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The Dyrdahl's are busy getting ready for the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 200. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18. They are shown in the picture from last year's race headquarters at Sportsman's Lodge. From left to right: Sharon Dyrdahl O'Bryan, Chad Dyrdahl, Joe Carter and Jenna (Dyrdahl) Carter.

Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial 200 race this weekend

There going to be a Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 snowmobile race in 2022? Yes it is set. If this event has an average turnout of spectators and racers, one pro rider could be a part of taking home around \$25,000.00 in cash, prizes, and factory contingency money if they win it all!

2022 will be 25 years since Gerald passed away of cancer at the age of 49 years old.

This year, Five Star Motorsports Promotions Inc and the Gerald Dyrdahl family have gone another direction and will promote and host this race as

an independent cross country lake race, although it will remain I.S.R.(International Snowmobile Racers) sanctioned.

Pine Lake, which is located south of Gonvick, has had snowmobile races since 1987. Gerald and many others were among the original promoters of this event, and it has now become a historic staple in the snowmobile racing world, and it is considered one of the Crown Jewels to win.

KC Pro West Racing has also confirmed that they will be racing at Pine Lake as well

that weekend, with numerous classes for the kids to compete in.

New this year will also be a \$10,000.00 to win, 1997 and older class. Details on that are on our Facebook page.

This year's race will be December 17th and 18th, with backup dates of December 31st and January 1st.

Follow our Facebook page for more updates. Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial-Pine Lake 200.

We look forward to putting on our biggest race ever and we look forward to 115 MPH racing in December!



Gunner Arlaud of Gonvick won second place of \$6,000 in the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial race last year. His racing number is 56. That is the number that Gerald Dyrdahl used when he was racing.



Taylor Bunke of Kindred, ND won \$10,000.00 for first place at the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial race last year. Will he win again with his number 14 sled. He is shown with his wife and son Harlee and Jagger.

Garden Valley awarded a border-to-border broadband grant

[Erskine, MN December 2022] Garden Valley Technologies has been awarded a border-to-border broadband development grant from the State of Minnesota through the DEED Office of Broadband Development. This grant will assist in a broadband build to rural Oslo and east rural Warren.

Residents and businesses in this area expressed support for GVT's border-to-border grant application, which gives GVT the opportunity to offer rural Oslo and rural Warren Internet access. This underserved area needs fast, reliable Internet service to help residents progress, especially as technology continues to advance

around them.

The grant provides the assistance needed to plow state-of-the-art fiber optic cable to the homes in this area allowing access to Internet speeds up to 1 Gbps, local phone service and digital video services, which includes over 200 channels.

"This is exciting news and I would like to thank the Office of broadband and the State of Minnesota for this grant opportunity," said Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager at Garden Valley Technologies.

"Grants like these make it possible to build out broadband in highly rural environments."

The border-to-border broadband project for rural Oslo and

east rural Warren will bring service to 105 unserved and underserved locations which include 47 residences, two businesses, 52 farms and four community institutions. The total project cost of \$2,925,139 million will be financed by the \$1,462,569 million Minnesota border-to-border broadband grant and a local match of \$1,462,569 million by Garden Valley Technologies and community partners. The project is expected to finish with installation of subscribers in late 2024 and will cover 108 square miles. Residents living in the area will receive communication from GVT on next steps in the project.

Governor Walz visits troops in Kuwait

Governor Tim Walz traveled to Kuwait to visit members of the Minnesota National Guard's 347th Regional Support Group (RSG) and members of the RSG's 147th Human Resources Company (HRC) serving abroad this holiday season. Governor Walz was joined by the Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke and the Guard's Senior Enlisted Advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Whitehead.

Photos from the trip are attached.

"It was my honor to spend time with the service members serving our country in Kuwait," said Governor Walz. "While many Minnesotans will gather with family and friends this holiday season, there are many others who have chosen to sacrifice time with their loved ones to protect us. As a 24-year veteran of the National Guard, I know what it's like to be away from home and fam-

ily. Thank you to the brave men and women at home and abroad who fight to defend our safety and freedom every day."

"I am thankful to have had an opportunity to visit our Minnesota National Guard citizen-Soldiers from the 347th Regional Support Group and the 147th Human Resources Company who are currently serving in the Middle East,"

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Halverson sworn in as President of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson was elected and sworn in as President of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association for 2023 during the annual Winter Sheriffs' Conference held in Alexandria, MN on December 4-6, 2022. The association's vision is to continually support and advance the Office of Sheriff in the State of Minnesota in providing service to all. "I am humbled to serve as President of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association. This is a very high honor and I will continue to build on the 137-year history of excellence, professionalism and trust," stated Sheriff Halverson.

The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association ensures that there is representation from throughout the State by dividing it into six districts. Each district has a Sheriff that serves as a District Director and also has one Sheriff that serves on the Executive Committee. This model enables Sheriffs from every corner of the state to have input. The mission of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is to advance legislation for the betterment of the public, foster

continuing education and to support fellow Sheriffs in the performance and discharge of their statutory duties.

Sheriff Halverson had the honor of his wife, Becca Halverson, do the swearing in at the installation banquet on December 6th. "Family means everything to me. To have my wife officially swear me in as President of the association

meant so much," said Sheriff Halverson. Other family members were also in attendance to witness the ceremony.

The President of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association serves a one-year term. Congratulations to Sheriff Halverson on this distinct honor. This is the first time that a Clearwater County Sheriff has served in this capacity.



Becca Halverson wife of Sheriff Darin Halverson do the swearing in at the installation banquet on December 6th.



Sheriff Darin Halverson and his wife Becca Halverson.



Governor Walz travels to Kuwait to visit troops ahead of holidays.



