



Tri County Canary

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As a Thief River Falls Prowler, Lealand Vettleson swam a time of 52.07 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle which earned him a 3rd place finish and a trip to the state swim meet at the U of M March 3-5. Lealand became the first Thief River Falls boys swimmer to qualify for state in 10 years. Lealand is the grandson of Lawrence Vettleson of Gully.

Essentia patient serves as a reminder to be proactive about colorectal health

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, so Essentia Health providers are reminding patients about the importance of regular screenings to detect colorectal cancer at its earliest – the most treatable stage.

For Essentia Health patient Carroll Minton, the importance of regular colorectal screenings is a topic with which she is all too familiar.

Carroll, 58 years old and a resident of North Fargo, had been putting off her colonoscopy. Like many Americans, she was hesitant to go through the unpleasant preparation required before the procedure. Since she couldn't be convinced to get a colonoscopy, her doctor recommended an at-home test. Carroll obliged and her at-home test came back negative.

But when Carroll decided to get tested for celiac disease, her doctors wanted her first to undergo a colonoscopy. It was during this colonoscopy that Essentia Health gastroenterologist Kimberly Kolkhorst, MD, found a polyp dangling from her colon wall like a cherry on a stem.

A colon polyp is a small clump of cells that form on the lining of the colon. Most colon polyps are benign, meaning that they are noncancerous. But because they are due to abnormal cell growth, they can eventually become malignant, or cancerous.

In Carroll's case, the polyp was cancerous. Fortunately, Dr. Kolkhorst was able to completely remove it endoscopically before it had the chance to spread. As part of her follow-up care, Carroll would need another colonoscopy in six months, where she was officially declared cancer-free.

Carroll continued to visit Essentia for regular screenings. A year after her follow-up colonoscopy, Carroll underwent another one, during which two more polyps were discovered and removed. And just a few weeks ago, nearly four years after the discovery of her cancerous polyp, Carroll went through a fourth colonoscopy. This time, nothing was discovered.

Upon reflection, Carroll says that she feels "very blessed," but wishes that she had gotten checked sooner. While she

never had any symptoms that concerned her, Carroll says she does have family history of colorectal cancer. Like Carroll, this family member survived because they had their cancerous polyp removed before it spread.

Urging folks to check in with their doctors and get regular colonoscopies, Carroll shared, "Had I not gotten the colonoscopy because of celiac testing, who knows, the cancer would have likely grown into the wall of my colon and spread."

Dr. Kolkhorst agreed with Carroll.

"By undergoing a colonoscopy, we can detect colon cancer, but we can also PREVENT colon cancer by removing precancerous growths BEFORE they have had a chance to grow into cancer. In Ms. Minton's case, I was able to endoscopically remove the cancer BEFORE it had a chance to grow deeper into the layers of her colon. This prevented her from having to undergo chemotherapy, radiation and surgery and has given her more time to enjoy her life, her family and her loved ones," said Dr. Kolkhorst.

She continued, "Like so many cancers, if we can diagnose colorectal cancer early, the complexity of treatment options is significantly reduced, life expectancy is prolonged and quality of life for the patient is greatly improved."

More on colon cancer
Did you know that colorectal cancer is the second-most common cause of cancer death worldwide?

As with so many facets of your health, it's best to be proactive.

It is recommended that you start screening for colon cancer at the age of 45 — if there is no family history of colon cancer, in which case you may need to begin screening sooner. Talk with your primary care provider to determine what's best for you.

How do we screen for colon cancer? There are three common ways.

The most effective method is a colonoscopy, which uses a miniature video camera to examine the colon for any abnormalities, such as polyps. Minus the presence of polyps, and if there is no history of colon cancer, colonoscopies can occur every 10 years. Then there are a pair of stool-based tests. These rely on examining stool-sample irregularities that may prompt a colonoscopy.

Visit Essentia Health's website for more information and resources related to colorectal cancer.

\$20 thousand gift secures construction of new lean-to, enhances equine program at UMN Crookston

Story by Michelle Christopherson, Director of Outreach and Engagement

CROOKSTON, Minn. - UMN Crookston Equine Program and the Equestrian Team reached its \$35,000 fundraising goal last month. Dollars raised will benefit students and construct a new lean-to that will be built in May. Roy Johnson, a University of Minnesota graduate (BS in 1972, MS in 1984) and a former faculty member who works in Equine and Full Farm in Cargill Animal Nutrition, says the Minnesota horse industry relies on the education and student experiences gained at UMN Crookston. "I personally believe some long term investing in UMC is appropriate, which is why I am personally supporting the equine programs. The lean-to as an example, will contribute to the success of the program for the students and animals but long term for the industry through educational priorities and student experiences," he said.

In late October, the University of Minnesota Crookston

Equestrian teams kicked off fundraising for team travel, equipment and a new lean-to. "I am thrilled that our goal of thirty-five thousand dollars was reached," said Athletic Director Stephanie Helgeson. "While our student athletes raised and met their goal of \$15,000 it is the support from our alumni, corporate partners, friends and families that ensures our teams have the ability to keep building a tradition of excellence while establishing a legacy within the equine program," she said.

"Each lean-to will expand our horse capabilities by 3-4 horses, by hosting more broodmares to foal out for the MN Bred program and/or take in an additional three to four Off the Track Thoroughbreds for re-training," said Nicky Overgaard, UMN Crookston Equine Instructor. "The lean-to will be utilized year round by the program. We will host 5 - 10 mares to foal out and have the capability of increasing the number of foals each spring to at least 10 foals," she said.

"The impact and invest-

ment of Mr. Johnson's investment and generous gift will be used to construct a lean-to, it will benefit students and our animals," said Morgan Pyles, PhD, Equine Assistant Professor. "Students will continue to engage and participate in experiential learning, like foaling out mares, bringing in Off the Track Thoroughbreds for boarding, breeding and re-training. These activities expose students to a whole new facet of the equine industry and better prepare them for the next phase of their career." Both the students and the industry will benefit from these improvements to our equine program," she said.

