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Tri County Canary

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Hallock farmer earns national recognition

Theresia Gillie couldn't believe the good news when she received a call from the president of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) in late 2023.

"It came out of the blue," Gillie recalled.

President Bob Worth wasn't ringing to bend Gillie's ear about the latest policy news from St. Paul, or to talk about the weather in Gillie's hometown of Hallock. Instead, Worth wanted to be the first to inform Gillie that she was going to be honored with the American Soybean Association's (ASA) prestigious Outstanding State Volunteer Award.

"It's such an honor," Gillie said prior to the event in Houston at Commodity Classic. "I look around this room and see so many volunteers who are just as passionate and deserving of this award."

The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes the dedication and exemplary contributions of volunteers with at least three years of volunteer service in any area of their state association's operation. Gillie certainly qualified. The Kittson County farmer is a longtime member and former president of MSGA, serving more than 15 years as director. She has also participated in numerous fundraising events for the organization and became one of MSGA's most successful membership recruiters.

"It was such a thrill to share this wonderful news with Theresia," said Worth, who won the same award in 2022. "It's a big deal to be recognized by your peers at the national level, and very humbling."

Gillie, who retired from MSGA in 2023, is well versed in policy issues that affect soybean producers and the industry. She has led visits with legislators in St. Paul, Minnesota and Washington, D.C., in addition to participating in numerous Capitol Hill visits. In 2016, she was elected MSGA president.

"I truly believe MSGA is one of the best ag organizations around," said Gillie, who still serves as a director on her county board. "We have evolved so much over the years."



Josh Gackle (left), a North Dakota farmer and president of the American Soybean Association, presents Theresia Gillie with ASA's Outstanding Volunteer Award at Commodity Classic in Houston, Texas

Gillie has served as a strong voice in advocating on issues important to soybean farmers, such as farm policy, biofuels, transportation and infrastructure, crop protection and trade. She is not only a staunch policy advocate but also encourages her fellow farmers to engage in advocacy to achieve policy successes. She is also a Kittson County commissioner.

"As farmers, we have a lot of passion for what we do," she said, "and I love to talk on behalf of my industry. If we don't tell our story, no one's going to speak up for us."

At the state level, Gillie has advocated for protecting Minnesota's biodiesel mandate and increasing awareness of rising health care costs. She is also an important national advocate for farmer mental health after the tragic loss of her husband, Keith, by suicide in 2017.

"Minnesota Soybean protected me when I was at my weakest," she said during her remarks, "and they built me up to help me understand the value of understanding mental wellness and how we work with that in our society, especially in the ag community."

About the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

MSGA is a nonpartisan, farmer-led advocacy organization established in 1962. The organization represents the interests of Minnesota's more than 25,000 soybean farmers. MSGA's goal is to ensure profitable soybean farming by influencing favorable farm legislation, monitoring government policies and supporting research and market development activities.

Angels Among Us!

By Eric Mickelson

When I was in high school probably my favorite sport was basketball. When you think back to certain games you can remember the score or certain situations like they were yesterday. I remember playing in The North Tri County Conference. During my freshman year our team was playing in Clearbrook, against the Hornets. I can also tell you my memory of that game was a Clearbrook player who was an amazing player, Mark Bagaason. This is where things go to another level! I believe if you asked Mark about nearly any game he played in (or watched) he could give you an amazing amount of details! Why is that? Well, we all have our "thing" and Mark's "thing" is basketball. I discovered there is a good reason for that!

When Mark was 4 years old his brother, Jerry, was killed in Vietnam. Unfortunately, being only 4 years old, Mark had little or no real memories of his brother. But, his mother had many articles and newspaper clippings-a scrapbook-of things about Mark's brother and some of his basketball accomplishments. When Mark got older he would pour over these stories of his brother and basketball. Consequently this gave Mark a drive to succeed in basketball. When he was in 8th grade his mother gave him a scrapbook of these articles with the last pages empty. Her message to her son was now it is up to you to fill the rest of the pages of this scrapbook of Bagaason basketball! This really sealed the deal, and not to jump ahead of myself, YES, Mark really did finish the pages of this scrapbook in a grand style!

In that scrapbook Jerry's "Bagaason" record of 33 points in one game was sort of the "mark" to beat! After games Mark's family would sit down and talk about the game and talk about the Hornets, family accomplishments, and upcoming games. Mark had a very successful junior year but did not surpass his brother's 33 point family record. Mark's senior year was another story! He had several games where he scored in the 30s with a high mark of 43 points against the McIntosh Scots! Thanks to hard work and inspiration from a brother he didn't get the chance to know Mark's high school career was one that would be remembered by many!

Basketball did not stop there. Mark continued having another successful basketball run playing for 2 years with the University of Minnesota Crookston Trojans. In 1983 he was named UMC male athlete of the year and in 2002, Mark was inducted into the UMC Hall of Fame. When asked about Mark, his former coach Gary Senske said, "When Mark stepped on the floor he was ready to play at both ends of the court!" After this Mark was able to get a scholarship to play for the Jamestown Jimmies! North Dakota and South Dakota colleges had agreed to be a test market for the 3 point line, a new thing! This suited Mark's style of basketball well and he worked even more on his ability to shoot the three.



Leading scorer in the area Mark Bagaason for the Hornets drives in for a jump shot as Clearbrook-Leonard met the Gonvick Trail Bulldogs Mark Erie defends for the Bulldogs.

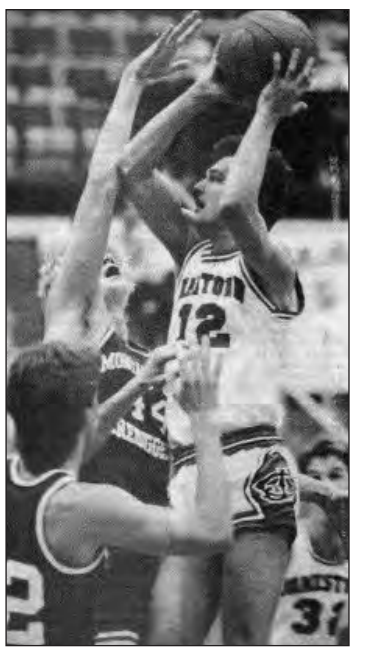


Jamestown's Mark Bagaason gets an elbow from Mayville's Linden Hochstetler as he attempts a drive during Monday night's NDCAC game at the Civic Center . Mayville won 70-62 to claim a share of the leagues title.

The coach of the Jimmies at this time was Arthur "Jay" Pivec. He coached at Jamestown and later the University of Northern Montana. After that he spent time at Minneapolis Community College and eventually was a scout for the professional team, the San Antonio Spurs. I had a chance to talk to coach Pivec. Coach Pivec is writing a book and was doing a little research. He realized some things were missing from the Jamestown basketball history books, such as not having Jamestown's 1984 Conference Championship listed. In the process he was in contact with his former player, Mark Bagaason. In their conversation about some lost history of the Jimmies team it was realized Mark's single season three point percentage record was also unlisted. Coach Pivec firmly believed a person should be acknowledged for their accomplishments and was able to verify the fact that during Mark's junior year he was able to make 54 of 98 three point shots for an amazing 55.1%, a single season Jamestown record. With the help of Coach Pivec the statistics for that season were found and Mark was given credit for this amazing accomplishment, 39 years later!

In talking to Coach Pivec I learned a bit of history of that time period in college basketball. With the new 3-pt line. Coaches and players had learning to do. Pivec said after about half of the season went by he realized what to do. He told Mark, "Let it fly!" That is just what Mark did and the rest I guess you could say is history! In coach Pivec's words, "Mark was a prolific player!"

Over the years Mark has coached basketball for girls and boys programs in the area as well as being assistant women's basketball coach at Bemidji State University as well as head women's golf coach from 2011-2015. He has spent 38 years in the classroom and touched the lives of many students. But as you can see his reputation precedes him. He has spent countless hours at basketball camps as well as working with many individuals to improve their skills. His classroom is full of banners of past players and students who have achieved success in the game of basketball. The banners are sort of a thank you to Mark for his dedication and leadership to many others who played basketball in the area and even the whole state of Minnesota. Maybe beyond that the banners are a thank you to not only Mark but also brother Jerry for his service to our country and inspiration to his little brother!



Jamestown's Mark Bagaason goes over Montana Tech's Ron Actkinson in Monday night's triple overtime game at the Civic Center. Tech won 81-79.

Spring burning restrictions began in Minnesota March 15

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is restricting the open burning of vegetative debris due to increased wildfire risk resulting from unusually warm temperatures and exceptionally dry conditions across most of Minnesota.

Beginning Monday, March 18, the restrictions apply in the following counties:

Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Mahnomen, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pine, Polk, Pope, Ramsey, Red Lake, Sherburne, St. Louis County (southern half), Stearns, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Washington, Wilkin, and Wright.

The DNR will not issue permits for open burning of brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

Wildfire risk increases each year after the snow melts and before vegetation greens up. "This year, we've seen an early start to our wildfire season due to exceptionally warm winter temperatures and less than half the average snowfall across much of the state," said Karen Harrison, DNR wildfire prevention specialist. "Spring burning restrictions help reduce the number of wildfires, especially those caused by debris burning."

Harrison encourages residents to use alternatives to burning to dispose of yard waste, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. For more information, visit the composting for woodland owners page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildfire/prevention/debris-composting.html).

People cause over 90% of wildfires in Minnesota. Due to the high wildfire potential this spring, people should be careful with anything that can cause a spark, especially on dry, windy days. If a fire rekindles or escapes, the person who set it is liable for any damage caused, as well as for wildfire suppression costs.

