



Tri County Canary

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The Win-E-Mac Patriot Golf team earned the Team Academic All-State Award for Section 8A as they took the top Grade Point Average at 3.94. The GPA is taken from the average of the top 4 students on the team. Pictured (l-r) Nathaniel Spry, Austin Langseth, Justin Courneya, Ryan Kangas, Joe Courneya and Daniel Boianoff. Congratulations Patriots!

Trails 4 Transplants “Coming Home Ride”

By Sue Helm
Trails4Transplants held their twelfth annual ride and fundraising event May 28th - June 1st. The T4T 2024 “Coming Home Ride” was an enormous success with 45 riders on 38 horses and a support crew of 8 to 10 people participating. On May 28th, T4T’s base camp was set up at the Lake Bronson State Park Group Camp. And throughout the week, riders and support crew showed up from Dalhart, TX, Pierre, SD, Bismarck/Mandan, ND, Minne-

apolis to Duluth and Northern Minnesota. A total of six days of fellowship, riding, singing, telling stories, and sharing a common desire to support T4T’s mission.
Trails4Transplants is a non-profit group with the mission of promoting awareness for the need of eye, organ, and tissue donors, as well as raising funds to assist those ‘waiting for’ or ‘recovering from’ transplants.
A brief outline of the week’s riding activities included two days when the ride started from

an abandoned townsite on MN Hwy 11 called Pelan Park. On one of those rides, T4T rode to Lifecare Greenbush Manor in Greenbush. On the second ride from Pelan Park, T4T rode to Karlstad, and there T4T riders and support crew stopped by the Karlstad Senior Living and The Meadows Assisted Living facilities. At all three of these nursing home facilities, residents and staff were waiting outside to see the horses and listen to T4T people sing a couple traditional songs. That undoubtedly was a fun and special time enjoyed by all! One day the ride started out from the Karlstad Legion, and everyone rode to the Frog Pond in Halma. And of the four days of riding, a day was dedicated to riding the scenic horse trails at Lake Bronson State Park. Several riders commented on how they appreciated being able to ride all or just portions of the week’s 46-mile journey in the beautiful Kittson and Roseau County area! The week’s activities finished with a spirited silent auction at the Lake Bronson State Park group camp building with many items donated and all the items were sold! The “Coming Home Ride” was filled with awesome riding, delicious food, plenty of fun, lots of laughter, and a group camaraderie that was evident all week long! Now it’s time for a special shout out and a huge thank you to all that organized, provided meals and transportation, sponsored or helped out in any way: C&M Ford, Wojo’s Horse Training, SuperMarket Foods, Karlstad Lions Club, Karlstad Eagles, Karlstad Legion, Karlstad Korner, The Frog Pond, Ed Lehrke Ribs, George & Joyce Wikstrom, Cindy & Keith Urbaniak, Sandy & Wayne Gjervold, Eon & Josie Lysford, Jessica Anderson & Casey Solberg, Kathy & Everett Englund, Doug & Nancy Lysford, T4T Riders, T4T Support Crew. All that donated Silent Auction Items, all that purchased Silent Auction Items.
There are lots of pictures of

this year’s ride and of previous rides on T4T’s Facebook page, check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/trails4transplants/>
The first T4T ride began in Warren, MN in 2013 and from its beginning and through the 2024 ride, there’s been over 2,570 miles covered in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and South Dakota with approximately \$400,000 raised. The funds raised are to promote awareness, support donor families, and help those who have received the precious gift of life. T4T is a volunteer-run organization with no paid administrative staff. If you haven’t already, consider checking the box and say yes! Give the gift of life as an organ donor!

Keep watching for the next ride as it is already in the planning stages for 2025. That ride will take place in Pierre, SD. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join Trails4Transplants trail ride in 2025!
For more information about Trails4Transplants go to <https://trails4transplants.org> website, or contact:
• Roger Hille at rogehille@gmail.com (Tel: 218-201-0589)
• Doug Lysford at doug.lysford@hotmail.com (Tel: 218-452-8969)
If you have enjoyed reading about T4T’s adventures and would like to donate to this worthy cause, please send your check to:
Trails4Transplant
C/O Roger Hille
5195 County Rd 81
Mandan, ND 58554



The second stop for the riders was the Meadows Assisted Living in Karlstad.



Roger Hille, one of the leaders of T4T, oversees the ride with emotion and pride.



Sue Helm singing at the top of her lungs as the riders performed songs for residents at the Karlstad Senior Living facility.

Artist Reception at Watermark June 28

- Watermark Art Center will hold a reception on June 28 from 5 - 7pm for exhibiting artist Sam/Zhaawanoogizhik Zimmerman with a talk and discussion to begin at approximately 5:30. Zimmerman’s exhibit Bi-Mawadishiwewaad – “When They Come to Visit” is on display now through August 17.
Inspired by his relocation from the East Coast to Duluth, Minnesota, Zimmerman explores his Ojibwe heritage, his experiences in nature, and shared oral histories. In his work, he reimagines clan animal symbolism while incorporating the natural landscape of Lake Superior’s North Shore.
Since 2000 he has been participating in juried and solo exhibitions. His work is for sale and can be found in private collections both in the United States and abroad. He focuses on continuing the Anishinaabe tradition of storytelling while embedding the themes of environmental stewardship and conservation of the North Shore through his studio and public art commissions.
There is no charge for this event. Watermark’s galleries and gift shop are accessible, free and open to the public Mondays - Saturdays from 10 to 5pm. Visit WatermarkArt-

Center.org for detailed exhibit, event and class information. 505 Bemidji Avenue N., Bemidji, Minnesota. Call 218-444-7570.



Sam/Zhaawanoogizhik Zimmerman.

