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Traveling Art Exhibit Visits Red Lake Falls Public Library

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) sponsors an annual Traveling Art Exhibit, which visits northwest Minnesota communities throughout the year. The exhibit includes 15 original pieces of art by regional adult and student artists, chosen from works submitted for our annual juried exhibit. The exhibit is currently at the Red Lake Falls Public Library until late April. Please stop by to see these works of art as this is the final stop for this traveling exhibit. Stay tuned for the upcoming schedule and locations for our next exhibit.

NWMAC Traveling Art Exhibit at Red Lake Falls Public Library

The 2021-2022 Artists and Artwork:
 Aubree Bonham, Fertile, "No Evil" (Mixed Media) (student)
 Rileigh Moland, Fertile, "Unique Askew" (Acrylic) (student)
 Heidi Danos, Fosston, "Never Apologize" (Mixed Media)
 Peggy Branden, Lake Bron-

son, "Emerging" (Mixed Media)
 Glen Heppner, Warroad, "Pelican" (Oil Painting)
 Lucille Nelson, Argyle, "Lending a Hand" (Drawing)
 Bert Foster, Thief River Falls, "Old Man Resting" (Photograph)
 Christine Foster, Thief River Falls, "Bridge to the Past" (Oil Painting)
 Brennon Collins, Greenbush, "Lake Lounging" (Print) (student)
 Phyllis Kalliokoski, East Grand Forks, "Amalfi Coast" (Watercolor Painting)
 Dara Maunu, Warroad, "Whimsical Walks 1" (Acrylic Painting)
 Cindy Kolling, Gully, "Snapping Turtle Laying Eggs" (Drawing)
 James Johanneck, Red Lake Falls, "Buckthorn Root Ball Vase" (Wood Sculpture)
 Eskyla Manriquez, Ada, "Air Jordan 1 Chicago Black Toe" (Sculpture) (student)
 Trinity Walseeth, Goodridge, "Titles of Trinity" (Print) (student)



Pictured left to right, Joe Swiers, John Seeger, Rebekah Donner, Gerri Swiers, Shelly Zimmel, Justin Haus, CHS location manager, and Darvin Shoenborn.

CHS Seeds for Stewardship Donates \$10,000 to Mahnomen County Ag Society

Through the CHS Seeds for Stewardship program, the Mahnomen County Ag Society is receiving \$10,000 to help with repairs needed to their show ring.

"It is important to us that students continue to be involved in the agriculture industry. By helping the Mahnomen County Ag Society on projects like the show ring, we hope to continue providing a positive and exceptional learning environment for area students," says James Hardy, general manager for the CHS Mahnomen group.

The CHS Seeds for Stewardship program was designed to support worthwhile organizations and projects that are focused on safety and ag education. The funds like those being donated by the CHS business unit headquartered in Mahnomen, MN are part of the CHS commitment to empower a safer, stronger rural America through financial support that goes directly back into communities where CHS owners and employees work, live and do business.

Since 2017, CHS has donated more than \$1.84 million in

funds through CHS Seeds for Stewardship.

The CHS ag retail locations managed out of Mahnomen, Minn. deliver grain and feed products and services to northern Minnesota ag producers and other customers from four locations. They are part of CHS Inc., (www.chsinc.com) a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives across the United States. Diversified in energy, agronomy, grains and foods, CHS is committed to creating connections to empower agriculture, helping its

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Northland will Welcome Area High School Students for Annual Career Expos

Northland Community & Technical College is set to host the 2022 Career Expo on both campuses. Doors will open at 9:30 am on March 30, 2022, at Northland's Thief River Falls campus. A similar event will take place on the East Grand Forks campus on April 20, 2022. The event will give high school students in grades 9-12 an exclusive opportunity to meet with faculty in a wide variety of programs as well as student services staff.

Northland's Annual Career Expo offers area high school students the unique opportunity to explore careers that are in demand regionally to help make decisions about their future and understand the value of education. The event focuses on Northland's programs and provides an in-depth and engaging experience connecting participants directly with faculty.

"We are excited to get high school students back on campus to learn more about our awesome programs at Northland!" expressed Maura Efteland, Northland Recruiter and Advisor. "Each program will have hands on activities that will allow students to gain a real understanding of the field."

Northland's Annual Career Expo offers area high school students from Red Lake County Central, Red Lake Falls, Kittson Central, Grygla, Marshall County Central, Greenbush, and more the unique opportunity to explore careers that are in demand to help make future college and career decisions. The event provides an in-depth and engaging experience connecting participants directly with faculty.

Students will learn first-

hand from program faculty as they talk about the classroom experience, how online classes work, highlight career opportunities, and hold a question and answer session. Many Northland programs will be on-hand, including: Paramedic, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, Business, Digital Marketing, Marketing & Management, Auto Body Collision Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Agriculture, Geospatial Intelligence Analysis, Early Childhood Education, and Architectural Technology & Design.

"College is a huge investment, so it's important for students and their families to begin exploring options early and consider many avenues for education," stated Northland Recruiter and Advisor Nic Thompson. "This is the perfect opportunity for high school students who are contemplating their future to get an in depth look at all of the program options we have here at Northland."

Participants will be able to attend several sessions of their choosing and get a comprehensive overview of Northland's diverse program options. In addition, they will be introduced to their student support team and have a chance to ask any questions about the admission process, class registration, tuition, and financial aid.

If you would like to receive more information on your school becoming a participant in this year's Career Expo, contact Northland's Admissions Office at enrollment@northlandcollege.edu or 1-800-959-6282.

The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has named John Hoffman to serve as president of Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College. The appointment will become effective on July 1, 2022.

"Dr. Hoffman is an accomplished and strategic leader, who understands that building an empowering ethos for faculty and staff is critical to take both institutions to the next level," said Devinder Malhotra, chancellor of Minnesota State. "Personally and professionally, Dr. Hoffman is strongly committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and fully understands Equity 2030 as a unifying framework and organizing principal of student success. He exhibits through his work great leadership traits and has prepared himself well through both experience and expertise to assume the presidency of Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College."

Dr. Hoffman has served as the vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the Uni-



Dr. John Hoffman

versity of Minnesota Crookston since 2018, and he also assumed duties as acting senior vice chancellor in 2021. His responsibilities have spanned all of academics, student affairs, and enrollment management. Signature accomplishments have included implementing multi-faceted student success programs credited with increasing student success and retention rates, reducing the first-year retention rate dis-

parities between Black and Indigenous students, and students of color and their white counterparts, and increasing performance on two-thirds of core learning outcomes for all students during their first year of college. Other accomplishments include overhauling enrollment management functions which, pre-COVID, increased new student enrollment, increased yield, reduced summer melt, and increased proportions of students of color, low-income students, and first-generation students. This past year, he co-authored the University of Minnesota system-wide strategic enrollment management plan. He also led UMN Crookston aspects of system-wide plans addressing COVID-19 response and related educational initiatives.