Burning restrictions will be adjusted as conditions change. For more information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions).

New NELL schedule for Spring 2024

The Spring 2024 Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) schedule has been finalized. There are updates to from the previous schedule released. Please use THIS schedule of programs, dates and time. We hope that you find the Spring NELL programs diverse and exciting. Our lineup has everything from touring other countries, to hands-on programs and tastings, to historic and immersive experiences.

Leading up to each individual program, detailed information about the program will be sent to the media outlets commonly used by the NELL program. Like up on Facebook @ Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning, to stay up to date. Last minute changes, updates, and/or cancellations will be posted on media sites as time allows.

Programs are on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, door opening at 9:00am on April 3, 2024(unless otherwise noted**).There is no charge to attend NELL programs, and is open to all ages. Refreshments will be served at each program(free-will).

April 3rd, "Phone Scams" w/ Adam Gunderson: Chief of Police -Bagley, Bagley Public Library(Bagley).

April 10th, "Soil 102: Waking Up the Garden" w/Connie Nunemaker. Gonvick Community Center(Gonvick).

April 17th, "A Refugee's Journey from Czechoslovakia to the USA: Part I", w/ Fay Dickey, Our Savior Lutheran @ Ebro Corner(Bagley).

April 24th, "Quilling it W/ Nikki" The Art of Paper Quilling" w/Nikki Besser, The Embassy Center(Fosston).

May 1st, "Name That Town: Journey through Minnesota" w/ Doug Ohman. The Fosston Library & Arts Center (Fosston). (In collaboration with Lake Agassiz Regional Library-made possible in part by the Minnesota Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.)

May 8th, "A Journey Through the UK" w/ Beth Baker. Good Shepherd Lutheran(Clearbrook).

May 15th, "The United States Flag: Origins, Evolution, and Symbolism" w/ David Jones. McIntosh Community Center (McIntosh).

May 22nd, "You Too Can BBQ Like a Pro: Part II" w/ Brian and Cathy Brandt. The American Legion, Irvin Blix, Post 16 (Bagley) (Show/Tell/ and Tasting).

May 29th, "A Whole World of Food Here in Minnesota"w/ Amy Rea. Faith Lutheran Church (Bagley).

****June 8th,** "D-Day: June 6th, 1944 - Operation Overlord" a special 80th anniversary of WWII w/Arn Kind, on SATURDAY @ The American Legion, Irvin Blix, Post 16, Bagley. **Saturday 11:00 AM-1:00pm (In collaboration with Lake Agassiz Regional Library, and made possible by the Minnesota Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund). Please note Date, DAY & start time.

For additional information or questions feel free to email us at BagleyNELL@outlook.com or call 218-401-1651. NELL address PO Box 585, Bagley, MN 56621

The Basics of Estate Planning

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Ventures, Fosston, MN. Cost $10.

Speaker - Stephanie Harbott, Attorney, with Harbott, Knutson, Larson & Holten. Topics Discussed will Include: Wills & trusts. Probate & trust administration, Powers of attorney. Healthcare directives. Retirement planning, Charitable giving, Business succession planning, Estate & probate litigation.

13th District Horticulture Society

The Spring into Summer Workshop was held at the Wannaska Community Center on March 9th, 2024.

After morning coffee, visiting, and the president's meeting, Co-Presidents Valerie Brekke and Val Nelson welcomed everyone. There was a roll call of Clubs and a short business meeting.

Members were encouraged to sign up for Entry Numbers for the Horticulture Flower Show which will be at Goodridge on August 10th. The theme will be "Season of the Moon."

Other upcoming events announced were: April 22nd – Earth Day at Roseau; June 22nd - Wildflower Tour at Williams; October – Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting in Wannaska.

After the Country Store, Theresa Helgesson gave a presentation on "The Birds and the Bees".

Nature Garden Club served the morning coffee and a delicious noon lunch.

Numbers were drawn for Door Prizes.

From: Genevieve Michal, Publicity Chairperson

Foundation offering training and education grants for nonprofits

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is now accepting grant applications to support nonprofits in building organizational capacity.

The NMF Training and Education Fund was established in 2004 to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations and leaders in Northwest Minnesota, with preference given to efforts that build the leadership knowledge, skills, and capacity.

The grants are open on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are spent. The maximum grant award is $2,500.

Eligible expenses may include staff and board training; travel and conferences; consultant hiring; strategic planning; leadership training; diversity, equity and inclusion training; organizational or systems audits or other efforts that help make nonprofits more efficient and viable for the long term.

Eligible applicants are nonprofits, public agencies, and tribal organizations in the NMF service area, which include Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation and the 12 counties of (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake Falls, Roseau).

To apply, submit a letter of interest at https://form.jotform.com/240566812579163 or visit the Grants page at www.nwmf.org

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK ISD 2311 IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A
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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS IS 2:00 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2024
Independent School District No. 2311 is using the written quotation and direct negotiation process established by Minnesota Statutes 2023, Section 123B.52, Subds. 1 and 3 for the procurement of this contract and disclaims usage of any other contract procurement options such as sealed bids allowed under applicable law. R1-2C

ANTIQUES
By John Eggers



"Is this worth anything?"

"I used to have one of those old toy tin barns. Remember? When we cleaned our attic, we hauled it to the dump with some other stuff. I wonder how much it was worth?"

As antique dealers, Kathy and I have heard this sad refrain many times during the 50 years we have been in the antique buying and selling business. People often came into one of our former shops in Colorado, Iowa, or Minnesota and said, "I sold that old iron bank for a quarter at our garage sale, and look what you have on it."

"How much is this worth? What can you tell me about this?" These are the questions we will discuss in future columns.

This Happy Time tin barn made by Marx Toys from the 1950s is in excellent condition and is worth about $75. We appraise antiques in four areas: condition, scarcity, demand, and uniqueness. We award a maximum of five points for each of the four areas. This toy barn's condition would rate a 5; scarcity about a 3 because they are still easy to find; demand about a 2; and uniqueness about a 3. We have a total score of 13, meaning it has some value but not a lot.

Notice that "age" is not one of the criteria. An item can be 100 years old and have little value (e.g., a book or dish). A vintage item (less than 100 years) might be 50 years old but has a value of hundreds of dollars (e.g., a baseball card or fishing lure). So, Is it worth anything? That depends.

John Eggers, envision@paulbunyan.net, 218-766-9009.

Following Klobuchar and Fischer Call for Action, the IRS Clarifies the Tax Status of Lead Water Pipe Replacement Grants

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Deb Fischer (R-NE) released the statements below after the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued guidance that property owners will not owe taxes for lead service line replacement projects, including those funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The clarification was made after Klobuchar and Fischer led a letter calling on the IRS to clarify the tax status of the grants so property owners could move forward with their replacement projects.

"Our country has an estimated 9.2 million service lines leaching lead into drinking water, which is putting Americans' health at risk," said Klobuchar. "Following Senator Fischer and my calls to the IRS, the agency is issuing new guidance so that state and local governments can begin to work with residents to remove these dangerous lead service lines across the country."

"I'm pleased that the IRS has listened to our concerns and acted swiftly. Now, state and local governments across the country can start the critical work of removing dangerous lead service lines," said Fischer.

Earlier this month, Klobuchar and Fischer led a bipartisan letter to IRS Commissioner Werfel urging the agency to make clear that property owners will not owe taxes on the cost of having their lead service lines replaced through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and other state and local programs. Many lead pipe replacements have been on hold due to concerns that the IRS could treat lead pipe replacement grants as income, potentially creating significant tax liabilities for property owners.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed into law in 2021 and delivered a 50 percent increase in the amount of available funding for grants and resources for improving the state's roads, bridges, public transportation, and water infrastructure.

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College News

Local students selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

The following students have been named to the 2023 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

HOMETOWN, STATE; NAME, CLASS YEAR, COLLEGE

Clearbrook, - Julianne Lavin, Sophomore, College of Design

Gonvick, - Danae Stenzel, Senior, School of Nursing

Leonard, - Olivia Estey, Senior, College of Liberal Arts

South Dakota State announces 2023 graduation list

BROOKINGS, S.D. The following students graduated after the summer and fall 2023 semesters at South Dakota State University. Nearly 1,000 students completed all requirements for a degree and/or certificate program, and those requirements have been verified by the appropriate college.

Overall, students from 36 states and 25 nations graduated following the summer and fall 2023 semesters.

Nearly 40 students received two or more degrees or certificates from a college.

Hunter Ray Ehlers of Leonard, Minnesota, (56652) graduated with a Bachelor of Science in SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences.

Shannon Lee McBride of Shevlin, Minnesota, (56676) graduated with a Master of Science in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH NUGGETS
(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

March is Save your vision Month

Have a comprehensive eye exam.

You might think your vision is fine or that your eyes are healthy, but visiting your eye care professional for a comprehensive dilated eye exam is the only way to really be sure. When it comes to common vision problems, some people don't realize they could see better with glasses or contact lenses. In addition, many common eye diseases, such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and age-related macular degeneration, often have no warning signs. A dilated eye exam is the only way to detect these diseases in their early stages.

Maintain your blood sugar levels.

90% of blindness caused by diabetes is preventable. Ask your health care team to help you set and reach goals to manage your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol—also known as the ABCs of diabetes.

•A1c: The goal set for many people is less than 7% for this blood test, but your doctor might set different goals for you.

•Blood pressure: High blood pressure causes heart disease. The goal is less than 140/90 mmHg for most people, but your doctor might set different goals for you.

•Cholesterol: LDL or "bad" cholesterol builds up and clogs your blood vessels. HDL or "good" cholesterol helps remove the "bad" cholesterol from your blood vessels. Ask what your cholesterol numbers should be.