How about a little History? Pompey’s Pillar

By Eric Mickelson
Did you ever have it happen that you were driving along and you stumbled on something that you really liked or really wanted to see? As we returned from Glacier National Park last week that is what happened to me (and my wife)!
Several years ago on a trip west with a bunch of teachers we took a bus and followed some of the trail of Lewis and Clark. Most of our trip was focused on the travels of Lewis and Clark but we did stop at the Little Big Horn Battlefield and took in some of the mining history around Butte and Anaconda, Montana. One of our stops was at a National Monument called Pompey’s Pillar.
It turned out to be a fun stop! Like I said we were driving home sort of sad to see our vacation nearing its end and I saw a sign on the road-Pompey’s Pillar, Exit ????. I said to my wife look and see how far off the interstate this is!! It was about a mile or so. So I said, “LET’S STOP!” I was really glad we did! Some of you may not have been so impressed but you see I am a history buff, and when I get a chance to stop and see something or someplace where someone REAL in history was really there it is kind of thrilling to me! Basically Pompey’s

Pillar is a little butte, bluff, or rock where on his return trip William Clark stopped with some of the Corp of Discovery on the return trip from the Pacific Ocean. He carved his name and date in the rock on the side of the “rock”. Now during the trip William Clark had become very attached to Sacagawea’s baby son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Clark had a nickname for the youngster, Pompey! So as they returned and saw this rock formation Clark gave it the name Pompey’s Pillar! It is now a national monument!
A little more research at the visitor’s center described this national monument as containing 51 acres on the banks of the Yellowstone River. The massive sandstone outcrop covers about two acres, at its base, and rises to a height of about 120 feet. It is located at a natural ford in the Yellowstone River and it is an outstanding observation point. On the landmark there are many markings, petroglyphs, and inscriptions including the signature left by William Clark.
In flyers for the Pillar it is advertised as a geologic phenomenon that is a living journal of the American West. To me it was just another little surprise opportunity on a great vacation to Montana!



Views from atop Pompey's Pillar!

New testing requirements for dairy cows before events

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health announces new testing requirements for lactating dairy cows effective Tuesday, June 18. All lactating (currently producing milk) dairy cows must have both a negative H5N1 test result and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to attend any exhibition in Minnesota. The requirements are effective until December 31, 2024.
“While H5N1 influenza in dairy cases are still being studied across the country, initial insights show milk and the udders are a hotspot for influenza virus on infected cows, which makes showing lactating dairy at events a higher risk” said Senior Veterinarian of Cattle Programs, Dr. Katie Cornille. “Requiring a negative test before an exhibition reduces that risk.”
A veterinarian must oversee or collect samples from each animal traveling to the exhibition within seven days before arriving at the event. Samples must be sent to a National Animal Health Laboratory Network Laboratory like the University of Minnesota’s Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (VDL) in St. Paul. Once a negative result is received for an animal, it can move within Minnesota for 10

days from the sample collection date to locations specified on the CVI.
If samples are positive for influenza, the VDL will notify the Board of the results and the Board will contact the producer to quarantine the cows and begin a disease investigation. While this is happening the samples are forwarded to the USDA’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories for

official confirmation, which is necessary for the owner to apply for any federal financial reimbursement. All results are confidential, and the Board will only report the county where a case is detected. Lactating dairy cows on the premises are under a 30-day quarantine. The Board can release the quarantine after a minimum of 30 days and a negative H5N1 milk test.

Hill Annex Mine State Park permanently closed to allow mining to resume

Hill Annex Mine State Park in Calumet has been deauthorized as a state park and is now closed. These actions are consistent with the historical expectation that mining would return to this site.
“Over its 60-year history, Hill Annex Mine produced 63 million tons of iron ore and was the sixth largest producer in the state. Then it served generations of visitors as a small state park and helped tell our mining history,” said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR’s Parks and Trails Division. “Now we are evaluating proposals to resume mining, which would contribute to local economies – and to Minnesota’s public schools.”
When open pit ore mining ceased in 1978, the Hill Annex

Mine site became a visitor attraction operated by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. The legislation establishing Hill Annex Mine State Park was passed in 1988; the site was transferred to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in 1991. The legislation establishing the park recognized the possibility that mining may be conducted on the property in the future.
The 625-acre Hill Annex Mine State Park operated on a surface lease on School Trust Lands. The stockpiles and in-ground minerals within the 625 acres of the previous state park are also School Trust. The surface stockpiles and tailings
Mine Park closed...
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Local Libraries to Host Star Lab Planetarium Programs on June 21 and July 8

MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA - Local libraries will host Star-Lab programs as part of Lake Agassiz Regional Library's outer space-themed Summer Library Experience, inviting area youth to learn about stars, constellations and how planets appear in the night sky. The visits are geared for youth ages 5+ but open to all and are offered free-of-charge. The StarLab is a portable planetarium brought to you by the Bemidji Science Center.

Programs are scheduled as follows:

Friday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:15 p.m. at the Fosston Public Library (Register at larl.org/events or call the library at 218-435-1320)

Monday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the McIntosh Public Library (Registration is not required, but those interested can call

the library at 218-563-4555 to learn more.)

The Summer Library Experience is offered from June 1 - July 31 at libraries and LINK Sites in the following communities: Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen. A number of fun programs will be held in connection with the reading challenge, including Magic Shows, theater productions, craft events and much more. All programs are offered free-of-charge. More information is available at larl.org and a full list of programs can be found at larl.org/explore.

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College News

Local students named to MSU Moorhead dean's list

The following students have been named to the Minnesota State University Moorhead dean's list in recognition of academic achievement spring semester 2024. Students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade-point average and carry 12 graded credits to qualify for the honor.

Anderson Jacob, Broadcast Journalism, Bagley
Dahl Isabelle, Accounting Fertile

Herbel Micah, Construction Management, Fertile

Lien Sophia, Business Administration, Flom

Wolfe Ashton, Business Administration, Fosston

Nelson Kia, Speech/Language/Hearing Science, Bagley

Thompson Ethan, Social Work, Gully

Lebeda Kira, Psychology, Bagley

Peterson Marin, Nursing, Oklee

MSU Moorhead is a comprehensive university offering 128 majors, emphases and options, 12 pre-professional programs, 26 areas of teacher licensure, 40 certificate programs and 15 graduate degrees.

MSUM is a member of the Minnesota State system, with 26 community and technical colleges and seven state universities serving approximately 300,000 students.

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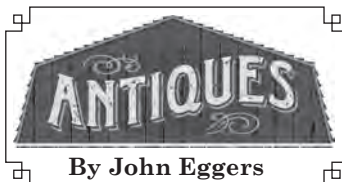
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If you have an old stoneware crock with writing on it, it is most likely worth something. In some cases, it could be a lot.

