



Tri County Canary

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Piece by piece it went down

The old Winger water tower went down on Thursday, July 25.

The Federal Government in 1947 made grants to towns wishing to make preliminary surveys for water systems. Elmer Messelt, the village clerk, investigated the possibility for Winger. In 1947 the Village of Winger was granted \$2,450 for a preliminary water survey.

Winston Larson was hired as the engineer to present details to the council. Proposal included \$30,000 in waterworks bonds and \$33,000 in watermain certificates for the construction which was approved by the council in May of that year.

Contracts were let June 17, 1947 with Nodland-Eby Company of Starbuck awarded the contract for the distribution system with a bid of \$30,045.80.

The tank and tower contract went to the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company of Des Moines, Iowa for \$14,850 and the Thein Well Company of Clara City offered a bid for the well of \$3,775 which was accepted by the council.

Thein Well Company has been the leader in water well drilling throughout the Midwest since 1893.

Pitt-Des Moines Steel was an American steel fabrication company. It operated from 1892 until approximately 2002.



Off goes the top of the water tower in Winger last Thursday, July 25. Photos by Lisa Schaumburg, City Clerk for Winger.



New Business in Red Lake Falls, Neumiller's Barber Shop

By Eric Mickelson
I had a nice conversation with Craig Neumiller. He and his wife Lori came to Red Lake Falls last year and have opened Neumiller's Barber Shop.

It is located in the Park Place Mall, 105 International Drive. The Neumillers came from the Warroad area where he drove truck for Marvin Windows. The last shop they operated was in Baudette, although at one time they also had a shop in Warroad.

They have been licensed since 1984. They only take walk-ins and a haircut is \$18.00, add a beard trim for \$24.00. The shop is open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:30. Stop in and check it out! A big welcome to Red Lake County to the Neumillers!



Craig Neumiller.



Lori Neumiller in the newly opened barber shop in Red Lake Falls.



New to Red Lake Falls, the Neumiller's Barber Shop.

Harp & Sol: Inventive Musical Folktale Debuts

Augmeanted invites rural families and arts-lovers to the soul stirring performance of Harp & Sol, a freshly spun musical folktale igniting our collective imagination about where music comes from. Soundtracked live by Geoffrey Taylor on his 5 string fiddle+ and inventively narrated by Mary Overlie, spectators witness Kora the Harp Spider spin her web to release the enchanting melodies of the world. Hosted by Fosston's Aurora Center for the Arts on August 15, at 7:30 p.m. Augmeanted invites families to experience refreshing, hopeful tale that will pluck the heart strings of all.

At the center of all things, goes the story of Harp & Sol, lives a wee Harp Spider named Kora. Each day at dawn, the Sun delights her web to set free the song born upon its Strings. The newest little Scrip of Melody is set to be born tomorrow at dawn. She's been waiting 364 days for her turn, watching all of her brothers and sisters be born into the Human Heart, for that's where Songs go once they are set free from their Strings. Kora weaves little Scrip's web during the night. The Sun begins its rise at dawn, except... (dun, dun, dun)... There's a solar eclipse.

The tale then unfolds as the audience both roots for, and actively participates in helping, this newest little Scrip of Melody get herself born. Harp & Sol, written to be a living picture book, runs 40 minutes and requires audience participation from the young and young at heart. Audience members are encouraged to come ready to take part in the magic only theatrical storytelling can be.

Having grown up in a small town and worked alongside educators throughout Clearwater, Red Lake and Polk counties, it's especially important to Mary Overlie to ensure kiddos from around the region get a chance to participate in this special treat of a performance like she was able to do in her own community growing up. Because the project is grant funded, the Fosston performance has no ticket price and will be a free will donation at the door.

Harp & Sol is made possible by the voters of Minnesota, through an Artists Engage Community Grant from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Mary Overlie with the \$6,000 grant they received in June.



Fosston's Aurora Center will present Soundtracked live by Geoffrey Taylor on his 5 string fiddle and narrated by Mary Overlie,



American Federal Bank in Fosston shows their generosity through their Jeans for a Cause program. Employees donate for Jeans for a Cause for the privilege to wear jeans on Fridays. The Fosston branch matches the donation and these combined funds are then donated to local causes. Pictured above is Ag/Business banker Sam Swanson presenting a check for \$400 to Carrie Schwegman of the Bagley Park Board for the Stone Wall and Steps Restoration Project.



Marilyn Whyte stopped by for a visit at Richards Publishing in Gonvick. She had been the Oklee Herald Editor for several years. She lives in Florida and was in Bemidji visiting her daughter and granddaughter. They took in the fair at Thief River Falls and stopped in different places to see people that she knew.



I recall going to a Colorado garage sale in the early 1970s and finding a complete set of Fiesta ware for \$100. I didn't buy it because it was still not popular. I went home and decided I better have another look at it. Of course, it was gone. I broke one of the golden rules for collectors. If you see something that you have a sneaking suspicion is valuable, and you have the money, buy it!

In case you are still getting familiar with Fiesta, it is a colorfully glazed ceramic dinnerware made in the 1930s by Homer Laughlin from Newell, West Virginia. "Fiesta," in Spanish, means "party or celebration," and because Fiesta is very colorful when you put it on the table, you are ready for a party.

The original colors of red, cobalt blue, light green, yellow, and ivory are the most collectible. Fiesta continues to be made today, so buyers must be careful not to buy new Fiesta when they want to buy old Fiesta.

If the name is embossed into the glaze on the piece, it is the old Fiesta. There are also pieces where the name is stamped on the bottom. If the letter "F" is in small case, it is the old Fiesta. If it is a capital "F," it is the new Fiesta. If the "F" is lowercase with a distinctive loop, it was made after 1986.

Confused? Don't worry. You will quickly learn the difference if you collect Fiesta or are just beginning to collect. The original ivory carafe shown has a cork stopper, is in excellent condition, and is worth \$150.

If you like to celebrate and have parties, collecting Fiesta was made just for you. Be careful with it; it chips easily.



By John Eggers

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College News

University of Wyoming Spring Semester Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls: Minnesota

July 24, 2024 -- The University of Wyoming announced students from Minnesota on the 2024 spring semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Congratulations to Gretchen M. Ness, Gully
For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the webpage at www.uwyo.edu.



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Memorial Silent Auction Event

Saturday, August 3rd, 2024
at "The Deuce" in Erskine, MN
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC BY KELLY & ACE

(Following the auction.)

If you would like to donate an auction item contact Dave Stordahl at 218-791-5127**

All net proceeds donated
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Sons of Norway

The Granlund Lodge #240 of the Sons of Norway has an exciting evening planned on Thursday, August 8, at the Embassy Community Center in Fosston. The monthly meeting will begin at 6:30, followed by the pie and ice cream social. The program, beginning at approximately 7:30, will feature Bud Larson from Brainerd, MN. Bud will have a display of his hand-made Hardanger Fiddles and will show and explain all the parts for building a fiddle. Bud will play songs on his Hardanger fiddle that include Bridal marches, old dance and folk tunes, some originals as well as songs by Norwegian composer Ole Bull. As always, visitors are encouraged to attend and members are asked to bring a pie to share. Don't miss this entertaining evening, Thursday, August 8, at the Embassy Community Center on the corner of 3rd and Eaton in Fosston. Come at 6:30 for the meeting followed by pie and ice cream and the program at approximately 7:30, by Bud Larson and his Hardanger Fiddles.



