



Tri County Canary

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Calling for Art entries for Around the Farm Art Exhibit

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is announcing a Call for Art on the theme “Around the Farm.” Around the Farm will feature Hallock Artist Beau Bakken and is open to entries from our region.

Farming is more than a job or a career. It is fundamental to our community's way of life, part of our region's cultural identity and history, and deeply rooted in where and how we live, work, and play. This art exhibit will celebrate farm life and farming and will highlight the importance of agriculture in the lives of residents of our northwest Minnesota region through art.

The exhibit will be held in January and February of 2025 at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The featured artist is Beau Bakken of Hallock.

Art will be around the theme of farms, farming, farm machinery, harvest, farmland, agricultural heritage, farm animals, and farm life. Artwork must be original from any art medium including painting, mixed medium, drawing, mosaic, fiber arts, writing, sculpture, photography, printmaking, and more.

Submission deadline is December 2, 2024 and limited to two submissions. Send dimensions, medium, title, sale price, and where you are from, along with a photo of the artwork to treyeverettcreates@gmail.com. We welcome submissions from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties. Physical artwork will be dropped off at the gallery in Thief River Falls in mid-December. Date to be determined.

For more information, contact Trey at treyeverettcreates@gmail.com or 218-280-4917. Visit our website at

nwartscouncil.org or northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/blog/call-for-art-for-around-the-farm-art-exhibit



Mediums include collage, pen and ink, photography, mosaic, fiber arts, oil, acrylic, sculpture, creative writing, printmaking, and more. Submission Deadline is December 2.



Seljord Church north of Clearbrook.



Photos by Michael Johnson taken when the Northern Lights were out. That is Gus his faithful dog.

Paul Bunyan Day

By Eric Mickelson

When I was in Maine earlier this spring we drove by a statue of Paul Bunyan and it made me think of a 1958 Disney movie about Paul and Babe. There are a lot of movies and videos about Paul Bunyan but that Disney version is my favorite.

In the movie it shows the beginnings of the legend of a famous logger. Paul was supposedly a huge baby dropped off in a little town in Maine. He grows and grows and is given the gift of a giant axe by the citizens of the town. With his new axe, size, and strength Paul proves to be an awesome lumberjack eventually moving across the United States leading loggers wherever the need for lumbering came into view. It is believed that Paul helped log nearly “ALL” the trees off North Dakota leaving a flat open prairie for farming!

Today there are several cities that claim to be the home of Paul Bunyan! One of them I already mentioned, Bangor, Maine! Like the Disney movie says, Maine claims to be at least one of the homes of Paul Bunyan! Next, we move to Oscoda, Michigan. The state of Michigan gave Oscoda the title of the “Official Home of Paul Bunyan.” The reason being the Oscoda Press published the first Bunyan story in 1906. Thirty-six miles north of Oscoda, Ossineke also claims to be Paul Bunyan's home. The town has a 25-foot statue of Paul and Babe in town!

Getting closer to home Brainerd, Minnesota also lays claim to Paul Bunyan. Although there are no real writings that place Paul in Brainerd they do have the “World's Largest Animated Man.” That would be a 26-foot Paul Bunyan statue. Paul is seated in this statue. Probably for most of the readers of the Tri County Canary we have the statue of Paul and Babe right down the road in Bemidji, Minnesota. Built in 1937 Paul and Babe stand on the shore of Lake Bemidji. I have a picture of my dad and his family in the late thirties standing next to Paul!

Lastly, another unlikely town has a stake in the Paul Bunyan legend. A lot of towns claim to be Paul Bunyan's birthplace, Westwood just claims it

was his hometown after he got a job with the Red River Lumber Company. Westwood holds the yearly Paul Bunyan Mountain and Blues Festival. One of the



Paul in Brainerd.



Paul in Bangor, Maine.



Paul Bunyan in Oscoda, Michigan.

yearly events is Blue Ox Bingo. We may call it cow chip bingo. Anyway Babe the Blue Ox, or at least a representation, will walk around until it drops a “cow chip”(or shall we say Ox chip), if it is dropped in the square you purchased-you are the winner!

On June 28, we celebrated

Paul Bunyan Day here in Minnesota. Many Minnesotans fondly recall their experience visiting the talking Paul Bunyan statue in Brainerd. Created in 1954, or Bemidji's version. Either way we take our Paul Bunyan seriously here in Minnesota!



Paul and Babe in Bemidji.



