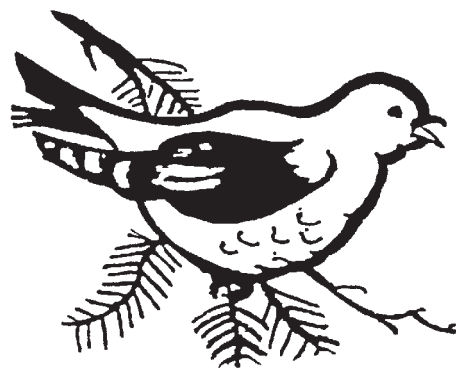




Tri County Canary

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Dudleys Cafe in Leonard was busy during the Leonard Bash. Alex Narveson, waitress and Lori Johnson owner of the cafe were very busy serving food inside and out for the big day. They had a grill going outside as well serving brats, hotdogs and other goodies. The crowd gathered outside to watch the parade.



Each child on the street had enough candy to fill their bags as the Leonard Bash and Centennial parade went through town.



Niki Cole had a float in the Leonard Bash and Centennial parade in Memory of her Papa Colin Cole who passed away this year. Niki Cole and her mother Evelyn Cole were the driving force behind getting 100 bicycles to be given away for the 100th celebration of Leonard. They ended up with over 100 bikes that they gave away. Niki is the owner of Strands Store in Leonard that for many years was run by Ernie Strand. After his death Sylvia Tollefson took over. Others who have run the store have been Lorraine and Rodney Rhen, Brett and Melanie Paulson, Zane and Marilyn Lundmark and now Niki.

Leonard incorporated in 1922

There were people living in Leonard as early as 1902 but it was not incorporated into a village until 1922. The first council members were N.H. Strand, David Payne, Carl J. Erickson and Hoveland. The council in Leonard this year is Andrew Lundmark-Mayor, Janelle Winterberg-Treasurer, Diane Langseth-Clerk and council members Julie Fredrickson,

Tammie Harr and Dan Risland. The Town of Leonard was established in 1902 and got the name from George French, who named it after his son Leonard. He had a trading and post office store on the shores of Four Legged Lake. Now, Nikki Cole owns a store and has postal boxes in that building in Leonard.

The railroad came to Leonard in 1911 and Ben Titus served as the first depot agent. The first schoolhouse was built in 1912. Before that, children were taught in the village hall. For a town with a population of less than 50 they put on a super celebration last week-end.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church float in the Leonard parade.

Vietnam Army Nurse to speak in Bagley

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (better known as NELL) will Kick Off their first program on Wednesday, September 14th at the American Legion in Bagley. Joan Paulson a former Vietnam Army Nurse, who grew up in Duluth and now lives in St. Paul, will be the guest speaker; her presentation will include a

slide presentation and a time for questions and discussion. Joan's discussion will include her thoughts on life in Qui Nhon at the 67th Evac Hospital, Monsoons, going home and what she learned. Coffee at 9:00 a.m. and program to start at 9:30 a.m. Looking ahead to the following week, September 21 at Faith Lutheran Church the

program will feature Tom Chaplin, resident of Grand Rapids, MN – Tom is a retired Game Warden and has authored two books. Tom tells his stories using dramatic detail and humor! NELL is a nonprofit organization to enrich the quality of life in our local communities.

Veteran recalls his military time during Vietnam War

Submitted by Dave Rivera I graduated from Bagley High School in 1967 (with Ken Braaten). Doug Fredrickson and I went over to see the Bemidji Army Recruiter, Doug drove me over, as he didn't have any intention of joining. We enlisted for three years and took a train from Fargo to Fort Polk, Louisiana. After six weeks of basic training, we parted and I never saw him again until three years later: June 18, 1967, to June 18, 1970.

In 1968 I came home on leave before going to Vietnam for six months duty TDY. (While home Gail Vorderbruggen and I crowned the new Homecoming King and Queen as we were the royalty in 1967). As I was landing at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam it was 95 degrees with red soil with bad stench, I was in a classified position with MACV (Military Assistance Command Vietnam).

As they took me in a jeep there was bloated dead Viet Cong bodies lying dead in the streets as the TET offensive was just getting over, where they (VC) hit the US Military all over Vietnam. This was Saigon (now Ho Chin Minh City). They brought a former South Vietnam soldier to me to interview who had been captured by the NVA (North Vietnamese Army). The NVA had cut his nose off, his ears and lips off, and let him go for an example to any Vietnamese who helps the US Military against them. I recall, by our US Embassy in Saigon, was a USA statue of two military soldiers holding up the USA and the South Vietnamese flags. Several years later, I watched in horror as the NVA tore the statue down with their tanks and smashed

our flags and entrance to our USA Embassy in Saigon. Everyone ran for their lives as Communists entered the city and were killing people. It didn't seem like it was very long after that when my brother, Infantry Officer Joe Rivera, was shot by a sniper and half of his 9th Infantry squad was killed in the Mekong Delta area. I came down on orders for Vietnam once again for one year of duty. I was sent to the 1st Aviation Brigade, 335th Assault Helicopter Company in Bear Cat, Denny Trandem had served there several years earlier. As I previously said about my first tour in Vietnam, I forgot to mention that when I got back to Fort Hood, Texas, I was in the Old Ironsides Tank Unit. Keith Baumann was there, and I believe Gerald Dyrdaahl was at Fort Hood also. They sent me with the 9th Infantry Riot Control Squad to Chicago, as Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, and the Democratic Convention was going on.