Give your eyes a rest.

If you spend a lot of time at the computer or focusing on any one thing, you sometimes forget to blink and your eyes can get fatigued. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds. This short exercise can help reduce eyestrain.

Be cool and wear your shades.

Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job is to protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation.

Clean your hands and your contact lenses, properly.

To avoid the risk of infection, always wash your hands thoroughly before putting in or taking out your contact lenses. Make sure to disinfect contact lenses as instructed and replace them as appropriate

Practice workplace eye safety.

Employers are required to provide a safe work environment. When protective eyewear is required as a part of your job, make a habit of wearing the appropriate type at all times, and encourage your coworkers to do the same.

Eat right to protect your sight.

You've heard that carrots are good for your eyes. But eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables—particularly dark leafy greens, such as spinach, kale, or collard greens—is important for keeping your eyes healthy, too. Research has also shown there are eye health benefits from eating fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, tuna, and halibut.

Submitted by: North Country Community Health Services (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Public Health)

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Campground Attendant position open for applicants. Good customer service skills, experience in operating and balancing cash registers and computer skills. Some cleaning and outside work included with position.

Contact Kim, Clearwater County Land Department, 213 Main Ave N., Bagley, MN 56621. (218-694-6227) Application form available at www.co.clearwater.mn.us

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Clearwater County Department of Human Services

Clearwater County Department of Human Service is looking to fill 2 full time (40 hours per week) positions with skilled, caring, and empathetic team players whose talents will contribute to and promote the mission, vision, and values of the agency. Clearwater County DHS offers a comprehensive benefit package.

• **Agency Social Worker:** This position will work with the aging and disabled populations to assess needs and arrange services so individuals can remain safely in their home and community. The pay scale for this position is $27.36-$35.83 per hour.

Go to http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. 3/29/2024.

• **Accounting Technician:** This position will complete general accounting duties such as making payments and performing recovery and collection tasks. The pay scale for this position is $17.83-$23.34 per hour.

Go to http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem to review the qualification requirements, position description, to apply and take the required test. The application must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. 4/1/2024. The test must be complete by 4:30 P.M. 4/5/2024

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COACHING POSITIONS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School has the following Coaching Positions available:

Assistant Track Coach for the upcoming 2023-2024 season beginning on March 18th. Requirements of the position include being present for all practices and track meets, teaching the fundamentals of running, and being a positive role model for our athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Junior High Baseball Coach for the upcoming 2023-2024 season beginning on March 18th. Requirements of the position include being present for all practices and games, teaching the fundamentals of baseball to junior high athletes, and being a positive role model. Must be able to pass a background check.

Head Coach Varsity Volleyball for the 2024-2025 season beginning fall of 2024. Requirements of the position include being present for all games and practices, have a strong background in coaching and/or playing volleyball, and being a positive role model to athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:
Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
Email: mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Nurse Practitioner – Public Health:
$40.18 - $50.90/hr. Position
Closes on March 20, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Clerk Typist Cashier IV:
$20.36 - $25.79/hr. Position
Closes March 27, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Assistant County Attorney I:
$40.18 – $50.90/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Custodian I:
$19.20 – $24.33/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Deputy Sheriff Patrol I - II:
$30.03 – $40.32/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Environmental Technician – Environmental Services:
$25.69 - $32.55/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:
$19.99 - $24.33/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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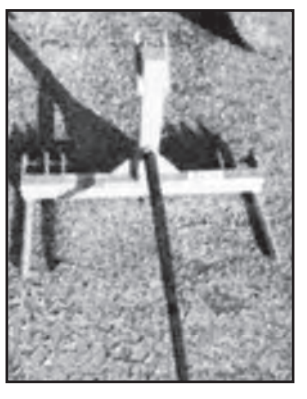










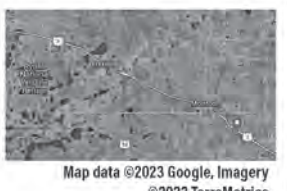


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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

With highs near 50 and the sun in the sky, it can be hard to believe it is March in Minnesota. If you're not a fan of Minnesota winters, the higher temps and lack of snow this winter is appealing. You might even think that the lack of snow has made our roads safer.

Unfortunately, the effect on traffic safety is not always what people think. We're seeing an alarming spike in traffic fatalities so far this year. The nicer weather and drier roads have led to some dangerous driving behaviors, according to our Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

"Because we've had such a lightweight winter, so to speak, we're seeing those summertime driving patterns continue," OTS Director Mike Hanson said. "And that means higher speed. And that means more energy in a collision. And that's resulting in more deaths on our roads."

Traffic fatalities are significantly higher than last year at this time. As of March 15, preliminary numbers show 62 traffic fatalities this year compared to 39 at this time last year.

Each of those deaths represent families who will never see their loved ones again, like the parents of an 8-year-old boy who was killed after the vehicle he was in was t-boned in Sherburne County earlier this winter.

In the warmer months, we typically see a higher number of traffic deaths due to factors such as clear roads, sunny skies and people feeling more inclined to speed. In the colder months, we typically see more traffic crashes, but they're not as severe because road conditions are less ideal, and people are slowing down.

There are four main factors that increase the risk for fatalities: speed, impaired driving, distracted driving and driving without a seat belt.

"We need to really pay attention to that speed. That is the one factor that makes every other mistake or bad decision worse," Hanson said. "It takes away time and it takes away distance you would have otherwise had to react. You can't prevent a crash when you're going too fast."

Going back to 2018 and looking at the latest breakdown of stats through March 3, this year is the highest number of traffic fatalities that we've experienced on Minnesota roads. Fifty-five people lost their lives in traffic crashes through March 3 this year. The next highest was 49 fatalities in 2021 at this time.

No matter what the season and conditions, Minnesotans can help keep everyone safe on the road by making the right choices and driving smart:

- Buckle up.
- Watch your speed and drive to conditions.
- Always plan a safe and sober ride if you're relaxing with alcohol or cannabis products. Driving high is a DWI.
- Pay attention behind the wheel. Put the phone away or go hands-free, it's the law. Minimize other distractions.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Tenderly Entrusting

I watched as the little girl a few pews ahead rested in her mother's arms. Neither one seemed to be clinging too tightly. Rather, she rested gently upon her mama's shoulder. As we all know, one day we must let go as mamas whether it's our little girls or our little boys. We will one day entrust them over to others who will care for them and they, in turn, will do likewise. And let me say—it's hard.

It's hard because we wonder: Who will hold the ones we raised as tenderly as we have? Who will care for the little one, once grown, and continue to foster their heart? Who will be there when the tough times come—and when those tough times come—will this person of their choosing be there to see them through?

What does a mama do in such a time as this when the letting go is difficult? This is what a mama does. Mamas PRAY attention to the details as we grow in this process of letting go. It's hard, you know—trusting others with our own. I suppose the mamas of the ones we eventually release our own to also feel the tug of tenderness and wonder if theirs will be cared for in return. No doubt the other mama wonders as much as we do—how it will all go down, or up, or in-between.

As I watched the little girl with her mama's arms wrapped round her, I noticed several grown college students nearby. They were young men who had shown up at this particular church service—with their buddies. Tough and gruff they looked as the unkempt hair and disheveled relaxed style of dress were evidence that they now lived on their own. No mama to set out their wardrobes or to yank an ear or two in order to cajole them into going to church. No—these four young men showed up all on their own.

As I studied the mama just ahead of me, I suddenly could envision this process of letting go. It came to me in one fell swoop that the truth of it is—we never truly have to let go. No—we do not. We do not let go, but what we do instead is hand them from our hands to His hands as He continues to hold the very one He created. We hand them over in trust because He is the One who can love and protect as only a Father can. Why? Because He is our Father…and her Father, and his Father and their Father and each one of our own whom He entrusted to us for a season.

Deep down we want to protect our own from all harm in this world as the harsh winds blow. That desire would be natural. But remember the boys in the boat when He calmed the storm in Matt. 8:23-27 and again in Mark 4:35-41? Another time Peter stepped out of the boat and when he got in his own way with his own thoughts—Jesus pulled him on up to eye level in Mark 6:47-53? So why do we doubt? Why are we afraid? Why is handing them over to His care often times still so difficult?

It's difficult because we do not trust because we are not God, and He not only knew it but knows it all too well. Just because we forget how this all works this side of the veil doesn't mean He does. He is God and we are not and thus He came because He knew we were weak.

And what did He say we should do when we are weak?

1. Step up to the plate and give it all we've got.

2. Try harder.

3. Or was it He who said, "When you are weak, I am strong."

And if you picked #3, you would be correct, except He worded it much better in His Word.

2 Corin. 12:9 says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Moving on to verse 12:10 it gets even better. "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities' for when I am weak, then I am strong." (Meaning—when I am weak, I'm actually strong because He in us makes us strong.)

That's what Paul taught as he caught the eye of our Savior when he was walking on the road to Damascus one day. As he was filled to full with weaknesses of flesh, mind, body and soul—the Lord got hold of him and pulled him right on into ministry. God held.

So what is this all about? It's about a God who not only can, but does hold fast. It's about a God who will never ever let go of us or the little ones we hold in our heart. You see, He's not asking us to let go of those we love, but rather to hand them on over so He may hold. He asks us to entrust Him to the strength of a Father as He guides and protects them on the rest of their journey for the rest of their lives. Amen.

