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May Beef Month–A Time of Endings and Beginning

For those of us in the Beef Industry, May signals an ending to the season of calving; the long days and often sleepless nights watching and monitoring our cows, being ready to help where needed as the new babies are born. These tasks are followed by identification, either with ear tags or branding or both, and vaccinations.



Juanita Reed-Boniface, Partner Boeckenhauer Cattle, Agriculture Educator, Advocate and Author

With fences checked and repaired, and green spring grasses flourishing in the pastures, it is the Beginning of the summer grazing and breeding season. In meal planning and service, May brings the Ending of winter-time comfort foods and the Beginning of summer picnics and grilling season! May also heralds classroom studies about agriculture and natural resources. Industry spokespersons make numerous classroom visits and farmers and ranchers welcome visitors for farm tours

and activities.

Minnesota ranks 10th in the nation for beef production. According to the most recent agricultural census completed in 2022 for our state, there are approximately 16,823 beef producers and over 2.1 million cattle and calves. These producers are supported by industry partners including Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, Minnesota CattleWomen Association, Minnesota Beef Council, University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Department of Agriculture. All of these groups provide expertise and services to ensure beef cattle production remains a relevant, safe and sustainable way of life for generations to come.

Minnesota Cattlemen and CattleWomen advocate for their industry and way of life by telling their story through policy development, legislative contacts, school visits, educational activities at county fairs and farm tours. The State Beef Ambassador team of young adults are actively involved through personal appearances, reading beef stories, leading activities in classrooms and utilizing their social media skills to share relevant beef messages.

The Beef Life Cycle

The beef life cycle is one of

the most complex of any \ food, taking one and a half years to bring beef from pasture to plate. This journey includes farmer and ranchers, feedlot operators, truckers, livestock auction market owners and packing plant workers, distributors and retailers as beef cattle are raised and processed across the U.S. The beef community also includes veterinarians, animal nutritionists, pen riders and welfare specialists who ensure cattle are cared for and have a proper diet, room to roam and medical care.

Beef producers are lifelong learners. They maintain certification in the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program and participate in workshops, webinars, blogs that stress science based best management practices in animal husbandry and care for the land. Producers strive to gain knowledge and to work for a sustainable food supply that balances efficient production with environmental, social and economic impacts.

Beef Nutrients: Z-I-P and Others

Beef provides great taste while providing an excellent source of high-quality protein and nine other essential ingredients. On the average a 3-ounce serving of cooked beef gives your body more than 10% of the Daily Value (DV) for these top ten essential ingredients: Protein-51%, Iron-14%, Zinc-3%, Selenium-48%, Vitamin B 6-28%, NiacinB3-31%, Riboflavin-29%, Vitamin B12-101%, Choline-13%, Phosphorus-16%.



School Superintendents from the Northwest region, met with ten different representatives and senators on April 3rd to discuss and advocate about different educational topics taking place in the legislation.

The picture above is with Representative Jim Joy (04B), he is pictured in the back row, far right. The second picture below is with Senator Mark Johnson (01), back row, 3rd from the left.



Counties added to spring burning restrictions as wildfire risk increases in the northwest

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has expanded the area subject to open burning restrictions of vegetative debris, as warm and dry weather spreads throughout the state. This kind of burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota and burning restrictions help reduce wildfire risk.

Additional counties in which burning restrictions apply are:

Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, and Roseau.

Restrictions remain in place 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 the open burning of brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

“Wildfire danger is especially high in spring because dormant or dead vegetation from the previous year has dried out and there is no snow protection,” said Karen Harrison, DNR wildfire prevention specialist. “Recent snow and rain provided temporary relief in some areas, but cured grasses and downed leaves can dry out quickly. Once the landscape ‘greens up,’ fire danger goes down – but until then, burning restrictions reduce the potential for unintended wildfire starts.”

If people need to dispose of vegetation or yard waste, Harrison said composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection

site are all good options. For more information, visit the composting for woodland owners page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildfire/prevention/debris-composting.html).

People cause 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).

Rethinking Land Transfer Proposals

By: Sen. Green, Reps. Bliss and Grossell

Recently we have been made aware of several controversial bills that would transfer portions of the White Earth State Forest and Upper Red Lake, state-owned land, to the White Earth and Red Lake Tribes respectively. These particular bills are concerning for a number of reasons, one of them being the fact that the authors of these bills sought little to no input from local stakeholders, affected landowners, legislators, or other members of our community. These are significant proposals that deserve our attention and honest deliberation: they are not to be taken lightly.

In response, we (Sen. Green, Reps. Bliss and Grossell) are announcing our plan to help prevent issues like these now and in the future.

Our bill would ensure that stakeholders come to a consensus before any land transfer bills are rushed through the Legislature by requiring a supermajority of votes in both the House and the Senate to become law. Currently, a simple majority is all that is needed to transfer state-owned land below its current market value. The Legislature already requires a 2/3 vote to pass other measures, for example when the state borrows money for infrastructure projects, so we believe that this

same level of agreement, scrutiny, and compromise should be applied when bills are being considered that would affect hunters, sportsmen, farmers, landowners, local communities, and other stakeholders.

This bill would not prevent land transfers but would require greater collaboration and coalition building to find solutions that work for every stakeholder. Bills regarding the transfer of state-owned land are significant, and we believe that rushing these bills through

without consulting stakeholders only causes more consternation, stress, and disagreement between stakeholders. We should require a broad consensus to ensure cooperation with all parties.

The bill, HF 5271, was just introduced on Thursday 4/4. We hope you'll join us in asking the DFL majority for a hearing before time runs out this session. Let's work together to foster collaboration between our neighbors and find solutions that work for our area.

Farewell reception for Braaten



By Pamela French
 Sharon Braaten, long-time resident of Bagley and Clearwater County, is moving back to where she grew up, Thief River Falls, MN, to be closer to family. There will be a farewell reception, on Saturday, April 20th between 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the Bagley Senior Center. Sharon has been an integral part of the "thread" of Clearwater County, and a part of so many organizations. She gave her full heart to everything did. She will be greatly missed!
 Thief River isn't too far so hopefully we will see her again!!

Not too late for a little Ag Month!

By Eric W. Mickelson

I enjoyed teaching for 36 years and for many of them I always spent a little time in the month of March teaching my students about Minnesota Agriculture. I loved it! I know I am a little late but we can still toot our horns for Minnesota Agriculture.

There is an organization that prints a magazine call Ag in the Classroom. It is very informative and geared toward elementary students. A new addition to their programming is virtual field trips! This was a great addition to the Ag in the Classroom curriculum!

According to the information I found from 2022 nationally Minnesota Ranks 5th in total crop sales and 8th in total livestock sales. Minnesota's total land in farms was 25.4 million acres with the total number of farms being 67,100, down 300 farms from 2021. The average farm size was 379 acres which was up 2 acres from 2021.

When we speak of agriculture we of course think of all these things: crops, animals, barns, grain bins, tractors, and combines. But we must realize the industry of agriculture means much more. In those Minnesota Ag Magazines that I spoke of earlier described agriculture as the production, processing, and distribution of food, forests, and fiber. It was always interesting to see the students' reactions as we expanded the meaning of agriculture beyond just being a farmer.

Of course the farmer has a big part in the whole process but the production of these commodities is just one of the pieces of the puzzle! Yes, there is much more involved with crop production. It could be a job in Horticulture, Animal Production, Aquaculture, Mechanics, Forestry, Natural Resources, and the list goes on. How about the Transportation of fuel and other supplies that farmers need. So you see agriculture is really everywhere! Even at the grocery store where we can buy these goods that started somewhere on a farm. I am kind of prejudiced about agriculture because I grew up on a farm and still live on a farm. So better late than never to say, “Thank you to the Minnesota(and American) Farmer!”