Previously, he held faculty and a variety of administrative positions within the California State University between 2004 and 2018 including chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and director of the Doctor of Educational Leader-

ship Program. Over 10 years at Cal State Fullerton, he earned tenure and advancement to full professor, and his leadership contributed to significant diversification of the faculty, significant enrollment growth including increases in the racial and ethnic diversity of students, and enhanced graduation rates with no measurable achievement gaps by race or gender.

Prior appointments include service as dean of students at Concordia University, Irvine from 1998 to 2004, multiple student affairs roles at Concordia University, St. Paul from 1995 to 1998, and a year of service as a major gifts officer at Concordia University, Nebraska from 1994 to 1995. He holds a bachelor's degree from Concordia University, Nebraska, and a master's and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Hoffman succeeds Faith Hensrud who has served as president since 2016 and has announced her intention to retire.

Risk mitigation fund for landlords

March 23, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is seeking landlords to join the Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund. The primary purpose of the Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund is to reduce rental barriers for young adults experiencing homelessness and to establish a network of participating landlords in Northwest Minnesota.

The Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund will be managed by NMF's staff and will be overseen by an independent advisory committee. The advisory committee is represented by local landlords, housing authorities, real estate experts, social service providers, and youth with lived experiences of homelessness.

The Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund serves homeless youth (aged 25 or younger) who are unable to find a landlord

willing to rent to them due to their age and/or history. This program seeks to remove housing barriers for those with negative rental histories by providing renters with additional insurance and support in the tenant application process. Additionally, landlords participating in the program agree to modify standard tenant selection criteria based on the financial assurance given by the program and work to remove any other barriers preventing access to affordable housing.

The primary role of participating landlords will be to develop positive relationships with supportive housing service providers and provide clients who are coming out of homelessness with needed housing. Landlords who have vacancies they wish to fill can choose to become a participating landlord and will provide

housing to young adults who have experienced homelessness.

This program is available to all landlords that own or manage rental properties in the following counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau. The program is also eligible to those who own or manage rental dwellings or properties within the boundaries of the counties listed above, or within the following tribal nations: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, and White Earth Nation.

Landlords who wish to participate in the program should complete a letter of intent on the Program's website, www.nwmf.org/landlord-risk-mitigation-fund/

Minnesota Beef Producer Shares Story to Celebrate National Ag Day

With more than 98% of Americans having little to no direct connection to farming or ranching, now, more than ever, there's a need and opportunity for the agriculture community to tell its story. In honor of National Ag Day, the Minnesota Beef Council is sharing one story of a Minnesota beef producer who understands the importance of inspiring the next generation to get involved.

Brandon and Casey Kerkhoff manage Kerkhoff Cattle Company in Redwood Falls, Minn., where they are raising a family and feeding cattle. While Brandon was born into the cattle business, his parents let him decide what career path to take.

"I was given the chance to explore all available options

for a career, but nothing was more satisfying than farming with my mom and dad," said Brandon Kerkhoff.

The Kerkhoffs are committed to cattle safety and national Beef Checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance classes keep them up to date on proper animal handling. They work closely with their local veterinarian and nutritionists to make sure cattle stay healthy. The Kerkhoffs provide a healthy environment for their cattle, which in turn also creates a positive environment for raising their children. "I like raising kids on the farm because they get to experience things that very few do," said Kerkhoff. "They get to appreciate the process that food takes to reach their plate and farm life also teaches great work ethic."

From producers to consumers, everyone can be involved with agriculture. Whether you are part of the future generation of farmers and ranchers or simply want to know how food gets from pasture to plate, all you need to get involved is effort and the drive to learn more. To learn about beef's journey from pasture to plate, visit mba.beeflearning-center.org. For more information about Minnesota's farming and ranching families, visit www.mnbeef.org.



Facing east, one hour before sunrise April 26

Saturn
Mars
Jupiter Venus
Waning Moon

Minnesota Starwatch

Minnesota Starwatch for April 2022

By Deane Morrison

As April opens, the stage is set for some serious planetary action in the morning sky.

On April Fools' Day, Venus, Saturn and Mars sit close to each other above the eastern horizon, almost equally spaced and in that order from left to right. But don't be fooled; Saturn is rapidly gaining altitude, and on the 5th it passes less than a moon width above Mars. As the month goes on, the three planets spread farther and farther apart while staying in a line. On the 25th, Mars will be exactly midway between Saturn and Venus.

Around the 21st, Jupiter appears to the lower left of Venus; the gap between them narrows rapidly. Try looking on the 25th or 26th, when a waning moon appears with the

planets, or on the 30th or May 1, when Jupiter passes above Venus. But whichever day(s) you choose, it's best to get out just as day starts to break, to ensure all the expected objects have risen but none have yet been swallowed by the sun's foreglow.

In the evening sky, the spring constellation Leo, the lion, is high in the southeast to south at nightfall. Leo's brightest star, Regulus, anchors a backward question mark of stars called the Sickle, which outlines the lion's head. East of the Sickle shines a triangle of stars marking the hindquarters and tail.

Look between Regulus and Pollux, the brighter Gemini twin, for the Beehive star cluster. It's slightly closer to Pollux, and you may need a star

map or binoculars. The Beehive is also called Praesepe, Latin for "manger." Framing the cluster are two stars called Aselli, or asses, that feed at the manger.

April's full moon crosses the sky the night of the 16th. It follows Spica, the brightest star in Virgo, the maiden. Virgo is large and rather dim, but you may notice Corvus, the crow, an irregularly shaped four-sided figure just west of Spica.

House GOP statement on confirmed Avian Influenza cases

BADGER, MN — Rep. John Burkel, R-Badger, issued the following statement regarding today's news that H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been confirmed in two flocks in Meeker and Mower Counties.

"Minnesotans need to know that poultry remains safe to eat, and the best thing we can do to support our poultry industry is to keep buying Minnesota-made chicken and turkey," Burkel said. "This is incredibly difficult and devastating news for our poultry farmers who went through this crisis in 2015, but the good news we are much more prepared this time around. Thankfully the legislature made critical investments in biosecurity and research, and built the Minnesota Poultry Testing Lab in Willmar that has dramatically increased testing capacity so we can respond more quickly to potential outbreaks."

"I will continue working with my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee, the Board of Animal Health, and the Department of Agriculture to ensure we are doing everything we can at the legislative level to support our poultry farmers and make sure we have the resources needed to test and respond accordingly and stop the spread of avian flu."

Rep. Burkel currently serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and is a fourth generation turkey producer. Burkel served for ten years from 1999-2009 on the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association Board, and on the National Turkey Federation Executive Committee from 2007-2017, including serving as chair in 2013.

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Structure Fire

On 03/22/2022, at approximately 1705, the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Fertile Fire Department were dispatched to a structure fire at 44454 120th Ave SE in Garfield township.

