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LABOR DAY

Our offices will be closed on
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LABOR DAY, A Nationwide Holiday

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title. McGuire or Maguire? According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the Paterson Morning Call published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New

York City that year.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades and parties – and a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever

known and the labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

(The above condensed from <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>).

My comments: I believe that over time focus on and the meaning of Labor Day and the pattern mentioned above has diminished. Labor Day should not be overshadowed or detracted from by other unrelated events. Hopefully more exposure to Labor Day through education and more Labor Day related events will turn that course around. Just like fossil fuels there is almost nothing that LABOR hasn't had a hand in.

Happy Labor Day,
Vance Norgaard

Minnesota “ricing” season opened August 15

By Pamela French

Minnesota “ricing” season opened August 15 and will run through September 30th, 2024. The DNR forecasted “challenging” conditions in Minnesota. According to DNR officials, “frequent and strong storms created high water levels and washed out many rice beds, with overall stands ranging from poor to average”. The DNR wasn't all doom and gloom about the ricing season. They sited high water levels have made access

to ricing areas better than last year.

The DNR suggested scouting harvestable areas to “rice”, as well as reminding people it's illegal to harvest unripe or green rice, known as “green rice” laws, even if it's during the season. The DNR stated that a rice beds could look ripe, but the ricers must make sure the rice is ready. The rice is ready when it falls easily from the stalk.

The lakes and rivers of Minnesota produce the “most” of

the millions of pounds of true “wild rice” harvested each year in the US and Canada. Wild rice is reed like water plant that is unrelated to rice. There are thousands of different varieties of wild rice and each is very sensitive to “their” specific environmental conditions; growing in specific depths, temperatures, mud, and water quality. The grass doesn't like change, “perfectly adapted” to the specific area in which they grow.

Due to the 2024 wild rice harvest outlook rating of a “poor to average” yield, the amount paid per pound at two area “weigh in” sites went from \$4.50 a pound on day 1 of two lake openings, to \$6.50 a pound two days later. It's important to not confuse “true” wild rice and cultivated paddy wild rice, which is much cheaper. Authentic wild rice will definitely cost more in the store, yet for most it is worth it.

Of note: The 2024 season may be more challenging, yet veteran harvesters know what to look for, how to do it, and do it fast and efficient. Jared and his son are only two generations of a multiple generational line of natives who have been harvesting wild rice in Northern Minnesota for over a century.

For the 2024 Wild Rice Harvesting season outlook got to dnr.state.mn.us/wildlife/shallowlakes/wildrice.



Jared and Wesley Neeland, father and son ricing team- August 2024.



Jared Neeland, with sons Wesley and Brady ricing.

Oklee Post Office Renamed in honor of Coya Knutson

By Eric Mickelson

On August 22nd the Oklee Post Office was renamed in honor of Coya Knutson. Many are familiar with some of Coya's story and her impact on the state of Minnesota and Oklee!

Coya Knutson was the first woman to serve in the United States House of Representatives. She was born Cornelia Gjersdahl, on August 22, 1912, in Edmore, North Dakota. After high school she attended Concordia College graduating with a degree in education. Later Coya traveled to New York where she studied opera at the Juilliard School of Music. Although she had a love for music she came to the realization that a music career would be difficult and settled in Oklee where she married Andy Knutson, was a school teacher, and ran a hotel with her husband.



Gretchen Beito, Author of Coya Come Home and Kathryn Leigh Scott, Publisher of Coya Come Home and Actress.

Coya served in local government during the 1940s and in 1949 the DFL wanted her to run for Minnesota State Legislature. After two terms in the state legislature Knutson ran for representative in Congress. Her campaigning and knowledge of agriculture allowed her to be elected to Congress by the voters of Minnesota's Ninth District. She served from 1955-1958. She was not reelected in 1958. In 1996, Coya passed away leaving behind the legacy of being Minnesota's first female representative in Congress as well as pushing for legislation regarding cystic fibrosis, student loans, and Minnesota Farmers. A taste of a little Coya Knutson.....more to come!

The dedication ceremony began with the removal of the flag presently flying over the post office. This flag was then properly folded, placed in a case and later in the program presented to the Coya's family who were in attendance at the event.

The ceremony began with and Invocation by Eric Mickelson followed by the Presenting of the Colors by the Oklee American Legion Post 159. As

the colors were placed Coyas' great-grandson, Brian Kuenen, sang our National Anthem.

Following the opening ceremony Congressman Michelle Fischbach from the MN 7th District up for a few words. She was followed by Ben Lien, a member of Senator Amy Klobuchar's



Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach at the Oklee Post Office dedication to Coya Knutson.

staff. Next on the program was Gretchen Beito, author of the book, Coya Come Home. Ms. Beito had copies of her book available for purchase and was happy to sign them. She was also joined by her Publisher, Kathryn Scott. Kathryn is working on a documentary about Coyas life. The final speaker to give some remarks was Coya's daughter-in-law, Barb (Lajambe) Knutson.

Finally it was time for the official dedication. Wayne Rolph, Manager of Post Office operations made the dedication as well as presenting the family with the flag and unveiling the plaque that will grace the wall of the Post Office. The Benediction was made by Eric Mickelson and the American Legion Retired the Colors.

At the close of the official program refreshments were served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. As people visited and stories were told and I would say a good time was had by all!



Members of Coya's family accepts the flag from the Post Office.

Retirement Hobby on Display

By Pamela French

About four years ago, after a 35 year career in Urban Forestry, Mark Schmitz of Fosston retired. With time on his hand he took up an interesting hobby, hand carving archery bows. He carves his bows from ash and elm, one is carved from hickory. His bows range from 30# to 60#.

In those few years Schmitz had carved several bows. This past Friday he decided to join his wife, who sells succulents, at the Bagley Farmers Market on Friday, to share his passion with others.

If you are interested in seeing Schmitz collection, he can be reached at 701-599-2222, or catch him one Friday afternoon at the Bagley Farmers Market, 3-6pm.

The Bagley Farmer's Market will continue on Fridays through the end of September.





Pine-occhio! "Oh NO!". Taken by Tammy Godwin of Bagley, MN, The Creator's Canvas.

Polk County Sheriff

Shooting Involving Juvenile

On 08/22/2024 at approximately 1305 hrs, the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to 35097 420th Ave SE in rural Fosston for a juvenile male (Age 8) that was reported to be

accidentally shot in the leg by another juvenile (Age 11). A .22 caliber handgun was recovered at the scene. The juvenile male (Age 8) was transported by ambulance to Fosston and then

airlifted to Sanford in Fargo for further medical care which appears to be non-life threatening.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, Fosston Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Essentia Ambulance and Sanford AirMed.

There is no danger to the public. This is an on-going investigation. No further information will be released at this time.

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The Mentor Farmers Market will be hosting several "Guest" Vendors on Saturday, August 31st. Check out all the vendor products as well as our center circle visitors from Smiley's Rescue!!

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What's it worth?

Most feed sacks were made of cotton, so farmers never threw them away. When farmers bought a sack of seed corn, they were also buying a dress for their wives. Or, a wife could make it into a quilt.

