



Tri County Canary

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Preparing for the Gonvick Lions 34th Annual Rodeo were JJ Solberg, Gonvick Lions member and Rodeo announcer Mack Ginn.



Gonvick Lions members John Hellquist and Shari Solberg selling rodeo tickets.



Claire Grace Helgeson, played the National Anthem before the Debs July 4th parade. Claire has studied piano for three years and the violin for two years. She is the eight year old daughter of Randy and Sonia Helgeson who are the hosts at Camp Dellwater.

Urogynecology specialist Andrea Johnson joins Essentia Health-32nd Avenue Clinic

Andrea Johnson, an advanced practice registered nurse and certified nurse practitioner specializing in urogynecology, is excited to join the Essentia Health-32nd Avenue Clinic.

“Coming from a small North Dakota community, I was drawn to Essentia Health due to its ‘hometown feel’ that reminded me of my rural upbringing,” explained the Gwinner, North Dakota, native who began her career with Essentia while in nursing school. “I appreciate Essentia’s commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care and I resonate with its mission and values.”

“Over the last nine years, I have grown both personally and professionally within the organization and am so excited for the opportunity to continue providing patient care at Essentia Health,” Johnson added.

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Grand Marshalls for the Gonvick Lions 34th annual rodeo parade were Jason and Angela Paulson. They are owners of the newly remodeled Trap in Gonvick. Jason and Angela met at The Trap and it was magic. Angela not only fell in love with Jason but she fell in love with Gonvick.



Headwaters Shriners group from Bemidji was in the Debs 44th annual parade. Rojo the clown was ready to entertain the many who attended the annual event.



Duran for State Representative in the Debs July 4th parade. Bidal Duran is seeking to represent Minnesota House District 2A. The district consists of parts of Beltrami and Clearwater Counties and all of Lake of the Woods County in northern Minnesota.



The Chocolate Contest was held at the Polk County Fair on Wednesday, July 10. They had an amazing turn out! The judges definitely got a bit of a chocolate fill. It was definitely a tough decision for them, but they did have winners. The adult winners were 1st place Sheila Benesh making Chocolate Strawberry Cheesecake. 2nd place Lisa Aanenson made Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Filling. 3rd place Harper Watne made Sea Salt Caramel Chocolate Tart. They received money prizes of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$40.00 for their work.



The Chocolate Contest was held at the Polk County Fair on Wednesday, July 10. The youth winners are 1st place Hilly Simonson making Aunt Hilly's Chocolate Cake. 2nd place Sadie Wishard made The Chocolate Caterpillar of Melt. 3rd place McKinley Watne made German Chocolate Pie. The prizes for this group was \$25.00, \$20.00 and \$15.00. Congratulations to all the winners!



Graduation by UND staff photographers.

UND's 2024 spring graduation

More than 1,100 undergraduates and 600 graduate students received their degrees at UND's Spring Commencement ceremonies.

From the area:
Bagley - Mattfield, Emma
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Erschine - Smesrud, Cathleen, Medical Laboratory Science

Grygla - Sistad, Mya, Political Science* Cum Laude

Solway - Kivi, Katya A, Occupational Therapy

In addition, the University bestowed four honorary degrees

and honored the University's two newest Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors as part of its ceremonies on May 11.

Bestselling author Chuck Klosterman gave the main address for both the graduate degree and the undergraduate degree ceremonies. UND President Andrew Armacost presided over the May 11 ceremonies, which were held in the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

Klosterman also received an honorary degree during his return to his alma mater, as did Bob Mau, founder and president of MW Industries; Denise Flanagan, director of budget for the U.S. Department of the Interior; and Lynn Luckow, a business executive and nonprofit consultant.

University of North Dakota posts 2024 spring semester student honors lists

The University of North Dakota's Office of the Registrar today issued its Spring Semester 2024 Deans List and President's Roll of Honor.

What it takes to make each list:

The Dean's List comprises students whose grade point average are in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Fosston - Corcoran, Jacob T
Fosston - Gutterud, Jacob
Fosston - Kahlbaugh, Monica

Gatzke - Lunsetter, Evan J
McIntosh - Roy, Dylan
Mentor - Ramberg, Wesley
To qualify for the UND President's Roll of Honor, a student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum

of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

Bagley - Ricke, Miriam C
Fosston - Corcoran, Jacob T
Fosston - Gutterud, Jacob

Gatzke - Lunsetter, Evan J
Mentor - Ramberg, Wesley
Red Lake Falls - McGlynn, Kia M

Winger - Hitchen, Kimberly

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By John Eggers

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How much is it worth?

Pop bottles, a treasure trove of history, date back to before 1900. The reason they were called "pop" bottles is quite fascinating. To open the bottle, the consumer punched down on a metal loop in the cork stopper, which broke the seal and made a popping sound. Interestingly, these stoppers, a valuable relic of the past, can still be found inside old bottles, adding to their allure for collectors.

Last week, we discussed bottle caps; let's talk about glass pop bottles. There was a time in Minnesota when a person could return empty glass pop bottles for cash. Kids loved those days. Some states still have a return bottle reward. Working in a Red Owl store for many years, I believe we paid twenty cents for a return six-pack of pop.

Pop bottles can be good investments and are interesting. The most I have received for a bottle was about \$250. I paid \$10 for a Big Chief soda bottle from Bemidji like the one pictured (it has a value of \$20), but rather than being clear glass, it was green glass. Obviously, it was very scarce.

Collectors, with their keen eye for detail, look for more than just the monetary value of a bottle. They seek out bottles with unusual names and good paint, appreciating the artistry and history behind each piece. Some bottles, like the old green Coca-Cola bottles, have the name of the city where it was bottled on the bottom, adding an extra layer of intrigue to their collection.

For some reason, pop seemed to taste better from the glass bottle. When you were finished drinking it, your mother could put a cork stopper on it with a sprinkler to sprinkle clothes on while she is ironing. Those were the excellent ol' days.