Solway Lutheran Church
3rd Annual
CARNIVAL BAZAAR
Saturday, August 17th
11am-3pm
VENDORS!
Birds & The Bees Wood Crafts • Circle P Designs • Pig Hill Pastures • Pampered Chef • Epicure • Children's Jewelry • Table Runners • Baby Quilts • Pocket Shawls • Wristlets • Silicone Beaded Pens • Keychains • Hanging Towels • Clearline Etching & Engraving

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RAIN or Shine

NEED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS?

McIntosh has something for you!
every Thursday night starting a 6 p.m.
Come early to have a meal!

LITTLE BOBBY'S

More!!!! NEW!!!! E-gaming and two boxes of pull tabs
We just started with this so, come check it out!

Benefit to be held for Jayden Gensburger

McIntosh MN

Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Spaghetti, hamburger sauce, garlic toast, dessert, coffee or lemonade. Meal being served at Little Bobby's in McIntosh, MN

Jayden is having major medical issues and has been doctoring at Mayo and Fargo. Free will offering will be collected to help her and family with medical bills.

If you are unable to attend, please send donations to Jayden or Mae, P.O. Box 281, McIntosh MN 56556
Or Call Denise Stark 218-563-2121.



SWAP MEET

& FLEA MARKET,
POWER SPORTS SHOW, CRAFT SALE
Saturday, August 10th
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gates Open at 7:00 a.m.

\$10.00 Pass with Wristband • 14 and Younger Free

Gates Open Friday, August 9th at Noon for Vendors
\$20 per Vehicle; \$20 Trailer, 20' & under
\$30 Trailer, Over 20'; \$30 Motorhome

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Contact: Russ Sultvedt 218-766-6282 or Kim Anderson 218-232-5353

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CLASSIFIED ADS

READING/MATH PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION

Red Lake County Central Elementary is accepting applicants for a Reading/Math Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. Position will be 5 days per week and 7 hours per day, in our reading/math intervention program. Applicants must possess a strong background in reading and math concepts. Applicants must be highly qualified or eligible to be highly qualified for this position. Position open until filled. Interested candidates should contact Andrew Fougner, Principal, at 218-465-4222.



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TEACHING POSITION OPEN

Adult Basic Education is seeking a part time instructor for the communities of Bagley, Clearbrook and Erskine. Flexible hours, great pay, and training opportunities for teacher license renewal. Applicants must have a MN Teacher's certificate. Please email a letter of interest and resume to:

Kirsten Fuglseth, ABE Coordinator
Northwest Service Cooperative
114 West First Street
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Ph. 218-681-0900 x 9 for more information

R18-21C

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has the following openings for the 2024-2025 school year:
Full-time kitchen cook: The hours for this position are 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Must enjoy working with kids, be able to work in a standing position for a period of time, and pass a ServeSafe food safety course. (Anticipated opening) **Full-time para-educator:** The hours for this position are 7:45 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Monday-Friday. Must have passed or have the ability to pass a para pro test, enjoy working with children.

All positions include the following benefits: PERA retirement plan, paid holidays, sick time, and personal time. Wage range is \$16.40-\$18.70 per hour, dependent on years of previous experience. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications can be found on our school website or call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105 with any questions or to have an application emailed to you.

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

R19-22C

OPENING FOR PARAPROFESSIONAL

RLCC High School in Oklee has an opening for a paraprofessional for the school year 2024-25. Applications can be found at www.rlcc2906.org under School Employment Opportunities, please fill it out and return to principal Randy Pederson at rpederson@rlcc.k12.mn.us



Position open until filled. ISD 2906 is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH

Clearbrook-Gonvick School is looking for an assistant varsity football coach for the 2024-2025 season beginning on August 12th, 2024. Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching players the fundamentals of the game of football, being present at all games and practices, and collaborating with the varsity head coach. Must be able to pass a background check.

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

R20-21C

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ TESTING COORDINATOR

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an anticipated opening for a temporary, short-term Administrative Assistant/ Testing Coordinator. This position will begin approximately October 1, 2024 and will be for a minimum of 14 weeks.

Requirements: This position must be able to multi-task and communicate with students, parents, and staff. Strong computer skills are required. Previous administrative assistant/secretary experience is preferred. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications will be accepted until 8/23/2024. If you have any questions in regards to the position, please call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105.

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

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R20-23C

PROGRAM SUPPORT POSITION OPEN



Would you like an opportunity to work with our youngest learners? Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Would you like to work in a family friendly environment? Are you looking for a career with great benefits?

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for a NEW position in our Head Start program to expand our management team and provide additional support to our outreach / recruitment efforts.

Recruitment Coordinator: Position work with the Head Start management team to organize and complete recruitment strategies to identify eligible families for our program. Position requires associate degree in related area or combination of education / experience related to marketing, communication or recruitment. Preference for candidate with Head Start experience. Position would begin as soon as possible, office location Oklee or McIntosh. **Applications due by August 2, 2024 at 4PM.**

For much more information on the position duties, qualifications and benefits visit our website at www.intercountyycc.org/careers/. Application is available on the website. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountyycc.org. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

ICCC is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

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PRE-SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION

Red Lake County Central Elementary is accepting applicants for a Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. Position will be 4 days per week (Monday-Thursdays) 7 hours per day, in our preschool program. Applicants must be highly qualified or eligible to be highly qualified for this position. Position open until filled. Interested candidates should contact Andrew Fougner, Principal, at 218-465-4222.



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JH VOLLEYBALL COACH

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

Applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to:

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



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HELP WANTED: POTATO HARVEST

Starts approximately Sept 15 and runs for approximately 15-20 days. Warehouse workers and equipment operators needed. Overtime included. Call 218-556-9316.

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Starts Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. Flexible hours available. Overtime included. Call 218-556-9316

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The Clubhouse Childcare Center is hiring for the upcoming school year!

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Clerk Typist Cashier III – License Center

\$19.50 - \$24.70/hr. Position
Closes July 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Election Clerk (Seasonal) – Taxpayer Service Center

\$18.57/hr. Position Closes July 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Engineering Technician – Highway:

\$26.08 – \$36.78/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Environmental Technician – Environmental Services:

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

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I – Fosston:

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

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:

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

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

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- From Fosston, MN - Go north on Polk Co. #6 - 12 miles.
- From Trail, MN - On US #92, go west past the gravel pit to Polk Co. #6 turn left go south 2 ½ mi. to sale site on the left.

Expect to find the items well maintained and in great shape!
THIS A LIVE ONSITE AUCTION- NO INTERNET OR PHONE BIDS - NO ABSENTEE BIDS you must attend or send a proxy to win.
NO BUYERS PREMIUM OR SALES TAX!
HILITES OF THE SALE ARE...