Johnson and Kiel statement on Crookston Soybean Processing Facility Leaving Minnesota

ST. PAUL, MN – Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) and State Representative Deb Kiel (R- Crookston) released the following statements regarding the announcement from Epiteome Energy they will be moving their Soybean Processing Facility from Crookston to Grand Forks, North Dakota after delays from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

"This is tough news for Crookston, Northwestern Minnesota, and our state," Johnson said. "Due to a grindingly slow regulatory process by the Walz Administration, we just lost many well-paying jobs, millions of dollars of investment in our local economy, revenue for our local schools, and desperately needed property tax relief. North Dakota Governor Burgum once again stepped up to snatch another promising business from Minnesota while the MPCA and the Walz

Administration push away growth and progress for our communities."

"I am deeply disappointed that the governor's administration is dragging their feet on this project, which has now cost Minnesotans both jobs and agricultural resources," said Kiel. "This project has been in process for four years now, and the roadblocks put in place by the MPCA have pushed this important resource out of the state completely. I will continue fighting for Minnesota farmers and agribusiness so this does not happen again."

Epiteome Energy blamed the move on the unnecessarily long permitting process in the State of Minnesota. Epiteome Energy had waited over a year-and-a-half for their permit application to be reviewed before exploring elsewhere.

The operation of the new plant was expected to generate hundreds of millions of dollars

for the Northwest Minnesota economy and create hundreds of new jobs. Now those benefits will go across the border.

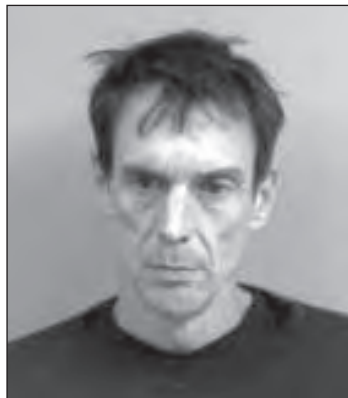
Walz visits Kuwait... Cont. from Canary front

said Manke. "I am happy to report their performance should make all Minnesotans proud. Additionally, I would like to thank their families and employers for their sacrifices and continued support they provide their service members. I ask Minnesotans to keep them in their thoughts during this holiday season."

In April, the Brooklyn Park-based 347th RSG deployed more than 80 Soldiers to various locations across the Middle East, including Kuwait, to provide base operations support, manage facilities, administrative and logistical support to Soldier services, and ensure the security of personnel and facilities on the base.

In September, approximately 25 Soldiers from the 147th HRC deployed to the Middle East to support missions, which enable successful deployment and redeployment of units throughout the area.

As a 24-year veteran of the National Guard, Governor Walz is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of service members and making significant investments on behalf of Minnesota's veterans. In May, Governor Walz signed the veterans omnibus bill, SF4233. This law provides service bonuses to post-9/11 era veterans and Gold Star families, and increases investments in reenlistment bonuses for the Minnesota National Guard. Governor Walz also signed HF3379, which expands eligibility for reenlistment bonuses Minnesota Guard members.



Jesse Robert Knight, 43 was arrested with aggravated robbery charges of the Wells Fargo Bank in Bemidji. The incident happened on December 6.

He was booked into the Beltrami County Jail on pending charges of second-degree aggravated robbery and financial transaction card fraud.

Bemidji police officers, Beltrami County deputies, the Minnesota State Patrol, and agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension responded to the scene.

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Northwest Minnesota Foundation announces education training and grants

December 2, 2022 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation has announced grant funding to support education and training efforts for nonprofit organizations. The goal is to build leadership knowledge and skills to help nonprofit organizations in the Northwest Minnesota region more effectively fulfill their missions. The grant opportunity also supports local government and tribal organization education and training pursuits that expand leadership capacity.

NMF encourages nonprofits, tribal organizations, and local governments to apply. Grants up to \$2,500 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must be located within the NMF service area, which includes Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, and the 12 counties in Northwest Minnesota: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake Falls, and Roseau.

Grant funding may support but is not limited to: staff and board trainings, purchasing professional licenses or certificates, travel, conferences, consultant hires, organizational or operational audits and other knowledge and capacity building initiatives.

A complete grant description, as well as details on how to apply, can be found online at www.nwmf.org. Click on "Grants" at the top of the page and then click on "Open Grant Rounds." Anyone with questions about the grant should contact Nate Dorr, Vice President for Advocacy, via email to nated@nwmf.org

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NOTICE OF BOARD OPENING

Inter-County Community Council is now accepting applications to serve a three year term on the Agency's 15 member Board of Directors. Applicants must reside in Pennington, Red Lake, East Polk or Clearwater County and must be nominated by a special interest group. Meetings are usually evening dinner meetings held on the fourth Monday every other month. For more information or to request an application contact Catherine Johnson, Executive Director at 218-796-5144 ext. 1027 or electronically by CJohnson@intercountycc.org. Board Applications are also available on our website at www.intercountycc.org.

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EMPLOYMENT VARIABLES The typical schedule is 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Additional hours may be required but vary based upon workload demands.

DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 30th, 2022

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Native American Home School Liaison Positions - Full-time positions open for 2022-2023 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.

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

Substitute Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

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Youth Rec Activities Coordinator position opening for the current 2022-2023 school year starting in January. Bagley Community Education has a part-time opening for a youth rec and activities coordinator. Responsible for the development, implementation and organization of youth sports and activities programs. Hours are based upon program needs, must be flexible including evenings and weekends. Knowledge of sports and activities preferred. email: cuhlr@bagley.k12.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until filled. For additional information call 694-3232.

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The Polk County Highway Department is soliciting Quotes until 4:30pm, December 30, 2022 for rental/lease of County Property - farmland to be used for pasture and hay stumpage. The property is located in Section 22 of Liberty Township. The total acreage available is approximately 150 acres, more or less. A legal description and information regarding the rental/lease of this property is available at the Polk County Highway Department. If you are interested, please call our office: 218-281-3952 or visit our Highway Department office at 820 Old Highway 75 South in Crookston, MN for more information. Office hours: 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. R39-40C

Moose habitat planning effort receives America the Beautiful Challenge grant

A new federal grant award will fund collaborative planning by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to further large-scale moose habitat restoration in northeast Minnesota.

