



Tri County Canary

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Eric Mickelson at the Kensington Runestone Museum.

Making a stop at the Runestone Museum

The World Famous and controversial Kensington Rune Stone was the Runestone Museum's only artifact when it opened its' doors in 1958. Since then, the museum has grown to include additional artifacts found in Minnesota that relate to Middle-Age Nordic explorers. The 40 piece collection includes the Climax fire steel, found in Climax, Minnesota that was part of the Middle Age Nordic collection at the University Museum in Oslo long before the discovery of the Kensington Rune Stone. The Climax fire-steel is one of the only Middle Age Nordic fire steels on display in North America.



Put your face through the cut-outs at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Walnut Grove!

Full-summer overweight permits start May 28 in the North frost zone

Full-summer overweight permits will start in the North frost zone Tuesday, May 28, at 12:01 a.m. Seasonal load limit (frost) zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map. Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits. Overweight permits for more than 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal (axle weight limits). MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour

automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. For questions about legal axle weight during SLR; Gross Vehicle Weight Schedule, call: Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Patrol – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 651-350-2000 For questions about oversize/overweight loads/permitting, call: Minnesota Department of Transportation Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations – Oversize/Overweight Permits 651-296-6000

Red Lake May 15 election results

Elections for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was certified after their May 15 elections. The official election results for the four districts were: Ponemah Representative: Glenda J Martin(Incumbent) with 182 votes and 51.41%. Tharen E. Stillday 96 votes with 27.12% and Scott Perkins with 78 votes and 21.47%. Redby representative: Allen D. Pemberton (incumbent) with 277 votes and 48.88%; Kevin Jones Jr. 40 votes and 7.03%; Herman D. Donnell 206 votes and 36.73%; Virgil Brown with 43 votes and 7.37%. Red Lake Representative: Robert "Bob" Smith (incumbent) with 463 votes and 65.95%; Nicole Desjarlait with 132 votes and 16.80%; Mark A Sigana with 49 votes and 6.98%; Deanna K. Lasley with 58 votes and 8.26%. Little Rock Representative:

Michelle Barrett-Cobenais (Incumbent) with 164 votes and 35.81% Lisa R. Beaulieu with 104 votes and 22.71% and Thomas Barrett with 190 votes and 41.48%. With all the issues we have been having with the newspapers getting to our customers, Sue Sims, an employee for Richards Publishing and our newspapers, reached out to Senator Amy Klobuchar expressing our concerns about our customers not receiving their papers in a timely manner and how it is affecting subscriptions, and we have had several phone calls regarding this issue. The following is the response Sue received from: Senator Amy Klobuchar, senator@klobuchar.senate.gov Subject: Responding to your message, May 21, 2024.

Gully Legion Post Memorial Day program held



Dwight Husby and Dale Bjerklie were presented quilts on Monday at Memorial Day services held in Gully. The quilts were made and presented by Quilters for East Polk County Veterans. Dwight spent his service time with the U.S. Army from 1964-1966. He was trained at Fort Leonardwood and sent to Vietnam. At his discharge he was at the rank of E4. Returning home he spent his life in the iron ore mines in Northeast Minnesota as a blaster. He is now retired and he and his wife Sandy live in Gully. Dale served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1971. He did his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington and advanced training in Fort Ord, California. He spent nine months at Barstow, California and one year in Youngsan, Korea. There he was in the military police and worked in AWOL apprehension and in the guard tower. After his discharge he came home to farm the family farm and also worked many years on mainline pipeline until his retirement. He is married to Cindy, has a daughter Melanie and a special granddaughter, Hailey. These men deserve our respect and appreciation for their time spent defending our country. Thank you, Dwight and Dale.



At left: Shay Bjerklie of the junior auxiliary sang "America the Beautiful" at the Gully American Legion Memorial Day service. A reading by Cassidy Maneke, a presentation by Wes Roland and an extensive photo and memorabilia display assembled by Thomas Erlandson rounded out the program.



Pastor Dawn Hanson and auxiliary President Nancy Lee awaited their turn at the podium while David Carlson opened the Memorial Day program of the Gully American Legion Post. The Memorial Day program is a long-time, annual tradition, always well attended and highly appreciated by community friends and family, many who travel quite a distance to participate.



After the indoor program everyone was asked to join outside for roll call of fallen and departed (read by Auxiliary Member Leah Carlson); taps (by Thomas Erlandson) and the rifle salute. This was followed by a lunch gathering in the Gully Town Hall.



The Gully American Legion Post and Auxiliary hosted a noon meal after the Memorial Day program. Rain or Shine, the barbeque grills were put into action, while tables were moved and salads, baked beans and beverages were set up inside, and old friends and neighbors gathered.

Newspaper delivery issues response from Senator Amy Klobuchar

Dear Mrs. Sims: Thank you for taking the time to contact me with your thoughts on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). I appreciate hearing from you on this important topic and I wholeheartedly agree with you that our postal system must work for the people of our country. That includes timely mail delivery. From delivering medications and paychecks to staying connected with family and friends, Minnesotans rely on the Postal Service every day. When mail service is delayed or incomplete, people do not receive deliveries that they depend on for their

health and livelihoods. Upon hearing reports of mail delivery issues across the state, I spoke with local postal leaders in Minnesota who committed to ensuring that customers are treated fairly and staffing shortages are addressed. I have also spoken directly with Postmaster General Louis DeJoy about these concerns and pushed him to provide Minnesota post offices with the resources and flexibilities they need to address these service delays. In several instances these delays have been reduced or eliminated, but in some places the problem has not been resolved.