We camped in tents at Chicago Lincoln Park for several days. They were rioting, burning stores and vehicles down. They spit on us and tried to get us angry. We had M16's fully loaded, but we didn't shoot anyone. Some put flowers in the barrels of our rifles and the hippies told us they loved us with tears in their eyes. We finally flew back to Ft. Hood where President Johnson personally thanked us and shook our hands. Getting back to my last tour in 1969/70. The Bagley Independent paper had been sent to me and I noticed that Rodney and Darrel Eck, and Terry Hoie were all stationed in Long Binh, so one day our

helicopter flew there to gas up with JP4 fuel. I had a couple of hours down time, so I went and saw all three of the boys. Back to Bear Cat, I also noticed that LeRoy "Buddy" Merschman has been shot in the head and his unit was a Bear Cat- The Big Red One Infantry. I saw a guy with a big bandage on his head and it was Buddy. I only had two weeks left in-country, I said good-bye to my old pal, and they sent him back to the boonies where he always walked point. He was shot in the head one more time, but he made it home. They couldn't kill old buddy, he is one "tough dude". Lastly, I was sent home with my three years of US Army Duty done. We flew into Air Force Base Travis in San Francisco, California. Meeting us at the plane ramp were General James Stewart and Glenn Ford who shook hands with all 300 of us. As I headed for home in Bagley, MN. I was sworn at, spit on and called a "baby killer". I didn't let it bother me as we were told this would happen.

When I got to the Bemidji Airport, people were still angry and gave the angry glances. I went out to hitch-hike to Bagley, and people drove by and game me "the finger" and swore at me. I walked all the way to Solway with my duffle bag. Finally, a guy stopped and gave me a ride. It was Dick Muckala, an old-World War II veteran. He shook my hand and said "Welcome home G.I." I was only 20 years old. I couldn't vote, couldn't buy a car, couldn't buy a drink or go into a bar. BUT I WAS ALIVE! Dave Rivera Bagley



Ken Braaten and Dave Rivera, taken in 1971 at a place they decided to "live off the land", as just getting out of the Army and Navy they didn't have homes to live in. Mike McCollum said they could live at the old Oakerman's Homestead shack, over by Shevlin-Minera area, so they did for a while.

Construction on Highway 2 in Fosston to begin early September

Bemidji, Minn. – Motorists on Highway 2 in Fosston can expect short term delays and lane closures as construction begins in early September. During the project, crews will sealcoat as well as restripe the four lane configuration to a new three lane configuration. The project is expected to be complete mid-September. For more information and a

project map, visit the website at www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/hwy2-fosston-erskine. This project will include a safer road and a smoother, longer lasting driving surface. MnDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions and follow traffic signs in work zones. Please join the MnDOT District 2 Facebook group for

updates on construction, road conditions and other transportation related topics. www.facebook.com/groups/mndot-northwest/. For a complete list of projects for 2022, please visit www.mndot.gov/d2. For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.



The silent auction had many items at the Leonard bash. Manning the tables were Evelyn Cole, Jan True, Diane Langseth and Ila Rae Langseth.

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Hog Roast in Trail

The Trail Community Club will be having a Hog Roast Supper on Saturday, September 3 at the Trail Pavilion. They will be serving Pork Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert Coffee and Lemonade starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be fireworks at dusk and a dance to a DJ. The proceeds will be used to fund Santa Claus Day and Trail's 4th of July Celebration.

Meeting Thursday

The September meeting of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Local Chapter #45 will meet Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church. All persons are invited and welcome. For more information call Eileen at 218-563-3152.

Sealcoat project on Highways 2, 71 and 197 in Bemidji began August 27

Motorists can expect lane closures and delays beginning August 27 Bemidji, Minn. - Motorists on Highway 71 south of Bemidji can expect short term delays, lane closures and flaggers as construction begins

August 27. During the project, crews will sealcoat sections of area highways beginning with Highway 71 south of Bemidji, then Highway 197 (Washington Avenue south) in Bemidji and completing the project with Highway 2 east of Highway 71. The project is expected to be complete in early September.

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Insurance Agency

Lindfors Agency offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th.

LABOR DAY

oh Boy!
Please join us for a *Baby Shower*
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Amber & Luke Syverson
Saturday, September 10, 2022
11 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church -Fosston
Registered at Target & Amazon

They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2nd. They were united in marriage in 1972 at Oak Park Lutheran Church near Oklee. They raised four children in rural Trail. Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad. Thank you for showing us enduring love and commitment. We love and celebrate you!

Loren and Vicky (Roiland) Vettleson

Speak LIFE *Rosie & Charlie "Baby O" 2.0*

We are twenty-four. Twenty-four weeks old. Why are you doing that? Doing what? Making faces at me. How do you know I'm making faces? We won't open our eyes for another three weeks. Wait, you're probably saying that because you're making faces at me! Right? Wait! Shh! Did you ear that? Did I "ear" that? Yeah, did you "ear" that? Is that your idea of a joke? Maybe. Brothers are so corny. Now that's a "Dad" joke! Do you think they got it? That we're as big as ears of corn? I hope so. -a.m.opdahl www.speaklife139.com

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These young girls had a lemonade stand set up after the parade for the many who were at the Leonard Bash and Centennial last Saturday.

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R20-24C

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Theology in the Trenches
By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Little Troubadours

T was a Saturday evening just around supper time, and rather than crowd around the table to eat, the little troubadours made their way into the pew sitting directly in front of us. No sermon was spoken. In fact, not a word was exchanged between us. They lived their convictions and the generational testimony of faith—spoke.

The four tumbled around throughout the service. Grandpa and grandma stood guard like bookends as they helped keep everyone upright-so-to-speak. Distractions were pulled from an extra bag brought by mama as blankets, books, and quiet toys brought comfort. A shoulder now and again was freely given which offered respite for those who needed a little more.