Feed sacks come in hundreds of names and designs. A sack from Sleepy Eye Mills in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, with a picture of Chief Sleepy Eye on the front, sells for about \$175. The value of feed sacks increases if they contain the name of the farmer, city, and state and have a unique design.

Vintage flour sacks featuring vibrant colors and exciting patterns are equally valuable and often more valuable than a feed sack. While looking for old feed and flour sacks, don't forget to look for Burlap potato sacks with writing. They are also collectible.

If the sack is in good shape (no holes or stains), has a unique design, and has the city and farmer's name on it, it has significant value. The sacks pictured are from my hometown of Waterville, Minnesota, and they are worth \$25 to \$30 each.

Remember those old sack races we had at church picnics? It's hard to believe that, but those old sacks are worth more than what they contained.

John Eggers, 218-766-9009, envision@paulbunyan.net



Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning (NEL) is excited to kick off the Fall 2024 on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 with "How to Protect Yourself from Fraud and Scams" with Martin Fleischhacker - Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman Minnesota Department of Commerce.

The program will be held at the Bagley American Legion, 112 Main Ave N. Bagley, starting at 9:30 am. Doors open at 9:00am. Light refreshments will be served (free-will).

This program presented in collaboration with First National Bank of Bagley. There is no charge to attend NELL regular season programs.

Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization serving Clearwater and East Polk Counties. Regular session programs are no at no charge to attend and is open to anyone who wants to attend. Funding for the programs comes through corporate and personal memberships, corporate and personal donations, memorials, and free will donations at each program. If you wish to donate, send check or money order to NELL PO Box 585, Bagley MN 56621.

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Moon in eclipse (X3)

Minnesota Starwatch for September

By Deane Morrison

During September, Mars and Jupiter continue to go their separate ways, widening the gap between them from 9 to 23 degrees.

Both planets are surrounded by bright stars usually seen on winter evenings. Enjoy the beauty just before dawn as these stars and their two planetary guests practically fill the eastern sky. The brightest object is Jupiter, while Mars is the ruddy object to its lower left. On the 27th, Mars forms an isosceles triangle with the Gemini twins Castor and Pollux.

On Tuesday the 17th, Earth's shadow takes a little off the top of the moon during a slight partial lunar eclipse. The eclipse runs from 9:13 to 10:16 p.m. and peaks at 9:44. At that point, about eight percent of the lunar disk's upper region will be darkened by Earth's umbra, or dense inner shadow. The rest of the moon will be in Earth's outer shadow, the penumbra, in which Earth blocks only some sunlight.

September's full moon arrives right in the middle of the eclipse, at 9:34 p.m. As the nearest full moon to the fall equinox, it is the harvest moon. It is also a very close, large, and bright super moon.

The eclipsed moon's nearest bright neighbor will be Saturn. The ringed planet has its own

show the night of the 7th, when Earth laps it in the orbital race and it will be up all night.

At nightfall all month long, watch brilliant Arcturus as it seems to drag its kite-shaped constellation, Bootes, the herdsman, down toward the western horizon. Also, turn your binoculars to the south and explore the star fields within the large Summer Triangle of bright stars.

The equinox arrives at 7:44 a.m. on the 22nd. At that moment neither the Northern nor the Southern Hemisphere will tilt toward the sun and Earth will be lighted from pole to pole.

The University of Minnesota offers public viewings of the night sky at its Duluth and Twin Cities campuses. For more information, see:

Duluth, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium: www.d.umn.edu/planet/; Twin Cities, Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics: www.astro.umn.edu/outreach/pubnight

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Lake Itasca Pioneer days held



Colton Olson of Fosston in the Lake Itasca Pioneer parade.



Tallan Fredrickson of Becida with his entry in the Lake Itasca Pioneer parade.



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Vern Halberg of Fosston with his 1957 320 John Deere in the Lake Itasca Pioneer parade.



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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

A Little Doubting Thomas Within Us All

I traveled. It was a faith filled experience and the journey did what I'd hoped. It fueled my faith.

Intentional was I in choosing this particular destination. A three-day retreat in the area of the world I'd always longed to visit but never did. Any side trips were mere icing on the cake.

Looking at a bone labeled "St. Luke the Evangelist" was moving. Seeing the remnants of a miracle was breathtaking. Walking upon the very steps Jesus did was internal calisthenics for the soul. Standing near to where St. Peter was martyred made my heart quicken.

Overall, it was an experience which deeply moved and upon returning, I will never be the same. It was an experience which helped build faith. In other words, I went, I saw, and I was strengthened—just like Thomas, one of the twelve apostles. Thomas was looking for

proof by asking Jesus to prove it was really Him by allowing Thomas to put his finger into the wounds of Christ. Thomas got what he was looking for. Although I wasn't looking for proof, my faith was strengthened and a spirit of boldness has remained with a certainty I cannot explain.

Perhaps there's a little bit of Thomas within us all. We need encouragement by taking time away. If not in a land far away, perhaps a pocket of quiet somewhere—anywhere.

I recently heard a different take on Thomas and it was an appealing account of this same story. While growing up, Thomas was referred to as doubting Thomas. Shame, shame, shame. Don't wanna be like that.

This man on the radio, whose name I do not remember, said something to the affect that Jesus knew what Thomas needed in order to strengthen his faith. Not only did Jesus know this, but offered exactly what Thomas needed. Speaking gently, He

invited Thomas in by allowing him to touch His wounds.

Why not just do away with Thomas and reprimand him for lack of faith? Why? Because Jesus, the Son of God, knows we all have pockets of Thomas within. Even better, Jesus knows He can provide that which we need to grow our faith, and He does provide.

He strengthens our faith just when we need it most. And the best part? He can speak to us right where we are. We need not journey far.

Speaking to a man of wisdom in this place far away, he suggested three things to me.

1. Pray.
 2. Pray for my family members.
 3. Be more sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- I smiled. Why? I smiled because back home—in the quiet on the farm—God was speaking the exact same thing.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 3:15). Amen.



Tractor Pulling time of year!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



Happy Birthday to me.... that's what I say around this time of year you see I nearly always get to go to Itasca for the Pioneer Farmers show and watch or pull in the tractor pull! It is always held the third weekend in August, which always correspondences closely with my birthday!

Added fun is having the grandkids come and get to watch them go on the train ride and play in the sandbox! This year my 2 year old grand daughter Lola seemed to like the tractors about as much as any of us.....even me! And of course what is not to like about getting something great to eat, like corn on the cob and even ice cream! One of my favorite activities besides the tractor pull is to just walk around and visit, I love the people you get to meet!

Back to tractor pulls, my favorite thing of the day! I absolutely love the Itasca pull because it is a "stock" pull.

The tractors are not "souped" up! Don't get me wrong I enjoy watching a pull where the participants have got their old tractors running like wildfire! But, since my old tractors are not "jacked" up it is fun to pull on what I like to call a level playing field!

I have pulled my R John Deere the last 3 years getting a 1st place, and then a 3rd and a 3rd! Don't get me wrong, winning is super fun but in my class it is basically the same guys every year and it is fun to see how the tractors do each year. The condition of the track has a lot to do with it. Last year the clay track was very hard so the old "R" powered out. This year with the rain on Friday the track was soft so I spun out!