2003 Ford F150 XLT short box stepside 4wd 220k mi nice!

ABSOLUTE JEWEL! A 1961 Oldsmobile Super 88 Holiday 2 dr "Bubble top" a rare bird indeed! Irvin's sister bought this car brand new and it has been lovingly cared for ever since! Only 77k mi. With Hi Performance 394 "SKYROCKET" 325 hp V8 engine! 3 on the tree transmission. My opinion is, this one is worth the Candy!

VERY COLLECTIBLE! 1970 Honda 70 CL mini bike! 3722 mi 1 owner! Restored, runs perfect!

2014 Diamond C utility trailer gr8 shape! 12' X 6 ½' single axle w/folding rear ramps and removable front side rails to load toys sideways.

1954 John Deere 40u tractor gas eng good rubber all around, runs super! 3 pt, 540 pto, drawbar, wide front

John Deere 425 - 20 hp garden tractor w/54" mower deck, DR lawn Vac will be offered separately

2003? Polaris Sportsman 500 H.O. 4wd w/ winch, 6k mi-H/L range

Xtra Sharp! 2006 Yamaha RS Vector Snowmobile 4 stroke Lady driven! 2450 mi w/reverse-973 cc eng

1978 Ciao Moped runs good

1997 Arctic Cat 340 PUMA 1300 mi beautiful!

BACK to the 60's! A 1968 Rockola 440 Jukebox "Psychedelic" edition! good working order

2003 Premier brand 21' Pontoon! 45 hp Evinrude loaded and running like new! No trailer

VEHICLES- TRAILERS- Many more vehicles and trailers

FARM EQUIP- like new KING KUTTER 5' 3 pt rotary mower Like new KING KUTTER 6' tandem disc, Heavy Dearborn Mod 19-5 back blade adj angle 3 pt 6', Dearborn 2 bottom Plow mold boards

great shape and shares are new! ATV mnt 20 gal 12v sprayer w/ boom arms, solar pwr'd elec fence, 6' Field cultivator spring tooth 3 rank 3pt, Horse drawn single row potato disc-hiller, horse drawn 2 bottom plow, heavy duty older steel box trailer w/tilt, perfect for rock hauling

SPORTS & FIREARMS- Winchester mod 70 bolt action .257 Roberts w/scope, 1991 Honda 4 trax 200 - 2wd 1 owner runs gr8! Clam shell Voyager 3 person flip over fish house, 14' Wards Sea King boat, 4 hp Johnson outboard short shaft w/ tank

MISC & COLLECTIBLES- 20" X20" professional vendors tent, many vintage bicycles, maybe an immigrant trunk? and many steamer trunks

LAWN & GARDEN- 2023 DR Lawn Vac Mod Pro 321- 300 cc eng, 2005 John Deere LT180 Garden tractor w/48", John Deere 112 garden tractor electric lift- w/ 48" mower deck & snowblower & Bagger-Wood splitter 24" throat Tecumseh gas eng , DR Premier 28" walk behind lawn Vac like new! Large DR lawn and leaf Vac w/ small wood and brush chipper and flower bed attachment, Weed eaters, Large butterfly metal cutouts lawn decorations, pull type lawn roller, many mowers and related items

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Master Gardener: Down with Weeds!

Do you love to weed? If you do, I would like to hear from you! By this time of the gardening season, most gardeners are dealing with weeds. Some of us might feel like we are losing the battle! Fortunately, there is an effective way to greatly reduce weeds in your garden while also improving the health of your plants and that is mulching. Mulch can significantly improve the health of your plants while reducing maintenance needs.

In the spring when it is finally time to plant your seeds, it is so nice to see the neat rows with weed-free dirt in between. But leaving that dirt uncovered provides the perfect opportunity for weed seeds to land and start growing. But before this happens, cover that naked soil! This is your opportunity to add mulch between the rows to make it hard for weeds to grow while also helping your soil retain moisture.

What is mulch? Mulch is a protective layer of material that is spread over the soil surface around plants. It serves several key purposes:

1. Conservation of Moisture: Mulch helps retain soil moisture by reducing evaporation. This is especially beneficial during hot and dry periods.

2. Weed Suppression: A thick layer of mulch prevents sun-

light from reaching weed seeds, inhibiting their germination and growth.

3. Temperature Regulation: Mulch acts as insulation, keeping the soil cooler in summer and warmer in winter, which helps maintain consistent soil temperatures.

4. Soil Improvement: Over time, organic mulches break down and enrich the soil with valuable nutrients.

There are two main categories of mulch: organic and inorganic. Organic mulches include materials such as shredded bark, wood chips, leaves, grass clippings, straw, and compost. Organic mulches decompose over time, improving soil structure and fertility. These are the best mulches to use in the garden in most circumstances.

Inorganic mulches include gravel, stones, and landscape fabric. These do not break down and are more permanent, though they do not contribute to soil fertility and can be frustrating when you want to make changes. For instance, if you don't like the gravel or stone or want to expand your garden, it is a major endeavor to remove it.

Inorganic mulches are technically better for reducing weeds over the long term, but eventually the barriers break down, dirt gets between the rocks

and the weeds start sprouting through. I really hate weeding rock beds.

The type of mulch you choose depends on your garden's needs. For nutrient-rich soil, use organic mulches like compost, straw or shredded leaves.

Follow these steps to effectively apply mulch to your garden:

1. Prepare the Area: Weed the area thoroughly before applying mulch to prevent weeds from growing through it.

2. Apply a Layer: Spread mulch evenly around plants, making sure not to pile it against stems or trunks, which can promote rotting.

3. Maintain Thickness: Aim for a layer of 2-4 inches thick for most mulches. Thicker layers can suffocate plants, while thinner layers may not provide adequate benefits.

4. Top Up as Needed: Mulch breaks down over time, so check and top up your mulch layer annually, especially with organic materials. I use straw and pine needles to mulch my garden and I need to add more each spring.

Tomatoes really benefit from plastic mulch, especially when they are first planted. Tomatoes are vulnerable to lots of issues, and should be watered at their roots to keep their leaves dry. Becky Livermore, a master

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Essentia Health highlights new car seat laws going into effect in Minnesota

During the most recent legislative session, Minnesota lawmakers modified safety laws involving children and car seats. The new legislation, which aims to better protect kids in the event of a car crash, goes into effect on Aug. 1.

Some of the most notable changes include:

- A child must be rear-facing until 2 years of age and exceed the height or weight limit of their child restraint system (CRS).

- A forward-facing child must use the internal harness until they exceed the maximum height or weight limit.

- A child who is at least 4 years of age and exceeds the height or weight limit of the forward-facing CRS must be in a booster seat.

- A child who is at least 9 years of age and exceeds the height or weight limit of the CRS and can pass the 5-Step Fit Test must be secured with a safety belt.

- No child under 13 years of age can be in the front seat.

Learn more about child passenger safety in Minnesota at dps.mn.gov.

Essentia Health safety experts are raising awareness about the new legislation.

"It's important that children and families follow these new laws, which are designed with their safety and well-being in mind," said Allison Nicolson, injury prevention specialist at Essentia.

gardener who provided our area with expert gardening advice through a newspaper column and on Lakeland Public TV for many years suggests covering the area around your tomato plant with plastic. Plastic mulch keeps the soil warm by trapping in the heat, which will support growth. The plastic also stops soil from splashing up on lower leaves when it rains.

