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This is a picture of the Plimouth Plantation (They spell it with an i not a y). It is made to replicate the settlement started by the Pilgrims. I visited Plimouth in about 2008 with a group of teachers from NW Minnesota studying American History. The staff there are in character and act as if it is still the 1600s.

What is your favorite Holiday?

By Eric Mickelson

Maybe you like summer weather and celebrating Independence Day is what you love.

Possibly your Irish heritage makes St. Patrick's Day a fun one for you, I guess green beer is pretty interesting! I bet you can ask many kids this question and receive the answer that getting presents on Christmas is their favorite. According to statistics the two most celebrated holidays in the United States are Memorial Day and Thanksgiving!

My personal favorite is Thanksgiving! Other than the cooking, there is no pressure to get the perfect present, it for me is a great time to be together with family and spend the day together sharing stories and being around the ones I love. The history of Thanksgiving is sometimes disputed but there is a general story.

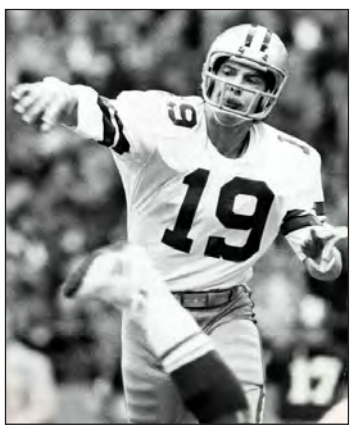
When I was teaching fifth grade I got very excited to teach history since it is one of my favorite subjects. Students would often ask how do we know this happened? To really know the history of a certain event historians use what they call primary sources. In the study of history a primary source is an artifact, document, diary, manuscript, autobiography, recording, or any other source of information that was created at the time under study. It serves as an original source of information about the topic.

You have probably heard the story of the first thanksgiving celebration between the settlers of the Plymouth Plantation and the Wampanoag Indians in November of 1621. How do we know this happened? One of the best sources of information is a letter written by English Settler Edward Winslow. Winslow's letter never mentions the word Thanksgiving, but does tell of a week long harvest celebration and part of that celebration was a three day celebration with Massasoit, an Indian Chief, and 90 men from the Wampanoag tribe.

Some will tell you that around 60 years earlier a group of Spanish Conquistadors landed on the beaches of Florida and established the first documented European Settlement in what would eventually become the United States of America, St. Augustine, Florida. It is believed by some to celebrate their safe landing and to thank God. The Spanish settlers celebrated with a feast and were joined by some of the native people of this region. Maybe this was the first Thanksgiving?

Our traditional meal of turkey and all the fixings is very different than the so called first Thanksgiving in Plymouth. The Wampanoag tribe probably brought deer and since they were near the ocean there was seafood and other vegetables from the pilgrims harvest and probably pumpkins!

Americans first called for a day of thanksgiving to celebrate their victory over the British in the Battle of Saratoga, New York, during the Revolutionary War. In 1789, George Washington again asked for a day of thanks on the last Thursday of November to commemorate the end of the Revolutionary War and the ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America. But another one of our founding fathers and our third President, Thomas Jefferson, refused to declare days of thanksgiving. He believed in the separation of church and state and believed that acknowledging such a holiday could amount to a state sponsored religious holiday.



This is the Dallas backup quarterback who helped the Cowboys to a big comeback win on Thanksgiving Day 1974.

What is his name.....?

I am sure you have heard or read that the first official Thanksgiving holiday did not happen until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln called for a Thanksgiving celebration on the final Thursday of November.

Football has become a Thanksgiving Day tradition. It is thought the first Thanksgiving football game was between the college teams of Yale and Princeton in 1876. Soon after that, Thanksgiving was chosen as the date for the college football championships. By the 1890s, many college and high school football games were played on Thanksgiving.

Whatever part of thanksgiving you like I hope you have something to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! It is kind of my thing, I love trivia, so how about a few Thanksgiving trivia questions!

1. Name the Native American who acted as an interpreter during the Thanksgiving celebration in Plymouth?

2. A typical turkey weighs somewhere around 15 pounds. According to the Guiness Book of World records how much did the heaviest turkey weigh?

3. How many turkeys do Americans prepare on Thanksgiving?

4. What professional football team has played nearly every Thanksgiving day except during WW II?

5. Name the Dallas Cowboys back up quarterback that replaced starter Roger Staubach and led the Cowboys to a 24-23 win over the Washington Redskins on Thanksgiving day 1974, after trailing 3-23?

Answers: 1. Squanto 2. 86 pounds 3. 46 million 4. The Detroit Lions 5. Clint Lonley

Gilliam Bedford exhibit in Bemidji

Bemidji, MN - Watermark Art Center will host a reception for exhibiting plein air artist Gillian Bedford on December 1 from 5 to 7pm. Bedford will speak at 6pm.

Bedford's plein air paintings have an expressive quality while also abstract in nature. For this exhibit, "Lake Itasca:True Source of My Inspiration", she challenged herself to paint with a limited palette built from 5 - 6 colors. Color is her inspiration.

She is an artist who has deftly described the loud and quiet passion of the lakes, trees, and bogs of northern Minnesota. She has developed her own style and original body of work.

There is no charge for this event. The exhibit will be on display from December 1 - February 24, 2024. Watermark galleries are free and open to the public Monday - Saturday from 10 to 5pm and located at 505 Bemidji Avenue N. in Bemidji, Minnesota, 218-444-7570. Visit WatermarkArtCenter.org for detailed exhibit, event and class information.



Plein air artist Gillian Bedford.

NELL Trips to Glensheen Mansion

By Pamela French

On Friday November 17th, NELL (Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning) kicked off one of two "Day Trips" to the Glensheen Mansion in Duluth to see the mansion, enjoy the 25 Christmas Trees and seek out the 25 elves hiding throughout the rooms that are open to the public.

The interest in this NELL Day Trip was so popular that the second date of November 30th was added. The first chartered bus had 52 people aboard, that left Bagley at 7am sharp, with pick ups in Shevlin and Bemidji. After the self guided tour of the mansion (QRS code /app available) and shopping at the gift shop, the bus then headed to Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids for beautifully decorated private banquet room, where everyone enjoyed a plated soup and sandwich lunch. The bus was back in Bagley before 5:30pm.

Glensheen...
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Mark Titera and wife Sue immediately found the cow! Are you surprised?



Gladys Luecken and Norris Strandlien.



Gladys Luecken and Marvin Wolden.

Gladys Luecken presented Quilts of Valor

Gladys Luecken, member of Headwaters Quilt Guild and Quilts of Valor, recently presented two WWII veterans with a Quilt of Valor for their service and sacrifice to the United States of America. Both veterans are 97 years old and were drafted into the Army in 1945 shortly before the war ended.

Norris Strandlien of Bagley did his basic training at Fort Knox and was deployed to serve in Japan. Norris was a mechanic and later owned the Ford garage in Bagley before retiring.

Marvin Wolden a life time resident of Clearwater County being born on his grandparents farm who had immigrated from Norway. Marvin did his basic training at Camp Walters in Texas and was deployed to Germany as a prison guard. His career involved being one of the first linemen for Clearwater Polk and other companies as rural electrification began. He later went to work for Mesabi Railroad as a brakeman and finished his forty year career as a conductor.