Siblings for sure, I thought, as one couldn't miss the white blonde hair sprouting atop each head. The intensity of the bonding taking place was on full display as one managed to irritate a squeal or two from the other every so oft.

Mama glowed as she smiled into the eyes of each one from time-to-time. Her reassuring touch upon their backs brought comfort to those who longed for more security and at several points throughout the service, the two youngest ended up in her arms simultaneously. It was apparent they gleaned as much comfort from one another as they did from her.

Most notable was the way the two older children were drawn to the third. Number three's soft smile when making tender eye contact with those looking on was evidence of one gifted with personality plus. Not only was this child equipped with a matching shirt like child number four, but sported a snazzy buzz cut, fun sandals, and cool dude shorts. One could not miss the love and attention given by each one—to each one.

Notable, too, were the slant of the eyes, the shorter fingers, and the overall look of a child with Down syndrome. The sermon was on mute as they lived love by bringing life to one another. Passing on love to those created in His image was

paramount, and the deep tenderness shown to one another went well beyond words.

At a time when some countries appear to be “curing” this genetic trait by eliminating those with it, is the exact time when others around the world are receiving with open arms the blessings given. Whispering perspective might bring pause to this cause. After all, when little ones to Him belong know how to build a world of compassion by finding joy in the gift given—perhaps adults might learn a thing or two. And, if adults can learn a thing or two, perhaps governments run by adults might be able to learn a thing or two.

Colossians 1:27 sheds Light. “To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

What beautiful words to live . And, if one day, adults still don't understand the cause for pause in all life given, then perhaps—just perhaps—little ones will have to grow up to be those adults who teach us all. Amen.



Ask a Trooper
by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Why are so many vehicles allowed to be on Minnesota roads with only a rear license plate? This seems to be especially true of late model expensive makes (Tesla, Audi, Mercedes, BMW, etc.). Isn't the lack of a front plate a primary offense and the vehicle therefore subject to a traffic stop? I see more and more of this every day and it seems like an entitled group of drivers feel they are above the law.

Answer: Minnesota law requires two license plates on a vehicle. There are some vehicles that are allowed to display only one license plate: motorcycles; a dealer's vehicle or vehicle in-transit; a collector's vehicle with a pioneer, classic car, collector, or street rod license; a vehicle that is of model year 1972 or earlier (not registered as a collector vehicle), and is used for general transportation purpose.

License plates cannot not be displayed in the front windshield or the rear window, they must be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. All plates must be se-

curely fastened so as to prevent them from swinging, displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers and letters facing outward from the vehicle, and mounted in the upright position. The person driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material (dirt, mud, snow, etc.) so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. This also includes obstructing license plate brackets that block the state of issuance, and tabs.

License plates issued to vehicles must display the month of expiration in the lower left corner of each plate and the year of expiration in the lower right corner of each plate.

Why do we have two license plates? From a law enforcement perspective it is safer to have two plates. Witnesses and victims have helped solve crimes and saved lives because they were

able to get information from the front license plate. Some examples and situations have included:

- If an officer needs to run vehicle information they can get the plate information from the front or rear of the vehicle.
- It makes a suspect vehicle easier to identify if it is encountered from the front or the rear.
- If a suspect vehicle is backed into a parking spot it is more easily identified.
- Identifying a suspect in a crime (from surveillance images) is easier with front and back plates.
- A robbery or burglary
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The Clearwater Trailblazer's Snowmobile Club in the Leonard parade last Saturday. The group has a new building where they have their monthly meetings. They maintain over 200 miles of trails with this groomer.

The current president is Lee Peterson and one of the first was Terry Hoie.

They were busy selling Deer Hunter's Raffle Tickets at the Leonard Bash and Centennial.

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Why didn't I think of that?
By Auctioneer Eric W. Michelson

For about twenty years of my life I was a football coach. It was a job that I very much enjoyed! A few years ago I resigned from that position. One thing that did was open up the possibility of me attending McIntosh, Minnesota's tractor day! You see the tractor day parade and pull were always on the same day as the beginning of the year football jamboree and scrimmage! A few years back it rained on Saturday so the tractor parade was moved to Sunday. For most people involved this was a sad occurrence but to me it was great, as they then moved the parade to Sunday so I could attend!

Over the last few years I have made it to the celebration and loved it as any tractor guy would! One year I took a picture of EVERY tractor as it came by. I don't remember but I think I ended up with about 78 pictures!

This year I not only got to attend but a tractor friend of mine from McIntosh, Gene Haugom, asked if I wanted to drive one of his tractors in the parade. Well you know he had to twist my arm pretty hard(HAHA)! I have the opportunity to go on a couple tractor rides at Itasca Park and Gene is involved with the Itasca rides. He is no stranger to tractor rides and has traveled to Iowa and Nebraska to participate. I was checking out his model 50 John Deere tractor with a nice “double” seat for tractor drives, with Gene's own spring suspension design, and I said, “I've never driven a 50!” That was all it took as I was next invited to drive the 50 in the parade!

For those of you who don't know, being in a parade is quite different than watching. The first thing I noticed was the look on the kids faces when I did NOT bring any candy to throw. I waved and yelled out an occasional apology, “Sorry no candy!” I thought it was great of the organizers to drive by the apartments and the nursing home and I especially loved to give a wave to those who stepped out to watch! It truly was a fun event to participate in!

As I drove, I thought to my-

self, why didn't I think of this? I don't know of many people who enjoy tractors more than me, why didn't I think of a tractor day and parade? Well thank you to those of you from McIntosh that started this event and I want you to know how much I enjoyed it and I know many others did too! By the way if you have an old tractor with no spark or a carburetor that needs some help call Sand Hill Carbs and Magneto Service of Winger, Minnesota. Get the old tractor running and bring it to the parade next year!