This investment will expand the campus horse capabilities for years to come, faculty say. The lean-to will be utilized year round by the program. If you wish to make a contribution, one that makes a difference for students by investing in the equine programs, support them both in and outside of the classroom by clicking here or contact Michelle Christopherson, mchristo@umn.edu or 218.281.8369.

Extension recognizes leaders in 2022 Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program

Moorhead, Minn. (3/3/2022)

— Jordan and Erin Rondorf, Thief River Falls are Pennington County's representatives and Adam and Britni Gajeski, Stephen are Marshall County's representatives in the 2022 Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. They, along with individuals from 15 other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota, are being honored on March 26 for their participation in the leadership program and for their commitment to leadership in their community.

Jordan Rondorf is a farm owner/operator on a family farm alongside his parents, farming 1350 crop acres that are put into spring wheat, soybeans and alfalfa. They also raise Angus cow/calf pairs. Seasonally, in the winter months, Jordan is an Operations Specialist for Northland Grain- Hazel location. Erin is an Inventory Planner for Digi-Key Electronics.

Adam Gajeski is a farmer of canola, soybeans, sugar beets, corn, sunflowers and wheat. Britni is owner of the Brilliance Salon and Spa in Stephen.

While meeting in Detroit Lakes, Thief River Falls and Mahanomen, Jordan and Erin Rondorf and Adam and Britni Gajeski have networked with leaders from across the region and gained insight on personal leadership styles, communication, rural issues, and facilitating effective meetings. The group will gather once more in Crookston to focus on setting goals for how they will lead and follow in their work and community roles, and to celebrate their completion of the program.

The theme for the Class of 2022, "Be..." has served as a reminder that it isn't what we accomplish, but rather how we will BE in our relationships and in our leadership roles. Jody Horntvedt, Extension Educator with the program highlights, "These leaders of the Class of 2022 will Be...inspiration for the future in their communities as they continue to seek out different perspectives, innovate ideas, and lift up their vision for the future."

University of Minnesota Extension coordinates the Emerging Leadership Program and provides educational content. Local partners include Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Red River Valley Development Association, and many donors from a variety of other sources across the region including ag producer groups, electric cooperatives, community businesses, financial institutions and individuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Minnesota who contribute each year.

Jordan and Erin, Adam and



Jordan and Erin Rondorf, Pennington County representatives.



Adam and Britni Gajeski, Marshall County representatives.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation Accepting Grant Applications to End Youth Homelessness

March 1, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) is seeking grant applications from those currently working to prevent and end youth homelessness in Northwest Minnesota.

The simple definition of "ending homelessness" means that systems have been developed and put in place to ensure that any youth (aged 16 to 24) experiencing homelessness is given immediate access to low-barrier crisis housing. This can be accomplished by developing a system that ensures instances of youth homelessness are rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Up to \$550,000 in funding will be available to partnering agencies of the Northwest Continuum of Care, and funding will be managed by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The NWCoC is a regional planning body that covers the 12 counties in Northwest Minnesota as well as three tribal nations: Red Lake, White Earth, and Leech Lake.

This funding is a one-time, non-renewable opportunity, and the anticipated performance period will begin by October 31, 2022, with the option to continue project implementation through June 2024. Applicants may be a local non-

profit organization (501c3), local government unit, or tribal government agency. Eligible applicants must be current members of the NWCoC. Applicants must also participate in the region's system of Coordinated Entry to be eligible for funding.

Funding will be made available to agencies in coordination with the community-planned projects that have been previously established, including the Youth Housing Demonstration Project, which is available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

More information on the project and how to apply is available on the Northwest Continuum of Care's website: www.nwmc.org/building-systems-to-prevent-and-end-youth-homelessness-in-northwest-minnesota/

Applications will be available for 60 days, from March 1, 2022, through May 1, 2022.

All application materials in the Submission Checklist need to be submitted via Northwest Minnesota Foundation's Grant Portal by 11:59 p.m. May 1, 2022. Questions can be directed to Margaret Krueger via e-mail at margaretk@nwmc.org

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Source: Jan Jackola, Program Coordinator in Leadership and Civic Engagement, Moorhead Regional Extension Office, Moorhead, (888) 241-4527, jjackola@umn.edu

ICYMI: New Report Shows Unprecedented Economic Crisis Among America's Nursing Homes

Long Term Care Leaders and Policymakers Must Work Hand in Hand to Implement Meaningful Reform

In case you missed it, the American Health Care Association (AHCA) released a new report, produced by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA), that highlights the unprecedented economic crisis in nursing homes. Watch yesterday's AHCA virtual press conference announcing the report here.

Key findings from the CLA report include:

Increasing Costs Due to Labor and Inflation: The report found that average increase in wage rates for nurses at all levels doubled from 2020 to 2021. Rates for contracted and agency nurses are also two to three times higher than pre-pandemic rates.

Unsustainable Funding Levels: The report projects the median 2022 year-end operating margin to be -4.8 percent with a median occupancy of 77.3 percent. This projection is based on maintaining the current Patient-Driven Payment Model through Medicare and state public health emergency (PHE) funding levels. The report emphasizes that any reduction in reimbursement could deepen financial issues for the long term care sector.

Increased Risk for Closures: The report found that 32 to 40 percent of residents (as many as 417,000 residents) are currently living in nursing homes that are considered financially "at risk" – including buildings with Five-Star quality ratings.

Challenges with Access to Resources: Medicare and PHE-related funding provided help and support throughout 2020 and early 2021, but potential cuts to these programs pose risk to nursing homes as they continue to face financial challenges such as occupancy decline, staffing shortages, and increased labor costs.

These findings underscore the need for additional sup-

port and resources for nursing homes to withstand the ongoing pandemic. During the State of the Union Address by President Biden this week, the president called for the reform of nursing homes, which cannot be meaningfully accomplished without additional support to make these reforms possible.