In January, the Postal Inspector General released a report uncovering operational problems at the St. Paul Processing and Distribution Center and post offices in Eagan, New Brighton, and Apple Valley. The findings of this audit are deeply concerning, but not surprising. Following this report, the Inspector General expanded its investigation to the whole state, as Senator Tina Smith and I called for in December. Senator Smith and I also introduced legislation with Congresswoman Angie Craig to implement important transparency and accountability measures recommended by the

Postal Inspector General to help improve service. To ensure the Postal service remains a viable, affordable delivery service for all customers, I have encouraged the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider its recent practice of high, twice-per-year rate increases and pushed Postmaster General DeJoy to address delivery delays for local newspapers in some rural areas. I also joined a group of colleagues in urging the President to name nominees to the U.S. Postal Service Board

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2024
POLK COUNTY
OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZEN
AWARD
NOMINATE
TODAY!

The Polk County Fair is right around the corner and we need your help! Tri-Valley is excited to participate in the Senior Day at the Polk County Fair on Friday, July 12, 2024. Part of that event is awarding a worthy Senior Citizen with the "Outstanding Senior

Citizen Award". We need you to help us find a senior citizen that goes above and beyond for their community within Polk County. To nominate a senior, please fill out the online form at <https://forms.office.com/r/FyLC3HG03v?origin=lprLink>

80th
Birthday
Party
for
Virginia
Weber
June 1st
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Trail Pavilion
No gifts please.

College
News

Hager & McCoy
named to Dean's
List for Spring 2024

ALEXANDRIA, MN (May 22, 2024) - Alexandria Technical & Community College recognizes individual students for academic excellence. Lillian Hager of Oklee, MN and Haley McCoy of Gonvick, MN were named to the Dean's List for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits Spring Semester 2024.

Good friends don't have to agree on everything. Acknowledging your differences can be a great way to gain a new perspective.

Be mindful of your expectations. Some people become fast friends. Others need more time to open up. Don't try to force a friendship to follow some sort of timeline; that's a recipe for unnecessary stress. Instead, allow your bond to evolve naturally.

Taken from: Social Support for Stress Relief - HelpGuide.org
Submitted by: North Country Community Health Services-
www.nccchb.org

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

May is Mental Health
Month

• Week 5: Connecting to resources and support

Invite a casual acquaintance to an outing. Keep things low pressure. Go out for coffee, a walk, or to see a movie. It doesn't necessarily have to be a one-on-one interaction, but hanging out together gives you both an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Build on common interests. If you're looking to share a hobby or find a workout buddy, for example, consider acquaintances that have similar goals or interests. Plan a movie or game night and invite acquaintances who share your tastes.

Offer your time. If a colleague is moving across town, offer to help them. You can also suggest carpooling to work with coworkers or to other events with acquaintances.

Reach out to an old friend. You can look for old high school or college acquaintances on social media. Schedule a meetup if they have time and chat about how life has changed for both of you. Just don't expect the individual to be exactly the same person you used to know. We all change over time.

Remember that different people have different opinions.

Northdale
Oil Inc.
Northdale Oil in
Clearbrook will
be closed on
June 10th
to replace the pumps
and registers, to
better serve you as a
community. Back open
on the 11th.
Thank you for understanding.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Inter-County Community Council (ICCC) is conducting a Community Needs Assessment and needs your feedback! The goal is to identify needs within the community to better design and deliver our programs and services. ICCC is partnering with Wipfli LLP to conduct this year's community needs assessment and is asking you to complete a short survey (5 - 10 minutes) to provide your input on vital needs in our communities.
Please share honestly and openly as your responses will remain confidential.
The Survey is open through June 7, 2024
You can access the survey via the following link or by scanning the QR code:
<http://www.wipflifeedback.com/sel/2691B935173AC096>

Little Bobby's
Women
of the
Blues
Festival
2024
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Fri., May 31st • 8:00pm
BLUES JAM
with host **The Laurie Morvan Band**
Sat., June 1st
10:00am - 1:00pm
BREAKFAST BRUNCH
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1:00pm ART & WINE
Featuring local and regional artist
4:00pm Little Bobby's
Walk of Fame ribbon cutting
5:00pm Dwa Brown
6:00pm Amanda Fish
8:00pm Shannon Curfman
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ANTIQUES
By John Eggers
Goodrich
Silvertown

How much is it worth?

There are signs, signs, and more signs. Rusted signs, dented signs, bent signs, chipped enamel signs—all have some value, regardless of condition. I am not sure how it all began, but beginning in the 1970s and 1980s, car-related signs became super popular, and the popularity still exists. Maybe it was because those old small-town gas stations, which were full-service, had disappeared.

Service stations were different from the large complexes you see today. They were small buildings, often brick, with a counter, cash register, or drawer for the money. Many were painted in colorful designs. It was as if the manager was a wanna-be artist but realized there wasn't as much money in it as pumping gas.

On the walls of these buildings, inside and outside, were signs of every description: tobacco, pop, gasoline, tires, oil, candy. It was one of the best ways to advertise your product and cheaper than taking out an ad in the paper. The signs were given to the managers for selling their product.

The large Goodrich Silver-tone Tire sign pictured here is dented and rusty with chipped enamel paint. Both sides advertise the product. Even in this poor condition, it is worth about a hundred dollars. Why? People just like old signs that remind them of a time when they would give the gas station manager a fifty-cent piece and say, "Give me a couple of gallons and check the oil and don't forget to put some air in my Silver-tone tires."

So, how much is that old Texaco gas sign you have plugging up a hole in your barn? Well, that all depends.

John Eggers, envision@paul-bunyan.net, 218-766-9009.

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& entertainment
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Honky Tonk
Troubadours

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of Governors who will hold the Postal Service's leadership accountable and ensure that it is meeting the needs of rural customers.