The award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, through the new America the Beautiful Challenge, will provide \$443,600 to the DNR for the planning effort, with a goal of an implementation plan for moose habitat restoration on three areas of 10,000 to 50,000 contiguous acres each.

"This grant is great news for efforts to address the long-term moose population decline in Minnesota," said Kelly Straka, wildlife section manager. "This grant supports an effort that has broad support from a num-

ber of tribal, federal, county and non-governmental partner organizations, and all are critical players in planning for long-term habitat improvements."

Tribal, federal, county and non-governmental partner organizations helped develop the planning approach and signed letters of support for the DNR's grant application, which was one of 55 chosen nationwide from more than 500 applications.

The patchwork of tribal, federal, state, county and private land in northeast Minnesota makes large-scale habitat restoration particularly challenging. The grant will fund a series of workshops with tribal, federal, state, county and non-governmental partner organizations in 2023 and 2024 to identify the challenges facing large-scale moose habitat restoration, find strategies to address the challenges, identify areas for large-scale habitat restoration and create an implementation plan for the restoration. The implementation plan will also identify potential sources of funding to complete the agreed upon large-scale habitat restoration.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation along with its public- and private-sector partners announced a total of nearly \$91 million in grants through the America the Beautiful Challenge (nfwf.org/Programs/America-Beautiful-Challenge).

Neilson Foundation Internship Program

Deadline is January 2
BEMIDJI, Minn. -- Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College and the George W. Neilson Foundation are accepting applications from Bemidji-area employers for a summer program that offers financial incentives to businesses who hire BSU and NTC students for paid internships.

The Neilson Foundation will fund 15 internships, including one specifically for health and nursing and 14 for any other private business pertaining to any major or program offered by BSU or NTC.

Funding is split equally with 50 percent of the intern's hourly compensation being paid by the foundation, up to \$2,500, and the remaining 50 percent paid by the participating business.

Businesses applying for internship funding must be located in the Bemidji area, preferably within 30 miles of Bemidji. Businesses in Bagley, Blackduck, Cass Lake and Walker may apply. All non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply directly to the Neilson Foundation, which will finalize selections and notify employers shortly after the January 2, 2023 application deadline.

The internship partnership launched in the summer of 2012 to promote academic development and encourage employers to provide local, paid internship opportunities for BSU and NTC students.

The Neilson Foundation recently committed to continue the BSU, NTC and Neilson Foundation Internship Program through summer 2027.

About the Neilson Foundation

The George W. Neilson Foundation supports community development projects by providing grants to programs and projects that improve the lives of the area's children, adults and senior citizens. The foundation concentrates its program in the City of Bemidji and the surrounding area. Following the wishes of contributor Katharine Neilson Cram, the foundation supports northern Minnesota and the Bemidji area, where she spent the summers of her youth and lived throughout her later life.

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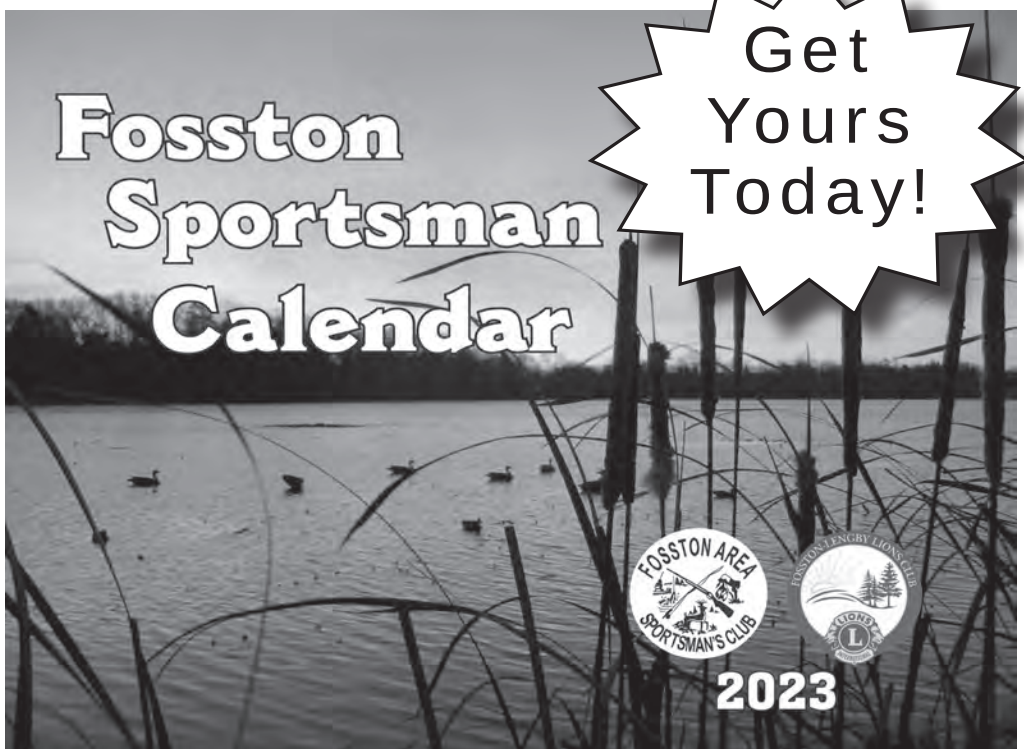


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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Remnants

Anywhere from four to seven days was the estimated time of arrival in Bethlehem. Thus, he pressed on.

At dusk the dust settled. Weary from a day's work, the animal gave up that which had been entrusted to it. As it went down knee deep into resting position, so did Mary—gently sinking to the ground while breezes settled all around. Joseph continued bedding down and feeding the donkey. As morning would arrive sooner than later, he tried to stay focus on that which was in his charge.