Paul and Babe in Ossineke, Michigan.

Polk County Fair Chocolate Contest coming up

What comes to mind when you say or hear the word “Chocolate?” Do you envision a scrumptious cake? A melt in your mouth brownie? A simple chocolate chip cookie? A favorite candy bar?

Whatever it may be, we would like to invite you to share your favorite chocolate dessert with us at the Polk County Fair

Chocolate Contest.

The Chocolate Contest has been a delicious event held Wednesday evening at the Polk County Fair with a big THANKS to our sponsors which include: IBC Company LLC, Lindfors Insurance Agency, and Zina Ivanov with USA Realty LLC.

This year's Chocolate Con-

test will be held Wednesday, July 10th. Entries must be submitted at the Hanson Free Stage by 6:30 pm with judging beginning at 7:00 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners in both adult and youth categories. Adult prizes include: 1st place - \$75.00, 2nd place - \$50.00, 3rd place - \$40.00. Youth prizes include:

1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00.

For more details and entry criteria, visit the Polk County Fair website at polkcountyfair-fertilemn.com/chocolate-contest or call Zina Ivanov at 612-710-1558. Can't wait to see you all there with your most delicious desert!

Garden Valley holds annual meeting with special speaker

Director:

The election of Directors for Districts 3, 6, and 9 was an uncontested election. Incumbent Director Arlene Novak, District 3 (Red Lake Falls, St. Hilaire, Plummer exchanges); incumbent Director Larry Djernes District 6 Director (Clearbrook, Gonvick, Leonard exchanges); and incumbent Director Ron Kiesow District 9 (Gatzke, Godridge, Grygla, Gully exchanges) were all deemed elected by acclamation as unopposed candidates and will each serve a 3-year term.

Special speaker: featured a special guest speaker, Gannon Karsky, Chief Sales Officer at Fenworks, who spoke about E-sports.

Prize winners:
GRAND PRIZE: \$150 GVT Bill Credit - Marvlyn Stromstad
\$100 Visa Gift Card (Calix) - Pamela Thorson
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Floral Arrangement - Christy Munter

GVT 4-1 Fast Charger - Mae Gjerstad, David Sweno
GVT Duffle Bag - Curtis Beyer
GVT Golf Balls - Mrs. George Sturgeon
GVT Travel Blanket & Thermos - Nissa Sturgeon, Joyce Sultvedt
GVT Waterproof Speaker - Marlene Quick, Allen Remick
GVT Yeti Mug - Lori Hole, Allison Holmes, Patty Piche

Garden Valley... Continued on page 2



Flower Arranging Class

by Dan Sherman
A beginners class on Flower Arranging has been desired by our local garden groups for a long time and now I can announce that we have one. Mark your calendar for July 18 at 6:30 at the 4H building on the Beltrami County Fairgrounds. Amy Nelson, from Netzer's Floral in Bemidji will be the instructor for this seminar and optional design class.
Amy is teaching this program in order to give participants a better understanding of the types of floral arrangement categories in the Beltrami County Fair Exhibitors List and also in hopes of helping more people find the joy in floral arranging while making floral design more accessible to everyone.
There are two parts to the program. The first part will be a presentation on the basics of flower arranging. Amy will talk about all around, vertical, horizontal, and basket arrangements as well as single color and multicolor color palettes. Things to consider when planning and making a flower arrangement will also be discussed. Becky Livermore will join the discussion and talk about the best types of flowering and non-flowering garden materials to use in arranging and how to collect these components and process them in a way that they will last for several days.

The second part will be an optional hands-on practicum where participants will make a flower arrangement from materials provided by Netzers floral. This hands on design class will focus on basic techniques and creating an all around arrangement. A sharp scissors will be needed for this class. Participants will take their own projects home at the end of the workshop.
The fee for hands on design class is \$20 dollars to cover the plant materials and container. The fee can be paid with cash or by check made to Netzer's Floral at the beginning of the class.
Register for the class by calling the Master Gardener Hotline (218-444-7916). Leave your name(s) and contact information. We only have room for the first 50 people who sign up.
Our objective is to increase the number and quality of flower arrangements at the Beltrami County Fair in August. Flower arrangements are entered at the Commercial Building between the hours of noon and 7 pm. on Wednesday of the fair. They will be judged that evening or the next morning and be on public display from noon on Thursday until the end of the fair on Sunday afternoon. Exhibits need to be picked up on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