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2. The B John Deere was introduced in _____
A). 1930 B) 1933 C) 1935 D) 1937
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Obituary for Karen Ann Johnson

Karen Ann (Vigesaa) Johnson, 81, died on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Broen Nursing Home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Services will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be held at Elim Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Karen was born June 28, 1941 to Trygve and Elsie (Bergstad) Vigesaa in Cooperstown, ND. She grew up on the family farm in Cooperstown. She attended Cooperstown Country School, and Cooperstown High School for one year, before attending and graduating from Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Fergus Falls, MN.

After graduating from Hillcrest, she moved to Cedar Rapids, IA. She met her husband Gene at Hillcrest while he was there visiting his brother James Johnson who was enrolled at Lutheran Brethren Seminary. They married on September 10, 1960 and lived in Kenyon, MN, on the Johnson family farm.

They spent the majority of their married life in Gonvick, MN.

Karen worked for many

years at the Gonvick Veterinary Clinic, which she loved. Karen enjoyed gardening, both vegetables and flowers, and feeding her birds. Her favorite hobby was her love of books. Karen had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed traveling, especially her many winter getaways, driving solo in her blue S10 to New Mexico and Arizona.

Karen loved the Lord and followed his path. She and Gene attended and were members of Elim Lutheran Brethren Church, Clearbrook, MN.

She entered Broen Nursing Home, Fergus Falls in 2019.

Karen is survived by her daughter Debra Ann (Johnson) Hagen, Baxter, MN, Amy Jo Johnson, Minneapolis, MN. Granddaughters Amber (Hagen) (Chris) Thomas, Phoenix, AZ and Samantha (Sam) Johnson, Lake Andes, SD. Great-grandchildren Kody Mead, Park Rapids, MN and Josie B. and Luke Trygve Thomas, Phoenix, AZ. Three brothers, Loren (Nadine) Vigesaa, Dan (Connie) Vigesaa, and Steve (Teri) Vigesaa. One sister, Rebekah (Vigesaa) (Ron) Karkhoff. Much loved Brother-In-Law Dick Johnson and his wife, Carol. Sister-in-law Myrna Johnson. Special cousin Jeannie (Maury) Foss, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gene Johnson, son Nate Johnson, granddaughter Amanda Grace Hagen, brother Harold Vigesaa, Niece Laura Vigesaa, and Nephew Seth Nelson.

Our special thank you to the kind nurses at Broen for their love and care over the past few years.

Special thanks to Nurse Tammy, Nurse Darcy, and Aide Rita who daily went above and beyond with their love, friendship and care for Karen.

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



Obituary for Darald Paulson

Darald Paulson, age 52, of rural Trail, Minnesota passed away on Monday, August 22, 2022. A memorial service was held at 3pm on Monday August 29 at New Journey Church in Fosston, MN with Pastor Jarred LeBon officiating. Family greeted friends one hour before the service at the church. Lunch was served at New Journey Church following the service and graveside service at Rosehill Cemetery in Fosston, MN. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Darald Allen Paulson was born on November 1, 1969 in Fosston, Minnesota to parents James and Janice (Anderson) Paulson. Darald grew up on the family farm in Eden Township. He attended grade school in Gully and Fosston, Minnesota. He graduated from Fosston High School in 1988. After high school he attended North Dakota State University for one year where he majored in Ag Education.

After this Darald returned to the family farm to farm full-time. He farmed in partnership with his Dad. Darald enjoyed the outdoors. He planted hundreds of trees

and was meticulous with his yard work. He enjoyed antiques and collectibles. His hobby and passion in later years was his collection of toy tractors, antiques and memorabilia from the local area and other items that had a connection with his past. Many have enjoyed viewing his collection.

Family was his most prized possession though. Darald was great with kids and enjoyed spending time with them and watching them grow up. Specifically, his nephew and nieces and some of his cousin's kids who lived nearby and were very close to him. Since he had no children himself these special kids in his life were like his own to him. A highlight for him was getting them gifts for birthdays and Christmas. He often had gifts for them, and many other people, purchased way in advance as he was always thinking about getting people gifts. It gave him great pleasure to give to others. He had a very tender heart this way. He was a generous gentleman.

Darald was a member of the Fosston Baptist Church (now known as New Journey Church) in Fosston, Minnesota. He accepted Jesus as his Savior as a young boy and was baptized as a teenager. He loved God and lived a life that showed this, despite the trials he endured in his last several years on earth with health issues.

Survivors include his parents James and Janice Paulson, his brother Daniel Paulson and his wife Tina and their three children and families, Ryan (Hillary) Paulson, Nicole (Jonathan) Halbur and their daughter Brynlee, and Hannah Paulson. Many aunts, uncles, cousins and cousin's children also survive.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Alvin and Catherine Paulson and Leo J. and Doris Anderson.



Obituary for Mary Jane Gall

Mary Jane (Vesledahl) Gall, age 69, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at her home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18th, at the McIntosh Community Center with the Rev. Timothy Lundeen officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Lutheran Cemetery, Winger, MN. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Sunday (September 18th) at the community center. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Mary Jane Vesledahl was born on July 16, 1953, in Mahnomen, Minnesota to parents Einar and Louella (Martin) Vesledahl. She grew up in Winger, Minnesota where she attended the

elementary school. She then attended McIntosh-Winger High School, graduating in 1971. In 1973, she married Lynn Nornes. During that time she worked at a grocery store in McIntosh.

In 1976, she moved to California. While there she worked in various jobs while living in places like Hermosa and Redondo Beach. It was in California that she met and married Craig Gall. Together they had a daughter, Heidi. In 1990, they were divorced and she moved back to McIntosh. Most recently she had worked at Walmart in Crookston until the travel and health forced her to retire.