When applying mulch:

- Water First: Before applying mulch, water your garden thoroughly to help retain moisture.

- Mulch Pathways: Use mulch on garden pathways to suppress weeds and create a neat appearance.

- Consider Aesthetics: Choose mulch colors and textures that complement your garden's overall look.

Incorporating mulch into your gardening routine is an effective way to improve plant health and reduce maintenance. Mulch offers a range of benefits from conserving water to suppressing weeds and enriching soil. By understanding how and when to apply mulch, you'll set your garden up for success, ensuring vibrant and healthy plants that thrive in any season.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Through the Eyes of Suffering

Did you ever learn something about someone else, and after you did, you were able to understand them just a little more?

That's what happened to me as I listened to a short twelve-minute devotional about the life of Mother Teresa. As I listened, the one reading explained that at the beginning of her ministry, she had a flood of mystical experiences including visions. At the heart of each was a deeper insight into the burning heart of Jesus' love for souls. In other words, it became clearer to her how He desires (thirsts) that all may know of His love for them.

They went on to explain that immediately after she founded the Missionaries of Charity, she began to experience darkness in her soul. This part I had known. However, what I hadn't known was that in 1961, she received a light about this darkness. After discussing it with her Spiritual Director, she realized that her painful longing was actually a share in the thirst of Jesus for souls.

"For the first time in eleven years," she said, "I have come to love the darkness, for I believe now, that this is a part... a very, very small part of Jesus' darkness and pain on earth."

She found the strength to persevere because she realized the darkness was a link uniting her to the suffering of Christ Jesus.

What about us? Do we yet realize the mysterious link between the suffering we sometimes experience in our own lives and that of the Lord's

suffering? Do we see it as gift? Do we see it as a call to be part-takers of?

Mother Teresa said, "...when you feel miserable inside, look at the cross and you will know what is happening. Suffering, pain, sorrow, humiliation, feelings of loneliness are nothing but the kiss of Jesus. A sign you have come so close—He can kiss you. Suffering is a gift from God."

I'm not advocating to go it alone in this crazy world when we feel crazed. Mother Teresa sought out another with whom to talk. It gave her insight. It gave her perspective. What I learned was that Mother Teresa was willing to see her suffering as an invitation of being invited into a more intimate and prayerful understanding of His suffering.

Once again, I am not advocating to toss out the medications. However, when we are invited to share in His sufferings, don't miss out on the opportunity to see things as Christ sees them and not how we perceive them to be. And, may you lean into others for their perspective...so you will better see His.

Psalms 56:8 explains how our sorrow matters to God. "You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle! Are they not in your book?"

Romans 5:3-5 explains how our pain has a purpose. "More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been

poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 explains that as we endure difficulties, we can turn and offer comfort to others. "...and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's suffering so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

Although we may not fully understand the Mystery of Faith this side of the veil, we can pray as those who have gone before us. "Jesus I trust in You." Amen

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many drivers use right turn lanes as a bypass lane. Is this legal or does the sign reading "lane must turn" mean exactly what it says?

A n s w e r : White signs are regulatory and failing to comply can result in a citation for "fail to obey traffic control sign/signal." "Right Turn Lanes" are what they are posted for, not passing or bypassing. The "Bypass Lane" is for bypassing (on the right.) Some areas where signs are posted, both of those would be permitted. A word of caution in those areas where both are allowed, remember who has the right of way and to use due care.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws

or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West,

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Custom Tractors

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

While attending the Goodridge Freedom Festival I stumbled across a neat tractor. One I am not that familiar with, a Custom Model C. I guess what caught me up in this one was it was so nicely restored!

The tractor belongs to Jon Wilson of rural Goodridge, MN. During the freedom festival there is also a car and tractor show. I happened to bring the 8N Ford the Tri River Pioneers are raffling to the parade and had it dropped off at the tractor show to be on display, by the driver, Tom Race. After a day of fun it was time to go pick up the little Ford and head for home. As I did I stopped to visit with Jon and his family and friends hanging around the tractor show. Now, I had seen it in the parade but now I got a close look at the Custom.

This prompted me to do a little custom research. I did uncover some conflicting information but I did see the Custom Model C was built form 1947-1949, although some articles reported other dates into the 1950s!

The Custom model C was power by a Chrysler Industrial engine and other Chrysler components. Apparently about the same time Jumbo Steel Products of Azusa, California produced a line of tractors, the Simpson Jumbo tractors, that had a design apparently based on the Custom tractor also with a Chrysler engine. In my opinion they also have

many similarities to the No. 3 Coop tractor.

According to Jon Wilson the Custom moved out down the road at around 25 miles per hour, so he did not bother trailering the tractor but drove it into Goodridge for the show, and I am glad he did. It was fun to see such a nicely restored tractor and learn a little history of the Custom model C!

How about a little tractor trivia?

1. The Custom C had a Chrysler Industrial engine with _____ cylinders?



Jon Wilson's Custom Model C.

2. The Custom C was built in Shelbyville, _____ (name the state)

3. The Custom C had a wide front, what did they call the narrow front version?

4. How many forward speeds does the Custom have?

5. The 217 cu. In. engine developed _____ hp.
A) 35hp B) 40hp C) 47 hp D) 52hp

Answers: 1. 6 cylinders 2. Indiana 3. Model B 4) 4 speeds forward/one reverse 5. D. 52hp

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) Fall schedule

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL), serving Clearwater and East Polk Counties, is excited to share the "tentative" Fall 2024 Program lineup. NELL currently plans 11 diverse programs that will begin the first week of September. All NELL programs are on Wednesdays and begin at 9:30am, with doors opening at 9:00am (UNLESS otherwise noted***). Each program is 60 minutes in length, plus time for questions, unless otherwise noted***. Occasionally, programs may exceed the allotted time. Speakers do their best to stay on time, however questions and comments outside of Q&A will add time to completion of the program. Please feel free to leave if necessary. Light

refreshments are served before regular scheduled programs.

Sept. 4th: "How to Protect Yourself from Fraud and Scams" - Martin Fleischhacker - Bagley American Legion(a collaboration w/ First National Bank of Bagley)

Sept. 11th: "Where Were

You October 7, 2023" - Jim & Nina Palubiki/Rick & Cheryl Mollin - Fosston Arts Center-Fosston

*****Sept. 14th: SATURDAY** "Curtis & Loretta In Concert" - (1:00 PM) McIntosh Community Center-McIntosh (There will be 2 sets, 45 min each w/ break between sets)

Sept. 18th: "Cancer: A Defining Moment" - Juliegh Prosser - Bagley Public Library - Bagley

Sept. 25th: "Refugee from Czech to USA Part II- Life in America" - Fay Dickey - Good Shepherd Lutheran - Clearbrook

Oct. 2nd: "Experience In, Leaving, and Life After Being in a Cult" - Bret Byfield - Faith Lutheran Church Sanctuary - Bagley

Oct. 9th: "Finding Your Beat: Walking W/ The Rhythm of Life" - Tim Eggebraaten - Bagley American Legion - Bagley

Oct. 16th: "Fire Safety: Identifying Fire and Other Hazards in the Home & How to Prevent Them" - Justin Netland: Bagley Volunteer Fire Chief - Bagley American Legion - Bagley

Oct. 23rd: "Life as A Viking Woman in the Viking Age" - Alethea Kenney - Gonvick Community Center

***Nov. 6th:** "Name That Minnesota Town" @ 9:30 AM and "Going to Work: The WPA in Minnesota @ 11:15am - Doug Ohman Bagley American Legion - Bagley (RESCHEDULED From SPRING 2024) *Please note this is a double header with two programs back to back. Light refreshments will be served, however plan accordingly.

