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337,633 Ballots Accepted in First Four Weeks for November 5 Election

In the first four weeks of voting, local election officials have distributed 716,858 absentee and mail ballots in Minnesota. County, city, and township election officials have accepted 337,633 ballots. These totals continue to outpace the mail and absentee acceptance totals in the 2016 General Election. However, they also continue to fall short of the record high absentee voting in the 2020 General Election during the pandemic.

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State will update absentee voting statistics each Thursday through the fall.

“We’re more than halfway through voting season in Minnesota and now is the time to make a plan to vote,” said Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon. “Minnesotans can vote by mail, early in-person, and in-person on Election Day. Starting on October 18, many local election offices will offer direct balloting which replicates the Election Day experience by allowing voters to put their ballots directly into ballot tabulators. Ballot tabulators are secure

elections equipment that are tested before every election, certified by state and federal election experts, and kept in secure locations.”

To be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 or older by Election Day, a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days, not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, and not under a court order that revokes your right to vote.

The deadline to register to vote before Election Day was Tuesday, October 15. Minnesotans can still register to vote on Election Day, if needed.

Minnesotans can choose to vote in one of three ways:

1. By Mail: Minnesotans can vote by mail by requesting a ballot at mnvotes.gov/absentee. About 150,000 Minnesotans live in mail ballot precincts and will be mailed a ballot automatically if they are registered to vote. Ballots must be received by local election offices by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Voters can track their ballot at mnvotes.gov/trackmyballot.

2. Early In-Person: Minnesotans can vote absentee in person

at their local election office during business hours between September 20 and November 4. There are also special early voting hours during the 2024 General Election:

- Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29 open until 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, November 4 open until 5 p.m.

3. In-Person on Election Day: Minnesotans can vote in-person at their local polling place on Tuesday, November 5. Find a polling place at mnvotes.gov/pollfinder. All polling places are open until 8 p.m. As long as voters are in line to vote by 8 p.m. they can vote. In Minnesota, people can register to vote on election day.

Voters can call the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) to ask their voting-related questions. The call center is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Small Grains Institute offers Grants for 2025

The Small Grains Institute Committee is comprised of 10 members from the farm community, industry, and extension. The 2-day event focuses on educational programs featuring leading edge topics and a farm equipment show held each February at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Since its inception in 1990, the SGI’s mission has been to help educate and provide information to the small grain growers in our region. The continued growth and success of the International Crop Expo has allowed the SGI to establish a fund that will provide financial support for programs and/

or meetings that coincide with that mission.

The Small Grains Institute Committee is proud to announce that they distributed grants in the past year to the following recipients to help educate in the region:

ND Grain Growers Assn
ND Barley Council
Organic Crop Improvement Assn MN #1

MN Assn of Wheat Growers

MN Barley Growers Assn
The committee is also proud that scholarships have been awarded to an Ag student with the University of Minnesota – Crookston and North Dakota

State University for \$1,000.00 each. This program was established with the two Universities in 2014 and was completed in 2020.

The 2025 grant application deadline will be Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Programs should be completed on or before 12/31/25. Upon receiving the applications, they will be reviewed and awarded no later than December 31, 2024.

If you know of any group who would be eligible & would like to apply – please contact Lorri Ann Hartel @ 218-253-4311, ext. 120 or 218-686-6144 or email @ lhartel@prairieag-comm.com

'The demand is real': enrollment numbers double at Northland training center in Warroad

Mechatronics is the new buzzword in northern Minnesota. The unique, hybrid training program teaches a combination of mechanical, electrical, and automation technology skills, turning out the type of multi-disciplined recruits local employers crave.

In 2022, Northland Community & Technical College partnered with Marvin to open an onsite location at the Advanced Resource Center for Innovation and Education (ARC) in Warroad, Minn. The Mechatronics program launched soon after, attracting the attention of the area's largest employers — Marvin, Polaris, and ANI Pharmaceuticals, to name a few.

“We find that area employers, particularly in the manufacturing industry, have an increasing need for problem solving skills within their workforce,” said Jackson Harren, Mechatronics Program Instructor. “The technology and mechanics in their operation are outpacing their internal expertise for maintaining or even fully integrating the latest technology. We have several employers sponsoring their employees to complete the Mechatronics program to keep up with the pace of their technology. The demand is real and urgent.”

Mechatronics program at

Halloween and the Monster Mash

By Eric Mickelson

For many years I listened to KKAQ Radio out of Thief River Falls. If you did too you remember Curt Quesnell and Dave Halvorson: Curt and Dave the early morning crew! To me it was one of the best radio programs. They covered the local news, weather, and sports, as well as telling a few jokes along the way! This time of year they would always play the song “Monster Mash” nearly every morning the week or so prior to Halloween.

My wife and I have been taking care of our 4 year old grandson, Archer, and 2 year old granddaughter, Juniper, as mom and dad went to Italy to attend a wedding. Guess what, grandma and I have listened to a lot of Halloween music in the

a glance

Northland’s mechatronics program features innovative curriculum and delivery methods that support the growing need for advanced manufacturing automation skill sets in the region. Students can earn an A.A.S. degree within the 60-credit program, with opportunities to earn various certificates also in the works. Program leaders hope to make certain courses available on a stand-alone basis as well to help students master a specific new skill or take their personal interests to the next level. With Marvin donating space at the ARC facility, Northland invested in a redesign of the mechatronics curriculum with input from industry leaders.

Surging demand

While mechatronics is still a relatively new category in academia, it's the jack-of-all-trades skill set employers have long sought but rarely found. The demand has spurred wider interest and greater awareness for Northland’s program at the ARC in Warroad.

“This program is unique in that it offers a variety of key skill sets within one program,” Harren said. “The equipment and software we train on at the Northland Skill Lab is the same as what you’ll find at area

manufacturers, so our students are ready for their careers on day one of employment.”

Courses in the lab incorporate hands-on projects, where students are assigned projects that require them to demonstrate their skills by delivering a functional outcome (e.g., coding a machine, bending metal, welding, etc.). It’s a perfect match for a specifically designed curriculum for local, in-demand jobs.

As such, Northland announced that fall 2024 enrollment has doubled from this past spring semester, with a mixture of traditional students, adult learners, and industry professionals seeking additional training. With both day and evening lab hours, the program’s flexibility allows every type of student to succeed.

“We see our students advancing into higher level Machine Operator positions, Maintenance Technician jobs and even Engineering or Design technician roles,” Harren said.

