God completely, thru every trial even the prolonged trial of cancer. We, his family and friends, grieve over our loss, but are thankful he is home with the Lord and those that have gone before him.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Eck of Gonvick, MN; his children, Carl (Corryn) Eck of Baudette, MN, Nolan (Jessica) Eck of Leonard, MN, and Molly (Jeremiah) Witucki of Eden Prairie, MN; his grandchildren, Charles Eck, Sarah Eck, Arthur Eck, Elsie Eck, Maxwell Witucki, Hadley Witucki, and Emme Witucki; his siblings, Jim Eck and Jennifer (Joel) Kvsager; siblings-in-law, Danny (Mary) Ulrich, Doug (Jackie) Ulrich, Dean (Janice) Ulrich, Julie (Keith) Roberts, and Jennifer (Eric) Kjensrud; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loved family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell Theodore and Vivian Bernice (Schmunk) Eck; his parents-in-law, Roger John and Kathleen Fay (Monson) Ulrich; his grandparents; his nephew, Michael Roberts; his grandniece, Kia Sanford; and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a time of fellowship an hour prior. There will be a luncheon at the church following the service. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

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Death Notice for Marvel Flateland

Marvel Flateland, 59, died on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at Essential Health in Fargo, ND.

Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family

Funeral Home of Bagley, Minnesota

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for James Short, III

James Howard Short, III born on January 19, 1973, passed away on January 22, 2022, in Leonard, Minnesota.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Arizona. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

James was born in Fort Worth, Texas to James H. Short, Jr. and Brenda Pruitt. He spent most of his younger years in Alvarado, Texas, a 1992 graduate of Alvarado High School. Immediately after high school, he entered the Air Force where his career field was SP, U. S. Air Force Security Forces, he spent a ten-year career in locations like Turkey, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, to name a few. After his military career, he continued law enforcement in Phoenix, Arizona for another ten years. For the past three,

he had worked at Gustafson & Goudge, Inc. in Clearbrook, MN. Moving from balmy Phoenix to the cold North Country to work for a good friend.

James was a very loyal Cowboy fan, win or loss. During his younger years in youth association and high school, he participated and excelled in all sports. Even pitching and boasting a left-handed no-hitter when he played for the Alvarado Youth Association.

James met the love of his life, Nikki Wright in Arizona. They later moved to Minnesota with James's best friend Dylan Goudge. Then got married in 2020 in San Diego, California in a beautiful beach side wedding. The perfect and dream wedding for both. The couple traveled to Hawaii to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

James is survived by his loving wife Nikki Short, daughter Passion Short, stepsons Gabriel and Micheal Nunez, father James Short, Jr and mother Brenda Pitchford, Stepmother Beverly Short, Sister Charlotte Pyonk and husband Thomas, Stepbrother Jason Woolard, Nephews Thomas Pyonk, III and Dylan Pyonk, Nieces Jillian Woolard and Georgia Woolard. And many, many friends and relatives from his new family.

James is preceded in death by his half-brother Richard Pitchford and grandparents James and Annette Short and Weldon and Edna Pruitt.

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Obituary for Darrell Olson

Darrell Olson, 47, of Leonard, Minnesota passed away peacefully at his home on January 26, 2022.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. There will be a meal after the service at 4:00 p.m. at Dudley's Café in Leonard, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Darrell was born on June 15, 1974 in Bagley, Minnesota to Arthur "Sonny" and Mercedith (Tweet) Olson. He was raised in Leonard and went to school in Clearbrook. He worked for Skoe and a farmer in Middle River before starting at PRD (now known as TEAM) when he was 18. He went on to work at Minnesota Limited, Northern Pipeline, and Wells Technology for a time. Darrell came back to work at TEAM for the last 21 years.

Darrell loved working on engines and competing in Demo Derbies. He enjoyed hunting and ice fishing. He

recently got a Blackstone and became quite the grill master with it. He also specialized in some very tasty pig roasts. Every year, Darrell looked forward to getting together with his "Moondance Family" and taking the music and fun at Moondance Jam. He was always up for a Ranger Ride with Melissa, going for an adventure, or a new project.

He married Melissa Narveson on July 18, 1998 at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN. Together they made a home north of Leonard and raised their family. Darrell loved teaching his kids and grandkids life skills and how to repair engines. He was always very generous with his time and skills. He would drop whatever he was doing to help anyone in need.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Melissa Olson; his children, Tyler (Alex) Narveson, Miranda (Luke) Olson, and Makayla Olson; his grandkids, Allie, Zane, Carter, Chase, Genevieve, Ashtyn, Trevyn, and Brooklyn; his brother, Darrin "Bucky" Olson; his brother-in-law, Brandon Gregory; his sisters-in-law, Kimberlee Gregory and Jessica Olsen; his nieces, Hannah and Gretchen; his mother and father-in-law, LuAnn and Jim Lowth; his grandparents-in-law, Melvin and Grace Olsen; and many other loved family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Trevor Christopher; his parents, Arthur "Sonny" and Mercedith Olson; his sister-in-law, Ashlee Olsen; his father-in-law, Arlan Narveson; and his grandparents.