In addition, I was a strong advocate for the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act, which was signed into law in 2022. This legislation requires the Postal Service to maintain its standard of delivering at least six days a week and improves transparency of USPS operations by requiring the publication of local

weekly service data, which is now available at <https://about.usps.com/what/performance/service-performance/external-service-measurement.htm>.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I continue to be humbled to be your Senator, and one of the most important parts of my job is listening to the people of Minnesota. I am here in our nation's capital to do the public's business. I hope you will contact me again about matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,
Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

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Kate Moll
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RLCC High School
PO Box 100
Oklee, MN 56742
(List prior volleyball coaching experience in resume)

EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATOR

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has a School Readiness/ Early Childhood Education Coordinator position open for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire a Minnesota Early Childhood Education license. Applicants with additional or alternate licensure are encouraged to apply. Individuals interested in extra-curricular coaching activities are also encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
Phone: 218-776-3112 Ext 105
Or email the materials to:
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
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IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR ART TEACHER

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an immediate open position for an Art Teacher. This is a full-time, grades 7-12 position and would be available for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, as well as for the 2024-2025 school year.

A MN Teaching License in Visual Arts is required for this position. Individuals with other licensure in lieu of Visual Arts, and those who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

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

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SUMMER HELP WANTED

The Clearwater County Highway Department is taking job applications for part-time positions for the summer of 2024. The position may involve the following work: General Road and Culvert Maintenance, Survey/Construction Help, General Labor, and some small equipment operations. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid Driver's License. Preference will be given to applicant's attending college the fall of 2024.

Job application forms may be picked up at the Clearwater County Highway Department, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621. (218) 694-6132. Deadline to have applications in is Friday, May 31, 2024.

Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

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

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For a full job description, application, and general job openings information go to www.co.polk.mn.us and click on "Careers" or call 218-281-5408 Polk County Administrator's Office. EOE

RED LAKE COUNTY LEGAL ASSISTANT

Position is responsible for providing clerical and paralegal support to the County Attorney in the administrative and support functions of the office. Position is full-time, 35 hrs./wk.; wage DOE, benefit package is available.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent; a minimum of an AA degree as Paralegal, Legal Secretary, Legal Assistant or closely related area AND a minimum of 1-3 years related experience in a legal setting and/or evidence of equivalent education and experience necessary to perform the requirement of the work. Computer experience and Microsoft Office is required. Must be proficient in computer skills and willing to learn various software applications.

Applications and more information 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. Position is open until filled. EOE

SCIENCE TEACHER

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a full-time Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. The Clearbrook-Gonvick Science Department is a two person department with one instructor teaching the following courses for the 2024-2025 school year: Physical Science 8 & 9, Advanced Physical Science, and Chemistry. The other instructor would teach Life Science 7, Biology 10, Environmental Science, and STEAM 7. Teaching assignment would be based on candidates' licensure area(s) and experience.

A Minnesota Teaching License in conjunction with the Science courses listed above is required for the position. Individuals who are interested in extra-curricular or coaching activities are also encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

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

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CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

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

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

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

The successful applicant will have to pass the following:

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

SALARY RANGE: \$21.25 - \$27.69 per 2023 Union Contract. If hired full-time, this union position includes full benefits to include health, dental and vision insurance. Part-time employees working more than 1,040 hours/year are eligible for pro-rated benefits.

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

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

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Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start program to begin mid-August 2024.

Home Visitor: Position works with one-on-one with families of children, providing in home child & parent education visits on a weekly basis. Office location TBD – potentially Oklee, Bagley, or McIntosh, based on the caseload. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires minimum of Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided.

2 openings in our Head Start program – 10 months a year with a summer layoff. Works primarily with families ages 3-5 years.

1 opening in our Early Head Start program – year round position. Works primarily with families of children ages birth-3 years.

Classroom Assistant Teacher: 40 hours a week, 10 month position – with a summer layoff, classroom located in Bagley, MN. Work with a team to provide care and education to 3-4 years olds in a classroom setting; primary duties include assisting the teacher in the classroom with group activities, cleaning, assisting children with handwashing/toothbrushing, and transporting meals. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided.

For much more information on the position duties, qualifications and benefits visit our website at www.intercountycouncil.org/careers/

Application is available on the website. **Application deadline: Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 pm.** Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycouncil.org. Call 218-796-5144 x. 1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

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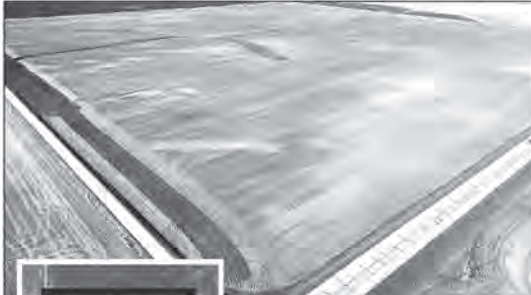
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FARM EQUIP- There are 2 Case 700 combines, one with pickup head and one with straight cut head and 12' reel, straw choppers, power steering, kept in the shed.

A wide variety of smaller older discs, cultivators threshing machines, drills, and plows. A Fieldmaster 3 yd scraper, Grain augers, running gear, Allis disc plow, horse drawn implements.

SAWMILL- Sawmill on trailer 40" insertable tooth

blade kept under a roof, -power unit for sawmill, small block chevy V8 and 3-speed.

TRUCK- 1954 Chevrolet 6400 gas eng truck w/ steel 12' grain box, nice shape, shedded.

GAS HIT and MISS engines, many of these old gas engines some are all fixed up like new and others are for parts.

MISC- Woods RM372 finish mower 3 point mnt, Old Smithway Art Deco style gas pump 1950's, wood splitter, elec. cement mixer, feed mills, feed grinder, numerous smaller chainsaws- some collectible, Johnson 6 hp outboard, Coleman Powermate 2500 watt generator, Craftsman LT1000 riding mower, Frontier ST1028 snowblower, 14' aluminum boat and trailer.

WOODWORKING- A shop load of equipment dual sanders, shapers, 12" planers, dust vac, radial arm drill press, radial arm saw, compound sliding miter saw, Joiners, scroll saws, and so much more.