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Kevin Skime

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By John Eggers
About 30 years ago, I had the opportunity to purchase 12 banana boxes filled with Watt Pottery. It was not a hot item for antique collectors at the time, so I turned it. Little did I know, a few years later, everyone was clamoring for it, especially any advertising pottery.
Let's take a step back in time. The Watt Pottery Company was founded in 1922 in Perry County, Ohio. It continued until 1965, when a devastating fire stopped its operations, never to be reopened.
The most common pottery pattern is the apple. Other popular patterns are rooster, autumn foliage, starflower, tulip, and cherry. They are found on pie plates, pitchers, bowls, and almost every other kitchenware product.
Watt pottery is frequently chipped or cracked, so be careful when you purchase a piece. One chip can lower the value by fifty percent. Look for advertising pieces in good condition. The advertising pitcher shown is in good shape and is worth about \$75.
Do I regret not buying these boxes of Watt Pottery? In hindsight, yes. I broke an antique collector's law. If you have a sneaking suspicion that something will be of value and if you have the money, buy!
John Eggers, envision@paul-bunyan.net, 218-766-9009.

CORN HOLE COMPETITION at Little Bobby's!
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Sons of Norway meeting
The Granlund Lodge #240 of the Sons of Norway will hold its July meeting on Thursday evening, July 11, at 6:30 at the Embassy Community Center in Fosston. After the meeting will be the summer grill and potluck picnic and the annual Corn Hole Tournament. Members and guests alike are invited to attend and bring a side dish to share in the meal as well as participating in the fun and friendly Corn Hole competition.



Did you know?
Grilling is serious business in the hearts and minds of millions of people, which is perhaps the reason why individuals tend to be so devoted to their preferred method of cooking foods over an open flame. That devotion extends to the type of grill cooks use, which typically comes down to a choice between gas grills that utilize propane and charcoal grills that burn charcoal. Though the debate over which type of grill is better will likely never end, charcoal devotees insist that science is on their side. Grilling with charcoal leads to the release of an aroma compound known as guaiacol. Guaiacol is produced during the breakdown of lignin, a resin that BarbecueBros.com notes holds strands of cellulose together to form wood. As lignin breaks down, guaiacol is released, providing foods cooked over charcoal with a uniquely smoky, bacon-like flavor. That unique flavor is absent from foods cooked on a gas grill, which charcoal grill enthusiasts point to as proof that their preferred method to grill meat is superior to other means.

DINING & entertainment

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Consumer Product Safety Commission Urges Caution while Celebrating as Fireworks Related Injuries Trend Upward
It's that time of year when Americans everywhere will be celebrating the Fourth of July holiday with family, friends and fireworks.
"While it is a great American tradition to enjoy fireworks around the 4th of July, it is important to remember that all fireworks, even sparklers, pose dangers to consumers. The safest way to view fireworks is to watch professional displays," said CPSC Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric.
Tips to Celebrate Safely
• Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit—hot enough to melt some metals.
• Make sure fireworks are legal in your area, and only purchase and set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional) use.
• Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
• Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
• Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
• Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
• Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
• Never point or throw fireworks (including sparklers) at anyone.
• After fireworks complete their burning, to prevent a trash fire, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device.
Submitted by: North Country Community Health Services- www.nccbh.org
(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Public Health)

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COACHING OPENING

The RLC Activities Department is accepting applications for a **JV/V Assistant Football position** for the 2024 fall season.

If interested, please contact Activities Director(s), Seth Schmitz or Kate Moll. Send application to: sethschmitz@rlfedu.org or kmoll@rlcc.k12.mn.us.

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COACHING POSITION

Win-E-Mac is seeking candidates interested in coaching Junior High Boys Basketball.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Running practices and coaching games from late November through mid February. Teaching and developing basketball skills needed to help the players advance. Monitor players academics and ensure eligibility.

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O14-11C



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*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.

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

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*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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- *JV Boys Basketball
- *Head Varsity Hockey

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TRI-COUNTY CANARY 3

Anniversary Trip and Minneapolis Molines

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

There was an online auction taking place in Willmar, MN. I was able to purchase a new never used tractor tire for one of my John Deeres. It was supposed to be picked up on June 25th....our anniversary?! What to do? Well, I am lucky one of the favorite activities Patty and I have is going on a road trip! So that is what we did!