The year I took first I was followed by a G 705 Minneapolis Moline and next a 900 Case among more participants. The following year the Minneapolis Moline was first followed by the Case and then me plus others.

This year another R John Deere joined the mix getting first place, followed by that 900 Case again, and myself then last year's champion the G 705 Minneapolis Moline. Not that we get competitive but this years results were close! The 1953 R John Deere pulled 113' 6". The 900 Case pulled 113' 3"! My 1952 R John Deere pulled 110' 6", and I believe the MM G 705 went around 106 ft. I think we all smiled at each other and look forward to coming back next year and doing it again....I wonder who will win!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. How many drawbar horse power does a model R John Deere have?
A) 43.15hp B) 47.15hp C) 49.15hp
2. How many drawbar horse power does a G705 Minneapolis Moline have?
A) 75hp B) 80hp C) 90.80hp
3. How many drawbar horse power does a 900 Case tractor have?
A) 66.21hp B) 70.39hp C) 80hp
4. How many drawbar horse power does a 720 John Deere Diesel have?
A) 50.5hp B) 53.41hp C) 57.15hp
5. How many drawbar horse power does WD9 McCormick Deering have?
A) 42.75hp B) 45.5hp C) 49.9hp

Answers: 1. A. 43.15 2. C. 90.80hp 3. A. 66.21hp 4. B. 53.41hp 5. A. 42.75hp



Did you know?

A cataract is a clouding of the naturally transparent lens of the eye that can occur as one ages. Natural proteins in the lens clump together and can cloud the eye. The National Eye Institute says most cataracts develop with age, as more than half of all Americans age 80 or older either have cataracts or have had surgery to remove them. But cataracts can occur for other reasons, such as after an eye injury or after surgery for another vision problem. The American Academy of Ophthalmology says cataracts can make it seem like a person is looking through a foggy or dusty car windshield. Everything is hazy, blurry or less colorful. Additional vision changes associated with cataracts include extra light sensitivity; seeing bright colors as faded or yellowed; seeing double or a ghosted image; and difficulty seeing at night. Using brighter lights at home or getting a new eyeglasses prescription can help manage cataracts in their early stages. An eye doctor may suggest surgery if cataracts are getting in the way of daily activities. Surgery removes the clouded lens and replaces it with a new, artificial lens.



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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Answer: You are correct. For the first time in more than 50 years, the Minnesota State Patrol has a new look.

Last year when the Minnesota Legislature approved a replacement design for the Minnesota seal and flag, State Patrol leaders took note.

"That decision presented us with a unique opportunity to create something different to represent our division and culture within the State Patrol and its staff throughout the state," said Col. Christina Bogojevic, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol.

A working group made up of 13 sworn and non-sworn members of the State Patrol worked for four months with a design agency to come up with and refine the new design. "We wanted something that represented the strong history and legacy of our

division, something that is identifiable with the state of Minnesota, all while giving it a more modern update. The redesign was an opportunity for us to create something highlighting our pride in serving Minnesota," said Lt. Col. Jeremy Geiger, who led the group.

The new look — with heavy ties to symbolism — reflects the values and history of the State Patrol. The North Star — a four-pointed star and the same one used on the redesigned state seal — represents the cardinal directions, just as we serve Minnesotans to the north, south, east and west. The Mississippi River, abundant in its contribution to our state and serving as a critical artery for transportation, lends itself to our role of maintaining and securing an efficient transportation network and connecting with others. The Norway pines, the state tree of Minnesota, underscore the steadfast and reliable commitment of the State Patrol, working for Minnesotans 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through all seasons, all year long.

The new look for the State Patrol isn't just a redesigned patch on our troopers' shoulders. It includes badges, hats, squads, license plates, buttons on uniforms, signage and so much more. In fact, there are more than 188,000 pieces of equipment that will need to be updated with the new design. State Patrol leadership is prioritizing updates on squad cars and uniforms, and being diligent about updating items where they were already scheduled to be replaced. To complete the whole process will take somewhere from six to nine months and an estimated \$4 million.

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 @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



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Obituary for
Lillian Mae Payne

Lillian Mae Payne passed away on July 21, 2024 at the age of 94.

She was born on May 23, 1930 to parents Marie and Isaac Olson of Bagley, MN. She was the youngest of the Olson children. She was raised from infancy by her great-aunt and uncle Christine and Daniel TeHennepe. She married Robert Payne of Leonard and they had two children, Daniel and Linda. In 1956 the family moved to Silver Bay, MN where they lived for 39 years. They were members of Sychar Lutheran Church.

Lillian was employed by Reserve Mining Co in the Finance Department for 20 years, retiring in 1986. In 1995 she and Bob moved back to Leonard, MN. They renewed their membership at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church and lived in Leonard until 2015 when they moved to Bemidji. Lillian's hobbies were sewing, quilting, crafts, reading, music, writing letters, making lefse and baking cookies. She sewed many quilts for various churches and for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In her later years she made "memory bears" for friends who had lost loved ones.

She is survived by her daughter Linda and husband Harlan McCorkell (Springfield, SD), daughter-in-law Patricia Payne (Duluth, MN). Also surviving are 4 grandchildren, Cynthia (Lance) Ellis, Cheryl Lagergren (Jay), Chad (Susan) McCorkell, Christine (Sean) Erspamer, 12 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, and 1 Godson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob (2017) and her son Daniel (2022). Both TeHennepe and Olson parents, 2 TeHennepe brothers, 7 Olson siblings, one Goddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Cease Funeral Home in Bagley, MN. Services will be at 11:00 AM in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard MN on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Graveside services and Burial of both Lillian and Robert will be immediately following service at Norway Lake Cemetery in Leonard.

Submit obituaries to
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Obituary for
Andy Paquin

June 8, 1977 – December 20, 2023

With heavy hearts, the Paquin family announces the passing of Andy Scott Paquin, 46, of Clearbrook, MN, who left this Earth on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Andy was a loving father, son, and brother and a loyal friend. His adventurous spirit and humorous personality left a lasting impact on everyone he met, and he is greatly missed.

Andy was born to Stephen Ernest Paquin and Bonnie Joan Paquin on June 8, 1977, in Bemidji, MN. Shortly after, the Paquin family moved to Medicine Lake, Montana, where Andy spent his early childhood making fond small-town memories. The family later returned to Minnesota, settling in Clearbrook, which became home to Andy and his brothers, Peter and Alex. Andy excelled as both a student and athlete in Clearbrook, graduating with the Class of 1995 from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, where he developed his passions for football, choir, music, and drama. Andy took great pride in his time working at the Clearbrook Pool, where he taught numerous youths to swim and served as a lifeguard.

Andy pursued his dream of becoming a pilot at the University of North Dakota, graduating with a B.S. in Aerospace Studies and leaving UND with many lifelong friends. His career as a corporate pilot took him to numerous corners of the world, visiting over 36 countries. Andy's professional journey spanned from Beaumont, TX, to Virginia Beach, VA, and Monterey, CA, before he

settled in New Milford, CT, where he made his home and continued his career flying as a corporate pilot. Throughout his travels, Andy had a way of making friends wherever he went - his friendships meant so much to him.