Mary Jane enjoyed helping others and was always making a meal to give to someone. She also did sewing and making items for people. She was known for her kindness. She also was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Louella, and her father, Einar; brother-in-law, Keith Bugge; and nephew, Lance Bugge.

She is survived by her daughter, Heidi (Reyes) Cernos of Hawthorne, CA; three granddaughters, Harlow, Ella, and Lila; two sisters, Leona Bugge of Thief River Falls, MN, and Carol (Jim) Chaput of Brooks, MN; and one brother, Tom (Laurie) Vesledahl of Moorhead, MN; and several nieces and nephews.



Obituary for Arvid Donald Engdahl

Arvid Donald Engdahl, known to all as Don or Donny, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on Monday, August 15, 2022 at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

Private family services will be held at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Don was born on February 9, 1927 in Leonard, MN to Arvid Engdahl and Betty Nelson. He had five siblings: Norris, Wallace, Devona, Edla and half-sister, Gladys. Don attended school at Happy Hollow Country School and then graduated from Clearbrook High School. He continued his education at Bemidji State Teachers College, where he acquired his degree after serving in the United States Navy during World War II, from which he was honorably discharged.

He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a merchant marine. With his degree he taught in one-room rural school houses in eastern Montana and North Dakota for many years; after which, he worked as a DHIA supervisor. During his tenure with the DHIA he also dedicated his time, along with his wife Joann, to breed and raise Morgans, Clydesdales and Collies at his farm. He continued working as a custodian at Itasca State Park for a few years, then he decided to employ his time in up-keeping his farm, which he loved so much.

Don is survived by his daughter Gayle Ballek from his first marriage to Edna Anderson, by his son Arvid J. Engdahl from his second marriage to Joann Marie Brothers, by his youngest sister Edla Ridley Hoffert, numerous nieces and nephews, and by his dear friend Carol Satterfield.

Don was preceded in death by his wives Edna and Joann, his parents Arvid and Betty, his half sister Gladys, his brothers Norris and Wallace, sister Devona, his grandson Jimmy Ballek, and his niece Robin Gunning. Don, known for his gentle, humble and quiet nature, will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

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Obituary for Lillian Thompson

Lillian "Lil" Thompson, age 80, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 at the Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1st, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston with the Rev. Keith Zeh officiating. Interment will be in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, McIntosh, at a later date. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Lillian "Lil" was born on January 11, 1942 in Charleston, North Carolina to Grady Burrell, Sr and Christine (Cochran) Burrell. When she was twelve years old she

moved with her father to Connecticut.

After graduating from school she married Herschel Haven Hall in Blue Ridge, Georgia. To this union two children were born, Cynthia Burrell and Herschel Hall, Jr.

In 1971, Lil moved to Branson, Missouri where she and a friend, Lois Grable, opened a store called Country Classics which they operated until 1979. They sold the store and Lil moved to Anchorage, Alaska where Lil went to work for Taywood, Berg & Rydell as a Bull Cook on the slope. While working there, she met Noel Thompson.

Noel and Lil were married on April 12, 1990, in Anchorage. They retired in 2002 and moved to the family farm in Minnesota.

Lil enjoyed the outdoors especially gardening and tending her flowers until she suffered a stroke. Lil resided at Pioneer Memorial Care Center for the past fourteen years where she peacefully passed away on August 27, 2022.

Survivors include her husband Noel; a son, Herschel Hall, Jr.; a grandson John Hall; and a great grandson, Luke Hall, of Anchorage, AK; a brother, Grady (Mary) Burrell, Jr. of Bryson City, North Carolina; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter; and two brothers.

Blessed be her memory.



Obituary for Mavonne "Vonny" Lofstrand

Mavonne "Vonny" Lofstrand, age 88, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Saturday, August 20th, 2022. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 4th, at Fridhem Lutheran Church in Lengby with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Interment will be in Fridhem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lengby. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Sunday (September 4th) at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Mavonne Shirley Swanson Lofstrand was born June 27, 1934, at the Swanson family farm by Poplar Lake, Columbia Township near Fosston, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. She attended schools at Columbia Heights country school, Fosston, and Duluth when the family lived there during the war years. In 1948 the family moved to Lengby, Minnesota. In 1952 she graduated from Fosston High School. After graduation she moved to Minneapolis.

On May 21, 1955, she married Bobby Lofstrand at Fridhem Lutheran Church in Lengby, MN. They lived and worked in Minneapolis until 1958 when they returned to the family farm in Island Lake Township near Lengby, MN. They lived and farmed there till 2003 when they moved to Fosston. Bob died in December of 2019; they were married for 64 years. They have two daughters, Becky born in 1958 and Beth in 1962.

The Fridhem church was an important part of her life, and she was active in many aspects of church life; Sunday school superintendent and teacher, Ladies Aid, Circles, Quilting and the Financial Secretary for over 30 years. Other community activities she was involved with were the Lengby Improvement Club, Girl Scout leader, Homemakers and a

volunteer at the Embassy Thrift Store for many years. Mavonne was always a hard worker starting in her youth; waitressing at the Herb Otness café, babysitting, picking potatoes in Buxton, ND and waitressing and making potato salad at a Drive Inn in Minneapolis. From 1952-1958 she worked at Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Agency in Minneapolis until they moved to the farm. In 1975 she started working at the Ben Franklin Store in Fosston and worked there for over 30 years. She made many good friends there.

Vonny and Bob enjoyed travelling with trips to Scandinavia, Europe, and the United States. They also had a 5th wheel camper which they pulled around the U.S. taking in the sights of America. In 1994 they got a summer place on Fishhook Lake near Park Rapids and enjoyed summers there with family and friends until 2018. Vonny especially loved the lake life of boating, fishing, and swimming.