One of the Activities we of-

ten did in school was locate the counties in Minnesota that are famous for certain Agricultural Products. Here is your chance! Here is a map of Minnesota with its counties listed. Try to locate the counties that correspond with the commodity that they grow!

Renville County- Corn Anoka-Sod

Stearns County- Oats Clay-Sugar Beets

Polk County- Soybeans Marshall-Wheat

Dairy Cattle- Winona Olmsted-Green Peas

Beef Cattle- Morrison Kandiyohi-Turkeys

Hogs-Martin Otter Tail-Hay

Koochiching-paper Renville-

tilapia (fish farm)

How about a little Minnesota Trivia?

1. How many counties are in Minnesota?

2. Where in Minnesota would you find the Kensington Runestone Museum?

3. Name the largest county in Minnesota? (for land area)

4. What river separates Minnesota from North Dakota?

5. Minnesota became a state on May 11,1858. What # state was it?(Example Delaware is considered the 1st state, California was the 31st state-What was Minnesota?)

Answers...

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Information from the Cook News-Herald in Cook, MN

Sterren Myklejord of Foston was at Melgeorge's Snowmobile Race at Cook for the first time, using his 1974 Viking Vigilante 440SS. He thought the setting was beautiful, the people friendly and the format great and said he would be back again. He also won the Best Dressed category for the event.

Other awards went to: Elmer Smith award (best unrestored) to Rob Grove with his 1972 Columbia Track master.

Rat Sled: Wayne Schlauderoff, 1969 Ski-Dudler "Sno Mater"; Looks like "Sno-Mater" from the Disney movie.

Beauty of Show: Chuck Van Cunneytu fro Zumbrota, MN with a 1972 Arctic Cat EXT

Beast of Show: Lee Carlson, Culver, MN. 1976 ABE Matthew Trailmaker, made in Hibbing and used for utility.

Best Cutter: Scott Gillette, Linwood, MN, 200 Mercury Cutter

Best Mini: Case Zacharison, Detroit Lakes, N "Sno-Mite"

Fan Favorite: Alex Burchhardt, Orr, with a 1969 Bolens Sprint, "Archie Bunker" Had a couch attached.

Rarest Sled: Ryan Homan, Orr, with a 1969 Snow Bug.

GRACE & GRIT family fun day!

GRACE AND GRIT: Health and Healing Thru Horse-Human Partnerships, (501(c)3 nonprofit organization) located near Erskine, Minnesota will be having their Spring Family Fun Day and Benefit Tack Sale on April 20th, 2024, from 12 noon till 5 pm. Admission is FREE! There will be games and activities for kids of all ages, fun photo opps with horses, and, weather permitting, horse and pony rides for kids and adults. There will be opportunities to meet, greet and groom horses, program and training information, door prizes, and more. Gently used horse tack will be available, as well as farm/ranch equipment and tools! Saddles, girths, blankets sheets, saddle pads, bits, bridles, driving equipment, Western and English show clothing, boots, hats, electric fences, fencing accessories, and so much more! Many items are like-new or brand new!

Food concessions will be provided by the UMC Horseman's Association.

This event is in cooperation with the UMC Equine Program as part of the Senior Capstone Project. With mentoring from the Gace and Grit: Health and Healing Thru Horse-Human Partnerships Board of Directors, four UMC soon-to-be-graduates have designed, planned, and implemented this event as partial fulfillment of

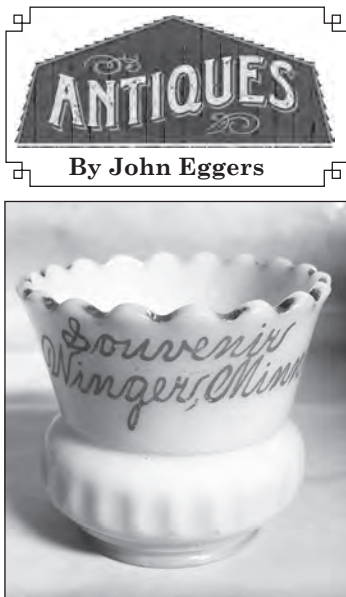
their degree requirements.

As a newly established non-profit, Grace and Grit is working on implementing its mission of "using science and evidence based hands-on experiential tools and techniques to provide a thriving, flourishing life for horses and the people in their lives".

Grace and Grit provides educational opportunities for horses and people who can most benefit from these experiences. Hands-on interaction with the horse provides immediate feedback for people as they practice skill development including but not limited to self-regulation, decision-making, body language, conflict resolution, de-escalation, honesty, trust, healthy relationships and more. All items for this event have been donated; all proceeds will benefit the expansion of Grace and Grit programs, including establishment of a sustainable scholarship fund to provide these experiences to those who do not typically have access to this type of opportunity.

For more information please contact:

Grace and Grit: Health and Healing Thru Horse-Human Partnerships at (218) 686-3838. Visit Grace and Grit: Health and Healing Thru Horse-Human Partnerships (graceandgrithealthandhealing.com)



"Is it worth anything?"

In the hey day of antiques in the '70s - '90s, when farm auctions drew hundreds of people, glassware and dishes were especially popular. In many antique shops, glassware was nearly half of the inventory. People would be looking for a certain pattern of pink depression glass, carnival glass, or a certain color Fiesta plate. One of the prime pieces of glassware collected was custard glass. Custard glass is a yellowish, opaque glass that will turn fluorescent under a black light. Original custard glass was made in England around 1880 and early 1900s. Most of the pieces were mugs, drinking glasses, or novelties like a small vase, toothpick or match holders. Many pieces were made to be souvenirs, so town names were added to the decoration, as well as a floral design. The Winger, Minn. toothpick holder is worth about \$10 to \$30. This little souvenir piece of glass might have brought \$50 to \$75 in the hey day of antiques. Those days are gone but certainly not forgotten. How much is that custard glass vase from Clearbrook on your shelf worth? Well, that depends.

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world is high and the lack of understanding has a tremendous impact on the individuals, their families and communities.

If you have a concern about how your child is communicating, interacting or behaving, you are probably wondering what to do next.

The First Concern to Action Tool Kit can help you sort that out. The purpose of this tool kit is to provide you with specific resources and tools to help guide you on the journey from your first concern to action.

To check out the action toolkit go to: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/tool-kit/first-concern-action-tool-kit>

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Summer camp at Lake Sarah

MFU holds a summer camp at Lake Sarah Campground near Erskine. This year's camp is from June 17-June 21 for ages 9-12.

Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association, Inc. Annual Meeting

The Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sand Valley Church in Trail. We will be making plans for cemetery cleanup day along with the regular business. All members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

Monthly MCCL Meeting April 18

The monthly meeting of the local Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Chapter #45 will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in McIntosh. All who are interested in pro-life issues are invited to attend. For more information about the Chapter, contact Eileen Hegg at 218-563-3152.

Polk County Sheriff

Unresponsive Male at Northwest Regional Correction Center

****Update** 4-3-2024**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has received the final autopsy results. The autopsy shows that Matthew Bagley's cause of death is listed as suicide by hanging.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office case is closed.

An internal investigation is being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Corrections which is standard procedure of any in-custody death.

****Update** 2-15-2024**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office will release the name of the male that died yesterday in reference to this incident. The deceased is Matthew Bagley 51 years old from Lebanon, TN. Matthew was in custody from a DWI out of Norman County. This case is still active, and no further information will be released at this time.

