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Altoz, Inc. Expansion Triples Manufacturing Square Footage at Red Lake Falls.

Altoz, Inc. Expansion in Red Lake Falls Adds Careers to the Area

February 11, 2022 — Altoz, Inc. finalizes plans to expand its facility in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota to accommodate the company's growth. A new 62,500 square foot facility is expected to be completed by fall of 2022 and is the first phase of a multi-phase expansion project. This will bring the combined building space to over 400,000 square feet between the Red Lake Falls and Greenbush, MN locations. This expansion will create hundreds of career opportunities over the next few years.

The investment and decision to expand their facility in Red Lake Falls was a logical step in Altoz's strategic growth plan. The new manufacturing facility will accommodate state of the art metal fabrication equipment such as laser cutting systems, turret presses,

press brakes, robotic welders, along with a powder coat paint system, assembly and a distribution center. In addition to the manufacturing facility, the site has a modern, multi-story office building that will accommodate a growing workforce. "This expansion will allow us to meet the increased demand for our commercial mowers and continue to diversify into other segments of the outdoor power equipment industry," said Dennis Brazier, Altoz CEO.

"We are eager to add additional talent to our company and we encourage career-oriented people to apply now, as we have immediate opportunities prior to the facility being completed. We are looking for candidates at all levels with experience and qualifications in a wide variety of fields, including marketing, engineer-

ing, sales, manufacturing and more," said Brazier. Altoz offers competitive wages, comprehensive benefits package, bonuses, paid vacation, paid holiday, a passionate work environment and engaging company culture.

2021 was a remarkable year, one in which Altoz gained worldwide recognition and won numerous industry awards for new product innovation with its tracked stand on mower. The company was also named one of the Top 175 Workplaces in Minnesota. The corporate headquarters holds MNSHARP certification from MNOSHA that recognizes organizations where managers and employees work together to develop safety and health management systems that go beyond basic compliance with all applicable OSHA stan-

dards. "Altoz has an impeccable safety record and we bring this same level of commitment to our Red Lake Falls location," said Brazier.

About Altoz
Altoz, Inc. is an outdoor power equipment company built by an experienced team of engineering specialists, turf-industry professionals and powersports industry leaders who are inspired by a passion for excellence. The Altoz dealer base spans across the United States and includes distributors in New Zealand, United Kingdom and Australia. The company manufactured the world's first zero-turn and stand on mowers with tracks. Find the latest Altoz innovations at Altoz.com. Media Contact: Janie Brandon at 855-782-5869 or Janie.Brandon@Altoz.com.

Minnesota's townships to hold annual meetings on March 8

(St. Michael, Minn.) – Minnesota's 1,780 townships will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Known as Township Day, these annual meetings are held every year on the second Tuesday in March. Residents of the townships will meet to voice their opinions about local issues with other township residents and also vote directly on their annual tax levy -- direct democracy in action. Citizens attending annual meetings also often discuss and vote on other local issues. In addition, many of the state's townships will hold their township officer elections on Tuesday's Township Day.

"Township Day 2022 will put grassroots democracy on display. We encourage all residents to show up, express themselves, and weigh in on topics like their tax levy and local elections," said Minnesota Association of Townships Executive Director Jeff Krueger. "If you live in a township, please participate in your township's annual meeting on Tuesday, March 8. You can find the location and time by checking the published notice in the local newspaper, township website, or by contacting the township clerk," continued Krueger.

"Townships today include over 900,000 Minnesota residents, and we represent an extraordinary form of local government. Township Day an-

nual meetings are your chance to participate in grassroots government," concluded Krueger.

Information Minnesota's townships: There are approximately 914,174 township residents in 1,780 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, other host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

The tradition of Township Day: The tradition of a town meeting has roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. Those meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized problem-solving through group efforts.

Background on townships: Townships were the original form of local government in Minnesota, established in the 1800s when Congress ordered a survey that divided the Minnesota territory into 36 square mile tracts of land. Today, the term "township" generally refers to public corporations governed by a local board of supervisors and created to provide services to residents.

Senator Mark Johnson announces re-election run

East Grand Forks, MN – Today Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) announced his intention to run for re-election in the newly drawn Senate District 1. A five-member panel of judges last Tuesday released new legislative maps that will go into effect for the upcoming election. Sen. Johnson released the following statement:

"With the support of my wife and children, and many friends and constituents, I have decided to announce my run for re-election for the Minnesota Senate this fall. Over the past five and a half years, I have worked hard to represent the interests and values of Northwestern Minnesotans and am so proud of the District my family has called home for six generations.