The year is 1937. You have been a valued customer of the Fosston Farmers Co-op Lumber Co. in Fosston, Minnesota. For your patronage, the owner gave you a stoneware bean pot for your wife that advertises their business. What a nice token of appreciation. Now you wouldn't have to buy her a birthday present. In the 1930s or thereabouts, the Red Wing Stoneware Company in Red Wing, Minnesota, found a new outlet to sell their products. They contacted hardware stores, mercantile stores, co-ops, liquor stores, banks and bakeries. For a reasonable price per item, they would manufacture several dozen crocks or jugs especially for your store. On the face of the jug would be the name of a business. Usually, it would read, "Compliments of..."

These old advertising stoneware pieces came in all sizes and shapes. Bean pots and bowls, rolling pins, and milk and cream pitchers were very popular because of their utilitarian use.

Advertising stoneware remains very popular among collectors and is desired by people from the community in which the item is advertised. The value begins at \$35 and goes up. The bean pot pictured has a small crack along the rim but still has a value in the \$75 range.

Because stoneware was easily cracked or broken, many of these complimentary pieces no longer exist. However, if you have a bean pot, they still work along with the pitchers and bowls.

Mine Park closed... Continued from front

basins at the former park site are under lease, and the developer applied to the DNR in December 2023 for a scam mining (mining of stockpiles and tailing basins) permit. If permits are approved, scam mining could

DINING & entertainment

BINGO

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begin with site preparation in 2024 and operation in 2025. Resumption of mining at the site would benefit the local communities. It would also benefit K-12 public education throughout the state through the deposit of state mineral lease rental and royalty payments into the Permanent School Trust Fund.

State park Passport Club members will no longer need the Hill Annex Mine State Park stamp to complete their passports. Area residents and visitors have several other state parks and a state recreation area to enjoy. Within a 45-minute drive of the former Hill Annex Mine State Park are Scenic, Schoolcraft, and Mc-

Carthy Beach state parks, and the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area is less than an hour away. Other DNR-managed recreational opportunities can be found on the Recreation Compass (mndnr.gov/maps/compass.html).

The DNR, IRRR and community partners are discussing how to preserve artifacts in the former park's Clubhouse Museum so they can be enjoyed by the public at a new location. When any mining concludes and mineral leases are no longer in place, the site will be evaluated for potential future uses in collaboration with community partners.



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Red Lake County Fair Senior Day 2024

Friday, June 28, 2024
Oklee Community Hall

12 Noon - Light Lunch
1 p.m. Music by the Woodpicks



Bingo to follow with many nice prizes donated by area business'



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2024 Red Lake County FAIR

THURSDAY-SUNDAY • JUNE 27-30, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

12 - 6 pm 4-H Static Judging at Oklee Hall
5 - 8 pm Open Class Registration - Non-Livestock at the Skating Rink
6 - 8 pm Livestock check in - Please (pre-registration for open class animals is June 15 by email (redlakecountyfairoklee@gmail.com) or text or call (218.686.1404)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 am Booths open
9:00 am Non livestock open class entry begins
9:30 am General livestock judging
10:30 am Poultry & Rabbit judging - 4-H & Open Class
11:00 am 4-H Food Stand Opens
11:30 am Horse, Llama & Alpaca judging
12:00 pm Open Class registration closes
Senior Citizen Day at Oklee Community Hall
1:00 pm Open Class judging at the Skating Rink
5:30 pm Pet Show
7:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Closes

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8:15 am Registration for 5K - Pre-register by June 14th to receive t-shirt - info on Facebook or email jessie.hamrum@gmail.com
9:00 am 5K starts
10:30 am Registration for Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
11:00 am Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
11:00 am Registration for Baja/Pit Gates open
11:30 am Make It & Take at the County Fair
12:00 noon Sand Pile Dig by the Barns Sponsored by Olson Gravel
2:00 pm Baja Gates Open for Public
3:00 pm Baja Race Starts - Power Wheel Baja
8:00 pm Release of Livestock

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 am Booths open
12:00 pm Booths close
12 - 2 pm Release of Open Class exhibits
2:30 pm 4-H Grand & Reserve Photos taken
2:45 pm 4-H Release of exhibits
3:15 pm 4-H Awards Show at the Hall

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Light Lunch followed by the "Woodpicks"
Bingo with prizes will start after the show!

FAIR BOARD OFFICERS

Mike Dessellier, Acting President • Mike Dessellier, Vice President
Jennifer Nelson Smrsky, Secretary/ Co-Treasurer
Melanie Hanson, Co-Treasurer

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FAIR BOOTH REGISTRATION
Please Contact Jennifer Nelson Smrsky: Call or Text 218-486-5830,
or email redlakecountyfairoklee@gmail.com

BAJA RACE

Saturday, June 29
Registration at 11:00 am
Race starts at 3:00 pm



CLASSIFIED ADS

CLEARWATER COUNTY Recorder Office Clerk

Applications are being accepted for a Recorder Clerk position, under the general supervision of the Clearwater County Recorder. This position assists with the filing of real estate documents, marriage certificates and other documents and legal notice. Assist with the process of applications MN Drivers License. Assist the public on filing and retrieving of Real Estate documents, receipting monies and other office duties.

Desired education requirements are a High School Diploma and two years experience in accounting, office procedures or related fields. Must be proficient in computer skills and willing to learn various software applications.

This is a fulltime position with salary Range of \$16.46 - \$21.50 with full benefits.

Applications may be obtained from the Clearwater County Service Center located on second floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse or on the website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

Completed applications can be returned to Allen Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley, MN 56621. This position is open until filled.
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R14-15C

CUSTODIAL HELP

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has openings for a full-time custodial cleaners or part-time custodial cleaners. These positions include Mon-Thurs, daytime hours during the summer months. Job requirements include the ability to thoroughly clean while paying attention to detail with some lifting and bending required.

These are 12 month positions which include the following benefits: PERA retirement plan, paid holidays, sick time, personal time, and vacation time after 1 year. Wage range is \$15.27-\$17.36 per hour dependent on years of previous experience. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions or to have an application emailed to you.