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Obituary for Sandra Anderson

Sandra "Sandy" Jean Anderson, 71, of Solway, Minnesota died on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at The Real Life Christian Fellowship in Wilton, Minnesota with Pastor Keith Willard. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Sandy was born on June 1, 1950 in Bagley, MN to Willie and Audrey (Hayes) Anderson. She graduated Bagley High School in 1978. She worked a variety of jobs throughout her life, but first

and foremost she was a Mother to everyone.

Sandy enjoyed the Spring season and all its activities such as planting flowers, trees, and gardening. She loved hunting and fishing, picnics, family gatherings, visiting over a cup a of Folger's Coffee and a game of cribbage, the occasional trip to the casino, and of course any and every new baby, no matter the species.

She is survived by her brother, Gary Anderson of Shevlin, MN; her children, Kevin (Carmie) Evenwoll of Shevlin, MN, Brian Platt of Solway, MN, and Kristy Platt of Bagley, MN; her 12 grandchildren, Triston Hutson, Jacob (Shania) Fisher, Trisha Hutson, Shianne Hutson, Shelby Hutson, Dylan Hutson, Alexa Hutson, Jonna Seifert, Joe (Allie) Trego, Sarine Trego, Tamara (Cyrus) Kliner, and Gunnar DuPaul; 7 great grandchildren; her beloved dog, Otis; and many other loved family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Audrey Anderson; her sons, Donnie Dale Hutson and Ronnie Todd Hutson; her brother, Donnie Anderson; and her sister, Charlie Anderson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com

Rep. Green: 2022 session begins in St. Paul

ST. PAUL – Minnesota's 2022 legislative session began Monday and Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston, said tax relief is a top priority in light of the state's projected surplus of \$7.7 billion and growing.

"My top three priorities this session are tax relief, tax relief and still more tax relief," Green said. "Our state is swimming in tax dollars right now, at a time citizens and businesses are being gouged by inflation and lost revenue. Our top priorities this session should include ending the state's tax on Social Security income and also sparing our businesses from the unemployment insurance tax increase a lack of state action will cost them.

"Public safety also will be a major topic of discussion because we need to get a grip on the wave of violent crime in our state. And, as always, I will continue working to defend our constitutional rights this session, from upholding the Second Amendment to protecting the integrity of our elections. I'm honored to be back at the Capitol representing the people of District 2B and look forward to what the next handful of months holds in store."

Green said he welcomes correspondence throughout the session and encourages District 2B residents to call (651) 296-9918 or email rep.steve.green@house.mn to get in touch.

Winter Fest Celebration at Fertile Nature Center Sunday, February 6, 2022

The Agassiz Environmental Learning Center is hosting Winterfest at the Nature Center on Sunday, February 6th from 1 to 5pm. The AELC Nature Center is located at 400 Summit Avenue SW, just west of Fertile. This event is free to attend and open to the public with donations always welcome.

Agassiz ELC will be featuring a wide range of outdoor winter activities for all ages. The AELC has over 10 miles of groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. Skis and snowshoes will be available to all to use free of charge during Winterfest. The AELC has skis of all sizes so the whole family can enjoy the outdoors together.

There are a variety of activities and contests planned throughout the afternoon. Snow snake and smooch races, horse wagon rides provided by Point Paradise Stables of East Grand Forks, educational activity stations, prizes, and refreshments. The snow snake game was

once one of the most popular winter sports enjoyed by Native Americans. Snow snakes are wooden poles that are carved and weighted to slide well over snow or ice.

Smoosh is a team event in which four participants strap themselves onto two 2x4s and race around a course and try to be the fastest team to make it back to the finish line.

For those not interested in skis, snowshoes, or races, the activity stations will offer information about Minnesota Mammals, animal tracks, winter safety and more! There will be campfires around the property to allow for warming periods and public bathrooms are available.

This event is sponsored by the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center, Polk County Public Health, Polk County 4-H, UMC Natural Resources Club, Polk County Farmer's Union and the Sandhill Snow Cruisers.

DNR to survey elk by airplane in northwest Minnesota

Public can document elk observations using new elk sightings tool on the DNR website

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will conduct aerial elk surveys beginning the first week of February in the Kittson County and Grygla elk ranges in northwestern Minnesota. The surveys are conducted annually during the winter, weather permitting.

Aerial survey information is used to monitor elk populations and help the DNR make decisions about future elk harvest regulations.

"We currently have sufficient snow cover to start our elk surveys," said Doug Franke, Thief River Falls area wildlife supervisor and elk survey coordinator. "Our goal is to conduct the surveys during the first two weeks of February."

DNR pilots will fly surveys during daylight hours at an altitude of approximately 200 to 300 feet.

The DNR is also asking for help from those who seen elk recently in their area. People

are encouraged to contact their local DNR office with sighting information:

- Karlstad area wildlife office, 218-436-2427
- Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, 218-222-3747
- Thief River Falls area wildlife office, 218-219-8587

People can also document observations using the new elk sightings tool on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/elk/elk-sightings.html).

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Mustangs vs Cass Lake-Bena Panthers 1-27-22. Cari Bachand with a jump shot in the lane!