These gentleman are members of their local American Legion Posts one in Bagley and one in Gonvick. We respectfully thank them for their part in our freedom.

Farmer's share of Thanksgiving turkey remains at 6 cents per pound

ST. PAUL – The farmer's share of the cost of the turkey that is the centerpiece of many Thanksgiving feasts is 6 cents per pound, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

This is the same as last year, reports the National Farmers Union (NFU), which tracks the farmer's share of the food dollar for five items typically served during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The farmer's share reflects how much family farmers earn compared to the amount consumers pay at the grocery store.

The farmer's share dropped on three items commonly served, NFU reports. The farmer's share of a five-pound bag of potatoes dropped from $1.30 in 2022 to 64 cents in 2023, the farmer's share of a 16-ounce bag of frozen corn dropped from 44 cents to 41 cents and the farmer's share of a 12-ounce box of stuffing dropped from 13 cents to 9 cents.

The farmer's share of one item increased from 2022 to 2023. The farmer's share of a boneless two-pound ham increased to $1.32 in 2023 from $1 in 2022.

"Over the last 70 plus years, farmers have consistently seen their share of every grocery dollar spent shrink," said Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) Vice President Anne Schwagerl. "It's critical that we continue to raise awareness of how corporate consolidation throughout the food value chain squeezes family farmers out of a fair wage for their labor."

Multiple waves of mergers and acquisitions during the last several decades have resulted in agriculture and food supply chains that are not only uncompetitive and fragile, but also underpay farmers. NFU's Fairness for Farmers campaign is working to solve the monopoly crisis in food and agriculture through stronger antitrust enforcement and greater transparency. The goal of the Fairness for Farmers campaign is to increase the farmer's share of the food dollar and bring fairness to farmers and consumers.

"As we prepare to enjoy our Thanksgiving meal, we extend our gratitude to the many people responsible for providing our food – from farmers and farmworkers to those who work throughout the supply chain to provide us with delicious, safe and nutritious food," Schwagerl said. "Working together, we can make our supply chain fairer and more resilient in the years ahead."



BEMIDJI, MN – Beltrami County Historical Society to Acquire Historic 1948 Great Northern Railway Caboose



The Beltrami County Historical Society is thrilled to announce the latest addition to its esteemed collection: a remarkable 30-foot steel cupola caboose manufactured in 1948 by the iconic Great Northern Railway. This significant acquisition is a testament to the Society's commitment to preserving and showcasing the rich history of the Bemidji area.

The 1948 Great Northern Railway caboose, a true relic of the past, stands as a living testament to the region's railroading heritage. Known for its distinctive cupola design, this piece of rolling history provides a unique glimpse into the golden age of American rail travel. The caboose served as an essential part of freight trains, providing a vantage point for crew members to observe the train and ensure safe operation.

"This acquisition marks a momentous occasion for the Beltrami County Historical Society," said Emily Thabes, Executive Director of the Society. "The 1948 Great Northern Railway caboose is not just a steel structure; it is a tangible link to our community's past, a testament to the industrious spirit that continues to shape our county."

The caboose, with its classic red-and-black livery and sturdy steel construction, will soon find its new home at the Beltrami County History Center, where it will be meticulously preserved and made safe for visitors, who will have the opportunity to step onto the caboose back in time and experience the sights and sounds of a bygone era in railroading. Both the move and the maintenance of the caboose will be supported by the Northern Iron Horse Model Rail Road Society, who meets and maintains railroad models at the depot and brought the project forward to the Historical Society.

"We are excited to share this piece of history with the community," added Thabes. "The caboose will serve as a dynamic educational tool, allowing visitors to connect with the past and gain a deeper understanding of the role that railroads played in shaping the landscape of Beltrami County."

The cost to move a historic caboose is prohibitive, but thanks to the generosity of Reierson Construction and other local companies, Historical Society's costs to transport and preserve the caboose are reduced to $10,000 - $20,000. To facilitate the transport and meticulous preservation of this historic caboose, the Beltrami County Historical Society is launching a special fundraising campaign. Donors are invited to contribute to this exciting endeavor, with donations accepted through December 28. During this period, all donations will be matched, up to a total of $5,000, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. Donations may be made in person at the History Center or online at https://dsnp.co/9SsI7c.

The Society extends an invitation to the community to join in the celebration of this historic acquisition. Stay tuned for updates on the relocation process and the unveiling of the caboose at the Beltrami County History Center, located in the historic Great Northern Depot in Bemidji.

Glensheen...

Continued from front

The next trip to the Glensheen Mansion Christmas Tree Display is scheduled for November 30th. There are only a couple seats remaining. If you are interested please call 218-401-1651.

As the NELL Coordinator, I want to thank everyone who has participated in this trip. Also, a huge thank you goes out to the NELL Trip Committee; Cheryl Grover, Tamara Edevold and Nancy Brown-Colligan. It will be exciting to see how these women top this trip in the coming year!

NELL begins its regular Spring 2024 season on Wednesday, April 10th with Connie Nunemaker: Soil 101- Awakening The Garden. Programs are generally Wednesdays for 7-9 weeks, starting at 9:30am, doors opening at 9:00am. Location to be determined, in Clearwater and East Polk Counties.

Northland's High School Honor Band performed

Nine area schools attended this year's high school festival on November 21 at Northland Community College and their directors were Goodridge – Mariah Kirkeide; Grygla/Gatzke – Gene Lunsetter; Lincoln High School – Sarah Vogel; Mahnomen – Jill Bisek; Red Lake Falls – Lacie Hovland; Tri-County HS – Brad Thompson; Warren-Alvarado-Oslo – Molly Fridstrom; Win-E-Mac – Amanda Shultz; and Warroad – Jared Eastvold. Nine schools with over 60 participants to Northland to share in a day of music-making.

Mitzner receives NDSU scholarship

Aurora Mitzner, daughter of Talia Mitzner, Oklee, Minnesota, received the NDSU Presidential Honor Award at North Dakota State University. The award recognizes students who have a 3.8-3.979 high school GPA or have scored a 29-31 on the ACT and have a 3.5 or higher high school GPA.

Mitzner entered NDSU in the fall and is majoring in marketing.

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Thursday, November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Dinner with Little Bobby
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CLASSIFIED ADS

CLEARWATER COUNTY CUSTODIAN II

Clearwater County will be taking applications for a full-time Building Maintenance Custodian II. Under the direction of the Maintenance Supervisor the Custodian II will be responsible for the general cleaning, housekeeping, janitorial, and grounds duties for assigned buildings and also assist with Jail Maintenance. Applicants must possess a valid Minnesota Driver's License and the ability to obtain a Special Class Boilers License.

Salary Range is $18.00-$23.54 with benefits. Applications and Job Descriptions can be pick up at the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer's Office or on-line at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Clearwater County will be taking applications for an Engineering Technician position in the Clearwater County Highway Department. This position will include construction inspection, material testing, surveying, computer aid design, plan preparation, and other Department functions.