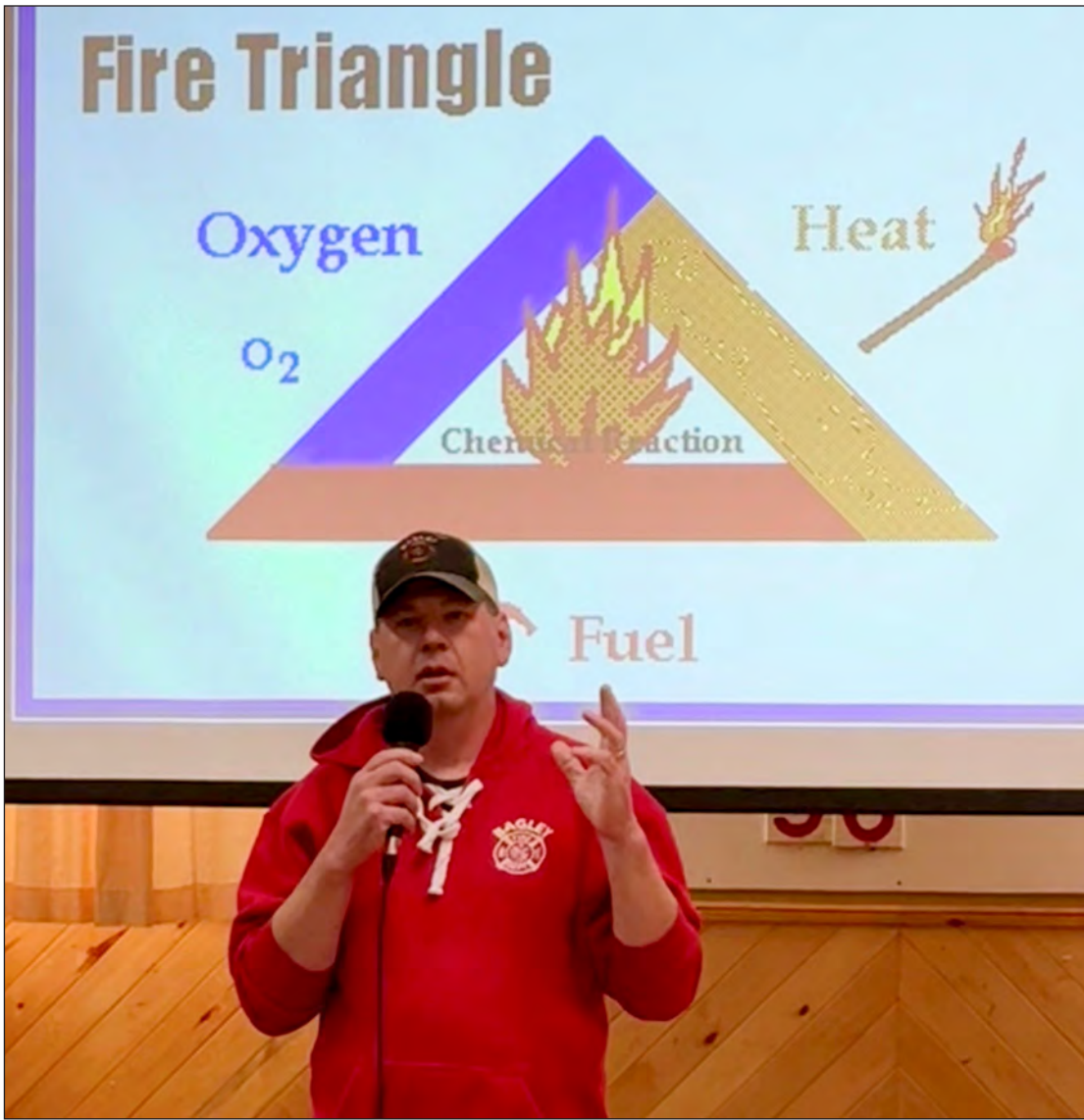
Northland is planning to host an Experience Northland event in Warroad, which will allow the community and prospective students to tour the ARC facility and learn more about the Mechatronics program. The schedule will be announced at a later date.



spooky voice. The song Pickett and Capizzi recorded was backed up by a band called The Crypt-Kickers.

When the song was taken to a record producer it was turned

Monster Mash...
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Justin Netland, was the presenter at the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL).

Bagley Volunteer Fire Chief Shares Fire Safety Program

By Pamela French

Justin Netland, Bagley’s own Volunteer Fire Department Chief, was the presenter at the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) on October 16th. Netland program Fire Safety: Identifying Fire and other “Hazards in the Home, and How to Prevent Them” was very informative. Netland shared slides on what a fire needs to start, graphic common household fires, their causes and how to prevent them. This program comes the week after National Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2024.

According to their website nfpa.org 2024 marks the 99th year since President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance. It is observed each year during the week of October 9th to commemorate the “Great Chicago Fire” that began on October 8, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures,

and burned more than 2,000 acres of land (www.nfpa.org).

Some of the most common mistakes people make that potentially lead to fires are; overloaded power strips that overheat and ignite-especially around Christmas, dryer vents that haven’t been cleaned, unattended or kids playing with candles, outdoor cooking appliances especially turkey fryers, dried out Christmas trees, indoor space heaters, the residences of hoarders, and chimney fires. Prevention is key to avoiding a fire.

Netland stressed the importance of fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in every residence. Noting a detector should be in every bedroom, outside bedrooms such as hallways, basements and in the common living space. Detectors need to be high on the wall or on the ceiling away from windows vents or drafty areas. They need to be at least 10’ away from cooking appliances and at least 30 feet away from areas of combustion such

as furnaces, water heaters and space heaters. Detector units need to be replaced every ten years, and batteries replaced at least once a year for those that are battery operated.

This was Netland’s first presentation to an adult crowd, saying kindergarten and first graders are his usual audience. His program was very well received with over 30 in attendance. This program would be well worth repeating in schools for all grades, multi-unit apartments, group homes etc. about anywhere to educate as many people as possible. Fires are very preventable.

The last NELL program will be Wednesday November 6th at the Bagley American Legion. This is the rescheduled double header from Spring 2024: Name that Town MN and Going to Work: The WPA with well-known speaker Doug Ohman. The first program starts at 9:30 and the second program approximately at 11:15. Refreshments will be served.

“The Overtones” concert for the Fall Event

The Fall Event will take place at St. Pauli Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls on Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 PM. A light soup supper will be served following the program.

No entrance fee -- there will be a freewill offering basket available. All the proceeds from this event will go to various local charities which St. Pauli members support.

Bring a car full, it’s going to be fun! St. Pauli Church is located at 11015 170th Ave. NE,

TRF. Directions from TRF: 3.5 miles SE on Hwy. 59, 3 miles S. on Co. Rd. 20.

The Overtones Quartet is from the Roseau County area. They have been singing together for over thirty years, and the performances just get better and better. Their harmonies have been compared to those of The Statler Brothers, Oak Ridge Boys, and The Gaither Vocal Band Gospel Group. Their music is a mix of Southern Gospel, Country, Good old Rock

and Roll, as well as other genres of music that most people know and love.

The group consists of: Neil Vagle, singing the high tenor line. Randy Holwell carries the lead for the group. Keith Sandland ties it all together with his rich baritone. Dale Billberg sings the low notes, with one of the deepest, smoothest bass voices in the Midwest.

Everyone is welcome!!

Minnesota DNR announces annual public land sale November 7-21

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will offer state lands in Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, and St. Louis counties during its annual public land sale Nov. 7-21. These rural and lakeshore properties may appeal to adjacent landowners or offer recreational opportunities such as space for a small cabin or camping.

Annual land sales help the DNR refine its land holdings and this November’s sale will help the DNR meet its fiduciary responsibility to K-12 public education. Land is sold through a public auction in accordance with state statutes.

The November online public land auction is in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Administration at MNBid.mn.gov (mnbid.mn.gov), Minnesota’s Surplus Services online auction website. Properties will be available for bidding from

Thursday, Nov. 7, through Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024. The DNR land sale webpage (mndnr.gov/landsale) has more information about the online public land auction, a preview of lands for sale, and details on how to register for an account to bid on properties.