In 2011, Andy married Robin Bonato, and together they welcomed twins Rockne and Stevie in 2014. Andy was an adoring father and shared his love of good music, good food, and having a good time with his son Rockne and daughter Stevie.

Andy was known for his warmth, kindness, and sense of humor. His enthusiasm for life extended to his passions, including Notre Dame Fighting Irish Football, North Dakota Fighting Sioux Hockey, the Minnesota Twins, and grilling ribs and wings. His barbecues and holiday parties were legendary, ensuring that everyone had a memorable time, and you were assured of a Jimmy Buffet song or two playing as the soundtrack to enjoy the day and each other's company.

Andy is survived by his son Rockne and daughter Stevie; his mother, Bonnie Lambert Paquin; his brothers, Peter Paquin, Alex (Kaia) Paquin, nephews, Jagger, Asher, and Finn. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and a host of friends he considered family and his black lab sidekick Angus. Andy was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Paquin; his grandparents, Elizabeth and Adolore Paquin, and Dorothy and Dewey Lambert; and his beloved black lab, Zeppelin.

As Andy would have wanted, we celebrate his life and remember the joy he brought to all of us. May his memory live on in the stories we share and the laughter we remember.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at The Park Event Center 500 Division St., Waite Park, MN, on Saturday, September 14th, at 10:30 a.m.. Following the service, a BBQ gathering will be held at his Uncle Wayne's Farm 7230 322nd St, St. Joseph, MN. All family and friends are welcome to join. Interment will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Oklee, MN at a later date.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Obituary for
Kim Charles

Kim Charles, 60, of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota died on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at the Roger Maris Cancer Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Graveside Services will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Westby Cemetery near Clearbrook, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Kimberly was born on October 11, 1963 in Bagley, MN to Mayhlon and Beverly (Buness) Charles in, Minnesota. She graduated from Clearbrook High School in May of 1981 and went on to graduate from Cosmetology School in 1983. Over the years she

resided in Warroad, Roseau, and for the last several years, Red Lake Falls, MN.

She married Rick Battles on June 17, 2007 at Seljord Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN.

Kimberly loved drawing and painting as well as going to car shows or auction sales. She was an avid Avon Collector and quite the hunter. She loved her family dearly and will be tremendously missed.

Kimberly is survived by her husband, Rick Battles; their children, Cerena Brazier, Bryton Charles, Cheyenne (Jesse) Llianez, Jeff Battles (Vanessa), and Dennis (Melinda) Battles; her grandchildren, Oakley Llianez, Adrianna Jangula, Kaydence Gislason, Rylee Whitaker, Dominik Whitaker, Eli Whitaker, Marissa Battles, Vivian Battles, and Anthony Battles; her siblings, Mitchell (Rhonda) Charles, Cheryl Olson, Chris (Shirley) Charles, Susan Charles (Randy Olson), Brian (Barb) Charles, Scott Charles, and Merry Charles (Larry Mathison); and many other loved family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mayhlon and Beverly Charles; her brother, Shawn Charles; and numerous aunts and uncles.

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Obituary for
Karla King

Karla King, age 49, of Cohasset passed away Sunday, August 18, 2024 at her home.

Karla Leigh King was born May 15, 1975 in Thief River Falls, MN, the daughter of Loren E. and Glenyce F. (Bakken) Lusignan. Karla grew up in Grygla, Minnesota attending school and graduating from Grygla High School in 1993. She continued her education at Northland College in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. While a college student, Karla met the love of her life, Brent King while working at Hugo's Grocery Store. Karla and Brent were married August 10, 1996. Together they made their home in Thief River Falls and Mankato, MN, Fort Collins, CO, Delta Junction, AK, Spearman, TX and moved to the Grand Rapids, MN area in 2013.

Karla can be remembered for her gift of hospitality as she loved cooking for her family and friends, Wednesday

Night Meal at church, and even packing food for Brent's entire trip when he traveled for work! She was a hard-working mom who loved her three children. Her outgoing personality made it easy for her to assist lots of people through the entire adoption process; something she was extremely passionate about.

Karla will be deeply missed by her husband of 28 years, Brent; their three children, Grayson, age 12, Harrison, age 10, and Annie, age 9; her parents, Loren and Glenyce Lusignan; her two brothers and their families, Brent and Sara Lusignan and Kyle, Barb and Austin (Ruseth) Lusignan; her father and mother-in-law, Darryl and Audre King; other relatives, many friends throughout the United States; and her co-workers.

Visitation was held Friday, August 23, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 PM at Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church, 34383 County Road 63, Grand Rapids, MN and again on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10:30 AM at the church. A funeral service followed at 11:30 AM, officiated by Rev. Micah Labovitch. Burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Cohasset, MN. Karla's funeral service will be live streamed on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@grand-rapids-evangelical-free-6072>/streams.

Arrangements were with the Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids, MN. To sign the online guestbook or send condolences visit www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

\$350,000 in Grants Awarded to 12 Nonprofits through Otto Bremer Trust Community Responsive Fund

August 13, 2024 (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation has awarded 12 organizations a combined \$350,000 in grant funding through the Otto Bremer Trust Community Responsive Fund to support services and programs addressing crucial needs in our local communities.

NMF received 28 applications totaling more than \$1 million in requests.

Awards approved were:

- Red Lake Homeless Shelter, \$75,000
- Marshall County Group Homes, Inc., Argyle, \$50,000
- Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter, Bemidji, \$50,000
- Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center, \$38,000
- BIO Girls, Inc., serving different locations throughout Northwest Minnesota, \$25,000
- Youth Emergency Shelter and Supports, Park Rapids, \$25,000
- Bemidji Community Table, \$20,000
- Family Safety Network, Walker, \$20,000
- Community Resource Connections, Bemidji, \$16,500
- Warren S.O.S., \$13,000
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Bemidji, \$10,000
- Tri-Community Movers/Block Nurse Program, Newfolden, \$7,500

Otto Bremer Trust identified four categories through which NMF was to align funding: basic needs, community asset building, health and wellbeing, and restorative and responsive.

"We are incredibly thank-

ful to the Otto Bremer Trust for this opportunity," said Cory Boushee, NMF's Director of Programs. "This funding enabled us to contribute no-strings-attached operational dollars to our local partners who are delivering vital impacts across our region."

U of M Extension seeks nominations for new leadership education program in northwest Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. (Aug. 15, 2024)— University of Minnesota Extension is seeking nominations for Growing Local Leadership, a leadership education program that will begin Nov. 23. The program seeks candidates who live or work in northwest Minnesota, have not yet served in formal leadership positions, or have never participated in leadership education programming. Extension encourages, but does not require, nominees to identify a learning partner (a colleague, friend, or family member) to join the program with them, as research has shown this strengthens outcomes.

The program will be conducted in four sessions. The first will be held in person at the Shooting Star Casino on Nov. 23, from noon to 5 p.m. The next two sessions will be held online from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by an April in-person celebration.

