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Judging takes place for MN Jr. Duck Stamp Contest at Rydell

Judging for the Minnesota Junior Duck Stamp Contest was held on Wednesday, March 23rd in the Visitor Center at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Erskine, MN. Spectators could view the artwork just before the first round of judging began for each category.

The program began in 1989, and the National Junior Duck Stamp contest began in 1993. The program was recognized by Congress with the 1994 enactment of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act. By 2000, the program included all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program is a dynamic art and science based curriculum designed to spark youth interest in habitat conservation. Students in kindergarten through high school are encouraged to interpret the natural world through artistic expression. By providing a basis for participation in the Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest, the activities encourage students to move beyond simply "learning about" wildlife and wildlife art to testing their abilities as wildlife artists.

Student artwork was judged in four grade groups: kindergarten through third, fourth-sixth, seventh-ninth, tenth-twelfth. Part of the eligibility is that submitted artwork featured a native North American waterfowl species.

Three first, three second and three third places, along with sixteen honorable mentions were awarded in each age group. In addition, the conservation message and special student honors were awarded. The artwork was judged on original



The Best of Show artist was Eugene Lee from Eden Prairie, His picture was titled 'Spread Your Wings', and painted using acrylic paints. His drawing will advance to national judging that will be held in April.

design, artistic composition, and suitability for reproduction on a 1-inch by 1½-inch stamp.

A Best of Show entry selected from the twelve first place winners in Minnesota is awarded a \$500 scholarship and is entered in the national contest that is held in April. The top three artists at the national level and the winning conservation message receive scholarships as well.

The winning artwork from the national art contest serves as the design for the Junior Duck Stamp, which the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service produces annually. The stamp is available for \$5, and all revenue from the sale of Junior Duck stamps goes to support recognition and environmental education activities for students who participate in the program.

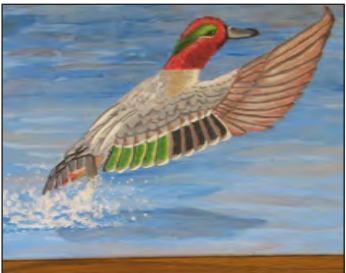
In 2015, 24,000 youth participated in state and territory Junior Duck stamp art contests.

For more information, contact Lynda Knutsen (MN Junior Duck Coordinator) at 218-449-4115 or lynda_knutsen@fws.gov. A full list of permitted species as well as an entry form and information about the contest is available at www.fws.gov/juniorduck.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit <http://www.fws.gov>.



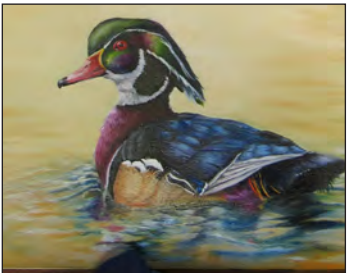
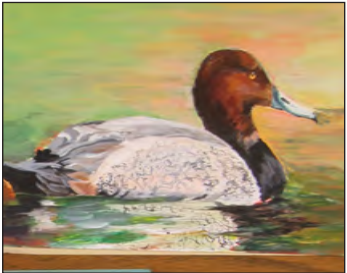
The 1st place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for Kindergarten to 3rd grade were: Emelia Nelson, Minneapolis; Usha Rath, St. Cloud; and Jayna Hartzell, Pine Island.



The 1st place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 4th grade to 6th grade were: Erika Lahti, Fergus Falls; Logan Mentjes, Pine Island; and Gabriel Northrop, Pine Island.



The 1st place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 7th grade to 9th grade were: Yeram Park, Blaine; James Cho, Cottage Grove; and Talia Mentjes, Pine Island.



The 1st place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 10th grade to 12th grade were: Eugene Lee, Eden Prairie (Best of Show); Elizabeth Cho, Cottage Grove; and Keenan Schultz, Dexter.
More winners on page 6.

Fire puts Callaway residents out of their homes

The 200 residents of Callaway spent Thursday, March 24 out of their homes because of a fire from the train-truck accident.

The collision resulted in a fire that prompted the evacuation of Callaway which is 12 miles north of Detroit Lakes.

The propane tank, pulled by the semi, caught fire when the truck collided with a north-bound Canadian Pacific train in that town at 12:25 p.m. The truck's cab became separated from the propane tank. Also it derailed seven empty railcars and the locomotive on the 82-

car train.

Firefighters from many different departments kept pouring water on the blaze to prevent another propane located next to grain bins located near the tracks from catching on fire.

The collision shut down a stretch of U.S. Highway 59 north of Detroit Lakes.

Shooting Star Casino at Mahnomen sent boxed lunches and water to emergency service workers and to the control center that had been set up inside the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church outside of Callaway to

deal with the emergency. The Becker County Sheriff's Department, the Detroit Lakes Police Department, the Minnesota State Patrol, the White Earth Police Department and several fire crews are on the scene, as are crews from Canadian Pacific.

Two train crew members were taken to Essentia Health St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes with injuries that were not serious. The truck driver declined medical attention.

Residents were able to return to their homes on Friday afternoon.



**Vernon Hammes
Incumbent District 1**



**Robert Johnson
Incumbent District 2**



**Greg Spaulding
Incumbent District 3**

Three directors running unopposed

Three directors are running for a three-year term each for Clearwater-Polk. They have been nominated in accordance with the bylaws. The membership will have to cast a ballot for the three people running.

**Vernon Hammes
Incumbent District 1**

Vernon and his wife, Beverly, live in Pine Lake Township. They have four children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Vernon was born and raised on a dairy farm in the Gonvick area. He owned and operated the farm from which he has now retired. His son currently resides there. He has served as Director for Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative since 1981. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Clearwater County, Garden

Valley Telephone Board, and is also on the Pine Lake Town Board. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, primarily deer hunting.