Before participating in the auction, anyone interested in bidding on a property must register (mnbid.mn.gov/register) for an account on MNBid.mn.gov (mnbid.mn.gov). People interested in bidding on the available parcels can visit the DNR land sale webpage (mndnr.gov/landsale) to obtain property data sheets, terms and conditions of sale, and instructions for participating in the MNBid system.

To ensure that Minnesota has the best public land offerings, the DNR sells land that no longer meets the state’s

conservation, recreation or economic needs. All properties for sale this November are school trust lands. Trust lands were granted to the state by the federal government to generate a continual source of income for public education. The DNR is selling six parcels of school trust land that may be difficult to manage and have limited opportunities to generate income. Revenue from the one time sale of these lands will be allocated to the Permanent School Fund to support K-12 public education across Minnesota.

All are welcome to participate in the public auction. Visit the DNR land sale webpage (mndnr.gov/landsale) for more information. For questions about a specific property, call 651-259-5432, 888-646-6367, or email min.landsale@state.mn.us.



The three locals arrested & charged are: Telesforo Lacambra Ragra, 53, of Thief River Falls, Mark Richard Olson, 45, of Twin Valley and Kaden James Marquart, 21, of Grand Forks.

Sexual Solicitation of minors

UPDATE: Ongoing investigation has led to the arrests of 2 more local suspects for 609.352.2a(1) - Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct.

Joseph Robert Thompson (23) from Crookston, MN and Trey Kyle Soder (34) from Crookston, MN were arrested on 10-15-24.

These investigations are ongoing and no further information is being released at this time. The Crookston Police Department, MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force assisted.

9-19-24
The Polk County Sheriff's along with the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension conducted a proactive, undercover chat operation in attempt to identify online sexual solicitors of children. The operation led to 45 individuals being investigated from around the United States and Canada. 3 local individuals were arrested and charged.

Telesforo Lacambra Ragra (53) from Thief River Falls, MN was charged under 609.352.2a(1) - Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to

Engage in Sexual Conduct and 609.252.2a(3) - Distribute via Electronic Communication Material that Relates/Describes Sexual Conduct to a Child.

Kaden James Marquart (21) from Grand Forks, ND was charged under 609.352.2a(1) - Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct.

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Mark Richard Olson (45) from Twin Valley, MN was charged under 609.352.2a(1) - Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct.

The Crookston Police Department, MN Safe Harbor, and the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force assisted.

All investigations are active and ongoing as we are working with many jurisdictions to identify and charge all offenders. No further information is being released at this time.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office urges parents to be proactive in monitoring their chil-

dren's devices, social media apps, and internet use. Some of the applications with current high activity of individuals engaging in sexual contact with children are Snapchat, Kik, Whisper, Meet24, Meetme, Grindr and Bumble. These applications will vary in popularity and parents should always be aware of what their children's internet activity is. Parents should be extra aware of dating applications on their children's device as some of these applications may not appear to be for dating activities.

If you suspect your child is being solicited, contact your local law enforcement and make a report.

U of M Crookston Chancellor Community Letter October 2024

We hope you have had a great fall season. Our Homecoming was last week. It was such an exciting place to be with the vibrancy and activities of our students, faculty, alums and community members. Thanks to all who joined us at the various events and especially your support in helping to fill the hockey arena. Our team did not disappoint with two very physical and victorious games.

Our Golden Eagle athletics has been in full gear this fall, and seen team improvements and individual successes.

• Our men's cross country runners have set many of their best times in program history as a team, including Noah Revels setting the school's 8K record at the Dordt Holiday Inn Classic in Sioux Center, Iowa. The women's cross country team has done the same on the course as well setting team marks, with Anna Grabowski and Madison Hilliard both breaking the previous 6K mark last weekend in Sioux Center.

• On the golf course, our student-athletes have been performing at an exceptional level. Clara Hanson was just named NSIC Golfer of the Week, a first-time accolade for any Golden Eagle golfer, and she won the USF Invitational. Anaka Lysne has been performing at a top level, including a second-place finish at the Tracy Lane Memorial in Bemidji. The team also shot their second-best round in school history late last month in Marshall, Minn. Golf had a lot

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Monster Mash... Continued from front

down. But when a radio station played "Monster Mash" it became a hit, then Pickett got a record deal! "Monster Mash" hit the charts three times, in 1962, 1970, and again in 1973. Pickett released two more sequels to the song: "Monster Holiday" and "Graduation Day." These two never got to the level of "Monster Mash." So this time of year we often take a listen to Bobby Pickett and the Crypt Kicker five as they perform the halloween song-"Monster Mash!"

Thank You! I would like to Thank everyone for coming to the benefit held for me at Oak Lake Golf Course recently. Thank you to the Staff and others for helping with this event, thank you to all the people that donated things for the Silent Auction and thank you to all the people that participated in the event. It is heartwarming to know that I have such great support from so many while I battle major medical issues. Thank you to all! Brad Gunderson

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"Has the Christmas catalog come yet?" I probably asked my mother that question a hundred times. Montgomery Ward and Sears published an annual Christmas catalog that, for children, was the best free gift anyone could have given them.

A large part of the Christmas catalog featured the latest toys. Although our parents may not have had the money to buy the toys, there was no charge for looking, making a list, and checking in twice or thrice. I especially enjoyed looking at the ranch sets of cowboys, horses, plastic bales

of hay, fences, stagecoaches, corrals, and everything else you could imagine. Without even owning it, I dreamed of lifting a hay bale into a wagon on that ranch.

Aaron Montgomery Ward, who began selling via mail order in 1875, was the idea behind mail-order purchases. Richard Sears did a similar thing in 1892. The catalogs eventually grew to nearly 1,400 pages of merchandise. You could even buy a house.

Sears and Ward's catalogs served other purposes than buying. I recall when I was out buying antiques, and a couple asked if I was interested in old catalogs. They had a stack of about 50 of them that were used in their home for insulation. Catalogs also served a utilitarian purpose in the out-houses. However, they were no longer needed when the catalogs switched to glossy paper.

I never realized this, but because they reflected the times, Broadway, TV, and movie producers used them to ensure they had the proper clothing, for example, that coincided with the movie. Catalogs can still be found. The most valuable are the Christmas catalogs, either Sears or Wards. The one pictured is worth about \$15. If it were in better shape, the value would be doubled.

The catalogs had another use. They were placed under Junior's seat at the dinner table. Only two more months until Christmas. Start making your list.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and ability to pass a background check. Preferred qualifications include, but not limited to: two or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam. Preference will be given to a candidate of American Indian heritage and/or individuals with experience working with American Indian students and families.