Johnson...Continued from front

Johnson received her education from North Dakota State University. She is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

"I was drawn to urogynecology because of my passion for both women's health and the surgical setting," she explained. "Urogynecology presents the opportunity to care for an underserved population of women suffering from pelvic floor disorders that can significantly impact overall health. I strive to help women not only as a provider, but as a mother, wife and daughter — it is my utmost goal to improve a woman's confidence and quality of life."

To see Johnson's full profile, please visit EssentiaHealth.org and click on "Find a Doctor."

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It is mosquito season again! The highest risk period when mosquitoes may spread disease to humans in Minnesota is mid-summer through early fall. While mosquito-borne disease is not as common in Minnesota as it is in tropical climates, there are several diseases that may occur within the state including West Nile Virus. For a complete list of mosquito-borne diseases occurring in Minnesota go to the Minnesota Department of Health website-mosquitoborne diseases.

How to protect yourself from mosquito bites: Choose an EPA-registered product so you know it is safe and effective against mosquito bites.

•Wear mosquito repellent containing up to 30% DEET (which is also safe for children over two months of age).

•Apply repellents containing permethrin to your clothing or gear.

•Other alternatives are available, including picaridin, IR3535, and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

•Follow the product label and reapply as directed.

•Wash off repellents when you return indoors.

•Wear loose fitting, light colored, long sleeved shirts and pants.

•Head nets can also be used in areas with high mosquito populations.

How to protect your environment from mosquitoes: Inspect your property and turn over, cover, or throw out any items that could hold water:

- Tires
- Buckets
- Cans
- Flower Pots and Saucers
- Toys

Remove small pools of standing water from around your home:

•Empty, scrub, and change the water in pet bowls, bird baths, fountains, and pools at least once a week.

•Check gutters and clean out leaves frequently to make sure they aren't plugged.

•Tighten up loose tarps that could hold any water.

•Tightly cover water storage containers (e.g. rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot lay eggs inside of it.

•Fill water-holding tree holes with dirt or sand to prevent further mosquito breeding.

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Submitted by: North Country Community Health Services- www.ncchb.org or find us on Facebook-North Country Community Health Services

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Public Health).

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

NELL program expands



By Pamela French
The NELL program expanded their involvement in the "Faire Arts Festival" this year for an "Ice Cream Social" by offering up 4 heat busting delights instead of one, and was present both days; July 13th and 14th. Offerings included an Ice cream on a cone, on a brownie or chocolate chip cookie, or in a float, either root beer or orange. One customer got to enjoy a chocolate mocha float! How can you go wrong with ice cream!!!
Thank you to the organizers of the "Faire Arts Festival" for inviting NELL to participate a second year. A huge thank you goes out to the volunteers who scooped a lot of ice cream; Sandy Saither, Marilyn Ames, Faye Dickey, and Lorraine Brustad. Without them this would not have been possible.
NELL is a nonprofit orga-

nization that brings programs to Clearwater and East Polk Counties during the Fall and Spring. NELL relies on memberships, donations and other creative funding avenues in order to continue. Funds raised during the event go towards our continued efforts to bring quality programs to our counties.
The Fall 2024 program schedule is set, with last minute details to finalize. The season will start with "Fraud Prevention: How to protect yourself from Fraud and Scams" with speaker, Martin Fleischhacker, Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman, Minnesota Department of Commerce on Wednesday September 4th starting at 9:30 am, at the Bagley American Legion. This program is brought to you in conjunction with First National Bank of Bagley. Fraud and scams are rampant, and artificial intelligence has taken this to a whole new unprecedented level.
A complete list of the diverse programs for Fall 2024 will be published in the coming weeks.
If you would like to donate to this organization feel free to send check or money order to NELL PO Box 585, Bagley, MN. 56621. All donations are tax deductible.

Bergeron Family recognized as a 2024 'U of M Farm Family'

Warren, Minn. 7-9-2024 — The Bergeron family of Argyle, MN has been named Marshall County's "2024 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.
Amie started farming in 1953, growing wheat and barley in northwest Minnesota's Marshall County. In the late 1960s, he began planting potatoes. At one point, Amie was farming 5,000 acres. He was also an accomplished pilot. Amie enjoyed flying over his crops and loved the spirit of flying. Amie's son, Rick, became part of the farming operation in the 1970s, until his passing in 2017.
Amie and Maria continue to farm, growing soybeans and wheat on about six quarters of land. The Bergerons rent out the rest of their acreage to their neighbors and friends.
Amie was recognized by the Red River Valley Potato Council in 1991 for his work in the potato industry.
Over many decades Amie and Maria employed hundreds of people on their farm and supported many businesses and organizations in the community.
Please join us for a local awards presentation at the Marshall County Fair honoring the Bergeron Family in addition to the Century Farms and the RRVDA Outstanding Farm Leader of Marshall County on Friday, July 26th at 3 pm on the Vonasek Free Stage.
The families will be officially recognized in a ceremony Thursday, Aug. 8 at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls, Minn. Profiles of the 2024 honorees can be found on the University's farm family website, <https://extension.umn.edu/farm-families>.
Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.
"These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities," said Bev Durgan, dean of the University of Minnesota

Extension. "The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contributions to agriculture and their communities."
Along with Farmfest, University units sponsoring the recognition event include the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Farmfest runs Aug. 6-8 at the Gillfillan Estate, near Redwood Falls, Minn. Event hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the gate and those 17 and under are admitted free. More information on Farmfest is available at <https://www.ideaagroup.com/farmfest>.

Kiddie Vendor Day at the Mentor Farmers Market, Saturday, July 20, 2024

The Mentor Farmers Market has a fun filled day planned:
The Mentor Farmers Market will be hosting young entrepreneurs during the Kiddie Vendor Days, Saturday, July 20, 2024. Come and check out their products.
The Mentor Farmers' Market meets every Saturday through the end of September from 8 am - Noon. Products include a variety of seasonal produce, flowers and vegetable plants, breads, baked goods, bagels, preserves, local honey, soaps, skin care products, jewelry, craft items, and doll clothes.