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Tall Tales

The Triple Menace

By Travis Peterson

I pedal across the highway heading south. The county road dramatically ascends up and seemingly off into nowhere. It's a devilish double incline with a short semi-flat section in the middle. I start off in fifth gear and immediately have to downshift into fourth, third, then second. Not even a quarter mile into my ride and my brain is telling me to turn around and go home. I focus on my breathing and my gears. I only have one more gear I can drop down into to make my pedaling a little easier but I want to push it as far as I can in every gear before making a move. My legs and lungs are already burning.

Up the second slope and over what I thought was the crest of the hill, the road continues upward, just at less of an incline. The pavement eventually levels out giving me a short recovery period before I begin a downhill charge. Twelfth gear and a quick run up to twenty-second.

A high velocity swoop across the base of a little valley and the road rears back up into an incline. Trying to maintain the same pedaling cadence going up as I had on the downhill surge, rapidly downshifting as the incline gets steeper, into sixth gear and holding steady. Finally, the road flattens out.

I turn around on a small plateau and head north, back towards the highway. All the downhill runs are now steep inclines and vice versa. I get a steady, yet savage pace going as I propel down a long, gradual descent. Storming across the bottom of a valley straight into a heinous headwind, the road drastically morphs into a steep

and intimidating climb, a nasty climb, The Man Eater.

The slightest mistake shifting gears going up The Man Eater will destroy any hope of clearing the ascent. It is so steep that there will be too much tension on the chain to shift into an easier gear once I get up and past a certain point. Getting into the right gear before it's too late is crucial.

This vertical monster has another one of those false crests which only continues brutally upward. The road eventually sends me down a short hill then into another long, continuous climb, finally gracing me with rolling descent down to the highway.

Having to stop for traffic, I generate as much speed as possible getting across the highway so I can use that velocity to help me up the hill into town. I take some water as I roll over the top.

The downhill through town is wild and wonderful. I take a deep breath and shift into fourteenth gear and rip my way up to twenty-second. Flying through downtown like a possessed werewolf in top gear, threatening to seriously violate the speed limit, senses heightened and scanning for reverse lights of the cars parked at the bar.

I hit maximum speed at the bottom of the hill and quickly adjust my position to absorb the impact of sailing over a pair of sand-covered railroad tracks. Hitting the brakes is never considered.

Riding out north of town on a long shallow descent, my legs are rubberized from the strain

of pushing it full-bore down the hill. Exhausted, out of water, innards racked with hunger pangs and cramps, I briefly coast before coming to a stop. I turn around and there it is: The Triple Menace. A terrifying, three-tiered grisly incline leading up through town.

The first climb of The Menace is nice and gradual, or so it seems. Things are a lot more difficult with fatigue. After that berserk dive bomb down through town, my legs are near complete and total burn-out by the time I get myself to the top of climb one.

Recovering as I pedal on the short flat across the train tracks heading for the base of the second incline, I gather my remaining energy, shift up a gear and nail it, pushing hard, on the attack and gaining speed as I zip up the hill. Right before the crest I let up, downshift, and nearly collapse as I roll past the church. My knees are ready to blow and I feel like throwing up. A welcoming downhill, but not nearly enough time to recover.

Grinding my teeth and gasping for air, I begin the third and final climb. Fourth gear, skip third, quickly to second, then first. No easier gear. I put my head down and suffer. Digging deep for inner-animal power reserves, face contorted in a permanent grimace of pain; the effort is extreme.

Dizzy and struggling to breathe, I make it to the top. I can't feel my legs and my heart is bouncing off my ribs. The Triple Menace whipped me good, but it didn't win. The Menace must never win.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Can you talk about drug use and impaired driving. It seems like I am seeing more and more of this.

Answer: Drug-impaired driving is as dangerous as alcohol-impaired driving. Minnesota law prohibits driving while impaired by controlled or intoxicating substances. These substances include illegal drugs, prescription drugs, and over the counter drugs (cold medicines), as well as household

products. These substances can cause drowsiness and impair a driver's mental and physical ability to safely operate a vehicle and to respond to driving conditions.

Legal drugs that may not cause impairment alone can produce powerful intoxicating effects when mixed with alcohol. The safest rule is do not mix drugs with driving at all. Use of drugs can lead to traffic crashes resulting in death, injury and property damage. It can lead to arrest, fines and jail sentences.

Pay attention to warning labels for legitimate drugs and

medicines and to doctor's orders regarding possible effects. Stay away from illegal drugs. Don't use any drug that hides fatigue - the only cure for fatigue is rest.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Serving Up Tender(s)

faraway places.

Soon, the head of the mission group brought out a list of ladies who could no longer be present at our table. She read each name and as questions were answered about how they were doing, tender were the hearts listening. Prayers were prayed with a promise to send cards so they would know we cared.

Tenderly caring for those who had once held the office of this ministry was ministry. It was evident that the call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19) was alive and well in the church basement. It comes in many forms, you know. At times the call to go might be to the mission meeting so those who are sent may be held in prayer and be financially supported. Someone has to send, and someone has to go and it all adds up to a pile of tender

served up.

The meeting continued as moments of song broke forth in praise as the breaking of bread in community was about to be served. Gently the small group moved as one to form a line. A friend accompanied one, a daughter another, and so forth. As portions were served, questions arose from the din of the small gathering.

"Who made these?" "These are great!" "Wow! What's the recipe?" "I've never tasted anything so good!"

Soon, the secret was out. Fed once again we were by the one who feeds us not only with the Word on Sunday mornings, but now with chicken tenders grilled up just for the ladies in the church basement. From the grill next door we were fed tenderly in the middle of the week to be able to move as one in Him.

As suppertime neared and there were plenty of chicken tenders to go around, an extra plate was sent home to those who awaited the return of the ladies who gathered in the church basement.

Tenderly He shows Himself faithful in sending those who grill, those who gather, those who bring food a plenty to the table of plenty for the ladies in the church basement. What a privilege it is to carry everything to Him as we break bread in many forms. So whether we are sent, or asked to stay, may we remain faithful to His tender call. Amen.

Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Friends,

After an absurd end to a disastrous session, Democrats torpedoed anything remaining of decorum and ethics at the Capitol. With no time to debate or read, and barely an hour left to go, the Democrat Majority dropped a 1431-page omnibus bill, stuffed with provisions raising taxes, increasing the cost of energy, threatening constitutional rights of law-abiding Minnesotans. What's worse, an alleged felon who was arrested for felony burglary, whom the DFL have defended and protected for the last few weeks, was the deciding vote.

In my entire time in Saint Paul I have never seen anything like this. The actions of the Democrats cut out debate and dissent, and the minority party and it's constituents completely, something that until now was inconceivable with such a razor thin majority of 34-33. It was a complete breach of the public trust, and degrading to any notion of transparency. Democrats have gotten comfortable with abusing their power, and they will continue to do so until they are forced to answer for their actions.

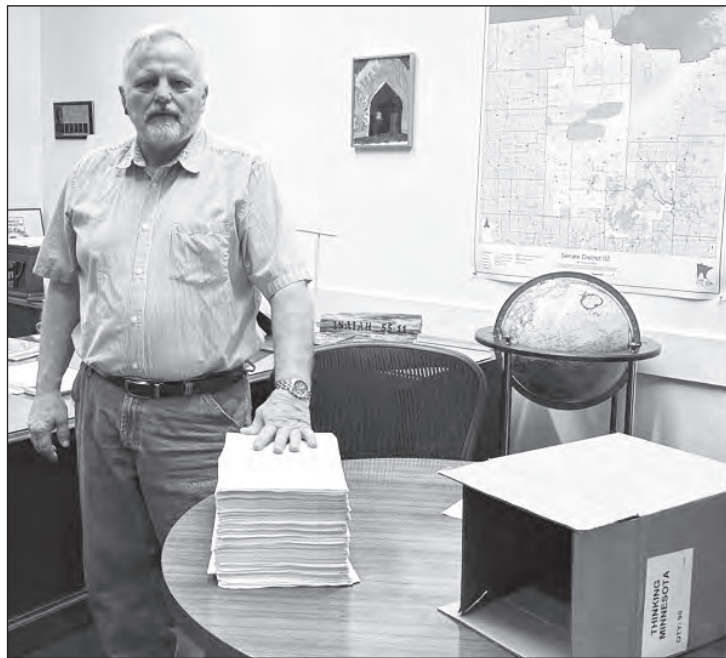


Green
Minnesota Senate, District 2

Here is a picture of the 1431 page Bill that was delivered for debate and voting with less than an hour left in session.

As always feel free to email me at Sen.Steve.Green@mnsenate.gov

Sincerely, Steve



Facing east-northeast, 90 minutes before sunrise June 30

Mars

Pleiades Cluster

Jupiter

Minnesota Starwatch for June 2024

By Deane Morrison

Spring is rapidly giving way to summer. The surest sign is the spring constellation Leo, the lion, tipping down in the southwest, as if the lion is completing a pounce as it heads toward the western horizon.

High in the south blazes Arcturus, the brilliant orb in the constellation Bootes, the herdsman. When it's this high, it's easiest to see the shape of the constellation, which looks like a kite. Below Arcturus, Spica dominates the large but dim constellation Virgo, the maiden.

Far to the south, Scorpius seems to scrape the horizon.

The scorpion's heart is the reddish star Antares. If it's hard to find, the moon will be close to Antares on the 19th.

In the east, the large Summer Triangle of bright stars has cleared the horizon and is gaining altitude. Its three "corner" stars are Vega, in the constellation Lyra, the lyre; Deneb, the tail of Cygnus, the swan; and, lowest of the three, Altair, in Aquila, the eagle. Vega is almost as bright as Arcturus, the brightest star in the northern hemisphere of sky.

Jupiter slips into the morning sky in the last few days of the month, joining Saturn and Mars. Look for the giant planet

close above the northeastern horizon, below the Pleiades star cluster, as dawn starts to break. Mars appears as a tiny reddish dot higher in the east, and Saturn a still higher and slightly brighter dot in the southeast. The three planets fall in an almost straight diagonal line. The waning moon visits Saturn on the 27th, following a course that will take it "over the heads" of Mars and Jupiter in early July.

The summer solstice arrives on the 20th, when the sun reaches a point over the Tropic of Cancer. The night of the 21st, June's full moon traces a low arc across the sky.

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Teagan Lee on the '39 B John Deere, H Farmall, Jacob Lee on the 520 John Deere.



Graduation and Tractors!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Michelson



It is that time of year once again, Graduation! I remember when my own children graduated from High School. Although some do not see it this way to me it is such a bittersweet time of life.

It is sweet because you are proud of the accomplishments and life up to now, the day they walk across the stage and smile with their diploma in hand. But it is "bitter" because this next part of life is beginning and your fledglings will leave the nest to pursue their future plans. Not only that but we are getting older and the years just seem to fly by!

A week ago I attended the Goodridge High School graduation. Familiar faces because I taught nearly all of the students in 5th grade and later was music teacher to many of them. It seemed to take no time at all to go from 5th graders to mature young men and women! This past weekend I also attended graduations at RLCC in Oklee and at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Of course all the towns in our area had their own ceremonies.

The ceremonies are always fun to watch and emotional for many. But, for me, one of the best parts is going to some of the parties you have been invited to attend. Congratulations to the graduates and visiting with family and friends you have not seen for a while.....fun times!

Those of you who know me know I can turn most events into tractor time! One of the graduation parties I went to was at the Tri River Pioneer's Museum in Plummer. I didn't even have to work very hard here, Iver Harstad graduated and right in front of the museum was his GB Minneapolis Moline tractor. I had to snap a picture of Iver and his Minneapolis Moline tractor. Fun fact, Iver's great grandfather, also Iver Harstad was at one time the Minneapolis Moline dealer in Newfolden, MN. Congratulations to Iver!