The fire was extinguished prior to the arrival of responding agencies. The fire started in the ceiling of a shop near a wood burning stove. The damage to the shop was minimal.

County EMS also responded to the scene to assist.

No further information will be released at this time.

Fire call

On March 24th at approximately 3am the Polk County Sheriff's Office received a report of a fire at 32434 320th St SW. The fire is suspicious in origin and investigators are seeking any information the public may have regarding this incident. There is a reward of up to \$5000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties involved in this fire. Anyone with information should call the Arson Reward Hotline 1-800-723-2020 or the Polk County Sheriff's Department at 218-281-0431. Crookston Fire Department, Fisher Fire Department, Climax Fire Department, and Crookston Area Ambulance also assisted. No further information is being released at this time.

Red River Access closure

The Polk County Sheriff's Office, East Grand Forks Police Department and East Grand Forks Fire Department are advising due to flood stage exceeding 28 feet, all boat landing access to the Red River will be closed on the Polk County side of the river starting today 3/24/2022. The only access will be for emergency personnel.

The rising water and extreme currents are very dangerous so please use caution if you are out walking by the river with children and pets.

Any questions or concerns please contact Polk County Sheriff's Office

Local Students Receive Dean's List Honors from Bemidji State University

BEMIDJI, Minn. (March 24, 2021) - Local students have earned Dean's List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, Bemidji State University students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA during the semester. A total of 673 students earned Fall 2021 Dean's List honors from the university.

Bemidji State University educates people to lead inspired lives. From a serene campus located among the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota, BSU offers world-class education in arts, sciences and select pre-professional programs. Bemidji State's 4,750 students can pursue degrees in 70 undergraduate areas of study and

nine graduate programs.

Students include: **Clearbrook**, Brody Johnson, Hanna Lavin and Rachel Lavin.

Gonvick, Brynn Hetland

Lee Waughtal named to Fall President's List

BEMIDJI Minn. (March 24, 2022) - Lee Waughtal from Clearbrook, MN, earned President's List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 4.0 GPA during the semester. A total of 392 students earned Fall 2021 President's List honors from the University.

Speak LIFE

I am six. Six weeks old. You might not have noticed me yet—Hey, what about me? Ahhh!! Who is that? Me. Is that you, Mom? No, silly. It's me. I'm right next to you. You scared me! That's what siblings are for. Do you think Mom knows? Knows what? That there are two of us? I don't know. You didn't. How big are we this week, anyway? Um, as big as grains of rice. So probably not. Boy, is she going to be surprised. What else is happening this week? Well, our hearts have regular rhythms and next week we'll be 10,000 times bigger than when we were conceived. Shhhh! Why? I need more naps. -a.m.opdahl www.speaklife139.com

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ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION



The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an Elementary Special Education teaching position open for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire a Minnesota special education license. Preference will be given to applicants with additional licensure in special education areas including EBD, LD, ASD, or DCD. Individuals interested in extra-curricular coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three letters of recommendation to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, Human Resources
mmccoy@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

R2-5C

ELEMENTARY INTERVENTION TEACHER



The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for an elementary intervention teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2022-2023 school year. This position would work with kindergarten through grade 6 students to help bridge current achievement gaps or needs.

Requirements: MN K-6 Elementary Teaching license is required for the position. Individuals with alternative licenses and those who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
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Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Or email the materials to:
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R2-5C

BAND TEACHER OPEN POSITION



Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an open position for a Band Teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2022-2023 school year. Courses currently include 7th Grade General Music, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Elementary Band. Course offerings are flexible based upon a candidate's interest and experience.

Requirements: MN Teaching Licensure in Instrumental and Classroom Music. Individuals with alternative licenses and those who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:
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R2-5C

Registered Dietitian Polk County Public Health

We're looking for a career minded, team player who wants to grow along with us and ensure an excellent Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program experience!

Polk County Public Health currently has an opening for a 1.0 FTE Registered Dietitian. As part of the WIC team, the Registered Dietitian is responsible for program planning and implementation, fulfilling the duties of a Competent Professional Authority (CPA) and nutrition education as well as providing community consultation and outreach. Must be flexible, dependable, possess critical thinking skills, and be detail oriented. The ideal candidate works with minimal supervision and is adept at engaging clients and community partners while 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. This position requires a Baccalaureate Degree in Dietetics, Human Nutrition, Nutrition Education, or Food and Nutrition, current Registered Dietitian, or registry eligible and at least three (3) years of related experience. 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 & sick leave, and access to many other health and wellness programs. Must have a valid driver's license or evidence of equivalent mobility. Wage range for this position is \$29.10 - \$37.00/per hour, DOE, and qualifications.

Interested individuals may contact the Polk County Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408 to obtain an application or go to www.co.polk.mn.us and click on Careers. Please submit your completed application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716 before **4:30 p.m., April 13, 2022**. Applications may also be emailed directly to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us EOE.

R2-4C

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.**

R1-2C

Olson Gravel, Inc. HELP WANTED

Olson Gravel Inc. of Trail, MN is looking to hire a full time & part time truck drivers, loader operators & laborers. Truck drivers must have a class A or B license and clean driving record. Pay DOE. Benefits include: Health, eye & dental, retirement, company/family cell phone plan, 529 education plan. Call 218-268-4765.

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❖ OFFICE MANAGER ❖

The Polk County Attorney's Office located in Crookston, Minnesota, is seeking applications for the position of a full-time Office Manager.

This is a challenging and rewarding position with primary responsibilities including supervising and coordinating the administrative support staff, managing the office's delivery of legal services, and overseeing records management. The position also is responsible for coordinating and assisting in the areas of budgetary and fiscal management, grant support, office policy and procedure development, and technological support. Applicants must have an associate-level degree in office management, paralegal, criminal justice, information systems or a closely related field and five (5) years legal experience or full-time office experience, with advanced proficiency in computer applications; or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.

Annual salary range for this position for 2022 is \$47,944 to \$60,945, depending upon experience and qualifications. The position also includes a highly competitive benefits package. This benefits package includes a monthly \$1,200 cafeteria plan contribution by the County; healthcare plans through BCBS with various deductibles and very attractive, low-cost premiums regardless of the number of dependents; dental, vision, life, long-term and short-term disability coverage; flexible spending accounts; PERA retirement with contributions made by the County; 10 paid holidays each year; paid vacation and sick leave; and access to other health and wellness programs.

A full position description and application can be obtained by contacting the Polk County Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408 or online at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> and click on Careers. Please mail your application and resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN, 56716, or e-mail to alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us Applications for this position will be received until 4:30 p.m. on April 8, 2022. EEO

R2-3C

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

Full-time Sales Agronomist

Farmers Union Oil Co of Grygla is looking to hire a full-time sales agronomist to promote and maintain a reputable agronomy business.