**** Original release ****

On 2/14/2024 at 0900 hrs. the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to the Northwest Regional Correction Center in Crookston in reference to an unresponsive male inmate. Crookston Area Ambulance also responded and transported the male to Riverview ER. The male was later pronounced dead at the Hospital. The name of the inmate will not be released until family members have been notified. The male will be transported to UND Medical Examiners Office for an autopsy. This case is still active, and no further information will be released at this time.

FAX SERVICE at Richards Publishing Gonvick

Answers...

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Answers: 1. 87 counties 2. Alexandria 3. St. Louis 4. Red River of the North 5. Minnesota was the 32nd state. Green Magazine Richard's Publishing Oklee, MN 56742 218-791-9157

Pancakes for Pavement

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
April 14th, 2024 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Plummer Community Hall

Immanuel and Redeemer Lutheran Churches will be hosting a **FREE WILL OFFERING** breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice, with assistance from Thrivent Financial, Plummer Lions, and Lions Too Clubs. Silent Auction and Bake Sale items will also be available.

All proceeds will go toward financing concrete and installation of new sidewalks outside Immanuel and Redeemer Lutheran Churches.

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• Bake Sale
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Fosston Police Department

Primary Report

By James Juve

On 04-05-24 at approximately 0940 hours, the Fosston Police Department, Fosston Fire Department, Fosston Pub-

lic Utilities Department and Essentia Ambulance responded to the report of a house fire at 718 1st St E in Fosston MN.

The tenant and only occupant were able to get out of the home without injury. The Fosston Fire Department was able to quickly extinguish the fire. The fire is under investigation by the MN State Fire Marshall's Office.

No other information will be released at this time.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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World Autism Day: 04/02/24

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

The theme of World Autism Awareness Day this year is "Empowering Autistic Voices". aiming to provide more support and power to individuals with this condition to lead meaningful lives and pursue successful careers.

Autism is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood,

irrespective of gender, race or socio-economic status. The term Autism Spectrum refers to a range of characteristics. Appropriate support, accommodation and acceptance of this neurological variation allow those on the Spectrum to enjoy equal opportunity, and full and effective participation in society. Autism is mainly characterized by its unique social interactions, non-standard ways of learning, keen interests in specific subjects, inclination to routines, challenges in typical communications and particular ways of processing sensory information. The rate of autism in all regions of the

42nd Annual Goodridge Lions Club Consignment Auction & Smelt Fry

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 AM

Located in the City of Goodridge

Lunch will be served by the Goodridge Lion Tamers Club

Smelt Fry Starts Approximately at 4:30 PM

Farm & Miscellaneous: 1983 Volvo Semi-truck single axle 9 speed~~JD 148 loader w/ 8' silage bucket & 4 tine grapple fork~~JD 7' 3 pt. garden harrow~~5' 3 pt. mower~~4x2 fuel service tank w/ pump~~pickup box trailer~~rock puller~~slip scraper~~300 gal. fuel tank w/ elec. pump~~4 12x16.5 Skid-Steer tires

Livestock: 42' gooseneck trailer w/ 4 compartments tandem duals~~3 ton creep feeder~~cattle squeeze chute-manual head gate~~12'x20' 2 stall HiQual calving pen-self catching head gate~~bale spear fork~~450 5' & 6' T-posts~~200 round posts~~8'-12'-14' steel gates~~12 sucker rod panels~~Johnson panels~~calf scale~~new head catch~~new Ritchie sheep waterer~~cattle waterer

Sporting Goods: 2012 800 Ranger w/ cab-heater 800 miles on new motor~~fishing rods~~tackle boxes w/ tackle~~battery fillet knife

Tools: Hand tools~~monkey wrenches~~yard sprayer for 4-wheeler~~Hvy. duty log splitter w/ univ. quick attach~~industrial shop fans at 42"-36"-28"

Toys: 30 1/16 toy tractors all new some w/boxes JD-IH-AC-Case-MF

Miscellaneous: 32" heavy duty ext. door w/ window~~6' kids picnic table

.....and much, much, more!

Consignment items may be brought to Lions Hall between Noon and 7:00 pm on Friday, April 19, or prior to the start of the sale.

The Goodridge Lions Club is not responsible for items left overnight. Many other items will be available on the day of the sale. We will not consign non-working appliances or televisions. All items must be removed within 10 days.

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Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycouncil.org. Send completed application and resume to ICCC, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Applications must be received by 4:30PM on Monday, April 22. Call 218-796-5144 x1016 for more information about the position.

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ASSISTANT COOK POSITION

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, MN has a full-time Assistant Cook position open for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire the required Food Protection Manager Certifications.

Applicants interested in the position, should submit their completed application and any current food service credentials to:

Mr. Randall Pederson, Principal

Red Lake County Central High School

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Oklee, MN 56742

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application forms are available at www.rlcc2906.org

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Gunvalson Farms, Inc. has an open position for a **full-time Farm Operator/Mechanic** at our wild rice farming operation 10 miles north of Gully, MN. Must be physically fit, have machinery repair experience and be able to competently operate farm machinery. Must be willing to work long hours during the fall harvest season however we have flexible winter hours. Maintaining a healthy work-life balance for the team is very important to us.

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Red Lake County Landfill Operator I

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The duties include: monitor loads delivered to landfill, maintain landfill property, assist patrons, work with Household Hazardous Waste, operate and maintain equipment as needed, and work outdoors in varying weather conditions.

This is a part-time position. The general work schedule is as follows: May 1st - Oct. 31st: 24 hrs. per month; Wednesdays, and 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Candidates must be 18 years of age, able to lift 50 lbs., and have a valid MN driver's license. Wage starts at \$19.65 per hour.

Applications are available at www.co.red-lake.mn.us/ employment Questions call the HR office at 218-253-2590 or email hr@co.red-lake.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS OPEN POSITIONS

Director of Indian Education position opening immediately. Applicants must have a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree as well as a valid driver's license. Experience in Indian Education is preferred but not required.

Elementary Special Ed. Teacher position opening immediately. Proper Minnesota licensure is required and experience is preferred.

High School Math Teacher position opening fall of 2024. Proper Minnesota licensure is required.

Athletic Director .5 FTE position opening fall of 2024. Preference given to a Four-year college degree and experience in the field of education.

Elementary Art Teacher position opening fall of 2024. Proper Minnesota licensure is required.

High School Spanish Teacher position opening fall of 2024. Proper Minnesota licensure is required and experience is preferred.

Secondary Physical Science and Physics Teacher position opening fall of 2024. Proper Minnesota licensure is required and experience is preferred.

*Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Positions will remain open until filled. *

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How to help students master college entrance exams



The college admissions process is multifaceted and stretches out over a year or more. High school students who plan to continue their education at four-year schools typically go through the admissions process at various schools before deciding where the next step on their academic journeys will take them.

Testing is part of the college admissions process. Parents and guardians who want to give young people the best chance of being admitted to their preferred school can help students prepare accordingly. In the United States, performance on the SAT and/or the ACT has traditionally been a key consideration for college admissions departments. The college information resource CollegeVine says standardized test scores are not required in the admissions process for public Canadian universities, although some private ones will accept SAT scores. According to the Princeton Review, the SAT is created and administered by the College Board. The test consists of Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing. Each section is scored on a 200-to-800-point scale, (a score of 1600 indicates mastery of the exam). The ACT is a similar test that also helps measure college readiness. The ACT consists of four sections: English, Reading, Math, and Science. There's also an optional 40-minute Writing Test that some colleges may require. The maximum composite score for the ACT is 36.