Vonny was known for her great cooking and baking, stopping at Vonny's for coffee was always a highlight because of the good conversation and delicious baked goods. She was adventurous and ambitious her whole life, she was not afraid to try new things. She would take adult education classes and liked learning. She enjoyed cross country skiing, biking, reading, gardening, growing flowers, bird watching, playing cards, attending concerts and plays, new recipes and time with girlfriends. She especially treasured her time with her three sisters for their Christmas and summer gatherings.

Grandkids were very important to her and a source of pride. She was very active with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed playing with them and attending their events. She loved reading the newspapers and would clip things out for discussion especially politics and finding new recipes. In her later years she became interested in family history for the Bagstad's, Grundyson's and Swanson's.

Vonny is survived by her daughters; Becky (Mark) Ratchenski of Cavalier, ND, Beth Hemming of Grand Forks, ND. Grandchildren, Lily Flage (Alex), Matthew (Kaitlin) Ratchenski, Nathan (Michaela) Hemming and Noah Hemming and four great granddaughters; Lauren, Olivia and Emerson Flage and Ramsey Jo Ratchenski. Also surviving are her siblings; Pat Heagerty, David Swanson, Dan Swanson, (Patty) and Priscilla Gunderson. Vonny was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby and siblings, Leroy, Sharon, and Mark.

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Greenbush Race Park results

by Keith Cumming
With the 2022 race season winding down, each driver is looking to put themselves in the winner circle one last time before the race season is over. This was the case for the 76 drivers that signed in at the pit gate at the Greenbush Race Park.

The 14 car Wissota Streets were racing the Rick Johnson Memorial. Rick was the Race Park's first points champion for the Streets and was a threat to win any time he pulled in the pits. Ryan Johnson and Josh Barker shared the front row for the 25 lap feature. One caution on lap one was the only thing that slowed these drivers down. Josh Barker lead the first seven laps before he was passed by Daniel Aberle down the backstretch. Tucker Pederson was slowly working his way up from his seventh place starting position, and with 13 to go he made the pass for the lead out of corner four. Pederson was unchallenged on his way to his third win of the year. Aberle would finish second and Weston Ramsrud, third. Heat wins went to Jeremy Gust and Jerome Berger.

The Wissota Modified feature would run caution free. Ryan Schroeder started on the outside of row one and lead the first eight laps before Aaron Blacklance made the pass for the lead out of corner four. The only thing Blacklance had to deal with was a little bit of lapped traffic on his way to what appeared to be his second win of the year, only to be DQ'd in the tech area. This would give the win to Schroder as he held off

Tyler Peterson. Aaron Holtan would finish third. Heat wins went to Schroeder and Mike Tiani.

The Wissota Midwest Mods had 14 cars take the green for their feature. Patrick Sobolik was the leader through four early cautions, with the race going caution free the last eleven laps. Justin Olson was working his way forward from his sixth starting spot and challenging for the lead half-way through the race. Sobolik and Olson raced side by side and nose to tail for about four laps before Olson made the pass for the lead out of corner two. Olson went on to pick up his first win of the year, Sobolik finished second and Aaron Blacklance third. Taylor Jacobson and Blacklance picked up the heat wins.

The Wissota Pure Stocks had a nine car starting lineup. Billy Binkley started on the pole and lead the first lap before Dave Meyer would take the lead out of corner two. Meyer was out in front for the next eight laps before he gave up the lead to Austin Carlson out of corner four with six to go. Carlson survived two late race cautions to pick up his first ever Greenbush Race Park feature win and a sweep of the evening. Michael Roth finished second and Meyer third.

The MinnKota PowerI Lightning Sprint feature also ran caution free and it was the Truscinski's, Alan and Alex that shared the front row. Alex was out in front early and lead for over half the race until Dexter Dvergsten ran him down. Dvergsten would pass Truscinski out of corner four with six to go and go on

to pick up his third win of the year and a sweep of the night. Kelsi Pederson was also on a mission. She passed Truscinski for second with three to go and then set her sights on Dvergsten, but had to settle for the second spot. Pederson also won her heat. Alex Truscinski finished third.

Waylon Current lead all but the first lap of the 4 Cylinder feature as he picked up his second win in a row. Kalin Honer finished second and won the lone heat and Gordon Hunter was third.

The Greenbush Race Park will wrap up it's 2022 race season this Labor Day weekend with our annual two nights of racing. Saturday's races start at 7pm with Sunday starting at 6pm. The NLRA Late Models will be in town both nights along with the Wissota classes of Modifieds, Streets, Midwest Mods and Pure Stocks along with the MinnKota PowerI Lightning Sprints and 4 Cylinders. Pit gates open on Saturday at 4:30, grandstands at 5:30. Cutoff for the draw is at 6pm. On Sunday everything is ONE HOUR EARLIER. For more info go to <http://www.greenbushracepark.com>, or on Facebook at Official Greenbush Race Park, and we hope to see you at the Park.

