



Tri County Canary

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Darian Northup visits with two of the basket weavers at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Duane and Vickie "Kolden" Swanson of St. Hilaire.



Basket Weaving class is offered in the Community Art Studios in the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick the third Monday of each month starting at 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Photo on the left shows the many materials that they have in stock. On the right Karen Stormo, with some of the material that has color to start her project.



Basket Weaving class offered at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick

Basket Weaving class is offered in the Community Art Studios in the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick the third Monday of each month starting at 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Basket weaving is weaving or sewing materials into three-dimensional mats, baskets, bags or other items that they wish to make.

The Clear Waters Life Center received a very large collection of materials to make baskets.

First they have to make the reed or cane pliable so that they can work them into the shape that they wish to do. They are soaked in a solution before they can start to weave them into shape.

After taking classes at Clear Water Life Center participants can go into the building and do their crafts on their own schedule.

Karen Stormo stated that center received a very large collection of materials for students and participants work with.

Braving blizzard, solo dancer steps up after team is stuck in storm

Editors note: The following article is from FOX news station. This went on the national news programs. It was sent by a viewer in Arizona who had seen the report.

(FOX 9) - An 11-year old dancer from Bagley, Minnesota, stepped up in a big way over the weekend when blizzard conditions kept her team from joining her at a regional Just for Kix dance competition in St. Cloud.

"I think it was probably scary, but exciting at the same time," 6th grader Amaiya Fraley told FOX 9's Paul Blume via Zoom from her home in Bagley.

Still riding high several days later, Fraley said, her standing-ovation worthy performance was all about representing her team and Bagley community with pride.

"I tried my best to do what I could do," she explained. "Sometimes I learn that it's better to do what you can do on the floor and put it all out there."

Fraley is a member of a seven-girl middle school kick team that was set to perform in the program's showcase event in St. Cloud.

But a blizzard in the northern half of the state and other issues wreaked havoc on the squad, leaving only Fraley on hand when their number was called.

"I knew the dance really

well," a confident Fraley told Blume. "So I decided to represent Bagley and the dancers that couldn't make it."

Her coach Katrina Bugge recalled telling Fraley, she did not have to go out and perform the routine without the choreography and support of the other half-dozen dancers.

Bugge said, "I asked her. I was like, are you sure you want to do this? Like it's okay... She goes, No, I want to do this. I am dedicated to dance and I love dancing. And I just want to prove to everyone out there that I can do the best that I can, even if I don't win or whatever."

Not only did Fraley step up in front of a large, supportive crowd that included fellow

dancers and competitors. She delivered the solo big-time, nailing the routine.

The youngster and Coach Bugge were shocked when the judges announced Fraley had performed so well, she won her division.

"The tears just started rolling. I started crying," recalled Bugge. "The crowd gave her a standing ovation. It was the best thing I could have ever experienced as a coach. It is definitely one of my favorite dance memories as a coach."

"I might have been really brave and did it by myself, but I like doing it better with other people," joked Fraley, explaining she is looking forward to competing with her full team for the rest of the dance season.

Fatal accident on March 18 near Thief River Falls

A fatal accident happened on Highway 59 mile marker 354, Thief River Falls with two vehicles involved on Saturday, March 18.

A blue 2000 Chevrolet Silverado was north bound on highway 59 and a grey 2012 Chevrolet Silverado was south bound on highway 59. The vehicles collided.

2000 Chevrolet Silverado was driven by Oliver Ralph Kimbro, 86, Oklee, MN, USA.

Airbag was Deployed. In-

jury type: Fatal: Health Care Facility: not transported.

The 2012 Chevrolet Silverado and the Airbag was Deployed: was driven by Dale Marvin Brekke, 66, Oklee, MN. Injury type: Non-life Threatening Health Care Facility: Sanford Fargo.

Passenger was Shelley Kay Brekke, 57 of Oklee, MN. Injury type: Non-life Threatening Health Care Facility: Sanford Thief River Falls.

Polk County Environmental Services Septic System Fix-up Grant Program

Polk County Environmental Services is pleased to announce the availability of a cost-share grant program that is available to property owners in Polk County that have an existing noncompliant septic system. Funds are intended to fix septic systems that are currently failing codes or functionality. These dollars are made possible through a grant received from the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act.

There is a limited amount of funding available and preference for funding will be determined based on household income status, condition of existing system, and proximity to priority surface waters.

Income restrictions do apply. A major goal within the fix-up program aims to fix "imminent public health threats". Polk County uses HUD/Federal poverty low-income guidelines to group funding grant contributions.

Households must not exceed these income guidelines, must be the landowners homestead not a second dwelling or rental, and applicants will be required to pay any match requirement upfront if approved. No holding tank septic systems can be installed and SSTS for new construction of a dwelling does not qualify for the program. The County will provide a cost share grant contributing

60% and up to 80% of installation cost up to a maximum of \$12,000 grant dollars.

To learn more about this program, please call Polk County Planning and Zoning at (218) 281-5700. Program applications can also be found on our website at www.co.polk.mn.us under the Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning Department page. The deadline to apply for the Septic System Fix-Up Grant Program is June 1, 2023. After this date, remaining funding will be available on a first come first serve basis. -----

Jacob Snyder, Polk County Assistant Environmental Services Administrator

Holland & Hart Welcomes Corporate Finance Partner George H. Singer

Holland & Hart announced that experienced corporate finance attorney George Singer has joined the firm as a partner in its Denver office, strengthening the firm's capabilities in debt and equity financing and credit restructuring and workouts.

George works closely with lenders, borrowers, and administrative agents, as well as private equity firms and their portfolio companies, on complex debt and equity financings as well as mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and other strategic transactions.

When companies or loans are in distress or default, George draws on decades of credit restructuring, workout, and bankruptcy experience to help clients develop and negotiate creative solutions to business and legal problems. He served as bankruptcy, corporate, and M&A counsel to Polaroid Corporation in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case and was instrumental in leading a team that represented the Chapter 11 trustee and receiver in one of country's largest Ponzi scheme cases, In re Petters Company, Inc. George is currently helping clients navigate the legal and business issues arising from the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank.

"George is a seasoned finance strategist and a great addition to our team. Clients value his ability to structure loans and other credit arrangements and negotiate terms that protect their interests and effectively manage risk," said Hugh O'Halloran leader of the firm's Finance team. "As an experienced restructuring practitioner and Fellow of the Ameri-



Greetings, I am a 1980 graduate of Gonvick High School – the days when we were the proud Bulldogs. I live in Minneapolis now but have recently started a position with a 500 attorney law firm and am remembering fondly my high school days and friends. With this press release from our firm I wanted to share what I have been up to with those who were part of my roots. All the best. He lived north of Trail.

can College of Bankruptcy, he also adds depth to our distressed assets team that helps clients navigate troubled loans and maximize asset recovery."

"I'm delighted to be working with Holland & Hart's sophisticated corporate and finance teams," said George. The firm's collaborative team approach allows me to add value to a variety of strategic corporate transactions and my clients benefit from the specialized subject matter expertise of other team members. It's rewarding to work with colleagues who share my business-focused, creative approach to clients' legal and operational problems."

Before joining Holland & Hart, George was a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP in Minneapolis. George is temporarily authorized to practice in Colorado pending admission under C.R.C.P. 205.6.

About Holland & Hart Holland & Hart is a full-service law firm with more than 500 lawyers in 13 offices. Throughout the Mountain West, from coast to coast and beyond, Holland & Hart provides clients with astute legal counsel from a vantage like no other. For more information, visit hollandhart.com.