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Phil & Gloria Thompson recognized as a 2024 RRVDA Outstanding Farm Leaders

Warren, Minn. 7-9-2024 — The Thompson family of Warren, MN has been named Marshall County's "Outstanding Farm Leaders" by the Red River Valley Development Authority.
Phil and Gloria both were born and raised on farms in eastern North Dakota. Phil graduated from NDSU with a degree in Ag Economics and Gloria from Valley City State College with an elementary education degree. Phil was in the Air Force from 1970 -1974 as an electronics instructor. Gloria taught elementary school in Biloxi, Mississippi during that time. When they returned to the "upper Midwest" in 1974, Phil started working for Production Credit Association (PCA) in Warren, MN. Seven years as an ag loan officer and then eight years as a regional Assistant VP managing four NW MN offices, and farming part time in Valley City, ND area. Gloria taught school in Warren and Alvarado for several years. In 1989 Phil and Gloria both quit their jobs and started Phil Thompson and Associates, providing financial services (bookkeeping, tax prep, payroll, consulting) and crop insurance to farmers and other individuals in the area. That business has grown from very small to offices in Warren, Crookston and East Grand Forks employing about 40 people and serving about 1,500 area clients.
Both Phil and Gloria are active in the Warren community and have been for the last 50 years. They are members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Warren. Gloria has been a member of the GFWC-Mawami Club for 48 years, holding offices on the club and district level. She has served on the local American Cancer Society board and the Warren Living at Home Block Nurse program board. Phil is/has been a member of the Warren American Legion, Warren Community Hospital Board, Chamber of Commerce, Warren Jaycees, the Warren Lions Club, was a volunteer EMT with the Warren Ambulance Service for 40 years and has been the Gambling Manager of the Warren Pony Sports Booster Club, that financially supports Warren sports activities, for 40

Red Lake Runoff Results

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians has posted official results from the band's runoff election that happened on Wednesday.
Incumbent Allen D. Pemberton wins the Redby Representative position with a little more than 60% of the vote, defeating opponent Herman D. Donnell. Pemberton received 395 votes to Donnell's 261.
But Little Rock voters have chosen a new representative for their district, as Thomas Barrett defeats incumbent Michelle Barrett-Cobenais by 12 votes in a close race. Barrett received 51.14% of the vote (269 total) to Barrett-Cobenais's 48.86% (257 total).

Request for Proposals for Book Return Public Art Project

July 12, 2024 Home, LARL News, Legacy Events
Lake Agassiz Regional Library is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) to create an artistic design for metal book return boxes at the following locations: Mahanomen Public Library, Crookston Public Library, Fertile Public Library, Halstad Library LINK Site.
The artwork will celebrate the libraries through one or more region-specific, artistic, cultural, and/or historical attribute(s). Once completed, the book returns will be viewable in a high-traffic location outside the libraries for all to enjoy. The designs will be printed on vinyl wraps.
Eligibility:
The RFP is open to all art-

ists 18 years or older living in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahanomen, Norman, Polk and Wilkin counties working in any medium suitable for a vinyl wrap.
Project Budget:
Total amount paid to artist will be \$750 inclusive of all artist fees, research, design and materials used by the artist. Amount does not include the cost of the vinyl wrap.
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Trip to Bonanzaville!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

On a recent trip to Fargo my wife and I had a little spare time on our hands. I asked my wife if she would come with me to Bonanzaville. I knew there some tractors on display so I had an ulterior motive!

Have you ever been to Bonanzaville? It contains an awesome pioneer village with several buildings that have been moved in from around the area. One little cabin was considered the first house in Fargo. The 1869 cabin was built by Horace Moore with help from George Mann. The Blacksmith shop was moved in from Tower City, North Dakota. The Bjerklie Drug Store came from Gilby, North Dakota. The Dobrinz School came from Mapleton Township southwest of Fargo. The Hunter Times newspaper building, the first paper printed in Hunter, came out in 1890. I don't have time to list them all but you can see it was a fun visit!

Back to the main event, The Melroe Tractor Building! They had several tractors on display. As I walked in the open door immediately I saw a nice Minneapolis Moline tractor. It was a 1952 MM model G that was donated to the museum by Robert and Marilyn Bensen of Horace, ND, in memory of Osmund and Dean Bensen. A little farther down the line were two R John Deeres side by side, of course I stopped for a picture. After several, shall I say "normal" tractors I came across a 1949 Long Tractor that was manufactured in Tarboro, NC. The tractor had a four cylinder engine producing about 26 hp. The Long had electric start and had 4 forward speeds ranging from 2 ½ up to 18 mph. This tractor was donated by the Don Hoag Estate, Fargo, ND.

At the end of our circle around the shed I stumbled on a Bull Tractor. The Bull Tractor changed the tractor industry forever. They made the first lightweight farm tractor. In the first year of production they sold more tractors than any other company in the tractor business!! Seemingly they had the greatest chance of success of any tractor company. But unfortunately they went out of business as fast as they came in. The price of the Bull Tractor was right and sales were over the top, but the tractor itself was not a durable product.

For years farmers had been asking for a smaller and more affordable tractor and that is what the Bull Tractor. A man named P. J. Lyon asked D. M. Hartsough and Ralph B. Hartsough to design the Bull Tractor. They got together and designed a tractor with less metal and it cost less money! Their advertising slogan was "The tractor sensation-does the work of five good horses for the price of two poor one!" One farm implement magazine said the Bull Tractor is...."extremely simple and very durable!"

Unfortunately for the Bull Tractor company the last part about being durable was not true. It was very simple only a few gears, but those gears ran out in the open dust and the dust did cause problems. The company realized the Little Bull tractor was in the end a failure. They offered farmers great trade in prices on the new replacement Big Bull tractor. The problem was in making all the changes necessary the Bull Bull was more than double the price. The Bull Tractor went from number one in sales in 1914 to seventh in 1917. By 1918, the company went out of business.