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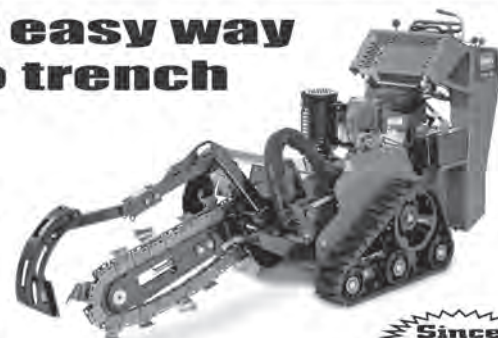
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\$26.08 – \$33.04/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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REAL ESTATE - RENTALS

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Brookfield Apts in Clearbrook, MN is accepting applications for **OCTOBER 1 Bd openings** for all elderly and all handicapped/disabled persons. Rent is based on 30% of your monthly adjusted gross income. Laundry room facilities available & off-street parking. Resident Manager onsite. Locked Entry system. Active Community Room. Applications and qualifications, contact Nicole at 218-751-6881 or Laura at 218-407-7681.

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EDITOR POSITION

The Oklee Herald is looking to fill the position of Editor. This position is Full-time and includes benefits and 401K. Various duties include, but not limited to:

- Page layout
- Writing articles
- Attending community events: day, evening or weekends
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By: Jason Carlson
Chief Executive Director, Tri Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. M32-34C

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Letters to the Editor

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After contacting all of the Veterans Homes in Minnesota, I have found that there are least 895 beds in all 7 of the Veterans Homes. Because we have decided to send our Christmas cards to the Minnesota Veterans Homes, I contacted the Polk County Veteran Service Office and received the names, addresses and phone numbers of all of the Veterans Homes.

I found that right now there are 895 total beds in the 7 Homes that I contacted. Therefore, my thoughts are that we should send at least 10 additional cards to each of the Homes. So that would be a total of 965.

So now is the time for getting the cards ready. Do not address them, put your address on the back of the card and on the left hand corner of the envelope, write a short note in each card (use the computer for the note if you choose). Be positive and don't write anything negative. I am sure they would like to open their card and read some good news.

We should even get some cards to go the McIntosh Senior Living and Poplar Meadows.

I will need to get these cards by November 25 to give me time to bundle and sent them to the respective Veteran Homes. Any questions, contact be by calling 218/563/2753.

Garnet Aanenson, President

Not the same party
of your parents

To the editor:

When the DFL Party was formed in 1944, L.J. Lee of Bagley was a friend of former lawmaker and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey (who frequently visited Bagley, by the way).

I had the privilege to interview Mr. Lee in his later years before his death. He told about how, at a meeting hall when the DFL Party was forming, He watched Humphrey stand up on his chair and point to the known communists in the room. Humphrey told them to "get out!"

We need Humphrey back!

My point is that if you are planning to vote for Harris and Walz, keep in mind their left-leaning Big Government policies. These are the policies that defy common sense, such as: dictating that we will be driving all electric cars by year X; dictating that we will be "carbon-free" by year Y; dictating that boys can be contestants in girls' sports (as long as they claim to be a female); failing to accept that we pay higher prices through the fault of their stupid policies; and the list goes on.

The key word is "dictating."

Those who put the diktats in the Democrats' policies are global elitists who want us to believe that socialism and communism will work for the benefit of the common person. Their notions defy history and common sense.

Socialism brings very high taxes and lost production. The greatest results of communism are the deaths of uncoun ted millions of citizens and slavery to the state.

The elitists leading the Democrats are the same as those communists banished from the party by Hubert Humphrey.

They were at one time driven into the shadows by the light being shone upon them. Like cockroaches, they scurried into hiding when the lights came on. But they were still reproducing

when nobody watched.

They have emerged from their hiding places in recent decades -- to the detriment of old school Democrats and at the expense of our nation's future.

Today's Democratic Party is not anywhere near the same as the party your parents and grandparents believed in.

Be careful who you vote for.
Tom Burford, Bagley, MN

To the Editor

We recently came across a radical mailer by the Republican candidate for Minnesota House 1B. We should be surprised that a man in the healthcare-adjacent field is so misinformed about a woman's healthcare issues. But we're not. Steve Gander is the radical one. "Compassionate Leadership" is actually reflected in the Minnesota law, passed in 2023, which protects a woman throughout her pregnancy. If Gander and Republicans truly believe that women flippantly decide to end pregnancies "up to birth," they are the radical and cynical ones. No woman - who is clearly pregnant, has likely painted and decorated a nursery, had a baby shower, and purchased a crib and other baby items - suddenly decides in the 8th or 9th month, "Oh, I don't want to give birth anymore." Gander is repeating an utterly and obvious fallacy and is intended to play on emotions. The mailer from Gander is intended to do just that -- play on emotions for a vote. Republicans have been playing politics with women's health for far too long. Enough is enough.

Minnesota law protects a woman's right to make decisions about her body. Gander's position appears to mirror Texas and Georgia laws where women are dying because physicians are afraid to take emergency life-saving measures. If you do your research, you'd learn that late term abortions are a rarity. You'd learn that Minnesota healthcare providers performed only 1 third-trimester abortion in 2022. Generally, only about 1% of abortions nationwide occur after 21 weeks. The Minnesota law signed in 2023 clearly states: "An infant who is born alive shall be fully recognized as a human person, and accorded immediate protection under the law." You see, there are no after-birth abortions. That is called murder. Only radical Republicans push this position and for what? A vote.

One thing we can all agree on, that cannot be disregarded, is that there is a heartbeat at any given time during a pregnancy -- the woman's heartbeat. Save women from extremist Republicans like Steve Gander. Vote for compassion, empathy, and common sense. That's why we support Mike Christopher-son in 1B, Amy Klobuchar for Senate and Kamala Harris/Tim Walz for President/Vice President.

Respectfully,
Kip Fontaine, Mentor
Faith Rud, Warren

Klobuchar
completes visits
to all 87 Counties
in 2024

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar has once again visited every one of Minnesota's 87 counties in one year.

"The best way for me to do my job is by listening to the people of Minnesota and getting things

done for them," said Klobuchar. "That's why every year I meet with Minnesotans all over our state and discuss what we can get done together. From expanding child care and housing to supporting local businesses, I'm committed to taking action on the issues that matter most."

This year, Klobuchar's stops included:

1. Aitkin •Toured American Peat Technology and met with their leadership team.
2. Anoka •Gave remarks at the USA Cup Opening Ceremony in Blaine. •Attended the 43rd annual Game Fair and discussed conservation policy with Ron Schara. •Participated in Coon Rapids 4th of July Festivities. •Attended the Blaine Festival.
3. Becker •Led a child care discussion and toured the Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes LEAP Preschool.
4. Beltrami •Led a breakfast discussion with Bemidji City and Beltrami county and tribal leaders. •Spoke at the dedication ceremony of the new Bemidji Veterans Home, toured it with veterans, and met with Red Lake Band Members.
5. Benton •Toured SNX Technologies Inc. and met with their leadership.
6. Big Stone • Discussed agriculture with local farmers while touring Anne Schwagerl's farm.
7. Blue Earth •Visited Mankato in the aftermath of severe flooding with Mankato mayor and Representative Finstad. •Met with family and friends of Sergeant Cade Wolfe.
8. Brown • Attended the community celebration at the Pheasant Opener in Sleepy Eye and spoke at the Pheasants Forever land dedication. •Toured the New Ulm Airport's recent upgrades and met with local leaders.
9. Carlton •Toured the new Cloquet airport hangar with airport leadership and the Cloquet mayor.
10. Carver •Led a discussion with the City of Chaska mayor and public safety leadership about their Emergency Operations Center project. •Toured the town of Carver with the mayor in the aftermath of severe flooding. •Attended the Highway 212 Ground-breaking Ceremony. •Spoke to veterans at the Chanhassen Memorial Day event.
11. Cass •Led a community discussion with the Walker mayor and local business leaders.
12. Chippewa •Spoke with veterans and toured the new Montevideo Veterans Home.
13. Chisago •Discussed regional tourism and toured the Franconia Sculpture Park.
14. Clay •Celebrated the launch of the federally funded Moorhead 11th Street Underpass project. •Attended the Reimagine Romkey Park event.
15. Clearwater •Toured TEAM Industries and met with their leadership.
16. Cook •Visited the North Shore Winery and Coho Cafe.
17. Cottonwood •Toured Red Rock Rural Water Treatment Center and visited with local leaders.
18. Crow Wing •Met with the mayor and city leadership about the Highway 210 expansion in Brainerd. •Toured the new YMCA child care center.
19. Dakota •Gave remarks at the Kaposia Library opening in South Saint Paul. •Met with Burnsville first responders. •Attended the opening ceremony of the Veterans Memorial Greenway in Inver Grove Heights. •Met with law enforcement and community leaders in Hastings to highlight the Cooper/Davis Act that requires social media to alert authorities