Most schools do not favor one test over the other, so it's possible students will take just one exam. However, college-bound students are increasingly taking both the SAT and ACT and only submitting the higher score to schools. This is important for families and students to recognize. Generally, students can study concurrently for both tests, and the following are some additional strategies to prepare for college admissions testing.

Enroll in a test prep course. Students may benefit from taking test prep courses either in sophomore year of high school or early in their junior year. These courses familiarize students with the testing format and enable them to take practice exams. They also offer tips for getting through the test within the allotted time. Knowing "how" to take the test is often just as important as knowing the material on the test.

Focus on vocabulary. Families can work together to expand their students' vocabularies. Everyone can learn new words and use them on a daily basis.

Prioritize rest and a healthy lifestyle. This can be a stressful time in students' lives. Parents and other caregivers can recognize this and reinforce healthy living habits that will help teens get the rest they need to stay both physically and mentally well. Try not to put extra pressure on students during this critical time. Avoid emphasizing a need to get the best test scores possible, which can lead to additional stress, burnout and resentment.

Realize many schools are test-optional. Students who simply are not excellent test-takers may take comfort in knowing that a growing number of schools have become test-optional. Families can determine if students want to be "one-and-done" on standardized testing, or take the test a few times to improve their scores.

Families can work together to make preparing for standardized testing more successful.

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about headlights needing to be on in the fog. I have asked several law enforcement officers about this and I get the same answer about a judgement call. As a commercial vehicle driver, my two biggest gripes are people driving without headlights on when needed and people not using turn signals. Please explain the importance of this.

Answer: It is extremely important to turn headlights on anytime visibility is reduced. It's not just so you can see better, but so other motorists can see you. My takeaway from the article was to make it a habit

to check your lights often to ensure they are all properly working. When in doubt, turn them on.

Turn signal use is just as important. Minnesota law states a signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning. A simple yet important task. In my experience, I've found people who fail to do this are often distracted, forgetful or an aggressive driver. When I see this, I have a conversation with them along the roadside to educate and encourage them to make safer decisions.

Each and every time a person gets in the vehicle they have the chance to make smart

choices.

- Pay attention.
- Buckle up.
- Drive sober.
- Drive at safe speeds.

Making these common-sense choices is how good habits are created.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

There's a Sliver Embedded Deep Within

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We've all had a sliver or two and we know how irritating they can be. When left unattended, a protective infection begins—and soon, we are aware there is something there. We squeeze, we poke and when all else fails, we revert to grandma's fix by wrapping round it a piece of bread soaked in milk. It's a natural remedy. Like balm, the irritant is soon drawn out. As it begins to protrude, that which was once festering deep beneath the surface begins to heal.

Perhaps you know where this is going—the bread, the wood, the wound.

I began wondering what happens when one is unaware there is a sliver there and where the deepest place a sliver might hide. As far as I can figure, if one is unaware, the sliver will eventually make itself known and as far as the

deepest place? I'm thinking it might be the heart.

Why can the heart hide things deep within—that even slivers fester unaware? You see, within the heart there is so much more than tissue. There are issues, you know, that need tending.

How do slivers get there unaware? Oh, that's easy. We pick and choose us over Him pretty much all day long.

It's a gift, you know, to be invited into the deep when we weep over the splinters within. When all tossed into one big pile, those tiny pieces begin forming chunks of wood—and it becomes about the One who carried all of our festering splinters—the slivers embedded deep within. Soon, tossed upon the cross He was for past, present, and future slivers within hearts.

Best part is, He too used bread to not only draw the slivers to the surface, but to heal festering hearts. And He still uses bread for the breaking of that which He desires to heal.

Luke 22:19-20 explains. “And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke

it and gave it to them saying, ‘This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” And to make sure, Matthew and Mark said so, too.

So where's this going? Looks to me like there's a remedy for festering slivers deep within.

Take and eat for this is His body given for you—doesn't get much more personal than that.

May each festering sliver be a reminder that the protective infection serves as gift so we might remain aware of He who carries and He who heals and He who forgives. When we receive that which He gave us and continues to give us, it's a natural remedy of sorts. It's a remedy profoundly personal, wouldn't you say? Amen.

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What Tractor Do I Seed With...Decisions!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Michelson



The last few years I have had fun seeding with a couple of old tractors. It dates back a few years when I bought an old A John Deere at an auction sale. I had no intention of buying an A. The sale had an R John Deere that I was looking at. Low and behold I bought the R, a tractor I had always hoped to buy. Late down the line up for sale came a 1940 A John Deere with an odd after-market wide front on it. The A did have brand-new tires on it. As the bidding began no one seemed to want the old A so I threw in a bid thinking I could “steal” the tires off it and put on something else. Guess what I got the old A too! My son Heath drove it home for me as I drove the R home. I love a 20 mile tractor drive!

When I got the old A home I realized the strange aftermarket wide front was pretty nice. The old A handled well. The fellow at the sale said they had bought the A and planned on switching it back to the original narrow front, but as I said they thought it steered and handled nicer than it would if they switched it back to the original front! So they left it and so did I. My next revelation was that the old A ran like a top. My plans changed. I now was not going to steal the tires off of the A and put them on another tractor, but use the A together and use it around the farm. So a couple of years ago I used the A to plant a little barley.

Later I went to the Lawrence Berberich Sale in Brooks, a few years back.. I purchased a 1949 H Farmall with new tires. It wasn't started the day of the sale but I brought it home and it started right up. I was hoping to get another H to use as a parts donor to fix up my dad's 1939 H that he purchased from Steen Birkeland in Oklee. So, I bought another H! I brought that home and low and behold it also ran. So now I had 2 Hs! When the next spring rolled around I took the 1949 H and put it on the drill!

This past Saturday, I started up the 4020 and hooked on to the disc and made a round or two for fun. There is nothing like getting out in the field for

the first time! I broke up some hay meadow last fall so needed to get the disc. It got me to thinking, it's time to hook up the old 12 ft Van Brundt drill my dad used to use. Now the dilemma, should I hook back up the 1940 A John Deere or the 1949 H Farmall? Either way I know it will be a good time!

How about a little tractor trivia!!

1. When the H Farmall was new it was advertised to be perfect for a _____ acre farm.

2. T or F The H was the greatest produced Farmall tractor.(Number of tractors

produced)

3. What model replaced the H Farmall?

4. The A John Deere was built from 1934-1952. The 1940 A was tested with _____ drawbar hp.

A) 21hp B) 26hp C) 31hp D) 35hp

5. The 1940 A John Deere had a _____ speed transmission.

A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6

Answers: 1. 160 acre 2. True-391,000 3. The Super H 4. B- 26 on the drawbar 5. B-4 speed transmission



Seeding with the 49 H Farmall.



Seeding with the 1940 A John Deere.

Cornucopias of learning opportunities

By Dan Sherman

We have before us a cornucopia of learning opportunities in the gardening world of North Central Minnesota. The cornucopia, also known as the “Horn of Plenty,” is an artistic representation of abundance. Read on to see what is available for you this growing season.

Perhaps you have already started your garden training this year? On the first weekend of March, Dan Sherman led a class of 65 students on the topic of seed starting at the Bemidji Public Library. On April 6th he will have another presentation on Zone 3 Gardening also at the Library starting at 10:00 am.

I hope you were able to make it to the Garden Party at the Evangelical Free Church on March 16. Joe Bergeson told us how to grow Hydrangeas and Roses in the North Country. Bonny Siegford told us how to plant native wildflowers, and Shannon Reyes made a presentation on Countertop Gardening.

The Bemidji Garden Club has an interesting itinerary this summer. Check them out on Facebook and see what they are offering. You might want to join them.