A successful candidate would sell and service a full lineup of agronomic products and services including fertilizer, crop protection, seed, field scouting and consulting, and be involved in the day-to-day operations of the business.

An Ag Degree is preferred, or previous experience in this field.

Applicant must have good communication skills as well as excellent public relations and be highly motivated with good work ethic.

Send resumes to: Farmers Union Oil Co. Attn: Bob Thompson, PO Box 48 Grygla, MN 56727 or phone 218-689-1374 for more information.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEAN OF STUDENTS
New London-Spicer Schools. MN Teaching Licensure Required. Administrative Licensure preferred. For more info see: nls.k12.mn.us/employment

KMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
has an Elementary teaching position available August 2022. Qualifications: Minnesota Elementary Education School license. Attach letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts and license. Apply at: www.kms.k12.mn.us

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BAGLEY SCHOOLS OPENINGS FALL 2022

Elementary Special Education position, EBD. Bagley Elementary School has an opening for a Special Education Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in EBD is required.

Elementary Special Education position, ASD. Bagley Elementary School has an opening for a Special Education Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in ASD is required.

Secondary Special Ed position, LD. Bagley High School has an opening for a Special Education Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in LD is required.

Secondary Special Ed position, DCD. Bagley High School has an opening for a Special Education Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in DCD is required.

Secondary Math position. The Bagley High School has an opening for a Math Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in math is required.

Secondary Science position. The Bagley High School has an opening for a Science Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in Physics and Chemistry is required.

Secondary Science position. The Bagley High School has an opening for a Science Teacher starting fall 2022. Minnesota licensure in Physical Science/Physics, Earth Science is required.

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, teaching license, transcripts and three letters of reference to Nichole Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

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BAGLEY SCHOOLS CURRENT OPENINGS

Secondary Physical Education/Health Long Term Sub Teaching position. Open immediately for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. 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.

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.

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 Nichole Ekre at 694-6184.

R52-3C

ELECTION CLERK (SEASONAL)

Polk County Taxpayer Service Center has a seasonal job opening for an Election Clerk. Duties include but are not limited to; operating office equipment such as scanners, copiers, phone systems and computers for spreadsheets, word processing, database management and other applications. Able to work flexible hours. A high school diploma or equivalent (GED) is needed. A valid driver's license or evidence of equivalent mobility is required. Wage for this position is \$15.33/hour. Interested individuals may contact the Polk County Administrator's Office at 218- 281-5408 or go online to <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers to obtain an application and a full job description. Please mail your application along with a resume to the Polk County Administrator's Office, Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716, or email alecia.helms@co.polk.mn.us. This position will remain open until filled. EEO.

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PARAPROFESSIONAL

Win-E-Mac Public School ISD #2609 is seeking to hire a Paraprofessional for the school year 2021-2022.

Hourly wages start \$12 - \$18.

Please send a letter of interest, and an on-line application to Principal, Kevin McKeever at kmckeever@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or Win-E-Mac School, 23130 345 th ST SE, McIntosh, MN 56535. Position will be opened until filled. Phone: 218-563-2900

www.win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

Win-E-Mac



Patriots

R2-3C

Ditch Inspector/ Engineering Technician II

Red Lake Watershed District is seeking applicants for a full-time position as a Ditch Inspector/Engineering Technician II.

Duties: Survey crew to include yearly inspection of all public legal drainage systems and coordinate maintenance, construction inspection and staking, field surveys, extensive knowledge in maps and construction plans, stream gauging, operating watershed projects, data base management and analysis, assist in preparing engineer reports, assist with District permit applications.

Requirements: Graduation from high school. Two-year technical college preferred in Civil Engineering Technology or 2 years' experience in Trimble GPS survey equipment and software, surveying and construction experience. Knowledge of agricultural practices, construction materials and methods, and simple engineering practices. Skill in use of field, office, laboratory equipment. Ability to tolerate and work safely in construction areas and inspect moderately difficult construction projects. Applicant must have no physical limitations in relation to tasks performed, must be able to lift 50 pounds. Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Excel and Word) and Introductory to AutoCad (CAD)/Civil 3D. Valid Minnesota Driver's License and knowledge of using all-terrain vehicles (ATV).

A complete job description is available at redlakewatershed.org. Please submit a cover letter and resume to the Red Lake Watershed District, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, or email RLWD@redlakewatershed.org

Application deadline: April 19, 2022

Salary Range: \$39,429 - \$56,028

Red Lake Watershed District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

R1-3C

SORT LINE OPERATOR I OR II – POLK COUNTY INCINERATOR

The Polk County Incinerator in Fosston, MN has immediate openings for full-time Sort Line Operators. Primary duties include sorting or separating recyclable or problem materials from the recyclables and solid waste delivered to the facility. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. A valid MN driver's license and pre-employment physical exam are required. 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 \$15.33 - \$20.66/hour plus benefits, DOE and qualifications. Interested individuals may contact the Polk County Incinerator at 218-435-6501 or the Polk Administrator's Office at 218-281-5408. An application and job description can be obtained at <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> click on Careers. Please submit your application to the Polk County Administrator's Office, 612 N. Broadway, Room 211, Crookston, MN 56716, or the Polk County Incinerator, 708 8th St NW, Fosston, MN 56542. These positions will be remain open until filled. EOE

R2-3C

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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R2-3C

HELP WANTED

The City of Clearbrook is looking for seasonal part time positions for the summer.

- Positions available are:
- Pool Manager
 - Pool Lifeguard and
 - City Maintenance

Must be 15 years old to be a lifeguard. City Maintenance position includes picking up brush, watering flowers, mowing & trimming, etc. Would be a good summer job for a 17/18-year-old.

Contact Lucie at the City office at 218-776-3213 or cityclbk@gvtel.com for more information.

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EDITOR POSITION

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:

- 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.

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R52-10C

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

Clearbrook-Gonvick ISD
2311 is currently seeking bids
for a transportation
contractor for the
2022-2023 and 2023-
2024 years.

A request for proposal
form can be requested by
contacting Ryan Grow,
Superintendent at 218-776-
3112, extension 106 or Paula
Boomgaarden, Business
manager at 218-776-3112,
extension 108

The RFP is also available
on the district website www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us.

The deadline to submit
a proposal is 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to your destination.

- Be cautious, especially at night, when the visibility is limited.

- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, caus-

ing loss of control or possible stalling.

- Two feet of moving water can carry almost most vehicles including sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks.

- Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can hide dips, or worse, floodwaters can damage roadways by washing away the underlying road surface.

- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug



"You could never afford those!" The woman's words stung.

I'd never owned a pair of prescription sunglasses before. It was definitely going to be a splurge, but the doctor had sounded so adamant about caring for my eyes that I thought it was urgent.

I'm all about prevention. "A stitch in time saves nine" is the saying I grew up on.

This echoed within as I tried desperately to justify the expense of such a luxury. Determined to prevent damage down the road, I was ready to purchase a pair.