11 entries
LIGHTNING SPRINTS
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 11-Dexter Dvergsten[4]; 2. 93-Kelsi Pederson[6]; 3. 10-Alex Truscinski[2]; 4. 13-Alan Truscinski[1]; 5. 72-Kate Taves[10]; 6. 24-Jake Haugeberg[7]; 7. 27-Weston Olson[5]; 8. 18-Hayden Koehmstedt[8]; 9. 87-Matthew Taves[3]; 10. 21-Save Hildebrand[9]; 11. (DNS) 1W-Mark Williams

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 93-Kelsi Pederson[1]; 2. 87-Matthew Taves[2]; 3. 27-Weston Olson[6]; 4. 24-Jake Haugeberg[5]; 5. 21-Save Hildebrand[3]; 6. (DNF) 1W-Mark Williams[4]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 11-Dexter Dvergsten[2]; 2. 10-Alex Truscinski[4]; 3. 13-Alan Truscinski[5]; 4. 18-Hayden Koehmstedt[1]; 5. 72-Kate Taves[3]

12 entries
WISSOTA MODIFIEDS
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 77R-Ryan Schroeder[2]; 2. 1TPO-Tyler Peterson[8]; 3. 2-Aaron Holtan[9]; 4. 39-Shawn Teunis[4]; 5. 74-Dustin Wahl[7]; 6. 57-Michael Tiani[3]; 7. 95-Mark Esala[12]; 8. 25-Ryan Johnson[5]; 9. 81-Jordan Duray[10]; 10. 228-Doug VanMill[1]; 11. (DNF) 33-Ryan Hagen[11]; 12. (DQ) 5BA-Aaron Blacklance[6]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 77R-Ryan Schroeder[2]; 2. 74-Dustin Wahl[4]; 3. 39-Shawn Teunis[1]; 4. 5BA-Aaron Blacklance[5]; 5. 2-Aaron Holtan[6]; 6. 33-Ryan Hagen[3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 57-Michael Tiani[2]; 2. 1TPO-Tyler Peterson[1]; 3. 25-Ryan Johnson[4]; 4. 228-Doug VanMill[6]; 5. 81-Jordan Duray[5]; 6. 95-Mark Esala[3]

14 entries
WISSOTA MIDWEST MODS
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 169-Justin Olson[6]; 2. 40-Patrick Sobolik[2]; 3. 5BA-Aaron

Blacklance[7]; 4. 64-Shane Wahl[3]; 5. 33G-Connor Graff[4]; 6. 46J-Taylor Jacobson[5]; 7. 15C-Chris Edmonds[8]; 8. 007-Alex Johnson[11]; 9. 95-Ted Doell[13]; 10. 8-Tyler Doell[9]; 11. 77E-Tra Ewalt[12]; 12. 3L-Logan Salazar[14]; 13. 25-Preston Byre[10]; 14. (DNF) 23-Erik Johnson[1]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 5BA-Aaron Blacklance[5]; 2. 40-Patrick Sobolik[4]; 3. 33G-Connor Graff[6]; 4. 23-Erik Johnson[7]; 5. 8-Tyler Doell[1]; 6. 007-Alex Johnson[2]; 7. (DNF) 3L-Logan Salazar[3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 46J-Taylor Jacobson[1]; 2. 64-Shane Wahl[5]; 3. 15C-Chris Edmonds[4]; 4. 169-Justin Olson[2]; 5. 25-Preston Byre[7]; 6. 77E-Tra Ewalt[6]; 7. 95-Ted Doell[3]

9 entries
WISSOTA PURE STOCK
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 57-Austin Carlson[4]; 2. 66-Michael Roth[5]; 3. 74-Dave Meyer[2]; 4. 35B-Josh Berg[3]; 5. 39-Deryk Weleski[9]; 6. 21-Billy Binkley[1]; 7. 88-Macey Anderson[6]; 8. 469-Aaden Olson[8]; 9. 25-Caylyn Binkley[7]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 57-Austin Carlson[2]; 2. 35B-Josh Berg[3]; 3. 74-Dave Meyer[6]; 4. 66-Michael Roth[7]; 5. 21-Billy Binkley[5]; 6. 88-Macey Anderson[4]; 7. 25-Caylyn Binkley[9]; 8. (DNF) 469-Aaden Olson[8]; 9. (DNF) 39-Deryk Weleski[1]

14 entries
WISSOTA STREET STOCK
A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 27P-Tucker Pederson[7]; 2. 33-Daniel Aberle[3]; 3. 67-Weston Ramsrud[4]; 4. 4-Trey Hess[10]; 5. 99-Josh Barker[2]; 6. 46-Jonny Carter[5]; 7. 25-Ryan Johnson[1]; 8. 96-Jeremy Gust[8]; 9. 7-James Meagher[12]; 10. 65-Jerome Berger[6]; 11. 21-Cadin Brekkestran[13]; 12. 28-Greg Jose[14]; 13. 0-Chad Hagen[9]; 14. (DNF) 59-Kyle Anderson[11]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 96-Jeremy Gust[2]; 2. 99-Josh Barker[1]; 3. 46-Jonny Carter[4]; 4. 25-Ryan Johnson[5]; 5. 0-Chad Hagen[6]; 6. 59-Kyle Anderson[3]; 7. 21-Cadin Brekkestran[7]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 65-Jerome Berger[2]; 2. 33-Daniel Aberle[1]; 3. 67-Weston Ramsrud[4]; 4. 27P-Tucker Pederson[7]; 5. 4-Trey Hess[5]; 6. 7-James Meagher[6]; 7. 28-Greg Jose[3]

6 entries
4-CYLINDERS
A Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 9-Waylon Current[4]; 2. 115-Kalin Honer[3]; 3. 15-Gordon Hunter[2]; 4. 3-Justin Honer[1]; 5. 5-Brandon Hunter[6]; 6. 22K-John Current[5]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 115-Kalin Honer[2]; 2. 9-Waylon Current[6]; 3. 22K-John Current[5]; 4. 3-Justin Honer[1]; 5. 15-Gordon Hunter[3]; 6. 5-Brandon Hunter[4]

Bemidji Speedway “Season Points Championship”

8/28/2022
By Dennis Peterson
Bemidji Speedway was to host the 2022 Season points championships on Sunday but the skies darkened and the rains came ending the regular season of racing for track points on a sour note. Track champions although were crowned on the points they had earned during the summer of racing.