Preferred qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, or experience related to civil engineering in surveying, inspection and drafting plans, and experience in using computers.

Salary Range: $20.63 to $29.71/hour depending on qualifications, plus benefits.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycc.org . Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycc.org. **Position will remain open until filled.** Call 218-796-5144 x1017 for more information.

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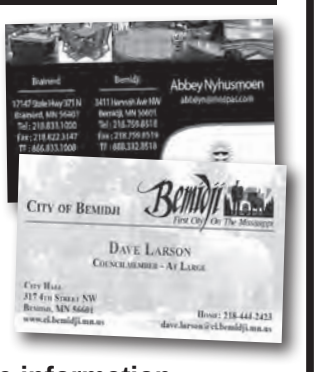
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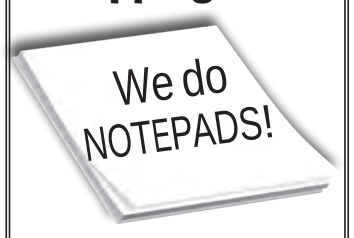
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Full-Time Route Bus Driver and Substitute Bus Driver positions. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a school bus driver's license endorsement. The District is willing to help applicants obtain their school bus endorsement. New drivers will receive a $200 stipend after six months of driving to help defray the cost of certification. For more information, please call Stuart Dukek at 218-694-6122. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Positions will remain open until filled.

Maintenance Personnel positions. Bagley Independent School District #162 is accepting applications for a full time Maintenance Personnel position. Pay range is from $22.43 to $28.94 per hour depending on experience and qualifications. For questions about the position call Ron and (218)368-8314

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Pears and chocolate, an unexpected pairing



Opportunities to entertain or visit with family and friends abound during the holiday season. Dessert is always a big hit during festive occasions, and the following recipe for "Pear and Chocolate Frangipane Tart" melds many popular flavors. Frangipane is an almond-flavored cream. In this recipe from "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small) by Maxine Clark, it is paired with decadent chocolate and sweet pears.

Pear and Chocolate Frangipane Tart

Serves 8-10

4 medium, firm pears, unpeeled
2/3 cup seedless raspberry jam
2 tablespoons Ruby Port
Toasted shredded or silvered almonds, to scatter (optional)

Pastry

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened
1 large egg yolk
21/2 to 3 tablespoons chilled water

Chocolate Frangipane Filling

6 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 to 2 tablespoons chocolate liqueur
2/3 cup ground almonds
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

To make the pastry, sift the flour and salt onto a sheet of waxed paper. Put the butter and egg yolk in a food processor and blend until smooth. Add the chilled water and blend again. Pour in the dry ingredients and blend until just combined. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead gently until smooth. Form into a disk, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Bring to room temperature before rolling out.

To make the chocolate frangipane filling, put the butter in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add the sugar and beat until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs and the chocolate liqueur, then stir in the ground almonds and the cocoa. Cover and set aside.

Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface and use to line the tart pan. Prick the pastry all over with a fork and refrigerate until firm.

Preheat the oven to 400 F, and put a heavy baking sheet on the middle shelf.

Spread the chocolate frangipane evenly over the chilled pastry crust.

Halve the pears and scoop out the cores. Cut each half into thirds and arrange them randomly over the chocolate frangipane.

Transfer the tart to the preheated baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, or until the pastry starts to brown. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 F and bake for a further 15-20 minutes or until the pears are tender and the frangipane is set. Remove from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool.

About 20 minutes before serving, melt the jam with the port in a small pan and boil for 1 minute to make a glaze. Remove the tart from the pan, brush with the glaze, scatter with the almonds, if using, and serve at room temperature - never chilled - with cream, if using.

Chase away the chill with hearty soups



Cold weather is just around the corner. One of the fastest ways to warm up when chilly temperatures set in is by enjoying hearty, hot soups at mealtime. People may have their preferred go-to soups to warm up. Split Pea Soup can be included in anyone's recipe collection. Soup lovers who want to do just that can try this recipe for "Puree of Split Pea Soup" courtesy of "The Culinary Institute of America Book of Soups" (Lebhar-Friedman Books) by The Culinary Institute of America.

Puree of Split Pea Soup

Makes 8 servings

4 strips bacon, minced
1 medium onion, diced (about 1 1/4 cups)
1 carrot, diced (about 1/3 cup)
1 celery stalk, diced (about 1/2 cup)
1 leek, white and light green part, diced (about 11/4 cups)
6 cups chicken broth
2 yellow or white potatoes, peeled and diced (about 2 cups)
1/2 pound split green or yellow peas, or lentils
1 smoked ham hock
Sachet: 1 bay leaf, 1 whole clove, 1 garlic clove, and 4 to 5 peppercorns, enclosed in a large teaball or tied in a cheesecloth pouch
Salt, to taste
Freshly ground pepper, to taste
1 cup croutons

Cook the bacon in a soup pot over medium-high heat until crisp and brown. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels and set aside. Pour off all but 3 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Add the onion, carrot, celery, and leek; stir to evenly coat with fat. Cover the pot and cook the vegetables over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until the onion is tender and translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.

Add the broth, potatoes, peas, and ham hock. Bring to a simmer and cook over medium heat, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the sachet and simmer until the split peas are soft, about 30 minutes. Skim away any scum during simmering.

Remove the sachet and discard. Remove the ham hock and set aside to cool. When cool enough to handle, cut the ham off the bone, dice, and set aside.

Strain the soup through a sieve, reserving the liquid. Puree the solids and return them to the pot. Add enough of the reserved liquid to achieve a thick consistency. Blend well. Stir in the ham and bacon. Season with salt and pepper. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with croutons.

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Largest Pro-Israel Rally in U.S. History Unites Many Americans

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, about 300,000 people from across the nation, including 170 family members of Israelis kidnapped by Hamas terrorists last month, gathered on the National Mall to support Israel, call for the release of hostages, and denounce antisemitism. The massive demonstration included mostly Christians and Jews and was organized by many pro-Israel and Jewish groups, including the Jewish Federations of North America which stated it was the largest pro-Israel rally in U.S. history.

The rally comes in response to weeks of pro-Palestinian protests in many cities and a steep rise in vocal and violent antisemitism on college campuses since Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 and massacred more than 1,400 innocent Israelis. The "March for Israel" saw an estimated 290,000 people stand with Israel, with many supporting Israel's counter-offensive in Gaza and calling for the safe return of the remaining 240 hostages abducted by Hamas.

The peaceful crowd sang the American national anthem, the Israeli national anthem, and many other songs as they laughed, talked, and held hands in unity. As Israeli blue and white flags flooded the area with the crowd chanting, "Bring them home," and "Never again," top congressional leaders united to form a bipartisan group. Among them were Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson who joined hands with House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, all of which gave speeches focused on unity, Israel's right to self-defense, and preventing future atrocities.

Schumer stated, "We are here united – Democrat and Republican…to say, 'We stand with Israel."

Schumer added, "Let us not forget the evils of Hamas, when Hamas says from the river to the sea, they mean all the present-day Israel should be a Jewish-free land…but here in America and in Israel the Jewish people will live forever."