In the morning I had a county commissioners meeting and about 1:45PM we left Red Lake Falls on our anniversary trek! We followed Highway 32 south and ended up on I 94 and eventually on Highway 71 and Willmar. Elite Auction Company is located on an old farm where dairy heifers were raised. The tire was loaded and we headed to our hotel to check in. Next, we searched places to eat our anniversary meal and we came upon a winner. We drove to O'Neil's in Spicer, MN. We ate outside, walleye for Patty and steak for me with great service. When we were done we walked across the road to take a look at Green Lake. Fun night!

They next day we found a local breakfast spot called Frieda's Cafe for breakfast. It reminded me of Oklee's Farmer's Club. It was a little spot and I knew we found a good place to eat because it was packed. Umm-Ummm Good. After breakfast we started home searching for some backroads to make for an interesting trip home! We love to stop at meat stores and look for unique brat flavors and meat sticks etc. First stop was at meat shop in Belgrade, MN, called the Belgrade Meat Center finding some goodies.

As we drove down the road I came across a tractor find. At a closed dealership there was a line-up of Minneapolis Moline tractors. I said to Patty, "I have to go take a picture." To which she answered, "I knew you would!" We made a quick U-turn and the fun began. I pulled up and went inside and that is where I met Tom Seifermann and the tour began. In the lobby of the dealership building there were several restored tractors including 3 beautifully restored "gray" Twin City-Minneapolis Moline tractors. Tom took me in the back where there were more tractors. One a GIANT Minneapolis tractor that was completely restored to beautiful condition. Another gem is a G1355. This one happens to be the last Minneapolis Moline tractor ever assembled.

Tom told me to look around and I went into another shed and looked at many other MM gems.

When I walked back to the office area and got a chance to talk to Steve Korf. Steve's dad, Elmer, started the Elrosa Minneapolis Moline dealership in 1940. In 1976 Steve took over. During the 1980's the farm economy put a strain on dealers.



Some pictures of the Moline collection in Elrosa!



Increasing farm sizes also took a toll and the dealership as used machinery would sit not being purchased and rust away. In 2020 the business was closed. But the love of Minneapolis Molines continued and a very nice collection has been assembled.

The Minneapolis Moline company has a long history. In 1887 the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company (MTM Co.) was formed. They started with threshing machines and eventually manufactured steam powered tractors. In 1902 the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company (MS&M Co.) was also founded. Their engineers developed a lightweight tractor line using the name Twin City. Due to a depressed farm economy the MTM Co, MS&M Co., and the Moline Implement Co. of Moline, Illinois, merged on March 30, 1929. They formed the Minneapolis Moline Power Company. They manufactured



tractors under the Twin City name until 1938. After that the name of the tractors was changed to Minneapolis Moline. They also then took on the pretty yellow and red paint scheme. The first of these "Visionlined" models was the model "Z". The models "U", "G", and "R" followed in the company's letter series of tractors. The Minneapolis-Moline company stopped making tractors under its own name in 1974 when White Motor Corporation, which had purchased the company in 1963, stopped using the brand.

I really enjoyed my stop and if you are traveling through Elrosa I encourage you to stop and take a look. At the end of the summer often around Labor Day they try to display the collection. I'm glad I got the chance to take a walk around the grounds and look at an awesome collection! Thanks to Tom and Steve for the good time!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1.The H Farmall and R Minneapolis Moline both began production in 1939. The H ceased production in 1953. What year did the MM company cease the production of the R?
A)1950 B) 1952 C) 1954 D) 1956

2. Was the R MM tractor ever manufactured with a factory cab?

3. The H Farmall was tested with about 26 belt hp. About how many hp does the R MM tractor have on the belt?
A)22hp B) 25hp C) 27hp D) 30hp

4. The Model U MM tractor had a _____cylinder engine.
A)3 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

5. What is the official name of the "yellow paint" color used on MM tractors?

Answers: 1. C.1954 2. Yes, they are very collectible today. 3. C. 27.09hp to be exact. 4. B. 4 cyl 5. Prairie Gold



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

What If I Had to Be ...

the pic and she had her life. I didn't have to be her—or should I say, I didn't get to be her.

What if I had to be him? Could I carry the sack on my back as he—with due dignity on display?

It was easy for me. Mere spectator passing by enroute one morning so long ago. Now the picture's placed just so—I can remember.

What is it I remember each time I glance at it? I remember that I don't remember ever having to wear of pair of homemade shoes utilizing rubber tires for the soles of my shoes. I remember the tattered sack upon his back slung just so. I remember the tilt of his hat and the too big brown baggy coat matching the swag of the sack to which he clung.