NELL is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has been bringing quality programs to our area since 2003. Primary funding for programs comes from public and private donations, memberships, memorials, etc. All donations are tax deductible. We hope the programs on offer for Fall 2024 will inspire you to become a member and/or donate to the program. All funds go towards the continued diverse and innovative programming! To donate, you may send a check or MO order to NELL PO Box 585, Bagley, MN 56621. Thank you in advance for this consideration. On behalf of the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning Board of Directors and myself, we do hope that you enjoy the Fall 2024 programs.

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH NUGGETS

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

Pertussis: Cases increasing in Minnesota

Minnesota is experiencing a significant rise in pertussis cases with patients ranging in age from 4 months to 80 years and a median age of 15 years. This increase is particularly notable among adolescents.

Total number of cases reported in Minnesota as of December 30, 2023: 61

Total number of confirmed/probable pertussis cases reported in Minnesota in 2024 as of July 3, 2024: 244

Despite the growing number of reports, pertussis often remains undiagnosed due to its varied clinical presentation and symptom overlap with other respiratory illnesses.

The best part: Pertussis is a vaccine preventable illness. There are two pertussis vaccines: DTaP and Tdap. Both vaccines are given in combination with tetanus and diphtheria. Your age determines which vaccine you should receive and how many doses you need. Talk to your health care provider or local public health agency to find out more.

When Do People Get the DTaP/Tdap Vaccine? Kids get the DTaP immunizations as a series of 5 shots at ages: 2

months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months and 4-6 years old.

They get Tdap vaccine (also called the adolescent booster dose) at ages 11 to 12. Older teens and adults who haven't yet had a booster with pertussis coverage also should get it. (This is especially important for adults who will be around newborn babies, such as grandparents or other caregivers.) Then, boosters are recommended every 10 years with either Tdap or Td (only tetanus and diphtheria).

Vaccination Rates for Children age 24-35 months in 2023: Minnesota-63% are vaccinated, Clearwater county-35.6% are vaccinated, Hubbard county-are 50% vaccinated and Lake of the Woods county-are 51.5% vaccinated.

Minnesota Department of Health July 2024

For more information: Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Facts - MN Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)

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Cameron Labelle with his Grandfather Tom Lindahl next to him.

Bemidji Speedway Driver Profile “Cameron Labelle”

By Dennis Peterson
Cameron Labelle has been around racing for most of his life. The 18 year old from Guthrie, Minnesota is in his third year of racing at Bemidji Speedway. He began dirt track racing in the Wissota Pure Stock class. This year he made the big move

up into the Wissota Super Stock class where he currently sits in 9th place overall. Labelle got his interest in racing through his Grandpa Tom. Tom Lindahl has been the Garfield Lake Ice Racers flagman for many years and grandson Cameron was with him from the time he was

old enough to understand what the racing was all about. When Cameron was old enough, he raced himself on the ice for four years with the Garfield Lake Ice Racers. Cameron has won a couple of feature races and finished 2nd in a great race two weeks ago and third in

both his heat and the feature last week in the very competitive Wissota Super Stock class. Cameron can be seen each Sunday in the #27 Super stock at Bemidji Speedway.

Bemidji Speedway 7/28/2024 “Postponed”

By Dennis Peterson
What was going to be a very special night at the speedway ended up being postponed until next Sunday August 4th. The track was going to introduce the 2024 Bemidji Speedway Hall of Class but uncertain weather conditions forced the postponement.

Next Sunday the races will resume and the Hall of Fame class of 2024 will be introduced during the intermission.

Along with the Hall of Fame inductions it will be Great River Rescue Night sponsored by First National Bank. Fans bringing donations for Great River Rescue will receive \$2.00 off admission. Also, the track will match all donations made to Great River Rescue.

Current point standings are heating up with several classes within just a few points with just four race nights remaining.

Current top five in each class:

Bemidji Mini Stocks:	
1. Ashton Schwinn	930 Points
2. Conrad Schwinn	928
3. Hayden Engen	887
4. Cody Bush	846
5. Cameron Schwinn	820

Wissota Pure Stocks:	
1. Austin Carlson	899 Points
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2. Matt Sparby	790
3. Nic Lewis	770
4. Brandon Bahr	747
5. Ron Reed	690

Wissota Modifieds:	
1. Lance Schilling	825
2. Jeff Reed	798
3. Josh Beaulieu	775
4. Alan Olafson	638
5. Davey Mills	396

Minnesota Starwatch for August 2024

By Deane Morrison
In August we're treated to two astronomical shows, one annual and one rare.

The annual show is the Perseid meteor shower, which peaks in the moonless mornings of the 11th, 12th and 13th. The best time will be near dawn, when the radiant—the spot in the constellation Perseus from which the meteors emanate—will be highest. With dark skies, you may see more than 50 meteors an hour. And while the meteors originate in Perseus, many will only flash into view after traveling a good distance from it.

The rare show is a close, mid-month encounter between Mars and Jupiter, which have been approaching each other amid bright constellations usually seen on winter evenings. This, too, is best viewed in the predawn hour, when the bulk of the winter stars will have joined the planets.

If you're unfamiliar with the current morning sky, try venturing out on August 3 or 4,

when the two planets and the bright star Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the bull, form an almost equilateral triangle. Mars will be highest, Jupiter at the lower left, and Aldebaran at the lower right. The close encounter comes on the 14th, when Jupiter glides less than a moon width below the red planet. This all unfolds beneath the iconic Pleiades star cluster and just left of the V-shaped Hyades star cluster, which forms the face of Taurus.

During the last 10 days of August, look near the southern horizon at nightfall, when the star pattern aptly named the Teapot of Sagittarius is highest. Its spout will be poised to pour tea on the tail of Scorpius. To the west glimmers Antares, the scorpion's red heart.

On the 19th, a large, bright “supermoon” rises in twilight and leads Saturn across the night sky. It is also a blue moon according to the original definition: the third of four full moons coming in one season.



25th Anniversary ALS Walk/Run Recap

The 25th anniversary of the Roseau ALS Walk/Run was held last Saturday at the Roseau City Park. The first Roseau ALS Walk/Run was held July 1999 and was the brainchild of Lenni Billberg which raised over \$20,000. This event remains Roseau strong and was a phenomenal success raising over \$49,000 for the fight to find a cure for ALS. There were over 200 registered participants and 40 volunteers making this the largest event yet.