Carole Euerle is a watercolorist.

“Tapping Into Creativity at Any Age”

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) kicks off it's Spring 2023 lineup on Wednesday, April 5th. At the Bagley Public Library.

Doors open at 9:00 am, presentation at 9:30am. Local artisan Carole Euerle will be presenting on "Tapping into Creativity at Any Age".

Carole Euerle is a watercolorist and mixed media art-

ist who started her artistic journey in 2002 after taking a community arts class. She immediately fell in love with watercolor.

In the past 10 years Carole has taught many watercolor and mixed media classes, along the way has met many talented people and learned from her students as well.

Carole currently has her

first solo gallery show (Stars and Legends) on display at the Bagley Public Library. The show will remain on display through April 5th.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions please email me at BagleyNELL@outlook.com or call 218-401-1651 (Pamela Hagen-French NELL Director)

Monroe Crossing to perform for Headwaters' biggest fundraiser

Headwaters Music & Arts is excited to welcome back to Bemidji world-class bluegrass entertainers Monroe Crossing for Headwaters' biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, April 22, 7 pm, at the Historic Chief Theater. Opening for the band will be Headwaters & Friends, a lineup of talented instructors and students of Headwaters Music & Arts.

Named in honor of Bill Monroe, Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heart-felt originals. For over 20 years this Minnesota based band has entertained audiences throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The band has released 17 albums and was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in 2007. The band's diverse discography consists of traditional bluegrass, original bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, a tribute to Bill Monroe, classic country, Christmas music and two collaborations with the award-winning choir Vocal Essence. Monroe Crossing's airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements, and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites.

Headwater & Friends is an ever changing lineup of skilled musicians from the Headwaters community. Taking the stage this year will be Dane and Julia Anderson, Wendy and Morgan Mellema, Sawyer Corcoran, Casey Rasmussen, and Vincent Noble.

\$30 tickets are available for purchase at Headwaters Music & Arts, by calling 218.444.5606,

online at HeadwatersMusicAndArts.org, or by stopping in at 519 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji. Admission is open seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended. Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to be a sponsor for this fundraising event. Proceeds support the Headwaters Scholarship Program to help reduce student tuition based on financial need. Sponsorships help Headwaters reach their goal of giving the gift of creativity to kids in our community.

Spring Garden Party



Joyce Rairdon

Another season of articles by the Beltrami County Master Gardeners has commenced! We are all anxious for the snow to melt and spring to come! It has been a long winter with much needed moisture. Many of us are starting our seedlings already. I am hoping Mother Nature says "Enough snow already" very soon.

After a 3-year hiatus, the Beltrami County Master Gar-

deners are hosting a spring garden party on April 22, 2023, at Beltrami Electric Cooperative Meeting room. This coincides with Earth Day celebrations. We are excited to gather to share gardening information to interested people. The meeting will start promptly at 9 AM with the doors opening at 8 AM. Space is limited to 60 pre-registered individuals. The cost is \$20 per person. Many door prizes will be given. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. Registration information will be provided at the end of this article.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Allison Barta, a retired science teacher and widely known butterfly expert. Her presentation, titled "Pollinators in my Garden" will include a PowerPoint that details planting both domestic and wildflowers to attract pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and moths. She has photographed many species of butterflies rarely seen in the Northwoods.

Other speakers include Tyler Olson, Nature's Edge Garden Center, demonstrating "Designing Beautiful Hanging Baskets". Becky Livermore will share about "Learning the Gardening Lingo" explaining many terms and phrases gardeners use. Joyce Rairdon will share on "Growing Beets". The One Vegetable, One Community (OVOC) vegetable of the year. To wrap up the morning, Daniel Sherman will help attendees understand how to prepare vegetables, fruits, and herbs for entering in the Beltrami County Fair held this year, August 9-13.

Registration is now open for the Spring Garden Party. Please send your check or cash to:

Joyce Rairdon, BCMG, P O Box 1003, Cass Lake, MN 56633. Include your name, address, and e-mail address. Your registration will be confirmed via e mail. Registration will close when 60 paid registration are received. Your fee will be returned via mail if your registration is received after the event is full.

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ticulture educators, who have completed training through the University of Minnesota Extension. If you would like a Master Gardener to make a presentation to your organization, please contact Daniel Sherman at shermans@paulbunyan.net.

The Beltrami County Master Gardeners operate a "Hotline" for gardeners who have questions from April 1 through October 31. Please call 218-444-7916 and leave a message with your name phone number and a short description of your question or problem. Your call will be returned within 2 days.

Joyce Rairdon works as an Administrative Operations Specialist and enjoys growing vegetables, especially peppers, squash, and tomatoes. She also plants many flowers around her garden to help attract pollinators.

Vietnam War Veterans Celebration

On Wednesday, March 29th The Bagley American Legion will be hosting a free dinner for all Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans. This annual event is sponsored by the "In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club" Bemidji Chapter. This will be the 9th year the club has held this event, although March 29th was not officially recognized as "Vietnam War Veterans Day" until declared so in 2017 by President Donald J. Trump.

The event will kick off at 5 pm with social time, followed by the presentation of the colors by the White Earth Honor Guard at 5:30, a brief program including a guest speaker, presentation of a blanket by the Quilts of Honor Foundation, and dinner.

This is a "plus one" event, so veterans are encouraged to bring a spouse, significant other, or close friend.

Polk County Sheriff

Road Conditions

The Polk County Sheriff's Office was notified by the Polk County Highway Department that plows are being pulled due to low visibility in areas of the county. Many county roads are impassible or glare ice, and there have been reports of vehicles in the ditch. Please travel slowly and be safe if you must travel.

Phone: (218) 281-0431
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Road Conditions *updated*

3/17/23 - There is a No Travel Advisory in West Polk County. Road conditions continue to deteriorate and there is zero visibility in certain areas. If you cannot see the road, neither can we. Please do not risk your safety, others or ours. Please check weather conditions prior to travel and you can also check the MN511 website for updates.

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Sunday, March 26th, 2023
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CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is currently hiring for full and part-time Communication Corrections Officers to fill vacancies within the Jail/Dispatch Center.

JOB DUTIES: Involves the care and control of all inmates in the Clearwater County Correctional Facility. Duties including but not limited to: Booking, fingerprinting, jail reporting forms, computer entries for jail and Sheriff's Office. Receives all incoming 911 calls, takes and transmits pertinent information to appropriate emergency units (Officers, Fire Department, Ambulance, State Patrol, etc).

QUALIFICATIONS: High School graduate or equivalent, preferably with over one-year experience in a wide range of activities which prepares applicant for the pressure of emergency communications and control of inmates incarcerated in the County Jail.

The successful applicant will have to pass the following:

- Oral Interview
- Background investigation/ criminal history
- Medical exam/Drug test

SALARY RANGE: \$20.63 - \$26.88 per 2023 Union Contract. If hired full-time, this union position includes full benefits to include health, dental and vision insurance. Cost to the employee for family coverage is currently \$370.39/month. Part-time employees working more than 1,040 hours/year are eligible for pro-rated benefits.

The jail is staffed 24 hours a day so working nights, weekends and holidays is required. Employees are normally scheduled for 12-hour shifts. Normal schedule is five days on, five days off, two days on and two days off with every other weekend off. Employees earn vacation/sick/comp time hours.

Application forms may be obtained from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N, Dept. 102, Bagley, Minnesota or by going to www.co.clearwater.mn.us and downloading an application. Job description available upon request. Please send completed job applications to the attention of Jail Administrator Candace Coulter. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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BAGLEY FLYERS

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

TEACHING POSITIONS

Secondary Science Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in Physical Science/Physics and Earth Science is required.