**Robert Johnson
Incumbent District 2**

Robert and his wife, Elaine, live on a farm in Popple Township. They have three daughters, three grandsons and one granddaughter. Robert started in the dairy business in 1962 and continued until 1996 when he switched to raising dairy replacement heifers. The heifer's project was discontinued in 1998 and now the 220 acres of cropland are used to raise grain and alfalfa for sale. Robert has been a Director for Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative, since 1986. Robert has served on the Bagley Cooperative Board.

**Greg Spaulding
Incumbent District 3**

Greg and wife, Mary, moved to Nora Township over 28 years ago. The Spaulding's selected this community to raise their two daughters and two sons. Greg was employed by the State of Minnesota for 30 years. Much of that time he was a Conservation Officer. Greg is now retired and enjoys seven grandchildren, fishing, hunting, trapping, cross country skiing, biking(bicycle) and wilderness adventures.

Greg has a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife/Earth Sciences and a Masters Degree in Microbiology and Immunology. Greg is interested in learning more about legislation concerning our rural community's energy needs and its impact on cooperative members.

Clearwater-Polk annual meeting Thursday April 7

Thursday, April 7 will be the 69th annual meeting for Clearwater-Polk Electric. They will be meeting at Timbers Event Center in Bagley on Highway 2 West. It is located in the same building as Da-Roo's Pizza across from Team Industries.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with the Clearwater County Nursing Service providing a health fair. They will be doing testing of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. Coffee and cookies will be served.

The meeting will be called to order at 10:30 a.m. with the invocation by Pastor Randy McGuire. Stacy Pittman will sing the National Anthem. Reports from the manager, officers and employees will be given. The main speaker will be Robert "Mac" McLennan President & CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc., There will be a noon meal served following the meeting.



Robert "Mac" McLennan is the President & CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc., a generation and transmission cooperative based in Grand Forks, N.D.

Minnkota Power, which serves 11 electric distribution cooperatives in eastern North Dakota and northwest Minnesota, has about 400 employees, 132,000 customers and revenues of about \$360 million annually.

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning Program to feature Historic Music

Much of American history can be taught in song. From the songs of the gold camps, the civil war, the Minstrel and medicine shows, people learn how music was a common thread in the 1800's. The music is presented in a traditional manner and played on the popular instruments of the period including the Boucher banjo, tambourine and bones. In all cases the oldest known lyrics to the songs are used to maintain the accuracy of the music. Traditional music from the 1800's is covered in detail along with fascinating tidbits of history from the Victorian era.

Along with Mark Bridge, you will meet interesting figures from history- Pioneers, settlers, miners, outlaws, hucksters, soldiers and more. Every song and interesting piece of history is a small but important lesson about our national heritage.

Mark Bridge has been performing historical music for over a quarter of a century and is a member of the Minnesota State Historical Society. Performance venues have ranged from historical re-enactments to Chuck Wagons of the West, Disney World, the National Festival of the West, The Journey Museum, Medora Cowboy Poetry Gathering and many more. He is on the Board of Directors for the Nemeth Art Center and the Upper Mississippi Center for the Arts as well as Vice Chairman of the Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council.

His repertoire covers a wide variety of musical selections and subjects from the 1800's. The songs include compositions



by Stephen Foster, Daniel DeCATur Emmett and other composers of the period along with many other selections popular during the Victorian era. Some of the songs are taken from actual "banjo instructors" dating back to the 1850's.

The music is performed on a variety of banjos including the gourd banjo and a replica of a 1855 Boucher banjo typical of the style used in Minstrel shows. Instruments also in-

clude the Minstrel tambourine and the bones. This combination of instruments replicates how the songs actually sounded like in the 1800's.

The program will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday April 6 at the Fosston Library and Arts Center • 403 Foss Ave N in Fosston. For more information contact NELL coordinator Tamara Edevold at 218-694-2856 or find us on facebook.



Amberg/Schmit Engagement

Aric (Tony) and Amy Amberg, Mahnomen, MN, announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Amanda Jo Amberg to Robert (Bobby) Daniel Schmit, son of John and Audrey Schmit, Trail, MN. Grandson of Irene and George Dessellier of Oklee, MN.

Amanda graduated from Mahnomen High School and North Dakota State University with a Bachelor's in Pharmaceu-

tical Sciences and is pursuing her Doctorate of Pharmacy.

Bobby graduated from Fosston High School and Northland Community and Technical College with a certification in welding. He is employed at Balstad Farms in Fosston.

The couple will be married on April 2, 2016 at 2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Twin Valley followed by a reception at 5 pm and dance in Gully, MN.

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Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail Weekend coming in early April

Come to Bemidji to experience the area's first Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail Weekend, held April 8 – 10, 2016. The trail is a 16-member studio tour that celebrates the unique heritage of the area's voyageurs, pioneers, and indigenous peoples showcasing both traditional and contemporary textile art forms. Participating studios run from Bemidji to Fosston and will be open Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 – 5:00 and Sunday, April 10th from 10:00 – 4:00.

The Grand Opening Weekend features keynote speaker Kate Anderson, a nationally-recognized fiber artist, painter, former gallery owner, and arts speaker. Join us Friday, April 8 to kick off the weekend, beginning with an artist reception and trail member exhibit from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation in downtown Bemidji. At 7:00, Anderson will give an artist talk, sharing her experiences in both her artistic endeavors and business practices, giving the audience insight into the world of promoting, exhibiting, and answering calls for entry.

As part of the trail weekend, Watermark Art Center and First National Bank Bemidji will be presenting an exhibit of Native American textile art. This exhibit will feature a variety of fiber mediums representing both traditional and contemporary styles. Included will be pieces by Gizhiigin Arts Initiative Director Karen Goulet, who will display her Star Quilts and mixed media pieces, featuring different forms of surface manipulation including painted fabrics, embellishments, and traditional hand embroidery. Artist Ron Turney will present recent works of jewelry and boxes made with ethically harvested birch bark and porcupine quills. And the Williams-Goodwin family of Mahnomen will display their powwow regalia, including original hand-crafted beaded moccasins, purses, shawls, and more.