The praise band from First United Lutheran Church kicked off the event with a few praise songs. At the end of the set Pastor Dean Hedlund sang the song Never Surrender by Corey Hart. The song Never Surrender was the inspiration for the motto that Wes Blakeslee adopted during his battle with ALS. It is in the spirit of Wes' vision that the Black Woods Blizzard Tour changed their name to the Never Surrender Black Woods Blizzard Tour; which is the largest fund-raiser in the nation for ALS. Wes' brothers Mike and Dan Blakeslee and his good friend Paul Vogel sit on the board of the non-profit Never Surrender Inc; whose sole purpose is to help people living with ALS.

The events began with a fun run for the littles followed by the runners and walkers doing the 5k and 10k. There was a memory tent and a memorial garden for those that we honor who are living with ALS and for those we remember who have died from ALS. Following the races the team hosted lunch for everyone. The winners of the 5k were Audrey Hayden, with a time of 22 minutes 41 seconds, for the females and Barrett Hamre, with a time of 19 minutes 59 seconds, for the males. The winners of the 10k were Chelsea Nelson, with a time of 48 minutes 53 seconds, for the females and Ben Nierengarten, with a time of 45 minutes 43 seconds, for the males.

Prizes were given to the top fund-raising earners. Sonja Olson was the top fund-raiser

with raising over \$8,000. Sonja's husband, Mark Olson, passed last year after a 3 year battle with ALS. Through the generous donations of so many companies the team was able to give prizes to the top 13 fund-raisers and give away many door prizes to the registered participants.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by the death of motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. The destruction of the motor neurons results in the progressive wasting away of voluntary muscles. The life expectancy of a person living with ALS is 2-5 years from diagnosis. An estimated 30,000 people in the United States are living with ALS at any given time. There is no known cure for ALS ... yet. The ultimate goal of the Roseau ALS Walk/Run is to fight this disease until

a cure is found.

This year's event was in honor of the following currently suffering with ALS: Joshua Proulx, Bea Kruse and Norm Opdahl. The event is in memory of the following who have suffered and died from ALS: Edwin Anderson, Eldon “Eldy” Anderson, Wendy Blais, Wes Blakeslee, Nancy Burggraf, Margie Douglas, Francine Fish, Abe Foss, Dorothy Didrikson Grotte, Mavis Johnson, Janet Jensen, Sylvia Jensen, Bob Kauppila, Ray Carlson, Kris Jensen, Jeffrey Bruha, Annette Bruggeman, Dale Hillstead, Lynn Sabourin, Evangeline “Vany” Larson, Clifford Nordine, Richard “Dick” Novacek, Marlowe Martin, Melvin Mortensen, Silvia Raymond, Larry Rislov, Jack Ritteman, Wayne Hites, Chad Schmitz, Ellen Smith, Delsie Thiessen, Orville Dybedahl, Danny Johnson, Father Don Braukmann, Bill

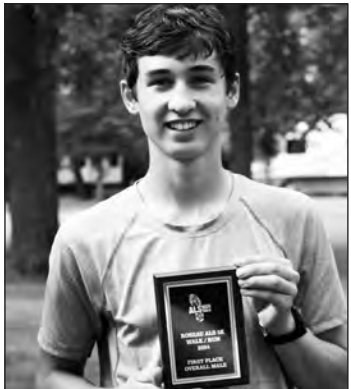
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The funds earned at this event are given to Never Surrender, Inc; the organization that determines how the money will be used. The following is their tenet, “Never Surrender Inc. has one simple goal: to help people living with ALS. All net proceeds stay LOCAL to the Midwest area, supporting our local communities. We believe that every person who has ALS deserves the same access to critical care and treatments as someone who lives near a major medical facility.”

Thank you to all those who participated and volunteered at this year's event. Thank you to all the business that donated cash and prizes. The success of this event would not be possible without you. Until a cure is found for ALS we must Never Surrender!



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U.S. Senator Tina Smith Announces Small Business Funding for Tribal Nations

Red Lake Nation and Lower Sioux Indian Community were both selected

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) announced Red Lake Nation and Lower Sioux Indian Community were selected to receive federal funding to support small business development in their communities. The Tribes will use the funding to help small businesses access credit, which can be difficult in Indian Country. Tribal communities are systemically under-banked, making it nearly impossible for small businesses to obtain the financing they need to grow. Tribal governments can remove these barriers by working directly with businesses in their communities. The funding was awarded through the Small Business Credit Initiative, which was reauthorized and expanded by the American Rescue Plan, which Senator Smith supported.

“Access to capital is essential to the economic health and growth of Tribal communities in Minnesota and across Indian Country,” said Senator Smith. “Native-owned small businesses face disproportionate obstacles

when trying to secure capital to develop and grow their businesses, especially in rural areas like Red Lake and Lower Sioux. Tribes know best what works for their communities, and this funding will help Tribal economies to grow and thrive.”

“The SSBCI allocation is an important steppingstone for meaningful economic development on the Red Lake Nation. Breaking down barriers surrounding capital access for Tribal and member owned businesses to equitably participate in opportunities that have historically been unavailable in Indian Country is a transformative change. An investment like SSBCI will help the Red Lake Nation achieve a vision of economic independence as well as continue to fuel the growth of our Tribal economy that also benefits rural communities across Minnesota. This change would not be possible without the advocacy and efforts of Senator Smith and Senator Klobuchar,” said Jake Robinson, Chief Development Officer, Red Lake, Inc.

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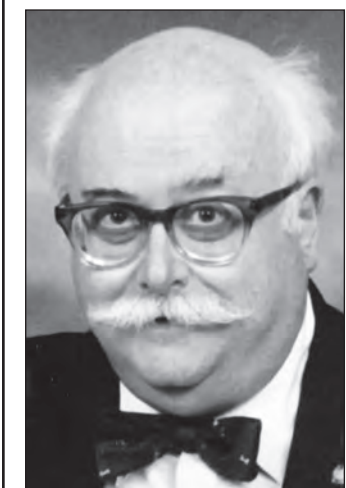
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Obituary for Erick Reeber, M.D.

Erick (“Doc”) Reeber, who lived his childhood dream of being a small-town country doctor, passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 93 surrounded by family.

Erick was born in Brooklyn, NY, the child of immigrants Paul (Pinchas) and Ray (Rivka) (nee Schacter) Reeber. Erick grew up in a tiny one room studio apartment behind the corner drugstore his father ran. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School at age 16, then won a New York Regents Scholarship, attending the University of Buffalo with a major in mathematics. In his junior year of college, he was awarded a Regents Scholarship covering the cost of medical school and received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Buffalo in 1956.

While an undergraduate, he met and fell in love with Jane Mitchell Larke. They soon married and remained married until her death in 2012. Together, they had four children.

After medical residency in Elmira, NY, Erick joined the Navy Medical Corps where he was stationed in San Francisco and sailed the Pacific Ocean. When his active duty ended, he continued in the Navy Reserves achieving the rank of Commander before retiring from service after 34 years. While serving his country, he earned the Armed Forces Service Medal for his years of service.

He joined a medical practice in Thief River Falls, MN in 1959, followed by a solo practice in Frazee, MN.