"In Minnesota, we need people to fill public offices and sit on boards and commissions," says Holli Arp, program leader, Extension leadership and civic engagement. "We know that Extension leadership education gives participants the confidence they can make a difference, develops skills and connects leaders to resources

Freedom Rock-Quite a Tribute

By Eric Mickelson

Recently, we attended family reunions in Iowa for both sides of my wife's family. When we drive or travel my wife is good at pulling up interesting pod-casts or other things to listen to on the phone. Since our destination was Iowa she pulled up an interesting story about the "Freedom Rock." Maybe you have heard of it. I had not.

About a mile south of the town of Greenfield, Iowa, near Interstate 80, it is a local landmark. For many years the rock was a local site for graffiti. There were wedding proposals and other messages repainted on the rock probably every month. But, after watching the movie "Saving Private Ryan" Ray "Bubba" Sorenson decided to make better use of the local landmark. While driving past the rock near the holiday of Memorial Day he decided to honor Veterans by painting the rock. He painted the flag raising at Iwo Jima. Now remember the rock was probably repainted with graffiti monthly so he thought the painting wouldn't last long but to his surprise it lasted several months!



Pictures from the Buena Vista County's "Freedom Rock."



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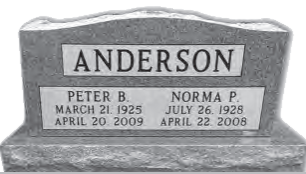
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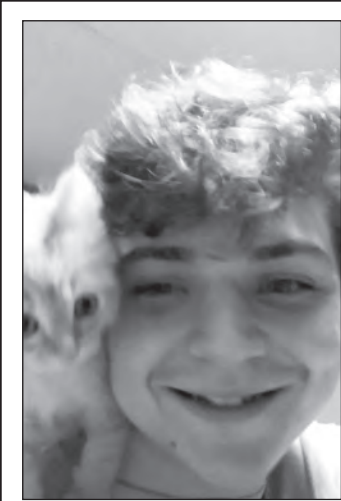
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Obituary for Colin Ray Wilde

Colin Ray Wilde, aged 27, passed away on July 9, 2024, in Fargo, North Dakota. Born on March 7, 1997, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and baptized August 17th of 1997 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in rural Oklee, Minnesota, Colin was known for his deep love for his family and his pets.

Colin had recently started as a cook at Prairie Saint Johns., a job that he loved and excelled at. He loved to cook and grill and try new things in the kitchen, one of his favorite things to cook was venison back straps and mushrooms. His love for the outdoors was evident. enjoying activities like biking and tubing. Women Lake held a special

place in his heart, as it was a cherished vacation spot where he spent joyful times and many good nights around the bonfire with his siblings, cousins, and Lake family. Known for his radiant smile and warm hugs, Colin's presence was a source of joy for all who knew him.

Colin is survived by his father, Corey Wilde; brother, T.J. (Leeah) Goulet; siblings, Hunter Wilde and Jeana (Zach) Wilde; niece, Tyrlynn Goulet; nephews, Mimir Goulet and Ethan Swanson; grandparents, Nancy and Robb Pasley, Sheryl and Arlan Fore; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and great aunts and uncles; special friend, Annie Raymond. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jane Pasley; grandfather, Dennis Wilde; and great-grandparents.

A Celebration of Life was held on August 24, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm., with a prayer service at 12 PM, at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN. A private family burial was held at Ebenezer Church.

Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN, is assisting the family with arrangements. Colin's memory will be cherished by many, as he left an indelible mark on the hearts of those he touched. He will be sorely missed.



Obituary for Marilyn Natwick

Marilyn Natwick, age 75, of Winger, MN, died on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice.

Marilyn Sue McCollum was born on January 12, 1949, at the Mahnomen Hospital. She was the daughter of Loren and Mary McCollum. Marilyn grew up with five siblings on a farm east of Bejou, MN. She attended elementary school in Bejou through the 8th grade and then went to Mahnomen High School where she graduated with the Class of 1967. After graduation, Marilyn worked as a waitress at a café in Fertile. She then got a job in Fargo, ND, at the JC Penney Store on Broadway. One night in 1971, her roommate wanted Marilyn to go along over to the F.M. Hotel in Moorhead, to listen to a band. Marilyn didn't want to go, but finally agreed. They walked in and sat down at a table, when the band took a break, one of the musicians came over to their table, introduced himself and sat down. He was Dave Natwick. When the break was over and Dave was on his way up to the stage, he said to himself, "I bet I'll marry that girl..." and he did! Marilyn said later that she had the same thoughts. About a year later, Marilyn and Dave were married at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bejou on February 12, 1972. They were married 52½ years. This marriage was blessed with two children, Shila Kay and Aaron David.

Marilyn and Dave lived in Dilworth, the first year and then moved to Twin Valley. They lived there 23 years. While there, Marilyn worked at the Twin Valley High School kitchen for several years. In 1994, Dave got a job in McIntosh, so they moved to Winger and have lived there to the present. While living in Winger, Marilyn worked sev-

eral years at the Win-E-Mac High School kitchen.

Marilyn loved flowers and always had a garden. She always canned vegetables for the winter ahead. She liked to sew and bake and enjoyed shopping trips to Bemidji, with her friends. Marilyn and friends had a Birthday Club. Every month if anyone had a birthday, Marilyn would call the rest to inform them to meet at Moran's Supper Club for dinner, the men got to come too. There was a birthday party just about every month.

Marilyn always looked forward to the annual weekend retreat with her 16 girl cousins on the McCollum side, usually at the lake or someone's house. She really enjoyed socializing with family and friends. Like most grandmas, Marilyn's grandkids were very special to her, and she talked about them often.

Marilyn and Dave have been members of Calvary Lutheran Church since they moved to Winger.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Dave of Winger; daughter, Shila (Dan) Bentley of Moorhead; son, Aaron (Kari) Natwick of Portland, OR, three grandchildren: Jenna and Ethan Bentley of Moorhead and Levi Natwick of Portland; sister-in-law, Cynthia McCollum of Crookston; sister, Phyllis Miller of Thief River Falls; brothers, Ordell (Doris) McCollum of Detroit Lakes, and Terry (Theresa) McCollum of Bejou; sister, Laurie (Mike) Semanko of Fargo, ND; aunts: Phyllis First of Durant, IA, Ethel Brodsho of Fargo and Pat McCollum also of Fargo; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Loren and Mary; brother, Dennis McCollum; and brother-in-law, Bob Miller.

Blessed be the memory of Marilyn Natwick.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Winger. Visitation will take place at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen, on Friday August 30, 2024, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., with a Prayer Service beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Burial will take place at Zion Cemetery in Twin Valley..

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Obituary for Maurice Cote

Maurice Gene Cote passed away on Wednesday, August 21st at 8pm surrounding by family at Benedictine Living Community in Crookston, MN.

Maurice was born on September 23rd, 1936, to Aristide and Agnes Cote at home in rural Terrebonne Township in Red Lake County, Minnesota. He grew up on a farm just outside Terrebonne, Minnesota where he was raised in a family of seven children with two sets of twins.