I remember his quiet smile as he turned back in the direction of the camera after having crossed over the barbed wire fence which divided two countries. There was a bounce in his step, this man walking alone in the countryside with the goods in his sack and the sack in his hands.

The dignity of determination on display was mesmerizing. Yet, at the end of the day, I had the pic and he had his life. I didn't have to be him—or should I say, I didn't get to be him.

Luke 6:20 speaks, too.

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

One day, I pray, that I may tell them all they have taught me throughout the years of their reflective silence. Amen.



Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Property Line Disputes on the Rise

Some of you may have heard of recent land surveys being done, resulting in the loss of property – the corner of a building, well or sewer, or maybe even a house. What's going on?

In the late 1800s Minnesota was surveyed and monuments were set. This survey included set boundary lines, which were the foundations from which people have bought and sold property for over 100 years. Over time monuments have deteriorated and it has affected many property and boundary lines. This is causing heartburn for many.

Property line disputes have been increasing over the last decade, so to solve the problem, last year the legislature approved funding to re-establish property line markers.

In recent years, the increase in technology has allowed surveyors to draw straight lines for longer distances. But because of the deteriorating of monuments combined with the new technology for drawing these property lines, many surveyors have bypassed corner monuments and boarders that have been in place for 100 years. This had led to many original and existing boundaries being moved and the lines between properties have been brought into question. I have received many complaints across different counties. This is cause for concern.

Despite the money that was appropriated is for reestab-

lishing these original monuments and property lines, there is a danger that you need to be aware of: if county commissioners choose to set new markers based on the new GIS lines, many landowners will lose property. People are already ex-

periencing this now and feel like they have no recourse for losing their land. Landowners should always be on sight when these surveys are being done, so they can ensure their lines are not moved. It would be wise for landowners to proactively contact their County Commissioners and I would also advise folks to attend local meetings and stay informed as this process continues in counties and communities throughout the state.

We know that a process like this should involve all local landowners, yet the government has gotten comfortable with circumventing the public. Because of the way these things are being done, people are left fighting for their homes and properties. And the worst part is they feel like they have no recourse – they can either cede their land or pay the state for it. Those affected by these new lines are losing power over their own land that they have owned for years, some even longer.

All of these issues have combined to affect property ownership, and it's something we need to address immediately on all fronts.

Sincerely,
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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Modified Feature Winner, Davey Mills.

Bemidji Speedway “Aircorp Aviation Night”

6/30/2024

By Dennis Peterson

Bemidji's own Aircorp Aviation sponsored the speedways action on Sunday night with six classes racing on a beautiful sunny summer day. The Wisconsin Super Stocks had the night off. Feature winners were Brandon Puschinsky in the Wisconsin Pure Stocks, Cade Johnson in the Wisconsin Hornets, Blake Erickson in the Wisconsin Mod Fours, Mike Blevins in the Wisconsin Midwest Modifieds, Davey Mills in the Wisconsin Modifieds and Ashton Schwinn in the Bemidji Mini Stocks.

Next Sunday the track will introduce the “Young Guns” at the track all the drivers under 20 will be introduced prior to the races on the front straight. Also all First Responders, police, sheriffs, deputies, EMS, Firemen and military active and retired will be recognized in a “Salute to Service Night”. The track will also hold a “Patriotic Costume” contest, come dressed in your best Red, White and Blue in celebration of our Independence Day. Races start at 5:00PM

Wisconsin Pure Stock Feature:

20 Wisconsin Pure Stocks drove on track for the first of six features. Leading the way were Lilly Farrington and Brandon Puschinsky. Puschinsky powered to the lead with Farrington, Billy Binkley, Alex Berg and Jake Smith in the top five. The pure stocks, led by Puschinsky raced lap after lap before encountering lapped cars. The leaders made it around the traffic before Smith drove into the infield out of the race. Moving up from his fifth row start was season point leader Dustin Puffe with Austin Carlson right behind him. Racing three wide for third were Puffe, Carlson, and Deryk Weleski in intense action. Puffe and Carlson raced up and passed Farrington for second and third while Puschinsky took the checkered flag for his first ever feature win with the crowd cheering its approval. Puffe, Carlson, Farrington and Billy Binkley finished in the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature:

Jonah Espe and Ashton Schwinn led the Bemidji Mini Stocks down the front straight to the green flag with Espe taking the early lead over Schwinn with Hayden Engen third. Nick McCann moved up to take third after debris on the track created a restart situation. Splitting the leader on top and bottom Schwinn and McCann made it three wide passing Espe in turn one with McCann inside and Schwinn up top. Another caution sent Espe tailback for another restart. With the white flag signaling the last lap it was a three car war for the lead with Schwinn and McCann dueling back and forth for the lead. McCann led into the last turn but Schwinn dove low in the corner and beat McCann at the line for the win. Due to tech inspection violations McCann was DQ'd moving Conrad Schwinn into second with Engen, Cody Bush and Espe in the top five.