In 1964, he joined the Clearwater Clinic in Bagley, MN where he built up his practice, eventually leaving to again have a solo practice in Bagley. He kept the clinic open until 1995 when he “retired”.

Erick loved all aspects of medicine, whether delivering babies, figuring out a subtle medical issue that other doctors missed, serving on the local hospital board, or working with other doctors to address issues in health care. And, yes, he made house calls, sometimes via snowmobile.

He took great pride in

having some of the lowest fees of any family doctor in Minnesota and was happy to take a jar of honey or a side of beef as payment. For financially struggling patients, as long as they had always made monthly payments (even just a dollar a month), he sometimes provided a small low interest loan to cover an emergency expense.

He was considered an excellent doctor, not only by his patients, but by other doctors as well for his ability to diagnose difficult cases. Specialists to whom he had referred patients sometimes wrote to tell him, “If you had not told me where to look, I would not have found the problem.” Yet, when the University of Minnesota’s Medical School asked him to join their faculty, he said he preferred to remain a small-town country doctor. After closing his practice, he continued to fill in at the VA hospital until he had a small stroke at age 69. He remained active on many medical and cultural boards well into his eighties.

In 2014, he moved to Grand Forks to Valley Senior Living on 42nd street, where he was known for his stories, jokes, and poetry recitations.

Erick was also an avid stamp collector, bird watcher, and supporter of local cultural, scientific, educational, and art organizations. The Royal Philatelic Society of London made him a Fellow for his contributions to the understanding of Madagascar British Consular Mail. He and Jane traveled the world to bird watch. He served for many years on the board of “Farm by the Lake” in Bagley and contributed to many other local organizations.

Surviving him is his brother Morton (Zelda) Reeber, his sister-in-law Anne Schneider, four children—Larke (Jack Fendell) Reeber, Katherine (Leo) Arnold, Andrew (Debbie) Reeber, Martha (Van) Janway, eight grandchildren—Crystal (Ron) Blue, Erick (Emily) Arnold, May Fendell, Caitlin (Jason) Buschmann, Samuel (Soumya Suresh) Fendell, Rae Vander Werf, Corianne (Josh) Petersen, Benjamin Reeber, eight great-grandchildren, one foster great-grandchild, four nieces and nephews, and five great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and an infant granddaughter.

Burial was at Fort Snelling on July 15 with full military honors. His wife Jane’s ashes were interred with him. There will be a memorial event for both of them in Bagley on September 14. For details, email reebermem@yahoo.com or call 218-308-6361. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the “Farm by the Lake” in Bagley or another cultural, educational, scientific, or art organization.



Obituary for Donna Schwab

Donna Mae (Erie) Schwab, age 90 of New Brighton, Minnesota passed away peacefully at home while holding hands with her daughter Barbara and surrounded by the love of her family and friends.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 6th from 4-7:30 pm at Washburn-McReavy Shoreview Chapel, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. A celebration of life and funeral service was held on Friday, June 7th at 11:00 am at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View with visitation one hour prior. The service was officiated by Pastor Lisa Schafer Engen with Gary Peterson as the piano accompanist and soloist. A luncheon followed in the Fellowship Hall catered by Kafe 421. Burial was at Morningside Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Coon Rapids. Pallbearers were Thomas Enget, Mark Erie, Bryan Pederson, Bryan Osmonson, Chris Sauro III and Dave Schwab. Honorary Pallbearers were Jackson Leslie and Allison Leslie.

Donna Mae was born in the afternoon on July 7, 1933 in Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County Minnesota on the family farm to parents Oscar and Anna (Offerdahl) Erie. She was the sixth of nine children. Donna Mae had six sisters and two brothers. She was 100% Norwegian and very proud of her Norwegian heritage. Donna Mae was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. She attended the Taffin Country School from grades 1-3 with her siblings Florence, Harvey and Margaret. Donna Mae, along with her siblings, grew up on the farm just south of Gonvick; this became a Century Farm in 2017.

During the winter of 1946, the family moved to their new family farm in town. Donna Mae started fourth grade at Gonvick Elementary School where she met her best and life-long friend Laurene. Donna Mae was involved with the church youth group and member of the Girl Scouts. She was captain of the Girl’s basketball team her senior year and a member of the Girl’s Athletic Association (GAA). Donna Mae liked to go rollerskating at Pine Lake. On Friday and Saturday night, she enjoyed going to dances in Shevlin and Gully. She worked as a waitress at the Sunflower Café in town. Graduating from Gonvick High School in 1951, Donna Mae moved to Minneapolis in November of that year.

She met the love of her life Ralph Clinton Schwab and was married on September 27, 1952. In October of 1958, they bought their first and only home in New Brighton. Together they raised three beautiful daughters and were active in their community. JoAnn was born in 1954, Sharon in 1955 and Barbara in 1962. Donna Mae was a Sunday School teacher, worked in the church nursery and supported the funeral lunch crew. She was a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Kindergarten Round-up, Elementary School Room Mother and a chaperone for the Irondale High School Marching and Pep Band.

Ralph and Donna Mae

were very family oriented. They enjoyed activities the entire family could participate in such as snowmobiling, sliding, ice skating, making a snowman, bike riding, croquet, darts, going to the lake swimming and having a barbeque. Ralph enjoyed working in his garden. Donna Mae would can and freeze the fresh vegetables and fruits from the garden.

Ralph was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January of 1980. Donna Mae continued to work full-time and served as her husband’s primary care provider. She became a widow at age 47. Ralph was her soulmate. Never complaining, she continued her life journey alone focusing on her family.

Donna Mae was employed by Medtronic Inc. for 23 years. She worked in the Clean Room and Parts Cleaning. In 1992, Donna Mae won and was awarded the Star of Excellence. She retired on June 25, 1995 and became of a member of the Very Special People (VSP) Retiree Club. Donna Mae was an active volunteer and attended social club activities. She volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, Second Harvest, Bridging, St. David’s Children’s Home, Medtronic’s Blood Drive and Health Fairs.

Her hobbies included volunteering, helping seniors, genealogy, collecting antiques, gardening and canning, working in her yard, reading the newspaper, playing Bingo, dancing, going to parades, attending concerts and dining out. She was a huge sports fan. Over the years, she had Minnesota Gophers, Twins, North Stars and Kicks season tickets. Minnesota’s Pride on Ice Men’s Hockey Team was her favorite. Her most important roles were being a devoted mother and loving grandmother. She attended many church programs, dance recitals, band concerts and sporting events. Generously hosted holidays and birthday celebrations. Donna Mae was the family matriarch and led by example. She leaves a legacy of being a Christian lady with integrity, compassion, exemplary morals, demonstrating the value of family and importance of friends, and living on in our hearts forever.

Donna Mae had a real sweet tooth. She enjoyed drinking a cup of coffee and eating a tasty treat. Donna Mae enjoyed fudge, cookies, bars, pie, lefse, rosettes and krumkake. She loved ice cream treats. Recently, her favorite was a hot fudge malt from Dairy Queen. The grandchildren enjoyed bringing her a malt and seeing the smile on her face. She was delighted and appreciative.