when controlled substances are being distributed illicitly on their platforms. •Attended an event in Inver Grove Heights to highlight the new Criminal Justice Network for Minnesota law enforcement. •Led the Survivor March and delivered remarks at the Susan G. Komen 32nd Annual Race for the Cure in Eagan.

20. Dodge •Met with the owner and toured Chaotic Good Brewery in Kasson.

21. Douglas •Led a discussion at the Alexandria YMCA about their child care program.

22. Faribault •Met with leadership and toured Winnebago Manufacturing in Blue Earth.

23. Fillmore •Toured Harmony Enterprises manufacturing facility and their child care center. •Toured the new Preston State Veterans Home and met with veterans.

24. Freeborn •Led a discussion and toured the Freeborn/Mower Electric Cooperative in Albert Lea.

25. Goodhue •Met with students and school leadership to hear about the Red Wing Flight Path workforce training program. •Spoke at the 50th Anniversary Jaunt With Jim bike ride in Cannon Falls.

26. Grant •Toured the West Central High School Greenhouse and the Central Lakes College's mobile meat cutting trailer and met with FFA students and their instructors.

27. Hennepin •Attended the annual MLK Breakfast. •Delivered remarks at the Asia Mall Lunar New Year celebration in Bloomington. •Delivered Remarks at the MN Newspaper Association Convention. •Met with officers at the Minneapolis Second Precinct Station. •Convened a meeting with the Metropolitan Airport Commission leadership to hear updates on aviation safety and passenger experience. •Delivered remarks at the Stand with Ukraine Two Year Commemoration event. •Spoke at the Annual Parkinson's Foundation Walk in Plymouth. •Delivered remarks at the Celebrating the Sistas Awards Ceremony and presented the Icon Award honoring Laysha Ward. •Delivered remarks at the MN Ovarian Cancer Alliance Gala. •Visited Woodlake Nature Center in Richfield and met with staff. •Spoke at the 78th Annual Paralyzed Veterans of America National Convention. •Participated in the groundbreaking event for the St. Louis Park Cedar Lake Road Reconstruction project. Spoke at the Annual Somali Independence Day Street Festival. •Delivered remarks at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation 75th Anniversary Gala. •Toured the I-494 construction site and met with local project leaders in Bloomington. •Attended the Minnesota Business Partnership Annual Dinner. •Attended the Twin Cities Pride Parade and Festival in Minneapolis. •Honored the Legendary Cornbread Harris at an event with his son Jimmy Jam. •Attended Champlin Father Hennepin Festival. •Convened a meeting with the Metropolitan Airport Commission leadership to hear updates on aviation safety and passenger experience. •Attended the Charles Lindbergh Richfield Post Office Dedication Ceremony. •Presented the Spirit of Hospitality Award at the Bloomington Travel and Tourism Diamond Service Awards Gala. •Attended the Niron opening and met with local businesses and Shakopee Band investors.

28.Houston•Led a discussion with leadership and toured the Houston County airport in Caledonia.

29. Hubbard •Toured a workforce housing development and met with local leaders.

30.Isanti •Toured the North Star Child and Family Advocacy Center in Braham.

31. Itasca •Met with leadership and toured the KOOTASCA Child Care Hub.

32. Jackson •Met with first responders to discuss the new EMS telemedicine ambulance in Jackson.

33. Kanabec •Toured the Lakes and Pines Community Action Council and visited with leaders.

34. Kandiyohi •Toured the Life Link III Air Base at Willmar Municipal Airport. •Attended the four lane Highway 23 completion celebration.

35. Kittson •Met with owners and toured Far North Distillery.

36. Koochiching •Met with the team at the Voyageurs National Park Headquarters.

37.Lac qui Parle •Toured PURIS Plant-Based Protein manufacturing facility and met with leadership.

38. Lake •Visited the iconic Betty's Pies in Two Harbors.

39. Lake of the Woods •Met with county leadership about their new water safety equipment.

40. Le Sueur •Led a discussion with the Le Sueur Sheriff and other local leaders and toured the department. •Viewed the flood damage and met with leadership in Waterville about federal assistance.

41 Lincoln •Led a discussion at Lyon-Lincoln Electric Co-Op with their leadership.

42.Lyon •Visited the farm of Carolyn and Jonathan Olson in Cottonwood.

43. McLeod •Participated in the Winsted Post Office Rededication Ceremony to James A. Rogers, Jr.

44. Mahnomen •Toured the White Earth Nation College with Chairman Fairbanks and members of the Tribal Council.

45. Marshall •Toured North Valley Health Center Community Hospital in Warren.

46. Martin •Toured the CHS soybean processing facility in Fairmont.

47. Meeker •Toured the Doosan Bobcat manufacturing plant and met with leadership in Litchfield.

48. Mille Lacs •Met with the owner and enjoyed breakfast at the Bee Cafe in Milaca.

49. Morrison •Delivered remarks at the Memorial Day program at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls. •Met with the mayor and area leadership to discuss the Little Falls bridge project.

50. Mower •Led a discussion and toured the Hormel Foods child care center in Austin. •Attended the I-90 bridge project groundbreaking ceremony in Austin.

51. Murray •Met with the owners and got a tour of Painted Prairie Vineyard in Currie.

52. Nicollet •Toured KATO Engineering and met with leadership in North Mankato. •Delivered remarks and presented the Purple Heart at a ceremony honoring Corporal Earl Meyer in St. Peter.

53. Nobles •Met with CEDA and county officials to discuss child care projects and solutions in Worthington. •Toured the Highway 59 federally funded street project with Worthington leadership.

54. Norman •Convened a meeting with Norman County leadership to discuss the West Central Regional Water District project.

55. Olmsted •Delivered remarks at the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association Annual Legislative Conference in Rochester. •Attended the Memorial Day Rochester Honkers game. •Toured the Mayo Clinic's new Kellen building. •Delivered remarks at the Soldier's Field Aquatic Center improvements opening ceremony. •Led a discussion with county leadership and law enforcement about efforts to combat illegal fentanyl use in Rochester.