Secondary Special Ed./SLD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in SLD is required.

Secondary CTE Business Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure is required. Possible courses include but are not limited to HS Accounting, Marketing, Personal Finance, Computer Graphics and Web Design, in addition to Jr. High Computers.

Secondary .4FTE Spanish Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure is required.

Elementary Special Ed./EBD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in EBD is required.

Elementary Special Ed./SLD Teacher position starting Fall of 2023. Proper Minnesota licensure in SLD is required.

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

Substitute Teacher opportunities are available. Applicants should submit their teaching license (or substitute licensure with a 4-year degree) and resume.

OPENINGS

Paraeducator position openings in the Elementary and High School, candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam.

Substitute Para opportunities are available. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Native American Home School Liaison Positions - Full-time positions open for 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024 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.

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

Cleaner-Sweeper/Custodian position. Bagley Independent School District #162 is accepting applications for a cleaner-sweeper/custodian position. Applications can be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For questions about the position, contact Nichole at 218-694-6184 or Ron at 218-368-8314

Application forms may be downloaded, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Nichole Ekre at 694-6184.

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R1-2C

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Olson Gravel Inc. is looking to hire a full time & part time truck drivers, loader operators & laborers. Truck drivers must have a class A or B license and clean driving record. Pay DOE. This is a full time seasonal employment from April 1st to December 1st with layoff in the winter months. Benefits include Health, eye & dental, retirement, company/family cell phone plan, 529 education plan. Contact 218-268-4765.

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Clearwater County Department of Human Services

Is accepting applications for an **Accounting Technician position**, which is dedicated to assisting with the fiscal functions of the agency. This is a full time, benefited position with a pay range of \$17.31 - \$22.66 per hour. Applicants must complete the Minnesota Merit System Application and successfully pass the Minnesota Merit System Test. **Applications must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. 3/28/2023 and the test must be completed by 4:30 P.M. 3/31/2023.**

Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem> to review the qualification requirements, position description, to apply and complete the test. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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Looking for seasonal or full time Class A Drivers, starting in May pulling asphalt tanker (NON hazardous) for road construction. Requirement's are: the ability to go in and out of Canada (we can help you get your passport card if needed) the mask mandate has been lifted as well!! A reasonable MVR and the ability to use e-logs, also a tanker endorsement (we can help with that as well) home time depends on the location of the project, option for full time employment after the construction season is finished, paid weekly. Call for more information 218-280-9614.

R52-1C

CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a custodial position. This is a full-time, 12 month position, with benefits. Pay is negotiable dependent on experience. Job requirements include the ability to thoroughly clean while paying attention to detail with some lifting and bending required. Boiler's license is helpful but not required for the position. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions.

Please submit resume, letter of interest, and application to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR

R52-3C

ANTICIPATED OPENING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an anticipated open position for an Elementary School Teacher. This is a full-time position and would be available for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and three references to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Or email the materials to: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Q u e s -
tion: Trooper Grabow, recently I have noticed

an increasing number of U.S. branded vehicles (mostly pickups/SUV) driving with no daytime running lights. At first I assumed they were just burned out or whatever, but I'm seeing way too many for that to be true. On a recent foggy morning I almost pulled out in front of one. I believe car manufacturers were required to put DRLs on their vehicles sometime around the early '70s. What's the story on this?

Answer: When it comes to daytime running lights (DRLs), Sweden was the first country to require them in 1977. DRLs were gradually introduced in the U.S. in 1995 and were met with a mixture of concerns and complaints regarding glare. Their intended use is not to help the driver see the road or their surroundings, but to help other road users identify an active vehicle. And while they are not legally required here, most

vehicles today have them. It's important to note that DRLs do not affect taillights, which along with headlights would still be required in inclement weather. DRLs should not be confused with automatic headlights. Automatic headlights are enabled through a system of sensors usually located on the top of the dash where it meets the windshield. This feature works well when it is dark out and when driving through a tunnel, but on many days where visibility is reduced due to weather (snow, rain, fog, smoke, etc.) and headlights and taillights are required, that sensor is getting enough light to not engage the automatic lights. The driver must be responsible for turning these on.

Most vehicles will indicate the status of your headlights on the dash, but you should check your owner's manual to understand what is going on. Automated systems are helpful, but they will not replace common sense.

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

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Deafening Silence Brings Hope

Bl e a r y eyed I awoke—the morning after. You know the kind of morning I speak of—the one where something went horribly wrong the night before and the sickening waves within try to make sense of it. The eerie silence hung heavy as I made my way down stairs. The sky was overcast and the frigid air outside seemed to permeate within.

Silence follows when folly roars or has its way momentarily. (Hang on to that word momentarily.) When evil does not get its way, it name calls, lies, and threatens. Its very scent permeates through walls thought to be protecting as it unabashedly twists any other perspective by bringing confusion, shame, and guilt upon those who oppose it. It can actually make one wonder if the views they hold might be skewed at the very root.

What does evil want? It desires to steal, kill, and destroy. It's coy. It's tempting, and once it is unleashed, its claws go deep because evil does not desire to merely take one out. What it desires is to turn one in on one's self and destroy. It's a matter of the soul and you know it deep down. It's an outrageous battle that has already been won. Thus, evil fails to make us believe it has a stage presence. The reality is, it can do damage, but it will not win.

It states in Romans 8:28. "And we know that for those

who are in Christ Jesus, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Who is called according to His purpose? Genesis 1:27 reveals, "God created man in His own image." I suppose we can conclude then that if He created ALL in His image, He came for ALL. And if He came for ALL, then 2 Corinthians 5:15 makes even more sense because it says that He not only came for all but that "He died for all." ALL.

The father of lies tries to detour our footsteps from being about our Father's business. A gentle reminder about Truth comes by way of John 10:10. "The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

And that's when I saw the message upon my phone. I was in a heap of sad when it arrived. It was a powerful reminder that He is still creating and that to be a part of this celebratory gift of life—we need only remember that He, indeed, continues to create. Acts gives voice to this. "For it is in Him we live and move and have our being...for we, too, are his offspring."

The message from my friend read: "I will be a grandma in May. May 10th is the due date. Baby is a little girl—we are all so happy. My son is thrilled."

Although I rose lamenting over that which took place in our legislative body in the wee hours of the morning, the

book of Lamentations reminds us that man does not cast the final vote nor have the final say in any matter for that matter. Lam. 3:23 speaks. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

As I reworked this article, I kid you not, seconds ago, I received yet another reminder that He is working in the midst so we need not be mystified. This time, the text upon my phone read: "D. and J. are headed to the hospital. Baby Ruth is on her way!"

Hebrews 12:2 puts it all in perspective. "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith: for the sake of the joy which lay ahead..." He is in the business of doing what He does best. What does He do best? He writes life for a living. He creates, He authors, and He finishes. Amen.

P.S. It's days later now. One of our own arrived with their family. As they admired the newly posted pics on the fridge of the grands, I spoke, "And I know we're not done yet!" The expression upon the face to whom I was speaking gave way to laughter bubbling up out of nowhere. What did the expression announce? It announced that we, too, are now looking forward to new life come September! And isn't that just grand!

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A Case of Fun!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



As usual I have been doing my fun thing....a little research. A few years ago I got a book about Case tractors and subscribed to the Heritage Eagle, a Case publication. So for a while I spent a lot of time checking out CASE lately. My favorite tractors are the ones manufactured in the late 30's, 40's and early 50's. I grew up with some of these models and when I was young a lot of neighbors were farming with tractors of that vintage. Now, my farming operation does not require a Cat Challenger, or other track tractor. This is a good thing because I couldn't afford one anyway.....so I am happy to play with my old tractors.