I handed her my prescription and asked what she thought might be a "fun" frame for sunglasses. She looked at me and quickly directed me towards the sales rack. As I looked over each frame, not much stood out.

Knowing this investment would not happen frequently, I asked if there might be a more classic yet up-to-date pair to purchase. Something a little sportier looking is what I had

in mind and when I mentioned it, her response weighed heavy.

"Oh, yes there are but you could never afford those!"

At the time, I didn't question her. Shrugging my shoulders I focused on the ones before me and made due.

It's been many a year now since the remark was made, and it still bothers me from time-to-time. It bothers me that I didn't ask how much more the others were. Sometimes I wonder what made her think I couldn't afford more than what was on sale. Was it my attire? Was it the way I did or perhaps didn't do my make-up that day? Sometimes I wonder why it bothers me at all.

The latter has an answer but it's not what one might think. I thought I needed to forgive her once again like so many times before. I've often prayed, "Father, forgive her for she knew not what she did." But the truth was, I sometimes attached a few wandering thoughts such as: Forgive her for being rude and thoughtless in her choice of words. Forgive her for not being nicer. Forgive her for being a bit

short and snippy with me as apparently I didn't live up to her standards of who she thought could afford her very best.

Today, I had a change of heart. You see, each time I put it back on her, it continued to have power over me. I realized what a waste of time it was to use my time reviewing something that perhaps never even happened the way I perceived it. Perhaps if I had stopped to clarify what her words meant, I would have found out she simply meant most people don't even go there when hunting for glasses. Perhaps she was saving me time and desired to help me save cost.

Today I prayed, Lord, forgive my pride. Forgive me for thinking about myself more than the clerk behind the counter. Forgive me for being offended about something that perhaps wasn't even meant to offend. Forgive me for even being slightly slighted by her words.

May it be Your Word I am most concerned about and not the words of others. Amen.

Grandpa

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



The year 2020 was to some a tough year with COVID and all, but in that year I had my first two grandchildren, Archer and Callan. My wife and I are so very happy to enter this stage of our life. Archer James Mickelson and Callan Heath Mickelson are the 5th generation of the Mickelson to have their roots involved with Oklee, MN. So as you can see, and those of you who are grandparents know, life is good when you belong to the "grandparent" club!

Being a grandpa reminded me of my grandfathers. My grandpa Mickelson, who moved to Oklee in 1952 was really a horse man. He worked for

Archer Daniels Midland in St. Paul, and the North Dakota State Mill in Grand Forks, ND. After that he moved to Leonard, MN, and later to the Sheep Ranch south of Clearbrook, MN, before moving to Oklee. Even while living in Oklee he would often go to the woods in the winter with his horses, Rex and Jerry. Many of his jobs and of course including farming involved working with horses. As farming evolved to tractors he became a John Deere man owning a couple of Ds, an H, a B, a 70, and an R. The R being the first tractor I ever drove.

My other grandfather Clarence Ellickson lived in Equality

Township, rural Oklee, on the farm I live on today! Clarence moved to the farm in the late 20's and lived on the farm until his death in 1969. Clarence was also a John Deere man(I wonder where I get it from!) Clarence had a BR John Deere on steel and in 1942 bought a new B John Deere from Rolandson Implement in Oklee. He bought the B so when his "son" was born he could help on the farm. Well that son turned out to be my mother, who spent many hours on that B. Then In 1952 he purchased a new A John Deere also from Rolandson Implement, in Oklee! I am happy and proud to say, luckily, and thanks to my mother and father, our family still has those two tractors as they purchased them at my grandfathers auction sale!!

My grandfather, my mom, my dad, and myself all drove that model A. That made me think of my grandsons, Archer James and Callan Heath. I sure hope they get to drive it too! Oh yes, two more grandchildren are due in 2022.....I'll keep you posted!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. T or F: The model A was John Deere's first row crop tractor with adjustable wheel tread.

2. The newest version of the styled A was made from 1947-

A) 1950 B) 1951 C) 1952 D) 1953

3. In June of 1947 the model A was tested with _____ belt hp.

A) 35hp B) 36.1hp C) 37hp D) 38.02hp

4. Did the model A John Deere have Live PTO?

5. The model A was produced in the factory located in _____.

A) Rock Island, IL B) Des Moines, IA C) Waterloo, IA D) Moline, IL

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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Mary Loing

Mary Ellen (Syverson) (Vind) Loing, 89, Grand Forks (formerly Reynolds) passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022 in Grand Forks surrounded by her loving children.

Mary was born on August 28, 1932 to Rudolph and Clara (Martinson) Syverson at their home in rural McIntosh, MN. She was baptized at Vernes Lutheran Church in rural McIntosh.

Mary was educated at Lindsay Public School in rural McIntosh, MN through elementary school and graduated from McIntosh High School.

Mary married Roger Vind on September 25, 1954. Roger passed away in 1960.

Mary married Richard Loing on April 9, 1966. They made their living on a farm in rural Reynolds, ND.

Mary worked as a CNA for a few years while living in Crookston and was a homemaker the rest of her life. Mary was an avid gardener and spent countless hours canning, baking and tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. The number of people who received goodies from Mary's garden or kitchen are endless. Mary

was famous for her home-made buns and lefse. Anyone receiving these from Mary's kitchen knew they were getting the best and that they were made with love.

Mary was a member of the Rosendal Lutheran Church until its' closing and a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church until the time of her death.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and husbands Roger Vind and Richard Loing; daughter Connie Lynn Loing; granddaughter Angela Rothe; brothers Francis, Edwin, Alan, Walter, Rupert, Gordon; sisters Alvira, Clara, Ardith, Doris, Anola, Elaine and numerous in-laws and other relatives.

She is survived by children James (Audrey) Vind, Ruth Waller, Nancy (Doug) Rothe, Janet (Randy) Hanson, Randy Loing; grandchildren Jennifer (Lance) Ekern, Sarah Hanson, Kevin Waller, Elizabeth (Paulo) Malater, Dustin Rothe, Melissa Rothe, Josh (Cassie) Rothe, Jacob (Hailey) Loing, Jared Loing; great grandchildren Abigail and Ethan Courtemanche; siblings Norris Syverson and Faith Hanson; numerous in-laws and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place on Monday, January 10 from 5:00-7:00 with a prayer service at 7:00 at Amundson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00 with visitation for an hour prior to the service at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Thompson, ND. Internment will be at Rosendal Lutheran Church Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be designated to Rosendal Cemetery Association or any other organization of your choice.



Obituary for Linda Barstad

Linda Barstad, age 76, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, March 20th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston with Jeanne Rains officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday (April 2nd) at the funeral home. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Linda Kay Hendricks was born on October 3, 1945, in Crookston, Minnesota to

parents Arnold and Bernice (Ramstad) Hendricks. She grew up in Fertile, Winger and McIntosh areas and attended high school in McIntosh.