In addition to their exhibit, Watermark and First National Bank Bemidji will also sponsor a Native American Dance Exhibition by the Williams-Goodwin family on April 9. Dennis Williams, Dana Goodwin, and their daughters will demon-



Williams-Goodwin family. Photo courtesy of the Williams-Goodwin family.

strate womens' Fancy Shawl, Jingle Dress, and Traditional powwow dances, as well as mens' Grass dance. The event will be held at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., with Grand Entry at 7. Event is free and open to the public; free-will donation at the door. Space is limited.

The Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail Weekend is a self-guided tour. Fiber enthusiasts can visit studios, take workshops, watch demonstrations, create projects with Make-n-Take opportunities, and more throughout the weekend. There will be a variety of fiber mediums represented, including quilting, felt making, weaving, basketry, fabric bowls, and more. Art will be available for purchase. For specific details, as well as a map of the tour, go to midwestfiberartstrails.org/pine-prairie-2016. Maps will also be available at Watermark Art Center.



Moccasin beadwork. Photo courtesy of Joseph Allen.



Open Quillbox. Photo courtesy of Blackcloud Studios.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

RED LAKE COUNTY COOPERATIVE INC.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

BROOKS COMMUNITY CENTER

8:30 AM BREAKFAST • 9:30 AM MEETING

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO:

- Review the operating statement for the fiscal year 2015.
- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:
DISTRICT 2, East of Hwy. 32, West of Hwy. 59 and North of Hwy 2.
Director currently serving this area is Chuck Flage.
DISTRICT 3, West of Hwy. 32 and North of Hwy. 2.
Director currently serving this area is Todd Wieland.
DISTRICT 5, East of Hwy. 59 and South of Hwy. 92.
Director currently serving this area is Robert Landsverk.
- To consider any business that may come before the meeting.

PAYING 40% OF DIVIDEND IN CASH.

DIVIDEND CHECKS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THIS MEETING.

Checks that are not picked up at this meeting will be mailed the first week of May.

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MnDOT creates Greater Minnesota noise barrier program

Cities, townships in northwestern

Minnesota can apply for funding through May 9

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Cities and townships are eligible to apply for funding under the Minnesota Department of Transportation's newly created Greater Minnesota Stand-Alone Noise Barrier program. The agency has approximately \$700,000 to award to 172 eligible cities for building noise barrier projects.

“Currently, most of the noise barriers are in the Twin Cities area, where higher traffic counts can create noise levels that exceed state standards,” said Peter Wasko, program administrator. “There are many cities in Greater Minnesota impacted by traffic noise and this funding will help address that.”

In northwestern Minnesota, there are 16 cities eligible for the funding: Bagley, Baudette, Bemidji, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Erskine, Fosston, McIntosh, Mentor, Park Rapids, Shevlin, Solway, Thief River Falls, Warroad, Williams, and Wilton.

Cities can apply for the first round of funding before May 9. MnDOT will select projects in June with plans to begin construction in July 2017. Wasko said future applications will be accepted annually from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, although future funding amounts have not been determined.

To qualify, cities must be adjacent to a limited access freeway, expressway or interstate

where noise limits exceed the state daytime noise standard set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Cities are required to pay 10 percent of the project cost.

Wasko said MnDOT has constructed noise walls and barriers during roadway construction projects since the 1970s, when the Minnesota Legislature directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to adopt state noise standards. State and federal standards are used to determine noise impacts and mitigation in Minnesota.

In 1995, MnDOT developed a priority list to direct state resources to mitigate traffic noise in locations not adjacent to new roadway construction. Most of these locations were in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

In 2013, the Office of the Legislative Auditor recommended that MnDOT offer funding to communities outside the Twin Cities to build noise barriers. The new program is in response to that recommendation.

For more information, including a list of eligible cities, a complete list of application requirements and the application, go to www.mndot.gov/environment/noise/greater-mn-program.html.

Cities in northwestern Minnesota can contact Darren Laesch at 218-755-6554 for more information.

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RLCC High School will be presenting a Hillbilly Wedding

RLCC Theater will be presenting the three act comedy A Hillbilly Wedding by Le Roma Greth and by special arrangement with HeuerPublishing on April 15-16,17 in the Oklee School gym. The cast includes Tom Nelson as Pa Belsnickle, Kjersten Walton as Ma Belsnickle, Sydney Melby as Ceelie Belsnickle, Jade Person as Bonnie May Belsnickle, Kara Longtin as Juney Lou Belsnickle, Natalie Aakhus as Four Belsnickle, Erin Jones as Five Belsnickle, Heather Longtin as Six Belsnickle, Nick Pahlen as Obeyey Upschlager,Hannah Kolstoe as Chis Upschlager, Gunner Anderson as Ronald Maxwell, DeDe Walton as Lucy Maxwell, David Clifton as Reverend, Austin Waliser as Cousin Zeke, Holly Vettleson as Cousin Lily Belle the pianist.

Our play takes modern day way back in the Ozark Mountains thirty miles from Horsehair Junction in a small cabin similar to the home of Ma and Pa Kettle. Pa Belsnickle (Tom Nelson) as lazy as a ten year old cat who is a piece of furniture in one's home for 23 hours a day. Ma (KjerstenWalton) is the hardworking matriarch of the family keeping the home going when sixteen year old Juney Lou

(Kara Longtin) has decided to get hitched. Ma is concerned because in the custom of the hills elder daughters must be wed first. Ceelie and Bonnie May are older. Ceelie (Sydney Melby) is a ripe old nineteen. I repeat a ripe old girl who has never had a bath in her life. Her critters has critters such as lice etc. She is already considered an old main.

Pa has to unlimber old Betsy, his shotgun to wing Ceelie a husband with buckshot. After all, if a suitor is winged, he can't run as fast, Bonnie May (Jade Person) would prefer reading her books. There aren't any men that she was interested in. There werea lot of eligible bachelors or women in these hills. When Chiz (Hannah Kolstoe) shows up looking for Obeyey (Nick Paulen) , Pa figures to wing him for Cellie so she can use him to entertain her rattlesnakes.