The last four years of her life Donna Mae was met with multiple health challenges and the Covid pandemic. She was able to remain in her home with the help, support and caregiving by her family, especially from her daughter Barbara, and the care from Dr. Kurt Elting-Ballard.

She is survived by daughters JoAnn (Chris Jr.) Sauro of North Branch; Sharon (Keith) Enget of Coon Rapids; and Barbara Schwab of New Brighton,. Grandchildren Chris Sauro III, Angela Sauro, Sharon (Chris) Leslie and Thomas Enget. Great-grandchildren Jackson Leslie, Allison Leslie and Tucker Hentges. Grandson-in-law Martin Hentges. Sisters Beverly Erie and Janet (Glenn) Osmonson. Brother-in-laws Clyde Hare and Wally Schwab. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, Godchildren, friends, neighbors and church family.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ralph Clinton; by siblings Doris (Floyd) Sather; Carol Tollefson; Florence (Forrest) Hanson; Harvey (Marilyn) Erie; Orvin Erie and Margaret Hare.



Obituary for Mercedes Iverson

Mercedes “Ginny” Iverson, age 92, passed away on July 15, 2024, at The Alton Memory Care in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mercedes Virginia Hetland was born June 14, 1932, in Gonvick, Minnesota, to Reubin and Ruth (Odneson) Hetland. She graduated from Gonvick High School in 1950, and received a degree in nursing from the Abbott Hospital School of Nursing in 1953. Ginny received her Masters of Science, Phi Kappa Phi, from South Dakota State University in 1981, and worked as a Registered Nurse her entire career, retiring in 1993.

Ginny married Ralph B. Iverson on June 17, 1958, and they remained happily married until his passing in April 2022. They lived in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and finally settled in Sioux Falls in 1988. She was a strong, inquisitive and hard-working woman who greatly valued education, and was always striving to learn and grow. She and Ralph traveled extensively after their retirements in Europe, Asia,

and North America. Ginny was always extremely active, and enjoyed gardening (particularly wild flowers!), numerous crafts, feeding her birds and squirrels, walking, berry-picking, genealogy, computers, and dragging her less-enthusiastic husband and family to various genealogical and historical lectures and entertainment events. She was generous to many with her time, treasure, and talents and was a loyal and devoted friend. She will be missed.

Grateful for having shared her life are her two children, Nancy (Mike) McKnight and Marc (Katie) Iverson; seven grandchildren: Jessica (Josh) Butler, Ryan (Brittany) McKnight, Kelly (Nick) Purcell, Megan McKnight, Ingrid Iverson, Annika Iverson, and Thor Iverson; two great-granddaughters, Brynn and Shay McKnight; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Ginny was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Wayne Hetland; and husband Ralph.

A private family graveside service will be held in the coming weeks at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls, SD has been entrusted with final arrangements, visit www.georgeboom.com for an online guestbook.

Ginny’s family is grateful to the staff of The Alton Memory Care and Our Lady of Peace Hospice for providing loving care for Ginny.

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Trolls.....Now I get it!

By Eric Mickelson
This summer I have heard a lot about the “Trolls” in Detroit Lakes, MN. My wife said she would like to go see them! I never really understood what we were exactly talking about. Now I think I get it!

Earlier this year I wrote a few stories about having a fun trip to Maine with my son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids. I went to help them move to their new spot as they continued to do their travel nursing. Well, being retired I enjoyed a week of fun, back in April. My wife was not so amused so this past week we took a trip to visit again, wife included this time! As most of you grandparents understand, it was a great trip!

One of our adventures was to Boothbay, Maine, of course a meal of lobster was included! If you ever read my “tractor” article you know my wonderful wife attends many tractor shows. This time was my turn to return

the favor. One of our many great stops was the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden. We say many, many flowers. The cool thing was Maine has a similar climate to our Minnesota home so most of the plants were recognizable! It was a beautiful day with beautiful flowers!

The other attraction..... Trolls! Danish artist Thomas Dambo has added a new mystery to the Botanical Garden, recycled, wooden Trolls! Hiding throughout the 300 acre gardens these giant Trolls are waiting to be discovered. When you find a Troll you are given a clue and put the clues together to learn the secret of the “Guardians of the Seed”!

The whole garden is simply beautiful and with the 5 hidden Trolls it adds great fun for all members of the family. When I get home, I just may have to head to DL to see Trolls in Minnesota!



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City of Grygla recorded 7.99" on the rain gauge in town.

The City Workers have been working around the clock pumping water out of town. Many residents' basements were flooded as the lift station couldn't keep up.



Brittany Tesarek and her kids, Aaron and Paige, in their boat last Saturday on the flooded street in front of their house. Britney's husband Tim was up at 2am pushing water in their basement for 6 hours the night it rained to prevent their basement from flooding. Photos courtesy of Deb Loberg



Shown above and below is Shannon and Denise Ostby's yard and driveway, which is just one of the many flooded properties in and around Grygla. The Mud River spilled over its banks and surrounded the Ostby property. Photo taken by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor



M State diesel student takes third place at national SkillsUSA competition

Moorhead, Minn. – Cole Riegert, a Diesel Equipment Technology student at M State, is a 2024 SkillsUSA Championships bronze medalist.

Riegert was awarded third place in the national competition's Diesel Equipment Technology category after completing rigorous written and hands-on tests. He received his medal during an awards ceremony at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta on June 28.

It was Riegert's second time competing at the national SkillsUSA Championships; he took sixth place in the Diesel Equipment Technology category last year.

"I am incredibly honored to have represented Minnesota at the national competition not once, but twice," says Riegert. "Participating in SkillsUSA has been an amazing experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to present my Diesel Equipment Technology skills alongside such talented peers. This award is a milestone in my journey, and I am excited to continue pursuing excellence in my field. The theme at the national convention was 'Our Time is Now,' and to me, it is just the beginning."

The annual SkillsUSA Championships are held in conjunction with the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference each June. A showcase of the nation's most highly-skilled career and technical education students, the conference is one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world.

Riegert and more than 6,000 other state champions from across the U.S. competed at this year's national championships, which featured more than 115 different competition categories. The Beltrami, Minn. native earned his spot by winning the SkillsUSA Minnesota State Championships in April.

"We are proud of Cole and happy he chose M State for his Diesel Equipment Technology training," say Riegert's instructors at M State, Richard Weber and Jim Bainer. "This is the first time since we've been teaching that M State has had a student get into the top three at nationals."

Prior to this year's national competition, M State's diesel program produced five top 10 winners over 15 years of competing: one 8th place, three 6th place, and one 4th place finisher. This was the program's 16th year of competing.

"We are extremely proud of Cole's achievement. He is truly a remarkable student," says Dr. Mark Bannatyne, Dean of the School of Applied Technology at M State. "I am also very proud of the efforts made by Professors Bainer and Weber to ensure our students, like Cole, receive a superior education in this field. Cole is a wonderful example of the efforts made by the faculty to provide exceptional training for all those enrolled in our program."

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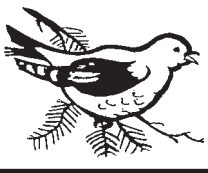
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