For general gardening questions, my first source of information is the University of Minnesota Extension Yard and Garden webpage. They have a team of the best horticulture scientists updating their articles and videos for every topic in the garden.

North Dakota State has a program called Field to Fork. Look them up to see what their current weekly topic is. If you watch the program live you can ask the speakers questions, otherwise, they have 8 years of recorded hour-long programs that you can view and it is all free.

A new program just released from NDSU is called Spring Fever. It is available on Zoom from 6:30 to 8:30 on Monday evenings from March 25 to April 15. There are some very interesting gardening topics. Check them out at <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/spring-fever-garden-forums/>.

Bemidji Community Education is hosting two gardening classes in April. John Reff will talk about Pollinators and Wildflowers on April 16 and on April 30, Dan Sherman will make a presentation on growing vegetables in containers and raised beds. Both of these classes start at 6:00 p.m. and are held at the Paul Bunyan Center near the airport. Sign up through Bemidji Community Educations. Enrollment is already a little above half full.

Also on April 30th in the afternoon at the Senior Center in downtown Bemidji is a program called, “Let's Garden”. This will be a series of short,

fun topics on gardening. It is open to everyone but seating is limited so get there early. It is being led by Becky Livermore so you know it will be fun.

We are working on a Kid's Project Day at the Library on the morning Of May 11. (Mother's Day is May 12.) The Master Gardeners and Garden Club have their plant sale on Saturday, May 18 at the Fairgrounds. It isn't so much an educational opportunity but it should be on your gardening calendar and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

You can pull weeds in June. • We are still working on our programming in June.

For years people have wanted us to have a flower arranging class and this year we have it. Mark July 18th on your calendar at 6:30 at the Beltrami County Fair Grounds. Amy Nelson from Netzer's Floral will show us how to make flower arrangements for the home that can also be shown at the Fair. Details are yet to be worked out but plan to register early and plan to pay up to \$20 for the cost of the floral materials used in the hands-on workshop.

Are you excited yet! I am. If you have a question about a pressing problem in the garden you can always leave us a message on our gardening hotline and we will get back to you soon. The phone number is 218-444-7916.

If you want to get out of

town, try the Open House at the North Central Regional Outreach Center in Grand Rapids which was formerly known as the Agricultural Research Station. The program is different every year and they are still developing this year's program. They have tractor trailer rides to see the featured exhibits and expert researchers will explain what is going on. See them on Facebook for more information when it comes available.

Our county fairs are celebrations of the rural arts and gardening is definitely both art and science. The Clearwater County Fair is July 31 through August 4 and the Beltrami County Fair is August 7 through 11. Go to see what awesome produce and flowers can be grown in Northern Minnesota or, better yet, show us your outstanding garden products by making entires. The Koochiching County Fair is also the weekend of August 10 and they have special gardening exhibits also. Gardeners from all three counties can enter exhibits in all three fairs.

There are two more library programs to finish the season. Amber Bury will present Food Preservation for the Gardener at 10:00 on August 24 and Joyce Rairdon will guide us through Putting the Garden away on September 21.

We hope your garden will also be a cornucopia this year. Who knows what kind of weather we will have to work with this year?



A Sunny Sunday Summer Drive

Approaching the stop sign at 50 miles per hour I reluctantly apply the brakes and bring my car to a slow roll. The carburetor is all gunked up and needs to be gone through but the failing fuel pump has now become a real issue. By the time the car comes to a full stop it's gasping for gas and threatening to pass out.

A semi turns off the perpendicular highway, grumbling and snarling as it makes its way up the hill. Waiting for another couple cars to pass, I aggressively feather the gas pedal. Finally, I am able to go. Our Lady of Blessed Acceleration, don't fail me now. The RPMs lurch up to 3000 then drop. Uh-oh.

Rolling up to the base of the incline I am desperately and repeatedly stomping on the accelerator. A petrol prayer for a burp of fuel. It dies. Cranking the engine over, cranking, cranking... It won't fire.

Coasting up the hill at 25 miles per hour with the driveway in sight, the car begins to lose precious momentum. Split-second decision: Gonna have to push 'er to the top!

I shift it into neutral, fling the door open and hop out. I am instantly overtaken by the forward-moving car and yanked down and backwards as the rear tire runs over my left foot. (Leaping out of a moving, low-slung coupe straight into a twenty-five mile per hour uphill jog is harder than I thought it would be.)

My shoe was ripped from my foot and spit out the back tire. My sock, unrecognizable.

No time to get my shoe and no desire to assess my mangled foot. Off my hands and knees and into a single-shoed sprint up to my rolling car.

Just as I reach the vehicle, its momentum vanishes and it begins to roll backwards. I lower my shoulder into the windshield post and absorb three thousand pounds of deadweight on wheels. I am left breathless by the effort it is taking just to keep the car from rolling back down the hill. With spine-compressing force, the car slowly advances upward.

It quickly becomes clear that I will be dealing with a compromised collarbone if this situation doesn't change. That concern; however, was immediately overshadowed by the outrageous pain slicing through the pavement-gnarled sole of my shoeless foot which was taking on the weight and strain of this relentless grapple.

Delirious and hyperventilating, I crank on the steering wheel and guide the car across the road inching it towards my driveway. An oncoming logging truck activates their Jake Brakes to avoid a twisted T-bone flaming-iron scenario but I don't have the composure or energy to care. With the car finally off the road and in the driveway, I collapse in a heap.

I'm just glad I already own a cane.

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Marshall County 4-H'er attends a teen summit in Washington, D.C.

ST. PAUL, MINN. (April 3, 2024) – Marshall County 4-H'er Brianna Johnson participated in Ignite by 4-H – a four day experience in Washington, D.C., where teens eighth grade and older had the opportunity dig into the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), agriscience, healthy living, career readiness and emotional well-being, connect with young people from across the U.S. and learn ways to be change agents on issues youth face around the world.

Brianna was part of a delegation of youth that followed the healthy living track. During the summit, members of the group attended workshops led by their 4-H peers from around the U.S. on a variety of topics. They also had the chance to explore Washington, D.C.!

"Participants realized immense value from this experience as they gained firsthand insight into the large scope of the 4-H organization nationwide. Additionally, the conference served as a safe place where youth from diverse backgrounds met, fostering a rich environment for mutual learning and growth. Now equipped with this transformative experience, they can look back and reflect on the profound impact it has had on their lives," said Brian McNeill, Extension educator.

"I enjoyed partaking in workshops, listening to speakers, meeting new people and sightseeing in Washington, D.C....I believe that I can apply the knowledge I learned at the conference in my own life to better serve others. In addition to this, I enjoyed meeting various 4-H members not only from across our state, but from across the country and from diverse backgrounds." - Participant

About the Minnesota 4-H Youth Development Program: The Minnesota 4-H Youth Development Program is part of the University of Minnesota Extension. Available for youth beginning in kindergarten, 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, leadership and civic engagement, animal science, creative arts and much more. Through 4-H's learn-by-doing process, youth obtain essential life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating that help them succeed in their school, college, community and career. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have better grades and are more emotionally engaged with school, are more than twice as likely to be civically active and contribute to their communities. Learn more at z.umn.edu/mn4h.



MN 4-H youth including Brianna J. in the healthy living track.



Marshall County 4-H youth, Brianna J with the Capital Building in the distance.



Marshall County Extension Educator Alysa Tulibaski, with Marshall County 4-H youth Brianna J in front of the White House.

Master the college essay



Aspiring college students can expect to do a lot of writing as they travel down the path to college admissions. Many schools require applicants to submit an essay or personal statement. Some schools may have an entire list of separate writing prompts that need to be answered. For example, Princeton University requires five supplemental pieces of writing: one of up to 500 words, one that is up to 250 words, and three short responses of up to 50 words, in addition to an essay that is a mandatory component of the standard application. Princeton also requires applicants submit a graded written paper.