56. Otter Tail •Met with leadership from Pioneer Kids Child Care and toured the facility in Fergus Falls with Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce members.

57. Pennington •Visited Northern Woodwork Inc. in Thief River Falls. •Met with city and business leadership at Rivers and Rails Brewing Company.

58. Pine •Toured Pine Technical & Community College and met with leadership.

59. Pipestone •Met with local leaders at the Pipestone Airport to discuss improvement plans.

60. Polk •Met with child care and city leaders at the Prairie Pines Child Care Center in Foston.

61. Pope •Met with staff and toured Clyde Machines in Glenwood with the mayor and Pope County leadership.

62. Ramsey •Toured PAR Systems in Shoreview. •Delivered remarks at the St. Paul Fire-fighters Local 21 Installation celebration. •Gave welcome remarks at the Thai Songkran Festival opening ceremony. •Delivered remarks at the Official

State Memorial Day event at Fort Snelling. •Spoke at the Hmong Freedom Festival in St. Paul. •Hosted Secretary Becerra at the Episcopal Homes Senior Living Center to highlight Medicare drug pricing. •Hosted tourism event at the Minnesota State Fair in Falcon Heights. •Toured the Carter Work Project in St. Paul with Habitat for Humanity leadership. •Delivered remarks at the Military Appreciation Day event at the MN State Fair. •Spoke at the CLUES Fiesta Latina in St. Paul. •Toured Delkor Systems in Arden Hills with Ex-Im Bank Director Hernnstadt. •Led a round table discussion with Ex-Im Bank director and Minnesota business leaders. •Delivered remarks at the St. Paul Kellogg-Third Street Bridge Construction Kick Off event. •Attended the Serving Our Troops Event in support of military families. •A t-

tended St. Paul St. Patrick's Day festivities. •Toured the Neighborhood Development Center with Secretary Yellen

63. Red Lake •Led a discussion about the Farm Bill with the Minnesota Wheat Growers Association and Minnesota Barley Growers Association.

64. Redwood •Delivered remarks and met with agricultural leaders at Farmfest.

65. Renville •Toured K&M Manufacturing in Renville and met with employees.

66. Rice •Met local leaders and manufacturers to tour a planned child care facility in Faribault. •Toured flood damage and met with leadership in Northfield.

67. Rock •Toured the new child care center under construction in Luverne.

68. Roseau •Attended annual Hockey Day Celebration activities in Warroad.

69. Saint Louis •Toured flood damage in downtown Cook with the mayor and local leaders. •Toured the flash flood damage in Biwabik with the mayor and local leaders. •Joined Duluth mayor to highlight the success of their flood mitigation projects. •Visited the Blatnik Bridge to highlight its need for repair. •Attended Fourth of July festivities in Aurora, Gilbert, Eveleth, Tower, and Ely. •Presented a flag to the Ely mayor at Ely Memorial High School in commemoration of their 100th Anniversary Celebration. •Attended Labor Day events in Duluth and Virginia.

70. Scot •Met with Scott County Sheriff leadership, viewed the new rescue equipment, and toured the 911 Dispatch Center in Shakopee.

71. Sherburne •Met with leadership of the Wave Youth Center in Big Lake to tour and discuss their expansion project for middle and high school-aged youth.

72. Sibley •Toured the Heartland Ethanol Plant in Winthrop with company leadership.

73. Stearns •Delivered remarks at the annual St. John's Boys' Choir Spring Gala in St. Cloud. •Spoke at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center 100th Anniversary celebration. •Toured the St. Cloud Coborn's with business leadership.

74. Steele •Convened a discussion with Owatonna High School staff and Chamber of Commerce leadership about their Youth Skills Training Program.

75. Stevens •Met with the Chancellor of UMN Morris and toured the campus.

76. Swift •Toured the Swift County Historical Museum in Benson and met with leadership.

77. Todd •Met with company leadership of EnterpriseCP Manufacturing and toured the facility.

78. Traverse •Led a discussion with Browns Valley mayor and fire chief to hear about fire department operations.

79. Wabasha •Toured Pepin Manufacturing Inc. in Lake City. •Spoke at the Governor's Fishing Opener Kick-Off in Lake City.

80.Wadena •Met with Central Lakes College leaders to discuss their Butchery Program and federal partnerships.

81.Waseca •Met with staff and toured Winegar Manufacturing in Waseca.

82. Washington •Spoke at the 1st Annual Momentous Music Festival with Brian Mueller in Woodbury, honoring Aimee Muller. •Attended the Hugo Good Neighbors Day festivities.

83. Watonwa •Visited the farm of Harold Wollle in St. James.

84. Wilkin •Toured CHI St. Francis Health and met with leadership in Breckenridge.

85. Winona •Visited local businesses in Winona with Chamber of Commerce leadership to discuss tourism.

86. Wright •Attended the I-94 West Corridor Coalition Gap Project Groundbreaking Ceremony in Monticello which received federal funds.

87. Yellow Medicine •Met with leadership and visited the Yellow Medicine County Historical Society and Museum. •Walked the Dave Smiglewski Memorial Trail in Granite Falls with the Smiglewski Family.

88. Yellowknife •Met with leadership and visited the Yellowknife Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Obituary for Joan Norquist

Longtime Sioux Falls re-
altor Joan H. (nee DeBoer)
Norquist passed away Satur-
day, October 12, 2024, at Good
Samaritan Village in Sioux
Falls. Joan was 90 years old.

Joan Hilda DeBoer was
born October 2, 1934, at her
grandparents' home in Pol-
lock, SD. She was the first
child of Harold T. and Myrtle
M. DeBoer. The family moved
frequently during her early
years, living in several small
towns in North Dakota before
settling in McIntosh, MN, in
1947.

Joan was a polio survivor.
She contracted the disease
as a young girl and spent
many months away from
home recovering. Upon re-
turning home, her father was
very diligent in taking her to
swimming pools (very rare
in ND back then) to success-
fully complete her therapy.
From that experience, Joan
developed a lifetime love of
swimming.

Joan graduated from Mc-
Intosh High School in 1952.
While in high school, she
picked potatoes to earn spend-
ing money. At one point, she
was crowned "The Fastest
Potato Picking Queen in Polk
County, Minnesota." Joan
attended Macalester College
for two years before trans-
ferring to the University of
MN, St. Paul. She received
her BS degree in Dec. 1956.
Joan began her teaching ca-
reer in Gonvick, MN, where
she met her future husband,
Richard F. Norquist. They
were married on April 11,
1959, in Crookston, MN, and
both taught in Oklee, MN,
for 7 years. With the addition
of two fine sons, the family
moved to Missoula, MT, in
1967, where Richard pursued
his master's degree in theatre.
During this time, Joan taught
home economics at Hellgate
High School in Missoula.

Richard graduated in
1969, and the couple moved to
Aberdeen, SD. Richard taught
theatre at Northern State
College, and Joan taught
home economics at Simmons

Jr High. She became interest-
ed in real estate and pursued
a career during the summers.
She also worked on her MS
degree in education, which
she received in July 1975 from
SDSU Brookings.