I am glad I saw the Bull Tractor because it reminded me of a story I heard. One day at the Oklee Cafe my family was in for something to eat. I walked by a table and seated there was Earl and Bergit Swenson. As always is the case with me I struck up a conversation with Earl about tractors. I am sure we talked about the days when Swenson Equipment sold Massey tractors. Then Earl began to tell me about a tractor his dad had bought "MANY" years ago. He couldn't remember the brand name but as he described it to me I said, "Was it a Bull Tractor?" He said, "Yes!" Earl, who mind you at the time was probably about 96, says I would sure like to get one of those like my dad used to have!! I love this story! Of course I was not smart enough to ask a few more questions of Earl. But I am glad I heard what I did and I wouldn't have put it past Earl to go out and get one! Earl, thanks for the story.....I miss you!

How about a little tractor trivia!!!

- Where was the Bull tractor manufactured?
A) Racine, WI B) Minneapolis, MN C) Brantford, Ontario D) Winnipeg, Man.

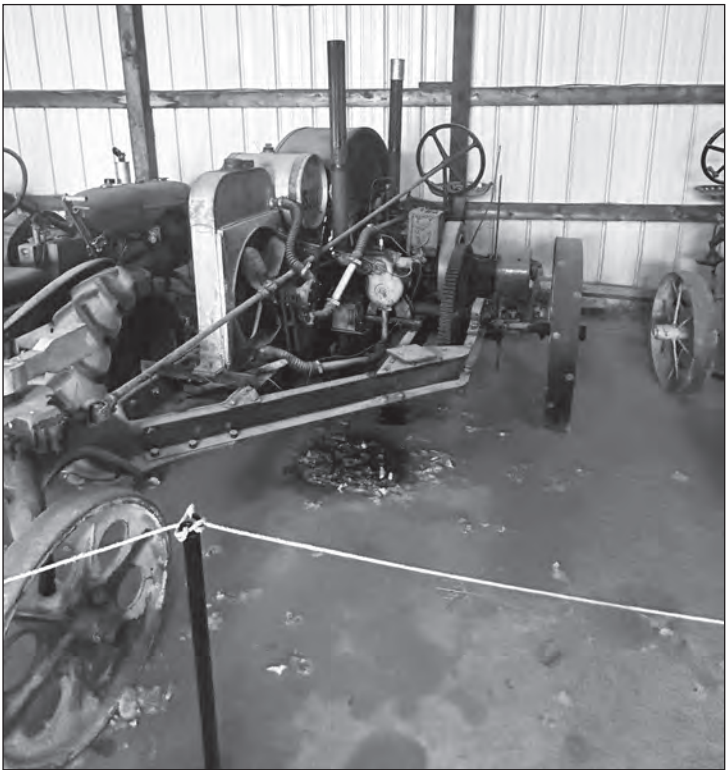
- What was unique about the Bull's design?

- Why was it called the Bull?

- What was the "cheap" price of the early Bull Tractor?
A) \$500 B) \$479 C) \$399 D) \$335

- What tractor that was introduced in 1917 also helped put an end to the Bull Tractor?

Answers:1. B. Minneapolis
2. 3 wheels 3. Because of the one big "Bull" drive wheel.
4. D. \$335 5. Henry Ford's Fordson



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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

He Clung Tightly

The line lagged. Troubadours for the Lord, I suppose you could say they were as this day was a day to remember the cross. What was happening that so moved? I was Good Friday back in March. Months have passed since then and yet; I remember the scene well. The testimony given without so much as a word was mesmerizing.

A large wooden cross, different than the one which remained in view above the altar, was at an angle, while the cross beam was held up by two young men. It rested in their arms just so—so others could pray on this day of days. People could come forward, one by one, in order to be near the cross. It was a symbolic gesture of remembering what happened on it, and those passing by could touch it if they so desired.

The young man, a few steps ahead of me, moved with the multitudes and when it was his turn, grabbed hold of that cross with his right hand as down went his head in prayer. Letting go of it appeared to be the hard part. His hand remained firmly upon the vertical shaft of the wooden beam, and he clung tightly.

Eventually, his hand loosened and with one final pat to the wood to which he'd been clinging, he shuffled back to his seat allowing the next one to move forward.

Encouragement comes in many forms and the strength of the young man's hands firmly taking hold of the cross was one of those moments that moved. His outward contrition connected. He knew not that I saw—nor does he know that I now wonder.

I wonder what the young man was pondering in his heart. I wonder what his silent prayers were which beckoned him to draw nigh as he did. I wonder what he carried and no longer does. And as I reflect, I wonder where that young man will be called to share his faith and with whom.

I bet the playback of the moment would bring a smile to the young man's face if he knew he'd been a witness that day of days—how his one gesture towards the cross encouraged. The young man was not ashamed. He was not ashamed as he took his moment to behold the cross.

He lived out Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel. For it is the power of

God unto salvation for all believers..."

May we never be ashamed of the Gospel—no not ever. In Him our hope. As we are called to step up to the cross and live in the Light of our crucified and risen Savior, may we cling tightly to that which is before us—trusting that which was done for us—upon it.

Like streams of living water, the people melded as one while taking their turn in front of the cross, pondering anew what the Almighty did do.

What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer. Amen.

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Bryce Borgen.

Taves, Borgen, Olson, Puffe, Halvorson and Current Feature Winners

by Dan Wiskow

Another beautiful hot and humid night greeted those in attendance at the Greenbush Race Park this last Saturday night.

In the 4-Cylinder class Waylon Current started on the pole and took off to an early lead. 2nd starting Kaylie Winge began to fade as the race went on while Travis Olafson, Justin Honer, and Jonah Espe battled for position behind your leader. Current brought home the checkers in a dominating performance followed by Honer, Olafson, Jonah Espe, and Carter Mathews in 5th.

It was a strange night for one of our most competitive classes the Wissota Street Stocks. With some other special events and unfortunate circumstances, we only had two in attendance. John Halvorson on the pole and Jeremy Gust to his outside. Halvorson got the early lead with Gust behind him trying different racing lines trying to get a run on the 35 car. At the line it was Halvorson taking the win by a car length over Gust.