RLCC Mustangs vs WEM January 25th. #42 Marissa Thomas with a lay-up.



RLCC Mustangs vs WEM January 25th. #4 Paige Olson passing to teammate #14 Carly Vettleson.

Word Search Answers for last week

A L R N C L U K E G N I R Y S O C L D A E B
Y K K N A B O O T T H E R A P Y E L D O N M D
U C I S M I P S P E T R Y K L D R O N M D
P A K U G R T I M E T S R L M H R I G M D
B U D M E D O S A G E O S C G L R O S U
A I D S A T Z N S P E G Z N B D B A B C D
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S P H M N G R O U M P K N N E I Z Z S N O
R N Y I B L N R I Z P Z U L N O U T O O
P H D T A S Z E I G S T M L N K K R D L
H L U M P H K D P D I S E A S E Y C Z B



Josh Sautbine was the A class feature winner from 1/23.

Garfield Lake Ice Races

1/30/2022

By Dennis Peterson

With a bright sun shining and temperatures in the teens the conditions for the Garfield Lake Ice Racers were ideal in the third week of racing. A season high 30 racers filled the pits ready for the noon start on Garfield Lake in Laporte, Minnesota with hundreds of drivers, crew members, and fans in attendance on the south end of the lake. The races opened with the postponed A class feature from last week shortened races due to snow dust conditions on the track. Josh Sautbine powered his B2 ice racer to the lead and held on for the win. The B class winner from last weeks races was officially awarded to Skyler Smith, his first as an ice racer.

In a decision made prior to the races the B class feature races would be divided into two features due to the large number of cars. The A class would remain one feature.

Sunday's big winners in the B class were Reed Watson with two feature wins and a heat win. Abe Forseman with a feature win and one heat win. Carter Rech won one feature. Winning heat races were Bob Pawlitschek and Josh Bitker.

In the A class John Farrington won two features. Josh Sautbine one feature. Kalin Honer had two heat wins, Jared Miller and Nick Lewis each picked up one heat win.

Racing will resume next Sunday at noon.

RESULTS

A Class Make-up Feature from 1/23

1. Josh Sautbine
2. Bonnie Farrington
3. Nate Zanter
4. John Farrington
5. Kalin Honer

Set 1 B Class Heat 1

1. Bob Pawlitschek
2. Hunter Weeks
3. Josh Bitker
4. Skyler Smith
5. Bob LaRose

Heat 2

1. Abe Forseman
2. Dan Riggs
3. Reed Watson
4. Sam Delaney
5. Nick Jensen

Set 1 Feature 1

1. Reed Watson
2. Bob Pawlitschek
3. Hunter Weeks
4. Zach Tilberry
5. Nick Jensen

Set 1 Feature 2

1. Abe Forseman
2. Sam Delaney
3. Dan Riggs
4. Skyler Smith
5. Bob Larose

Set 1 A Class Heat 1

1. Nick Lewis
2. Nate Zanter
3. Josh Sautbine
4. Bonnie Farrington
5. Zach Tilberry

Heat 2

1. Kalin Honer
2. John Farrington
3. Justin Miller
4. Jared Miller

5. Nick Lewis

Set 1 A Class Feature

1. John Farrington
2. Nate Zanter
3. Kalin Honer
4. Jared Miller
5. Nick Lewis

Set 2 B Class Heat 1

1. Reed Watson
2. Sam Delaney
3. Bob Pawlitschek
4. Zach Tilberry
5. Mike Moen

Heat 2

1. Josh Bitker
2. Carter Rech
3. Tony Rohloff
4. Kevin Bahr
5. Dan Riggs

Set 2 B Class Feature #1

1. Reed Watson
2. Sam Delaney
3. Hunter Weeks
4. Abe Forseman
5. Bob Pawlitschek

Set 2 A Class Heat #1

1. Kalin Honer
2. Nate Zanter
3. Justin Miller
4. Jon Sharpnak

Heat #2

1. Jared Miller
2. John Farrington
3. Bonnie Farrington
4. Josh Sautbine
5. Nick Lewis

Set 2 A Class Feature

1. John Farrington
2. Jared Miller
3. Kalin Honer
4. John Sharpnak
5. Nate Zanter



Abe Forseman won one feature and one heat in the B class.



John Farrington won two features in the A class on Sunday.



Carter Rech won one feature in the B class.

Word Search Answers this week

X R W N O I T P E C D S R I B T X W E U I
I C E L F H M F V I R N C D C R R M J F R I
X E D T R R J N I R N C M N E L E V P R I V
G D D R U W C S I V C E F S H E G V P R I V
U C I C M I K K X K E R S Y P G G P C S A T
E U N N F J T W S C L E B V U A K B A S A T
S H G N O L T T T E E L M M U R U K H X T I
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S R K K U P R D X E H A N A V O F C R G D O
F E R I S J R S I G N Y N U T F A M Y N
Y L E I W I N T P V C E C Y G O I T V A B E
E C T J G O C I R N I S T Y G H C E O P E
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V T E R I E G S N H G E H U W N T K B E
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W E I P J O K O C P W Y H H C A H W M T
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S M R B B X H M A R R I E D A D E E B
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