We all know the challenges we face in rural Minnesota but there are so many opportunities for us and our future generations. The fact that we have some of the best farms, manufacturers, businesses, schools, and people in the state and nation means, that for those willing to tough out some cold

weather, the opportunities are boundless."

I look forward to the campaign season ahead and the opportunity to meet with new and old acquaintances throughout the year. Earning the trust of my constituents has been an enormous honor, and I look forward to continuing my work at the Minnesota State Senate to make our corner of Minnesota a better place for the future."

Johnson is in his second term in the Senate; he was first elected in 2016. He currently serves as the Chair of the Redistricting Committee. He lives in East Grand Forks with his wife Skyler and their three children.

The newly drawn District 1 encompasses Kittson, Norman, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and part of Clay counties.

DNR reminds homeowners to plan ahead for spring burning restrictions

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds Minnesotans who intend to burn vegetative debris, such as grass, leaves, brush and untreated lumber, to do so now, when there is ample snow on the ground, rather than in the spring when wildfire risk is greatest due to brown grass and low humidity.

Each year, spring burning permit restrictions are put in place after the snow melts and remain in place until fire danger conditions improve.

"Vegetative debris burn piles are the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota," said Dan Carroll, DNR northwest region wildfire prevention specialist. "Chipping and composting are encouraged as an alternative to burning whenever possible."

As Smokey Bear says: "Only you can prevent wildfires." All fires must be supervised and put out by drowning the remains with plenty of water or snow, stirring and repeating until out cold.

If a fire does rekindle or escape, the person who set it is liable for any damages and wildfire suppression costs. Burning garbage, including chemically-treated or painted lumber, tires and plastics, is illegal.

Find more information on the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html) or the burning permit information page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/forestry/fire/questions.html).

Controversial project opposed by farmers would make multigenerational farmland useless

ROSEAU, Minn.—Today, the Roseau County Landowners Coalition sent the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) board and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a letter explaining why they oppose the pointless land grab, which would flood their farmland and render it useless. The letter follows comments made by an Roseau Lake Project engineer at the board's February meeting—made difficult for the public to participate in—questioning what precisely Roseau Lake's farmers contested with the project.

The Roseau County Landowners Coalition has worked alongside the Institute for Justice (IJ), a national nonprofit dedicated to stopping government abuse of property rights. This month, the coalition sent postcards to each Roseau farmer to poll their thoughts on the project. All responses indicated opposition.

"This is the third year Roseau's farmers have been ringing the alarm about what their families and community stand to lose from a project that would devastate their productive farmland. While the watershed district board has been making it harder for the public to make their objections to this harmful project heard, Roseau farmers will do whatever it takes to educate the public about the cost of this project," said IJ Assistant Director of Activism Chad Reese. "We hope that this letter can once and for all make clear why this project should not even be considered. It is never too late to do the right thing."

The coalition has previously highlighted the injustice of the DNR being both the project proposer and reviewer, and RRWD for its failure to honor its mediation agreement concerning flood damage reduction projects, noting the proposed Roseau Lake project will do nothing for exceptional storms, a benchmark agreed upon for flood reduction projects. The project work team, which includes landowners and

whose participation in project development is required by the agreement, has also been largely ignored by the RRWD for years.

The given justification for the project has constantly changed—from a wetland habitat for ducks, to an attempt at flood reduction for areas outside Roseau, to a project for recreational activities. But for whatever reason the state uses to move the project forward, it would mean one thing for Roseau landowners: they would lose the farmland that they worked so hard to own and

would no longer be able to pass it down to their children.

Take the story of Mitch Magnusson, who grew up on his Roseau farm and has worked his own land since the 1980s; his great grandfather put down roots there in 1895. Now, Mitch's children carry on the family tradition, farming wheat, soybean, sunflowers and more. This family tradition would be crushed by the project.

"I think it's sad that they're moving ahead with this project and not taking into consideration landowners for the

project," said Magnusson. "I'd like to see the board work with landowners."

The Roseau County Landowners Coalition has created a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/StopRoseauFarmsLandgrab/>, and a website, <http://roseaulandgrab.com>, to educate and garner support for families like Mitch's.

To learn more about the project and why Roseau farmers oppose it, please contact IJ Communications Project Manager Conor Beck at (207) 233-2311, or beck@ij.org.