As the track was starting to change into a perfect surface once again, the Lightning Sprints were next in order and put on a good show. Matt Taves and Dylan Langevin took the field to the green flag. Taves jumped out to the early lead with Crowder all the way from Colorado Springs, CO moving into 2nd. Soon Crowder would use the treacherous highline that created some excitement the week before in turns 3 and 4. After taking the lead from Taves Crowder missed the groove by mere inches which sent him literally flying off the track at high speed. He

was able to land the car and drive back on to the track but the damage was too severe to continue. That handed the lead back to Taves who would take the checkers. Dexter Dvergsten took the runner up spot. After starting fourth and falling to the rear of the field, Emmitt Isane was able to get back and finish 3rd. Langevin and Yanish rounded out the top 5.

In the Midwest Modifieds Kalin Honer was on the pole with Taylor Jacobson starting on the outside. Jacobson would take the early lead with Joseph Thomas, Alex Johnson, and Aaron Blacklance battling for positions behind the leader. Soon Justin Olson was in the mix as well from his 6th starting spot. As Jacobson and Thomas battled, Olson used several different lines to get his Mopar car to the front. At the checkered flag it was Olson, Thomas Blacklance in 3rd, followed by Thomas and Connor Graff in 5th.

The Pure Stocks had a perfectly smooth and fast track to navigate on their way to the checkered flag. Macey Anderson started on the pole with Aaden Olson on the outside. Mason Scholin started in 3rd

and made a bid before he had to pull to the infield with what appeared to be an overheating race car. Once again it was Dustin Puffe from Laport, MN taking the win with Olson, Conkle and Anderson in pursuit.

The final feature of the evening proved to be entertaining with the Wissota Modifieds taking to the track. Ryan Hagen and Bryce Borgen started on the front row. Borgen took the early lead. Further behind him Aaron Blacklance, Jordan Duray, and Dustin Wahl were all battling for position while moving up through the field. Blacklance used a good handling race car and some patience as he advanced 6 places to finish in 2nd right behind winner Bryce Borgen. Dustin Wahl finished in 3rd with Jordan Duray who advanced 5 spots finishing in 4th followed by Aaron Holtan in 5th.

Up next at the Park, will be the Wissota Modifieds, Wissota MWM, Wissota Streets and Wissota Pure Stock. Pit gates open at 4:30, grandstands at 5:30 and the cutoff for the draw is at 6pm with racing getting under way at 7pm sharp. For more info follow us on Facebook at Greenbush Race Park.



Waylon Current.



Dustin Puffe.



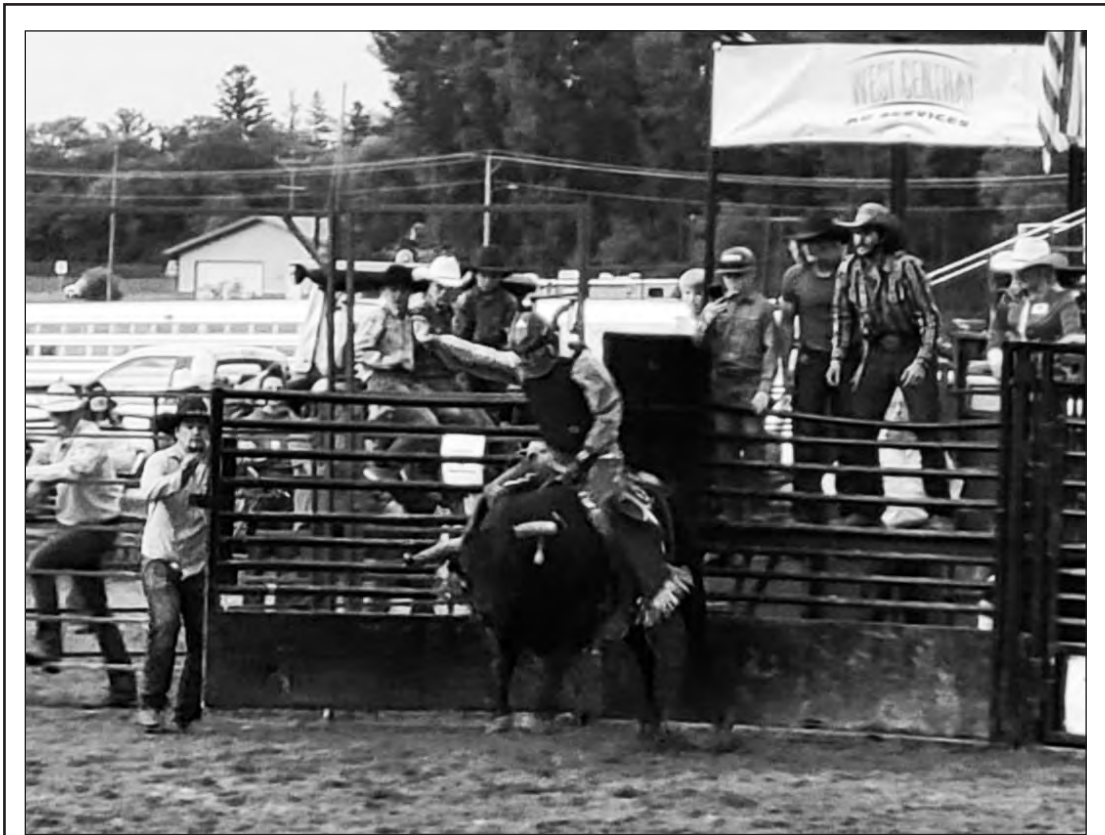
John Halvorson.



Matthew Taves.



Justin Olson.



Win-E-Mac graduate Remy Goodwin rode a bull in the recent Wojo's Rodeo held during the Mahanomen County Fair on Saturday, July 6th. Remy, who now lives in Fertile, has been taking up the sport over the past few years, looking to make his 8 second ride. There were 10 bull riders who competed during the Saturday evening performance.