When all was quiet and Mary had received morsels of sustenance, he partook of that which remained. A mere remnant it was, but it would do. Sacrificing was part of obedience and obedient he was as he remembered well what had been spoken by the angel.

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid...for it is through the Holy Spirit...she will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:20-21). He drank deeply of the promise spoken and it filled.

As he rested, “Do not be afraid” echoed within. Peacefully, the night brought with it comforts of home because his God, our God, and now the Savior of the World was nearby. Not a care in the world remained as he entrusted all to prayer.

The stars wrapped round them like a blanket. Mary slept. Joseph slept. The donkey slept. Baby Jesus slept in holiness as the Holy One. Prophecies of old would soon to be ushered in. “Look, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel—God with us” (Isaiah 7:14).

Invited we are to await the birth of our Savior. Stability offered in the stable would be that which was and is and is to come. He alone is the Holy One. He alone is the Lord God Jesus Christ.

As Joseph arose the next morn, words from Isa. 48:17 guided. “Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God... who leads you in the way you should go.” Joseph did go—as he knew well the One who led. Amen.

NDS-CS receives a \$500,000 grant for Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing

WAHPETON, N.D. — December 1, 2022 — North Dakota State College of Science has been awarded a \$500,000 naming rights grant from the Gene Haas Foundation to upgrade Precision Machining Technology program facilities. Once complete, the newly named Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing will strengthen NDS-CS' capacity to attract and educate the next generation of machinists to meet growing workforce needs.

The mission of the Gene Haas Foundation is to introduce young people to careers in manufacturing and improve the pathway by providing students with resources and impactful experiences. “We strongly believe in the value of CTE education to transform lives, enhance a workforce and sustain an important industry that is fundamental to our nation,” said Kathy Looman, director of education and Gene Haas Centers naming grants. “North Dakota State College of Science has been a leader in training for careers in the manufacturing industry for many years with an excellent team of educators who embrace cutting-edge technology. NDS-CS is also a leader in the education community, men-

toring and supporting programs across the country to share best practices with other education programs. These are just a couple of the many reasons we have chosen NDS-CS as a Gene Haas Center.”

The grant will fund renovations to the Haas Technology Education Center in the Tech Center on NDS-CS' Wahpeton campus. In conjunction with facility updates, the grant will be used to rename the CNC lab to the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing. NDS-CS President Rod Flanigan believes the relationship with the Gene Haas Foundation is critical for the sustainability of the Precision Machining Technology program. “We are grateful for their contributions, which allow us to extend the College's impact on meeting workforce needs in this high-tech industry,” said Flanigan.

Students in the NDS-CS Precision Machining Technology program learn about CNC programming, CNC set-up and operation, production machining, mold making, die making, toolmaking and automated manufacturing. Additional information about the NDS-CS Precision Machining Technology program can be found online at

NDS-CS.edu/Machining.

Seeing a growing need for skilled manufacturing employees industry-wide, the Foundation expanded its mission to include support for manufacturing training programs throughout North America and beyond. By providing scholarship grants, sponsoring individual and team CNC competitions, and partnering with the very best CNC training programs in the world, the Foundation helps expand the availability of high-quality manufacturing technology training worldwide.

The Gene Haas Foundation donates millions of dollars every year to manufacturing education and the community. In 2021-2022, the Gene Haas Foundation provided more than \$22 million in grants, bringing the total since its inception to more than \$150 million.

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Join us for Strategic Farming: Let's Talk Crops 2023!

By Liz Stahl, Extension Educator – Crops and Phyllis Bongard, Content development and communications specialist

WORTHINGTON, Minn. (11/30/22) - Pull up a chair and join in or bring the conversation with you as you go about your day. Whatever works best for you, join us this winter to discuss some of the key issues and questions around commodity crop production facing Minnesota farmers today through the “Strategic Farming: Let's Talk Crops” webinar series. This live, online program will provide up-to-date, research-based information to help optimize your crop management strategies for 2023. Sessions will be held over Zoom, which can be accessed via your computer, phone or other mobile device, and run from 9 to 10 am Wednesdays, January 11 through March 29, 2023.

Sessions will be very informal and open to all interested. Each session will start with a brief presentation by the discussion leaders for the day, followed by discussion framed around farmer/participant questions on the topic.

Topics and speakers:
• January 11: Forecast for the season - Weather, economics & supply chains. Ed Usset, Extension grain marketing economist and Pete Boulay, Assistant State Climatologist, DNR

• January 18: What's bugging my corn? An outlook on corn rootworm and more. Anthony Hanson, Extension educator – IPM, and other IPM specialists

• January 25: Climate factors and nitrogen management

Dan Kaiser, Extension nutrient management specialist, and Brad Carlson, Extension educator – water resources

• February 1: Semi-Dwarf corn & SCN breeding efforts

Rex Bernardo, Professor and Endowed Chair, Corn Breeding and Genetics, and Aaron Lorentz, Associate Professor, Soybean Breeding and Genetics

• February 8: Are biologicals in corn & soybean logical?

Seth Naeve, Extension soybean agronomist, and Dan Kaiser, Extension nutrient management specialist

• February 15: Weed management in the era of increasing herbicide resistance

Debalin Sarangi, Extension weed management specialist

• February 22: “Can I take an N credit?” and other cover crop FAQs

Anna Cates, State soil health specialist, and Matt Ruark, Extension soil scientist, University of Wisconsin-Madison

• March 1: Expanding your rotation with small grains

Jochum Wiersma, Extension small grains specialist

• March 8: Corn Tar Spot:

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Dean Malvick, Extension plant pathologist, and Darcy Telenko, Extension field crop pathologist, Purdue University

• March 15: Alfalfa weevil and other alfalfa management challenges

Craig Shaeffer, Extension forage agronomist and Anthony Hanson, Extension educator – IPM

• March 22: Soybean Pests - What's up with the new and old...are they a big deal?