Enter Rober t Maxwell, a city slicker and a doctor, (Gunner Anderson) whose car has broken down and has to find a phone for help. Lucy Maxwell (Dede Walton) can't believe how these people live in a two room cabin. Ceelie sets her cap for the Dude and when Obeyey and Chiz finds out that the only eligible women are both looking at Dr. Maxwell,

they try something desperate. They decide to start a feud. Even Pa is for it for he then can wing the Doc for Ceelie and he doesn't have to work too hard. There is the usual chase scenes, mixed identities in this hilarious comedy .

Holly Vettleson and Mrs. Mickelson are going to help with music for a wedding that will be the strangest shotgun wedding in years. The play is under the direction of Michael Swenson. I hope you will join us for this fun hillbilly comedy on April 15th, 16th, and 17th. - Submitted

NOTICE

Salem Lutheran Church of McIntosh will hold its Annual Cemetery Association Meeting on April 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the McIntosh Community Center.

All are welcome to attend.

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O52-1C

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Participants currently listed: Joanne Lavin, Linda Nordlund, Crystal Maxie, Sara Eck, Janice Anderson, Kim Cousins, Ashley Krog, Cindy Wishard, Sheila Johnson, CG Community Ed Special Education BAKE SALE fundraiser.

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Red River Valley Development Association Celebrates 78th Annual Honor Banquet on April 2 at UMC

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Those honored at the April 2 banquet were selected for the good example they have set through volunteering, community service, farming or agricultural operations, and their commitment to conserving natural resources. Funding for the Red River Valley Development Association is provided by 14 counties in northwest Minnesota.

The Northwest Minnesota Youth Leadership Awards will be presented to four youth between the ages of 17 and 21 who submitted applications and essays describing their

leadership contributions in their communities.

Collin Peterson, 7th District Congressman, will receive the Builder of the Valley Award from the Red River Valley Development Association. The award is given in appreciation of Congressman Peterson's vast contributions to agriculture and to the well-being of the upper Midwest, especially his work on the House Agriculture Committee and the Farm Bill.

Beverly Durgan, Dean of Extension, will attend the honor banquet and bring greetings from the University of Minnesota Extension. Fred Wood, Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston will welcome the guest to the Crookston Campus.

The Red River Valley Development Association includes Directors from 14 counties in northwest Minnesota appointment by the county boards of commissioners. The 2016 Directors and honorees are:

Becker County: Bruce Hein, John and Mary Hanson, Audu-

bon;

Clay: Clarice Schmidt, Robert and Helen Olson, Hawley;

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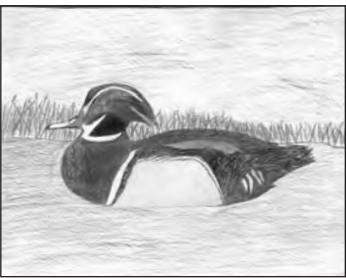
April Fool's Day is a time for playing pranks on others, telling jokes and enjoying some light-hearted fun. The celebrations are believed to have begun in the 16th century when the new calendar ordered by Pope Gregory changed New Year's Day from April 1 to January 1 and some people simply didn't get the memo. The tradition of playing tricks on April Fool's Day originated in France. While foolishness is a large part of April 1 activities, the day is known for some other notable reasons as well.

On April 1, 1873, classical composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born. On the same day in 1889, the first dishwasher was offered for sale. Daytime television fans tuned into 'General Hospital' for the first time on April 1, 1963. And in 1976, Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs founded Apple Computer, Inc., which has gone on to change the world. Now that's no joke.

Duck Stamp winners continued from front page...



The 2nd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for Kindergarten to 3rd grade were: Audrie Simpson, Pine Island; Michael Taggert, Oronoco, and Ally Boe, Pine Island.



The 2nd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 4th grade to 6th grade were: Ashley Kim, Woodbury; Carl Nelson, Minneapolis; and Bethany Dick, Pine Island.



The 2nd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 7th grade to 9th grade were: Elliott Maas, Watertown; Ashley Kim, Woodbury; and Syra Tancnin, St. Michael.



The 2nd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 10th grade to 12th grade were: Miranda Dehmer, St. Michael; Josh Tutland, St. Michael; and Bethany Becker, Rogers.



The 3rd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for Kindergarten to 3rd grade were: Zoe Zosel, Oronoco; Lyndee Northrop, Pine Island; and Paw Soe, Clarks Grove.



The 3rd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 4th grade to 6th grade were: Micah Bermel, Fergus Falls; Kaden Haarstad, Rothsay; and Ana Smith, Fergus Falls.



The 3rd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 7th grade to 9th grade were: Simon Kim, Woodbury; Tyler Rosenberg, Farmington; and Alicia DeAntoni, St. Michael.



The 3rd place winners of the Junior Duck Stamp contest for 10th grade to 12th grade were: David Garcia, Austin; Gage Nelson, Inver Grove Heights; and Yana Vizenor, St. Michael.

Honorable Mention
Winners Include:

- Group 1 (K-Grade 3)**
Ellie Koenig, Eagan
Kiley Passow, Pine Island
Kaitlin Griffith, Albert Lea
Ella Schmoll, Pine Island
Benjamim Bloxham, Pine Island
Grant Stockwell, Harland
Sophia Wachowiak, Oronoco
Elena Hartung, Oronoco
Yuri Orth, Moorhead
Eve Pfannknch, Zumbrota
Ashley Otto, Moorhead
Braxton Moss, Pine Island
Olivia Cordes, Zumbrota
Nevaeh Wacholz, Albert Lea
Dakota Sabottka, Pine Island
Ethan Gerhart, Oronoco
- Group 2 (Grades 4-6)**
Abby Strege, Fergus Falls
India Ratha, St. Cloud
Josephine Noll, Pine Island
Avery Knutson, Erhard
Brandon Anderson, Fergus Falls
Kallie Karsten, Fergus Falls
Andrew Cross, Fergus Falls
Jaci Burtis, Owatonna
Hayden Sanchez, Fergus Falls
Ariana Noples, Fergus Falls
Hailey Haarstad, Rothsay
Hawon Park, Blaine
Avan Ehlert, Fergus Falls
Alexander Jensen, Erhard
Kaydence Knutson, Fergus Falls
Kylie Nelson, Fergus Falls