In 1976, Joan decided to be-
come a full-time realtor. She
worked for several companies
in Aberdeen before relocating
to Sioux Falls in 1989, where
there was more opportunity.
She began with Dunham Re-
altors, then moved on to Cold-
well Banker GKR, The Real
Estate Company, and Hegg
Realtors. She was a very hard
worker, earning many awards
and accolades. Following her
husband Richard's retirement
from teaching, he became her
business partner, and they
worked together successfully
until Richard died in 2003.
Joan continued with her real
estate career well into her
80s.

Joan was a member of
RASE of Sioux Falls, Down-
town Lions' Club, Sioux Em-
pire Home Economists, and
P.E.O. Chapter BY Sioux
Falls. She took international
trips, one to China and one to
Africa, and presented about
her journeys to many Sioux
Falls groups. She retired
from real estate in 2015 and
was a greeter at Walmart for
several years before finally
leaving the workforce.

Joan was incredibly proud
of her Dutch heritage. She was
also Swedish and was widely
known for her Swedish tea
rings, which she made from
scratch and distributed to a
large group of acquaintances
every Christmas season. She
loved to read and spent her
final years engrossed in many
enjoyable stories. She en-
dured physical hardships but
lived life to its fullest, rarely
complaining and always look-
ing at the bright side. She
was a faithful member of the
First Congregational Church
in Sioux Falls.

Joan is survived by two
sons, several grandchildren,
one great-grandchild, two
sisters, and numerous nieces
and nephews. She was pre-
ceded in death by her parents,
her husband, and a brother,
Alvin.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-
ily would appreciate memori-
als be made to Project Car,
2425 S. Western Ave., Sioux
Falls, SD 57105.

A funeral service was held
at 10:00 AM on Saturday,
October 19, 2024, at First
Congregational Church., 300
South Minnesota Avenue,
Sioux Falls, SD. A visitation
was held from 5:00-7:00 PM
on Friday, October 18, 2024,
at Miller Funeral Home –
downtown, 507 S. Main Ave.,
Sioux Falls, SD 57104.



Obituary for Dean G. Godtland

Dean G. Godtland, 92, of
Bagley, MN died on Friday,
October 18, 2024, at Sanford
Bemidji Medical Center.

Funeral services will be
held at 11:00 am, Friday,
October 25, 2024 at Samhold
Lutheran Church in Gonvick,
Minnesota. Visitation will
be held from 5:00pm – 7:00
pm on Thursday, October 24,
2024 at Cease Family Funeral
Home in Bagley and one hour
prior to the service on Friday
at the church. Interment will
be held at Samhold Lutheran
Church Cemetery.

Dean was born Novem-
ber 23, 1931 in Gonvick,
MN, the son of Peter and
Nora (Herberg)
Godtland. He
graduated from
Crookston Agri-
cultural school in
1949. He enlisted in the US
Air Force, serving from 1951-
1955, part of his service was



in Iceland. He moved to Gon-
vick to farm. He married Ar-
villa Homme April 26, 1958.
He worked for Bagne Oil Co.
and in 1967 he purchased a
garage with his brother Irvin,
calling it D&I Service. He
later bought out his brother
and named it Dean's Service,
selling it in 1987. Eventu-
ally he and Arvilla moved to
Warroad where he worked for
Marvin Windows, retiring in
1998. Arvilla passed away
May 24, 1997. He married
Dianne Huseth August 5,
2000. They lived between
the farm in Gonvick and the
river in Warroad. They
made their home in Bagley
2 years ago. He served as
mayor of Gonvick for 6 years,
Samhold Lutheran board
member for years, member of
the American Legion in Gon-
vick, serving as commander,
volunteer fireman, fire chief,
and Gonvick Lions Club. He
enjoyed fishing, playing cards,
traveling, trying to fix things,
and spending time with his
family.

Dean is survived by his
wife, Dianne Huseth Godt-
land, children, Steve (Cathy)
Godtland, Pam (Jeff) Massie,
and Julie (Tim) Sturges, Di-
anne's children, Glen (Cheryl)
Huseth, Julie Huseth, and
Donna (Steve) Pfeiffer, sister-
in-law, Delores Lund, 13
grandchildren, and 19 great
grandchildren.

He is preceded in death
by first wife, Arvilla, and 11
brothers and sisters.

Messages of condolence
may be sent to [ceasefuneral-
home.com](mailto:ceasefuneral-home.com)



Obituary for Korydon Chervestad

Korydon Chervestad, 79,
of Oklee, MN passed away on
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
at his residence.

Funeral Service will be
held at 11:00 AM on Wednes-
day, October 23, 2024 at
Oak Park Lutheran Church,
rural Oklee, MN with Pastor
Jeffery Merseth officiating.
Burial will be held at Oak
Park Lutheran Church Cem-
etery.

A visitation will be held on
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at
Oak Park Lutheran Church,
rural Oklee, MN from 5:00
PM until 7:00 PM with a
prayer service at 7:00 PM.
Visitation will also be held
one hour prior to the service
on Wednesday.

Korydon Chervestad was
born on June 1, 1945 to Or-
lando and Helen (Evenson)
Chervestad in Section 15,
Deer Park Township. He was
baptized on September 2,
1945 and confirmed in 1960 at
Oak Park Lutheran Church.
Korydon attended Pleasant-
View Country School located
in Section 8 of Deer Park
Township through 8th grade
and then attended Oklee Pub-
lic School. He graduated with
the class of 1963.

Korydon joined the North
Dakota National
Guard in 1965 and
served until 1972.
Korydon married
Carol Sorenson on
April 5, 1969 at Zion Luth-
eran Church in Oklee, MN. To
this union four children were
born, Aaron, Abigail, Angela,
and Adeline. The couple made
their home on the family farm
in Section 15, Deer Park
Township.

After graduation, Korydon
worked alongside his dad,
Orlando, at the Shetler Feed
plant delivering turkey feed.
Korydon lived his life as a
true entrepreneur. He was a
dairy, grain, and a beef cattle
farmer. He operated a custom
combining operation travel-
ing from Oklahoma to North
Dakota from 1982 - 1984. In
1979 until 1986, he operated a
fresh carrot packaging factory
with up to 25 employees at
his home farmstead. In 1986,
with the help of his family,
he transformed the operation
into a salvage grocery busi-
ness. The business expanded
from the home farmstead to
stores in Trail, Warroad,
and St. Hilaire. The business



closed in 1993 due to supply
issues. In the early 90's, he
along with his family, owned
and operated a buffalo burger
food truck. Korydon along
with his son Aaron continued
farming which included com-
mercial hay production and
trucking.

Korydon was a life-long
member of Oak Park Luth-
eran Church and served the
church in many capacities.
He was a life-long member
of Minnesota Farmers Union
and served as the president of
the Pennington County Farm-
ers Union for 45+ years. He
was also a member and served
on the board of directors of
the Oklee Farmers Co-op
Elevator and Setesdalslaget
of America. He served as a
secretary of the district Land
O' Lakes Association and a
delegate of the county Ameri-
can Dairy Association. He
was Pennington County King
Agassiz. Korydon was a proud
Norwegian and served as a
member of the Sons of Nor-
way and the Setesdalslaget
of America, in which he was
also on the board of direc-
tors. He was a member of the
Plummer American Legion
Post 623 and Thief River Falls
Eagles #2368. He was a proud
member of the Pennington
County DFL Party.