AHCA and LeadingAge released a comprehensive reform proposal, the Care For Our Seniors Act, that includes proposals to address long-standing challenges for the profession, such as staffing. However, these solutions will not come about without significant support from federal and state lawmakers. Additionally, AHCA President and CEO Mark Parkinson sent a letter to Congressional leadership requesting additional resources for long term care residents and staff. Specifically, AHCA calls for a replenishment of the Provider Relief Fund with \$20 billion allocated to long term care, and an extension to the current delay of Medicare sequestration cuts as well as the recoupment of Medicare Accelerated and Advance payments.

Together, Congress, the Biden Administration, and the long term care industry will be able to make lasting change so America's elderly will continue to have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represents more than 14,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahcanal.org or www.ncal.org.

♥ Thank You ♥
With thanks and appreciation to our local Clearbrook Fire Department for their quick response to my "kitchen episode".
Also, thanks to all my friends here in the Summerfield apartments for your care and concern.
Ann Hutchison
R51P

Scouts Prepare for Annual Food Drive

Scouts, explorers, and other volunteers from the Greater Grand Forks area, including Devil's Lake, Crookston, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Fosston, Erskine, and more, will collect food to restock the shelves of local food cupboards. Volunteers will deliver informational door hangers to homes starting on March 20, 2022, and return to those homes on March 26, 2022, to collect the food donations. To help, place your bag filled with non-perishable food items outside your door no later than 9:00 am on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Residents that do not get a Scouting for Food door hanger at their home can participate in this service project by purchasing ready-made food bags at Hugo's stores or by taking bags filled with food and personal care items to a Gate City Bank.

Our local food cupboards have seen an increase in need. Scouts, explorers, and other volunteers have teamed up to "Do A Good Turn" for our local food cupboards.

For more information contact your local Scout office at 406-780-0690.

Polk County Sheriff

Bombardier Fire

On 03/03/2022, at approximately 1322, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, while conducting routine patrol, observed a bombardier on fire located on section 14, Brandsvold Township.

Upon arrival the driver, 48-year-old Jamey Gunderson, reported no injuries. Gunderson was working for the Brandsvold township removing snow when the bombardier had a mechanical failure. The bombardier suffered severe damage, unknown value.

No further information will be released at this time.

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*Parochial schools are ineligible.

Application Deadline:
April 15, 2022

Maximum Award: \$6,000
(No cash match required this year)

For eligibility details and to apply visit r2arts.org.

Questions? Need more information? Inquiries about accessibility needs?

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New State Tourism Director Aims to Move Minnesota into Top 10 Travel Destination

Explore Minnesota director and Governor Walz addressed tourism industry today during annual state tourism conference

ST. PAUL, Minn. (March 1, 2022) – Explore Minnesota, the state's tourism promotion office, kicked off its annual statewide conference today with remarks by Governor Tim Walz and Explore Minnesota director Lauren Bennett McGinty. Addressing hundreds of representatives from around the state, they shared a travel industry outlook for 2022 and new forward-thinking tourism strategies to rebound from \$12 billion in travel spending loss since January 2020.

"Tourism businesses have faced tremendous challenges throughout the pandemic – yet they have remained steadfast in helping Minnesotans and

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Fosston, Minnesota
Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of stockholders of Fosston Tri-Coop will be held at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston, Minnesota on Friday, March 25, 2022. Meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow.
The business meeting will include the presentation of the annual report and election of two directors, who will serve a term of three years.
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Clearwater County Humane Society's 4th Annual Pet Wellness Expo
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- Page layout
- Writing articles
- Attending community events: day, evening or weekends
- Photography
- Some inter-office duties (updating subscriptions, customer service, ad sales)

Knowledge in Adobe InDesign, Acrobat, Photoshop, Microsoft Word and Excel helpful.

Will train. Applications are available upon request, or submit application and resume to the Oklee Herald at P.O. Box 9, Oklee, MN 56742. Contact Bonny at the Oklee Herald 218-796-5181 or email okleeherald@gmail.com for quesions.

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TRANSPORT DEPUTY POLK COUNTY, MN

The Polk County Sheriff's Department is seeking applications for a full-time Transport Deputy position. Applicants must have an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement or equivalent combination of education and experience. State of MN (POST) License or (POST) license eligible by date of hire, and a valid driver's license is required. The primary duties for this position is to transport inmates to and from courts, detention centers, medical centers, and other locations as directed. Additional duties include court security, bailiff duty, and proper execution of various civil process and criminal warrants. Wage range for this position is \$23.05-\$29.31/hour DOE and qualifications. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including affordable healthcare plans, attractive low cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on "Careers". Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us Applications will be received until 4:30 p.m., March 9, 2022. EOE.

R49-51C

PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENING



RLCC High School in Oklee has an immediate opening for a paraprofessional for the school year 2021-22. Contact the School for an application or with questions at 218-796-5136. Position open until filled. ISD 2906 is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 051-1C

WELLNESS COORDINATOR (.8 FTE), POLK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

CAMPGROUND ATTENDANT

Clearwater County Long Lake Park and Campground (5 miles west of Itasca State Park on Hwy 200) is accepting applications for seasonal part and full time, attendants. Applicants must have strong communication and customer service skills, experience in operating cash registers, and computer skills. Previous retail experience helpful. Some cleaning and outside work included with position.

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

Clearwater County Land Department/Kim Christenson, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley, MN 56621 • (218) 694-6227.

RS-52C

Case Manager Position Available



Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for an opening in our Employment & Training department:

Case Manager: The Case manager will recruit, coach, and provide comprehensive coordination of services to alleviate the barriers and enhance employment opportunities for program participants. The position is full time/40 hours a week working out of our Oklee Office.

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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RS0-51C

Prairie Pines Childcare Center Positions Available

Prairie Pines Childcare Center is a new childcare center located in Fosston, MN. We are opening in the spring of 2022 and are now accepting applications for the following positions.

Lead Teachers: This position provides a successful, safe, and supervised educational setting for children while they are at the Prairie Pines Child Care Center. Responsibilities include working within a team, active child supervision, utilizing curriculum and child assessment, and building relationships with families. Must be able to pass a background check.