Wisconsin Midwest Modified Feature:

15 Wisconsin Midwest Modifieds roared onto the track out of turn four led by Mikey Blevins and Mike Blevins. The first lap was controlled by Blevins Sr. with Brennan Schmidt, Skyler Smith, Blevins Jr, and Hunter Weeks. Blevins Jr raced up and challenged Schmidt for second

but a caution flag slowed the action and created a restart with Dane Durbin out of Maple Grove, Mn. joining the top five for the restart. The restart was action packed with Schmidt racing up side by side with Blevins Sr. Blevins held off the challenge and pushed to a more comfortable lead. Making his second start of the season in the #74 car Gary James Nelson started the race in the sixth row and was flying high on the top of the track making good progress towards the leaders when something broke and he slowed and stopped at the top of turn one bringing out yet again the caution flag. The race ended with a green, white, checkered finish with Blevins Sr driving to victory lane. Schmidt, Blevins Jr, Durbin and Skyler Smith finished in the top five.

Wisconsin Hornet Feature:

Cade Johnson from Iron, Mn and Mateja Dreyer from Bemidji led the field of Wisconsin Hornets to the green flag with Dreyer taking the lead over Johnson. Chad Reller, Jayme Gordon and Chase Pourrier made up the top five. Gordon raced around Reller for third but then slid and dropped back to fifth. Dreyer raced out to a five car length lead but then slowed into the infield with mechanical issues. Johnson took over the lead and picked up the win, his first at Bemidji. Gordon came back to take second as Pourrier and Reller were DQ'd in tech inspections moving Blake Watson into third, Calli Watson fourth and Aiden Kessler fifth.

Wisconsin Mod Four Feature:

Brooklyn Vernlund and Conrad Schwinn drove the field of Wisconsin Mod Fours down the front straight to the green flag with Schwinn taking the lead followed by Vernlund, Blake Erickson, Nick Seitz and Ashton Schwinn. Ashton Schwinn raced up side by side with Erickson with Erickson holding third behind Vernlund as the elder Schwinn powered away from the field. Debris on the track slowed the race for a restart with Ashton Schwinn pulling into the infield out of the race. Nick Seitz was gaining momentum and raced up into third as Conrad Schwinn joined his son in the infield with mechanical issues giving the lead over to Erickson with Seitz gaining on the leader. Erickson won the race followed by Seitz with Kevin Bahr and Brooke Erickson trailing. Vernlund was DQ'd in tech inspection.

Wisconsin Modified Feature:

The final feature of the night was led on track by pole sitter Davey Mills with Jeff Reed to his right. The intense start of the race featured Mills powering to the front followed by Lance Schilling, Josh Beaulieu, Jeff Reed and Bryce Borgen. The race was flying around the track with Mills out to a five car length lead. The race went yellow and newcomer to the class Jonathon Feda making his first appearance the class brought out the caution flag for a restart. The restart was fast and furious with Mills retaining his lead but Schilling on his bumper and then moving inside to race side by side with the leader. Reed was also on the gas racing top side to pass Beaulieu for third. Borgen passed Beaulieu for fourth as the #22 of Davey Mills won his second feature of the summer at Bemidji Speedway. Schilling raced valiantly for second followed by Reed, Borgen and Beaulieu.



Hornet Feature winner, Cade Johnson. First ever Feature win.

Bemidji Speedway “Driver Profile for Cody Bush”

By Dennis Peterson

15 year old Cody Bush from Bemidji is already in his second of racing at Bemidji Speedway. In 2023 Cody raced in the Wisconsin Hornet class and ended the season in 9th place overall. This year he is in the Bemidji Mini stock class and leads in Rookie points and is currently 5th in the mini stock class standings.