Support Women in the Arts art exhibit Opens March 4

Headwaters Music & Arts hosts Support Women in the Arts, an art exhibit to celebrate Women's History Month. The public is invited to attend an opening reception 4:30 to 6 pm Friday, March 4th at 519 Minnesota Ave NW. Curated by regional artist Paula Swenson, the exhibit spotlights women in the arts as a way to address the

long history of women being left out of conversations about art, public exhibitions and academies for the arts.

Contributing artists are Marilyn Dieckmann, Terry Boal Leinbach, Deanna Croaker, Paula Jensen, Kathy Gustafson, Shannon Lucas Westrum, Sarah Peterson, Linda Rother, Paula Swenson, and Joan

Wilson. The exhibit features a wide variety of media including acrylic and oil painting, bronze sculpture, mixed media, jewelry, and photography.

Support Women in the Arts will be on display during March; hours are typically 11 pm to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Headwaters Music & Arts is an independent non-profit multi-

disciplinary organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for creativity through instruction and to inspire community through music and the arts.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Headwaters Music & Arts at 218.444.5606 or visit HeadwatersMusicAndArts.org



Contributing artwork by Deanna Croaker.



Contributing artwork by Sarah Peterson.

Low in the southeast, 75 minutes before sunrise March 31

Venus Mars
Saturn

Minnesota Starwatch

Minnesota Starwatch March 2022

By Deane Morrison

As its namesake month begins, Mars glimmers below brilliant Venus in the predawn sky. To the right (south) of the planets sits the Teapot of Sagittarius, while the curved Teaspoon of stars hangs above and between the Teapot and the planets. Moving south again, look for the sinuous form of Scorpius and its red heart, Antares.

Mars inches upward all month long, and Saturn climbs over the horizon in mid-month. The ringed planet passes below Venus between the 27th and 28th, and ends March below and between its two fellow planets. A waning moon visits Antares on the 23rd, then sails toward the planets. On the 28th, a scrawny old crescent moon rises below the three planets. But to see all four objects, you'll have to look soon after moonrise, or the sun will have washed out at least some of the planets.

In the evening sky, the large knot of bright winter constellations makes its last stand in March. If you haven't

seen them, look to the south to southwest at nightfall. Enjoy Sirius, in Canis Major, the big dog, at the bottom of the group, then look up to brilliant Capella, at the top in Auriga, the charioteer. The starry assemblage is so tall, you'll have to lean your head back to see Capella.

March's full moon shines the night of the 17th-18th from below the tail of Leo, the lion. As the night goes on, the moon and the lion seem to drive the winter constellations westward.

The spring equinox arrives at 10:33 a.m. on the 20th. At that moment, the sun crosses the equator into the northern sky and an observer in space would see Earth lighted from pole to pole. Also, the spring equinox ushers in six months during which the day length increases as we travel north. And even if we stay put, we experience the fastest increases in day length near this equinox because it's the time of year when the sun moves most rapidly northward.

Sons of Norway meeting

The Sons of Norway Grand Lodge #240 will hold its monthly meeting Thursday Evening, March 10, at 6:30 in the Embassy Community Center in Fosston. After the business meeting a DVD about Norway will be presented and lunch served. Visitors are always welcome. For questions, contact Wes Roland at 218-435-1230.

2021-22 School Year Enrollment Data Released

Public school enrollment continues to see pandemic impacts; highlights need to stabilize education funding and support highest-need students

ROSEVILLE, MN – The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) today released 2021-22 school year enrollment data for Minnesota's schools. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, enrollment in Minnesota public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic schools has shifted. In the 2021-22 school year, public schools overall have seen a roughly 0.3% decrease—or about 2,146 students—in enrollment since 2020-21.

Funding for public schools is directly tied to student enrollment, and these shifts underscore the importance of stabilizing funding for Minnesota public schools. Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan's Budget to Move Minnesota Forward aims to stabilize education funding by investing an additional 2% on the general education formula, and by reducing the English Learner and special education cross subsidies.

"Our public schools have worked tirelessly to ensure that every single Minnesota student is supported not only academically, but also in their social-emotional and mental health needs," said Commissioner Dr. Heather Mueller. "Throughout the pandemic, the needs of our students have continued to expand, and we must ensure our public schools have the funding and resources to support students and families."