Assistant Teachers: This position works alongside the Lead Teacher to provide a successful, safe, and supervised educational setting. Responsibilities include working within a team, active child supervision, assisting to implement curriculum, and building relationships with families. Must be able to pass a background check.

Aides: This position assists and supports the classroom team in carrying out developmentally appropriate activities. Responsibilities include monitoring children in the classroom while other team members are on break, monitoring children while on the playground and field trips, and completing daily prep and cleaning. Must be able to pass a background check.

Application and position specific information, including job description, and educational requirements are available on our website at www.prairiepineschildcare.org, or call 612-314-0094 for questions. Please submit application and resume to director@prairiepineschildcare.org by 4:30 pm on March 14, 2022.

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RESOURCE & OUTREACH TECHNICIAN

POSITION TITLE: Resource & Outreach Technician
APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 25th, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.
POSITION LOCATION: RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750
EMPLOYMENT TERMS: FULL-TIME

COMPENSATION:
Hourly wage is \$20.00 to 28.00/hour, depending on qualifications and experience. Benefits include vacation, sick leave, holidays, and retirement plan contribution (PERA).

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:

Tanya Waldo, District Manager
Red Lake County SWCD
2602 Wheat Drive
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Tanya.Hanson@redlake.mnswcd.org

EEO (Equal Opportunity Employer) The Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District is an EEO employer. Candidates will be considered without discrimination to race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, politics, marital status, physical handicap, age or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

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BAGLEY SCHOOLS CURRENT OPENINGS

Substitute Teacher positions. Substitute teaching opportunities are available at Bagley Public Schools. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching license or substitute licensure with a 4 year degree, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Paraeducator positions. Paraeducator position openings in the Elementary, candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Substitute Para positions. Substitute para opportunities are available at Bagley Public Schools. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. Currently accepting applications for Food Service Support Staff at the High School and Elementary. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Substitute Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. Currently accepting applications for substitute food service support staff.

Native American Home School Liaison positions. Full-time positions open for the 2021-2022 school year. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

Special Ed Native American Home School Liaison, opening in the High School. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. A type 3 and valid driver's license is required to assist with student transportation/IEP transportation.

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

Full-Time Route Bus Drivers and Substitute Bus Drivers positions. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a school bus driver's license endorsement. The District is willing to help applicants obtain their school bus endorsement. New drivers will receive a \$200 stipend after six months of driving to help defray the cost of certification. Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Stuart Dukek at 694-6122.

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Custodian I Facilities Management Department

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Environmental Technician Position

Polk County Environmental Services, Crookston, MN is seeking applicants for a full-time Environmental Technician. Duties include but are not limited to; performing intermediate technical work, providing information, clarification and assistance with solid waste, household hazardous waste & planning & zoning regulations, conducting inspections & making recommendations regarding enforcement of regulations, and related work as assigned. A Bachelor's degree in a related science field, or related field and moderate experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have a valid driver's license. Polk County offers a highly competitive benefits package including affordable healthcare plans through BCBS including attractive low-cost family healthcare plans, dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County, vacation and sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. Wage range for this position is \$20.52 - \$26.08/hr. DOE and qualifications. An application and full job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers. Please mail your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 (218-281-5408) or e-mail directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us This position will remain open until filled. EOE

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Head Start Management & Classroom Positions Available



Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start program.

Health Coordinator: 40 hours a week, year round, office in Thief River Falls, MN with travel to satellite offices, the first 4 weeks will be located in Oklee for training. Position supports staff serving families of children ages birth to 5 years to meet Head Start health requirements focusing on data monitoring, referrals, and staff training; Bachelor's Degree is required but will consider candidates with ability to complete within 1st year of employment. Experience in health field and with young children preferred. Additional training will be provided. Must be able to pass a background check. Open until filled.

Program Assistant: 40 hours a week, office in Oklee, MN with limited travel to satellite offices. Position supports staff serving families of children ages birth to 5 years. Primary duties include data entry, scanning, copying, organizing, etc. Minimum of high school diploma / GED. Additional training will be provided. Must be able to pass a background check. Open until filled.

Assistant Teacher: 40 hours a week, 10 month position, classroom located in Thief River Falls, MN. Work with a team to provide care and education to 4 years old's in a classroom setting; primary duties include assisting the teachers in the classroom with group activities, cleaning, assisting children with handwashing/toothbrushing, riding the bus, and transporting meals. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. Open until filled.

Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountyycc.org. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountyycc.org. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information.

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Ultima Bank MINNESOTA

Ultima Bank Minnesota is seeking a Customer Service Representative for it's Fosston location. Duties include greeting customers & assisting with transactions both in the lobby and through the Drive-up, opening new accounts, actively cross-selling bank services and answering incoming phone calls. Additional duties include administrative support and other related tasks as assigned. Individual must be friendly, organized, able to multi-task and be proficient in computer skills.

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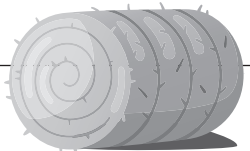
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Bagley Area Arts event

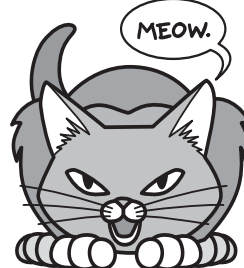
The Bagley Area Arts Collaborative Invites You To An Afternoon with Cate Belleveau, Author of "Kayak Cate: One Woman's Journey to Discover Her Lake Country Backyard" Bagley Public Library Meeting Room on March 17, 2022 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Cate will have a PowerPoint presentation that highlights her adventures as she set out to kayak all the lakes in Beltrami County. She will also discuss the steps she took while publishing her book. Cate's book will be available for sale at the presentation.

Cate Belleveau resides on 160 acres of meadows, forests, and beaver ponds in far northern Minnesota. She is ever grateful for a father who took his progeny on extended trips; hiking the Canadian wilderness, canoeing, and exploring especially the Great American West. Deeply afflicted with wanderlust, which has taken her to teach in New Zealand, Kyrgyzstan, and to connect with Japanese teachers on a Fulbright fellowship, she has also explored elsewhere. Cate has enjoyed kayaking in Greece, trekking to Mt. Everest Base Camp, as well as in South America and Europe. She is grateful that her husband encouraged her to deeply explore her own backyard with its world-class beauty.