- Group 3 (Grades 7-9)**
Molly Wilde, St. Michael
Reed Fesenmaier, Albertville
Jacob Knutsen, Middle River
Danielle Burtis, Owatonna
Julian McClellon, St. Michael
Phoebe Holt, St. Michael
Lauren Olson, Farmington
Toriana Alexander, Cotton
Alexis Buegler, Farmington
Haylee Coulson, St. Michael
Emily Vlamineck, Farmington
Payton Allen, St. Michael
Abbygayle Almer, Meadowlands
Mason Pike, Pine Island
Hannah Zywicki, Proctor
Tommy Hamilton, St. Michael
- Group 4 (Grades 10-12)**
Julia Pieper, Albertville
Emily Ukestad, Inver Grove Heights
Dakota Kitto, Pine Island
Jackie Kasper, St. Michael
Amanda Rogers, Pine Island
Sydney Gifford, St. Michael
Royce Hoeper, Glenwood
Megan Kucera, Albertville
Bria Cameron, Plymouth
Emily Wirtanen, Saginaw
Teresa O'Sullivan, Albertville
Allison Wordes, Renville
Joseph Schneider, Farwell
Emily Houle, Brooklyn Park
Angela Behrens, Pine Island
William Prody, Fergus Falls



Theology in the Trenches
By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Couch Hunting

With little debate, my husband and I finally agreed on something. We agreed that we needed a new couch. After a long winter, the brown beast got on our nerves. Since the initial purchase, it's been an uncomfortable piece of furniture to actually relax in. Each time we sit upon it, it pushes back. We'd snapped it up on a Going-Out-of-Business Sale years ago. At the time, we were certain that unless we bought it on the spot, someone would else would come along and get the deal. As it turned out, we need not have worried because if I remember correctly, it took the proprietors a little over two years to go out of business.

We set out to visit a few places to begin our search, holding out hope for more comfort. However, the first thing we noted was that these newer versions weren't much more comfortable than what we'd been sitting upon at home. In

fact, many of them were flat out much worse. The more we searched, the more we realized that perhaps after all these years, our brown beast wasn't as bad as we thought.

"Why on earth would people make them so uncomfortable, and who wants to sit on a hard couch?" I verbalized my frustration as I made my way through many a store.

Once in a while comfort was found, but then the color was wrong, or the style wasn't quite right. Do we want one that bends around as a sectional instead of two separate pieces? Do we want a couple of big old comfortable chairs instead of a couch? Like Goldilocks checking out the best fit, it seemed as if one was too small, too big, or too hard, but nothing was "just right."

Finally, I decided to go for a second opinion about our brown beast and invited a friend over who has a fun flare for decorating. With a new set of eyes, and an extra pair of hands, I followed her lead. Like an art-

ist with a pallet, it took several dabbles here and there before each piece within the room found a new home. Like a fresh coat of paint, the room was transformed before our eyes, and soon even the brown beast brought comfort I never thought possible.

Wisdom whispers that it might be wise to keep the brown beast just in case we're in need of something to blame for our lack of comfort when the Minnesota winter comes round once again.

Spring has sprung. I am grateful that the change of seasons reflects a beauty all its own, and for friends willing to help lighten loads. May we be warmed with the hope of the resurrection power right before our eyes, and may we see beauty once again in that which we have lost hope.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Amen.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I would like to know if it is legal to have your fog lights on with your headlights at night when it is not foggy out. I have noticed a lot of vehicles with all four lights on while driving at night. These extra two lights do make it much more difficult to see when they are coming at you at night.

Answer: Yes it is legal if the lights are within the proper height and aimed within the legal range. I recommend that fog lights are only used in low visibility settings, as some of them can be hard on the other driver's eyes.

Below is the Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) that covers fog lights.

M.S.S. 169.56 AUXILIARY LIGHTS. Subd. 2. Fog light. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. High-beams simply light up the fog and can make it difficult to see. Fog lights light up the road below the fog. The fog light reflectors are designed to spread the beam wider for a shorter distance.

Make sure all of your markers, directional, parking lights and low/high-beam lights are working. Remember to turn on

your headlights in the rain. Use the fog lights only when you have very low visibility, and don't forget to turn them off when the fog has lifted. Even though it may be legal, it can make visibility to the other drivers difficult.

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

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When you ask people what they want from a healthcare organization, many would agree: quality care and a great patient experience, all at a lower cost. That's the Triple Aim in healthcare and the foundation for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), like Essentia Health.

The Triple Aim has been the standard of care at Essentia since the health system first became a certified ACO in 2013. Now, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has re-certified Essentia as a level 3 ACO, the highest level of certification possible. Currently, only two U.S. health systems – Essentia and Minneapolis-based HealthPartners – have this certification.

"Achieving health care's Triple Aim requires a new model of healthcare delivery – one that embraces preventive care and chronic disease management as paths to better health and lower costs for our patients and communities," says Dr. Patrick Twomey, Essentia Health's Chief Medical Officer.

The NCQA's rigorous review process assesses each organiza-

tion's ability to coordinate and deliver the care expected of ACOs, including:

- Protecting patient rights, including privacy
- Offering easily-accessible health care
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- Using care coordination to manage patient populations
- Monitoring practice patterns and using performance data to improve quality

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"Promoting better population health is part of health care's Triple Aim and part of our obligation as an Accountable Care Organization," says Chief Executive Officer Dr. David Herman, MD. "Anything we can do to help keep the focus on health, to help promote health within our communities, it's

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"I am proud that Essentia holds itself to this standard of care," says Dr. Twomey. "It signals our commitment to finding a system for delivering care that will be sustainable in the 21st century."