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Early Tractors and the Fordson

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Early gasoline tractors often mimicked the early steam tractors. Some of the first early machines were large and cumbersome. These large tractors served the jobs of plowing large open areas on the prairie and threshing. Charles Hart and Charles Parr set up a business in Charles City, Iowa, in 1900, originally selling a two-cylinder gasoline engine they developed. In 1903 the company built 15 self-propelled traction engines. As part of their advertising campaign, their sales manager invented a new word to describe their product, the tractor! Yes, a tractor! Smaller farms needed something lighter and more maneuverable to work smaller fields and care for row crops.

One of the first real successful tractors was the "Bull" Tractor, in 1913. It was three wheeled design and was probably underpowered but it sold well and proved there was a market for the smaller tractors. At this time International Harvester was a leader in the lighter tractor market. With the success of the Bull tractor International Harvestor's tractor sales fell by 76%! By 1918 manufacturing problems arose and that was the end of the Bull Tractor.

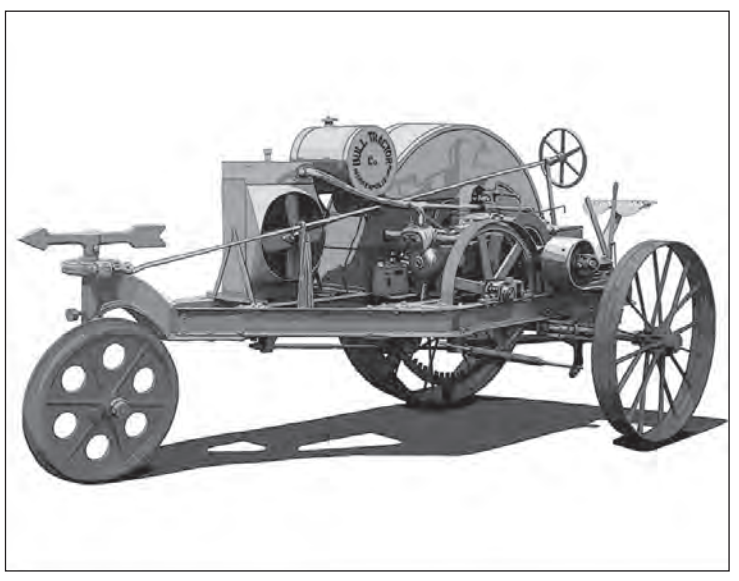
By 1916 there were about 124 companies producing 30,000 per year. Few of the companies had the capital to do the research and development to get ahead of the tractor market. Most of them fell by the wayside.

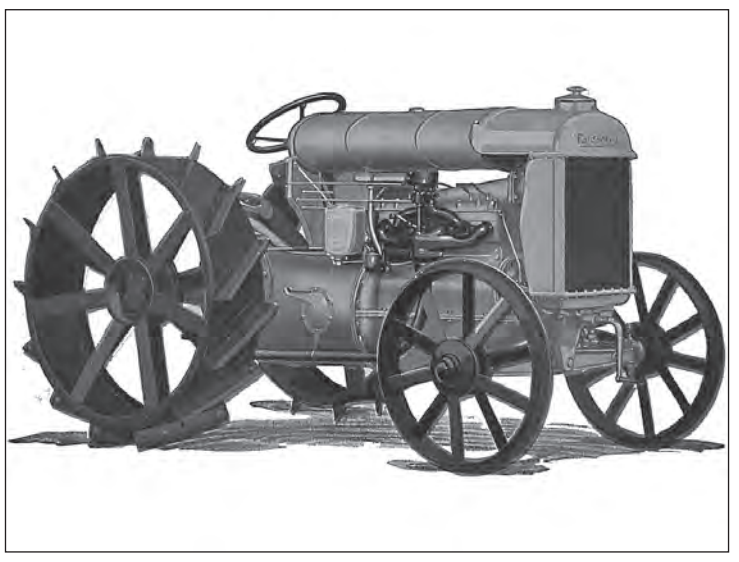
One company, thanks to the company president Henry Ford, worked hard on developing a tractor. Henry Ford really wanted to get into the tractor market. In 1917, Henry Ford put his Fordson on the market. The 4 wheeled tractor was an immediate success. The board of directors wanted Henry to concentrate on automobiles so Henry started his own company, Ford and Son, to handle the tractor works! Some people were critical of the tractor and it did have flaws but it caught on primarily because it was built by Henry Ford!

Ford wanted to tinker and improve on his tractor design but World War I put a damper on that. Henry Ford was an outspoken pacifist and his company had refused to build war materials for any country! But, with the United States entering the war Ford Motor Company built tanks, trucks, and munitions for the war effort. With many men off at war the British government was in need of tractors. The British Ministry of Munitions ordered 6000 Fordson tractors in 1917.

The Fordson was 40% cheaper than plowing with horses. The Fordson sold for $795, above Henry Ford's goal for supplying a "cheap" tractor.

The Fordson in 1918 opened up the sales of his tractor to the American farmers and sales exceeded what was expected. America was ready for a lightweight dependable tractor. Over 50,000 tractors were delivered by June of 1918 worldwide with over 80,000 sold in the first 2 years. Fordson outsells International Harvester who up to that time had led the tractor market.





Fordson did have a few disadvantages. It did not come equipped with a PTO to drive implements. Also following WWI there was a depressed market as there was no longer such a large need for many agricultural products. It was also built low to the ground making unable to cultivate row crops and cotton.

In 1923, John Deere came out with it's model D tractor. Although it was not a row-crop tractor sales were good and it proved to be a good tractor for Deere and company. The model D was produced from 1923-1953! At about the same time International Harvester's Farmall Regular also came out. The Farmall tractor became the first successful mass-produced row crop tractor.

The tractor changed the way farmers worked and helped modernized American agriculture. By 1925 Fordson sales began to slip! In 1923 Fordson secured 74% of the tractor market. By 1925 that number fell considerably. The performance of the Farmall won over farmers. The Farmall eventually ended the production of the International Harvester's own 10-20. Production of the 10-20 ended in 1928.

Henry Ford did not want to change the Fordson or the Model T car either. Although Fordson was still selling tractors they were no longer the leader in the market. Farmall surpassed them. Henry Ford moved the Fordson works to Ireland and the last Fordson rolled of the assembly line in 1933.

In 1929, only 33 of what was once hundreds of tractor manufacturers remained in the United States. Deere and International Harvester stood on top of the tractor market and continued to battle it out for 50 plus more years. And don't forget horses! Horse power measured by horses did not get surpassed by tractor horsepower until 1945!

John Deere ended up to be basically the only company to survive, by itself, the tractor manufacturer wars into the 21st century!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The Bull Tractor was made in _____?
A) Dearborn, MI B) Minneapolis, MN C) Racine, WI D) Rock Island, IL

2. The first Bull Tractor, called the Little Bull had a twin cylinder engine that produced _____hp.
A) 10hp B) 12hp C) 14hp D) 16hp

3. The second Bull Tractor, called the _____produced 15hp.

4. The original Fordson tractor was made from 1917-_____ in the US.

5. T or F: The name Fordson came from Henry Ford and his son Edsel.

Answers: 1. B. Minneapolis 2. B. 12hp 3. Big Bull 4. 1928 5. True

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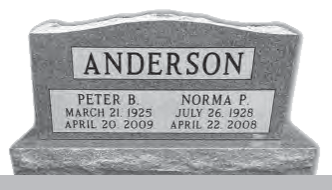
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Obituary for Roger Smith

Roger Smith, 83, of Grygla, MN passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Thief River Care Center in Thief River Falls MN.

Visitation was held at 1:00 PM with the service to celebrate Roger's life at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls with Rev. Amber Arlien officiating. Burial will follow at St. Olaf Cemetery in Grygla.

Roger Arden Smith was born April 19, 1940 on the family farm in Benville Township, Beltrami County, MN one of fourteen children born to Thomas Reed and Hazel (Pappa) Smith. He was baptized on December 12, 2023 by Rev. Amber Arlien with George Rybakowski as his Godfather. He attended grades 1-6 at the Sandsmark Country School, through the 8th grade at Grygla School and graduated from Goodridge High School with the class of 1958.

Following school, Roger worked for various farmers and did some road construction for Holthusen Construction. Roger served honorably with the Minnesota Army National Guard. Roger also worked in the Northwest Angle and Beltrami Forest for various contractors doing logging work.

In 1969, Roger was united in marriage to Barbara Nomeland and to this union two sons were born, Wes and Clarence.

In the early 1970's Roger purchased a farm next to where he was born and raised. He raised small grains, pigs, and a very large garden. From his garden, Roger shared his produce with many of his neighbors and friends.

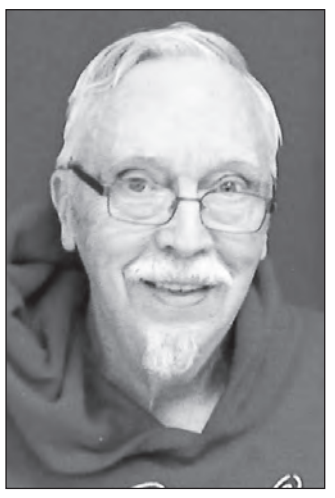
He loved going for Ranger rides with his dog, Pepper and his grand dog, Remy. He always enjoyed hunting, fishing, morel mushroom picking, "ladies aid" at the Grain Bin every morning and winters in Arizona. He had a knack for fixing a tractor for $.20. Roger had a wonderful sense of humor, his eyes would sparkle all of the time, memory like a steel trap, and he had an opinion "advice."

He was a member of the Grygla VFW and American Legion Posts.