Cate holds a Master's Degree in Natural Resources / Environmental Education and spent the majority of her professional life as a director of Gifted Education on a local Native American Reservation. Cate started a travel blog to encourage women past 50 to stay active and get out of doors for the great medicine that truly is found at www.kayakcate.com

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SPRING SEASON WORD SEARCH

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PUDDLES
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Tourism...

Continued from Canary pg 2
visitors enjoy the beauty of our state," said Governor Tim Walz. "As Minnesota's tourism economy takes strong steps toward recovering, I look forward to working with Minnesota's tourism industry to continue working to make Minnesota a top travel destination."

Explore Minnesota also shared highlights from its annual report. Since the onset of the pandemic, Explore Minnesota has supported hundreds of Minnesota communities with more than \$3 million in tourism crisis and recovery grants. The state's tourism businesses are recovering from pandemic impacts at different rates by sector and region. Some sectors, such as business travel, have been slower to recover, but according to a recent Minnesota tourism and hospitality industry survey, 39% of leisure travel businesses reported they were at or above pre-pandemic business levels, and demand for personal travel is expected to remain high in 2022.

"While we don't anticipate a complete return to pre-pandemic levels until late 2023 or early 2024, we are working our way back and anticipate stronger travel volume in 2022," said Lauren Bennett McGinty, state tourism director, Explore Minnesota. "Minnesota is a unique, four-season destination, and we have a major opportunity moving forward to position the state as a top 10 travel destination. After nearly two years of pandemic constraints, Explore Minnesota is ready to execute a new strategic direction to attract travelers from our state, around the country and across the globe who are eager to get back out, explore, and reconnect with the people and places they care about most."

Explore Minnesota Dreams Up New Strategies to Lure Visitors to the State

Set to debut this spring, Explore Minnesota's new summer marketing campaign, "Dream State," invites travelers to revisit the magic of travel again as the world continues to recover from the pandemic. The all-new marketing effort will convey a mystical view of some of the state's most popular attractions, targeting travelers from traditional markets like Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Colorado. New in 2022, Explore Minnesota will expand its reach further east and west in Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Some key markets include St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Milwaukee, Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. Explore Minnesota will also implement a new strategic direction, start diving back into national travel trade show opportunities, work to reintroduce international marketing tactics, and continue to expand its marketing footprint.

"The last two years have been challenging, but demand for travel is on the rise. While we can't forecast anything specific, we can be confident that we have a lot of exciting events like the 2022 NCAA Women's Final Four, 2022 MLS All-Star Game and 3M Open, and plenty of great ideas in place to build a bigger, bolder and brighter future for Minnesota's tourism industry," added Bennett McGinty.

About the Explore Minnesota Tourism Conference
The 2022 state tourism industry conference took place at the Sheraton Minneapolis West

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and included remarks from U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, as well as keynote speeches from local and national thought leaders, including Adam Sacks with Tourism Economics and Minnesota Gophers Head Football Coach P.J. Fleck. The annual conference aims to engage attendees with inspiring sessions about marketing, communications, destination development, and diversity, equity and inclusion and more. The one-day conference featured both in-person and virtual learnings for representatives of visitors bureaus and other tourism organizations; hotels, resorts and campgrounds; and a variety of attractions, such as museums, parks, zoos, malls and historic sites.

For more details about the Explore Minnesota Tourism Conference, including remarks and session recordings, visit exploreminnesota.com/conference. Full remarks from Governor Walz and Bennett McGinty

can also be found here.

About Explore Minnesota
As the state's tourism promotion office, Explore Minnesota works to inspire consumers and facilitate travel to and within Minnesota while pursuing an entrepreneurial approach and leveraging the state's tourism investment with increased involvement by the private sector. A council of tourism industry representatives connects Explore Minnesota with tourism businesses and organizations throughout the state. Tourism is a key sector of the state's economy, historically generating \$1.0 billion in state sales tax on \$16.6 billion in leisure and hospitality sales and employing nearly 275,000 workers in Minnesota's leisure and hospitality businesses.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

A Rose by Any Other Name Would Smell as Sweet

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet is all fine and dandy, until it comes down to naming a new puppy. Is one name just as good as another? I would venture to say it is not.

My husband assured me that he did not care the name we chose and thus, for the thirteen hours one way to retrieve our retriever, I dreamed. Jotting down many a name, we lingered in conversation. It was actually quite fun and for a man who didn't care what we named our new pup, he sure did use his veto power along the way. "So you don't care? Great! Then let's go with Violet!" "No, not Violet," he mumbled.

"How about Katie Jayne?" His facial expression gave way that this, too, would not do.

As the miles went by, so did the names. Every road sign seemed to be calling her name so-to-speak. Byron, Genoa, Ivy, Rochelle, and Sycamore were places passed. Cars called out Kia, Jetta, or Chevy. Songs upon the radio offered up Pleasant, Francesca, Libby, and on it went. The hours of conversation were taken up with the rhythm and rhyme behind each one.

In the end, it was Maddie Francine we welcomed with wiggles. Now, it's been three

weeks and I am convinced that somebody long ago, misspelled the word for which these little critters are known. I am convinced that puppy was just a more dignified version of poopy, and thus it "stuck" no pun intended.

Locked in the gated kitchen for the past several weeks has given me new perspective. Responding to every whimper is what puppy patrol consists of. In fact, as I type, my knees are still cold from diving under the cattle gate just before she hit pay dirt. She's willing to bond with the scent of manure and frantically sniffs her way towards the moving target which produced it.

I lunged towards her little furry feet like Mr. McGregor did towards those of Peter Rabbit just as he scampered under the garden gate. However, when I did it, the leash slipped off my hand and off she dashed. No doubt the neighbors heard the alarm in my voice as it all came down to the wire.