Maurice attended school in Terrebonne until his early teens, he left school early to work on the family farm and for neighbors. He continued to work on the farm and other various jobs until he enlisted in the US Air Force as both an aircraft sheet metal repair specialist and aircraft refueler.

While serving in the Air Force, Maurice married the love of his life and our mother, Dorene Champagne. Maurice and Dorene were united in matrimony on January 4, 1958. He served his full term in the US Air Force and re-enlisted in the Air Force Reserves until honorably discharged. He would often speak very highly of his years serving in the Air Force, telling stories of his time refueling aircraft mid-flight. He would also point out that he could bend sheet metal better than most others-pointing to the aircraft grade aluminum toolbox he handcrafted while serving.

After his service in the Air Force and Reserves, Maurice and Dorene relocated to the Milwaukee, WI area where he worked in manufacturing. Maurice and Dorene eventually settled in Racine, WI where he built his own house for their family of six children they had at that time. He was extremely proud of the house he built with own hands, telling me, my siblings or anyone else who would listen about the hardwood floors and how well they shined and how wonderful his hand seeded lawn looked compared to his neighbors who used sod.

Maurice and Dorene relocated back to Minnesota and bought a farm near Mentor, MN where they farmed and worked outside the farm until retirement. Instead of building a new house, he and Dorene added an addition and remodeled the entire house to fit their family of seven children. He also tackled many other projects to improve his farm such as relocating another barn to the farm, building a new steel shed, and planting too many trees for us kids to care about watering every summer. However, he loved his new trees.

There are no words for how much we loved and will miss you. We know that you are with Mom, Scott, your family and friends who went before you. We will all miss you so much already, thank you for all you did for us. We all love you.

Maurice is preceded in death by his wife Dorene (Champagne) Cote, his son Scott Cote, granddaughter Samantha Cote, parents Aristide and Agnes (Thibert) Cote, his brothers Joseph and Vern Cote, his sisters Irene Desselier and Erma Normandin.

Maurice is survived by his children, Rodney Cote (Rochelle) Oslo; Marc Cote (Dorie) Sauk Rapids; Nancy Lindquist, Oslo; Mary Ann Anderson (Bruce) St Michael; Barb Yanish (Dave) East Grand Forks; Jim Cote (Kim) Mazeppa; sister Mae (Cote) Trepanier, and brother Myron Cote; grandchildren, April Henriksen (Jason), Ryan Anderson (Christine), Adam Lindquist, Aimee Cote (Kevin Barry), Jacob Cote, Emily Cote, Brady Anderson, Alys-sa Cote, Stephanie Yanish, Danny Cote, Cody Yanish, Christian Cote, Annie Bea Cote and eight great-grandchildren along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Graveside Celebration of Life for Maurice was held 12:00 PM on Saturday, August 24th at the Saint Anthony of Paudua Cemetery in Terrebonne. A small luncheon to precede after the celebration of life at the Terrebonne Community Hall located down the street. The service will be officiated by Deacon John Bruggeman, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Red Lake Falls, MN.

Please consider donating to either one of these organizations that the family has chosen:

Benedictine Living foundation
BenedictineLiving.org/
Giving/Memorials-Honorariums/ or St Anthony Cemetery
Attn: Doug Derosier (Sexton) 21969 140th Ave SE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(Cemetery upkeep and maintenance - check only made payable to and mailed to)



Obituary for Gregory Eck

Gregory Eck, age 66, of Trail, MN, passed away on Sunday, August 18th, at Es-sentia Hospital in Fosston. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27th, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee with Father Bryan Kujawa presiding. Interment in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Trail. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements were with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Gregory Lorenzo Eck was born on March 27th, 1958 in Virginia, MN to Lorenzo and Opal (Qualley) Eck. He grew up in Hibbing, MN along side is two brothers Mike and Jim and sister Linda. During his early years he enjoyed participating in horse shows and had many trophies for events like pole bending. He was also fond of his motorcycle. Greg graduated from Hibbing High and went on to apprenticeship to become a journeyman line-man. He traveled all over the United States and was very

proud of his union, IBEW.

Greg met Connie (Agnes) in November of 1993. They were united in marriage in Las Vegas, NV at the Chapel of Flowers on December 27th, 1996. Together they had no biological children but, were second parents to all of their nieces and nephews. Greg was always happy to have the many kids over to share his love of music and horses. He was always up for mischief and was even known to play ball in the house from time to time, much to Connie's dismay. He adored them all. He also enjoyed taking Connie on vacations. They ventured to the Grand Canyon, Connie's beloved Graceland, Disney World, and many others.

In 1998 Greg and Connie moved back to Lorenzo's home farm in Trail, MN where they would reside permanently. Their home was always known to many as the place to go when you wanted to chat, to get advice, or just to relax and listen to old country music. George Jones was almost always coming through the speakers. Greg never turned anybody down to sit across the table from him. He welcomed all with "need a beer, they're in the fridge." He never questioned anybody intentions. Most would say he had a heart of gold.

Greg is survived by his wife Connie (Agnes), brothers Mike (Chris) and Jim, sister Linda (John), sister-in-law Heidi (Noel), brother-in-law's Kevin, Jerry, and Brian (Kelly), cousin Sandy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Lorenzo, mother Opal, father-in-law Vincent, mother-in-law Geraldine, cousin and very special friend Jeff, brother-in-laws Jim, Jimmy, and Dale, and friend Sheldon.



NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH NUGGETS

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Diseases eradicated by vaccination

Polio:
Polio has been eradicated in the United States. The last case of symptomatic polio in Minnesota was reported in 2008. Up to 95% of polio virus infections are not symptomatic. Polio is caused by a virus that lives in the throat and intestinal tract. It is spread through contact with the bowel movements of an infected person (for instance, by changing diapers). The polio vaccine is the best protection against the disease.

Continued success depends upon maintaining high immunization rates.

Diphtheria:
The last case of diphtheria confirmed in Minnesota was in 1990. Continued success in preventing diphtheria depends upon high immunization rates.

Rubella:
Rubella, also called German measles is a rash illness caused by a virus. If a pregnant woman who is not immune to rubella is infected, the fetus can become infected and develop complications which can have lifelong effects. Continued success with the prevention of rubella and congenital rubella syndrome depends upon maintaining high immunization rates, since the disease still circulates in other countries.

No cases of rubella have been reported in Minnesota since 2009, and the last case of congenital rubella reported in Minnesota was in 1998.

Tetanus:
Tetanus, commonly called lockjaw, is a bacterial disease that affects the nervous system. As a result of widespread immunization, tetanus is now a rare disease. The tetanus vaccine is the best protection against the disease.

Deer Hunt for people with disabilities at Rydell

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is pleased to announce the dates for the 29th Annual Accessible Deer Hunt for people with disabilities to be held at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge. The dates of the hunt will be October 10th, 11th, and 12th. Rydell National Wildlife Refuge (<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/>), located south of Mentor, Minnesota, offers hunters with disabilities a unique experience by providing the opportunity to hunt in one of the most accessible wildlife refuges in the Nation. Rydell has miles of paved trails in addition to hard-packed trails. It is large enough to accommodate up to 20 hunters, having enough land so that risks associated with deer hunting are minimized. Hunters are responsible for their own transportation to and from the hunt in addition to their accommodations, breakfast meals, ammunition, and weapons.