The 35th Annual Spaeth Family Golf Tournament took place at the Mahanomen Country Club on Monday, July 8th. Foursomes for the tournament were chosen by a random drawing with the team of Matt Krutzyd, Alex Wentzel, Tayson Frost and Ben Hokenson winning the tournament. For over 50 years, the family has held a reunion at Pinehurst Resort each July, and the tournament is a part of the planned activities. There were 63 golfers and 16 teams.

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Death Notice for Paul Bly

Paul Bly, age 61, of McIntosh, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 13th, at his home in Erskine, MN. Services are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at carlinfuneral.com.

Obituary for Duane Bergerson

Duane Leonard Bergerson, 90, of Gonvick, Minnesota died peacefully surrounded by his family and friends from complication of acute myeloid Leukemia on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Cornerstone Assisted Living in Bagley, MN. Duane was diagnosed in May of 2024 with his cancer.

Memorial services were held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior at United Lutheran Church in Berner, Minnesota with Pastor Mark Kindem officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Pastor Kris Snyder giving a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, MN. Interment was held at the Bethany Cemetery in Gully MN.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Duane was born in Gully (Polk County) Minnesota to Bennie and Mabel (Sweno) Bergerson. Duane was the 3rd of 9 children. He went to country school until the 8th grade. In 1989, he married

Leona Kindem of Gonvick. Duane was diagnosed with cancer on May 2, 2024.

Duane was a very hard worker and worked for many farmers in the area. He loved his Ford pickups. He was a very strong willed, extremely nice, caring, lovable man who would help anybody that needed help. He enjoyed his talks with Leif Sather when they could speak in Norwegian. Duane loved his family and friends and was waiting to meet his Great Granddaughter, Hannah. (Which he did just before passing away.)

Duane is survived by his wife of 35 years, Leona Bergerson of Gonvick, MN.

Daughters-Kim Eckman of Gonvick, MN; and Wendy Kindem of Gully, MN.

Son-Wayne Kindem of Gully, MN.

Siblings-Floyd, Delores, and Corrine.

Grandchildren-Kyle (Alexis Elston) Edevold, Justin (Brittanne) Edevold, Shelby (Joe) Ginther, Loren (Serena Stoeck) Edevold, Ashley, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Eckman, Austin (Alison) Kindem, Taylor Anderson and Cheyenne Kindem. Great Grandchildren-Sophia, Natalie, Peyton and Ben Edevold, Jackson and Cyrus Edevold, Gracie and Hannah Edevold, Ryder, Nolyn, and Kane Kindem

Brother-in-law-Dennis Olson. Sisters-in-law-Eileen Berg and Janet Olson. Along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his Parents-Bennie and Mabel; Siblings-Kenneth, Melfred, Glen, Melvin, and Marlys; Sisters-in-law/brothers-in-law-Eloise, Hilda, Lloyd, Kenneth, and Palmer.

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Obituary for Alta Mandt

Alta Marion (Svalen) Mandt, age 101, of Perham, MN passed away on July 5, 2024.

Alta was born on October 1, 1922 in McIntosh, MN. She was the daughter of Clarence and Agnes (Ostenson) Svalen. Alta grew up on a farm and was proud of the fact that her mom taught her how to milk cows at age 5. Alta went to country school and then on to high school in McIntosh. She skipped two grades and graduated at age 16 in 1939.

Alta had an adventurous spirit and went to Minneapolis, MN after high school and worked at Sears and Roebuck. Then during World War II, she worked at a munitions plant in Minneapolis and was the executive secretary to a high-ranking military official.

After World War II in 1946 she took a US government test and was chosen to go to Berlin, Germany to help at the State Department (the US Embassy). She helped relocate refugees after the war and also got to do some traveling to Norway, Sweden, and France.

On September 12, 1948 Alta was united in marriage to Sherman Mandt in McIntosh. After they married, they lived in Fargo, ND while Sherman finished college at North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU). Then they moved to Red Lake Falls, in 1951. Alta and Sherman moved to Perham in 1954, where they would stay for the remainder of their lives.

Alta's Christian faith was very important in her life. She and Sherman were charter members of Calvary Lutheran Church. She was active in the women's ministries at Calvary, serving in leader-

ship roles. She also served as a Bible Study Leader and Sunday School teacher. Alta was also known for sending cards for baptisms, confirmations, and graduations of all the youth at Calvary. And for years she called and sang "Happy Birthday" to all the members of Calvary.

Alta's patriotism was evident in her life. She was a lifetime member of both the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary, in which she served in various roles of leadership. She was also passionate about teaching the next generation about patriotism and was a leader for the Junior Legion Auxiliary.

Sherman was a county agent so Alta was very active as a 4-H leader and helped him as a Fair Board Member.

Alta was Sherman's helpmate. She was his right hand through all of his entrepreneurial endeavors, whether it was starting Mandt Tree Farm, developing lake shore, starting a new gas station in Perham, starting the Community Center in Perham or starting the Veterans Museum, Alta was there doing the letter writing, advertising, bookkeeping, and anything else needed to keep Sherman organized.

Alta is survived by her sister Elaine; son David (Sue) Mandt of East Gull Lake; daughters Nadine Mandt of Bemidji, Julie Mandt (Stuart Lusk) of Aspen, CO, and Carol (Patrick) Richter of Anoka; grandchildren Chris (Traci) Gustafson, Nicole (Ken) Allee, Jeff (Christina) Gustafson, Alexis (Shaun) Ruark, Ainslee (Bradley) Krause, Abigail Knudson, Sophia Mandt, Kyle Lusk, Travis (Angie) Richter, Isaac (Jolene) Richter, Roni (Ben) Stockinger, and Jesse Richter; and 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Alta was preceded in death by her husband Sherman and her parents.

Visitation will be 10:00-11:00 a.m. followed by the memorial service at 11:00 on Monday, July 15 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham. Burial will be in the Perham City Cemetery.

Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service, Perham, MN (218) 346-5175 www.schoenebergerfh.com

Obituaries also posted on www.tricocanary.com

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Bemidji State / Polaris Offers MN High School Grads Opportunity to Learn and Earn Program Begins August 19, 2024; Apply Today at Polaris.com/en-us/careers/

BEMIDJI, MN (July 12, 2024) -- Minnesota high school graduates with a passion for powersports can accelerate their college journey through an educational partnership created by Bemidji State University and global powersports leader Polaris.