Jeffries recalled the historical persecution of the Jewish people and emphatically made the case for Israel's unequivocal right to exist.

Jeffries stated, "The Jewish people were violently expelled from the Middle East. The Jewish people were systematically murdered by the Nazi regime. The Jewish people were violently attacked by Hamas on October 7th, resulting in the largest loss of Jewish life in a single day since the Holocaust…Never Again. Never Again. Never Again. The State of Israel must always exist as a safe haven for the Jewish people."

Jeffries called for everyone to stand together with the Jewish community worldwide, and to work together in efforts to "crush antisemitism" and make "every single zip code" in the nation safe for Jews.

Johnson shared how the House had watched footage of Hamas' atrocities and noted that many in Congress could not sit through the viewing.

"There are few issues in Washington that can so easily bring together leaders of both parties and both chambers," said Johnson. "But the survival of Israel and her people unites us together."

Johnson stated the "barbarity" of the terrorists make any call for a ceasefire "outrageous."

Johnson declared, "Israel will cease their counter offensive when Hamas ceases to be a threat to the Jewish state."

Family members of some the hostages also addressed the massive crowd. Alana Zeitchik spoke of how six of her cousins were "brutally" taken hostage after hiding for hours in their bomb shelter until it filled with smoke and they could no longer hide. One of them was able to send a message, "We're not going to make it out of this. We love you."

Zeitchik said, "The pain I have experienced since they were taken has been so sharp it follows my every breath. I wake up each morning to remember this truth: My family is being held hostage by terrorists. I am here with you because I love my family and I promised I would scream to the ends of the earth for them. This unwavering love of family is the heart of what it means to be Jewish, and more importantly, it is the heart of what it means to be human."

Zeitchik emphasized that people can both "abhor the suffering of Palestinian families" and the "suffering of Israeli families" like hers. She noted that calling for the release of the hostages is not political, rather it is a "cry for love and humanity."

At the end of the rally, Israeli singer and songwriter Ishay Ribo performed a song of hope and victory taken from Psalm 121 singing, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Christians in Defense of Israel Chairman Mat Staver said, "The 'March for Israel' is a light in the darkness for all those who value of life and liberty. A silent response to antisemitism and Hamas' horrific barbarism will only hasten another Holocaust, so Christians and Jews must stand united in the face this implacable evil. Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. We cannot remain silent."

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Governor Walz Celebrates Minnesota-Based Medtronic's 50th Year Operating in Australia

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz visited Medtronic's Sydney offices today with administration officials and Minnesota business leaders to celebrate the Minnesota-based company's 50th year operating in Australia.

"Medtronic is one of Minnesota's great contributions to the world, and we're seeing firsthand the global influence of their cures and therapies during our trade mission in Australia," said Governor Walz. "Congratulations to Medtronic and their team in Australia and New Zealand on 50 years of med tech innovation."

"We are pleased to host Governor Walz and the Minnesota trade mission in our Sydney office today and celebrate 50 years of our impact and innovation in Australia. This is a milestone anniversary as we continue to deliver our mission of alleviating pain, restoring health and extending life," said Liz Carnabuci, Vice President, Enterprise Accounts & Services, Japan, Australia and New Zealand; Vice President, Diabetes, APAC and Greater China.

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Medtronic is one of more than 800 healthcare companies in Minnesota. The Biden-Harris administration recently designated Minnesota as one of the 31 inaugural Tech Hubs in regions across the country that show potential for rapid growth in key technology sectors. Minnesota MedTech Hub 3.0, a consortium led by the Greater Minneapolis Saint Paul Economic Development Partnership, will position Minnesota as a global center for "Smart MedTech" by integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science into medical technology.

"Minnesota's medical technology industry leads the world, and we're proud Medtronic is a part of our ecosystem," said Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Matt Varilek. "Medtronic's 50 years in Australia is evidence of the global nature of med tech innovation. We're proud of the partnerships Medtronic and Minnesota have forged with our friends and allies in Australia and New Zealand and DEED is eager to support mutually beneficial growth and innovation going forward."

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Reminder for anglers on winter walleye fishing regulations for Upper Red, Mille Lacs lakes

Anglers are reminded that the walleye limit for Upper Red Lake decreased from the five allowed during open water season to four this winter while the Mille Lacs Lake walleye limit will remain at one.

The Upper Red Lake regulation became effective Nov. 1. Anglers fishing on the state waters of Upper Red Lake can keep up to four walleye with one longer than 17 inches. Beginning Friday, Dec. 1, Mille Lacs Lake anglers can keep one walleye 21-23 inches long or one longer than 28 inches.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources sets winter regulations for these lakes after completion of annual fall population assessments. Results from Upper Red Lake showed a very strong level of walleye spawning stock and a high overall net catch rate, especially of nearly mature walleye. Mille Lacs' results found slightly lower walleye numbers than in 2013 and 2017 and acceptable numbers of walleye born in 2021 and 2022 suggest there are adequate numbers of younger fish to keep the population sustainable as they mature and reproduce to replace fish caught by anglers.

Complete winter fishing regulations are available on the Upper Red Lake regulations webpage (mndnr.gov/fishing/upper-red-lake-regulations.html) and the Mille Lacs Lake regulations webpage (mndnr.gov/fishing/millelacs.html).

Minnesota DNR webinars focus on interesting plant diseases, emerald ash borer

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in wildlife and outdoor skills to check out the fall program schedule for the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Nov. 22, plant expert Sam Guida will discuss galls, burls, brooms and other interesting plant diseases. One example of these, galls, are hidden insect homes inside plants, such as the ping-pong ball sized lumps commonly seen on goldenrod. Learn how to spot these and find an awe-inspiring world.