Description
Options is a consumer controlled and managed Center for Independent Living. This means that the majority of staff and board are people with disabilities, people with disabilities helping other people with disabilities to live as independently as possible. For more information about the hunt or a hunt application packet please contact Randy at Options (218) 773-6100 / (800) 726-3692 or email: options@myoptions.info . The hunt will be conducted on the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge October 10th – 12th, 2024. Hunting hours run from 12:00 P.M. – legal evening close (no morning hunts). The 2,150-acre refuge is located in Polk County near the communities of Erskine and Mentor, Minnesota (see map below), excluding the lakes and building sites, approximately 1,200 acres of the Refuge are huntable. A maximum of 20 people will be allowed to hunt on the Refuge at one time. If more than 20 people apply, the hunt participants will be chosen through a selection process/drawing with an alternate list for any cancellations.

MDA Funding Available to Combat the Spread of Avian Influenza

Minnesota livestock producers eligible for grants of up to \$10,000

St. Paul, MN: To combat the spread of avian influenza on Minnesota farms, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for grants to help livestock producers buy and install preventative equipment for their operations.

Funded through a 2024 legislative appropriation to the MDA's Agricultural Growth and Research Initiative (AGRI) Program, the Protect Grant reimburses up to 80% of the cost of eligible virus prevention measures, with a maximum award of \$10,000 per farm. A 20% cash match is required, which may be reduced by up to \$2,000 for related time and labor costs incurred by the applicant. Approximately \$500,000 will be awarded in this round of grants.

A previous round of Protect Grant funding in early 2024 awarded \$500,000 to 54 producers in 34 counties across the state.

“As Minnesota’s livestock operations continue to be on the frontlines of the ongoing avian influenza outbreak, it’s essential that producers take every opportunity available to protect their animals and prevent the further spread of this disease. I thank the state Legislature for this funding, which will be helpful in mitigating the virus’ future impact on Minnesota agricul-

There are several combination vaccines used to prevent tetanus: diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine, tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine, and tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Measles (Rubeola)
Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. It is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. The best way to prevent measles is to get vaccinated.

Measles is a rare disease in Minnesota and in the U.S.; however, measles is still common in other parts of the world. Most measles cases occurring in Minnesota result from someone traveling to or from countries where measles is common, and who are infectious with measles after arriving in Minnesota. Measles can spread easily to unvaccinated persons. Maintaining high immunization rates is essential to preventing measles. Total confirmed or probable measles cases in Minnesota 2024: 26 MDH-8-20-24

Routine childhood and adolescent immunizations are an important public health intervention. They prevent disease and save lives by protecting both the person and the community by stopping or slowing the spread of disease. Recently both childhood and adolescent immunization rates have decreased, and lower immunization rates make our community more vulnerable to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

If you have questions about immunizations, please contact your healthcare provider or your Local Public Health Agency:

Clearwater County Nursing Service in Bagley: 218-694-6581

Hubbard County-CHI St. Joseph's Community Health in Park Rapids: Call 218-237-5464

Lake of the Woods County-CHI Lakewood Public Health in Baudette: Call 218-634-1795

Bemidji Speedway “Season Points Championships”

8/25/2024

By Dennis Peterson

The summer racing season for points came to an end Sunday night with the “Season Points Championships” at Bemidji Speedway. 81 cars filled the pits on the hot and humid night for racing to decide who would be the champions in each of the seven classes that run on a regular basis at the track.

Coming up on Sunday September 8th the track will host the Wissota NAPA Central MPH Invitational, set to crown three champions during the second running of the Invitational. Big payouts will be given in the the Wissota Mod Four, Wissota Pure Stocks and the Wissota Hornets. A practice session will be held on Saturday the 7th.

The annual “Paul Bunyan Stampede” will end the racing season at Bemidji Speedway on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Wissota Pure Stock Feature: The first feature of the night was the Wissota Pure Stocks with point leader Dustin Puffe starting in the fourth row and second place in points Austin Carlson in row two just 17 points behind him. Alex Berg and Brandon Puschinsky held the front row for the start of the race with Puschinsky taking the early lead followed by Billy Binkley, Berg, Carlson and Lillian Farrington. Puffe raced to the top of the track and quickly moved into the top five. Continuing to move forward he passed Farrington for fourth again up high. Carlson worked his way up into second and pressured Puschinsky for the lead but Puschinsky held and took the checkered flag for his second feature win of the summer. Dustin Puffe’s finish was enough to crown him the Track Champion for 2024. In the race Carlson was second with Binkley, Puffe, and Deryk Weleski trailing.

Wissota Hornet Feature: Points leader in the Wissota Hornets was Jayme Gordon with Megan Vernlund second just 19 points behind. The race had Gordon on the pole with Vernlund starting in the third row. The race went green with Gordon buzzing into the lead followed by Mateja Dreyer, Aiden Kessler, Josh Backstrom and Chad Reller. Gordon raced out to a multi-car lead over his rivals while Vernlund was able to work her way up into third but that was as far as she could go finishing the race third. Gordon picked up his first win of the season and brought home the Season points championship as well. Dreyer, Vernlund, Russell Kiker Jr, and Reller finished in the top five.

Bemidji Mini Stocks Feature: Conrad Schwinn held a 23 point lead over his son Ashton Schwinn in the Bemidji Mini Stocks going into the track championship race. Both would have to work hard to get into the lead with Conrad starting in the fourth row and Ashton starting dead last in the feature race. Jason Hunter and Gordon Hunter held the front row for the start with a wild furious start Jason took the lead followed by Gordon. With Hayden Engen, Nick McCann and Conrad Schwinn in the top five all fighting for the lead. Conrad Schwinn passed a couple of cars to take third while Jason Hunter lost his bumper and was forced out of the race. The restart found McCann blasting up into the lead. Racing three wide at times the race was nearing its end with McCann out front and Conrad Schwinn in second, enough to secure the Season points championship. McCann won the race, his second win of the summer, with Conrad Schwinn, Hayden Engen, Justin Honer, and Ashton Schwinn in the top five.

Wissota Midwest Modified Feature: Doyle Erickson is the current point leader in the Wissota Midwest Modified class with Skyler Smith in second place. Erickson would start the track champion race on the pole with Smith starting in row four. Hunter Weeks started the race in row one outside. Weeks on the outside powered into the lead with Erickson, Mike Blevins, Sam Blevins, Mikey Blevins trailing. Smith worked up as far as sixth early in the race but could not get any further. Mike Blevins raced low in turn four and passed Erickson for second. The race was won by Weeks, his third feature win of the summer. Blevins was second. Erickson’s third place secured for him the Season points championship. Following Weeks were Blevins Sr, Erickson, Sam Blevins, and Mikey Blevins.



Brandon Puschinsky picked up the feature win in the Farrington Towing Pure Stocks for his second win of the year.



Nick McCann picking up his second feature win of the year in the T&B Underground Mini Stocks.



Hunter Weeks picked up his third Paul Bunyan Mini Storage Midwest Modified win of the year.