Nonpublic schools saw a 5.8% enrollment increase, while homeschooling saw a 10.2% decrease from 2020-21 to 2021-22. Notably, this year's public kindergarten class saw an increase of 5.2%, showing a rebound from the 9% decrease that was seen between 2019-20 and 2020-21.

2021-22 is the first year the Minnesota definition of American Indian is included in enrollment reporting. The state definition allows students to be reported as American Indian even if they also belong to other racial and ethnic groups. Under the federal definition of American Indian or Alaska Native, these students would fall under "Hispanic/Latino" or "two or more races" and would not be counted as American Indian or Alaska Native in reporting. In 2021-22, American Indian students (state definition) saw an enrollment increase of 1.8%.

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Indian students, increased enrollment was seen among Hispanic or Latino students (3.7%), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander students (8.1%) and students identifying as two or more races (4.2%). Asian students and white students saw enrollment decreases of 1.0% and 1.2%, respectively, and Black students saw the smallest percentage decrease, 0.2%.

Minnesota public schools serve all students, and provide additional support for the highest-need students, such as English Learners and students receiving special education services, both of which are groups that have continued to grow over the last several years. Between 2020-21 and 2021-22, Minnesota's identified English Learner student population increased by 5.4% and the number of students receiving special education services grew by 1.5%.

All enrollment data provided in the file for the 2021-22 school year is based on what enrollment counts looked like at Minnesota schools on October 1, 2021.

Enrollment data can be downloaded from MDE's Data Center or accessed through the Minnesota Report Card. Additional information about the state definition for American Indian students is available in the Student Characteristics report within the American Indian Student Achievement Report.

Polk County Sheriff

On 2/26/22, at approximately 2040 hours, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an individual who was attempting start a residence on fire located at 101 Harrison Ave N, Mentor, MN.

Upon arriving on scene, deputies detained 37-year-old Roger Passa of Crookston. The homeowner, 38-year-old Samantha Skibicki, was not present at the time of the incident. There were no reported injuries.

There was moderate fire damage on the residence. After further investigation Roger was taken into custody pending formal charges.

This case is an active investigation, and no further information will be released at this time.

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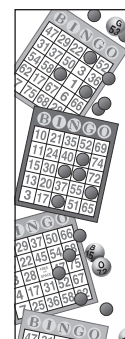
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Do you have Spring fever?

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I am two. Two weeks old. I have this smiling thing down now. It just happens whenever you talk sweet to me, or stroke my cheek, or I drift off to sleep in your arms... sometimes even when I toot! I love the way you hold me and look at me in wonder. I don't even mind when your eyes close before mine because I can still hear you breathing and I feel safe. Do you think one of these days we can go for a walk again? I had no idea the world was so big! I have so much to see and accomplish! -a.m.opdahl www.speaklife139.com

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King Town Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

Annual Meeting Notice

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. –
Community Center – McIntosh, MN

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Present the annual report
2. Elect members to the Board of Directors
3. Transact other business that may come before the meeting

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Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycouncil.org. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Applications must be received by **4:30PM on Friday, March 11th**. Call 218-796-5144 x1018 for more information.

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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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Custodian I Facilities Management Department

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BAGLEY SCHOOLS CURRENT OPENINGS

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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.

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RESOURCE & OUTREACH TECHNICIAN

POSITION TITLE:
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
POSITION LOCATION:
EMPLOYMENT TERMS:

Resource & Outreach Technician
March 25th, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.
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FULL-TIME

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POSITION PURPOSE: (see full job description for additional details)

The Resource and Outreach Technician is a professional position and requires a diverse background in resource planning, problem evaluation, and conservation practice application. This position requires skills and knowledge on a variety of rural and urban conservation projects, from conception to completion. Technical direction and support to the natural resource protection programs of the SWCD.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, soils, geology, agriculture, or related field. Prior experience in a technical or scientific field preferred, but not required.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, capable of working with a wide variety of people.
- Ability to comprehend complex programs and rules and be able to explain them to others.
- Self-motivated, able to work with a minimum of supervision.
- Computer experience with word processing and spreadsheets, Arc GIS, or Arc Pro also helpful.
- Experience in design and installation of conservation practices or similar work.
- Ability to work both indoors (80%) and outdoors (20%).
- Other duties as assigned.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Finalists for the interview process will be determined after initial screening and assessment of qualifications provided in the materials submitted. Applications selected for the interview process will be contacted directly by the Red Lake County SWCD.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: SUBMIT A ONE TO TWO PAGE RESUME AND THREE REFERENCES NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, March 25, 2022, TO:

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Red Lake County SWCD
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If you're looking for a work environment that helps you build on your strengths and gives you the opportunity to make a difference, we invite you to be part of our team! Polk County Public Health currently has an opening for a .8 FTE Wellness Coordinator in our Crookston or East Grand Forks office locations. As part of the Community Health team, this position implements community-based health promotion strategies (healthy eating, active living, substance use prevention and/or mental well-being) with a focus on community engagement, healthy equity and policy, systems, and environmental change. Duties include assessment, strategic planning, policy development and implementation, evaluation, and convening partners in the school, community, worksite, and healthcare settings. Baccalaureate Degree in Public Health, Health Education, Human Services, or a related field and three (3) years' experience in community-based health promotion experience required. Must have a valid driver's license or equivalent mobility. The ideal candidate is adept at engaging stakeholders and applying a health equity lens towards transforming lives and communities. As such, we encourage applications from candidates who foster and promote the values of diversity and inclusion. 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. Please call 1-218-281-3385 or visit www.co.polk.mn.us and click on "Careers" for an application. Wage for this position for 2022 is \$27.46 - \$34.91. Please return your completed application along with a resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN. (218) 281-5408 Position will remain open until March 9, 2022. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment. EOE

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Request for Proposal for Janitorial Services

Inter-County Community Council Inc. is seeking to purchase Janitorial Services for three locations; Oklee, Bagley and McIntosh. Interested parties can request to serve as many locations as they would like. More information can be found in the RFP on our website. Proposals due on or before: March 21, 2022. Inquiries should be directed to: Catherine Johnson, 218.796.5144 Ext 1027 or CJohnson@intercountycouncil.org. ICCC is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

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The Oklee Herald is looking to fill the position of Editor. This position is Full-time and includes benefits and 401K. Various duties include, but not limited to:

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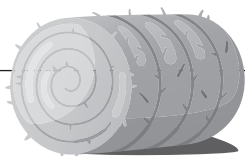


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Minnesota Farmers Union to hold lobby day on March 9

ST. PAUL – The legislative session is well underway, with several Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) priorities being heard in committees.

MFU priorities, otherwise known as special orders of business, include:

- Drought relief and climate resilience
- Local and regional processing
- Competitive markets
- Generational farm transition
- Affordable health care

These priorities, along with other issues, will be discussed during the MFU Lobby Day, March 9. Lobby Day will be held virtually. Register at <https://bit.ly/3rwNvjv>.

"I always look forward to our Lobby Day as it's a great opportunity for our members to connect with their legislators," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "On Lobby Day, MFU's family farmer members bring their everyday experiences to share with their legislators. It's heartening to see the connections made as farmers talk about the issues that are important to them and their communities. Sometimes, members and legislators share a common complaint or challenge. Other times, they talk of goals."

"Lobby Day is one of the best opportunities for our members to engage with their legislators and share their stories," said MFU Vice President Anne Schwagerl. "MFU members make a difference in policymaking when they attend Lobby Day and share their concerns."

MFU's Lobby Day is in addition to work MFU staff and members do each day at the legislature. Several members have testified at committee hearings already this session.

MFU priorities that have had a hearing include:

- \$10 million for drought relief, including Rapid Response Grants for livestock and specialty crop producers to recover losses and make themselves more resilient.
- A proposal to allow a Minnesota Care buy-in option, which MFU members have long advocated for to help control health care costs for family farmers, rural residents and businesses.

In addition to the priorities listed above, MFU strongly supports the following agricultural investments proposed by the Walz-Flanagan administration:

- \$8.7 million for livestock processing including to expand and start new plants, recruit and retain employees, support technical training and strengthen inspection.
- \$27 million to help farmers tackle climate change through grants to help implement voluntary soil health practices.
- Reauthorizing Cooperative Development Grants.
- \$1.5 million to help the state prepare for animal disease outbreaks.
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About Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. MFU is a nonprofit membership-based organization. Membership is open to everyone. Learn more and join at <https://www.mfu.org/>, and follow MFU on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation to hose community connection events

February 28, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is hosting two upcoming free events in the local area with the goal of hearing from its neighbors throughout the region.

Events are scheduled to be held:

- 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the back room at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston
 - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 25, in the large conference room at Garden Valley Technology in Erskine
- NMF will open each event with a presentation about its work, but the goal of NMF staff is to spend significant time listening to and connecting with attendees. The goal is to hear



The door was closed so who knew. As I opened it, the evidence was all over the floor. A little critter had discarded shells and was now nowhere in sight. Clean-up was all that remained.