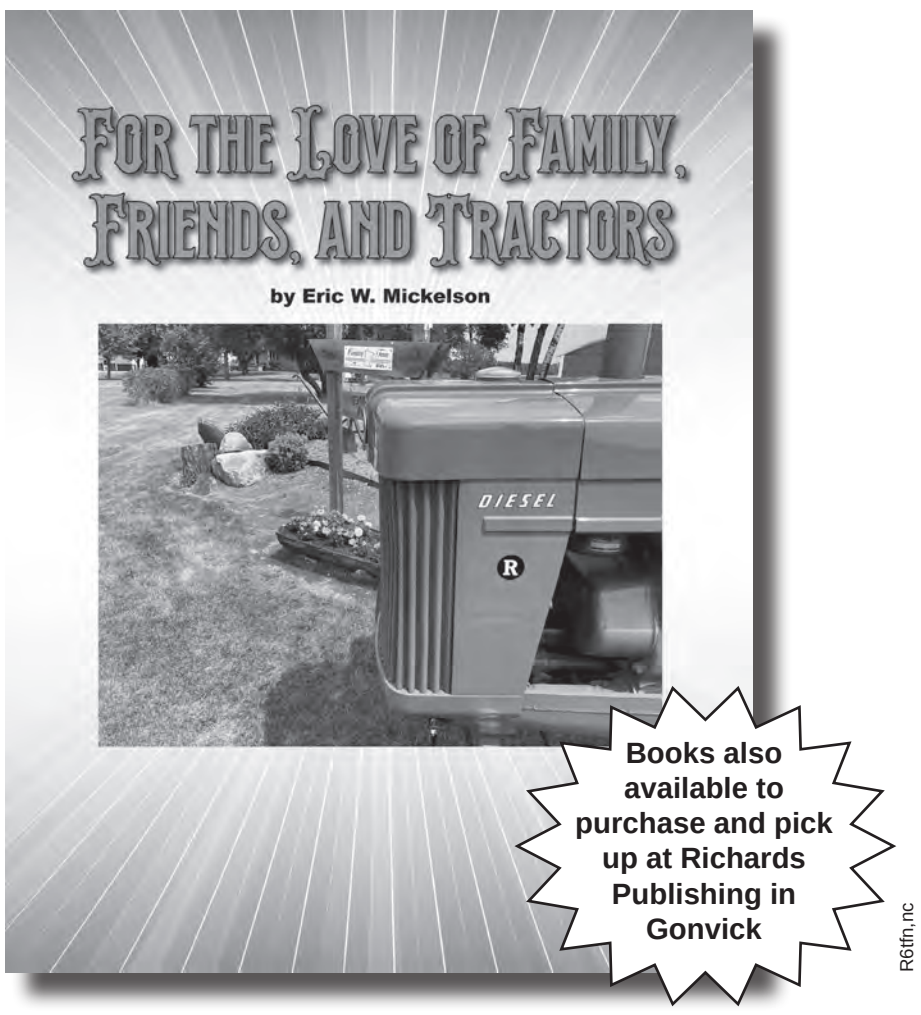
In a webinar on Wednesday, Nov. 29, Rachael Dube, one of the Minnesota DNR's forest health specialists, will share information on emerald ash borer and its impacts on our communities and forests. Dube also will cover how property owners can prepare for and control emerald ash borer and how to manage a healthy forest in the face of this pest.

The Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webinars are free and offered year-round, though registration is required. Visit the Outdoor Skills and Stewardship webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover) for the registration portal, more information about upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Sometimes I Wanna Resurrect Him

Sometimes it feels as though I wanna resurrect Him all over again. I lift high the cross cheerleading others on as if my megaphone in voice could make a difference. "You can do this! Come! Do you not see? Do you not hear? In the midst of all my working—He is working and I need not try quite so hard. He resurrects—restoring to a holy whole more so than I—as if I could do anything anyway.

Like "The Little Engine that Could" I often think I can through sheer determination and effort. The truth of the matter is—life doesn't actually work that way when speaking about Truth with a capital T.

The Truth is He is at work without my cheerleading (as if my words could possibly make a difference). It's His Word that reigns especially in the stillness. He speaks and teaches through it while my response might best be to merely listen. Ask, knock, and seek allows Him to be God.

So this begs the question: What do I do? What is my role in all of creation? I know not much but what He wrote and one of the things He did do was teach us through His writing. And one of the things He taught us to do was to pray. He even gave us the words to say while in prayer.

Direct He was in giving direction.

The direction as to what we are asked to do comes from Matt. 6:9-13. "Pray then like this: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.'"

When life tends to lead us into the temptation to get all amped up about this or that—when emotionally we begin to move and hoist and do the heavy lifting as if it all depended on us—when we begin to cheer just a little louder using vocal tones megaphone style, may we remember to come to the quiet—be still—as we turn off the voice box. May we renew our memory banks as to what the Almighty can do in and through the power of His resurrection which has already been completed. May that be enough without driving one more nail in by pounding the pavement with things we think need doing—that have already been done by Him.

Surrendering to God what is not of God and allowing Him to hoist high the cross upon which He died for all is freedom at its finest. Thank God He is God and I am not—for this I am most grateful. May it continue to be all He and not me "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-10).

What a relief it is to Trust that He is enough. Amen.



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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Answer: Yes, here is some information we shared on our DPS blog: "Minnesota has seen a 32 percent reduction in traffic fatalities between 2003 and 2022, in part due to the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) traffic safety program.

The Department of Public Safety joined traffic safety partners across Minnesota to mark 20 years of saving lives through the TZD program this week with a conference in Rochester aimed at keeping us all safe, whether you're a driver, passenger or pedestrian. In the two decades the program has existed in Minnesota, our model has gained national recognition and our roads have been considered some of the safest in the nation.

Neveah Ripka, Jose Antonio Diaz Barranco, Diana Leigh Farm-Franks: Those are just three of the 343 people who lost their lives on Minnesota roads in 2023 as of Tuesday.

"Traffic statistics aren't just numbers. Each one represents a lost life that devastates the world of that person's family and friends," Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Director Mike Hanson said. "The Toward Zero Deaths program has saved — and will continue to save — lives."

Minnesotans made significant progress over the years to reduce traffic fatalities, but the challenge now is to regain momentum in saving lives. Over the last 10 years, we haven't seen the consistent, significant reduction in traffic deaths compared to the first decade of the TZD program. The past three years have seen new challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic that led to less traffic and more speeding.

"These challenges are re-energizing us to find new ways to continue the progress of the past two decades," Hanson said. "Minnesotans expect and deserve safety on our roads."

The Minnesota legislature approved state funding this year to create the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. The council is bringing together additional stakeholders and communities, and it's opening up state funding opportunities that didn't exist before. It'll give us more flexibility in local education and outreach and a formal way to tell lawmakers what needs to change to improve traffic safety.

We have stepped up traffic safety enforcement with projects such as Project 20(23) and Highway Enforcement for Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) patrols with the Minnesota State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies in the Twin Cities area and statewide.

The Minnesota departments of health, public safety and transportation, along with traffic safety partners statewide, are working to create a culture of traffic safety in our communities. But we can't do it without your help. Staying safe on our roads is as simple as driving the speed limit, never driving impaired and always paying attention."



As holiday approaches, remind kids about dangers of cold water

Unseasonably warm weather during the first half of November means many lakes and ponds remain free of ice, but the water is dangerously cold. With children home for Thanksgiving break, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges parents and guardians to talk with kids about the risks of cold water.

Falls into open water this time of year can turn tragic quickly, and the effects of cold water mean even strong swimmers likely will find it difficult to save themselves from an unexpected fall. Parents and guardians need to be especially vigilant about watching kids and ensuring their innate curiosity about the water doesn't put them at risk.

Capt. Adam Block, boating law administrator with the DNR Enforcement Division, says kids – or people new to Minnesota – might not understand the difference in how their bodies react to cold water vs. warm water. He urges parents and guardians to talk with their children and neighbors about staying away from lakes, ponds and rivers this time of year unless there's an adult supervising.

The best way to stay safe around cold water is to wear a life jacket (foam is better than an inflatable in cold water). Block also recommends people carry a phone or other communications device to call for help, to let others know where they're going and when they plan to return, and to be prepared to deal with an unforeseen incident.

For more information about surviving a fall into cold water, see the cold water dangers webpage (mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html).