Cody is home schooled and currently works at Pizza Ranch. Cody's father Jason, raced in the Wisconsin Hornet class from 2010 to 2011 and was an inspiration for Cody's interest in racing.

Last Sunday June 23rd Cody won his very first feature race in front of packed grandstand on “Meet The Drivers, Kids Night” at the track something he has worked very hard to make happen. The fans cheered him loudly as he stood on top of car in celebration.

Cody and all the drivers can be seen each Sunday at Bemidji Speedway with the green flag waving at 5:PM.



Cody Bush and his #11 Bemidji Mini Stock.



#8 Karen Puschinsky carrying the flag for the National Anthem.



Pure Stock Feature winner, Brandon Puschinsky. His first ever feature win.



Midwest Modified Feature winner Michael Blevins.



Mod Four feature winner, Blake Erickson.



#39 Deryk Weleski Carrying the flag for the National Anthem.



Michael Blevins and Dane Durbin race side by side coming out of corner 2.



Lance Schilling.



All About Ferns

Ferns are some of the most interesting plants we have around us. They have stems, roots and leaves, but no flowers and no seeds. Ferns became popular indoor plants during the Victorian period and have remained popular since, often found in atriums, greenhouses, and even in small apartments. So how do they reproduce? Is there a difference between indoor and outdoor ferns, and just what are ferns?

Since ferns do not have flowers or seeds, they reproduce in three different ways. Ferns produce spores that are found on the underside of the leaves. When the spores are released and fall to the ground, they can become a first generation plant. That plant evolves into a second generation plant that will become what we commonly think of as ferns. (If you want all the biology you'll have to look it up.) The second method is when a fern develops bulblets. Bulblets are small growths on the leaf, that when they come in contact with the ground will start to root and develop into a new plant. The third method is through rhizomes—stem growth either above or below ground. If you wish to help mother nature along, you can easily dig up the plant and divide into 2-3 new plants. The best time to divide plants is late spring or early summer.

Ferns as we know them today have been around since the Jurassic Period, a long lived, easy to grow, and pretty much care free plant. There are over 10,500 species with more being discovered in the tropics all the time. There are ferns that are barely 1/2 inch tall to others that are tree like and reach upwards to 80 feet.

Ferns also vary in their looks. Some are twining and vine like, where others just float on the surface of ponds and flourish. The further north the fewer number of varieties are found that are able to survive.

House ferns prefer cooler temps and lots of humidity. Room temperatures comfortable for us are usually a bit too warm for most ferns. But, indoor plants found today have adapted to what we prefer and do nicely at 72 degrees or less. Try and keep your plant soil moist. This works better than misting. Misting often promotes decay. A northern or eastern facing window should provide enough light to keep your fern happy. Some ferns are considered sun tolerant, but most prefer 60-70% shade. Any leaves that turn brown should be removed.

Outdoor ferns do very well and add an attractive element to a shade garden. The north side of your house just might be a perfect spot. A few years back, I introduced four fern plants along the north foundation of my porch. In a few years we had over a dozen volunteers with no help on my part. Ferns are perennials and come back every spring. Like a lot of perennials they need a bit of disciplining every so often or they can tend to take over. Add some ferns with bleeding heart, columbine, or hostas to create an attractive shade garden. Oh and guess what? Ferns are not on the menu for deer! Maybe the deer will leave the hostas alone too.

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Midwest Modified Feature Winner, Justin Olson of Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Greenbush race park opener held Friday

June 29th 2024
On what looked to be a dreary forecast for the opening night of racing at the Greenbush race park ended up being a pleasant evening of great racing action. The sun was out and the track was juiced up and tacky which led to some very fast lap times and great side by side racing throughout the pack.

In the Pure stocks Deryk Wileski brought us to the green flag. Dustin Puffe from LaPort MN quickly took the lead and pulled out to an early lead. The lead grew and shrank as they went around some of the lapped car with Mason Sholin doing his best to keep pace with Puffe. When they crossed the line is was Puffe, Scholin, George, Weleski, Karen Pushinski followed by the hard charger in the group of Brandon Pushinski who moved up to 6th from his 10th starting position.

In the Lightning sprints Sean Enright took the green flag followed by the 87 of Matt Taves. Taves pulled out to the early lead and was making quick work of the laps as the lightning sprints lived up their name with very low lap times. Behind him Kelsi Peterson battled with Evan Yanish, Kate Taves, and Dexter Dvergstein. Dvergstein had made his way from his third starting position to take the lead before clipping the tire in turn 3 leaving his front axle bent and the car pointed straight up. Safety crews were quick on the scene and had to simultaneously put out a small fire on the Isnae car who was unable to return to the track. After the restart it would be Matt Taves taking the checkers followed by Peterson and Kate Taves, Yanish and Langevin.