Closing the door and pretending I hadn't seen it was tempting. You know what they say, "Out-of-sight, out-of-mind." Mere seconds before, all appeared to be fine. In fact, it was more than fine. I'd been excited, motivated if-you-will, to switch things up in the house. It had been with a smile upon my face and a bounce-in-my-step I'd opened that door.

Now, not only did the pile before me need to be swept up, but traps set, and my mind reset.

There was just no pretending that what was behind that door did not exist.

I suppose at some point in our lives when we open a door, it's not going to be exactly what we expect. That's just how life goes.

Dating on the internet might



talking about not using cruise control in the winter, can you please write about this?

Answer: Using cruise control on slippery roads could send you on a winter cruise – straight into the ditch or oncoming traffic!

With dry road conditions, cruise control helps you safely monitor your speed, stay within the speed limit and improve driving comfort on long, fairly straight stretches of road. It should be used only when you are able to drive at a steady speed with safe road conditions.



In 1947, John Deere came out with model M. It was a smaller tractor with a vertical 2 cylinder engine. John Deere wanted a smaller tractor for use and small farms or to help out on a larger farm. I have personally never driven an M John Deere but, it looks like a fun little machine. When the Walker Brothers had their auction they had an 1937 A John Deere, A nice GP John Deere and an M John Deere. My dad bought that 1937 A John Deere for me. I always wanted an unstyled tractor. But I really liked the look of that little M. I can also remember Tom Asselin driving uptown in Oklee on his M John Deere. The little Model M Tractors were made in Dubuque, Iowa. They were the first tractors in the Dubuque factory.

The M had been in development for many years during World War II prior to being introduced in 1947. The M replaced the H, L, and LA models. Three additional variants; the MT tricycle, MC crawler model, and MI industrial model were also built. It was the first to use Deere's Touch-O-Matic hydraulic system. PTO and electric starting were standard features on the Model M.

When the number series came out the M was replaced by the 40. Near that same time Henry Ford and Harry Ferguson were in the middle of a law suite over the three point hitch system. The suite was settled

Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Behind Closed Doors

be a case-in-point. You just never know what the reality is until the one behind the screen shows up and time is spent together. The falsehoods of reality shows might be another example. After all, it's taken me a while to understand my husband cannot do a complete home renovation in one hour even though it appears everyone else in the world seems to get-er-done accordingly.

Remember the show where contestants could pick door #1, door #2, or door #3? Didn't we hope the music would foreshadow something wonderful upon opening the door chosen? Maybe the tin can on display had a \$500 dollar bill hidden within. Maybe the trip traded for the grand prize would produce something even better. I could barely watch as some gave away the goods and walked away with nothing. Some danced back to their seats with a skip in their step after having lost it all, while others seemed to grieve wide open for all to see.

As I looked at the task of

sweeping up the shells before me, I decided that better than not knowing what was behind that door... was knowing. After all, you can't clean up a mess unless you know it's there.

This article could go in many directions. You choose. Choose your mess and choose your door.

Will it be Door #3 where you want to just shut it and pretend it doesn't exist? Will it be Door #2 where you are not quite ready to sweep it up so you toss a little more garbage on top and instead of one mess you now have two or three to clean up? Or will it be Door #1 where you are ready to hand it all over to the One who knows how to not only clean it up, but how to make all things new?

Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened." May you not only knock but continue to seek. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

On icy, snow-covered or wet roads, if your wheels lose traction, the cruise control will continue to accelerate, causing the vehicle to skid. By the time you realize you are skidding, it could be too late.

When deciding if you should set your cruise control:

- Ask yourself if it's safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn't safe to set your cruise.
- Is there limited visibility? If it's foggy, snowing, or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don't set your cruise.
- Is traffic moving smoothly? If it's stop-and-go, or there's heavy traffic around you, it's not safe to use cruise.

Little John Deeres

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

in 1952 and John Deere went to work adding a three point hitch system to their model M, but at that time they also replaced the M with the model 40, so the M never came with a 3 point hitch.

As time moved on the 40 was replaced by the 420, 430, and eventually a unique little machine the 435 Diesel came to be. Something about those little Deeres....they sure made a useful machine!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The model M, 40, 420, 430, and 435 Diesel were all manufactured in _____?