Linda was united in marriage to Gene Barstad. To this union, two children were born, Theresa and Scott. They lived and raised their family in Fosston.

Linda worked at Daisy's Motel, the Hartz Store, and the Fosston Hospital. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending time in her flower garden and reading cookbooks. She especially loved the time that she spent with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Theresa Cavalier (Jon Oliphant) of Britton, SD; son, Scott (Gail) Barstad of Byron, MN; grandchildren, Jack Barstad, Abbi Barstad, Holly Schlabe (Fernando Soto), Tim (Kayla) Cavalier, and Hailie Oliphant; brother, Dennis Hendricks of Tioga, ND; and sisters, Deb (Ches-ter) Nelson of Bagley, MN, and Sheila (Steve) Vigoren of Burnsville, MN. Great Grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband; grandson, Douglas Cavalier; two sisters, Laurie Hendricks and Donna Hamlin; and sister-in-law, Cindy Hendricks.



Obituary for Gordon Olson

Gordon N. Olson, age 79, of Clearbrook, Minnesota, passed away on February 16, 2022, at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh, Minnesota.

Gordon was born February 24, 1942, in Bagley, Minnesota, to Gustav and Gladys (Olson) Olson. He grew up in Sinclair Township and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1960. He met Donna, his wife of 53 years; they married at Clearbrook Lutheran Church on January 31, 1969. They became parents of their son, Glenn. Gordon was a farmer and lived on the family farm his entire life. He worked for Clearbrook Ag and also for

Clearwater Rice for 20 years. Gordon served as treasurer on the Sinclair Town Board and was Sexton of Seljord Cemetery in Sinclair Township.

Gordon was full of wit and enjoyed joking and laughing along with people. He enjoyed hunting and fishing on Nels Olson Lake with his grandson, Gunner. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, growing flowers and vegetables in his garden, and playing cards with the crew at the liquor store. Gordon was active in his community driving the "A" John Deere tractor in parades and tractor shows and participating in the Itasca Pioneer Farmers, Western Minnesota Steam Thrashers Reunion in Rollag and Tractor Pulling.

Gordon is survived by his wife Donna, son Glenn Olson (Debra Pagel), grandson Gunner Olson, Gunner's mother Lucie Thompson, and sister Gwen Sorenson. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Jim Sorenson, and other friends and family.

A follow-up notice will be published with the date and time of the funeral service to be held in the Spring. Services are being provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walk-er, Minnesota.



Obituary for Eris Super

Eris Angela Super (Bruggeman), age 94, of Mentor, MN, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, surrounded by family at The Glenn Minnetonka, in Minnetonka, MN, where she had lived since September of 2021.

Eris was born in Oklee, MN, on April 29, 1927, the eldest child of Herman and DeNeige (Turgeon) Bruggeman. She was raised in Oklee with siblings Robert, JoAnn & Donald.

From a young age, Eris was an avid church organist, and she enjoyed working at the Oklee Movie Theater & Cafe. She graduated from Oklee High School in 1945 as Valedictorian.

After attending Teacher's College in Red Lake Falls, MN, she taught in a one room schoolhouse, in Huot, MN, and later as a substitute teacher at Mentor Public Schools. She also worked in Grand Forks, ND, in Medical Records before she was married.

Jerry Super, originally from Flensburg, MN, was the man who swept her off her feet at a local dance! They were happily married on January 29, 1949, in Oklee with 30 below temperatures! After a long honeymoon to California by train, they made their home in Mentor. Jerry was an Agent/Telegrapher for the Great Northern Railroad.

In 1954, they moved to their home on Maple Lake, Mentor, where the Super family lived for 62 years. They were loving parents to sons: Thomas, Robert, David, and daughter, Cathy.

In Mentor, Eris was an organist for many years at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, she also sang in the choir and played piano. Eris was active in local and church auxiliaries, knitter's club, card club, home keeping and volunteered at school. She loved music, baking, knitting and entertaining family and friends.

Eris had her real estate license, working as a Realtor with Jerry selling lake property with Super Realty. She also worked as a clerk in the Mentor Post Office in the 70's & 80's.

In her home, you could find Eris listening to wonderful music as she ironed, baked bread, cookies and bars or worked on her many crafts. She and her dear cousin, Bernie Otten, loved collecting antique dishes and furniture, restoring them to create treasures to use in her home or give to others. Eris loved to create a beau-

tiful home environment for her family and others to enjoy. She decorated for every season and Jerry helped her with his love of nature by picking wild crocuses, pussy willows, May flowers and cattails every year.

Eris and Jerry had countless hours of playing cards and dancing and they traveled extensively and enjoyed learning about other places in the world, sharing their experiences and meeting new friends. They also loved their many winters in Arizona with friends, family and cousins.

Over the years, Eris and Jerry opened their home to countless guests at the lake. As family, we were blessed to learn the gift of hospitality by their example. They were married 49-1/2 years before Jerry, her true love, died in 1998.

Eris' greatest joy was her family and faith. Her days were filled with creating her home, loving her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy was having them all together especially for Christ-mases at Maple Lake, family meals, basketball games, music concerts, plays or any of their special events.

Eris is survived by her son, Thomas and wife, KayDell, Middle River, son, Robert and wife, Mary, St. Paul, son, Fr. David, Mah-nomen, daughter, Cathy Super Buggy and husband, Jon, Minnetonka; eight grandchildren: Kristina Super (Jeremy Popp), Kara (Ryan) Super-Peterson, TJ (Breanna) Super, Elizabeth (Catherine) Super O'Rourke, Sarah Super (Jack Gondring), Emily Buggy, Laura Buggy and Patrick Buggy; eight great grandchildren: Eddie Super-Peterson, Ronni Popp, Tate Super, Carson Super, Emmett Super, Eric Super, Cillian Super O'Rourke and Róisín Super O'Rourke. Also, her sister, JoAnn Bott, Bellevue, WA; sister-in-law, Marilyn Bruggeman, An-nandale, MN, and numerous nieces & nephews.

Eris was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome; parents; brothers, Bob Bruggeman and Don Bruggeman; sister-in-law, Pam Bruggeman; and brother-in-law, Dick Bott and many extended family members.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at St. Lawrence's Catholic Church in Mentor, MN. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, with a Prayer Service beginning at 6:00 pm with time for sharing. Interment will be at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Mentor, or any charity of your choice.

Following all Covid-19 safety protocols, and CDC guidelines, social distancing will be practiced. Masks are encouraged.

The service will be recorded and available on Anderson Family Funeral Home website shortly after the service.