As far as puppy knew, it was all a pile of fun as nature called in the direction she desired to go. Wafting in the air were scents she'd never known and movements she'd never seen. The little ankle biter was rescued from trouble and didn't even know it. I suppose that's the reason why we work on

obedience to begin with. It's to protect.

Although a rose by any other name could smell as sweet, the scent I'm picking up is they are a lot sweeter along the way when they obey. Obedience makes life easier because it provides a safety zone from which to operate. No one is trying to suck all the fun out of puppy's life by wanting her to make the right choices. On the contrary, it's so she will be able to live a long and healthy life.

Sort of reminds me of Ephesians 6:2. "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you."

Now, if I could only teach puppy to read these words written in Ephesians, it might make it easier. But then, I suppose, we'd have to work on comprehension. As it is, I must teach puppy with language barriers and with no understanding that she gets it lest her actions show it. When I fail, or she does, we keep trying because in the end, she is worth it.

I'll let you know how it's going every now-and-again. In the mean time, I'm just praying that I will be able to live a long and healthy life in spite of the process! Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I got a question about these p i c k u p s

with their wide tires sticking outside of the fender wells, ain't that illegal? I always thought there were supposed to be fenders? I know they throw a lot of rocks around. I don't think that's right.

Answer: Minnesota law states that all passenger vehicles shall have fenders, or other devices, that are designed to prevent, as far as practicable, water, dirt or other material being thrown up and to the rear by the wheels of the vehicle.

For the tires sticking outside of the fenders the vehicle would need to be equipped with fender flares. The fender flares would

need to match the width of the tires sticking out.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPP10_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Tractor Pull Fun!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

This weekend I went to visit my grandson in Bemidji. He is quite the tractor man. When he sees me come in the door he starts making tractor noises and runs to get a toy tractor to show me. This makes grandpa smile! This got me thinking about tractors and the tractor projects I have around the yard.

I recently took a trip to Don Dufner's farm in Buxton, ND, to pick up a part. It ended up to be one of those great stormy winter days that we have been blessed with. The part was a "power block" for a G John Deere tractor. My goal is to turn one of my G's into a pulling tractor.

I've spent a lot of time in my life going to tractor pulls. My favorite is of course antique

tractor pulls. I love those old tractors! Two of my favorite were the Clearwater County Fair Tractor pull or the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers Pull back in the days it was held in Bagley, at the fairgrounds. The Lake Itasca pull was always fun. Back in those days they had a skid that was made so as it was pulled by the tractor people were positioned every 10 feet one on each side of the skid. As it came by the people would step on the skid. Eventually enough people were on sled to stop the tractor. Guess what? I always volunteered to be one of the people to get on the sled, then you could get a good view of the tractor that was pulling!

I have been in a few tractor



Nice G John Deere at Columbus, Ohio.



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pulls in my life. I've never had a great tractor set up for it, but it was fun to try. The first pull I was ever in was about 1980. My mom and dad rented a pick up and trailer from Earl Swenson in Oklee to haul our 4010 John Deere to Bagley. I was up against many Internationals. I believe there was a 706, an 806, a 560 and a few others. I think I placed 5th out of seven with the 4010. I was disappointed but, what a fun experience! Thanks mom and dad!! I wrote an article a few months ago when I took my R John Deere to the Lake Itasca show and had a good time.

A few years ago on my birthday, Patty and I attended the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers pull with my son Nick and his wife Nicole. My daughter-in-law said, "I want to be in a tractor pull!", "YES!!" I thought. I have plenty of old tractors around that could be pullers with a little(or a lot) of work!! I've got my work cut out for me. The two G's that I have both need their share of work. But, what a good problem to have!! I have to get to work on one of my John Deere G's, and get it ready to pull, for Nicole! So now you see why I had to make that trip to Buxton on a stormy winter day!

How about a little tractor trivia

1. The early G John Deere's had a _____ speed(forward) transmission.
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6
2. The later model G tractors has a _____ speed(forward) transmission.
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6
3. From 1942-1947 John Deere Model Gs were marketed under the model designation GM. Why?
4. What visual distinguishing factor is easily noticeable to identify a styled model G when sitting beside a styled model A or B?(Besides the size of the tractor.)
5. What model did John Deere replace the G with?
A) 50 B) 60 C) 70 D) 80

Answers: 1.. B. 4 speeds
2. C. 6 speeds 3. To receive government approval during WWII for a price increase. 4. The muffler and air cleaner stack are on opposite sides of the hood instead of being in-line down the middle like the A and B. 5. C. 70

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OBITUARIES

Death notice for Lowell H. Stevens

Lowell H. Stevens, 88, of Clearbrook, Minnesota died on Monday, March 7, 2022 his home surrounded by loving family. Arrangements are pending with The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Death notice for Gordon Olson

Gordon N. Olson February 24, 1942 – February 16, 2020
Gordon Olson, age 79, of Clearbrook, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Macintosh Senior Living Rest Home in Macintosh, Minnesota. Arrangements are pending. A service will be held in the spring.

Services for Gary Eck

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



Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Obituary for Evangeline Rhodes

Evangeline "Van" Rhodes, age 83, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Thursday, March 3rd, at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Kingo Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment will be in Samhold Lutheran Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday, May 14th, at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.
Evangeline Alice Zilmer was born on December 26, 1938, in Belgrade, Minnesota to parents Otto and Lydia (Strodtman) Zilmer. She lived in Belgrade until 1945 then the family moved to Brooten, Minnesota. She resided in Brooten until 1954 and then the family returned to Belgrade where she graduated from Belgrade High School in 1956. She was the snow queen in Belgrade her senior year. After high school, she moved to the Twin Cities where she worked at HD Lee Overall Company doing clerical work. She resided there for several years.
Van married Wallace Edevold and they made their first home in Berner, Minnesota, then later moved to Gonvick, Minnesota. She worked at Northern State Bank in Gonvick and later at the bank in Clearbrook for 15 years. Van and Wallace later divorced.
Van was married to Richard "Shorty" Rhodes on September 5, 1999. After their marriage, they lived in Clearbrook and, in 2002, moved to Fosston. Van enjoyed traveling with Shorty where he went with his work throughout the United States. They also owned a seasonal home at