- A) Waterloo Iowa B) Chesh-tershire, England C) Brisbane, Australia D) Dubuque, Iowa

2. The model M, 40, 420, and 430 all had 4 forward speed transmissions as stan-

dard equipment. The 435 had a _____ speed transmission.

- A) 4 speed B) 5 speed C) 6 speed D) 8 speed

3. The M came out in 1947. The 435 Diesel was released in _____.

- A) 1955 B) 1958 C) 1959 D) 1960

4. The model M John Deere and the WC Allis Chalmers (with and Allis Chalmers engine) had something in common, what was it?

5. What did a tractor with the model MC stand for?

Answers: 1. D. Dubuque, IA 2. B. 5 speed (although a 4 speed transmission was an option) 3. C. 1959 4. The M and the WC both have a 4 in. bore and 4 in. stroke 5. Model M Crawler



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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson Wichser died on Saturday, February 19th, of breast cancer in Marina del Rey, California. She was 76.

Mary was born July 21, 1945, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She grew up on a dairy farm near Grygla and graduated from Goodridge High School in 1963.

Mary did not enjoy Minnesota winters, and moved to Los Angeles, California after high school. She had strong

opinions and enjoyed debating issues of the day. She also enjoyed doing difficult cross-words such as the New York Times Sunday puzzle and was a fan of the Minnesota Twins, especially during her visits back home to Minnesota.

She married was Allen Wichser They loved the ocean and lived on a sailboat for many years. The couple helped organize an annual Marlin fishing contest off Catalina Island. They were longtime members of the Marina del Rey Yacht Club where Mary served a term as Commodore. Mary also created and tended a flower garden on the Marina grounds.

Mary worked at the University of Minnesota and the UCLA library in California

Mary is survived by her husband Al, her sisters Janice Anderson, Elaine Barclay, Glenda (Gary) Gobelman and Kari Anderson, and her brother Roger (Marion) Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents Manley and Thea Anderson and brother Glenn Anderson.

Family will schedule private service later in 2022.

RLCC Girls Basketball News



Cari Bachand dribbling the ball behind her back.

Mustangs lost to KCC February 4th

Tough loss Feb 4th to the KCC Bearcats!! Final score 49-64

Stats

#-Cari Bachand: 18 pts,3 RBs, 3 assists,3 steals, 1 block
#40-Carlee Whalen: 7pts, 9RBs, 1 assist,3 steals,2 blocks
#42-Marissa Thomas: 6pts, 5RBs

#14-Carly Vettleson: 5pts
#25-Quinn Graves: 4 pts
#35-Shawna Majers: 4 pts
#32-Maddie Inda~Valdez: 3 pts
#4- Paige Olson: 2 pts

Photo right: Marissa Thomas with a lay-up for "2"



Mustangs vs Bears Lost 45-57 on 2/17/22

Rough game!! Mustangs lost to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears 45-57!

Stats

Cari Bachand: 10 pts, 6 RBs, 4 assists, 4steals
Shawna Maejers: 10pts, 3 RBs, 1 assist, 1 steal
Quinn Graves: 9pts, 4 RBs, 1 assist, 1 steal
Carly Vettleson: 6pts
Marissa Thomas: 6 pts
Maddie Inda~Valdez: 2 pts
Carlee Whalen: 2 pts



Shawn Maejers (with the ball) #25 Quinn Graves, #40 Carlee Whalen



Postseason Arrives for Pioneer Winter Athletics

Northland Community & Technical College's three winter sports set for tournament play

February 24, 2022 – The postseason is in full swing for Northland Community & Technical College's three winter sports.

The Pioneer men's and women's basketball teams are set to compete in Region 13 tournaments this weekend, with national tournament qualifying spots on the line. The Pioneer wrestling team has the week-end off after a pair of athletes qualified last week for the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Wrestling Championships.

Men's basketball set to compete in Region 13 Tournament

The Northland men qualified for the NJCAA Region 13 Tournament with a third-place finish in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) Northern Division and number two seed in the north due to runner-up Central Lakes being ineligible for the postseason.

The Pioneers enter postseason play at 13-11 overall, with an 8-6 mark against MCAC Northern Division opponents. They will open the Region 13 Tournament at 3 p.m. Friday against MCAC Southern Division third-place finisher St. Cloud Technical & Community College (12-8, 8-6).

The Pioneers defeated the Cyclones 64-62 when the teams met in St. Cloud on Dec. 3. The Pioneers trailed 31-23 at the half but rallied for the win with a 41-point second-half surge.