The pure stock race would begin with Jerome Berger taking the green flag followed by John Halvorson. Getting pushed up into the greasy marbles in turns one and two, Berger slid up the track and the ensuing freight train left him in the middle of the pack. Berger would make a big comeback and work his way back to 5th. Out front it was a strong showing by Brandon Brauer who battle with Halvorson before finishing with a comfortable lead. In third place it was the hard charger for the class of Scotty Messner, Jeremy Gust, and Berger rounding out your top 5.

The Midwest Modifieds had a great field of 18 cars taking the green Flag. Up front it was Justin Olson making the most of his outside starting position battling Aaron Blacklance and taking the lead. While those two pulled out to slight advantage the cars of Chris Edmunds, Joseph Thomas, and Connor Graff put on a great show for 3 through 6th positions. Lance Schill charged from deep in the field advancing 9 positions and stealing the 4th spot Thomas in the closing lap. The top 3 was Olson, Blacklance, Edmonds.

The 4 cylinders were turned loose with Jonah Espe out front

and Gordon Hunter in 2nd. The 9 car of Waylon Current would grab the early and pull away slightly from the pack who were battling hard for 2nd through 6th. As the group spread out a little it was Travis Olafson who found his groove and worked his way through traffic from his 4th starting position. Olafson was driving his car very deep into the corner, often with his left rear tire a foot off the racing surface through turns one and two. He would go on take the checkered flag followed

by Hayden Engen, the hard charger of Justin Honer, Jonah Espe, and Kaylie Winge in 5th.

To close out the night we had an 18-car field to take the green flag with the 50 car of Aaron Holtan in his Amber Holtan throwback paint scheme as a tribute to the Late Amber Peterson. Unfortunately, a rocker issue would end his evening before he got on the track for the feature. Once the race started there was good racing throughout the entire field. Aaron Blacklance moving up to

the pole with the 50 unable to run took advantage and jumped to the early lead in turns one and two. As the race went on several drivers made their way forward. Joseph Thomas, Jordan Duray, Dustin Wahl and Mike Tiani all advanced at least 4 positions with Patrick Sobolik moving up a whopping 9 spots. The checkers would wave with Thomas taking the win, followed by Josh Beulieu, Jordan Duray, and in 5th

A big thank you to all those involved in making the Greenbush race park 2024 season a reality. The firefighter, medical staff and volunteers that make it happen every Saturday night. The stands were as full as I can remember them in the last 15 years. Hopefully we can continue the success as the season moves forward!



Pure Stock winner, Dustin Puffe of Laporte, Minnesota.



Lightning Sprint Feature winner, Matt Taves of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.



Street Stock Feature Winner, Branden Brauer of Eyota, Minnesota.



4 Cylinder Feature Winner, Travis Olafson of Wilton, Minnesota.



Modified feature winner, Joey Thomas of Glyndon, Minnesota.

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Essentia Health-Fosston EMS team earns clinical excellence award

Essentia Health is proud to announce that our EMS team serving Fosston and surrounding communities has received its second EMS Clinical Excellence Award from the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB). The team, first awarded in 2022, is recognized for providing exceptional clinical care in 2023.

"I couldn't be prouder of the exemplary care our Essentia Health EMS professionals deliver every day to the citizens and communities we are privileged to serve," said Joe Newton, emergency medical services senior director for Essentia. "We strive to provide the right care to every patient, every time, at the highest quality. It's rewarding to find out we increased the number of our locations receiving this prestigious award from four in 2022 to six. "This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our professionals."

In 2022, working with EMS physicians from across the state, the EMSRB established multiple clinical advisory performance measures that could be used to benchmark and highlight the work of Minnesota's EMTs and paramedics.

To qualify for this prestigious distinction, EMS services had to achieve a performance rate of 80% or higher in five or more individual performance measures. There are nine clinical performance measures, gauging things such as response times and proper patient assessments.

"This award is a credit to your organization, leadership, the involvement of your Medical Director and, most of all, the exemplary care and documentation performed by your dedicated crew members," said Dylan Ferguson, executive director of the EMSRB. "You should be proud of the care that your organization provides to the communities and citizens you serve."

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