A while ago when I was skimming through Craigslist I saw an ad for a model DC Case. It was in original condition and looked pretty good in its working clothes. I am easily tempted, now I think I want a Case! I about a year ago I had the same experience when I came across an SC Case with a F 10 farmhand loader on it. I wanted that Case too. I guess I am just a sucker for old tractors!

Probably my attraction to Case tractors comes from another story my day told about growing up in Clearbrook. He always paid close attention to the tractors of the day and what tractors the neighbors had. Can you imagine being fairly new to the farm, like dad was, and see a new Flambeau Red Case DC-3 come roaring down the road! That probably was quite a site! My favorite color is green.....John Deere green, but in 1939 Cases's new "orange" color made for an attractive machine! Well, dad's neighbor in Clearbrook, Rueben Rydeen,

had a new DC-3 and it was one of the tractors that got dad's attention.

Case came out with the "D" series in 1939 replacing the "C" series. It was really not a "new" machine. It used most of the components of the "C" were basically used on the new model "D".

The model "D" was the standard version, and the model "DC" had several different versions.

Over the years the "D" was upgraded many times. The hand clutch was converted to a foot clutch. Like most brands the hydraulic system was improved along with the adding of disc brakes. After 15 years the model "D" production run ended in 1953. See what I mean, up to the early 50's, I think tractors are pretty cool!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. In 1940 Case replaced the 3-speed transmission, with

a _____ speed transmission.
A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 8
(four speed with Hi/Lo range)

2. Famous for catching the fence row the long steering arm was often referred to as _____?
A) The Long Arm of the Law
B) Chicken roost/pigeon roost
C) That crazy Case steering

3. The model DC-3 had a _____ front end.
A) Wide B) Narrow C) Standard D) Big

4. The model DC-4 had a _____ front end.
A) Wide B) Narrow C) Standard D) Big

5 The DC Case and the M Farmall differed in belt hp by ONE hp (According to Tractor data.com). Which one was bigger!

Answers: 1. A. 4 speed 2. B. Chicken roost 3. B. Narrow 4. A. Wide 5. M Farmall -37, DC-36



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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor

When I began last summer, I shared with you, our employees, and our students that the sky was not falling at BSU but that we would need to make difficult decisions during the course of the school year. Our reality is that our post-pandemic enrollment has dropped by approximately 20%, resulting in \$9 million in lost revenue, and that directly reflects the scale of our budget deficit. We will regrow our enrollment, but it is important that we be good stewards of your philanthropic investments in BSU, as well as of tuition dollars coming from students and state appropriations coming from Minnesota's taxpayers.

Starting today, we will begin to notify 23 employees of layoffs including five probationary faculty members. We are also eliminating one senior administrator position and making adjustments to several others. While our contracts would allow us to set many of the separation dates at the end of this month, we will not lay anyone off until May 23 to ensure that we take care of our students' needs through the end of the semester and commencement.

It is never easy for any organization to lay off its employees, and this is particularly the case at BSU where our employees have chosen to work here

because of their commitment to our students. I assure you that we have based our decisions on extensive data analyses with the aim of positioning us to grow. Further, we are not eliminating any academic disciplines or co-curricular programs, and we are retaining our core identity as a regionally comprehensive university.

Later this spring, we will provide professional development training and additional support to design new strategies that fit with our resulting workforce. I am optimistic for our long-term future and sincerely believe we will continue to provide students access to the affordable, high-quality education that has distinguished Bemidji State for more than 100 years. For now, however, I ask you and members of our community to focus our attention on providing care to our employees and our students. Our departing colleagues have provided important service to BSU, NTC, and our students, and they deserve our care and compassion in the days to come.

Sincerely,
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The Beauty of a Mother's Love

I was a Minnesota State Trooper for over thirty years and during that time I witnessed what a mother's love is.

I was called to an accident and when I arrived, I saw a lady in the ditch holding a young boy. She was hugging him and talking to him with words so low I couldn't understand them. When the boy was pronounced dead and was told to take him to the morgue, the mother pleaded with us to let her hold him a little longer, hugging him tighter. Some fifty years later I can still hear those words, "Please, let me hold him a little longer" — a mother's love.

At another accident, when I arrived, a vehicle had crashed into a ditch. A young lady was on the ground and a lady in the vehicle had her head go through the windshield and back again cutting her throat ear to ear. All this time I saw a lady hold-

ing and rocking a baby. When I talked to her, she said that the baby was dead — all the time rocking this baby and it wasn't her child, but she was showing a mother's love.

When I arrived at another accident, a van had run into the back of a truck. In the right front seat of the van, I saw a dead lady. In the back seat was a young girl holding a baby. The father later told me that his wife had been holding her baby when the accident happened. She then handed her baby to her young daughter and told her that she was going to raise her now. The last thing that was on the mother's mind was to make sure her child would be taken care of — a mother's love.

Where now is a mother's love when she goes to have her child killed?

Dick Florhaug
Kelliher, MN

Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Friends,

It was announced last month that our state now has a record \$17.5 billion surplus, which is historic for all the wrong reasons because it means Minnesotans have been grotesquely over-taxed. Instead of prioritizing tax relief, Democrats are talking about increasing fees and taxes, AND putting a bonding bill on the state's credit card!

Senate Republicans have heard the request for tax relief and have tried four times to bring up a bill that eliminates the tax on social security. Every single time it's discussed, the Democrats vote it down on a party-line vote, despite their claims of supporting the initiative. After a start to session where we saw terrible pieces of legislation pertaining to abortion and the Democrats "Black-out" Energy bill, which were ran through at record speeds, suddenly we are short on time and committee hearings to discuss tax relief.

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fered the "Give It Back" tax plan, which offers \$13 billion in various forms of tax relief: elimination of the tax on social security, income tax cuts, property tax relief, and much more. This plan represents exactly what Minnesotans have been asking for—they want their money back. If we can't provide tax relief with a \$17.5 billion surplus, why should we be putting multiple bonding bills on a credit card, or discussing any new taxes or fees?

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Governor Walz Signs Bill Providing Free School Meals for Minnesota Students

On Friday, Governor Walz signed into law a bill providing free school breakfast and lunch for all Minnesota students at participating schools.

"As a former teacher, I know that providing free breakfast and lunch for our students is one of the best investments we can make to lower costs, support Minnesota's working families, and care for our young learners and the future of our state," said Governor Walz. "This bill puts us one step closer to making Minnesota the best state for kids to grow up, and I am grateful to all of the legislators and advocates for

making it happen."

"As someone who grew up with a different colored lunch ticket, I know that there are too many children who go hungry at school and experience shame in the lunchroom," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "By providing free breakfast and lunch to all students, we are removing stigma in the lunchroom, helping family pocketbooks, investing in the health and well-being of our children, and ensuring that no student goes hungry for any reason. Today is a really good day for our students and families."

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What to do when parents are poor sports?

Heated debates with referees and trash-talking players is something one may expect when watching professional sports. But such behavior is not expected of parents on the sidelines of youth sporting events. However, unruly parents are on display with increasing frequency at various youth sporting events.

According to a 2017 survey by the National Association of Sports Officials, adult behavior is the reason more than 75 percent of all high school referees quit. About 80 percent of new officials stop after two years on the job. This has led to a shortage of officials across the youth sports landscape.