In the Bemidji Mini Stocks Conrad Schwinn took the title with 1,077 points, his son Ashton was 2nd with 970 points. In the Wissota Hornet class defending champion Travis Olafson won with 956 points to Carter Matthews 917 in just his rookie season. The Wissota Pure Stock title went to Austin Carlson, winning his first track title with 1,058 points. Coming in 2nd was Josh Berg with 992. In the Wissota Mod Four class Skyler Smith claimed the title with 845 points. Blake Er-

ickson was second in the Mod Fours with 828 points. The Wissota Midwest Modifieds crowned Jeff Reed as champion with 877 points. Brandon Bahr finished in 2nd with 859 points. In the Wissota Super Stock class Matt Sparby was the winner with 921 points compared to 2nd place finisher Dalton Carlson with 889 points. The final champion was the Wissota Modified class with Josh Beaulieu claiming the crown with 636 points. In 2nd place in the Modified class was Lance Schilling with 606 points.

In very competitive racing for points in the Wissota Midwest Modified class Devyn Weleski was 3rd with 836 points while racing for 4th ended in a tie with Alan Olafson and Joey LaValley each finishing with 814 points.

Also the Wissota Hornet

class was very close with Ellen Lange finishing in third with 833 points, Brooklyn Vernlund with 832 points and Caylyn Binkley with 822 points for top five finishes for the season.

The points races are finished at Bemidji Speedway but the racing is not. The Annual Paul Bunyan Stampede, a highlight of the year for many drivers and fans, will be held from September 23rd through the 25th. Friday the 23rd the track will host the annual “Bean Bag Tournament”. The racing gets started on Saturday with the green flag waving at 4:PM. Then the season winds up with the Sunday racing beginning at 2:PM to wrap up the 2022 season. Joining all classes at the Stampede will be the Northern Renegade Sprints with the Non Winged racing on Saturday and the Winged Sprints on Sunday.

Minnesota Offers Suicide Prevention Training for Rural Faith Leaders

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) are teaming up to offer conferences on Suicide Prevention for Rural Faith Leaders in Brainerd on September 27, 2022 and in Mankato on September 29, 2022.

Rural clergy and lay leaders of all faiths and denominations are welcome.

“Suicide can be prevented, and help is available,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. “When someone is struggling, talking about suicide does not plant the idea in their head. It can help for them to know you are willing to talk about it and creates a safe opportunity to share their thoughts. We’re grateful our community leaders are creating a space to have those conversations.”

“Rural communities tend to be pretty close-knit, and suicides touch a lot of people when they happen,” said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. “Faith often plays a big role in the lives of farm families, so pastors and lay leaders can

play a critical role in preventing these deaths.”

The conference will:

- Increase rural faith leaders’ understanding about suicide and how they can play a role in suicide prevention.

- Provide high quality information and resources that will help their communities prevent suicide.

- Help faith leaders provide care and support to those affected by suicide to promote healing and prevent further suicides.

Speakers will include:

- Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

- Scott Roeder, Founder of Jackson Roeder Memorial Fund

- Dan Reidenberg Psy D., Executive Director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE)

- Ann Ellison, Director Interfaith Health at M Health Fairview

The agenda and speakers are identical at both locations, but panelists vary and may include Bishop William Tesch,

ELCA; Cassandra Linkenmeyer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Chaplain (Colonel-Retired) Glen Bloomstrom, LivingWorks Education; and others.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Register online or by phone at 218-308-2148 (Bemidji) or 507-344-2747 (Mankato).

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New coach looks to build on the past success of the Pioneers

August 25, 2022 – Northland Community & Technical College has hired Brandon Ballard as the new Head Coach for Pioneers Wrestling. Ballard is the second Head Coach since the program's reinstatement in 2013.

“Coaching at the college level has always been a dream of mine,” shared Ballard. “It is something I’ve always wanted to do, so when I saw the opportunity, I jumped on it.”

Ballard comes to the Pioneers from Milton, FL, where he was the Head Coach for the Panda Wrestling Alliance. Before the Pandas, Ballard was at the helm of the University of Baltimore County, where he coached eight national qualifiers and one All-American at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championships.

“We are very excited to bring Brandon on board,” says Lisa Bottem, Northland’s Former Athletic Administrator. “Brandon is a former high school state champion wrestler and also wrestled at the collegiate level. He has coached at the high school, college, and club levels and brings experience working with wrestlers of all ages and skill levels. We are confident that Brandon will continue to grow the Pioneer Wrestling program that Scott DCamp has built over the years.”

Following high school, Ballard wrestled at South Dakota State University, earning a spot as a starter during his true freshman season. After a one-year stint at SDSU, Ballard went to NJCAA Labette College in southeast Kansas. After obtaining his degree, Ballard ended his career at York College of Pennsylvania,



Brandon Ballard Tabbed as New Northland Community & Technical College Head Wrestling Coach

nia, where he qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships and fell just one match shy of making the podium.

Ballard aims to build a good environment for his athletes in the upcoming season. “I want to build really good wrestlers, National Champions are great, but I think it’s more important who they become after wrestling,” Ballard said. “I want to prepare these kids for the next step in life. I hope I can push them to be even more than they thought they could become.”

Ballard will replace Scott DCamp, who resigned earlier

this year after having qualified over 25 wrestlers to the NJCAA National Tournament and coaching eleven MCAC Region XIII Champions.

The Pioneers look to add eight new commits to the roster who will join one returning sophomore. “I am excited to help lead this program to even greater things through hard work, structure, and instilling that competitive mindset to improve each day,” Ballard said. “I’m working hard to bring in a great group of wrestlers and I am very excited to see where we can take this team.”



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