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Services held for Ethel C. Fisher

Ethel C. Fisher, 88, of Long Prairie, MN, formerly of Clearbrook, MN, died on Friday, March 18, 2016 at CentraCare Health in Long Prairie, MN.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Monday, March 28, 2016 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN. Interment at Seljord Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted with arrangements.

Ethel was born June 29, 1927 in Clearbrook, MN, the daughter of Arvid and Hilda (Bjerke) Engberg. She was united in marriage to Floyd Fisher in Bagley, MN on October 31, 1956. They moved to Wright County, MN in 1959. Floyd worked for Johnson Brothers Corporation of Litchfield for 28 years. Then in 1974, they bought Ethel's father's home in Clearbrook

and moved back. They also purchased a cabin on Burditt Lake in Ontario, Canada and would go there as much as they could in the summertime. After Floyd passed in 2001, Ethel moved into an apartment in town in Clearbrook where she could keep busy visiting her friends, volunteering at the nursing home, senior center, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Ethel was an amazing mother and she never said an unkind word about anyone. Ethel was a favorite among staff members at her living facility in Osakis because of her kind and considerate nature. She was always up for an adventure. As Ethel slowed down in recent years, she enjoyed time with her kids, grandkids and great grandkids, as well as, sitting on the deck watching the birds. She always made sure the bird feeders were full. Ethel had a good sense of humor. Ethel would get the giggles with her great grandkids, which made for special memories.

She is survived by her son, Terry (Colleen) Fisher; her daughter, Randi (Ernesto) Valencia; 9 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; her sister, Arlene Hoie; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Fisher; her parents, Arvid and Hilda Engberg; her sister, Florence; and her brothers, Mike and Glenn.

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



Services held for Gordon A. Olson

Gordon A. Olson, 78, of Leonard, MN, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Sanford Hospital Palliative Unit in Fargo, ND.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, MN at 11:00AM with Pastor Verlyn Strenge officiating. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with the arrangements.

Gordon was born May 4, 1937 in Viking, Minnesota

the son of Arthur and Hulda (Grytbak) Olson. In 1948 he moved with his family to Leonard. He attended rural schools through the 8th grade. He moved to the Iron Range and worked as a truck driver for a construction company. At age 18 he went to work in the mines for U.S. Steel and lived in Mt. Iron. He married Karen Everhart on August 11, 1957 in Clearbrook, MN. They lived in Mt. Iron until 1967 when they moved to Bellevue, Iowa. He worked as an iron worker until moving to Leonard in 1976 where he farmed.

He is survived by his wife- Karen Olson of Leonard, MN. One son- Allen Olson of Leonard, MN. Grandchildren- Amy, Audrey, Amanda, and Seth. Great Grandchildren- Savanna, Daniel, Matthew, Aeris, and Maverick. Two Sisters- Helen Cavitt of Brooksville, FL and Betty Merseeth of Clearbrook, MN

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter- Vicki McPherson; Sons- Marlen and Harlen; 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

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Services held for Patsy A. Anderson

Patsy A. Anderson, 72, of Trail, MN, a former Rockford, IL, resident, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Funeral Service were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 29 at Sand Valley Lutheran Church in Trail, MN, with Dawn Hanson, LLM, officiating. Interment at Sand Valley Cemetery, Trail, MN.

Patsy (Woods) Anderson was born on October 26, 1943 in Austin, TX, the daughter of Walter H. and Bertha A. (Isaac) Woods.

Patsy was married to Stanford G. Anderson in Trail, MN. The couple moved to Rockford, IL, where they made their home and raised

their family for 30 years. In November of 1997 they moved to Trail, MN. Patsy continued to make her home in Trail where she was active in the Sand Valley Ladies Aid and church as well as the Trail City Council.

Her favorite pastimes included knitting and crocheting. She made baby blankets and afghans for everyone that was special in her heart.

Survivors include children, David (Robin) Anderson of Rockford, IL, Kimberly (John) Honzel of Machesney Park, IL, and Keith Anderson of Trail, MN; grandchildren, Cody Walters, Carissa Miller, Zane Honzel, and Miranda Honzel; great-grandson, Tyler Anderson; sisters, Barbara Peterson of Henning, MN, and Karen (Bob) Thoennes of Brandon, MN; brother-in-law, Gary (Arlean) Anderson of Plummer, MN; sister-in-law, Gloria (Lavern) Mathson of Wisconsin; several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Stanford; her parents; daughter-in-law, Trenna Anderson; nephew, Mark Anderson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Oscar and Gertrude Anderson.

Condolences may be shared by visiting www.johnsonfuneralservice.com.

Northwest Minnesota foundation receives bequest from Red Lake Falls farmer

Bemidji, MN – March 28, 2016 – Charles Swanson, a Red Lake Falls, MN farmer bequeathed a gift of just over \$360,000 to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF). Swanson was born in 1926 in Red Lake Falls and attended church and high school in St. Hilaire, MN.

Swanson graduated in 1947 from the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, MN, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and then returned home to run the Swanson family farm, which bordered Red Lake and Pennington Counties. He raised livestock, small grains, and enjoyed the farm life.

In his spare time, he liked reading, bird-watching and traveling. Long-time Red Lake Falls resident Allen Bertilrud said that Swanson was not well known; he was a quiet, private man who kept mostly to himself.

"It is gratifying when people choose to help us fulfill our mission to make the region a better

place to live and work," said Nancy Vyskocil, NMF president. "We will honor this gift and represent the values and hard work of Charles Swanson."

Swanson's financial advisor, Pat Thibert of Edward Jones was instrumental in connecting Swanson to NMF after learning of his desire to leave a legacy that would benefit Northwest Minnesota.

Caryl Turnow, NMF senior development officer said the staff is grateful to have good working relationships with professional advisors in the region. "Many people learn about how they can partner with the work done at NMF through our network of accountants, financial institutions and attorneys," said Turnow. "It's wonderful when a person like Charles comes forward to help us with such a generous bequest. It will continue to improve the quality of life in our region for years to come."