Bob Koch, Extension entomologist

• March 29: Get your planters ready

Extension researchers, educators and agronomists

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We hope you will take this opportunity to join with U of MN Extension in discussing crop topics at our “Strategic Farming: Let's Talk Crops!” program in 2023!

The Model D John Deere is soon to 100 years Old!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

The oldest tractor I have is a 1937 model A John Deere. That makes that tractor 85 years old.....yes 85 years old. It is hard to believe when I look out on the tractors in my yard or field that most of them are between 70 and 85 years old! Those of you who read my column and know a little bit about tractors also know that for example the model 4010 John Deere is over 60 years old and the 4020 was introduced 58 years ago. To me, the new generation John Deeres are “new” tractors, not 6 decades old!

The model D John Deere was the first tractor produced with the John Deere name. It replaced the Waterloo Boy tractor. The Waterloo Boy tractor company had been purchased by John Deere in 1918 trying to enter the tractor market. The board of directors wanted to build their own tractor so the experiments began on what would eventually become the model D. When John Deere wanted to release the model D tractor sales were poor and John Deere's board of directors were not sure if they should release their model D. Who would buy it? But, farmers bought the model D and John Deere tractor sales grew. Starting in 1923 the very early D's had a 26 in. spoked flywheel, and the steering on the left side. In 1925 the 24 in. spoked flywheel was used, and in 1926 a solid flywheel replaced the earlier spoked flywheels. This of course makes a “spoker D” a real collector's item. These early unstyled D's had 2 forward speeds and one reverse(not known for it's speed!). Toward the end of the 1934 production year the transmission was changed to feature 3 forward gears. In 1939 the model D was styled. The new sheet metal design streamlined the tractors, just as automobiles were doing during this time. As production went on electric start and lights were added as options on the D John Deere. Production of the D continued until 1953. This 30 plus year production run makes the model D John Deere the longest running model over made. Production technically ended in 1952 but dealers still had demand for more model D tractors. Since the assembly line in the plant

had been dismantled in order to meet the demands of the orders John Deere built 92 D tractors were built on the street between the millroom and the truck shop. These D's were nicknamed streeters and are a very collectable tractor today. I've yet to have a model D and I don't know if I ever will, but I sure hope so!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The model D was produced from 1923-_____.

A) 1951 B) 1952 C) 1953

2. John Deere claimed the early D produced _____ hp on the draw bar.

A) 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

3. During the end of production John Deere claimed the D produced _____hp, although when tested they produced even more.

A) 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

4. The cost of a model D in 1924 was _____.

A) \$1000 B) \$1295 C) \$1750

5. The 1924 D was rated a _____ plow tractor.

A) 2 bottom B) 3 bottom C) 4 bottom

Answers: 1. C. 1953 2. A) 15hp (They were called the 15-27.) 3. C. 30 hp (They were actually tested with 38 on the drawbar and 42 on the belt!) 4. A. \$1000 5. B. (It was rated for 3 14” bottoms.



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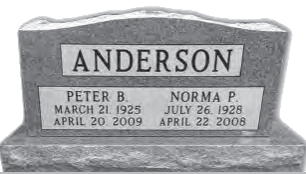
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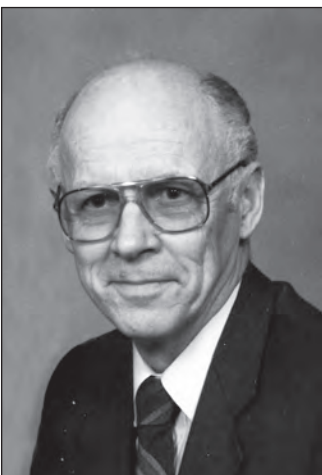
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Vincent H. Raaen

Vincent H. Raaen, age 94, of Erskine, MN, passed away December 3, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine.

Vincent was born August 9, 1928, to parents Syvert and Ragna (Erickson) Raaen. He graduated from McIntosh High School in 1946 followed by Concordia College in 1950 with degrees in Physics and Chemistry. Vincent paid his way through college by working at the Fairmont Cass Clay Creamery in Fargo, ND.

In the summer of 1950, he was drafted into the US Army and sent to Fort Hood, TX, for artillery training. Vincent proudly served in the Korean War in 1951 and 1952. Upon his honorable discharge, he took a course from the Institute of Photography in Wyoming and became a Press Photographer in Wyoming.

In his spare time, he followed the Oregon Trail, helped move a mass grave, and wrote a novel about a girl killed on the trail. Vincent was not in photography long before he became a geophysicist for a seismic company. He searched for oil from Oklahoma to the wilderness east of the Yukon. After a bitter cold and dangerous winter, Vincent became a teacher in Fertile, MN. He loved his students and was employed there for 22 years, teaching physics, chemistry, and math. During his "free" hour he taught photography and ground school for flying. In addition, Vincent was also a ham operator for 45 years. Over the years, his favorite hobby was working with wood.

Vincent is survived by his wife, Jan; five nephews; three nieces; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Layton; his parents, Syvert and Ragna; brother, Vernon; and sisters, Vivian Rask and Vyonne Bale.

In his own words "I lived a full life...maybe too full. If I had it to do over again, I would have taken more time to smell the roses and listen to the birds chirp their songs of love."

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available on the website.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen. www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Obituary for Ben Drake, Sr.

Ben Drake Sr., 80, Minot, formerly of Gonvick and Brooklyn Park, MN, died Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Trinity Hospital in Minot ND.

Ben was born on April 8, 1942 in Winona, Mississippi to Mary E. Townsend. He was raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota by his grandmother, Mary A. Townsend. In Minnesota he attended elementary and high school graduating from Votesh High School in 1962.

After graduation Ben worked various jobs until he enlisted with the United States Army in October of 1962. During this time, he was stationed in Germany as a Radio Operator. Ben was very proud of his time spent serving his country and was honorably discharged in October 1965.