Richard Weissbourd, a psychologist and senior lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, says there may be several reasons behind the uptick in poor parental behavior at sporting events. The media and social media platforms have normalized demeaning and degrading people with whom one disagrees without fear of recourse, Weissbourd says. Also, the behavior could stem from parents wanting to compensate for shortcomings in their own youth sports histories. Others may be motivated by notions that winning is all that matters.

Children are the biggest losers when parents misbehave at youth sporting events. Rather than having fun in sports with teammates, youth experience unnecessary stress and anxiety about the game. Some are too anxious to compete in events for fear of losing. Others are being affected by pressure-induced statements thrown in, such as, "I know you are going to win today." Some kids are embarrassed by their own mothers and fathers yelling at them to do better, or demeaning other players and coaches.

Youth sports leagues are starting to take inventory of unsavory parental behavior at kids' sports events. While it's one thing for parents to be invested in their children's success, it's another to allow it to lead to inappropriate or intense behavior that is far from sportsmanlike. Here's how it may be possible to change patterns.

Share a new perspective. Oftentimes sports events, particularly at the high school level,



are recorded and/or streamed for viewing later on. Problematic parents can be called in to view recaps of their behavior which may be caught on video to see that they may need to tone things down. This could be an embarrassing wake-up call.

Rally for changed behaviors. Youth sports leagues and schools can be petitioned to implement stricter policies for dealing with parents who are out of control at sporting events. Restriction from attending games could be one avenue, particularly for repeat offenders.

Model good behavior. Coaches and officials can remain calm and collected even in the face of aggression directed their way to illustrate to players

how to behave. Furthermore, actions like congratulating the winning team and not supporting cheating or making illegal maneuvers during play should be reinforced.

Lend an ear. Sometimes parents act out at games not because of the game itself, but some other stressor that they may have going on in their lives. Mitigating the situation may come down to listening to a problem and providing a healthy outlet for that frustration.

Reducing incidents involving out-of-control parents at sporting events is becoming a larger priority as issues continue and fewer coaches and officials are inclined to volunteer their time.

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Did you know?

The notion that light alcohol consumption can have a positive effect on cardiovascular health is well-known, though research suggests that notion is inaccurate. A 2022 study published in the journal JAMA Network Open reported that alcohol consumption of all amounts was associated with increased cardiovascular risk.

However, the researchers noted that there were marked risk differences across levels of intake. The results of the study could prove a significant turning point in how even moderate alcohol consumption is viewed within the medical community, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that studies dating back several decades

Did you know?

The mouth and throat are vulnerable to cancer. The American Cancer Society reports that, in 2023, about 54,540 new cases of oral cavity or oropharyngeal cancer will be diagnosed. It's also expected that about 11,580 deaths from these cancers will occur this year. Oral cancers most notably affect the tongue, tonsils and oropharynx, which is the part of the throat behind the mouth. The gums, floor of the mouth and other parts of the mouth also can be affected. The ACS says the average age people are diagnosed with these cancers is 64, but they can occur in young people as well. The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research says overall oral cancer rates have increased by around 15 percent from the mid-1970s despite being highly preventable. Among people aged 70 to 79, those who are non-Hispanic White are most likely to experience oral cancers, followed by Black individuals. Black people have the highest incidences of oral cancers at younger ages. While data from the ACS indicates incidence rates for oral cancers increased at less than 1 percent per year for women and remained stable from 2015 to 2019, cancers in the oropharynx linked with human papillomavirus infection, a sexually transmitted disease, increased yearly at higher percentages in both women and men during the same time period. That could mean that more education is needed regarding safely preventing these types of HPV-positive cancers.

have called for a closer examination of the perceived link between such consumption and cardiovascular disease. With evidence now suggesting moderate consumption does not lower risk for cardiovascular disease, healthcare professionals may advise patients to avoid alcohol altogether.

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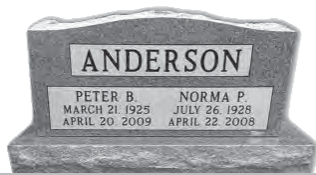
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Obituary for

Dennis Goodwin, Jr.

Dennis Paul "Mikinaak" (Baby D) Goodwin, Jr., 15, of Rice Lake, Minnesota died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Sanford Bagley Medical Center in Bagley, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the Bagley High School Gymnasium in Bagley, Minnesota. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley. Pastor's John Swanson and Jackie Bernacchi officiated. Interment will be held at Samuel Memorial Cemetery in Nay-Tah Waush, MN in the Spring.

Tributes may be directed to Dennis's GoFundMe page (search for "Dennis Goodwin Jr." on gofundme.com).

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

Dennis Jr. aka "Baby D" was born on March 3, 2008, in Bemidji, MN., to parents Sarah Fox and Dennis Goodwin Sr. He was baptized on Easter Sunday of 2008 at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and was raised in Rice Lake, MN. He currently was an 8th grade student at Bagley High School, where he enjoyed playing football, wrestling, and basketball. Most of all, family was very important to him, and he was very protective over his family. His favorite place to be was at home spending time with his

siblings, playing video games, hunting, fishing, and ricing. The loss of "Baby D" has impacted the entire community and he will be forever loved and deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents, Dennis Sr., and Sarah Goodwin.

Siblings-Daniann, Daniya, Daelynn, Destin, Dennessa, Dezire, Daunte, Tyra, and Teri.

Maternal Grandparents-Henry (Mickie) Fox, and Jane Gray.

Paternal Grandparents-Larry Goodwin and Cheryl Snook; Paternal Great Grandmother-Joyce Johnson

Aunts-Roshell (Mikel) Fox, Amber (Sam) Fox, Holly (Ryan) Strickler, Melissa (John) Johnson, Nicole (Ken) Davis, Leanne Auginaush, Dayna (Theo) Thompson, and Maria (Ross) Hvezda. Uncles-Darrell (Indy) Fox, Derrick Goodwin, Jalanny Fox, Blake Stevens, Jordan Skinaway, Travis Fox, Jonathan Fiskari, and Richard Thompson. Sister-in-law-Zoie Pfeiffer, and niece Akeenah Goodwin

Great Aunts-Leah Fox, Denise (Vernon) Iverson, and Gloria Goodwin

Great Uncles-Louis Fox, Alfred (Evette) Fox, Alvis Goodwin, Darrell (Joyce) Goodwin, and Cleve (Debbie) Goodwin.

All his special close cousins.

Special Grandma-Rose Kaiser.

He was preceded in death by his unborn sibling; Great Grandparents-Alfred & Bernadine Fox, Lawrence Johnson, Tom & Bessie Goodwin and Margaret Skinaway; Grandmother-Kimberly Skinaway; Great-Great Grandparents-Louise & George Fox and Lucy & Henry Thompson; Cousins-Raymond Fox, Richard Fox, Carol Wright, Calvin Thompson, Misty Wright, and Jandy Frederick; Uncle-Devin Thompson; Great Uncles and Aunts-Marcell (Janice) Goodwin, Dan (Marilyn) Goodwin, Clinton "Butch" Goodwin, Marcy Goodwin-Halvorson, Beverly Midbo, and Louella (Eugene) Iverson.



**Obituary for
Ronald Viotor**

Ronald Henry Viotor, 87, of Bemidji, MN died Monday, March 13, 2023 at Colleen's Caring Hands in Bemidji, MN. He had been residing with his second family of care providers since 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, March 24, 2023 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN with Rev. Mark Kindem officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. A light lunch and fellowship will follow the service. Interment will be at 3:00pm, Friday, March 24, 2023, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Ron was born to Henry and Estes Viotor on October 7, 1935 at home on the farm in Leonard, MN. He had many good memories he cherished from growing up. Ron graduated high school from the AC

in Crookston and went on to State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND.