Please submit application, resume, and letter of interest to:
Melissa Weems, HR
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

R12-15C

Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator – Public Health

\$30.03 – \$42.74/hr. Position
Closes July 3, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Assistant County Attorney I – Attorney's Office:

\$40.18 – \$50.90/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Custodian I – Facilities:

\$19.20 - \$24.33/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Deputy Sheriff Patrol I - II – Sheriff's Office:

\$30.03 – \$40.32/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Environmental Technician – Environmental Services:

\$25.69 – \$32.55/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

GIS Coordinator – Highway:

\$31.83 – \$40.32/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

GIS Specialist – Highway:

\$28.60 – \$36.23/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I – Fosston:

\$26.49 – \$32.55/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:

\$19.99 - \$24.33/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

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JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL COACH

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a junior high volleyball coaching position for the 2024 season to begin in August. Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching young players the fundamentals of the game of volleyball, being present at all games and practices, and being a positive role model to young student athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to:



Melissa Weems, HR
16670 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
or email info to:
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

R12-15C

CLEARWATER COUNTY Deputy Recorder

Applications are being accepted for a Deputy Recorder, under the general supervision of the Clearwater County Recorder. This position performs a variety of duties, including the filing, scanning and archival storage of all legal source documents affecting real estate in the County. This position makes independent decisions ensuring compliance with applicable Minnesota statutes and County policies. Communicates and answers questions, provide information, and explains recording principles to the public, title and abstract companies, attorneys, mortgage and lending institutions and other State, County and Federal agencies. This position assists the County Recorder in maintaining archival public records for all real estate in Clearwater County. Assists in the preparation of comprehensive reports and correspondence related to various activities to comply with reporting requirements. Assist with the issuance of MN Driver Licenses and marriage licenses.

Desired education requirements are a High School Diploma and two years experience in business and office procedures or related fields. Must be proficient in computer skills and will to learn various software applications.

This is a fulltime position with salary range of \$21.25-\$27.69 with full benefits.

Applications may be obtained from the Clearwater County Service Center located on second floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse or on the website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

Completed applications can be returned to Allen Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley, MN 56621. Application deadline is 4:30 Friday, July 5, 2024.
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CURRENT DISTRICT OPENINGS

Director of Maintenance position opening. Applicants must have a High School Diploma or higher, Boiler License – No less than 1st Class C–300hp, and a Minimum Class D Driver's License. Wage starting at \$27.38hr.

Dean of Students position opening anticipated in the Elementary. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education as well as a Teaching License. Preference given to applicants with 3-5 years school experience. Salary starting at \$67,153yr.

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

*Interested applicants should send a resume, teaching credentials, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

*Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check.

*Positions will remain open until filled.

Elementary Education Teacher position opening anticipated. Proper Minnesota licensure is required and experience is preferred.

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

*Interested applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and a copy of college transcripts to Nichole M. Ekre at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621 or nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us.

*Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check.

*Positions will remain open until filled.

Substitute Teacher opportunities are available. Applicants should submit their teaching license (or substitute licensure with a 4-year degree) and resume.

Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check.

Native American Home School Liaison position openings. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam.

Paraeducator position openings. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes a High School Diploma or equivalent and either 2 or more years of college/an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam.

Substitute Para opportunities are available. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

*Application forms may be downloaded from the District Website bagley.k12.mn.us, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Nichole Ekre at 218-694-6184.

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Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. This is a 3-hour position.

Substitute Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

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*Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check.

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

COACHING

Currently accepting applications for the following:

*Head Girls Basketball

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R12-17C

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Tall Tales

Orange Wind

By Travis Peterson

A plume of smoke drifts into the yard from the west...

I was working from home and on the phone with a high-maintenance customer who was placing a rather large order. I had my desk facing the patio doors and had a clear view of the entire southern portion of my yard. I figured someone must be burning a ditch or maybe burning off some overgrown thicket, probably nothing to worry about. Then the smoke got thicker. A lot thicker.

I lean forward to get a better view and an evil orange tongue viciously laps across my line of vision. Raging gusts of wind send rolling balls of flames twelve-feet high tumbling across the southern perimeter of my property as if some terrible war machine flew overhead and napalmed my tree line from above.

All the dry needles in the pine trees instantly catch fire, flaring up and igniting the ones around them, causing spastic spirals of wretched flames to race to the top until each tree is

its own blazing firestorm.

Desperately trying to shake the customer off the phone and needing to call 911 sooner than immediately, my yard is overtaken by the intensifying nightmare. Acres of wildfire blown across the land by the relentless gusts make it possible to perceive the shape of the wind in the flames; the cruel, orange wind forces the hateful heat closer and closer to my home.

The customer finally finishes up and I frantically finalize their order. Off the phone and out the door.

The fire department had already arrived and had an above-ground pool filled up with water. The water truck was back on the road and off for more while the DNR Forestry Division unloaded their dozers.

"Get that hose over to the west side of the house," the fire chief shouts to his men, "If it jumps into the trees, we're in big trouble! And watch that wind! That wind is changing! It's changing on us!"

The fire chief spins around

and is startled to see I am standing there.

"Are you the property owner?"

"Yes."

"We've got everything under control here. Nothing to worry about. Just get anything important out of your house now. There might not be time later."

Nothing could have prepared me for this day of reckoning when I suddenly had nothing to do but wait for that critical moment when the wind slightly shifts and sets my shelter ablaze. All my comforts and all I've ever known and worked for torched, reduced to a fine ash and blown away in the wind. I put the harness on my dog and grabbed his leash. I was ready to evacuate. Everything else would be left to burn.

The chaotic whims of nature and the fast action of the emergency response crews spared my home and property that day. But I tell you what, three years on and I am still haunted,

haunted by the cruel, orange wind that blew in from the west and tried to take my home.

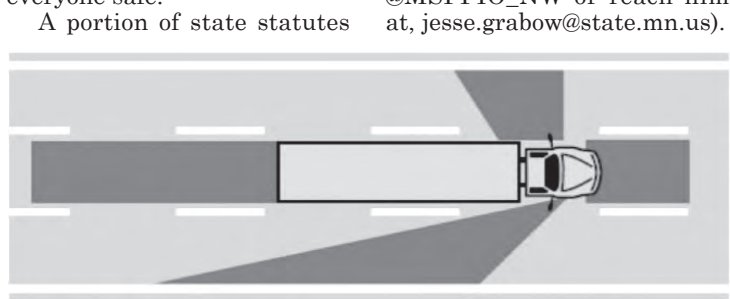
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Snowmachine

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

Several years ago I was on a trip to Montana with a group of teachers. We were all part of a Teaching American History Grant. We were on a bus trip following much of the Lewis and Clark trail. It was a great trip. One of the places we stopped was Butte, Montana, and we went to the World Museum of Mining there. We went down about 60-100 feet and got to look at some of the shafts left from the old mine and learned about the mining industry that was so important to Butte. This year when my wife and I returned to Montana I suggested we go to the Mining Museum again. So we did!