Other first-round match-ups pit north #1 Rainy River (19-6, 12-2) against south #4 Anoka-Ramsey (14-13, 7-7); south #2 Rochester (21-6, 11-3) against north #3 Itasca (13-14, 7-7) and south #1 Riverland (26-1, 14-0) against north #4 Mesabi Range (9-16, 7-7).

The Region 13 Tournament, also known as the NJCAA North Plains District Tournament, is one of eight qualifying tournaments that will conclude this weekend. The champion of each district earns an automatic bid to the 2022 NJCAA Tournament, with four at-large selections to be made following the qualifying tournaments.

Northland women are the top seed in Region 13B

The Pioneer women's basketball team enters the 2022 postseason in a familiar spot as the top-seeded team in the Region 13B Tournament, also known as the NJCAA North Plains B District Tournament. The Pioneer women also retain a #2 ranking nationally in NJCAA Division III.

This year's regional structure is much different than past years. Previously, the Region 13B field was comprised of the top four teams from the MCAC Northern Division, while the Region 13A Tournament included the top four teams in the MCAC Southern Division. This year, both tournaments include teams from both divisions.

Northland faces south #4 Anoka-Ramsey (15-9 overall, 6-8 conference) in the first semifinal game at 6 p.m. Saturday. South #2 Minnesota West (15-12, 11-3) faces north #3 Mesabi Range (5-12, 3-5) in the other semifinal game at 8 p.m. The Region 13B championship game will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The Pioneers are familiar with all three opponents. They dropped a close 56-52 decision at Anoka-Ramsey on Dec. 30. They beat Minnesota West 66-56 on Dec. 10 in Thief River Falls, and they swept Mesabi Range, winning 50-31 in Virginia and 60-49 in Thief River Falls.

Each of the eight NJCAA district tournaments will earn automatic bids into the 2022 NJCAA Division III National Tournament. Four at-large bids are to be awarded as well.

Northland wrestling team set for NJCAA Championships Pioneer wrestlers Jake Davis and Mason Iverson punched their tickets to the 2022 NJCAA Wrestling Championships after competing at the MCAC/NJCAA Region 13 Tournament Sunday at Ridgewater College in Willmar.

Davis won the region championship at 149 pounds Sunday with a win by medical forfeit over Rochester's Owen Pharo in the semifinal round before claiming the 149-pound championship with a win by fall over Kyler Grems of Minnesota West. The Pioneers have had at least one Region 13 champion each season and 11 overall since the Northland wrestling



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears had a tough game on Tuesday, February 22, as they hosted Red Lake Warriors. Bears Senior Aiden Churness working his way through two Red Lake defenders Kenneth Fox III and Isaac Spears.



Logan Westrum finds an opening for a shot against Cade Beaulieu of Red Lake. The Warriors won a very close game of 75-73.

program was reinstated prior to the 2013-14 season.

Iverson dropped both of his contested matches in the qualifying tournament to finish a disappointing fourth place. He lost by fall to number two-seeded Wyatt Olson of Itasca in the semifinals and to Richard Jones of Ridgewater in the third-place match. Both Jones and Iverson were awarded wildcard berths into the national tournament.

Also competing for the Pioneers were Isaiah Arredondo, fourth place at 133; Dylan Valencia, fourth place at 285; Timothy Thurman, fourth place at 157 and Justin Doby, fourth place at 165. Arredondo

and Valencia were considered strong candidates to qualify prior to the tournament.

Arredondo went 1-2 on the day and dropped a 10-2 major decision to Lorenzo Paez in the third-place match at 133 pounds. Arredondo beat Paez 16-4 two weeks prior at the Northland Open.

Valencia injured his knee in his semifinal match against Armani Tucker of Rochester and was forced to default out of the tournament.

Davis and Iverson will compete at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships March 4-5 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Davis is seeded 11th at 149 following

the NJCAA seeding meeting on Wednesday. Iverson is unseeded at 197. Brackets will be released Friday evening, Feb. 25.

Northland offers eight athletic programs, including men's baseball, men's and women's basketball, co-ed eSports, women's softball, women's volleyball, men's wrestling, and new for fall 2022, co-ed eSports. For the latest news, updates, and information about the Northland Pioneers athletics program, visit northlandpioneers.com. Stay connected and don't miss any of the action by following the Pioneers on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and PioneersTV.

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