Survivors include his sons, Wes (Shawn Thydean) Smith and Clarence Smith all of Grygla, MN; four grandchildren, Andrew (Kayla) Landin, Dustin Smith, Kelsey Smith and Jeremiah (Becca & daughter Gracie) Smith; great-grandchildren, Jackson Hammer, Madison & Mia Landin; siblings, Ida Stanley, Eleanor Carlson, Duane (Bettye) Smith, Dean Smith, Ralph (Pam) Smith, Kaye Wilkens, and Donna Smith; sister-in-law, Irene Smith; faithful companions, Pepper & Remi; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandson, Daniel Hammer; parents, Thomas and Hazel; siblings, Bernice (Selmer) Askeland, William Smith, Helen (Cletus) Rein, Ronald Smith, Marlene Pat Schramske and an infant brother; brothers-in-law, Arnold Stanley, Kenneth Carlson, and Dale "Shorty" Wilkens.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for L. Dennis Sundberg

L. Dennis Sundberg, 87, of Grygla, MN, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Oakland Park Communities, Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM with a celebration of Dennis's life at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Johnson Funeral Service, 420 LaBree Avenue North, Thief River Falls, MN with Rev. Marilyn Grafstrom officiating. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post 117, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2793 and Minnesota Army National Guard Honor Guard. Burial will be at the Wildwood Cemetery in Spruce Grove Township, east of Grygla, MN.

Leland Dennis Sundberg was born January 26, 1936, at home in Spruce Grove Township, Grygla, MN the son of the late Roland and Lillian (Anderson) Sundberg. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in rural Grygla.

He attended Beltrami County Elementary School and graduated from Goodridge High School in 1954. He attended college at Bemidji State University, University of North Dakota and Moorhead State University. He attained several Bachelor's Degrees in Science/Philosophy/Social Work, and a Master's Degree in 1971. He taught school in Red Lake Falls MN, Bagley MN, Bottineau ND, and Erskine MN. He taught for 30 plus years.

Dennis was inducted into the US Army in October 1958 and was honorably discharged in December 1958.

He retired in Grygla and was involved in many community events. For many years he was a coordinator for the Grygla-Gatzke Food Shelf. He was a volunteer for Marshall County Social Services, a treasurer for the Grygla Senior Meals and did parttime tax preparation. He enjoyed helping with Sunday School and prayer services and studying the Bible.

He loved buying and selling antiques and collectibles and traveling. He visited many countries around the world and loved to go to music concerts. He would often get signed autographs from many famous entertainers.

He moved from Grygla to his new home at Oakland Park Communities in 2017 where he received wonderful care and much kindness. He felt at home there and the staff made him feel like they were family.

Dennis is survived by many cousins and friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, infant twin sisters,many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Donald Hanson

Donald Hanson, age 85, of Shoreview, MN, and Winger, MN, died on Sunday, March 10, 2024, in Casa Grande, AZ. Don was a St. Paul, MN, Police Officer, retiring in 1996 after 32 years of service.

Donald Howard was born in Fosston, MN, to Hjalmar and Myrtle (Wold) Hanson on January 5, 1939. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Don attended Gossen Country School through 8th grade and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1956. Don served in the United States Army from 1958-1960, spending 18 months in Germany. After his honorable discharge, Donald was united in marriage to Sarajane Grindeland in 1961.

Don was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed spending time at the cabin on Upper Red Lake, their farm in rural Winger and spending the last 28 winters at their home in Florence, AZ.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Sarajane; his children: Connie Mowry, Steven Hanson and Brian Hanson; two grandchildren, Kevin and Rebecca; two great-grandchildren, Melody and Zoey; a sister, Burnell Hanson; brother, Paul Hanson and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gerald (Valerie) Hanson; mother-in-law, Ann Grindeland; sister-in-law, Irene (Joel) Vesledahl; and niece, Jeanne Vesledahl.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, MN. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial with Military Honors will take place at Lima Cemetery, rural Winger.

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



Obituary for Arthur Lanman

Arthur Melvin Lanman of Bloomington, MN passed away on March 11, 2024. He is survived by his daughters Catherine Lanman and Jacalyn Wells, his son Charles Lanman (Michelle), his sister Doris Winters, his 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Kathleen, parents Verney and Edith Lanman, his son Ronald Lanman, his brother Revere Lanman, and grandson Benjamin Lanman.

Arthur was born December 28, 1928. He grew up and went to grade school in Gully, MN and graduated from Fosston High School in 1946. Arthur's journey of service began at sixteen years old in the summer of 1944, as he answered the call of duty during a crucial period in history. Arthur began working at the shipyard at Swan Island in Portland, Oregon, demonstrating his work ethic and dedication.

In June 1946, at the age of 18, Arthur enlisted in the United States Navy, eager to serve his country. He was assigned to the USS St. Paul, where he served with distinction in the China and Japan area. Arthur's role as a helmsman and a battle station rammerman in #2 turret showcased his courage and commitment to duty during this critical post-World War II period. Arthur's service extended beyond his assigned duties; he drove a jeep while in port in China and was recognized for his contributions with the World War II Victory Medal. As a proud member of the American Legion, Arthur honored his fellow veterans and supported their causes with unwavering dedication.

Arthur graduated from Dunwoody Institute in 1950, setting the stage for a successful and fulfilling career. Throughout his professional life, Arthur displayed exemplary dedication and expertise, becoming a respected member of the Pipefitters Union 539 and achieving the distinguished honor of a 50-year certificate membership in the Refrigeration Service Engineer's Society. Arthur was deeply involved in the refrigeration community, dedicating his time and energy to various organizations and causes. After retirement, he enjoyed participating in the Fazed Out Fitters and serving as Secretary for the organization for several years. He served as a member of the Minneapolis Examining Board for Refrigeration for a decade, contributing his expertise to uphold standards of excellence in his field.

In 1952, Arthur married the love of his life, Kathleen McSorley. Arthur and Kathleen shared a passion for travel, exploring the world together before and after retirement. Summers were spent boating with family and friends, playing bocce ball, and taking care of the family home and yard. Arthur and Kathleen particularly enjoyed wintering in the southwest, where they did plenty of hiking and exploring.

Arthur Melvin Lanman leaves behind a legacy of commitment to his family and his profession. Arthur's celebration of life was held at Gill Brothers Funeral Home at 9947 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420 on Thursday, March 14 from 5pm to 8pm with a military service at 8:45am on Friday, March 15 at Fort Snelling Cemetery.

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Obituary for Dava Olson-Hruby

Dava Olson-Hruby, age 72, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Monday, March 11th, at Essentia Hospital in Fosston. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21st, at Bethel Assembly Church in Fosston with Pastor Seth Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Queen Cemetery, rural Fosston. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Thursday (21st) at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Dava Jean Olson was born on May 29, 1951, in Fosston, Minnesota to parents Leroy and Leony (Larson) Olson. As a young girl, she moved with her family from Callaway, Minnesota to Fosston. She graduated from Fosston High School in 1970.

Dava was united in marriage to LeRoy Hruby on August 11, 1973, at Bethel Assembly Church in Fosston. After their marriage, they made their home in Oklee, Minnesota. Dava stayed at home caring for their children and home until 1986. At that time, she got her CNA license. Later, she attended Northland Community College where she attained her degree and LPN license. She worked at McIntosh Manor and other care facilities for many years until health issues forced her to retire. Dava and LeRoy divorced but remained very good lifelong friends. Dava spent the majority of her life living in Fosston.

Dava was a member of Bethel Assembly Church and took an active role in getting not only her own children to church activities but she filled up the station wagon with others on the way. She volunteered with Brownies and was a teacher for Missionette's at Bethel. Dava really enjoyed helping others. She would give to others before thinking of herself even if it meant less for her. She will be remembered as a giving, caring person.

When she did take time for herself, she enjoyed gardening, cleaning, baking (but not cooking), and, most of all, spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved any family get-togethers. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Leoney Olson of Fosston, MN; four children, Jamie Hruby of Fosston, Julie Hruby of Fargo, ND, April Hruby (Teddy Thaden) of Dexter, MN, and Matthew Hruby of Fosston; grandchildren, Derrick Hruby, Justin Hruby, Jenna Hruby, Avery Hruby, Asiah Thaden, Mahaylia Thaden, Jasper Thaden, Tayadora Thaden, Memphis Thaden, Areanna Hruby, Maysen Hruby, and Keegan Hruby; great grandchildren, Kinsley, Ryder, Paisley, and Tyrel.

Also surviving are siblings, David (Sandra) of Gully, MN Robert of Fosston, Richard (Betty) of Denver, CO, Jeff of Fosston, Patty (John) of Ada, MN, and Holly (Chad) Thorssen of Gully, MN. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her father; and husband, LeRoy.

Governor Walz Signs School Resource Officer Bill into Law

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today signed a bipartisan bill into law that provides comprehensive guidance for school resource officers. The bill directs funding for school resource officer training, establishes clear duties for school resource officers, and requires the POST Board to develop a model policy.

"Every child deserves a world-class education and a learning environment that is safe, supportive, and healthy. As integral members of their school community, school resource officers serve students and teachers day in and day out. This bill provides comprehensive guidance and clarity, allowing school resource officers to continue to do their jobs effectively," said Governor Walz. "I'm grateful to legislators, school leaders, education advocates, youth voices, and law enforcement for working together to get this done and ensure we're keeping our kids safe."

Chapter 78, House File 3489 includes:

- Direct funding for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety School Safety Center to conduct free training for school resource officers
- Specifies duties for school resource officers focused on fostering a positive school climate
- Requires the POST Board to develop a new SRO model policy
- Provides statutory clarity for law enforcement

Cody Holte Scholarship now accepting applications

March 12, 2024 (Bemidji, MN) – The family of Cody Holte is seeking applicants for the Cody Holte Scholarship Fund, a scholarship fund hosted by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF).