After attending the ceremony at Clearbrook my wife and I returned to Oklee for one of the grad parties. Congratulations to Caden Lee! But remember my underlying motives! As the party went on I talked to Caden's dad, Adam, and asked if I could go look at a few of their tractors. Luckily a couple of Cadens little brothers had no trouble taking me to the quonset to take a look. First we started up a very nice H Farmall and next a wide front 520 John Deere. I drove the H out of the shed followed by Jacob on the 520 John Deere. We took a couple laps around the yard and then out of another shed came Adam and Teagan on a 1939 B John Deere that was purchased from a friend of mine Duane Whyte. A few more trips

around the yard and the tractors were lined up for a picture.

Graduation day is a busy day but Teagan wanted a few more tractors to come out, like the DC Case, but that will have to wait for another day. I think I will have to visit the Lee farm again! You see, graduation sure is fun!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. In what model year did the Model B John Deere become styled?
2. The H Farmall was built in what city?
A) Chicago, IL, B) Racine, WI C) Rock Island, IL D) Minneapolis, MN
3. In 1958 a 520 John Deere tractor would have set you back \$_____
A) \$2000 B) \$2300 C) \$3000 D) \$3300
4. How many forward speeds does a DC Case have?
5. T or F: The DC Case and 520 John Deere were both tested at 37 belt hp.

ANSWERS: 1. 1939 2. C. Rock Island 3. B. \$2300 4. 4 Speeds 5. True

Democrats crash end-of-session landing, break rules to pass massive 1,400-page bill

ST. PAUL – Just before midnight, the 2024 legislative session came crashing to an end. Two hours earlier, Democrat leaders unveiled their plans to jam all remaining bills into the Tax omnibus bill, which received less than ten minutes of a hearing, with no language available for the conferees to review. The bill contains ten different provisions relating to taxes, abortion, gun control, higher education, energy, and others. Minnesota constitution requires bills to be related to a single subject, making this bill ripe for legal challenge.

"This is the most mismanaged session I have ever seen," Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson (R- East Grand Forks) said. "The last fifteen minutes of session, Democrats passed a massive bill and we have no idea what's in that bill. The democrat trifecta has abused not just republican colleagues, but Minnesotans. This whole process has been baked from the very beginning; The extreme agenda continues. Because when the agenda becomes more impor-



Sen. John Jasinski (R-Faribault) holds up a rule book, while Sen. Mark Johnson (R- East Grand Forks) holds the 1400 tax omnibus bill.

tant that the people, this is what happens."

Democrats also failed to complete before midnight a floor vote on \$71 million cash bonding bill

that was revealed at the same time as the tax bill. Bonding requires a supermajority to pass and would have required Republican votes.

Despite good faith efforts on the part of Senate Republicans to help pass more than 12 bills between Saturday night and Sunday, Democrats simply could not find a path forward with Republicans.

Instead, Democrats relied on Sen. Nicole Mitchell (D- Woodbury), who was charged with first-degree burglary after being arrested in her stepmother's basement, to cast the deciding vote on the tax bill.

They also allowed a Democrat Socialist to stall floor work for 11 hours on Saturday while they negotiated one bill among themselves to keep rideshare companies in the state, rather than compromise with Republicans.

"This trifecta has been a disaster, not just for the legislative process, but for Minnesotans. This is what happens when single-party control wants to ram it's agenda through, despite the calls from Minnesotans to work together," Johnson concluded.

Did you know?

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer worldwide. In the United States, one in five people will develop skin cancer by the age of 70, and more than two people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour, says the Skin Cancer Foundation. Roughly 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to UV radiation from the sun. Melanoma also is inextricably linked to UV exposure. In the United Kingdom, nearly nine in 10 cases of melanoma can be prevented by staying safe in the sun. The American Cancer Society estimates about 100,000 new melanomas will be diagnosed in 2024, when roughly 8,290 people are expected to die of melanoma. The number of people getting skin cancer in Canada also has risen at a fairly constant rate over the last 30 years. One in 73 Canadian women and one in 59 Canadian men will develop the disease, according to Canada.ca. Early detection of skin cancer can improve prognosis.



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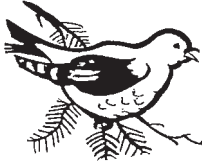
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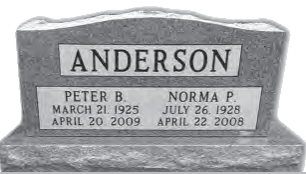
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Obituary for Joan Stewart

Joan Stewart (Messelt) 1941 – 2024.

Joan Lois Stewart, nee Messelt, age 82, of Winger, Minnesota died peacefully of natural causes on January 6, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Born November 21, 1941, Joan was the sister of Mrs. Kathryn Richardson, nee Messelt, daughters of Harold Messelt (1907-1965) and Clara Messelt, nee Roe, (1911 - 1982). Joan graduated from McIntosh High School in 1959. She married Bennie Benesh of Shevlin, Minnesota in 1959 (d. 1975). Together, they had two sons,

Jeffrey, and Barry. In 1990, Joan married Merlin Stewart of Park Rapids, Minnesota. After Merlin's passing in 2014, Joan moved to Colorado Springs, CO to be near her sons.

Joan is survived by her sister: Kathy, sons: Jeff (Sherrie) and Barry, grandchildren: Samuel, Laura, Amanda, James, and Steven; and great grandson: Levi.

Joan will be remembered during a graveside memorial at the Winger Cemetery at 10:00 on June 15th where her ashes will be laid to rest with her parents, Clara, and Harold Messelt.