It is never too early for high school students to begin thinking about the college essay experience and start formulating ideas about topics they would like to cover. A vast array of schools utilize the Common Application to receive student applications. The Common Application offers a full set of essay prompts (which remained unchanged for the 2023-2024 academic year) to spark thought. An example of one prompt was: "Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?" Students also have the option to share an essay of their choice.

Word Search Answers for this week

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to Editor statewide

First of all, thank you to educators from years gone by to the present who love our children and have labored for their best outcomes. Without them I would have no hope today. Knowing that pastors, churches, moms and dads have been praying regularly for school students and staff is good news. Let us take a laser light on education today.

School districts in Minnesota are in grave danger. Because school boards represent voters and taxpayers, start talking about how communities can stand together with schools to push back on the upcoming and current policies that are undermining education. Our children are our inheritance, not school buildings or a government agenda.

In the last year policies decided by a governor-appointed board, Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB), has set revised teacher licensing standards for new and renewing teachers which include a mandate to teach Marxist activism. This PELSB mandate is now being taught in Minnesota colleges and universities so when they are required to sign for a license in 2025 they will be ready to teach our children socialism integrated in all areas of study and thought. For more information check the website Child Protection League and search PELSB.

School boards and administrators are not the culprits yet they are complicit in allowing this injustice. Unions are another factor. In 2008 Minnesota had 50 education lobbyists while corporations had one or less on average. The strength of their organizing is evident financially, academically, and autocratically.

Highlighting our needs, we must keep our eyes on the Minnesota legislature. They are advancing an agenda at lightning speed. Start contacting state officials heading up education and human rights act committees; watch their live broadcasts of committees, house and senate proceedings on the state website <https://www.leg.mn.gov/>.

Let's pray and encourage school administrators and school boards to speak to other school districts about standing up against this takeover of our schools. If enough of them work together other districts will rally with them. It only takes a few brave people to start a new American Revolution. For the sake of our children the battle is worth it. Ordinary citizens, we must speak now! Administrators are not standing alone with no recourse but need our truth to protect and save our local schools and for us together to save our children! They need parents, taxpayers, voters, and faith leaders to STAND with them NOW!

We saw how the comprehensive sex ed curriculum works. Now it is a grooming process to sexualize children. Schools need to show the public any CASEL-style SEL programming they are using on our children and why. Allow yourselves to be vulnerable, like each innocent child, to fix this adult problem. It is up to each one of us to fix this agenda quickly. Home schooling is a very serious option!

Patricia Moulton, Rush City MN

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ing previously written pieces into what the essay prompt is asking. Start fresh on each prompt.

Always proofread and edit, then do it again. Colleges want to see that you can write and that you have command of spelling and grammar.

Make sure you stick to the recommended length.

Essay writing is something that high school students will do with greater frequency as they begin applying to college.

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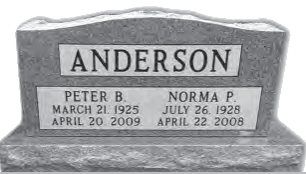
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OBITUARIES

Obituary for Carol Szymczak

Carol Ann Szymczak, 78, of Park Rapids, MN passed away at home on Friday evening, March 29.

Carol A. Fortier was born on March 27, 1946 in Thief River Falls, MN the daughter of Elmer P. and Ethel V. (Lynch) Fortier. She and her six sisters grew up and attended public school in Oklee, MN and she graduated in 1964. She went on to receive her education degree from Bemidji State College. In 1969, she moved to Park Rapids, MN where she was hired as a fourth grade teacher. She taught for 34 years, retiring in 2003. She was united in marriage to Anthony "Tony" Edward Szymczak on August 30, 1969 in Oklee. They were blessed with two children – Amy and Edward.

She has been a lifelong active attending member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Park Rapids, where she was active in several areas including the Family Guild, the Church Council, and St. Joachim & St. Anne quilting group. She was a Charter Member, Sapphire Sister and 2x past president of A.D.K. (Alpha Delta Kappa), she was past president of the local Mrs. Jaycees club and she volunteered at several

other organizations around the community. She loved to organize family and community gatherings, including family reunions, summer visits with the grandchildren, church bazaars and Logging Days. She enjoyed reading novels and newspapers including the comics. She liked puzzle solving, specifically Cryptoquip and Soduko. Spending time with family and friends was important to her.

She is survived by her husband- Anthony "Tony" of Park Rapids; Her children – Amy (Scott) Van Eps of Chaska; Edward (Sarah) Szymczak of Bellingham, WA; Her 6 Grandchildren – Jacob and Kaylee Van Eps both of Chaska. Zoe, Kaia, Sawyer and Theo Szymczak all of Bellingham, WA. Her 6 sisters – Margaret (Don) Mag-nell of Spearfish, SD; Marilyn Froehle of Henderson, NV; Patti (Wayne) Czech of Roseau; Elaine Hill of Aitkin; Eleanor (Chris) Johnson of Brooklyn Park; Joanne (Mark) Hafdahl of Fargo, ND; Her sister in laws - Mary Jo (Burt) Martinson of Maple Grove, MN; Mary Brinks of Denver, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 brother in laws - Harry Froehle, Mike Hill, and Charlie Szymczak.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Park Rapids, MN. Visitation was held on Friday evening April 5, 2024 from 4 until 6 pm at the church. Visitation was also held for one hour prior to the services. Inurnment was held at the St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Park Rapids, MN.

Friends may leave online condolences at ceasefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Cease Family Funeral Home of Park Rapids, MN.

Obituary for Franklin L. Bergh

Franklin L. Bergh, age 91, of Clearbrook, MN, passed away on Saturday April 6, 2024 at his home with family by his side.

Funeral services for Franklin will be held on Saturday, April 13th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley. A one hour visitation will be held beginning at 10:00 AM.

Father John Melkies Suva-keen will be officiating. Military Honors will be accorded by Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 320 of Clearbrook. Burial will be held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery. Lunch will be served immediately after the services in the St. Joseph's Church reception hall.

Arrangements are with Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley. For those wishing to send cards please address to - Annie Bergh, PO Box 233, Clearbrook, MN 56634.

Franklin Leo Bergh was born March 20, 1933, son of Charles and Emma Bergh of Hallock, MN. He attended Sunny Side Country School grades 1-8 and then attend- ed Crookston AC Northwest School of Agriculture and gradu- ated in 1953.

Frank was drafted into the Army May 21, 1953 and had

Basic Training in Fort Lewis, WA. He was shipped to Seoul, Korea on February 1, 1954. He arrived home in May 1955, having experienced 3 days on a transport ship in the mix of a typhoon. He was honorably discharged May 20, 1955.

Frank worked in the GTA Elevator in Hallock in 1955. He met his wife, Annie, in 1955 and they were married July 26, 1956. In 1957 Frank was sent to manage the GTA Elevator in Galchutt, ND. Their four oldest children, Patty, Connie, Janet, and Wayne were all born while living in Galchutt, ND. Frank man- aged the elevator until March 1964 when he decided to move his family back to Hallock and farm with his brother Larry. In 1966 came a tremendous flood of the Red River and they were forced to move out of their home and bought their farm in Clearbrook, MN on April 1, 1966. Their young- est son, Charles, was born in July 1966. Frank was a dairy farmer and he and Annie raised their 5 children on the farm. They sold the farm in the fall of 2001 and moved into a new home in Clearbrook on the 21st of April, 2002.