Ron married Marilyn Bunn in August, 1956 and they enjoyed 66 years together - 61 of those years were spent in Bemidji. They have three daughters all of whom live in the Bemidji area.

Ron worked and retired from Ottertail Power Company with 41 years as a service representative. He also sold and installed toppers with "Ron's Topper Sales" for 27 years. He enjoyed meeting and talking with new people.

Ron was known for his joke telling and always had one up his sleeve. He also enjoyed carving diamond willow canes, camping with many friends, snowmobiling, gardening, dancing, and playing music on his guitar, banjo and accordion for friends and family.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family, including his loving wife, Marilyn, his daughters Cindy (Dan) Dow, Rhonda (Pat) Dockendorf, Carla (Todd) Vonasek, grandchildren Danielle (John) Newland, Ryan (Gabi) Smith, Seth (Jordan) Vonasek, Reid (Emily) Vonasek, great grandchildren Addison, Aiden, Jace, Kolter, and many nieces and nephews

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Keith and sister, Lois Miller. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Colleen's Caring Hands or Bethel Lutheran Church of Bemidji.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



**Obituary for
Shane Olson**

Shane Allen Olson, 34, of Roseau, Minnesota, formerly of Bagley, Minnesota died on Monday, February 27, 2023 at his home.

Funeral services were on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN. Visitation was one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at the Bagley City Cemetery at a later date.

Shane Allen Olson was born on December 19, 1988 in Bagley, MN the son of the late Gene Allen Olson and Patti Bjorgaard Londgren. Shane lived in Bagley and attended Bagley Elementary and Bagley High School. In high school, he was very active in football and basketball. He also participated in AAU basketball. His proudest moment was going to the state championship in 2006-2007. He was baptized at Redeemer Lu-

theran Church and confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church. He met and fell in love with Stephanie Powassin in Bemidji, MN. Eventually settling in Roseau, MN. Shane and Stephanie had three beautiful children Brielle (9) Bradlee (8) Brodie (7). They were married on September 30, 2016. Shane worked for Polaris as a forklift operator for many years. Shane's greatest joy was spending time with his children and cheering for the Minnesota Vikings. He also loved to hunt, fish and enjoyed outdoor activities.

He is survived by his wife Stephanie, children Brielle, Bradlee and Brodie of Roseau, MN

His mom- Patti (Bruce) Londgren of Ocala, FL

His sisters- Nicole Olson of Hibbing; Brandi Carlson of Baudette, MN

Stepmother- Kelly Roseen Olson of Moose Lake, MN

Stepsister- Margo (Jim) Kiechle Ottumwa, IA

Stepbrothers- Jeremy (Angie) Londgren Cass Lake; Jason Londgren Cloquet; James (Amber) Durkin, Solway, MN

Plus numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nephew, Nieces and Cousins

He is preceded in death by his father -Gene Allen Olson; Grandparents - Stanley and Waltraud Olson, and Arnold and Elizabeth Bjorgaard; his Stepsister- Randi Mosher; and his best friends from high School -Pete Ballard and Brodie Camp

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

**In Memory of
Ronald Lee Ballard**

September 28, 1945
December 8, 2022

Services were held at Grove Memorial Chapel, Friday, December 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Manwell.

"Thank you Lord for seeing how weary I am, and letting me rest. The pain is gone; the peace is beautiful, Your love surrounds me, I have fought the good fight (I think) and somehow now at this stage, no matter what the outcome, I feel I have won. My homily - 'For everything there is a season,' I want my family to move on with their lives, and realize everything is for a reason. Have no regrets. Everybody did everything they could. I love you all and will still be with you."

Grove Memorial Chapel

Ronald Lee Ballard passed away December 8 at a hospital in Chicago, with his family at his side.

Ron was born on his Grandparents farm, Thomas and

Petra Swanson, in Clover Township. Apart from times spent in Chicago with his parents, Vel and Mildred Ballard, he grew up on the farm and attended Clover County school, with his sister Valerie, his brother Vel (Jr) and his younger uncle Larry Swanson. He attended Clearbrook High School where he excelled in football which he loved.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Marines, was trained at Camp Pendleton, California. Ron served two tours in two years in Vietnam as platoon leader doing reconnaissance in the jungles. He was wounded twice and the second time was sent back to Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Illinois when he lost the calf of his right leg in battle.

After his discharge from the Marines, he got a job as line-man for Con Edison Electric in Chicago.

Through the years he worked himself up to be a foreman to a

crew. His son also works for this company. He had lots of friends and his crew also came to his funeral to pay respects to a great Buddy. He was always called "Buddy" by his family as a child. His grand pa affectionately called him "Blugder". Grandpa had nicknames for everyone.

Ron loved to come up north often to go fishing until his health no longer permitted him to travel.

He leaves to miss him, Donna (Danielson) Ballard, the mother of his two children, John and Denise, his five grandchildren, sisters, Valerie and Brenda of Chicago, brother Vel Jr. of Clearbrook, nieces and nephews, his aunt; Leona Swanson and aunt and uncle Aileen and Benny Erickson, and numerous cousins.

Ron loved the land he grew up on and his ashes will be scattered on the farm he loved.

**Services planned
for Mervin Bakke**

Mervin Bakke, 82, of Fosston, Minnesota, formerly of Gonvick, MN, died on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Essentia Health in Fargo, North Dakota.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Clearbrook, Minnesota with a visitation an hour prior. An evening of visitation will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, MN. Interment will be held in the spring at Elim Lutheran Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



**Death Notice for
Jolene Anderson**

Jolene Anderson, age 75, of Fosston, MN, passed away unexpectedly at her winter home in Mesa, AZ. Funeral arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



**Obituary for
Daniel Molden**

Daniel Molden, age 58, of Miami Beach, FL, and formerly of the Fosston area, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 12th, at his home in Miami Beach. A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 16, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Miami Florida. A graveside service will be held on Saturday July 1, 2023 at 10:00 am at Bethleham Lutheran Cemetery, rural Gonvick. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Daniel was born on June 5, 1964 in Fosston, MN, to Neil and Linda (Wood) Molden.

Daniel graduated from Fosston High School in 1982 and went on to earn a BA from the University of North Dakota (UND) in 1987. He started his career at Interval

International in customer service, and moved up to management. He was employed there for over 35 years.

Dan was best known for his love of genealogy, gardening, and travel. Dan was passionate about researching his family and history. He was able to discover and meet many "new" relatives. Dan had many traveling adventures. He visited all of the 50 states, except for Alaska, which he planned to visit this year. He traveled to several foreign countries and visited/camped in several national parks. Dan was active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he loved singing in the choir and participating in Bible study. He also created and maintained the community garden. He was famous for his lemon bars. Dan had Heinz and Pepper (his cats) for company.

Daniel is survived by his mother Linda Molden, his sisters Coleen Ferguson (Tom Norstuen), Stephanie (Michael) Brueggemann, Heather (Jimmy) Parra. He is also survived by his nephews Anthony Ferguson and Samuel Parra, his nieces Eva Parra, Elyse Brueggemann, and Amelia Brueggemann, his aunt Lois Molden, aunt and uncle Lorraine and Jim Baugh, many cousins and many Friends.

Daniel is preceded in death by his father Neil Molden, grandparents Otto and Ella Molden, grandmother Ellen Wood, uncle Donald Molden, and many great uncles, great aunts and cousins.