Awarded scholarships will benefit students majoring in an area of law enforcement or criminal justice, who have been involved in ROTC, or who have been a high school student enlisted with the national guard or military. Applicants must be students from the following school districts: Ada-Borup-West, Bagley, Climax-Fisher, Fertile-Beltrami, Fosston, Hillsboro, Kittson Central, Mahnomen, Twin Valley-Gary, Ulen-Hitterdal, Waubun and Win-E-Mac.

The scholarship was established by the family of Cody Holte to honor his memory and assist students in the region with the same passions as Cody. He was a loving husband and family man who tragically died in service to his community as a law enforcement officer. Proceeds from an annual softball tournament in memory of Cody will go toward the scholarship fund.

The deadline to submit an application is April 15. The applications are completed online through the NMF website, www.nwmf.org by clicking on "Scholarships" on the home page.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support the Cody Holte Scholarship, please visit www.nwmf.org

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Obituary for Linda Hagen

Linda Hagen, age 71, was called home to be with the Lord on March 8, 2024.

Linda Diane Browne was born to William K. and Geraldine Mae (Newman) Browne on 24, June 1952, in Poughkeepsie, NY. She lived with her parents in Fishkill, until around the age of 4, when she and her brothers were placed in the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, after the death of their mother. While she moved around from home to home, looking for the right one, she was finally placed in the home of George B. and Mary E. "Betty" Hamilton of Hopewell Junction, NY, where she lived until adulthood. During this time, she gained a brother, James Hamilton. In 1970, Linda married George Eakett and this union produced a son, David.

Linda enlisted in the Women's Army Corp (WAC) on April 22, 1975. She served as a food service specialist in the hospital at West Point, NY, for three years ending in an honorable discharge. After which, she went on to earn her degree from the University of Toledo in Criminal Justice. Following graduation, Linda worked as a probation officer in Toledo for a couple of years, but thought it was safer to return to the Army as a tank mechanic. After a three years tour of duty in Karlsruhe, Germany, Linda reported in at Fort Campbell, KY. While there, she deployed to Egypt in support of Operation Bright Star. Fort Campbell is also where she met and married Duane Hagen, on Friday the 13th of March, 1987. While stationed there, she gave birth to Joshua, their first son together. One week after he was born, Duane was ordered to Germany, where she and the baby followed shortly thereafter. Although being assigned to the same Division they worked 60 miles apart. When living in Germany, Linda gave birth to their second son, George. A year later, Desert Storm/Shield was ramping up and while the Division deployed, she was chosen as the Noncommissioned Officer to lead the 1st Armored Divisions 2nd Brigade Rear Detachment. During Desert Storm/Shield, Linda was responsible for over 3000 families, 400 soldiers, and 20 million worth of equipment and facilities, a job which she performed flawlessly. This was by far the most challenging job of her military career. Moving back to the US, Linda found herself assigned to Fort Hood, TX, where she tirelessly trained hundreds of soldiers on common soldier tasks, safe range operations, convoy procedures, and field craft. She really loved training away from the flagpole. It is here that Linda retired on 31, August 1995. Her awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (5) Army Achievement Medal (3) Army Good Conduct Medal (5) Overseas Service Ribbon (2) Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development (3).

After retiring from the Army, Linda opened her home to daycare. She felt it was lots of fun to watch someone else's kids when they could go home at night. She really enjoyed caring for the children and they truly left an everlasting mark on her heart. Next, Linda worked for the Saint Thomas Food Program. She inspected daycare facilities in a 100-mile radius to ensure the government standard for nutritional needs were being met for the kids. Not being one to sit back and wait for things to happen, while Duane was assigned to Egypt, Linda cashed in both of their IRA's and had a restaurant built from the ground up. 2Mom's Diner was her pride and joy. It was 50's style east coast diner that made some the best breakfast, burgers, cold sandwiches and Friday night specials in the area. It was also a favorite hangout on the back patio for private parties and gatherings, where many good memories were made. In December 2012, after living in Killeen, TX, for 21 years, Linda sold her dream and everything they owned to pursue her husband's dream to move back home to Minnesota. They found a small farm just outside of Fosston, MN and made it their home. Although Linda enjoyed crafting and card making, watching her family and grandkids grow was most important. Regardless of how she felt, when the grandkids stopped by for a visit her whole world lit up. While Linda hated the Minnesota winters and snow, the magic of Christmas was her most favorite time of the year. Linda loved to go to Church, especially during the Christmas season when the music and the Christmas story filled her heart with joy. Giving was definitely Linda's "thing" and she always went overboard for the kids and grandkids. In the summer months, she loved spending time on the deck, looking at the flowers and watching the hummingbird's fights, while reading her bible where the light was just right. Linda enjoyed her dogs and even allowed baby goats to come in the house for a visit each spring. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. May God rest her soul.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, William and Geraldine Browne; her foster parents, George and Mary Hamiliton; and two brothers, Billly and Martin Browne.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Duane Hagen of Fosston; three sons and five grandchildren: David Eakett, Oscar and Sylvia of Akron, OH, Josh Hagen, Michelle and Charlie of Winger, MN, and George Hagen, Jeremiah and Jackson of McIntosh, MN; her favorite uncle, Butch Browne and his wife, Cookie, of Poughkeepsie, NY; and her foster brother, James Hamiliton, Stephanie, Daniel and Partick of Forest, VA.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 22, 2024, at Dovre Free Lutheran Church, Winger, MN. Burial, with Military Honors, will take place at Union Lake Cemetery, rural Winger.

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



Obituary for Janet Ann Lian

Written by Janet

Janet Ann Dahl was born to Emil and Pauline (Wolden) Dahl on June 23, 1940 on the Dahl family farm near Gatzke, MN. She was the youngest of nine children with four older brothers and four older sisters. She was baptized on August 25, 1940 at Moose River Lutheran Church, and confirmed on June 28, 1953 at United Lutheran Church both in Gatzke. Janet started school at Cloverleaf Country School located a 1/2 mile from the farm. Since her sister Mavis taught her to read and write before she was 6 and she was the only one in her grade, she did grades 1 and 2 together the first year. The next year when the State of Minnesota reorganized all the schools, she began third grade attending in Gatzke through the eighth grade. She went to Middle River for high school graduating in 1957. As a teenager, Janet worked in the Cities babysitting. doing housework, and working at the Curtis Hotel and Northrup King during the summers living with her sister, Esther and family.

Janet always wanted to be a teacher and was accepted into the Thief River Falls Teachers' Training Program starting in the fall of 1957 and graduating in the spring of 1958. The Grygla School District hired her to teach grades 1-3 east of Grygla at the Grande Corner beginning the fall of 1958. She lived with a family in Grygla during the week and caught a ride home to Gatzke on the weekends to see her family and do laundry. Later, she would teach in Grygla when the new elementary school was built. Janet loved teaching and worked to find a special way to reach each student. This included bringing clothes for those who needed them and serving breakfast to hungry kids long before it was a school program. Another example is one day a little girl came to school crying. Not knowing what to do she had the student call her mother. The girl was fine the rest of the day. Janet credits Luella Solberg, who taught fifth grade, as being her mentor. Her students have many positive stories of her as a teacher.

Sometime in 1957, Janet met Duane at a dance in Grygla. Duane says he loved her from the very moment he first saw her. They dated on and off at first with love leading to their marriage on May 7, 1960 at United Lutheran Church in Gatzke.They made their home on the Lian farm at the six mile corner near Grygla where they have lived ever since. The next number of years were both busy and challenging. They wanted a family, but struggled due to RH incompatibility issues. Two daughters, Jodie Lynn and Jaylene Renee, were born healthy, but three other babies died in infancy. At the same time Janet was taking college courses working towards her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education graduating from Bemidji State in 1971. Janet taught fourth grade in Grygla and later switched to second grade in Gatzke. When that building was closed, she moved to Grygla continuing in second grade until her retirement in 1997 after 36 ½ years all with the same school district. She was selected as the Grygla-Gatzke Teacher of the Year in 1981. After retirement, God nudged Janet in two directions. One was to become more involved in her church. This included making many creative bulletin boards and decorating the dining room. Good friends, Bernice and Harriet helped her become involved in women's activities with Janet attending meetings, conventions, and conferences. She helped keep Grace WELCA going strong for many years. She also served as Conference Two Coordinator and was on the SWO board for 6 years representing the NW Synod as a voting member at the Triennial in Salt Lake City, UT in 2008. The second nudge was to care for many of her older siblings. Janet took them to their doctor appointments and made sure they had a warm and welcoming places to reside.

Janet and Duane enjoyed traveling and exploring new places. When their daughters were young they took family camping vacations in the summer to state and national parks. Following Janet's retirement, the couple took a variety of tours. One of the highlights for Janet was to see Graceland in Memphis, the home and memorial of Elvis Presley. Duane and Janet took a cruise to Alaska for their 50th Anniversary and a special trip to the Scandinavian Countries in 2014 where she was able to see Norway, the country where her father was born. They made many other trips often including family members as companions on these adventures.

Life evolved with age and health changes. Family, especially her daughters, provided good care and transport to doctor appointments. In spare time, Janet enjoyed reading, particularly Christian fiction and the Bible. Traveling and camping were also high interests of hers as were raising flowers inside and outside. Janet took great pride in decorating her home for the holidays and seasons. Her friends and relatives were often gifted with letters written in long hand with cards or pictures. Janet was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church including the Grace Women serving as president for many years. She was a Grygla Red Hat member and belonged to the Lull-A-While Homemaker Club for a number of years. As an educator, she belonged to GGEA and MEA and was a member of the education sorority Alpha Xi. When her daughters were young she taught Sunday School and served as a 4H leader.