Cass Lake where she enjoyed the lake and spending time with family. Van also enjoyed many fun trips to Hawaii, Florida and other places with their timeshare property.
Van's hobbies included enjoyment of shopping and she had a huge collection of angels and dolls. She also had an affinity for things that sparkled and shined. She was a classy dresser and wore the gifts well that Shorty bought her. Shorty loved spoiling Van. As Van's health declined, they learned a new relationship where Shorty became her caregiver. It was only Shorty that Van wanted to help her as she required more assistance with activities of daily living. They both loved each other dearly.
Most of all, Van loved spending time with her family, especially her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She cared deeply for each family member and took the role of being mother and grandmother seriously. Her love, support and encouragement were always present. Being very involved in family activities, fun family vacations and family time at the lake helped build memories that will last a lifetime for her family. She will be dearly missed.
Survivors include her husband, Shorty, of Fosston; one daughter, Lori (Ray) Sundbom of Clearbrook, MN, and son, Gary (Kirsten) Edevold of Park Rapids, MN; stepchildren, Cindy Bolejack of Rogers, AR, Connie Rhodes of Fort Myers, FL, and Cheryl (Jeff) Price of Shawnee, KS; grandchildren Nicole (Wade) Evje; Megan (Eric) Martin; Carin (James) Rossbach; Chad (Michelle) Dumas; Casey (Sally) Dumas; Kayla (Curt) Barthelemy; Christina (Jason) Leonard; Todd Bergerson; Cassandra Bergerson; Brandon Bergerson; Dylan Bergerson (Friend Veronica McBride); Alyza (Drew) Bade; Evan Edevold; Mylee Edevold; Jesse (Ashley) Whittle; Emily (Aaron) Krannawitter; Tanner Osterbuhr; Peighton Price; Logan Bolejack; Megan Bolejack; Murphy Rhodes; 30 great grandchildren; and two brothers, Arvin (Helen) Zilmer of Aurora, MN, and Gerald (Margaret) Zilmer of Belgrade, MN. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.
She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Tami Mehl and Terri Bergerson; two sisters, Dorothy Bahe and Phyllis Kiaser; and two brothers, Donald Zilmer and Clarence Zilmer.

Death notice for Barbara Cobb

Barbara Cobb, age 78, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Sunday, March 6th, at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston, MN. Arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston.

Services for Marian Haugen

Marian Haugen, age 88, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Thursday, March 3rd, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Mark Richardson officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Free Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston, in the spring. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a 6:00 p.m. prayer service on Wednesday, March 16th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. Family will also greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Thursday, March 17th, at the church. The service will be live-streamed on the Carlin



Facebook page and recorded for viewing later on the Carlin website. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.
A full obituary will be next week.

Obituary for Susan Bjerken

Susan Caroline Bjerken was born to Arthur C. Berg and Ragna Gina (Widseth) Berg on April 19, 1940, in Bagley MN. The third child of five, having two older and two younger brothers.
She passed away due to complications of aspiration pneumonia and dementia residing at Good Samaritan in Mountain Lake, MN
Susan lived several places in childhood Bagley, Cloquet and her parents eventually opened the B & B Café in McIntosh, MN. She was active in multiple musical endeavors throughout her lifetime with her beautiful soprano voice singing out to the very end, bringing comfort through FaceTime to children and family.
Susan was baptized on May 11, 1941 at Our Saviors Lutheran in McIntosh, MN. She was confirmed Oct 27, 1954 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McIntosh MN. She graduated from McIntosh High School in McIntosh, MN in 1958.
She found the love of her life while attending college at Concordia College Moorhead, MN and was engaged to be married while he was attending NDSU in Fargo, ND. Maurice Jerome (Jerry) Bjerken and Susan C. Berg were united in Holy Matrimony in Our Saviors Lutheran Church in a candlelight ceremony on August 22, 1959. Their honeymoon was at Parkland Resort in Kenora, Ontario.
Susan and Jerry had a large family of 8 living children and 5 miscarriages. She was a Sweet Mama and lovingly cared for her last-born son Jeremiah until 78 years of age. When we realized dementia was setting in we moved her to Mountain Lake MN. We all have stories to tell of her trips out to help with birth of her grandchildren and helping with surgeries or other Motherly cares, it seems that Mothering was a lifelong dedication to us all. Living most of her life in Minnesota, and Billings, MT
She was known for her strong faith In Jesus, having a gracious spirit, welcoming all who came to her. Opening her home to many for a cup of coffee and warm hug. Cooking for our large family gatherings at our family home every holiday. We would somehow have up to 40 for holidays suppers and desserts.
Susan is survived by Brothers: Chuck (Marge) Berg and John (Sue) Berg, and Brother-in-Law: Ronald Holecek. Sisters -in- Laws: Barbara Berg, Jean Berg and Sherry (Bjerken) Yeager. Children: Michael (Debra) Bjerken, Kimberly Bjerken, Bradley Bjerken, Scott (Noelia) Bjerken, Chad Bjerken, Joy Colon, Philip (Cassidy) Bjerken and Jeremiah Bjerken. Grandchildren: Andy (Barbara) Mott, Matthew Lalley, Stephanie (Vinod) Tella, Faith (Tyler) Corpron; Katrina (Patrick) Cameron; Nathan (Callie) Schelebo, Daniel Schelebo, Brooklyn and Jonathon Bjerken; Noel (Kelly) Smith and Joshua Bjerken; Payton and Porter Bjerken; Jordyn (Andy) Riesman, Kaleb Colon, Isabella and Keenan Colon; Monet, Abrielle Bjerken and Edgar. Great Grandchildren: Peter and Mary Mott; River Cameron, Raeya Corpron, and Raveena Tella; Esperanza Smith; Everett Schelebo; Luca Reisman, and by multiple nephews and nieces.
Those that have passed on before: Parents: Arthur and Ragna Berg, Husband: Maurice Jerome Bjerken. Brothers: Carlin Berg and Raymond Berg. Nephews: Barry Berg and Erik Berg Niece: Nicole Berg Names.
Interment will be in Mamre Cemetery, rural Fosston, in the spring. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Thursday, March 10th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There will also be reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Thursday (March 10th) at the church. The service will be live-streamed on the Carlin Facebook page and recorded for viewing later on the Carlin website. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



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Services for Marland E. Rue

Marland E. Rue, age 85, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Thursday, March 3rd, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16th, at Kingo Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment will be in Kingo Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston, in the spring. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday, March 16th, at the church. The service will be live-streamed on the Carlin Facebook page and also recorded and available for viewing later on the Carlin website. Military honors will be provided by the National Guard Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.