When we drove into Butte, my wife navigated to the World Museum of Mining. As we drove in, some of the things came back to my memory! The museum contained a little bit of general local history including a sort of pioneer village with a few businesses that were native to the city of Butte.

The one exhibit that I had seen before was still there. It was an old Fordson tractor with

sort of spiraled tubes on each side. The machine was made to go through the snow. I have looked up videos on youtube that show these machines in operation. The story goes that the Armstead Snow Motor was designed and used to convert a Fordson Tractor to so it would have two cylinders one on each side. It was nicknamed the "Snow Devil!" In a promotional film the snow motor was seen hauling 20 tons of logs! Since each side was basically a "ponton" it is rumored the machine also worked on water, so it was a kind of amphibious machine.

Everything sounded pretty cool until I came across this information. In January of 1926 3 snow machines were sent to Alaska. Their job was to haul 15 tons of aviation fuel to support a transpolar flight from North America to Europe! The tractors proved to be hard on fuel and slow. The sleds used in the expedition were constantly breaking down.

Well, they looked pretty neat, although not that trustworthy! I think I'd still like to

take a ride on one!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. True or False: There is an estimated 10,000 miles of mining tunnels under the city of Butte, Montana.

2. The abandoned mine at the museum in Butte is called the Orphan Girl or Orphan Boy mine.

3. Around the turn of the 20th century what caused a great increase in the need of copper?

4. Production of the Fordson tractor in the United States began in what year?
A) 1915 B) 1917 C) 1919 D) 1921

5. What country imported the most Fordson tractors?

Answers: 1. True 2. Orphan Girl 3. The advent of electricity. 4. B. 1917 5. Soviet Union



Couple pictures of the "Snow Machine" at the World of Mining Museum.



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

When Did the Altar Turn Stage?

It's been a few since the words were first heard, and they still stir.

Funny how thoughts sort of bloom in slow motion and one day, they seem ripe for picking. After being roused earlier than norm this morn, I knew it was time to give voice.

What were the words spoken so long ago by another? "He thinks we need to add on to the stage in church so there's more room."

My words somehow managed to tumble forth gently. "When did the altar turn stage?"

I ponder these thoughts anew as I enter churches these days where not only is the stage set but a theatre like atmosphere is now common.

Visiting a church one Sunday, I noted not only was the stage set and the walls darkened, but the passage way offered a basket of communion cups for the taking. A tiny plastic cup sealed with wafer atop, balanced upon a lid covered coffee, a passerby did hold. It was the first time I'd seen the two melded as one and the visual embedded. As I watched, the communion cup was set aside—to who knows where for the time being as the coffee was enjoyed.

Commending the gathering, commending the desire to remember Him in the form of the

articles within the basket, and commending the desire to worship with those leading on stage, I suppose one must commend the atmosphere of darkness as it surely must lead to the Light. No different, I suppose, than when the world was darkened as He died upon the cross.

The cross—the cross—I'm not sure I recall seeing one against the backdrop of the words to the songs upon the stage. And, so it goes in the midst of the throngs hungering and thirsting for His righteousness.

And I wonder, "When did the altar turn stage?" Wondering about things is okay. I suppose wandering is okay, too, as He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep He is leading so we will not go astray. It's good to ponder these things in our hearts as we notice the parallels. After all, Jesus preached with a backdrop of a mount from which He gave a sermon. In the Upper Room where the atmosphere turned dark, He washed the feet of His followers—serving per usual. Again, after His death, He shows up to the Upper Room even when the door was closed. I mean, it's not like He knocked and asked to enter. He just appeared with them where they were. Oh, He can show up anywhere—and He does.

But I wonder, "When did the altar turned stage?" And, I pray that when there is one,

an altar that is, that the cross remains because that's how He retained—sins and all if I recall.

As I age, I know He has not changed but the delivery form must appeal or it won't seem real to some I suppose but, "When did the altar turn stage?"

I've lived a while now and remember those who stood behind the altar—not so much they behind it as His Word in front. And with all due respect, the body and blood were His because He said so and that cannot change upon the stage or upon the altar.

"The Lord Jesus on the night He was betrayed spoke. 'This is my body, given for you'" (Luke 22:19).

Many left and He asked those remaining, "Will you, too, leave me?" (John 6:67).

They responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

And I gently ask, "When did the altar turn stage?"

Yes, I do know the altar was set up for sacrifice so long ago and now we live in New Testament times. Yet, we cannot forget He sacrificed Himself willingly and when we forget to remember to link the old with the new, it soon becomes about us on the stage. And, when it does, we must gently ask, "When did the altar turn stage?" Amen.

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Senator Johnson blasts Walz Admin after OLA report highlights significant failures to stop Feeding Our Future fraud

ST. PAUL – Today Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson (R- East Grand Forks) held a press conference to respond a devastating report from the nonpartisan Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) reviewing Minnesota Department of Education’s (MDE) oversight of the nonprofit Feeding our Future. The report found MDE’s oversight of Feeding Our Future to be inadequate and that, “MDE’s actions and inactions created opportunities for fraud.”

The OLA report had three themes:

•MDE failed to act on warning signs known to the department prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and prior to the start of the alleged fraud

•MDE did not effectively exercise its authority to hold Feeding Our Future accountable to program requirements

•MDE was ill-prepared to respond to the issues it encountered with Feeding Our Future

“In 2022, Senate Republicans held three hearings to get to the bottom of the Feeding our Future scheme that was rocking headlines and eroding the trust of Minnesotans,” Sen. Johnson said. “Today, the OLA report demonstrates we are completely vindicated with our concerns and assessment that MDE failed to do even the most basic of accountability measures to protect taxpayers’ dollars and ensure food meant to feed children reached the children who needed it.”