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Grandson and Tractors....Pretty Fun

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

This past weekend was a fun one! First of all how about the nice weather?! It was awesome! But for Patty and I it was more than that!. I started building a pole shed about a year ago and now I was down to one wall left and I thought wow it would be great to get that done before winter! Handling the 14 foot 7 inch sheets is tough for an old man to do by himself! Luckily my son, Heath, said he had some time to help out his "old man" and boy was I thankful. Saturday we got about 2/3 of the wall done, and Sunday morning we were able to finish it off! Thank you Heath for all the work! But, not only that my 3 year old grandson, Callan also came to stay for the weekend! Between working on the shed grandpa and grandma got to read books, play toys(mostly tractors), go to grandma's "toy room", sit on a variety of tractors, ride the Ranger, and feed hay to the cows with grandpa! Talk about fun!

One of the highlights of seeing Callan was the fact that I recently bought a 1942 B John Deere tractor. The B has been sitting outside for a while, but the motor was not stuck and the rear tires were like new. I thought great, my mom had a 1942 B that my grandfather bought new and I would love to restore. The B I purchased had a complete carburetor, magneto, as well as an "uncut' hood. These would be great parts to help restore my mom's old B. And those nearly new tires..... they would go great on many of my tractors! I got the tractor home and left it on the trailer. The other day I unloaded it and looked it over a little better. You know that B looks pretty nice, maybe too nice to part out!

I tried to pull it off the trailer but one of the rear wheels was lockup up. It was a brake I decided so I squirted some WD-40 on it and in the little lubricating cut on the brake but to use.

I tugged it off the trailer with the 4640 and low and behold as it got to the ground the brake became "unstuck"!! After completing some chores I hooked the ranger to the little B and pulled it in the heated garage to look it over some more! I turned the motor over with the flywheel and it seems to have decent compression. Next, I took off the magneto cover and it also looked pretty clean but while I was turning it over I checked and there was not spark. I took some emory cloth to the points and what do you know it kicks out some great spark. Finally I looked at the carb and it is OK, reasonably clean. I told my son Heath, you know it just might start!

My grandson Callan came out in the garage and I said do you want to sit on grandpa's little B? Of course he said, "YES!" You know I told him if this old B starts I am going to give it to you, Callan! So later he referred to it as "his" B! Nothing would make me happier. I haven't had time to run a little gas through it, but if it starts, Callan has his first John Deere! Aren't grandkids fun!!



Callan on his 1942 B John Deere.



Callan sitting on a 1949 B John Deere in the shed with Pommy the cat.

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The John Deere model B was made from 1935-1952. What year was the new styled B released with the new sheet metal look.

A) 1939 B) 1943 C) 1945 D) 1949

2. A John Deere B has a tricycle front end with two wheels. What is a BN?

3. What did it mean if it was referred to as a BW?

4. What was the next step up in power from the John Deere B in the lettered Series of John Deere Tractors?

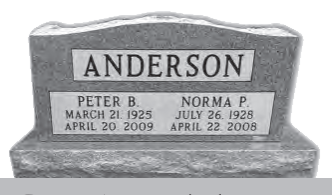
A) Model A B) Model H C) Model G D) Model C

5. The Model B was considered a _____(how many) plow tractor?

Answers: 1. A. 1939 2. BN has a single front wheel 3. BW has a wide front end 4. A. Model A 5. 2 plow tractor

Word Search Answers for this week

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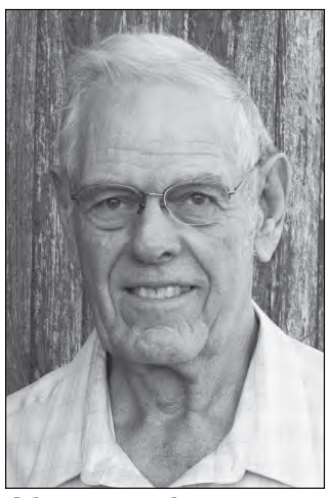
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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Calvin Marcus

Calvin Marcus, age 87, passed away July 29,2023 at his home in Prinsburg, MN after a courageous battle with cancer.

He married Mavis Halvorson of Gully, MN, September 2, 2006 giving them 17 years together. They made their permanent address at Prinsburg but spent much of their time at Gully where Mavis had her home.

Calvin looked forward to going up "North" to enjoy the wildlife, woods, camping and fishing and visiting with extended family.

He also joined the local musical groups playing his guitar and singing in Senior Centers, Nursing Homes and local churches.

He also has a daughter Suzanne (Lorene) Julin of Shevlin, step daughter Ranae (Mitch) Vakoch of Gully, step sons Bradley of Bemidji and Terry Halvorson (preceding him in death).

He was laid to rest beside his first wife at Prinsburg, MN.



Obituary for Jay McCrehin

Jay McCrehin passed away at 88 years. November 14, 2023 from a heart attack at his home in Indian Land, South Carolina.

Jay Harlan McCrehin was born in Fosston to Loren and Irene McCrehin on June 27, 1935. He was baptized and confirmed at what is now Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard. He grew up in Leonard and graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1953.

Jay spent several seasons on the ore boats on the Great Lakes and helping his dad at the Leonard gas station in the winters. He was drafted in the Army stationed in Germany. After his military service he went to work in Minneapolis and met Marseille Lind. They were married February 29, 1964.



Jay attended Brown Institute in Minneapolis and the couple moved to Kansas City where he was employed by IBM as a computer technician and where their son, Jud, was born.

After retirement Jay and Marseille traveled the country in their motor home spending their winters in Florida and finally settling in Indian Land, SC.

Survivors include his wife, Marseille, his son, Jud (Christine) McCrehin of Warrenton, VA, grandchildren Eva McCrehin and Lily McCrehin, brother Larry (Robyn) McCrehin, Sitka, AK and sister Carol (Ray) Sundquist, Gonvick, MN and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents



Obituary for Verna Ekeberg

Verna Ekeberg, age 85, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Monday, November 13th, at Essentia Health Living Center in Fosston. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 18th, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Jane Ekholm officiating. Interment was in Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service on Friday, November 17th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There was also reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Verna Aldora Ekeberg (Strand) was born on July 30, 1938 to parents John and Pauline (Hollevoet) Strand in Fosston, MN. She was raised on a farm 13 miles south of Fosston where she developed a life-long love for baking, gardening and caring for animals. Verna was baptized at Landstad Lutheran Church and confirmed at Hope Lutheran. She attended Duane Country School and graduated from Fosston High School in 1956.

Verna married Roger Ekeberg on September 4, 1957. They began raising their seven children in rural Fosston until 1971 when they moved to the city of Fosston due to Roger's ill health. Roger was required to run on a dialysis machine multiple times a week and Verna trained (with young Karen in tow) at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN to learn the proper medical procedure. Roger needed dialysis until 1980 when he received a kidney transplant with Verna by his side. Her commitment to her husband continued until his passing in 1984.

Verna worked primarily in healthcare at Midway Board and Care, Rest Easy Board and Care and East Polk DAC. When she wasn't working, she was known for her delicious cake donuts among many other treats.

She is survived by her children, Sheryl (Ronald) Dahl of Fosston, Rodney Ekeberg of Fosston, Kevin Ekeberg of Fosston, Connie (Mark) Schwartz of Lester Prairie, MN, Mark (Rafeala) Ekeberg of Shakopee, MN, Steven (Georgette) Ekeberg of Glencoe, MN, and Karen Wells (David McCowan) of Wayzata, MN; grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Erma (Richard) Siedschlag of Moorhead, MN; sister-in-law, Margie Strand of Fosston, and many nieces and nephews.