Janet had a very strong faith in God. Her favorite Bible verse was Mathew 22:37. "Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" She tried to live her life by that verse.

Janet is survived by her husband of 63½ years, Duane Lian, Grygla; Daughters: Jodie Olson, Thief River Falls, and Jaylene Lian, Grygla; Grandsons: Joel Olson, Joshua Lian, and Jayce (Emily) Olson of Grygla, and Justin Olson of Thief River Falls; 7 great grandchildren: Kloey, Emma, Durauna, Nils, Journey, Jairus, and Aubrey. Brother Larry (Erma) Dahl, Middle River, and Sister-in-law Marvel Dahl, Isanti. In-laws Dick (Donna) Lian, Grygla,, Sharon (Curtiss) Hovet, Thief River Falls and Eileen Lian, Warroad. Godchildren: LouAnn Dahl, Delray Dahl, LuCinda Foss Faller, Michelle Hovet Kuznia, Suzie Rieck Vagt, Christopher Lian, and Hope Ann Dahl Kelsey. Additionally, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sons Stephen Duane and James Darren in infancy and stillborn daughter Jill Marie. Son-in-law: Duran Olson and Jay's Special Friend: Theron Pearson. Siblings: Anna (Evert) Westberg, Cora (Bill) Massof, Esther (Smitty & Joe) Schmitz Weidholz, Elmer Dahl, Arvin Dahl, Orlan Dahl, and Mavis (Norman) Roppe. In-laws Palmer & Gail Lian and Brother-in-law Gary Lian. Nieces: Lynn Marie Dahl, Bonnie Stevens and Julie Schmitz. Nephews: Darrell Westberg, Duane Westberg, and Robert Schmitz.

Janet Lian, 83, of Grygla, passed away peacefully and gracefully on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 6:30 PM prayer service on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla. The funeral service to celebrate Janet's life was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Marilyn Grafstrom officiating. Burial will be held at St. Petri Cemetery, rural Grygla. Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Roger Buchholz

Roger Buchholz, age 77, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, March 10th, at his home with his family by his side. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18th, at Bethel Assembly Church in Fosston with Pastor Seth Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan, ND. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Sunday, March 17th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston. There will also be reviewal for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Military honors will be provided by the Air Force Honors Team. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Roger Allen Buchholz, "Buck" was born on January 6, 1947 in Fergus Falls, MN to parents Vernon Otto and Velda Adeline (Kugler) Buchholz. They lived on the homestead farm of his grandparents, August and Emma (Dreschel) Buchholz in Friberg Township, rural Fergus Falls, MN. Roger was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, West Friberg Township.

Roger attended Friberg Township Country School, district 229, through 8th grade and then went on to graduate from Fergus Falls High School in 1965. After high school, he attended Fergus Falls Junior College for two years and Minnesota State University for one year before joining the military in 1968.

Roger enjoyed drag racing in his younger years, bringing home numerous trophies from the Winnipeg, Brainerd, Marion, SD and Fargo-Moorhead racing circuits. Roger started racing with his '67 Challenger and then went on to build his own cars. At one point, he also owned a car with his good friend and fellow racing enthusiast, Dave Piekarski. He tested his race cars at night on the tar road near the farm he grew up in Fergus, and made quite a stir on the party line in the morning, "Did you hear all that noise?!"

Roger met his future wife Linda in Bemidji in 1974 and they went on to marry March 31st, 1975. To this union, 3 children were born; Jennifer Lynn, Ryan Roger and Lisa Kay. Linda's son Scott was always like a son to Roger. When asked how many kids he had, he always said four. Roger was very proud of his granddaughter Kaitlyn, who joined the Bemidji High School JROTC and is now the Battalion Commander. He also had a special place in his heart for his one year old granddaughter, Roan. She loved to give her grandpa kisses, sit on his lap and put her hand on his.

In 1973, Roger purchased his home farm in McIntosh, MN from Joe Thompson, and in 1974 he purchased the adjoining Tom Boe farm. He lived on and worked the land he loved so much here for over 50 years. Various crops were sown during this time to include sunflowers, navy beans, buckwheat, barley, spring wheat, winter wheat and soybeans. He was always so proud of his huge garden that he had every year as well. Roger was a natural mechanic, turning wrenches expertly on all things mechanical. His daughter Lisa inherited this aptitude towards mechanical engineering and received her degree from NDSU in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering. Lisa is employed by John Deere Seeding Group in Valley City, ND, as their Assembly Engineering Supervisor and Roger couldn't have been more proud of her. Jenny followed in her father's military footsteps and served in the Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller for four years. Scott helped on the farm at harvest and Roger was so appreciative of all his hard work. One of Roger's happiest moments was when his son Ryan said he wanted to come home and farm with him. Roger took great pride in farming with Ryan and was so proud of the farmer he had become. Roger loved the farm life and enjoyed the peacefulness of country living.

Over the years, some of Roger's past community involvement included: Past President of East Polk County Crop Improvement Association, Former Director of McIntosh Co-op Oil, Former member of the American Legion, Former member of Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Former Advisory Board Member of Farm Credit Services of Grand Forks, Former Board Member of Glacier Frozen Foods, Inc. (a corporation promoting vegetable production and processing in northern Minnesota)

He enjoyed fishing and hiking trips with Ryan and Scott in Kodiak, Alaska, where Scott has worked for many years. During his first Kodiak trip, he caught a 82", 340 pound halibut from an 18 foot skiff in one of Scott's hotspots and camped on the Karluk river, fishing king salmon. Fishing trips to Lake of the Woods, elk hunting trips to Colorado and Wyoming, along with golfing with his friends were events he always looked forward to. He enjoyed everything military, from visiting museums, reading non-fiction books and watching military documentaries on film. There was always a card game going at the Buchholz holiday gatherings, which he enthusiastically participated in. Roger, his siblings and in-laws have always had a close knit bond which was evident if you have ever watched one of their spirited games of smear or pinochle. Roger and Linda also loved to travel, and spent many vacations with relatives. Many fun vacations and day trips were had over the years with his brother Dale and sister-in-law, Karen.

Roger enjoyed spending time with Linda at their desert home in Arizona and loved to be there with their children and grandchildren on trips making wonderful memories. While there, much fun was had exploring the desert, going to the Barrett-Jackson car show, attending the retired Guard members breakfast outings, spending time with relatives and side by side rides in the desert. He took pride in tending to his desert landscape around his home in the foothills of Arizona.

Roger always made anniversaries with Linda special, he took her out for a special evening and there was always a dozen red roses waiting for her. Roger planned and surprised Linda with anniversary trips to Arizona, Jamaica and Hawaii and those heartfelt memories will always be remembered and cherished.

Buck enlisted in the North Dakota Air National Guard in 1968 in the Weapons Maintenance Career Field. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX and then went on to Weapons Release/Loading Tech School at Lowry AFB, TX. After graduating with Honors from Tech School, he became a loader and weapons release technician for the F-102, F-101 and F-4 interceptor-fighter jet aircraft stationed at the NDANG. He had the distinction of being the only Traditional Guardsman (weekender) to become a supervisor of the Weapons Release Shop. He transitioned to become the Weapons Safety NCOIC of the 119th Safety Office, eventually earning the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in October of 1998. Buck was an integral part of the 119th Fighter Wing in Fargo as the Wing Weapons Safety Manager. A unit known as the "Happy Hooligans", he made many close lifelong friends here within the unit. Buck was well known and recognized nationally by the National Guard and USAF as an expert in the field of Weapons Safety. After his military retirement, with over 35 years in the NDANG, he became a contractor with the ANG as a Weapons Safety Inspector for many years. CMSgt Roger Buchholz's patriotism and dedication were beyond compare while serving with the Best Air National Guard Unit on Planet Earth, the 119th Fighter Wing, North Dakota Air National Guard.

Roger was a man of his generation, where necessity is the mother of invention. Where you fixed it, rather than buying it, where you built it, if it did not exist. He naturally had the aptitude to understand the theory of operation. Therefore, he would apply himself to these tasks, and accomplish them. There were no set hours, he would work late and begin early. He was not the person to sit on the couch or sleep in. He was always working. He strived to work on projects from beginning to end. As it was with his farming career, military service, renovating the 1860's house in Iowa and the construction and development of the house in Arizona. He was a man that shined, with a "can do" work ethic, that accomplished a great many things. He will be missed, but can never be replaced. He really was that type of man.

Roger passed away on March 10th, 2024 on his farm of over 50 years surrounded by his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 48 years. Linda Buchholz, four children: Scott (Melissa) Detschman, Jennifer Buchholz, Ryan Buchholz, Lisa (Taylor) Lund, grandkids Kaitlyn Detschman and Roan Lund; his siblings, Carol (Ron) Chihos, Bonnie (Duane) Hansen, Dale (Karen) Buchholz, Larry (Julie) Buchholz, Brian (Tracy) Buchholz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, August and Emma (Dreschel) Buchholz, John and Lillian (Olds) Kugler, parents Vernon and Velda, sister Shirley Buchholz-Hubbard, special Brother-in-Law Lloyd Hubbard and close friends Lloyd Schleicher and Gordy Sonstelie.

North Stars have high hopes for this Spring



Betty Lomen from the Lengby-Fosston Knightriders Snowmobile Club presented a $500 donation to help support the Fosston Girls Basketball Team on their trip to the state tournament.