Obituary for Gerald Wraa

Gerald Hardy Wraa was born March 11, 1922 and died May 15, 2024 at the age of 102. Gerald lived the early years of his childhood in Stevens, MN. At the age of 8, the family moved to Windsor Township with their belongings in a wagon pulled by horses, and their cows following behind. They camped out at night as they made their way, and at times Gerald (although only 8 years old) was required to handle the reigns of the wagon. Gerald graduated from the 8th grade in Gonvick, and chose the CCC camp near Cass Lake for his higher education. There they lived through the severe Armistice Day winter storm which was not forecast and caught hundreds of people away from safety in Northern MN. The young men were sent out to rescue lost hunters & found frozen bodies caught in the unexpected storm. He learned a variety of skills while there (including dog robber? haha), logging and other conservation skills and living in a military type setting. Gerald was in Oslo, MN working on his car when he said "Ma came out and told me the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and I knew my fate was sealed". He joined the US Navy in 1942 and served aboard the Destroyer, US Arleigh Burke, as a 40MM gunner and was a planker (the first crew to serve aboard a new naval vessel). Gerald received numerous medals and war time ribbons, including a purple heart. History also shows that the squadron of destroyers he served with, received a Presidential Citation for the most perfect battle in Naval History at the Battle of Cape St. George, which is still used

today to train Naval tactics. When a plane was shot down, and the crew of his destroyer rescued the pilot, the pilot's name was Pappy Boyington. When the war ended, Gerald left his shipmates in 1946 and came back to MN, where in 1947 he married his soul mate Edna Davis. When the young couple homesteaded in Clover Township, Gerald cut the trees, cleared the land, and built a small cabin himself. Gerald and Edna raised three sons: Jerry L, Joel, and Steve. Through the years Gerald farmed and was a logger and later a cement mason. When formal training was not an option to learn masonry, Gerald prayed that God would teach him and he became a natural at his trade, and even worked in supervisory positions.

Gerald served in the capacity of the township clerk in Clover for 60 years. He and Edna were charter members of Clover Chapel. In later years, they became members of the First Baptist Church of Clearbrook. He was a long-time member of the Clearbrook Legion Post 256, a life member of the Bemidji VFW Post 1260, and a life Member of Bemidji DAV. Other items of his life legacy include that he was a charter member of the Leonard American Legion Post, and served as Grand Marshall of the Leonard 100-year celebration parade at age 100.

He and Edna celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Clover Chapel, their 70th anniversary at the Clearbrook Baptist church, and their 75th anniversary at the Memorial Day celebration in Clearbrook. May 31, 2024 would have been their 77th anniversary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Maudy (Blake) Wraa, his sister Lorraine (Wraa) Kasmatka and brother Glenn. He is survived by his wife Edna, one brother Don (Deb), sons Jerry L. (Lana), Joel, Steve (Julie), 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook with Pastor Randy Reimer officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be held at the Clover Cemetery at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home assisted the family in arrangements.

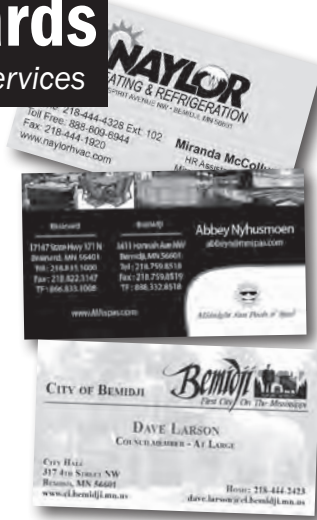
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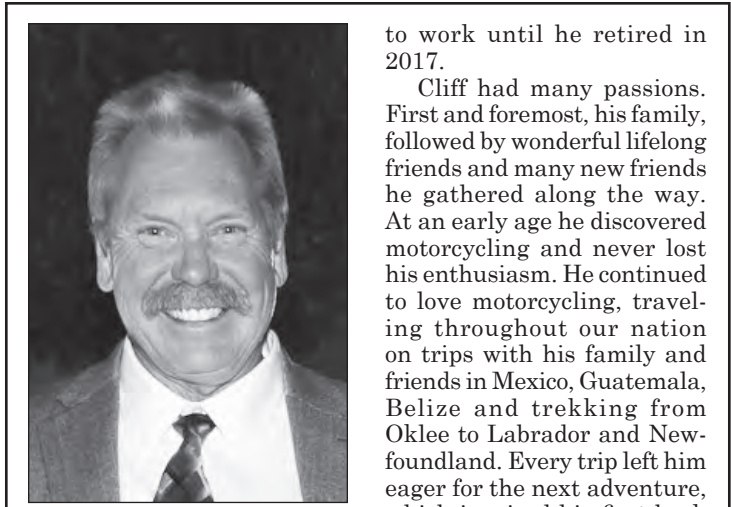


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Obituary for Clifton Melby

I will make no excuses for myself; I simply don't have any. -Clifton

I take a handful of vitamins every morning, I want to be healthy when I die. -Clifton

Clifton Douglas "Cliff" Melby, 75, of Oklee, MN, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving wife, Barb, at his side. For the past several years, he battled Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis with great courage and good humor.

Visitation was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, on Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, with a 5:00 pm prayer service.

A Celebration of Cliff's Life took place at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 11:00am, with Eric Mickelson officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Burial at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

On February 11, 1949, a second son was born to Thomas "Tom" O. and Bernetta "Betty" Dora (Seeger) Melby and was welcomed by big brother Tommy. The family was now complete.

A life long resident of Oklee, Cliff was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, he attended Oklee Public School, graduating with the class of 1967. After high school, he took classes at Bemidji State University.

At an Oklee "gathering" in 1969, Barbara "Barb" Bronken caught his eye. Little did he know his future would be changing! They married January 2, 1971, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee, and were blessed with three children, Isaac, Jacob and Erin.

They made their home in Oklee and Cliff joined his father and mother in the family business, Oklee Lumber Yard. Cliff purchased the business in 1976 and was very proud to keep it in the family. In 2004, he sold the Lumber Yard to his son, Isaac and continued

to work until he retired in 2017.

Cliff had many passions. First and foremost, his family, followed by wonderful lifelong friends and many new friends he gathered along the way. At an early age he discovered motorcycling and never lost his enthusiasm. He continued to love motorcycling, traveling throughout our nation on trips with his family and friends in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and trekking from Oklee to Labrador and Newfoundland. Every trip left him eager for the next adventure, which inspired his first book "Motorcycling the Maritimes". His second book "Memoirs of Mexico and Motorcycling" will be available soon.