<https://www.anderson-familyfh.com/obituary/eris-super>



Obituary for Sharon Halvorson

Sharon Marie (Vorderbruggen) Halvorson, 76, of Bagley, Minnesota went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 24th, 2022 with her loving family by her bedside.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cease Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. A luncheon will be served at the Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley, MN immediately following the service. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Sharon was born at Ramsey Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota on September 5, 1945. As an infant, Sharon came to live with Ben (Bernard) and Jennie (Fletcher) Vorderbruggen. It didn't take long for them to fall in love with this tiny Asian cutie. They couldn't imagine living without Sharon in their lives, so shortly after she legally became their daughter. Sharon immediately became the darling of five older brothers and four older sisters and the joy of her parents, Ben and Jennie.

Sharon attended Bagley schools, graduating with honors with the class of 1963. After graduation, Sharon attended Cosmetology School in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Once getting her license, she worked at the Looking Glass Beauty Salon in Bagley.

While "cruising" one afternoon, Doug Halvorson noticed a pretty girl walking with a friend. After stopping and talking to her, he asked her for a date and she accepted! One date lead to another and on November 28, 1964 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bagley, Sharon became the bride of Douglas Arthur Halvorson. This union lasted 54 years until Doug's death on February 5, 2018.

Sharon and Doug welcomed their first son, Paul Douglas in 1965 and in 1969 Darin Lee made the Halvorson family complete. 1969 marked the year Doug and Sharon bought 75 acres just south of Bagley where they made their home a welcoming place for family and friends.

Sharon worked for Everhart Electric as an office manager and bookkeeper. She also was a Day Care provider. The little ones in her charge loved going to Sharon's home and the parents of the children knew they were getting excellent care. Sharon later worked at the West Side Express where she put her people skills to good

use.

Sharon was a devoted wife and a loving mother to her sons. Her grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life. When great grandchildren arrived, she was overwhelmed with love. Sharon made sure holidays were special family celebrations to cherish and remember. Her frosted sugar cookies, lemon bars, doughnuts, popcorn balls, banana bread, and wild rice hotdish were legendary. She had an amazing artistic talent. There wasn't anything she couldn't do with her beautiful, little hands. Knitting, painting, woodcrafts, and beadwork were just some of the things she did with skill and perfection.

Sharon loved card games, the "slots", reading, tending to her yard and flower gardens. She enjoyed getting together with friends, sharing a delicious appetizer and cool cocktail. Sharon loved to dance to country and "50's" music. She like traveling, camping, and she looked forward to summer visits from their New Mexico family, her in-laws, Clarence and Lil Halvorson, brothers in-law, Dave, Dale, and Donnie and their families.

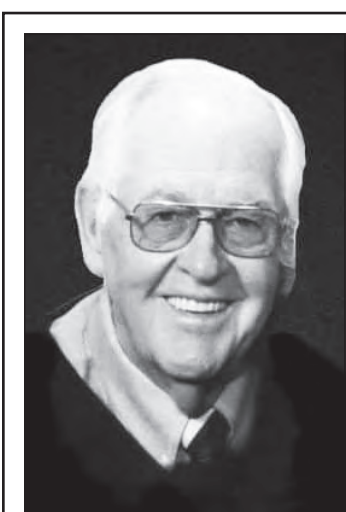
In 2009, Sharon suffered a debilitating stroke which greatly affected her speech and mobility. In 2016, due to deteriorating health, Sharon was moved to the Good Samaritan Home in Clearbrook, MN. She later lived at Cornerstone Assisted Living in Bagley for a short time and most recently Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji. Sharon endured the challenges of her stroke and the losses COVID brought to the healthcare system with grace and dignity.

Sharon was an amazing person that thought of others first, loved her precious family unconditionally and practiced her Christian Faith by her loving acts of kindness to others. She was the favorite Aunt of her numerous nieces and nephews.

Sharon is survived by her children, Paul (Ashley) Halvorson and Darin Halvorson of Bagley, MN; her grandchildren, Desiree (Brandon) Erickson of Shevlin, MN, Destiny, Dalen and Branlee of Bagley, MN, and Bria and Paityn Halvorson of Bagley, MN; her great grandchildren, Denzlee, Danika, and Michael Erickson; brothers-in-law, David (Diane) Halvorson and Donnie (Marylin) Halvorson of Farmington, NM; numerous nieces and nephews; special daughter-in-law, Lynette Waggoner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Halvorson; her parents, Ben and Jennie Vorderbruggen, her in-laws, Clarence and Lil Halvorson; her brothers, George (Alice), Francis (Nellie), John (Charlotte), Benjamin and David (Ruth) Vorderbruggen; her sisters, Marion (Vern) Halvorson, Bernice Hanson, Elizabeth (Cliff) Schmidt, and Nancy (Jim) Farrell; brother-in-law, Dale (Francis) Halvorson; 5 nephews; 4 great nephews; and 2 nieces.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for Charles Flodstrom

Charles "Doug" Flodstrom of McIntosh, MN went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh, MN.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with Pastor Clark Hjelle officiating. Burial will was at the Viking Cemetery, Viking, MN. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Charles Douglas Flodstrom was born on March 26, 1932 at Warren, MN son of Joshua Paul and Lillie (Lindquist) Flodstrom. He was raised in Viking, MN and attended grade school there. He graduated from High school in Newfolden, MN. He then attended business school in Fargo, ND.

He entered the US Navy in September of 1953 until his honorable discharge in March of 1955. He served in the Navel reserves for 2 additional years.

On September 3, 1955 he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Florence Carlson at Moorhead Evangelical Free Church in Moorhead, MN. To this union 5 children were born Julie, Kelly, Lori, Renee, and

Charles. The couple lived in various places throughout the Midwest. He worked as a credit and service manager for many car dealerships, selling ABC Seamless Siding receiving the state top salesman award while in Minneapolis, before retiring to Clearbrook, MN. Doug thoroughly enjoyed serving as a substitute mail carrier while in Clearbrook during his retirement years.

Doug enjoyed new and old cars, driving, woodworking, music, playing games (which he always won!). While in high school he was known as the "class clown", and he never lost his wonderful sense of humor. He was a volunteer in the community and church. He loved spending time with family and friends and always had time to visit. He loved Jesus and he loved people.

Doug is survived by his wife of 66 years Florence Flodstrom of Clearbrook, MN; children Julie (Allan) Peterson of Bemidji, MN, Kelly (Michelle) Flodstrom of Tucson, AZ, Lori (Ben) Drake of Surrey, ND, Renee (Harry) Hutchens of Clearbrook, MN and Charles "Chuck" (Mayra) Flodstrom of Brooklyn Park, MN; grandchildren Ashley (Tyler) Davidson, Elizabeth (Kyle) Walton, David (Lauren) Flodstrom, Monica Drake, Christine (Kyle) Fandrich, Cheryl Hutchens, Michael Hutchens, Pablo Flodstrom, Carlos Flodstrom; 11 great-grandchildren and two on the way; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, sister Marville (Virgil) Hjelle, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff at McIntosh Senior Living for their exceptional care and kindness and love they showed Doug and the entire family while he lived there.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary for
Nora J. Rhen

Nora J. Rhen, 85, formerly of East Grand Forks, MN passed away at Valley Senior Living on Thursday March 23rd, with family by her side.