Verna was preceded in death by her husband, Roger; her parents; parents-in-law, Edwin and Alma Ekeberg; three sisters, Helen Brissett, Opal Jensen, and Bernice Strand; four brothers, Palmer Strand, Gordon Strand, Marlen Strand, and John Strand; brothers-in-law, Leo Snetsinger, George Brissett, and Delmar Jensen.



Death Notice for Lorraine Rustad

Lorraine Rustad, age 91, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, November 19th, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com. A full obituary next week.



Obituary for Beverly Anderson

Beverly Gail Anderson, age 77 years, died on October 16, 2023. Born on the 23rd of February 1946 at Fosston Hospital, Beverly was the daughter of C. Leo and Idella (Vennes) Anderson of rural Trail. While in school in Trail, she was the only student in her class from second through sixth grade. She attended junior and senior high school in Oklee, graduating in 1964.

She married Jeffrey Wayne Lieder, from which one daughter, Kristin Michele Lieder, was born. In 1967, Beverly moved to Coeur d'Alene, where she was the district secretary for Idaho State Police. She and five other women were the first women ever to be employed at state police district offices. While living in Coeur d'Alene she participated in community theater and summer theater. Later she was a police officer at Spokane International Airport for two years. She was also a legal secretary, an officer manager, and an administrative assistant.

In 1986 Beverly moved back to Minnesota, and in 1987 she entered Bemidji State University as a non-traditional student where she was in the honors program, majoring in English. She minored in Art History and began an art program with an emphasis in ceramics before leaving college in 1991. She moved to Brainerd in 1992 and worked at a casino for a short time.

Beverly was an avid genealogist, and as a result of her research she enjoyed communicating with people from around the world. She also enjoyed reading, journaling, writing poetry, and arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents C. Leo and Idella (Vennes) Anderson and stepfather Lorenzo Eck. She is survived by her daughter Kristin (Jason) Lieder-Barron, granddaughter Ondraya (fiancé) James Wallin, great-grandson Gabriel Wallin, brother David L. (Shirley) Anderson, niece Tammie (Jeff) Christian, nephew Erik (Jackie) Anderson, nephew Craig (Tamera) Anderson, and many cousins and friends. She was fortunate to have a friend, Todd Wallin, who watched out for her well-being by doing errands and buying groceries. She also had a very special cat named Velcro who lived with her.

Velsignet be her memory.

A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring at Sand Valley Lutheran Cemetery in Trail, MN.

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Jenna Pahlen, a former Red Lake County Central volleyball player, recently wrapped up her collegiate volleyball career at Minot State University. The picture is her with her father Steve on Senior Night.

MFU members adopt special orders, elect national delegates

ST. PAUL – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) members adopted special orders and elected delegates to the National Farmers Union Convention at their 82nd annual state convention, held Nov. 17-19 in Minneapolis.

The main purpose of the convention is to debate and pass the organization's policy platform, which is developed by members at the grassroots level.

Delegates passed five special orders of business:

- Ensuring affordable and accessible care in rural Minnesota.
- Curbing monopoly power and protecting competition.
- Investing in climate resilience.
- Addressing the shortage of veterinarians.
- Passing a comprehensive farm bill.

The special orders of business are the organization's main legislative priorities for the upcoming year. They are a timely message to policymakers about what Farmers Union members want them to act on in the near term.

Ten members were elected to represent the Minnesota Farmers Union as delegates at the National Farmers Union Convention, March 10-12 in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Minnesota delegates will join delegates from Farmers Union organizations from across the nation to set national policy during the convention.

Delegates who will represent Minnesota:

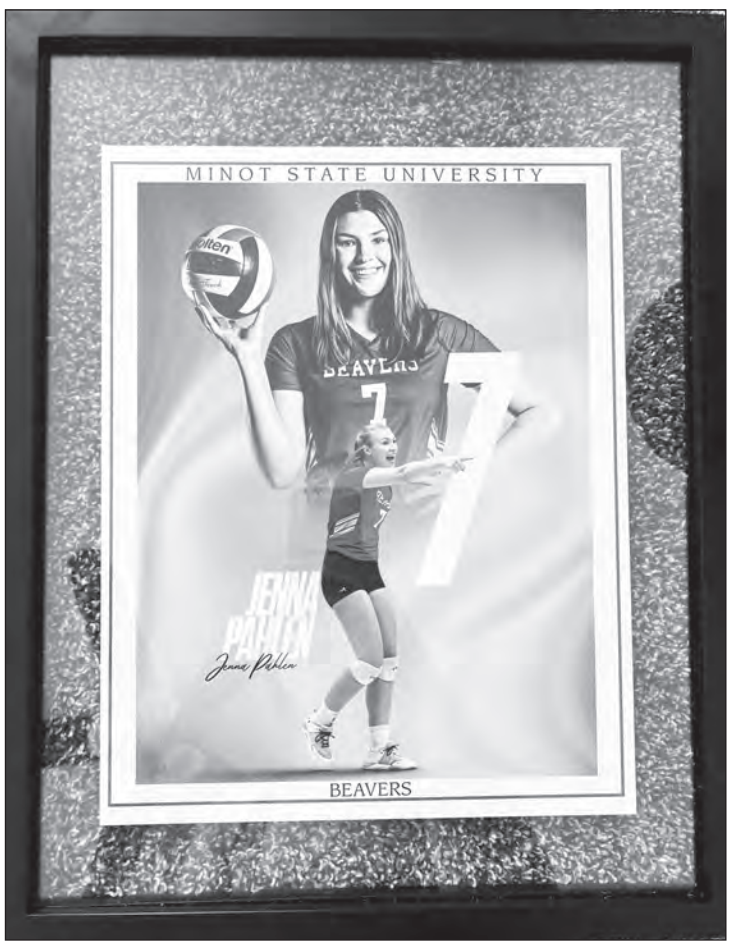
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9.Molly Byron, Waseca County

10.Lindsey Zemanek, Rice County

The 82st annual Minnesota Farmers Union State Convention was held at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Minneapolis Northeast, Minneapolis.

Gary Wertish of Renville was re-elected president of Minnesota Farmers Union and Anne Schwagerl of Browns Valley was re-elected vice president. Both are two-year terms.