Another great passion was anything related to wood; planting trees on their family farm, cutting, burning and carving. His carvings are legendary among family and friends and he became very skilled and prolific.

He had an eclectic taste in music and loved to share his passion with others. He learned to play by ear, enjoyed concerts and dearly loved listening to his daughter Erin play the piano.

Cliff loved the Minnesota Vikings so passionately that he wasn't able to watch them on TV, but had to listen on the radio.

Cliff was a great storyteller and was well known for sharing his gift of gab in delightful postcards to family and friends. He really enjoyed sending and receiving, especially in the last few years.

He is survived by Barb, his wife of 53 years, Oklee, MN, children: Isaac (Marcella) Melby, Oklee, MN, Jacob (Cindy) Melby, Gonvick, MN, Erin (Kevin) Crawford, Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, Sydney and Karena Melby, Lauren, Dana and Tatum Melby, Elliot Jones, Simone and Clifton Crawford; brother and sister in laws, Beth (Neil) Carlson, Holly Bronken, Jim Bronken, Margaret (Bob) Olmstead, Peter (Leah) Bronken; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas "Tom" O. and Bernetta "Betty" Dora (Seeger) Melby; brother Thomas Jay "Tommy" Melby; father and mother in law, Marvin and Joan Bronken; brothers in law, Richard "Rich" Bronken, Karl Stadem and Sherman Knutson; and sister in law, Tracy Bronken.

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4 Generation Racing Family from L-R Kevin and Rhonda Bahr, Jayden Bahr, Brandon Bahr and Gordie Lancaster.

Bemidji Speedway “4 Generation Racing Family”

5/22/2024

By Dennis Peterson

If you have frequented Bemidji Speedway anytime in the past 50 years you have probably seen a race car driven by either a Lancaster or Bahr family member. This year the fourth generation of Lancaster/Bahr racers will enter the field when Jayden Bahr (14) will drive on track in his new Wissota Mod Four.

Gordie Lancaster first started racing 60 years ago and ended his racing career in 2022. For 50 of those years he raced at Bemidji Speedway. Lancaster drove 6 Cylinders, Super Stocks, and Late Models. He racked up 8 track championships and is a member of three Hall of Fames at River Cities Speedway, Greenbush Speedway and Bemidji Speedway. He raced throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Canada.

When Kevin Bahr met his future wife Rhonda Lancaster it was just a matter of time before he also started racing. Kevin started his racing career in 1983 in the Street Stocks. He would race in many various classes including Super Stocks, Modifieds, B Modifieds, Late Models and is currently racing both the Wissota Modified and Mod Four classes. Bahr has raced throughout Minnesota and North Dakota. Bahr credits his many sponsors and Chris and Nicole Roller for all their help getting the cars ready each week for racing.

Kevin and Rhonda's son Brandon began racing in 2006 in the Wissota Mod Four class and has won one Track Championship. He primarily races in Minnesota but has ventured as far south as Humboldt, Kansas for the inaugural “Battle of the Bullring”. He has raced Midwest Modifieds, Wissota Super Stocks, Late Models and currently will be competing in



Knife River pace truck with Ashton, Cameron and Conrad Schwinn carrying the American Flags for the National Anthem. Photos by Dennis Peterson.

the Midwest Modifieds, Wissota Super Stocks and Wissota Mod Four classes. He thanks and credits his grandfather Gordie and mom and dad for all their help as well as others who have helped him over the years.

Enter the Fourth Generation racer in the family, Jayden. Jayden will debut his Wissota Mod Four in 2024 at the age of 14. He's excited and honored to be part of the legacy started by his Great Grandfather Gordie, continued by his Grandpa, and his dad.

The Bahrs can be seen racing each Sunday night at Bemidji Speedway starting this Sunday and Monday for the Chicken Shack Nationals and Jack Sparby Memorial races starting at 4:PM Sunday and 2:PM Memorial Day Monday.

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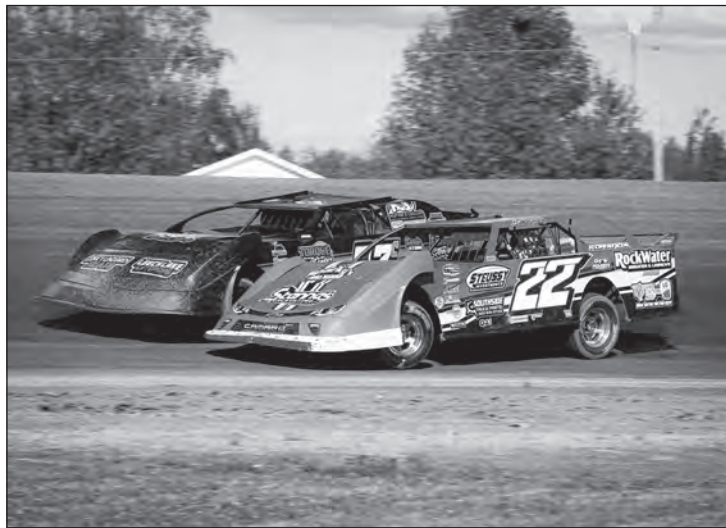
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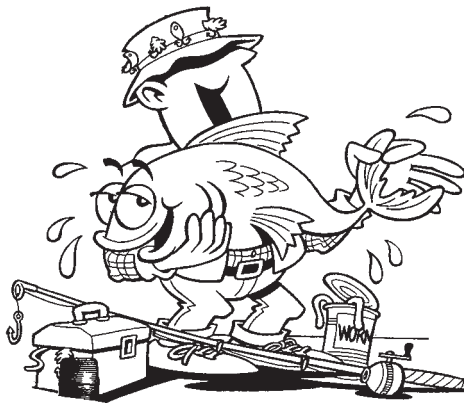


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