Once back in Minneapolis he began work for Minneapolis Moline as a machinist. In 1973 Ben was hired on with the Minneapolis Fire Department, a career he would hold for the next 25 years. At the fire department he held the positions of firefighter, fire motor operator and lastly engineering officer. He loved his job with the fire department even if it meant driving/riding in the open cab of the trucks on cold and snowy nights.

Ben was previously married and from this union four children were born. He would go on to meet Lori Flodstrom in 1982 and the couple married in 1985 in Minneapolis. Together they would have two children.

Retirement didn't slow Ben down any. After retiring from the fire department, he drove charter buses for Lange Transport, moving people to many locations for many events. Then he went on to drive for Red River Trails in Moorhead, MN.

Ben was an avid woodworker and car enthusiast; he was currently restoring a 1964 Chevy Impala. He was also a member of 1st Baptist Church of Minot.

Ben is survived by his wife, Lori; children, Monica (Maurice) Wilson, Apple Valley, MN, Chrissy (Kyle) Fandrich, Minot, Cynthia Drake, Surrey, Ben (Melissa) Drake Jr., Brooklyn Park, MN and twin daughters Magdelina and Esmeralda Drake, Minneapolis; brothers, Sam Clark, Vicksburg, MS and Billy (Sandra) Clark, St. Paul, MN; sister, Mary Sue Gilmore of Port Gibson, MS and Ruby (Frank) Odom of Fayette, MS; mother-in-law, Florence Flodstrom, McIntosh, MN; in-laws, Julie (Al) Peterson, Bemidji, MN, Kelly (Michelle) Flodstrom, Tucson, Arizona, Renee (Hutch) Hutchens, Clearbrook, MN and Chuck (Myra) Flodstrom, Brooklyn Park, MN; special cousin, James, Fairbanks, AK; along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandmother, Mary Townsend; sister-in-law, Sophia Clark; his brother, Joe Townsend; sister, Daisy Gilmore and father-in-law, Douglas Flodstrom.

Chapel Committal Service: 1:00 p.m. December 16, 2022 at North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, North Dakota.



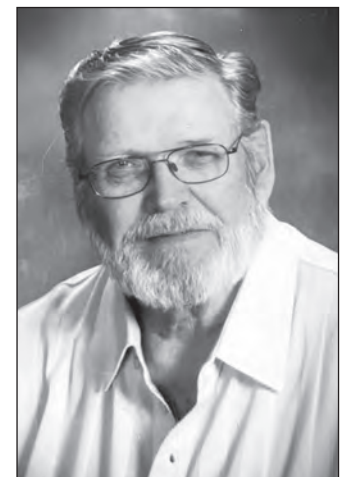
Services for James "Jim" Jacobson

April 23, 1941 - Dec. 1, 2022

James "Jim" Jacobson, 81, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Thursday, Dec. 1, in Essentia Health Oak Crossing.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home in Fargo, N.D. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery-North in Fargo.

Arrangements by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home.



Obituary for Paul Brustad

Paul Melvin Brustad, passed away Saturday December 3rd 2022 at his home in Bagley, MN from advanced heart failure.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley, Minnesota. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was held at the Bagley City Cemetery. Military Honors provided by the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley. The Bagley Fire Department will provide a Fireman Detail in remembrance for Paul's 23 active years of service. The Cease Family Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Paul, the only child of Mary (Moen) & Melvin Brustad was born November 8th 1942 at the old Bagley Hospital. Because of the war Paul did not meet his father until he was three years old.

He was baptized as a child & confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. He attended school in Bagley and graduated with the class of 1960. After graduation, he worked in the construction field until he was drafted into the US Army in 1964. He went to basic training at Fort Rucker, Alabama and trained in Aircraft Maintenance as a Helicopter Mechanic. After basic training, he was stationed at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim Germany. While on leave he toured Denmark, Sweden & found and visited with his mother's ancestors in Norway. He was honorably discharged as SP5 E5 in November of 1966.

On March 30, 1968, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Klasse at Our Savior Lutheran Church at Ebro Corner. To this union 3 children were born, Todd Melvin, Keiza LaRae & Amanda Jo. They moved into their home on Sand Lake Ave when Todd was brought home from the hospital.

During the first years Paul was employed by Twin Cities Marble as a ceramic tile setter. In 1972, he was hired by Minnesota (Koch Ind) Pipeline as an operator/gauger. After 24 years, he semi-retired & went to work for Lakehead (Enbridge) Pipeline in grounds maintenance. He completely retired from the Clearbrook Pipelines after 34 years. During his retirement years, he was a fill in courier for Sanford Medical Center. Over the years he has made many friends wherever he happened to be.

Paul was a 50+ year member of the American Legion Post #16, serving on the executive board for a number of years. He served on the Bagley Fire Department for 23 years, serving as 2nd Assistant Chief and retiring in 1999. Following in his firefighting footsteps are his son Todd & daughter Amanda. He was also a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley.

Paul was never a ball player like his father, but as a boy he served as the bat boy for the Bagley Merchants. He enjoyed watching football & baseball, especially the Vikings & the Twins. He had an amazing memory of the players from the 50's to the present time. Paul enjoyed fishing, camping, grouse & duck hunting and a little deer hunting. His favorite hands-on sport was Curling. He was an amazing & patient skip and was most proud of bringing home the championship trophy for the American Legion Men's Novice Bonspiel in 1997. He & Lorraine curled together in the Legion Mixed and the Clearwater County Mixed Bonspiels for over 20 years. He enjoyed mowing grass at home and at the farm during the summers and loved his big black snowplow truck in the winter. He also enjoyed watching old westerns on Grit.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine of 54+ years. His son Todd Brustad of Bagley, Daughter Keiza Clubb & her children Cole & Marina Clubb, of Inver Grove Heights, & daughter Amanda Jo Brustad of Bagley. Brustad cousins: Gary, Shirley, Ricky, Susan, Kim, Mike, Wayne, Leah, Bonnie, Jack & Deb. Moen cousins: Kenny, Suzanne, Merry Ellen, Bunny & Tommy. Brother-in-law Gene Klasse of Lake Stevens, WA and numerous Nephews & Nieces.