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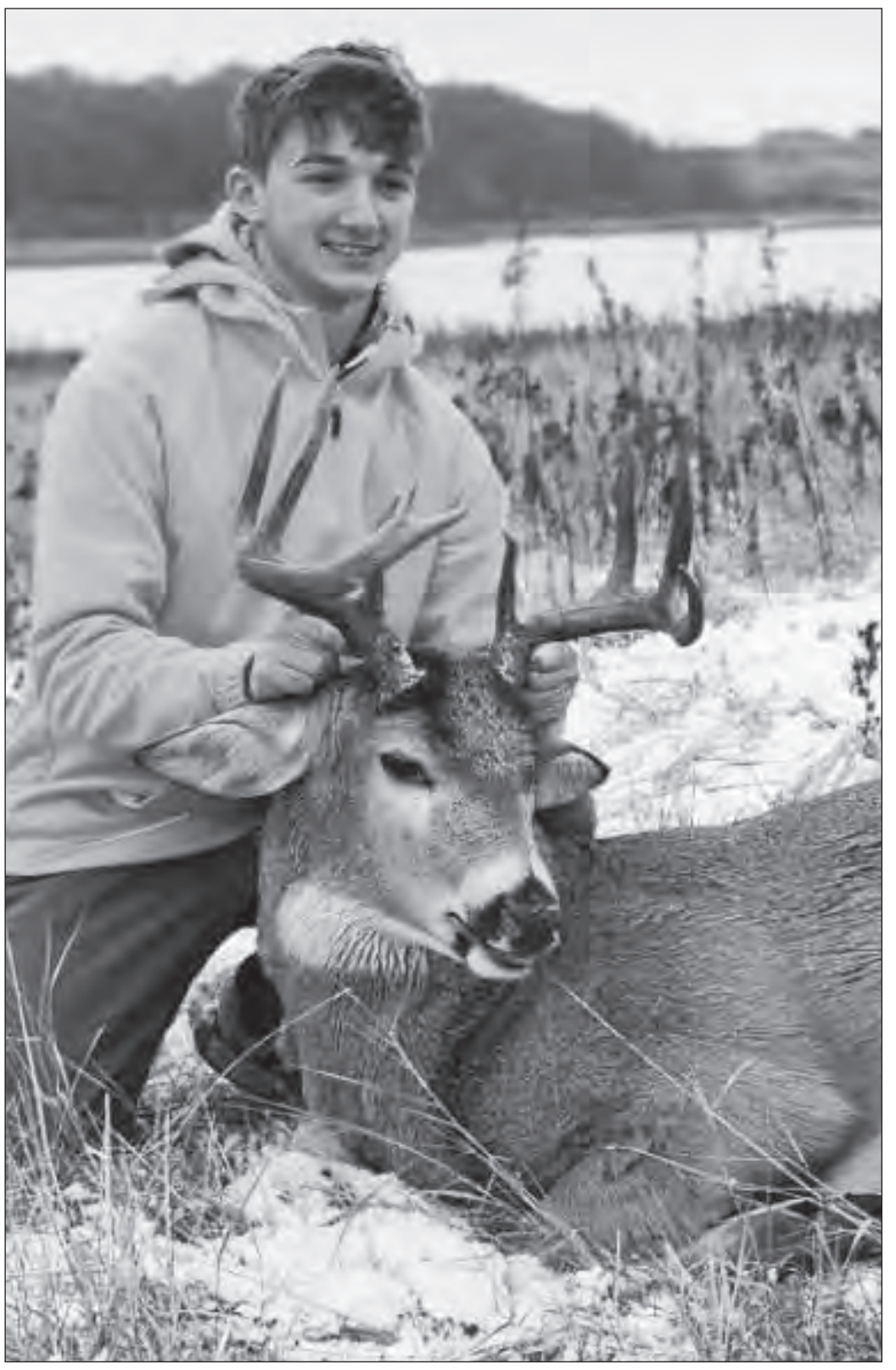


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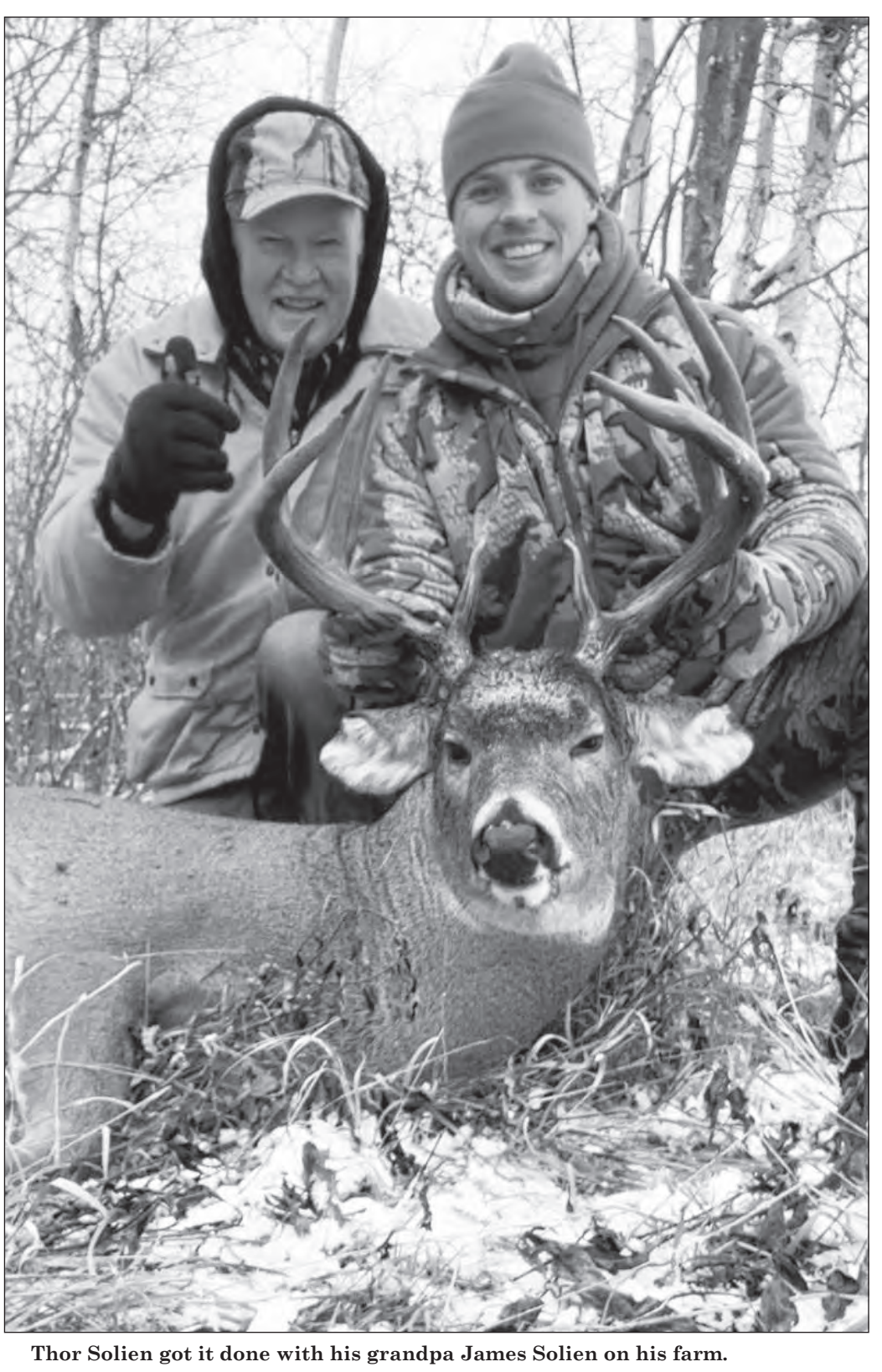
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