The East Polk North Stars had a record breaking season in 2023 for the program, finishing with 20 wins and 5 losses. The North Stars finished third in the Section 8A tournament for the second year in a row, falling to Section 8A Champions and Class A State Runner-ups, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River with a score of 1-0 and Red Lake Falls with a score of 3-1. In the Pine-to-Prairie Conference, the North Stars tied for first with Norman County East, but ultimately placed second in the conference for the third season in a row due to an early season loss to Norman County East. The North Stars received the Academic All-State Team Award at the Gold Level, which requires the team to have an overall GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Due to their success in the section and conference, the North Star players received numerous nominations for All-Section and All-Conference player awards. The Pine to Prairie All Conference Award winners included: Brynlea Mahlen, Ava Howard, Lexi Mahlen, and Kianna Tadman. The Pine to Prairie All Conference Honorable Mention Award winners included: Kinsley Duppong (2023 graduate) and Alyssa Morberg. Those receiving Section 8A All Section Awards include: Brynlea Mahlen, Ava Howard, and Lexi Mahlen.

With catcher Kinsley Duppong being the lone senior last season, the North Stars are returning eight full time starters on their roster going into the 2024 season. Returning senior starters include: left fielder Calli Burrack, shortstop Vanessa Johnson, pitcher and infielder Brynlea Mahlen, pitcher and 3rd baseman Kianna Tadman, center fielder Ava Howard, and first baseman and outfielder Alyssa Morberg. Returning sophomore starters include: infielder and pitcher Lexi Mahlen and infielder, right fielder, and pitcher Paige Breitbach. Other players who had roles on last season's roster that will be returning are Madison Bailie, Luella Strom, and Clara Kolden. Madison Bailie played a designated hitter role last season and caught some games. Luella Strom ran the bases as a pinch and courtesy runner. Clara Kolden served as a sub in both the infield and outfield at various times in the season. This brings a level of experience and maturity that should help the North Stars this season.

Inside of the pitcher's circle, the North Stars return every member of their pitching staff. Seniors Brynlea Mahlen and Kianna Tadman pitched a majority of the innings last year. On the pitching rubber last season, Brynlea made her opponents work for runs with a low earned run average of 1.852. She ended the season with 80 total strikeouts. They will be joined by a sophomore crew of pitchers that include Lexi Mahlen, Paige Breitbach, and Alyssa Anderson who all saw time in the pitcher's circle this summer and are becoming more confident.

The main strength of this North Star squad is the level of cohesiveness they have among one another. They push one another in practice to be the best players they can be and respect one another as teammates. The East Polk softball co-op is the one and only athletic co-op between WIN-E-MAC and Fosston High Schools, which means all fall and winter long, these athletes compete against each other as Patriots and Greyhounds. Somehow every spring, they put all of that aside and come together as one team. The coaches state that watching this happen is one of their favorite things about coaching the North Star team. On the field, the team is offensively tough with players throughout the batting order providing an offensive threat. In the 2023 season, all nine batters in the line up finished with a batting average above .300, with a team batting average of .411. Defensively, the North Stars play solid defense and finished the 2023 season with a team fielding percentage of 94.7%.

Mikaela Goodwin will be returning for her fourth season as the head coach for the North Stars and her seventh year with the program. Goodwin is blessed with a knowledgeable group of assistants that include some new faces this season. Noah Mahlen, a Fosston graduate, will join the staff this season as the varsity assistant coach. Loren Dryburgh will return for his fourth season as the Junior Varsity coach. Faith Peterson will return to run the Junior High program for her fourth year and will be assisted by newcomer and WIN-E-MAC graduate, Sydney Tadman. The coaches have been looking forward to the season and feel fortunate to work with such a great group of girls.

With a veteran roster of experienced players, the North Stars are hoping to be a competitive team both in the Pine to Prairie Conference and Section 8A. For updated game information, fans can follow the East Polk North Stars on Facebook and Instagram or look at the school website. They hope to see you out at the field. Go North Stars!

Mikaela Goodwin, head coach for the WIN-E-MAC/ Fosston East Polk North Star high school softball team.

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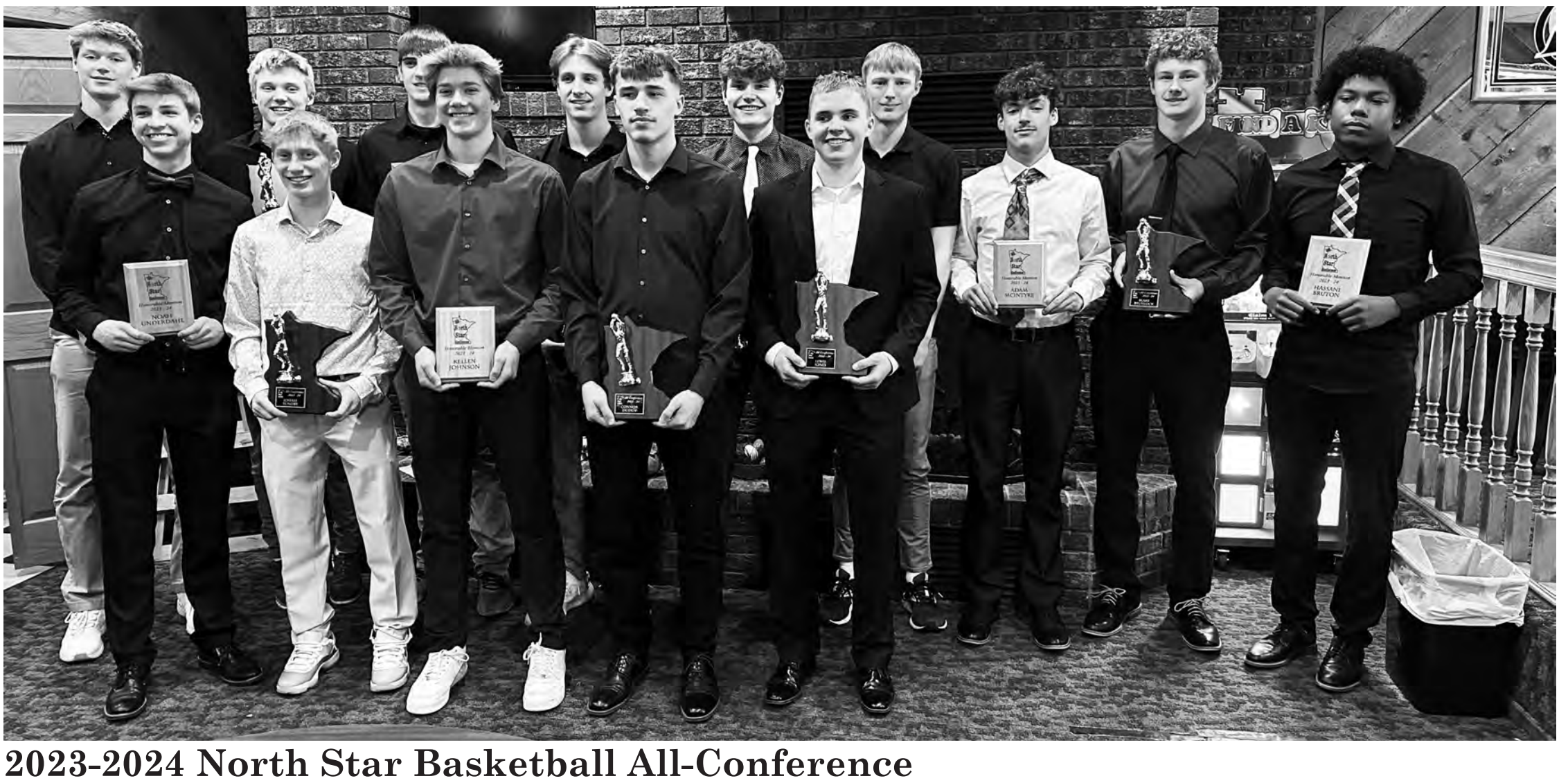
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The Lengby-Fosston Knightriders Snowmobile Club 2024 Spring Shoot-out didn't happen this year as planned due to unsafe ice condition. But the raffle drawing took place. Pictured is the Knightriders Club representative Mike Davis presenting the grand prize, a 2024 Arctic Cat ZR200 Snowmobile, to our 2024 raffle winner, Tammy Benson!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Knightriders Raffle. We appreciate each and everyone of you. Congratulations to all. 2nd Place: $500, Derek Gagner, Plummer. 3rd Place: $300, Tiffany Rivard, Argyle. 4th place: $100, Mike Roysland, Fosston. 5th Place: $100 T&T McCollum, Bejou.



2023-2024 North Star Basketball All-Conference

All-Conference Award Winners:

1. (Sr) Lewis Jones, Goodridge/Grygla (Conference Player of The Year)•2. (Jr) Ty Vig, Kittson County Central•3. (Sr) Josiah Sundby, Sacred Heart•4. (So) Connor Duden, Red Lake County•5. (Jr) Owen Chervestad, Red Lake County•6. (Sr) Blake Rychlock, Goodridge/Grygla•7. (Jr) Kaden Pierce, Warren Alvarado Oslo•8. (Jr) Parker Erickson, Sacred Heart•9. (Fr) Jordan Borowicz, Roseau•10. (Jr) Everett Nelson, Northern Freeze•11. (Sr) Noah Underdahl (Honorable Mention), Northern Freeze•12. (Jr) Hassani Bruton (Honorable Mention), Clearbrook Gonvick•13. (Sr) Adam McIntyre (Honorable Mention), Warren Alvarado Oslo•14. (Sr) Cade Knutsen (Honorable Mention), Northern Freeze•15. (Fr) Kellen Johnson 23 Points Honorable Mention, Kittson County Central•2023-24 North Star Conference Champions: Red Lake County Rebels•2023-24 North Star Conference Coach of The Year: Andrew Sundberg – Goodridge/Grygla Chargers.