Nora was born May 24, 1936, in Fosston, MN the daughter of Gina (Syverson) and Andrew Larson. Nora grew up on a farm in Hill River Township and attended school in Fosston, MN. She was united in marriage to Merlyn Rhen on December 8, 1956. They were blessed with three children, Sheryl, Shawn, and Ravon, and resided in East Grand Forks, MN.

Nora's employment over the years included working as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell, and in the billing department for Ecolab Inc.

Nora enjoyed her time at home baking, knitting, crocheting, and gardening. As an avid reader, she could often be found curled up with a mystery novel. She also enjoyed volunteering, traveling, and spending time at the lake.

She especially enjoyed time with family and hosted

all the holiday gatherings. She attended her grandchildren's sporting events to cheer them on and was delighted to watch their concerts, recitals, and plays. She was extremely proud of all that her children and grandchildren have accomplished.

Nora is survived by her children, Sheryl (Mark) Smith of West Fargo, ND, Shawn (Lisa) Rhen of Bagley, MN and Ravon Useldinger of Grand Forks, ND; her six grandchildren, Sarah (Mike) Schley, Aaron (Cozy) Smith, Katie (Harchie) Figuerres, Jake (Keeley) Useldinger, Erick Rhen and Amanda Smith (Sam Knutson); her seven great grandchildren, Aaralyn, Ellaria, Kennedy, Colton, Kyan, Kowen, and Carter; and her siblings, George (Elaine) Larson of Bagley, MN, Mabel Grave of Sioux Falls, SD, Marion Bratland of Morris, MN; sister-in-law, Kathleen Larson of Trail, MN; sister-in-law, JoAnn Rhen of East Grand Forks, MN; brother-in-law, Charles (Sue) Rhen of Fort Wayne, IN, and sister-in-law, Vivian Rouland of Bemidji, MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merlyn; brothers Robert and Ernest; son-in-law, Tim Useldinger; brother-in-law, Marlin Grave; brother-in-law, Walter Bratland; brother-in-law, Roger Rhen; and brother-in-law, Robert Rouland.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks. Visitation will be for the hour before the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, East Grand Forks, MN at a future date.

CWD detected in a wild deer in Grand Rapids prompts DNR to update disease response plan

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is updating its chronic wasting disease response plan after the discovery of a wild white-tailed deer infected with CWD within the city of Grand Rapids. The response plan update will better reflect a statewide approach to disease surveillance, management, control and education.

This is the first time CWD has been detected in wild deer in this deer permit area, so the DNR is also taking immediate steps to understand the prevalence of the disease in wild deer in the Grand Rapids area. The agency will work with local road authorities to collect samples from road-killed deer and is exploring opportunities for targeted culling where it can be performed safely.

"We've always looked at CWD as a disease that could impact the entire state, yet implemented disease management actions as needed in each area where CWD was found," said Kelly Straka, the DNR's wildlife section manager. "This new discovery doesn't make CWD a statewide problem, but it does mean we need to take more of a statewide approach."

While the surveillance outlined in the DNR's current response plan made this detection possible, the finding of CWD in Grand Rapids highlights the need for an enhanced statewide sampling approach.

The enhanced statewide surveillance will include:

- Updating the DNR's CWD response plan this spring
- Investigating options for hunters to use a self-mailing kit for free testing statewide
- Expanding the taxidermist network (Partner Sampling Program) statewide
- Upgrading and improving current design for self-service stations

The DNR will seek public input as it explores and implements the ideas above and other options for enhanced statewide surveillance.

"The DNR has taken an aggressive approach to managing CWD in Minnesota," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We will continue this strong approach as we address this latest finding and as we update our statewide CWD response plan. The health of Minnesota's wild deer herd remains a top priority for the DNR."

There now are eight areas spread across Minnesota, from north to south, where CWD has been found in wild or farmed deer. Despite these detections, the disease remains rare in Minnesota. Fewer than 1% of deer have tested positive for CWD in areas where the disease has consistently been detected during the past five years.

Since 2002, DNR has tested 106,000 deer statewide and 153 have tested positive. Most of those cases occurred in southeastern Minnesota.

The DNR received confirmation of the Grand Rapids CWD infection on March 15. A Grand Rapids resident reported to the DNR in mid-February that an adult doe had died in his backyard. DNR staff collected the carcass and submitted a lymph node sample for CWD testing.

Results of a full necropsy showed the deer died from a collision with a vehicle, not CWD. The deer showed no clinical

signs of the disease but final test results confirmed the infection.

Active surveillance for CWD has not occurred in the location where the infected deer was found (deer permit area 179) since 2004. The DNR conducted CWD surveillance to the west and north of Grand Rapids in fall 2021 in DPAs 197, 169, 184 and 110 in response to captive deer infected with CWD on a Beltrami County farm. More than 1,800 samples were tested and CWD was not detected. To the west and south of Grand Rapids, a CWD management zone exists in DPA 604. Surveillance has been ongoing in this area since 2017. Two wild deer detections have been found in the 6,300 deer tested since surveillance began.

More information about CWD and what the DNR is doing to limit disease spread and protect the health of Minnesota's white-tailed deer is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/CWD).

U of M Beef Team and MN State Cattlemen's Association teaming up

The University of Minnesota Extension Beef Team and MN State Cattlemen's Association are teaming up to provide the 2022 MN Summer Beef Tour Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

The University of Minnesota Extension Beef Team and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association have teamed up to host the 2022 MN Summer Beef Tour, a fun and educational event where attendees will have the opportunity to visit the UMN St. Paul Campus and the MN Zoo. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Dr. Joe Armstrong, a veterinarian and member of the UMN Extension Beef Team had this to say, "We are excited to partner with the MN State Cattlemen's Association to host this event. We are going to showcase the research, education and outreach work done at the University, all while having fun and providing a place for the MN cattle industry to gather."

Stops on the tour include the UMN Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science, UMN College of Veterinary Medicine, and UMN Forage Research plots.

Important to note, the tour includes a visit to the MN Zoo where attendees will have exclusive access to the entire zoo from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Joe Armstrong, "Farming is a family endeavor, and we want this event to be family-oriented. Our goal is to stay off the bus as much as possible, fill the morning and early afternoon with learning opportunities, and then end the day with something that is just fun and social."

At the MN Zoo, check-in opens at 6:00 a.m. and all buses will leave at 7:00 a.m. Buses are scheduled to return to the MN Zoo around 3:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$25 per person until June 15th by visiting z.umn.edu/MNSummerBeefTour. After June 15th, tickets may be purchased for \$30 online or at the door. Lunch and supper are included.

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are available, and inquiries should be directed to Dr. Joe Armstrong – armst225@umn.edu.

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