**Obituary for
Delores Westcott**

Delores Westcott, age 86, of Winger, MN, and resident of McIntosh Senior Living, passed away on Friday, March 17th, 2023, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fosston. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. Interment will be in Calvary Lutheran Cemetery, Winger, at a later date. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Delores Joan Ogaard was born July 3, 1936, in Halstad, Minnesota to Selmer and Matilda (Tuff) Ogaard. As a child, Delores, her siblings and her parents lived in Halstad and later moved to a farm in Ada, Minnesota. Delores loved to help her father on the

farm during harvest by driving trucks or tractors.

Delores attended school in Halstad and later, when they moved to Ada, there she attended high school, graduating from Ada High School in 1954. While attended high school, Delores met the "love of her life and future husband" Darrel Westcott. Darrel and Delores were united in marriage on June 29, 1956, in Ada. Then Darrel enlisted in the United States Air Force so they moved to Virginia to live at the Langley Air Force Base. While living in Virginia, Darrel and Delores had their first child, Duane. Then in 1961, Darrel was honorably discharged from the Air Force so they moved back to Ada.

While living in Ada, Darrel and Delores's next two children were born, David and Diana. While living in Ada, Darrel commuted to work in Winger to work at Farmer's State Bank as an insurance agent. So, in 1970, Darrel and Delores moved their family to Winger where they would make their home.

She was an avid gardener, seamstress, cook, wife and mother. Later, Darrel and Delores opened their own insurance agency in Fertile, Minnesota where Delores worked right by Darrel's side. When their children had grown, Darrel and Delores moved their insurance business to their home in Winger.

Delores had a passion for cooking, so in 1996 Delores decided to become head cook for Lutheran Social Services senior meals. She worked for LSS in Winger from 1996 to 2010, when the program ended. There is a saying – "cooking is love made

visible" – that was so true for Delores.

Delores was also a very active member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Calvary Ladies Aid, and the Winger Lioness Club.

Delores had a zest for life, her presence and laughter would light up the room. Delores knew how to make their house a home – with her loving kind heart, her special holiday dishes and table cloths and the comfort food she would prepare! Family Monday night suppers, birthdays with strawberry shortcake or ice cream cake were very important to Delores and Darrel. Anytime spent with family was important to them.

In March of 2014, Delores moved from her home in Winger to McIntosh Senior Living in McIntosh due to health reasons, where she has resided until her passing.

Delores passed away on Friday, March 17, 2023, at Essentia Hospital in Fosston, Minnesota at the age of 86. Delores passed away on St. Patrick's Day – I believe Delores was Darrel's "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Delores is survived by her children, Duane (Lori) Westcott of Ada, MN, David Westcott of Fosston, MN, Diana (Paul) Westcott-Lindseth of Winger, MN; four grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Darrel; her brother, Donald Ogaard; sisters, Thelma Foss Sipe, Marjorie Blasey; infant brother, Stanley and her parents.

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DNR webinars cover loons, backyard bird feeding

Contact: Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in wildlife and outdoor skills to tune in to upcoming webinars that feature discussions about loons and backyard bird feeding.

The first webinar is at noon Wednesday, March 22. Kevin Kenow, loon researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey, will discuss where loons breed, where they spend the winter, what they eat, what threats they face and information on Minnesota's loon population.

Strategic Farming: Let's talk crops! focused on alfalfa

St. Paul, Minn. (03/20/2023)— Minnesota's ample snow is good for alfalfa, but it can also favor insect pests. Overwintering alfalfa is most vulnerable in March and April when freezing temperatures follow a thaw. However, "the significant blanket of snow over much of the state provides protection until alfalfa breaks dormancy," explains Dr. Craig Sheaffer, University of Minnesota Extension forage agronomist. Plants have been insulated from extreme low temperatures during the winter, so he expects little risk of injury. The snow insulation also kept soil temperatures near freezing, above the levels that kill alfalfa plants.

However, there are still some risks of alfalfa injury due to ice sheeting and heaving. Since soil temperatures have been at or near freezing, the risk for ice sheeting is low. If it occurs, it's more likely to be in low spots.

As April approaches, the freeze-thaw cycle can jack up alfalfa roots — called heaving — in moist soils. If it raises plants more than an inch, plant survival and productivity could decrease.

If heaving affects large field areas, Sheaffer suggests rotating to corn. Small areas can be interseeded with ryegrass and red clover, but not alfalfa due to allelopathy potential.

Even though winter injury risk is low, assess alfalfa in early May for any stand issues.

Now is a good time for frost seeding with red clover. Freeze-thaw cycles will bury seeds scattered on the surface, then germinate when temperatures warm. For spring seeding of alfalfa, plant as soon as possible to boost forage yields.

The snow also protects insect pests. "To manage significant alfalfa pests, use an integrated approach that includes insecticides, natural enemies, cultural control, and host plant resistance," encourages Dr. Anthony Hanson, University of Minnesota Extension IPM educator.

Natural enemies can control some pests, but unneeded insecticides may kill the beneficials leading to pest population flares. Overuse can also increase insecticide-resistance and input costs.

Rotate insecticide groups at least annually and every three years, if possible, to reduce the risk of developing insecticide-resistance. Scout to identify risk and treat when economic thresholds are reached. "Insurance" applications do more harm than good. Finally, use full-labeled rates of insecticides. Low labeled rates can increase insecticide resistance risks.

The alfalfa weevil and potato leafhopper, should have

The second webinar is Wednesday, March 29. Lori Naumann, nongame wildlife outreach specialist with the DNR, will discuss bird feeding best practices, actions people can take to benefit birds and tips for attracting different birds to feeders.

The webinars are part of the DNR's Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series. The webinars are free, but registration is required. More information is available on the outdoor skills and stewardship page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover).

a regular scouting program as part of a pest management plan.

The alfalfa weevil was introduced to the U.S. in 1904. In the 1980s, a parasitic wasp from its native range was introduced to suppress it. While it worked for a while, the wasp was very sensitive to insecticides.

The larvae feed on alfalfa leaves, giving them a skeletonized look. Treatment thresholds are based on number of larvae — in addition to other factors — so scouting is essential.

If alfalfa is close to harvest, mowing and raking damages larvae and exposes them to the elements. Harvesting the crop as baleage or haylage will also quickly remove the crop and larvae protection.

With pyrethroid resistance likely —not yet confirmed — in Minnesota, using these Group 3 insecticides is not recommended unless failure issues haven't occurred.

Consequently, insecticide options are limited. Group 1A organophosphates — malathion or phosmet — will achieve about 50% control. However, control increases to about 90% when they are combined. The Group 22 insecticide, indoxacarb, is an effective option, but it was hard to find last year.

Historically, alfalfa weevil damage occurred at about first cutting and possibly into the second. In western Minnesota, Hanson saw fields where damage extended into later June and early July, much later than expected. A new, western strain that is one to two weeks later than the predominant eastern strain may have arrived in Minnesota.

Potato leafhopper migrates from the south each year. It tends to build up and becomes a late-season pest, although issues don't occur every year.

Resistant alfalfa varieties with no yield drag are available. Including grasses with alfalfa will also help keep leafhopper numbers down. Insecticide treatment thresholds are based on alfalfa height, number of leafhoppers, and treatment cost, so scouting is important.

For more information from University of Minnesota Extension, visit [extension.umn.edu](https://www.extension.umn.edu/crop-production).