The Polaris Manufacturing Operations Development Program offers Minnesota grads a unique opportunity to simultaneously develop skills and experience, and pursue a lifelong education, while earning a living. This 19-month paid internship located at the Polaris manufacturing facility in Roseau, Minnesota, covers tuition, fees, and housing for 15 interns.

"We know that workforce demands are changing. This is a great example of how BSU is responding—changing what we do so that high school graduates who want or need to go directly into the workforce can still achieve their college dreams," BSU President John L. Hoffman said. "Polaris has an unmatched ability to provide technical and manufacturing experience in the powersports industry, and Bemidji State University will provide the advanced education that enables Polaris to take its workforce to the next level. Students get to develop technical skills and pursue an education that will grow in value over a lifetime while also earning a living. It's an amazing opportunity."

Applications are now accepted. The students selected will begin their practical training at the Polaris Roseau facility on August 19, and online classes through BSU will begin on August 26. To apply, visit: <https://www.polaris.com/en-us/careers/>.

Preparing for the future, today

Students participating in the two-year program will earn 30 college credits and a Certificate of Operations Development. The credits may be used for future educational pursuits, including a bachelor's degree at BSU.

The curriculum combines

real-world experience with 10 college-level courses over five semesters. Each day, interns will work in the facility until mid-afternoon followed by on-line classes at Bemidji State.

What's more, students who successfully complete the program will have an opportunity to continue their employment with Polaris, including an additional \$5,000 per year to continue their education.

Partners with a plan

Representatives from BSU and Polaris on July 9 held a signing ceremony at the Polaris Roseau plant to kick off the program.

"Partnering with Bemidji State University creates a next-level opportunity for students to immerse themselves in challenging assignments through course work and hands-on experience," said Anthony Lindgren, manager, Polaris Roseau. "Polaris is always looking for unique opportunities to attract and retain smart, motivated people who share our passion for the powersports industry."

Dr. Allen Bedford, provost and vice president for academic affairs at BSU, said the partnership demonstrates Bemidji State's commitment to serving industry needs in northern Minnesota.

"Our biggest challenge is to find ways to serve a region that's roughly 200 miles north to south and 300 miles east to west. We can't do that without partnerships," Bedford said. "Bemidji State University must be part of the solution in how we uplift communities together. Polaris is invested in the health of this region, and BSU is as well. These partnerships are an important part of how we serve the public."

He added that students will be the biggest beneficiaries from the new partnership.

"They will have a very tangible, relevant educational experience here," he said. "They can improve the lives of their community members, of their teammates here on the floor, and of themselves and their own families."

USDA Summer Meals Program Provides Nutritious, Free Meals Across Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS – The Minnesota Department of Education is proud to support the 206 schools and community organizations that will provide meals and snacks at about 836 meal sites across Minnesota this summer.

For families who depend on school meals to nourish their children during the school year, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program helps close the nutrition gap and supports academic achievement by providing access to healthy meals so students can return to school in the fall ready to learn.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federal nutrition program funded by the USDA and administered by the Minnesota Department of Education. Eligible partici-

pants include children ages 18, and under or those over 18 with mental or physical disabilities who participate in school programs. Most sites can offer up to two meals per child per day between breakfast, lunch, snack and supper.

"The school and community sites participating in the Summer Food Service Program support children and families by providing nutritious meals and snacks to those who need them during the summer when schools aren't in session," said Education Commissioner Willett Jett. "Thank you to all the provider sites that help families meet the basic needs of our students over the summer months when they don't have access to free school breakfast and lunch through the Free School Meals for Kids Program."

NTC Open Information Night

Northwest Technical College in Bemidji is hosting an open information night for anyone interested in learning more about the NTC Cosmetology Academy, which opens to students beginning in August 2024.

The NTC campus is located at 905 Grant Ave. SE in Bemidji.

The new NTC Cosmetology Academy offers a diploma in Cosmetology which will include training in nail-care technology, esthetics and advanced

practice esthetics. For students seeking to specialize or to start with a shorter program, NTC will begin offering standalone certificate programs in nail-care technology and esthetics in Spring 2025. Credits earned with those certificates can be applied directly to the full cosmetology diploma in the future.

Information Night attendees will be able to meet with NTC faculty and meet with representatives from the college's various student support services.

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Bemidji Speedway “Unified Special Olympics Night Micheal Fullerton 500”

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By Dennis Peterson

It was a beautiful mid-summer night for stock car racing at Bemidji Speedway and the “Unified Special Olympics Micheal Fullerton 500”. Lots of action on the track couldn’t compare to the crowd cheers for Micheal’s race run during the intermission. Standing and cheering on Michaels specially prepared pure stock driven by last years National Champion Josh Berg. Michael’s driver started in the back of the field and worked his way up to run side by side with his dad Matt Fullerton for the lead. Michael won his fourth straight race and drove into Victory Lane to the cheers of all the fans in the grandstands.

A total of 90 cars were on hand for the special night which also included the presentation of the “Young Guns” drivers under the age of 20 were introduced. A total of 30 drivers 1/3 of the field of drivers for the races. The future of racing at Bemidji Speedway.

Next Sunday the “Women in Motorsports” will be introduced. All women will receive discounted tickets next Sunday for the races...just \$10. Then on July 28th the 2024 Hall of Fame Class will be introduced during intermission.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature: 23 Wissota Pure stocks battled through three heats and a B main to qualify for the feature race. 18 Pure Stocks made the field led by Josh Bitker on the pole and Caylyn Binkley outside. Bitker and Binkley raced door to door with Binkley taking the early lead with Justin Barsness, Bitker, Brandon Puschinsky and Kade Leeper in the top five. The caution flag waved and Deryk Weleski was sent to the rear of the field for the restart with six laps to go. Leeper got around Puschinsky for third and then a series of mishaps sent several cars to the pits for repairs. The restarts provided Barsness the opportunity to get by Binkley and take the lead. Leeper moved up as well to take second. Amazingly Weleski drove through the pack of cars to regain a top five position behind Dustin Puffe in fourth. Barsness won the race with Leeper, Puschinsky, Puffe and Weleski trailing.