A 2022 Senate Education Committee issued a report after several hearings with MDE staff and Commissioners that had essentially the same three findings as the OLA:

•MDE did not follow related state and federal law

•MDE practiced questionable business practices that would seldom survive in a work environment that provided real accountability

•MDE lacked administrative direction and seems divorced from reality and what was demanded of it

Earlier this week, a separate audit report showed the OLA could not verify about 41% of Frontline Worker Pay bonuses made in 2023, resulting in about \$205 million unverified payments. Previous OLA reports found \$3.5 million in overpayments through the RentHelp program, and millions of fraudulent dollars through DHS programs for child care assistance, adult day care centers, opioid treatment, and more.

Nothing changes, if nothing changes,” Johnson said. “Either Governor Walz starts to hold his politically appointed commissioners and their staff accountable, or the waste, fraud, and abuse of the taxpayers’ dollars will continue. In the meantime, government spending will go up, services will be wasted, and Minnesotans will be left wondering just whether or not the high taxes they pay are being put to their best use.”



Sen. Johnson is speaking, Sen. Mark Koran (R- North Branch) in the background. Photo credit to "Senate Photography."

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(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

General Avian Influenza A (H5N1, Bird Flu) Information

Quick facts:

• Avian influenza is a disease in birds caused by the influenza A virus. These viruses naturally spread among wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect domestic poultry and other bird and animal species. Highly pathogenic strains can be very contagious and deadly in poultry.

•The risk of humans contracting avian influenza A(H5N1) from animals (cows, poultry, wild birds) remains low.

There have been three human infections in the U.S. since April of 2024 (one in Texas, two in Michigan). All three cases experienced mild illness and have fully recovered.

Risk to the general public remains extremely low. Avian influenza primarily affects birds and is an occupational risk limited to humans who have direct contact with infected birds, cattle, or other sick animals and their environments.

If you work with animals, be aware of the symptoms of avian influenza A (H5N1), which can include:

- Influenza-like illness (e.g., cough, sore throat and/or fever).
- Discharge in eyes.
- Red, itchy, watery eyes.

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Obituary for Myrtle Woods
July 12, 1925 - May 11, 2024
Myrtle Amelia (Frazer) Woods, 98, of Oklee, MN sadly left us, Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Essentia Health, St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN.
Myrtle was born July 12, 1925 in Onigum, MN to Harvey and Amelia (Carpenter) Frazer. The oldest of 17 children, she grew up in a loving family, with strong moral values. She attended Cass Lake School until she left to help care for her siblings.
On August 22, 1942, Myrtle married Earl Francis Woods. They were blessed with 4 children: Shirley, Sharon, John and Alan. She traveled along with her husband while he was in the service. When he was discharged, they moved to Carmel, MN where they lived with Earl's parents. In the 40's, Myrtle and Earl moved to Roland, MN where they bought and ran a general store. When the store was closed in the 60's, they moved to Oklee.
Myrtle worked for Oklee Manufacturing as a designer. While there, Arctic Cat had her design a few items for them. Arctic was so pleased with her, they hired her as one of their designers. After several years with Arctic Cat, she retired, yet continued working for Green Thumb, in the Senior Site Craft Store.
Myrtle was a very strong, independent creative lady,

who lived on her own after divorcing. She enjoyed visiting, reading, growing flowers, and surprising her family and friends with her delicious baked goods. Ordean Nelson was her longtime companion, who was always by her side for 55 years.
Children: Shirley Jensen, Sharon (Doug) Rhoades John (Myra) Woods, and Alan Woods.
Grandchildren: Thomas (Kimberley) Jensen, Eric Jensen, Mindy Johnson, Marcia Adkins, Jack (Tracy) Lee Jr, Kay (Harold) Rhoades, Shawn Carlson (companion Tiffany), John (Ashley) Woods Jr., Toni (Mitch) Silverthorn, Jenny (Mike) Bohlmann.
Great Grandchildren: Jada Jensen, Ethan Jensen, Trinity Jensen, Serena (Dave) Madden, Becky (Mark II.) Broden, Josh Senske, Shania Senske, Jack (Taylor) Lee III, Brandon (Lynsey) Lee, Kyla Rhoades (companion Angel), George Rhoades (companion Lauren), Sawyer Carlson, Beau Woods, Hannah Woods, James Silverthorn, Mataya Silverthorn, Amy Bohlmann, Brandon Bohlmann, and Abby Bohlmann.
Great-Great Grandchildren: Lily Myrtle Broden, Mark Broden III, Jack Lee IV, Kooper Lee, Hattie Lee, Brynn Lee, Scarlett Lee, Kody Roman, Vanessa Roman.
Companion: Ordean Nelson.
Survivors: Siblings: Joyce, Sandi, Earl, Carl, Bobby, Mike. And many nieces and nephews.
Preceded in death: Her parents, Harvey & Amelia; Sons: John & Alan. Siblings: Eugene, Denise, Lois, Jimmy, Gene, Harvey Jr., Shirley, Charles, Beverly, and Norma. A Great Grandchild, Jada Jensen.
Myrtle is dearly loved and greatly missed by her family and friends.
Funeral Service to be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 308 Lambert St. Oklee, on Saturday June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Visitation before the service.



Obituary for Marilyn Blom
August 13, 1942 — June 12, 2024, Sioux City, IA
Marilyn Elaine Blom, 81, of Sioux City passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at her residence surrounded by family. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Randy Rasmussen will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.
Marilyn was born on August 13, 1942 in Clearbrook,

Minnesota, to Roy and Esther Lindom. She married Terry Blom in October of 1999, and the two shared nearly 25 years of marriage before Marilyn passed.
She lived most of her adult life in Sioux City, where she volunteered in several capacities. In particular, she loved volunteering at the hospital in the NICU. She also immersed herself in her church family, where she spent years serving on various committees, was a part of the church choir, and served as a Sunday School Supervisor.
In her free time, Marilyn enjoyed cooking, spending time with her grandchildren, decorating for holidays (especially Christmas), gardening, and taking care of her tulips.
Survivors include her husband, Terry Blom; her daughter, Kathy Workman; her son, Chris Petersen (Marcia); step-daughters: Tara Leuci (David) and Lori Mattingly; grandchildren: AJ, Brittany, Krista, Rachel, Tara, Charlie, Alex, Danika, and Jaycie.
She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Clayton and Robert Lindom; and a grandson, Dominic.