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Common causes of brain injuries

Brain injuries are nothing to take lightly. According to the spinal cord and brain health services provider Newsome Melton, 1.4 million people experience traumatic brain injuries in the United States each year. The Northern Brain Injury Association reports 452 people suffer serious brain injuries every day in Canada, where brain injuries occur at a rate of 500 out of every 100,000 individuals.

Brain injuries, which can be traumatic brain injuries or acquired brain injuries, can result from a variety of activities, accidents and other risk factors. A greater understanding of potential red flags for brain injuries can help people protect themselves against these potentially debilitating and even deadly outcomes.

What's the difference between TBI and ABI?

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is generally caused by a blow or some other trauma to the head. The injury does not always include an open head wound or skull fracture, nor does loss of consciousness have to occur for an injury to be considered a TBI.

An acquired brain injury (ABI), also called a non-traumatic brain injury, generally results from an illness or condition within the body.



Top causes of ABIs These are the most common causes of an ABI:

- Stroke: This is caused by poor blood flow to the brain from a blockage or bleeding.
- Hypoxia: Hypoxia is a lack of oxygen, which can happen when drowning, among other causes.
- Tumors
- Cancer
- Infections that can lead to inflammation

Top causes of TBIs

Here are the leading causes of traumatic brain injuries based on data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Falls: Slipping and falling

and hitting the head account for 28 percent of TBIs. Children between the ages of zero and four and adults ages 75 and older are most at risk.

Motor vehicle accidents:

A car or motorcycle crash produces the highest number of TBIs that require hospitalization. In this category, teens between the ages of 15 and 19 account for the most incidents.

• Sports: Roughly 19 percent of traumatic brain injuries occur when the head is struck forcefully by another object or against one. Sometimes called mild traumatic brain injuries, some are treated without hospitalization. Recreation- and sports-related injuries tend to fall in this category.

• Assaults: Victims of assault, when one is hit in the head by fists, another object or even kicked, can cause a TBI. Some TBIs also are caused by firearms.

• Military activity: People in the military can suffer brain injuries from flying debris and large blasts.

• Shaken baby syndrome: This condition occurs when babies are shaken with such force that their brains move violently in the undeveloped skull, causing trauma and damage to brain tissue.

Symptoms of brain injury

The Shepherd Center, which specializes in medical treatment for brain and spinal cord injuries, indicates symptoms of a brain injury can include any of the following:

- confusion
- trouble communicating/ speaking
- memory impairments
- difficulty with focus and logic
- headache
- balance issues
- vision problems
- seizures
- trouble swallowing
- personality changes

Brain injuries can sometimes be prevented with care. A doctor should be contacted immediately when anyone experiences a brain trauma.

5 common identity theft scams

Consumers can never let their guard down when it comes to identity theft. Personal information is much more accessible in an increasingly digital world. Consequently, instances of identity theft and consumer fraud continue to grow.

• The Identity Theft Research Center (ITRC) reported a record number of data compromises in the United States in 2021, amounting to a 68 percent increase over 2020.

• The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network received more than 5.7 million reports of fraud and identity theft in 2021.

• In Canada, there are 12 victims of identity theft per every 100,000 residents and 52 victims of ID fraud.

• Many North Americans have been victims of COVID-19-related fraud, including scams involving fake testing, vaccines and treatments, and charities.

The FTC says identity theft is when someone uses your personal or financial information without your consent. Commonly stolen data includes addresses, credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, or medical insurance numbers.

Though thieves can gather information by intercepting it through digital channels or simply by stealing mail or going through trash, many times people inadvertently share personal information with scammers themselves. Here's a look

at five common scams.

1. Phone scams

Phone scams may involve telemarketers trying to sell you something in exchange for personal information given over the phone, as well as people impersonating government agencies or credit card companies. "Please confirm account information" or "We'll need your financial information to process" are some of the phrases these scams utilize. Never give out personal information over the phone unless you've confirmed the individual you're speaking to is legitimate.

2. Text links

The Pew Research Center says 81 percent of adult mobile phone users use text messages regularly. Scammers utilize text messages to try to gain information. The text includes a link to a site that will request personal information. Do not respond to such texts and avoid clicking on the links.

3. Phishing emails

Phishing emails look like they are coming from legitimate sources, but they often contain malware that can infiltrate computers and other devices to steal identity data. Phishing increased during the COVID-19 lockdowns as more people were working from home, according to the ITRC.

4. Medicare card verification

Older individuals long have been targets of criminals. Seniors are now being called, emailed or even visited in per-



son by scammers claiming to represent Medicare. Perpetrators of this scam offer new services or new chipped Medicare cards in exchange for verification of Medicare identification numbers. Medicare numbers should be carefully guarded, and seniors should keep in mind it's highly unlikely Medicare representatives will contact them in this way.

5. Data breaches

It's not just a home computer or phone breach you need to worry about. According to ARAG Legal, security experts indicate many major companies

are being breached. By the time it's discovered that data was stolen, your personal information, which usually includes credit card numbers, email addresses and home addresses, has been circulating for some time. While it's impossible for private citizens to prevent this type of data breach, a credit monitoring service can alert consumers if their information shows up where it seemingly doesn't belong.

Identity theft is an ever-present threat and consumers must exercise due diligence to protect their personal information.

Interesting facts about the month of March

Millions of people look forward to the month of March every year. In the northern hemisphere, March 20 or 21 marks the beginning of spring, a season of rejuvenation in which individuals enjoy the first consistent periods of warm weather since the previous fall. Though the official start of spring is a much-anticipated event each March, the month is more than just the end of winter. The following are some interesting facts about the month of March.

• March derives its name from "Martius," which was the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. The Romans

gave the month that name in honor of Mars, the Roman god of war, and Martius was considered the beginning of warfare season, which is a far cry from the beginning that March is now associated with.

• March is host to one of the more popular sporting events in the United States, March Madness is a single-elimination college basketball tournament featuring 68 Division I teams (there are separate tournaments for men's and women's basketball). Much of the ongoing popularity of the event is a byproduct of bracket pools. Those pools involve participants

predicting the outcomes of each game of the tournament by filling out their own bracket. March Madness can trace its name back nearly a century to an Illinois High School Association official named H.V. Porter, though many credit broadcaster Brent Musburger with popularizing the term for the annual tournament in the 1980s.

• Though March might be a great time of year for college basketball fans, it's decidedly less so among their employers. Estimates from Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., determined that employers lost roughly \$13 billion in produc-

tivity in 2019 due to March Madness.

• March also is host to one of the most popular holidays in many parts of the globe. March 17 marks St. Patrick's Day, a day initially designed to commemorate the life and contributions of St. Patrick, who is the patron saint of Ireland. During the twentieth century, St. Patrick's Day became a celebration of Irish culture and has become synonymous with boisterous revelry, particularly in cities such as Chicago and New York.

• Many people find Daylight Saving Time in March inspiring. That's because regions that

still participate in DST turn the clocks forward each March. That adds an extra hour of evening sunlight and ensures people who work indoors all day long get to enjoy some welcome sunlight at the end of each workday.

• The daffodil is the birth flower of March. For many people, these generally white and yellow flowers reinforce the feeling of rejuvenation that comes each March with the official beginning of spring.

• Students tend to enjoy March as well, as this is typically when Spring Break is scheduled. That's especially

common on college campuses and annually compels millions of college students to descend upon warm locales for a sunny and much-needed respite from their studies.

• Fans of inventor Alexander Graham Bell have reason to celebrate in March as well. That's because the man behind the first phone call ever made patented the world's first telephone on March 7, 1876.

March is known for coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. In between that entry and exit, individuals can celebrate and enjoy a host of memorable and fun events.

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