MnDOT conducts aerial photography near communities in northern Minnesota

Residents asked not to disturb temporary targets

BEMIDJI, Minn. – In a sure sign of spring, the Minnesota Department of Transportation begins its transition away from snowplow operations by conducting aerial mapping of several locations in northern Minnesota.

This aerial survey process relies on clear observations, and must be conducted after the snow has melted and before the trees leaf out. To begin the process crews place an "X" on the ground as a reference point for the aerial photographer. Weather permitting; work will begin in early April in the following locations:

- Red Lake- Highway 1
- East Grand Forks- Highway 2
- Bemidji- Highway 2 and Highway 71

- Hallock- Highway 75
- The mapping will create a record of existing infrastructure and landscape along MnDOT right of way for transportation planning and operations. "Crews paint large white 'X' targets on paved surfaces" said Dan Domeier, MnDOT Land Surveyor.

"For unpaved locations they use a wood panel target. A survey crew then records the coordinate position and elevation of these targets, and provides that information to the aerial photography company."

The wood panel targets are temporary and will be removed when the photography is completed. MnDOT requests that landowners not remove or disturb the targets until the photography is completed.

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Northern Lights Bookstore & Beyond Licensed by DHS

Thief River Falls, MN – Falls Diverse Abilities Corporation (Falls DAC) acquired the Northern Lights Bookstore from Sanford Health this past May. The store was then relocated to 1102 Main Avenue North in Thief River Falls, and has been operating at its new address since June. The goal was to license the location as a second Day Training & Habilitation site for Falls DAC. The Department of Human Services has now issued the site license and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities are moving forward.

Falls DAC provides training, employment and life enrichment programs for individuals with disabilities. Employment options exist both within Falls DAC's facilities and at community job sites. Acquiring Northern Lights Bookstore, now called Northern Lights Bookstore & Beyond, has expanded employment options for individuals served. The business will provide jobs including sales clerk positions, sorting/donation handling jobs and cleaning jobs. This work experience will provide a stepping stone for some individuals to compete for other retail jobs. NLB&B also provides an ex-



citing connection to the community. Donations of gently used books, clothing and household items create the store's inventory, and shelves and racks are replenished as customers scoop up the great deals. Jobs are created and maintained with this ongoing community support! Shoppers say they are surprised to find such nice merchandise and even new items throughout the store. Donations and the customers are both key ingredients to the store being a success and providing jobs.

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McKeever and Borowicz chosen for all-state team for second straight season



Madison McKeever, All-State, Win-E-Mac.



Madison Stenzel, Honorable Mention, Clearbrook/Gonvick.



Jenna Tadych, Honorable Mention, Thief River Falls.



Kiley Borowicz, All-State, Roseau. Photo courtesy Grand Forks Herald.

Madison McKeever of Win-E-Mac and Kiley Borowicz of Roseau have been chosen to be on the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association all-state teams.

Both McKeever on the Class A team and Borowicz on the Class AA team are all-state picks for the second consecutive season.

McKeever finished 10th on Minnesota's career scoring list with 3,298 points. She averaged 27.4 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists for the 25-4 Patriots this season.

Borowicz, a junior guard, led Roseau to a 29-4 records, the Section 8AA title and third place at the state tournament. She paced the Rams in scoring (27.5 ppg), rebounding (9.4rpg) and steals (5.3 spg) while averaging 3.8 assists. She has 2, 396 career points.

Several area athletes are all-state honorable mentions. They are listed below:

Class A

Michele Remer, EGF Sacred Heart; **Abby Swanson, Fosston**; **Liz Bodensteiner and Madison Stenzel, Clearbrook-Gonvick**; Quinn Kirch-



Abby Swanson, Honorable Mention, Fosston.



Liz Bodensteiner, Honorable Mention, Clearbrook/Gonvick.

er, Browerville-Eagle Valley; Teana Hakamaki, Cromwell; Megan Aho, Floodwood; Rachel Shumski, Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman; Kelsea Lund, Lac qui Parle Valley; Sarah Holtz and Brooke Walter, Lyle-Pacelli; Shania Nahrang, Ogilvie; Heidi Olson, Sebeka; Josie Schieffert, Sleepy Eye; Vishe Rabb, Springfield; Jordyn Glenz, Verndale.



Kacie Borowicz, Honorable Mention, Roseau. Photo courtesy Grand Forks Herald.

Class AA

Kacie Borowicz, Roseau; Mira Ellefson, Hawley; Erin Navratil and Sidney Schiffer, Albany Area; Ava Gonsorowski, Esko; Maddie Monahan, Glencoe-Silver Lake; Molly Smith, Holy Family Catholic; Mara Quam, Kenyon Wanamingo; Sarah Kaminski, Minnehaha Academy; Megan Thorson, New London-Spicer; Lexie DeWall, Proctor; Rebecca Weir, Sauk Centre; Danica Cambrice, St. Croix Lutheran; Claire Killian and Kirstin Klitzke, Watertown-Mayer; Tierney Winter, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Class AAA

Macy Hatlestad, Alexandria; Grace Swenson, Detroit Lakes; Ayoka Lee, Byron; Andrayah Adams, Como Park; Laura Bagwell-Katalinch, Holy Angels; Tori Wortz, Hutchinson; Kristin Scott, Kasson-Mantorville; Victoria Andrew and Danielle Jorgenson, Orono; Abby Kain, Simley; Madelin Dammann, Waconia; Hallee Hoepfner, Winona.



Meleah Biermaier, Honorable Mention, Thief River Falls.

Honorable mentions
Meleah Biermaier and Jenna Tadych, Thief River Falls; Kendall Kohler, Alexandria; Kate Strand, Fergus Falls; Heaven Hamling, Grand Rapids; LaShayla Wright-Ponder,

Bloomington Kennedy; Erin Norling, Delano; Suzanne Gilreath, Fridley; Lexi Schoper, Mankato West; Marah Mulso, Marshall; Morgen Coleman and Courtney Selbitschka, North Branch; Kaylyn Kidd, Northfield; Meghan Mandel, Orono; Taylor Laabs, Princeton.