Obituary for Carol Roisland
Carol Rae Roisland, 71, of Oklee, MN, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at her residence.
Visitation was on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 5-7PM with a prayer service at 6:30PM at Salem Lutheran Church, Oklee, MN.
Funeral service were on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 10:30 AM at Salem Lutheran Church, Oklee, MN. Burial will be at a later date.
On December 4, 1952, Carol was born to Osmund and Marie (Johnson) Hofstad in Thief River Falls, MN. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at Salem Lutheran Church, Oklee, MN. She attended Oklee Public School and graduated from Oklee High School in 1970. She was married to Kerry Roisland on June 26, 1971.
Carol began working as a seamstress at Larson's Furniture in Grand Forks, ND until they closed. She then continued working as a seamstress at Goodman's Furniture in Grand Forks, ND. After they closed, she

began her own business called "Carol's Custom Drapery" working out of her home to be with Kelsey. Around 2005, she closed her business and started working at JCPenney in the drapery department. Her husband, Kerry, passed away on December 10, 2010. Shortly after, in 2012, she moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida to be closer to her brother, Orlando, and continued to work at JCPenney there. She returned to Grand Forks in 2013 and retired from JCPenney around 2018. She returned home to Oklee in 2021 and began her retirement lifestyle.
Carol enjoyed reading romance and mystery novels, watching Animal Planet and America's Funniest Home Videos, staying busy mending clothes for the community, and watching birds from her living room window. She enjoyed going to visit her daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren in North Carolina as well as her siblings and other family members in Minnesota, Louisiana, and Florida.
She is survived by her daughter, Kelsey (Matt) Sigette, Cameron, NC; grandchildren, Addisyn, Jeremiah, Amelia, and Aurora Sigette; siblings, Leslie (Alice) Hofstad, Plummer, MN, and Elaine Broker, Grafton, ND; several nephews and nieces.
She is preceded in death by her husband, Kerry Roisland; her parents, Osmund and Marie Hofstad; siblings, Stanley Hofstad, Orlando "Swede" Hofstad, Lois Westmoreland, Doris Nelson, Paul Hofstad, and Raymond Hofstad; and her best friend "Buddy" a Chiwawa pug mix.

Obituary for Mary Berg Elsholtz (Weber)

June 11, 1940 – May 17, 2024

Mary died peacefully, surrounded by her family, due to complications of acute myeloid leukemia which was diagnosed in January. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 25 years, Bill Elsholtz, daughter Ellenne Weber, son Tim Weber (Emily), grandchildren Huck (Katherine), Henry, Jack, Otto, and Willow. Mary is also survived by her siblings Jean, Joy, John, Trygve and Karen.

Mary was born in Clearwater County Minnesota, to Oswald and Bernice Berg, on the family farm, the 3rd of 9 children. Mary excelled in school, from the one room classroom taught by her mother through her graduation from Clearbrook High School. In her senior year she won the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow competition there. She earned a math scholarship to Bemidji State. Following her freshman year, Mary moved to Minneapolis and began working at Northwestern Mutual Life, where she was one of their first computer programmers, while continuing to take college courses.

In 1964 she married Lloyd Weber of Rogers, MN. Their daughter Ellenne was born in 1966 followed by son Tim in 1968. After Lloyd's graduation from dental school, he began his commission with the US Navy. Mary and Ellenne would join him at Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines from 1966-1968. While there, Mary's love of

world travel and Asian cuisine was born.

Mary returned to the University of Minnesota to finish her math degree and graduated with honors in 1975. Mary passed her CPA exam and began her career as a tax specialist. She was named a partner at Ernst & Whinney in 1984, participating in breaking the glass ceiling. She mentored many young women in her field. Mary spent the last 15 years of her career establishing and managing a private family office. During that time she volunteered as treasurer of the St. Paul Boys & Girls Club.

Mary and Bill were married in 1999 and for the last 25 years they enjoyed golf, their homes and friends in Arizona and Wisconsin. And spending time with their kids and grandkids. Together they traveled to six continents – a safari in Tanzania was their absolute favorite. An extraordinary grandparent, she and Bill shared their love of travel with their grandchildren through family vacations to Scandinavia, Italy, France, Spain, Mexico and Alaska.

Mary was funny and fun, an amazing cook, a thoughtful and generous mother, wife, sister, friend and our Granna. She had a profound impact on the lives of so many, and is already so deeply missed. She spent her last Mother's Day weekend at the cabin she loved, with the people she loved, eating her favorite foods and beating us all at cards.

There will be a private family service.

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Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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Bemidji Speedway “Babes Border Battle”

6/16/2024
By Dennis Peterson
Through out the history of sport there has always been a strong rivalry between the US and Canada. That rivalry came to Bemidji Speedway on Sunday night with Visit Bemidji Sponsored “Babes Border Battle”. US and Canadian drivers competing for bragging rights on the 3/8 mile oval. This time the US drivers dominated the races winning all the features. A total of 90 cars were on hand for the battle in front of a near full grandstand once again.

Next Sunday the track will host one of its most popular nights with “Meet the Drivers” night. All kids 12 and under receive free admission and during intermission all the drivers will pull up on the front straight and fans will be allowed on the track to meet them and pick up treats given out by the drivers.

It has been announced that the famous Chicken Shack is now open for business each Friday and Saturday between 11:AM and 8:PM with all your favorites including Randy’s famous burgers.