Cole Chernosky picked up his first Kevin Bitker Trucking Midwest Modified feature win of the year.

Wissota Modified Feature: Leading the points going into the Wissota Modified Season Points Championship race was Lance Schilling, he would start the race in row two. Jeff Reed, just 21 points behind him, would start in row three. The pole position for the race had Nic Jacobson inside and Josh Beaulieu outside. Beaulieu powered to the lead with Cole Chernosky, Jacobson, Schilling, and Reed in the top five. The first caution was for a spin in turn four with Jacobson sent tailback for the restart. With Jacobson going to the year of the field Alan Olafson was moved up into the fifth spot. As the green flag once again waved Chernosky raced up on the inside to challenge for the lead with Schilling also blasting up to make a three way race. Olafson and Reed exchanged side by side looks as well in a hard fought modified race. The race between Beaulieu and Chernosky was spirited and the crowd was on its feet cheering on the local driver. Once again the caution flag waved for an incident with Jacobson and Reed sending both careening sideways into the infield. Jacobson’s night was over driving to the pits while Reed was sent to the rear of the field. Moving up and making steady progress each week was rookie driver Jonathon Fedra now in fourth. Chernosky was able to get by Beaulieu to pick up the win late in the race with Beaulieu close behind and Schilling still in the top three as well. Chernosky picked up the win with Beaulieu, Schilling, Fedra, and Olafson in the top five. Schilling was declared the Season points champion with this third place finish.

Wissota Mod Four Feature: The one class where the points champion was basically already decided as the Wissota Mod Fours with Blake Erickson holding a commanding 63 point lead over second place Ashton Schwinn. The track championship race had Brooke Erickson on the pole and Nick Seitz outside. Seitz grabbed the early lead with Erickson, Kevin Bahr, Brooklyn Vernlund and Conrad Schwinn in the top five.

Schwinn quickly raced around Vernlund for fourth. Bahr raced inside to get by Vernlund for second. Following a caution, point leader Blake Erickson was up from his fourth row start into the top five. Battling hard out front Seitz duelled with Schwinn for the lead with the senior Schwinn making the pass only to have Seitz come back with a high low pass in turn two to regain the lead. Seitz held the veteran Schwinn off and picked up his first feature win celebrating in Victory Lane for the first time with a fist pointing to the sky in a salute to his father the late John Seitz. Conrad Schwinn, Blake Erickson, Kevin Bahr, and Vernlund made up the top five. Blake Erickson was named the Season Points Champion.

Wissota Super Stocks Feature: In what was the tightest points battle of all the classes the Wissota Super Stocks came on track with point leader Dalton Carlson just one single point ahead of Matt Sparby. Carlson would start the race in row three with Sparby right behind him in row four. Leading the pack up front in row one was Garrett Masurka and Ellen Lange. Masurka powered to the lead with Rick Simpson, Doug Koski, Lange and Carlson in the top five. A three wide battle ensued in turns three and four with Carlson, Sparby, and Lange. IT then became the two battling for the points lead with Carlson and Sparby dueling side by side. A caution slowed the action with Cam Labelle sent tailback for the restart. When the green flag waved it was Simpson on the high side taking the lead from Masurka. The Thunder Bay, Ontario driver is currently in third place nationally and he demonstrated why powering to the lead in impressive fashion. The field moved into single file spread out around the track. The race ended up with Simpson in Victory Lane with Carlson second, securing his Season Points title. Masurka, Koski and Sparby took home top five honors. This ended the 2024 racing points season at Bemidji Speedway. The specials are up next.



Lance Schilling and daughter Evie in front of his #43 Modified.

Bemidji Speedway Driver Profile for Lance Schilling

8/21/2024

By Dennis Peterson

39 year old Lance Schilling has been racing for 15 years. Lance began his racing career when his brother Luke bought his first car and let him race it at several central Wisconsin race tracks. Lance has raced in both the Super Stock class and the Wissota Modified classes.

Fast forward to Bemidji Speedway, Schilling is in first

place in the Wissota Modified class going into the final week of racing for points 21 points ahead of second place Jeff Reed.

Schilling races at several tracks including Bemidji Speedway, Grand Forks Raceway and Fergus Falls but calls Bemidji his home track.

Off the race track Schilling works as a Nuclear Medicine Technician. His wife Jessica is a nurse at Sanford Bemidji.

The family also runs a hobby farm and does landscaping on the side. 5 year old daughter Evie enjoys the families goats.

Lance can be seen along with all the drivers on Sunday for the Season Points Championships, races starting at 5:PM. Several other classes are very tight in the points including Dalton Carlson in first place in the super stocks just one point ahead of Matt Sparby. And in the Wissota Pure Stocks Austin Carlson is just 17 points behind leader Dustin Puffe. Should be an exciting night of racing.



Jayme Gordon picked up his first career feature win in the Binkley Hauling Hornets.



Nick Seitz picking up his first career feature win in the Erickson Logging Mod Fours.



Rick Simpson picked up his second Realty Experts Super Stock win of the year.



Sam Delany picked up the first mechanics race win of the night.



Dan Eichstadt picked up the second mechanics race win of the night.

New documentary highlights Red River lake sturgeon recovery efforts

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has released a new 30-minute documentary called “Kings in the North: Lake Sturgeon Recovery in the Red River Basin.”

The video tells the story of decades-long efforts by Minnesota DNR fisheries biologists and their partners to restore the lake sturgeon population in the Red River of the North and its tributaries, known as the Red River Basin. The Red River Basin stretches 395 miles along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. It has a long, rich history and was once a primary trade and commerce route.

“It’s a story about teamwork, innovation and perseverance to restore an iconic Minnesota species,” said Nick Kludt, Minnesota DNR Red River fisheries specialist. “For anglers, conservationists, people interested in clean water or ‘kids at heart’ who think swimming dinosaurs are pretty cool, this conservation story is for all Minnesotans.”

Highlights of the documentary include:

- New and never-before-released footage of reintroduced lake sturgeon naturally spawning in the Red River Basin, showcasing the benefits of river restoration projects.

- An in-depth discussion of the over-exploitation, dam construction, and river fragmentation that contributed to lake sturgeon’s local extinction (also known as extirpation) in the Red River Basin. These barriers prevented lake sturgeon and other species from migrating and accessing critical habitat.

- The efforts to reconnect the Red River Basin using dam removal or modification projects to restore the fractured river system.

- A comprehensive look at Minnesota DNR collaboration with partners to conduct lake sturgeon egg take operations, fry and fingerling rearing, and stocking efforts that have contributed to more than one-half million lake sturgeon fingerlings being stocked in the Red River Basin.

- Discussion of management approaches and goals of the lake sturgeon restoration effort by Minnesota DNR and its partners, along with information about funding resources used.

- Discussion of the first natural spawning event verified in the Red River Basin in over 100 years, and its significance as a milestone toward full restoration.

- The public benefits that lake sturgeon restoration and river connectivity efforts are providing, such as dam safety, restored native fish ranges and increased angling opportunities in the Red River Basin.

Learn more about the lake sturgeon restoration efforts on the Minnesota DNR website. (dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/red-river-sturgeon.html)