Shantel Verbout, Honorable Mention, Grygla/Goodridge.

All-North Border

Roseau: Kiley Borowicz, Kacie Borowicz, Ivy Braaten; Stephen-Argyle: Autumn Thompson, Kelsey Lindgren; Kittson County Central: Hope Sele, Lexi Turn; **Grygla-Goodridge: Shantel Verbout**; Badger-Greenbush-Middle River: Carly Mekash; Northern Freeze: Jessica Vedbraaten.

Honorable mentions

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo: Kaelly DeMars; Roseau: Victoria Johnson; Badger-G-MR: Emily Anderson; Stephen-Argyle: Philomena Kazmierczak; Kittson County Central: Lexi Peterson.

DNR to hold public meeting on Hovland Marsh management

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Knight Riders Snowmobile Clubhouse, 360th Ave. SE in Fosston to discuss a proposal to designate Hovland Marsh in Polk County for wildlife management.

Located 3 miles south of Fosston, Hovland Marsh is a 100-acre shallow basin that has a history of excellent migratory waterfowl use.

The goals of management are to restore and maintain wildlife habitat and water quality in Hovland Marsh. To meet these goals, the DNR plans to install a variable crest water control structure that will allow for water level management.

Designating Hovland Marsh as a wildlife lake would give the DNR authority to conduct periodic, temporary drawdowns using the proposed control structure. Temporary drawdowns improve water quality and wildlife habitat by promoting sediment consolidation and re-establishment of aquatic plants.

For more information contact Tammy Baden, wildlife lake specialist, at 218-846-8474, tammy.baden@state.mn.us.

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How to help kids get into golf

Golf is a game of skill that can take years, if not decades, to master. Many golfers find their time on the golf course both rewarding and relaxing, even on those days when the fairways seem impossible to find.

Though many players never swing a golf club until they reach adulthood, it's never too early to hit the links. Some of the world's most accomplished golfers, including four-time Masters champion Tiger Woods, began playing as toddlers, and many feel that getting an early start can lead to a more successful game down the road.

Getting kids into golf is a great way for parents to bond with their children while enjoying the great outdoors. Golf can also be used to teach kids humility, sportsmanship and the importance of hard work. Thanks to the often frustrating nature of golf, parents may find it somewhat challenging to instill a love of the game in their youngsters. But there are ways to introduce kids to this wonderful game that kids might just play for the rest of their lives.

• **Focus on having fun.** Few, if any, golfers at your local golf course on a given weekend could say with certainty that golf has never frustrated them. The challenge of golf may be its

most appealing characteristic to older players, but young kids can be easily overwhelmed by the challenges golf presents. By focusing on having fun instead of perfecting techniques, parents can get kids to look forward to their time on the links. The more fun kids have, the more likely they will be to embrace the game and its many challenges. Don't put pressure on youngsters as they develop their games, but encourage them through their struggles and reassure them that you faced the same obstacles when you started playing.

• **Hire an instructor with experience teaching children.** Instructors with experience teaching children will understand the basics of the game and how learning those basics provides a great foundation for future enjoyment and success on the course. Instructors who have taught kids in the past also know that teaching youngsters the finer points of golf requires patience and encouragement. Ask a fellow parent or an employee at the club where you play to recommend an instructor for your child. And take advantage of any kids' courses your club offers.

• **Purchase the correct equipment.** Even the best golfers are bound to struggle when using the wrong equipment. While it might be unwise to invest in especially expensive equipment for youngsters likely to grow out of it in a few months time, deals can be found on used kids equipment. Used kids equipment is typically subjected to less wear and tear than used equipment for adults, as kids tend to play less often and fewer holes than adults when they do play. But make sure to find correctly sized equipment that kids feel comfortable using.

• **Play some holes.** Instructors may teach kids the differences between the types of clubs and how to swing and putt. But golf is most fun when players are out on the links going from hole to hole. Instruction is important, but don't forget to play a few holes with your child each week as well.

Golf is a challenging game, but it's one that can be enjoyed by athletes of all ages.

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Rural Minnesota leading the way on broadband

The momentum behind bringing broadband border-to-border is surging forward. It is built on a solid foundation of innovative, grassroots efforts--community work that has brought rural Minnesota from 52 percent coverage in 2010 to 80 percent coverage in 2016.

Getting us to the last mile and the last 20 percent, though, will require leadership, investment and cooperation at all levels.

At a November 2015 Blandin Foundation-DEED conference, statewide collaboration hit a high point when nearly 200 community leaders from across the state came together to design a shared vision for broadband in Minnesota:

"Everyone in Minnesota will be able to use convenient, affordable world-class broadband networks that enable us to survive and thrive in our communities and across the globe."

As basic as this vision sounds, Minnesota still is far from meeting it. According to the Department of Employment and Economic Development, nearly a quarter of rural Minnesota households lack speeds necessary to do online homework, run an online business or use budding telehealth options.

This stark urban/rural divide hurts all Minnesotans. It's time to look at investing together in solutions already forged at the local level.

It was clear during last year's Office of Broadband Development grant cycle that rural leaders are ready to act on community-created solutions. More than \$29 million in ready-made projects vied for the \$10.6 million available and we fully expect that number to grow this year.

This readiness did not come about by accident. A decade ago when Blandin Foundation started to focus on broadband, communities were hungry to get connected, but were busy building the bridge (designing an engagement process, researching resources, etc.) while trying to cross it.

That's not the case today. The bridge is built. Blandin Foundation has stood with nearly 80 Minnesota communities as they identified broadband priorities and connected to financial and relational resources they need to succeed.

At Blandin Foundation, we believe communities are at their strongest when they can name and claim the future they want. Rural Minnesota has put in the time and hard work to imagine what a connected future could look like. As a state, we need to come together to claim that future -- one that's bright for all Minnesotans.

-Dr. Kathleen Annette, president and CEO, Blandin Foundation

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