Bemidji Mini Stock Feature: The first feature race of the night was the Bemidji Mini Stocks led on track in row one by Gabe Espe and Jonah Espe from Roseau, Mn. Racing hard into turn one Jonah Espe took the lead with Gabe Espe, Ashton Schwinn, Conrad Schwinn and Nick McCann in the top five. Gabe Espe slipped and dropped back with McCann racing fast inside to take the lead before the caution flag waved sending Jonah Espe tailback. The restart put Ashton Schwinn back in the lead with McCann and Conrad Schwinn chasing with a three wide battle but another caution slowed the racing. McCann suffered a flat right front tire and dropped out as the race was given a green white checkered finish. Ashton Schwinn picked up the clean sweep win with dad Conrad second and Hayden Engen third.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature: 18 Wissota Pure stocks roared on track led by Aaron Bitker on the pole and Brandon Puschinsky outside. Lap one was a duel between Bitker and Puschinsky side by side passed the flagstand. Charging up from his second row outside start Deryk Weleski powered forward to take the lead with Puschinsky, Lillian Farrington, Dustin Puffe and Austin Carlson in the top five. Following a caution Kade Leeper pitted for a tire change and returned tailback. As racing resumed Puffe was on the march forward racing low on the track with Puschinsky up high, a bit to high as the much improved young driver slid over the top of turn one and two rolled over on its side bringing out the caution flag once again. Puschinsky was unhurt but out of the race. Once the racing was fast and furious with the top four cars bumper to bumper with Weleski, Puffe, Farrington and Carlson all in contention. Farrington’s #59 pure stock slowly pulled into the infield out of the race making it a three car battle with Carlson taking over the lead and took the checkered flag. Puffe and Weleski trailed

with an amazing comeback by Kade Leeper from tailback to fourth. Aaron Bitker was fifth.

Wissota Super Stocks Feature: The Wissota Super Stocks were next on track led by Cam Labelle and Brandon Bahr in row one. Two Canadians joined this field with Rick Simpson out of Thunder Bay, On and Doug Bolt from Rosslyn, On. In the field. Bahr powered to the lead with Labelle, Garrett Masurka, Dalton Carlson and Dexton Koch trailing. Several cautions slowed the racing with several drivers sent to the rear for restarts. Koch drove into the infield out of the race. Labelle was fast and consistent out front as Masurka and Carlson raced door to door for second with Masurka up high and Carlson down low. Once again spins brought the field to restarts with Labelle, Masurka, Carlson, Nick Lewis and Doug Bolt in the top five. Carlson raced inside and made the pass of Labelle for the lead late in the race. He picked up the win with Labelle, Brandon Bahr, Masurka and Bolt trailing. The Canadian drivers Bolt and Simpson finished in fifth and sixth place.

Wissota Hornets Feature: Father and daughter race team of Jayme Gordon and Mateja Dreyer led the field of Wissota Hornets to the green flag with Mateja taking the lead followed by Jayme Gordon, Travis Olafson, Russell Kiker Jr and Cade Johnson. Mateja and Jayme tangled in the corner and dropped back in the pack moving Olafson to the lead where he stayed to win the race. Kiker and Josh Backstrom duelled side by side for second with Kiker winning the back up spot. It was a clean sweep for Olafson.

Wissota Midwest Modified Feature: 18 Wissota Midwest Modifieds were on track next led by Blake Adams on the pole and Brennan Schmidt to his right. The race would be an incredible duel between these two outstanding drivers throughout the feature. Schmidt grabbed the early lead over Adams from Cameron, Wisconsin. In third was Michael Blevins Sr. followed by Landon Gross and Doyle Erickson. Several cautions slowed the race for restarts with Erickson pitting for a tire change. Blevins moved up and challenged Adams for second but the yellow flag once again waved sending Gross to the back of the field. With Schmidt racing the high side and Adams the inside it was a back and forth battle for the win. Again more cautions slowed the action. When racing resumed it was back to the side by side battle for the win with 15 year old Adams gaining the advantage and claiming the title. Schmidt was second with Sam Blevins, Skyler Smith and Noah Bitz in the top five. The Canadian driver David Simpson did not finish.

Wissota Mod Fours Feature: Kevin Bahr and Ashton Schwinn led the Wissota Mod fours to the green flag with Schwinn racing into the lead followed by Conrad Schwinn, Tommy Bawden, Bahr and Casey Traxler. Bawden moved up side by side with Conrad Schwinn and raced into

second. Bawden then raced ahead to challenge for the lead with Ashton Schwinn up high and Bawden down low they raced side by side. In turns 1-2 Bawden took the lead and raced away from the field for the win in a flag to flag race. Ashton Schwinn, Conrad Schwinn, Traxler and Chad Erlandson made up the top five.

Wissota Modified Feature: Bemidji’s own Davey Mills was on the pole with Alan Olafson to his right for the start of the final race of the night the Wissota Modifieds. Mills raced to the lead followed by Lance Schilling, Olafson, Jeff Reed and Kevin Adams. Adams moved up into third as the Ca-

nadian driver Tanner Williamson raced into fifth racing on the high side. Mills and Schilling raced bumper to bumper with Adams joining the leaders for a three car battle on the super fast track. Mills stayed out front as Adams and Schilling put on a show for second duelling door to door with Adams finally gaining the advantage. Adams looked ahead and after a few laps was on the tail of the leader Mills. It was a terrific battle for the lead with Mills holding the lead and taking the checkers with Adams close behind. Schilling, Reed and Williamson trailed. For Mills it was a clean sweep night claiming both the heat win and the feature.



Pure Stock Winner Austin Carlson.



Super Stock Winner Dalton Carlson.



Hornet Feature Winner Travis Olafson.



Midwest Modified Feature winner Blake Adams.



Alex Berg and his #18 Wissota Pure Stock.

Bemidji Speedway “Driver Profile for Alex Berg”

6/11/2024
By Dennis Peterson
For 14 year old Alex Berg to begin his racing career at Bemidji Speedway he will have big shoes to fill. His dad, Josh Berg, has been nationally recognized for his racing skills and has been track champion at several tracks over the years. Josh decided to step back for a bit after several grueling years of competition. He says he plans on racing on July 14th for the “United Special Olympics Michael Fullerton 500”, something very special for him each year with Michael Fullerton in his car riding along in the #35 pure stock.

Alex will turn 15 on June 16th but the excitement in his eyes for his first racing season can be clearly seen. Racing in the Wissota Pure Stock class is a formidable challenge with many seasoned veterans of the race circuit in the class.

Alex, from Bemidji is active in Bemidji HS football and also plays hockey for Bemidji’s Bantam hockey team.

Alex can be seen this Sunday in the #18 pure stock during “Visit Bemidji Night” at the track with “Babes Border Battle” with US and Canadian drivers competing for bragging rights on the track. Racing starts at 5:pm.



Modified Feature Winner Davey Mills.



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