He was preceded in death by His parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, various in laws and his favorite dog of all time, Molly.

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Essentia Health-Fosston hosting fun-filled and holiday-themed community event

Essentia Health-Fosston is excited to host a holiday-themed community event for folks to shop; learn about and receive important medical screenings; participate in arts and crafts; and visit with Santa Claus.

The public is invited to join us at Essentia Health-Fosston from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19.

There will be medical booths focused on:

- Pap/cervical cancer education: Dr. Cheryl White, a family medicine specialist, will be on hand to do Pap smears for those who are interested.
- Breast cancer education and mammograms for those who are due and want to have one completed immediately.
- Colorectal screening and cancer education.
- Healthy snacking for the holidays with dietitian Sarah Wills.
- Mental health during the holidays.

Vendor booths will include:

- The "Nut Man" — 15% of proceeds given back to the Essentia Health-Fosston Clinic, to be used for future community-engagement events.
- Collective Goods ("books are fun") — 10% of proceeds given back to the Essentia Health-Fosston Clinic, to be used for future community-engagement events.

• Howard Soap.

• Canvas paintings from Jason Steinbrenner and canvas signs from Crystal Munter.

• Kate Sander, who will host a Christmas nature arrangement "teach and take" table.

• Christmas ornaments craft "teach and take" table.

• Mittens by Betty Malm.

• Essentia oils and relaxation-breathing techniques with Karen Norland.

• Sara Jane's Boutique.

Additionally, entertainment will include pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus; "swag bags" and live drawings; child and adult crafts; live music by Jessie Quam; and snacks.

"This fun and festive event is our way of showing our staff and community that we value them and want their holidays to be filled with peace and joy," said Naomi Hagen, operations manager for Essentia Health. "Holidays can be very difficult for some of us, and by adding booths that provide ideas and aids to get through some of these challenges, we hope to make a healthy difference. These holiday challenges may include eating choices, dealing with grief amidst the season, the anxiety or stress holidays can bring or simply the need for togetherness and laughter."

"We hope people come relax and enjoy the evening with us."



Obituary for Dean Lambert

Dean Kelly Lambert, 57, from Oklee and Nashwauk, MN, lost his battle with cancer at Sanford Bemidji Hospital on Saturday, November 12, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee, Minnesota, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. A one-hour visitation will start at 10:00 a.m., with Father Bryan Kujawa officiating. There will be time for sharing during the service. Cease Funeral Home of Bagley is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dean Kelly Lambert was born in Crookston, MN on May 28, 1965, to Dewey and Dorothy (Boucher) Lambert. Dean was the youngest of 7 children and the youngest grandchild on both sides of the family. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee. His sisters Bonnie and Margaret were in charge of naming him; they had two names to pick from, Kelly and Dean.

They chose Dean Kelly because his two-year-old sister was named Donna, and they thought Donna and Dean had a nice ring to it. Little did they know, when the youngest two headed out the door to hang out and possibly get into mischief with the neighborhood kids that they would perpetuate Dorothy's famous saying, "Donna & Dean there's a limit!" Dean was affectionately known as "Deano" to many, and even was the first word a dear neighborhood friend learned.

He graduated from Oklee High School in 1983. The start of his education started off a little rocky. On his first day of kindergarten, he decided to leave early, running 5 blocks home. Apparently, Deano thought attendance was optional.

Dean valued working hard at a young age, having various jobs growing up and always made sure his mom was taken care of after losing his dad at the age of 15.

Dean was a member of the Local 49ers and was a very skilled heavy equipment operator, with his specialty of shaping golf courses as they were being built. His work took him all over the United States, Mexico, and Africa where he made many new & lifelong friends. His family & friends loved visiting him and hearing stories of his travel adventures. Dean enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, and especially devouring big bowls of ice cream, as well as mashed potatoes and gravy. For a little guy, he surprised many by how much he could eat.

We are heartbroken to lose our kind, generous, outgoing, adventurous, brother, uncle, and great friend Dean. Dean will be deeply missed by his brothers Terry (Jenna) Lambert, Brooklyn Park, MN and Reinold Lambert Thief River Falls MN. And his sisters Bonnie Paquin, Clearbrook MN. Margaret (Stuart) Peterson, Thief River Falls, MN, and Donna (Steve) Linder, Oklee, MN. Nieces and nephews, Justin (Yuleima) Lambert, Jacksonville FL, Nichole (Sung) Chang, Plymouth, MN, Trevor (Kendra) Lambert, Brooklyn Park, MN, Kimberly (Chris) Fromm, Stacy (Jim) Rathke, Tina (James) Brannen, all of Rapid City, SD, Kelsey (Chris) McClean, Thief River Falls, MN, Peter Paquin, CA, Andy Paquin, Clearbrook, MN, Alex (Kaia) Paquin, Maple Grove, MN, Alicia Kieckbusch (fiancé Tom Vasefaret), Fertile, MN, Ashley (Jordan) Haugen, and Tanner (fiancé Kylie Kraft) Peterson, Duluth, MN, Amber Hartl, Ben (Alexis) Linder, and Levi Linder, Oklee, MN, and many great nieces and nephews, and his many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Michael (in infancy), his significant other of 20 years, Judy Faye Hanks, his grandparents Armidas and Blanch (Bergeron) Lambert, Wilbrod and Mary (Langlois) Boucher and his niece Brandi Lambert.

Deans' family is very grateful and appreciative he was fortunate to have his sister Bonnie as his loving caregiver during his illness.

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

Senate Minority Leader Johnson releases statement on the state's record surplus

ST. PAUL, MN — Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson (R- East Grand Forks) released the following statement on the state's record \$17.6 billion surplus announced today:

"This surplus continues to show that the government is doing well - we have another hefty surplus and a brimming budget reserve. This is the moment policymakers must step up to put the needs of Minnesotans first. We are being battered with high property taxes, rapid inflation, rising energy costs, and a looming recession. We need real relief that all Minnesotans can

count on for years to come."