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Garfield Lake Ice Races results from February 27th

By Dennis Peterson

It was an excellent day for ice races on Sunday with clear skies and warmer temperatures the Garfield Lake Ice Racers put on a show for the many fans in attendance. Just a few weeks of races remain depending on weather conditions with the end of the season awards banquet set for March 19th at the Woodshed Bar and Grill in Laporte.

Big winners on Sunday were Zach Tilberry winning two heats and two features in the B class. Also winning feature races were Sam Delaney and Michael Roth in the B class. Winning individual heat races were Abe Forseman and Bob Pawlitschek. In the A class Nate Zanter won both features on Sunday. Picking up heat wins in the A class were Kalin Honer and Jon Geschwill.

Racing will resume next Sunday at noon on Garfield Lake in Laporte with two complete sets of races.

RESULTS:

Set 1 B Class Heat #1:

1. Bob Pawlitschek, 2. Mike Moen, 3. Justin Miller, 4. Hunter Weeks, 5. Micheal Roth.

Heat #2: 1. Zach Tilberry, 2. Abe Forseman, 3. Josh Bither, 4. Jimmy Venem, 5. Sam Delaney.

Set 1 B Class Features #1:

1. Zach Tilberry, 2. Abe Forseman, 3. Sam Delaney, 4. Dan Riggs, 5. Justin Miller, 6. Kevin Bahr, 7. Jimmy Venem, 8. DNS Zach Tolman

Set 1 B Class Feature #2:

1. Micheal Roth, 2. Hunter Weeks, 3. Dennis Clark, 4. Josh Bitker, 5. Bob Pawlitschek, 6. Brad/Michele Krotzer, 7. Gordon Hunter, 8. Mike Moen

Set 1 A Class Heat #1:

1. Kalin Honer, 2. Fritz Meyers, 3. Nate Zanter, 4. Bonnie Farrington, 5. Josh Sautbine, 6. Jon Geschwill, 7. Jon Sharpnak, 8. John Farrington, 9. Nick Lewis, 10. Reid Watson, 11. Ryan Schow

Set 1 A Class Feature:

1. Nate Zanter, 2. Bonnie Farrington, 3. Fritz Meyers, 4. Kalin Honer, 5. John Farrington, 6. Jon Sharpnak, 7. Nick Lewis, 8. Josh Sautbine, 9. Reid Watson, 10. Ryan Schow, 11. Jon Geschwill

Set 2 B Class Heat #1:

1. Abe Forseman, 2. Josh Bitker, 3. Brad/Michele Krotzer,



Class B Feature winner Michael Roth, his first ever.



Class B winner of 2 heats and 2 features Zach Tilberry.



Class B Feature winner Sam Delaney.



Class A double feature winner Nate Zanter.

Set 2 B Class Heat #2: 1. Zach Tilberry, 2. Sam Delaney, 3. Dan Riggs, 4. Jimmy Venem, 5. Justin Miller

Set 2 B Class Feature #1:

1. Zach Tilberry, 2. Dan Riggs, 3. Josh Bitker, 4. Gordon Hunter, 5. Dennis Clark, 6. Justin Miller, 7. DNS Kevin Bahr

Set 2 B Class Feature #2:

1. Sam Delaney, 2. Abe Forseman, 3. Jimmy Venem, 4. Bob Pawlitschek, 5. Hunter Weeks,

6. Mike Moen, 7. Brad/Michele Krotzer

Set 2 A Class Heat: 1. Jon Geschwill, 2. John Farrington, 3. Jon Sharpnak, 4. Nate Zanter, 5. Kalin Honer

Set 2 A Class Feature:

1. Nate Zanter, 2. Jon Sharpnak, 3. Kalin Honer, 4. Bonnie Farrington, 5. John Farrington, 6. Reid Watson, 7. Jon Geschwill, 8. Josh Sautbine, 9. Nick Lewis, 10. Fritz Meyers



Coach Nick Cervantes presents the members of the Prowler Wrestler Varsity and Junior Varsity members. Pictured with Cervantes are Senior Paul DeHate, Co-Captain Damon Ferguson and JV Prowler Eli Magnell. Mr. Cervantes, Paul, and Damon competed with their team, March 3-5 at the Excel Energy Center. Photo courtesy of Noah Hanson.

Wrestlers At State!



Above: Staff held a Pep Fest for students to start out tournament week last Thursday morning during their third hour. Pictured are: The wrestling team winning first place for curling with team members Eli Magnell, Damon Ferguson and Paul DeHate. Winning second place for the boys basketball team were Thomas Benson, Tyler Eskeli and Ethan Majeres. Winning third place was girls basketball with Quinn Graves, Jennifer Johnson and Carly Vettleson. Photo courtesy of Nolan Magnell.

Tough loss to end the season!

Mustangs vs Cass Lake 3-3-22 lost 40-69

Summary for the night. Cari Bachand: 8pts, 8RB's, 1 assist, 3 steals; Paige Olson: 6 pts, 4 RB's, 1 assist; Marissa Thomas: 6 pts, 7 RB's; Carlee Whalen: 6pts, 7 RB's, 1 steal; Quinn Graves: 5 pts; Shawna Maejers: 5 pts; Carly Vettleson: 4 pts.



Paige Olson at the free throw line.



Cari Bachand fighting to keep possession of the ball.



Maddie Inda-Valdez with the ball.

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