Wissota Midwest Modified Feature: The Wissota Midwest Mods were next on track with Cory Peterson and Hunter Weeks in row one. Racing three wide down the front straight Weeks grabbed the lead with Mikey Blevins and Skyler Smith in tight pursuit. Gary James Nelson and Sam Blevins trailed the lead three. The excellent race for the lead was a battle for the top three racing high and low trading positions throughout the race. But this time it was Hunter Weeks race picking up his first ever feature win and a clean sweep at that having won his heat race earlier. Mikey Blevings, Smith, Nelson and Sam Blevins rounded out the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature: Tania Denny and Cameron Schwinn brought the field of Bemidji Mini stocks down the front straight to the green flag. But it was Nick McCann racing up to the lead with Ashton Schwinn, Cody Bush, Hayden Engen and Conrad Schwinn in the top five. The caution flag was waved when contact sent Conrad Schwinn into the back wall. The Bemidji Fire Dept team were quick on scene and Schwinn was ok but out of the race. Engen also went to the pits for repairs and returned tailback. Engen returned tailback but made a quick recovery to take a top five finish as McCann picked up the win. Ashton Schwinn was second with Bush, Engen and Jonah Espe trailing.

Wissota Hornet Feature: An even dozen Wissota Hornets buzzed on track next with Brady Fosso and Aiden Kessler in the front row. After several attempts at a start and cautions the race went green with Fosso out front followed by Kessler, Mateja Dreyer, Russell Kiker Jr and Cade Johnson. The leader Fosso slid up over the top of turn two and dropped back in the pack moving Kessler into the lead with Kiker close behind in second. A wild three car battle for third. The two drivers up front had their own battle going on with Kiker Jr. and Kessler fighting it out for the lead. On the last lap the two ran side by side with Kiker inching ahead for the win in very close finish. Kessler, Josh Backstrom, Megan Vernlund, and Fosso finished in the top five. It was a clean sweep for Kiker.

Wissota Mod Four Feature: An excellent field of Wissota Mod Fours was led on track by pole sitter Brooklyn Vern-

lund. To her right was longtime great Conrad Schwinn. It didn’t take long for the first of several cautions to wave as national point leader Dean Larson was sent to the rear of the field early. Schwinn held the lead spot with Patrick Specht, Vernlund, Ashton Schwinn and Casey Traxler in the top five. Specht powered by Schwinn for the lead and quickly created space from the field. A couple of more cautions slowed the race tightening the field each time for restarts. Down the front straight a three car crash sent Conrad Schwinn, Ashton Schwinn and Vernlund into the wall. Again, the BFD was called into action to check on each driver. Fortunately all were ok but Vernlund and Conrad Schwinn had to pit with Schwinn returning tailback. The restart was controlled by Specht and the swift Brainerd area driver picked up his first win of the season at Bemidji followed by Traxler, Blake Erickson, Dean Larson coming back from tailback and Jeffrey Marthaler.

Wissota Super Stock Feature: An excellent field of Wissota Super Stocks roared on track led by Ron Reed, first heat winner and Ellen Lange in row one. The track was fast and black with Lange from Staples, Mn. taking the early lead over Reed, Dalton Carlson, Cam Labelle and Matt Sparby. The first caution flag flew for Cam Labelle spinning in turn 3-4 sending to the rear. Carlson gained on the restart racing around Reed for second. Lange looked fantastic up front lead the pack but the experience of Carlson paid off racing high to take the lead from her. Following a restart for debris Sparby was on the move racing topside into third and then down low into the lead with Carlson charging back to challenge him. Lange, once passed dropped back into the pack and later got a bit to high, slid over the top and was sent tailback. Sparby won the race with Carlson, Max Dondelinger, Reed, and Nick Lewis in the top five.

Wissota Modified Feature: The final race of the warm evening under the lights was the Wissota Modifieds. Josh Beaulieu and Jeff Reed led the pack down the front straight with Beaulieu taking the lead followed by Reed, Lance Schilling, Davey Mills, and Dawson Allen of Ft. Francis Ontario in the top five. Schilling moved up and a side by side duel developed with Reed for second. The leaders

pulled away from the pack on the super fast track with laps flying by in the 15 lap feature. Beaulieu was out to a three car length lead over Reed but a caution flag

slowed the action for a restart. The restart was controlled by Beaulieu once again with Schilling racing topside to pass Reed for second. A good race for fourth

had Mills and Matt Fullerton in a tight battle. For Fullerton it was his first race of the year and the #1 mod looked good and fast. Beaulieu picked up the win

with Schilling, Reed, Mills, and Fullerton in the top five ending a great night of racing at Bemidji Speedway.



Michael Fullerton with the drivers that he raced against in the Michael Fullerton 500. L to R - Matt Sparby, Lance Schilling, Brandon Puschinsky, Karen Puschinsky, Brandon Bahr, Matt Fullerton, Michael Fullerton, Alex Berg, Josh Berg, Kevin Bahr.



#35B of Josh Berg and #1 of Matt Fullerton carrying the flags for the National Anthem.



Mini Stock Feature Winner - Nic McCann.



Pure Stock Feature Winner - Justin Barsness.



Karen Puschinsky and Brandon Puschinsky racing down the front stretch.



Michael Fullerton and his family



Mod Four Feature Winner - Patrick Specht.



Midwest Feature Winner - Hunter Weeks, First Career Feature Win.



Hornet Feature Winner - Russell Kiker Jr.



Super Stock Feature Winner - Matt Sparby.



Michael Fullerton with the drivers that he raced against in the Michael Fullerton 500.



Michael Fullerton winning the Michael Fullerton 500 race during Intermission.



Modified Feature Winner - Josh Beaulieu.