"What we don't need is this Democrat-controlled government to create massive increases in government spending — guaranteeing higher taxes for Minnesota's families and businesses. The last time Democrats had single-party control, we saw a plethora of new government programs requiring billions in permanent tax and fee increases. We simply can't afford to see government grow faster than our paychecks. Senate Republicans are committed to fighting for the pocketbooks of Minnesotans across the state."



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The Thief River Falls Volunteer Fire Department had 10 firefighters with the proper equipment getting this large buck to shore. He was trapped in the icy waters not far from shore. The buck was found about 8 a.m. in the Red Lake River in Thief River Falls. He had been seen many times in the area. They used a strap around its antlers to pull it out of the river and up the bank. After they got it to shore the buck was sprawled out for a few minutes before he got up and went on its way. Photos by Thief River Falls Volunteers Fire Department.



Mattracks Inc Introduces Employee Energy Relief Program and Distributes over a Half Million Dollars to Employees in 2022

Highest Employee Bonus Package Since Established in 1994

Karlstad, MN – December 12, 2022

Mattracks Inc, a north-west Minnesota manufacturer of track conversion systems, celebrated its most successful year since its inception in 1992 by rewarding its employees for all of their hard work over the past year. In total, the employee bonus package which includes a Simple IRA company match, equaled to \$524,335.66 for the past 12 months. This is the highest total since the company began giving bonuses in 1997, and it is approximately 25% higher than the year prior.

The company held its annual holiday party on Friday, December 2nd. Mattracks CEO, Glen Brazier, thanked the employees for their continuous dedication and hard work over the past year. He also highlighted a few of the major accomplishments which took place over that time as well. Perhaps most notable, was the delivery of the company's 100,000th track system back in late December of 2021. That milestone speaks to the longevity of Mattracks in the market place over the past 30 years.

Another significant event

was the release of the 10 inch wide Ag track. This is the narrowest agricultural tread on the market, placing it in huge demand for row crop farmers with narrow rows. That brings Mattracks total model count to over 160, ranging from ATVs to large commercial vehicles and farming equipment.

Mattracks is headquartered in Karlstad, MN, and employed 62 people in 2022, both part-time and full-time. Year-end bonuses distributed on December 2nd, were weighted by total hours worked as well as attendance record and job performance. It should be noted that company owners, Roxanne Brazier and CEO Glen Brazier, have never been included in the year-end bonus distribution.

Another part of the yearly bonus package was the Mattracks Excessive Energy Expense Relief Package "E3RP", an additional package included to help combat this year's high fuel prices. E3RP payments were made to each employee that had to drive to work, and were scaled based on how far their daily drive was throughout the year. It worked out to be approximately \$0.05 per mile driven, or \$1 per gallon

purchased for a 20 mpg vehicle.

Glen Brazier ended his speech indicating Mattracks sales were up from 2021 and they look to increase again in 2023 as well. He also had a touching final message to employees about taking pride in Mattracks.

"I had a conversation with an employee recently who was talking about Mattracks," said Mr. Brazier. "I forget exactly what we were discussing, but she said, 'OUR company is (...)' Then she quickly corrected herself and said, 'I mean THE company is (...)'"

Mr. Brazier continued, "I corrected her and said 'No, it is OUR company.' I want each and every one of you to refer to Mattracks as OUR company, because it is. We accomplish great things together. And it is OUR company. Take pride in that, just as much as I take pride in each and every one of you."

Additional information is available by contacting Mattracks, Inc. at 218-683-9800, 877-436-7800 (toll-free US & Canada) or 218-436-7000. Visit us online at www.mattracks.com, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube or email us at sales@mattracks.com.

USDA Rural Development Invests \$3 Million to Expand Market Opportunities for Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Rural Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 12, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) State Director Colleen Landkamer today announced that the Department is investing \$3 million to help create new and better market opportunities and expand essential services for rural people in Minnesota.

"Rural businesses, ag producers and entrepreneurs provide many of the everyday essentials we depend on," Landkamer said. "The partnerships we're announcing today demonstrate Minnesota Rural Development's commitment to advocating for rural business owners and building brighter futures for everyone across Minnesota."

The funding will help keep resources and wealth made by rural people right at home through affordable financing and technical assistance. It will help rural Minnesota residents start businesses and allow small business owners to grow. It will also open the door to new economic opportunities for communities and people who historically have

lacked access to critical resources and financing.

For example:

This Rural Development loan of \$3,115,000 will assist Mattheisen Properties and Do. Mats Inc., restructuring and refinancing by providing a lower fixed interest rate for faster repayment. Mattheisen Properties and Do. Mats Inc. is the co-borrowers in the rural community of Benson, MN.

This Rural Development investment will provide a revolving loan fund of \$36,986 to assist Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power to re-lend to the Sacred Heart Fire Department. The funds will purchase a fire truck to help with fire protection and first responder medical care for residents in and around Sacred Heart, Minnesota.

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc in Northeast Minnesota received \$39,552 in funds that will provide a revolving loan along with technical assistance to entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc. is a business that stimulates the growth of successful busi-

nesses in rural Northeastern Minnesota. This project projects to create 43 employment opportunities and save 21 jobs.

Background:

These programs are the Bio-fuel Producer Relief Payments Program, Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantees, Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program, the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program, Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grants program, the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program and the Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees.

Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements, business development, housing, community facilities such as schools, public safety, and healthcare, and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas.

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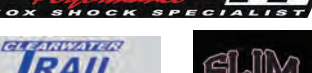
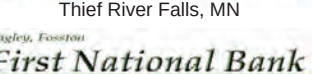
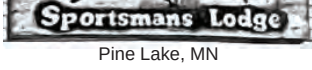


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