Frank and Annie enjoyed their gardening, canning and yard work all the years that they have lived in Clearbrook.

Frank is survived by his wife Annie of 67 years, Daugh- ters Patty & Jim Beardsley and family of Clearbrook, Connie Solberg (Brian Gun- ning) and family of Gonvick, Sons Wayne Bergh and Lori and family of Gonvick, and Charles Bergh and Barb and family of Milaca. Son-in-Law Robert Thompson (Janet) and family of McIntosh. Frank's sister Margie Anderson and family of Lancaster, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Emma, Daughter Ja- net Thompson, Grandsons Ryan (newborn) and Dustin (Charles). Brothers, Gail, Larry, Morris, and Bill.

Obituary for Donna Asselin

IN LOVING MEMORY

Donna Mae Asselin, age 81, passed away on Wednes- day March 20, 2024 at home in Covina CA with family at her bedside.

She was born Donna Mae Miller at the Ada, Minnesota hospital on May 31, 1942. She attended 1st through 8th grades in the Borup, Min- nesota school and graduated from Mount Saint Benedict Academy in Crookston, Min- nesota.

She was united in mar- riage to James (Jim) Asselin on June 4, 1966 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Ada, MN. In August of that same year, they moved to Covina in Southern California where Jim taught English for 36 years and Donna worked in office management positions

at Orrin Construction and Farmers Insurance offices. She retired in 2004, but for forty plus years she was the driving force and backbone of the family tax practice since 1970.

She enjoyed traveling via cruise ships and land tours. BlackJack and pinochle she enjoyed as well as spending time with family and friends when she always served her favorite dishes. She always had a special interest in her grandchildren.

Donna is survived by her husband, Jim, her daughter Lynette (Brian) Martin of Escondido CA and her son Gregory (Megan) Asselin of Covina, CA. Also surviving are her grandchildren – Alex- andra (Ally) Martin, Joshua (Josh) Martin, Abigail (Abby) Asselin, and Nathaniel (Nathan) Asselin and her brother Ed (Darlys) Miller of Detroit Lakes, MN. And many nieces and nephews who were very special to her.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Alice Miller, her sisters Margaret Mary & Evelyn Krogen and four brothers- John, Adolph, Jerome, and Jim Miller.

Final resting place: Oak- dale Memorial Park & Mortu- ary, Glendora, CA

Service: St. Joseph Catho- lic Church, 218 10th St. So Moorhead, MN. Saturday April 20, 2024 11 AM.

Obituary for Wendell Opdahl

Wendell Roger Opdahl, 92, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Villa St Vincent of Crookston, MN.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Vernes Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh, MN.

Visitation will be one hour before the service.

The interment will be at Vernes Lutheran Cemetery, rural McIntosh, MN.

On November 29, 1931, Wendell was born to Andrew and Mable (Knutson) Op- dahl at Fosston, MN. He was baptized at Vernes Luther- an Church, rural McIntosh, MN, before attending Lind- say Country School near his home. He worked at an iron

mine in Virginia, MN, and returned to home, where he worked at the gravel pit, be- gan farming, and raised sheep and goats. Wendell grew and loved strawberries. He did custom sawmilling, and he was the neighborhood me- chanic and welder. He loved attending Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion - Rollag, MN, and Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers, rural Bagley, MN.

On June 12, 1955, Wendell was united in marriage to Hilda Torkelson at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN. Wendell liked deer hunt- ing with his family and play- ing cards (whist and smear); he loved spending time with his family and friends. Wen- dell also, wood-carved birds and sold them at the church auction.

Wendell is survived by his wife, Hilda; children: Carol (David) Dahlen and Roger (Debbie) Opdahl; grandchil- dren: Rachel Dahlen (Matt), Travis (Bridget) Dahlen, Ash- ley (Brandon) Nelson, and Kelly (Sameer) Pai, great- grandchildren: Brayden, Ol- ivia, Briggs, Parker, Alena, Braxton, Senna; sisters-In- Law: Betty Opdahl, Mable McKinney, and Jean Quam, and several nieces and neph- ews.

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What to know about applying for an extension on your tax return

The Internal Revenue Ser- vice reports that the deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Mon- day, April 15, 2024. The vast majority of taxpayers will have no issue filing by the deadline, but some may not be able to file on time. In such instances, tax- payers can apply for an exten- sion of time to file.

An extension is not neces- sarily as straightforward as the term suggests. In fact, the IRS urges taxpayers to be aware that applying for an extension does not grant tax- payers an extension of time to pay their taxes. Failure to pay by the April 15 deadline could incur penalties, even for people who have applied for an exten- sion. The IRS urges taxpayers to estimate any owed taxes by the deadline and submit pay- ments for those estimates by April 15.

Extension requests must be submitted by the regular re- turn due date.

Some taxpayers may not have to submit an extension return. The IRS notes that taxpayers in certain disaster areas do not need to submit an extension electronically or on paper. For example, the IRS had already determined by February 2024 that Maine taxpayers impacted by severe storms and flooding qualified

for tax relief. Various dead- lines, including the April 15 filing deadline for individuals and businesses, were extended to June 17, 2024. Maine tax- payers are urged to contact a tax preparation professional to determine if they are eligible for the later deadline. A list of additional extensions affecting the 2024 filing deadline can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disas- ter-situations>.

Individual taxpayers, re- gardless of income, can use the IRS Free File (<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-fed- eral-taxes-for-free>) to request an automatic tax-filing exten- sion. Filing that form gives taxpayers until October 15 to file a return. If October 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the due date is extend- ed until the next business day. It's important that taxpayers filing for the October 15 exten- sion deadline recognize that they must still estimate their tax liability on the Free File form and pay any estimated taxes owed.

The deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Monday, April 15, 2024. Individuals who need more information about apply- ing for an extension are urged to visit irs.gov.



The family of Prestan Marquis would like to send our sincere thank you to everyone who expressed your sympathy in words, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We can't begin to tell you how much it has meant to us to feel the love, kindness and support from family and friends both near and far.

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Card of Thanks

Watermark's NEXT Poetry SLAM April 25

Bemidji, MN - Win CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places at Watermark's next Po- etry SLAM scheduled for April 25 at Fozzie's BBQ in Bemidji from 7 to 9pm . Poets should compose three original poems that haven't been performed recently. Volunteer audience members will be selected as the evening's judges. Perform- ers should sign in around 6:30 or call Watermark to pre-reg- ister. Performances begin at 7pm. There is no fee to perform or watch! Come down early and order some tasty BBQ to enjoy during the show.

Support, in part, for Wa- termark's Spoken Word Story SLAMS and Poetry SLAMS is provided by the Bemidji Area

Arts Endowment. Visit Wa- termarkArtCenter.org for de- tailed exhibit, event, class and accessibility information. 505 Bemidji Avenue N., Bemidji, Minnesota. Call 218-444-7570. More information regarding SLAM venues, rules, judging, prizes, etc. can be found at watermarkartcenter.org/spoken-word/.

*NOTE: Watermark is also partnering with KAXE for "Northern Voices on Stage" slated for April 18 at Bemidji Brewing at 7pm. Both events are free.

For those who pre- fer to share on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/events/972894164208169>

Warning signs of mouth cancer

Mouth cancer, also referred to as oral cancer, is an oft- overlooked form of the disease. Though mouth cancer is not as prevalent as other forms of the disease, a 2015 study published in the International Journal of Clinical and Exper- imental Pathology noted it is the sixth most common cancer worldwide, perhaps making this form of the disease worthy of additional attention from the general public.

The Memorial Sloan Ketter- ing Cancer Center notes mouth cancer is most closely linked to tobacco and alcohol use. How- ever, even non-smokers and individuals who do not drink can develop mouth cancer. The MSKCC reports that mouth cancer is typically diagnosed after a dentist notices symp- toms during routine exams, which is one of many reasons to schedule dental exams and cleanings at least twice per year. In addition to making dental exams part of their reg- ular health care routine, indi- viduals can keep an eye out for these warning signs of mouth cancer.

- Mouth ulcers that are not healing: The MSKCC notes this is a common symptom that is present in most people with mouth cancer. This is marked by a broken area of skin that will not heal.
- Pain in the mouth: The MSKCC notes that persistent pain in the mouth that does not subside is another common symptom of mouth cancer.
- White or red patches in the mouth or throat: This symptom might be hard for individu- als to spot, particularly if the patches are in the throat. The MSKCC notes that a fungal

infection known as oral thrush can cause red patches (eryth- roplakia) and white patches (leukoplakia) as well. Though the presence of these patches are not evidence of cancer, they can lead to cancer if left un- treated.

- Difficulty swallowing: A burning sensation when chew- ing or swallowing food may be indicative of mouth cancer. The MSKCC notes that some people with mouth cancer feel as though food is sticking in their throat. Some people also cough or feel as though liquid is entering their windpipe. Dif- ficulty swallowing and chew- ing compels some people to eat less, which is why unexplained weight loss is another warning sign for mouth cancer.
- Speech problems: Changes to one's voice is another po- tential warning sign of mouth cancer. A voice may sound quieter or husky, and some people's voices may sound as if they have a cold all the time. The MSKCC notes that some people slur words or experience difficulty pronouncing certain sounds when they have devel- oped mouth cancer.
- A lump in the neck: Swell- ing in one or more lymph nodes in the neck is a com- mon symptom of mouth can- cer, and people with this sign may feel as though they have a lump in their neck. If a lump in the neck is slowly growing bigger, that is a warning sign for mouth cancer. Lumps that come and go are not typically a byproduct of cancer, according to the MSKCC.
- Additional warning signs: A lump or thickening in the lip, a lump in the mouth or throat, unusual bleeding or numbness in the mouth, loose teeth with no apparent reason, and diffi- culty moving the jaw are some additional warning signs of mouth cancer.

Mouth cancer is not as com- mon as other forms of the dis- ease, but it can still be deadly if left untreated. More informa- tion is available at mskcc.org.

Submit obituaries to richards@gvtel.com

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

TRI COUNTY CANARY 7



The Minnesota Vikings' "Purple People Eaters" of the 1960s-1970s.

Notable Minnesota Coaches & Athletes Program Scheduled April 24

Lake Agassiz Regional Library will host a free virtual program allowing viewers to get the inside scoop on notable Minnesota coaches and athletes past and present. The

virtual presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. and will feature author and sports expert Ross Bernstein. Ross will return to Lake Agassiz Regional Library

just in time for the NFL Draft to share interesting facts and tidbits about sports figures around the state, including coaches and players for the Minnesota Vikings.

This program will be offered virtually at larl.org/draft. A recording will be available for two weeks following the presentation. Community members are invited to enjoy this program (and snacks!) at a watch party at participating locations: Moorhead Public Library, Mahanomen Public Library and Hawley Public Library.

This program is offered free-of-charge thanks to funding from the Minnesota Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. No registration is required.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, contact the Lake Agassiz Regional Library office at 218-233-3757 or online at www.larl.org.



Ross Bernstein

Training the Next Generation of Manufacturing Talent

Bemidji, MN – April 8, 2024 – The Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence (Center) located at Bemidji State University, has been awarded a \$750,000 Drive for Five Workforce Initiative grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). This grant aims to grow Minnesota's manufacturing workforce by training and placing individuals in family-sustaining wage careers over the next 15 months.

Equipping Minnesotans for Manufacturing Success

The Center's allocation is part of a larger \$20 million workforce initiative by DEED. This effort aims to equip workers for high-demand fields across the state, with a statewide goal to train and place 1,200 individuals and benefit 3,000 businesses within 15 months.

"The Center's goal is to strengthen the connection between manufacturing and education," said Jeremy Leffelman, executive director of the Center. "We are dedicated to helping people develop the skills and training needed for advanced manufacturing careers, ultimately leading to family-sustaining wages, gainful employment, and contributions to Minnesota's economic vitality."

The Center will lead the grant initiative, with Bemidji State University serving as the fiscal host. The Center will partner with seven Minnesota State colleges to recruit, train, and place students in skilled, advanced manufacturing roles. Colleges will work with local workforce centers, adult basic education providers, and manufacturing associations throughout the state.

Partner institutions include:

- Alexandria Technical and

Community College, Alexandria, MN

- Anoka Technical College, Anoka, MN

- Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, MN

- Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie, MN

- St. Cloud Technical and Community College, St. Cloud, MN

- Saint Paul College, St. Paul, MN

- South Central College, Faribault and North Mankato, MN

Each college will have the opportunity to utilize the Center's foundational manufacturing curriculum, developed through a National Science Foundation - Advanced Technological Education (NSF-ATE) grant the Center received in 2009. This curriculum was developed in partnership with Minnesota State colleges across the state, and was revisited, refreshed, enhanced, and approved by Minnesota manufacturers in 2019. This curriculum equips students with essential skills in safety, quality, manufacturing processes and production, and maintenance awareness. Upon completion, students will be prepared to take the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council Certified Production Technician (CPT) exam, earning this nationally recognized credential and enhancing their employment prospects in advanced manufacturing. Colleges will also utilize existing manufacturing curriculum as part of their program design and delivery.

In addition to coursework, each college partner will link students to work-based learning opportunities such as manufacturing facility tours, job shadowing, internships, paid work experiences, and/or on-the-job training. This comprehensive approach ensures

students receive both academic and practical training, preparing them for success in the advanced manufacturing workforce.

Supporting Students on their Journey

The grant will provide funding for direct training of students in advanced manufacturing programs at each participating college. Additionally, colleges will offer student support services, which may include transportation assistance, case management, mentoring programs, career counseling, and more. These wrap-around services will empower students to overcome potential barriers and confidently pursue careers in manufacturing.

"The Drive for Five grant will accelerate our capacity to support economic development throughout Northern Minnesota," said John Hoffman, president of Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College. "The Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence is an essential partner to us. It really is a one-of-a-kind partnership, and together, we are the hub connecting two-year colleges, tribal colleges, and schools with Northern Minnesota's businesses, industries, and communities. Drive for Five is a critical fuel for this economic development engine."

For More Information

The grant program anticipates serving more than 56 unique students during the 2024-2025 academic years. For further information about the grant or its partner colleges, please contact Jeremy Leffelman, executive director of the Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence, at jeremy.leffelman@minnstate.edu or (218) 755-4222.

Watermark workshop with print artist Sonja Larsen May 11



Bemidji, MN - Join Watermark exhibiting artist and published printmaker, Sonja Larsen on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 3pm and learn about creating fine prints from nature!

Larsen will begin by giving a tour of her current exhibit in Watermark's Lakeview Gallery "Creating Art from Nature". Larsen will follow with a demo featuring her knowledge

of making nature prints from local plants. She will guide you in creating your very own leaf prints!

There is no fee to participate and all ages are welcome. Watermark's galleries, classroom and gift shop are accessible, free and open to the public Mondays - Saturdays from 10 to 5pm. Visit WatermarkArtCenter.org for detailed exhibit, event, class and accessibility

information. 505 Bemidji Avenue N., Bemidji, Minnesota. Call 218-444-7570. For those who prefer to share on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/255704827533025>





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