He had a lifelong passion
for helping others. He gener-
ously put everyone before
himself.

In his later years, Korydon
enjoyed buying and selling
items such as classic cars,
farm equipment, etc. He had
numerous quirky quotes he
would voluntarily share with
everyone and anyone. Koryd-
on and Carol enjoyed attend-
ing their grandchildren's nu-
merous activities. His family,
especially his grandchildren,
meant the world to him. As
his grandchildren would say
"He always made a friend
everywhere he went".

Korydon is survived by his
loving wife of 55 years, Carol
of Oklee; children, Aaron (Jill)
Chervestad of Oklee, Abigail
(Thomas) Stueness of Gary,
and Angela (Shannon) Lun-
deen of Oklee; grandchildren,
Owen and Alexa Chervestad,
Mariah, Morgan, and Madi-
son Stueness, and Nolan and
Parker Lundeen; sister, Lana
(Brad) Nelson; special foster
"brother", Danny Nelson;
special foster "sister", Barb
(Gary) Anderson; sisters-
in-law, Bernice Klenk, Rose
Delage, and Laura Peder-
son; several nieces, nephews,
cousins, other relatives, and
friends.

Korydon is preceded in
death by his daughter, Ade-
line; parents, Orlando and
Helen; in-laws, Ralph and
Helen Sorenson; sister-in-
law, Doris Hanson; brothers-
in-law, Marlyn Johnson, La-
vern Klenk, Elmer Hanson,
Harvey Delage, and Duane
Pederson; several nieces,
nephews, other relatives, and
foster siblings.

Condolences may be sent
at johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Shirley Graftaas

Shirley Graftaas, age 77,
of Fosston, MN and formerly
of Gonvick, MN, passed away
peacefully on Thursday, Octo-
ber 17th, at Eventide Senior
Living in Moorhead, MN.
Funeral services will be held
at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday,
October 26th, at Samhold
Lutheran Church in Gonvick
with the Rev. Will Anderson
officiating. Interment will be
in the church cemetery. Visi-
tation will be held from 5:00
p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00
p.m. prayer service on Friday,
October 25th, at the Carlin
Funeral Home in Fosston.
There will also be reviewal for
one hour prior to the service
on Saturday morning at the
church. Arrangements are
with Carlin Family Funeral
Service of Fosston and mes-
sages of condolence may be
shared at [www.carlinfuneral.
com](http://www.carlinfuneral.com).

Shirley Rae Paulson was
born to Alvin and Catherine
(Schmit) Paulson on July 25,
1946, at the hospital in
Bagley, MN. She joined her
siblings Jimmy and Kathleen
on their family farm near
Trail, MN. Shirley attended
school through 8th grade in
Gully, MN, and graduated
from Fosston High School in
1964. She then worked for
Northwestern Life Insurance
in Minneapolis for two years.

Shirley married Albert
John Graftaas on July 23,
1966, at Sand Valley Luth-
eran Church, Trail, MN, in
the church where she was
baptized and confirmed. They
made their home in rural
Gonvick, MN, where they
had three children: Carla Jo,
Brian Scot, and Eric John.
They were active members of
Samhold Lutheran Church
in Gonvick, MN, since 1967.

She was active in many
different organizations, in-
cluding the Samhold Church
Council, Gully 100 committee,
and Diamond Jubilee commit-
tee, and loved to volunteer.
She had a love for games and

was very competitive! She
was lucky too. She liked to
read, crochet, shop, and loved
being with family and friends.

She worked at the Gon-
vick-Trail school as an aide,
and then at Richards Pub-
lishing Company until retire-
ment. During their 54 years of
marriage, Shirley and Albert
traveled to all 50 states and
all the Canadian provinces.
They spent 16 winters in Ari-
zona, where they were always
busy with their friends and
many activities.

They moved to Fosston,
MN, in 2018, where they
made many new friends. Al-
bert passed away on August 3,
2020. Shirley remained active
in the community in Gonvick,
Gully and Clearbrook, until
she was diagnosed with Stage
4 kidney cancer in June 2023.
Her prognosis was not good,
but Shirley was a fighter, and
was determined not to let it
slow her down. She moved
to Eventide Senior Living
Moorhead, MN, in October
2023 to be closer to Roger
Maris Cancer Center and
family. Again, Shirley made
many new friends and was
very active with games, vol-
unteering, and crafts. Shirley
lost her battle with cancer on
October 17, 2024. While she
was still not ready to give up,
she knew that she was going
to heaven and was looking
forward to being reunited
with Albert and Carla.

Shirley is survived by
her sons Brian (Jodi), Eric
(Stephanie); 5 grandchildren,
Megan, Lauren, Gretchen
(Nick), Hunter and Catherine;
sister Kathy Spears; sisters
and brothers-in-law, Janice
Paulson, Phyllis Jacobson,
Ray and Kay Graftaas, Ru-
ben and JoAnn Garcia, plus
numerous nieces and neph-
ews, great-nieces and great-
nephews. She was preceded
in death by infant daughter
Carla, husband Albert, par-
ents Alvin and Catherine
Paulson, in-laws Roy and
Julia Graftaas, grandparents
Dominique and Anna Schmit
and Lars and Sylvia Paulson,
Jimmy Paulson, Jim Spears,
Stanley and Pat Graftaas,
Junior Jacobson, Bernice and
Herbert Magnusson, Oswald
Erlandson, Harvey Berg, Da-
rald Paulson, and numerous
other relatives.

Thank you all for the kind-
ness and friendship you have
provided over this time. We
are so appreciative, and Shir-
ley couldn't say enough about
it. Blessed be her memory.

Memorials can be made
to the Samhold Ladies Aide,
Roger Maris Cancer Center,
or the American Cancer So-
ciety.



Obituary for Janice Johnson

Janice "Jan" Johnson, 81,
of Brooks, MN passed away on
Thursday, October 10, 2024 at
her residence surrounded by
her loving family.

Visitation will begin at
9:00 AM with the service to
celebrate Jan's life at 10:00
AM on Saturday, October 26,
2024 at Immanuel Lutheran
Church in Plummer, MN
with Rev. Jonathan Dodson
and Rev. Timothy Lundeen
co-officiating. Burial will fol-
low at Emardville Cemetery,
rural Plummer.

Janice Mae Hasse was
born September 16, 1943 in
Vesta, MN the daughter of
Paul and Meta (Valentin)
Hasse. She was baptized on
October 3, 1943 and con-
firmed on May 19, 1957 at St.
John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Vesta. Jan gradu-
ated from Redwood Falls High
School on June 2, 1961.

On July 14, 1962, Jan was
united in marriage to Virgil
Johnson and the couple made
their home on the Johnson
Family Farm near Revere,
MN. To this union, five chil-
dren were born, Dawn, Kurt,
David, Tammi and Eric. Virgil
passed away in 2003.

Throughout the years, Jan
worked as a nurse's aide at St.
John's Hospital in Red Lake
Falls, waitress at Sullivan's,
Third Base, Best Western,

Cozy and Moran's Supper
Club, did some farming, sec-
retary at Brooks Cheese Fac-
tory, aid at Plummer School
and was a home health aide
at Tri-Valley.

For many years, Jan had
a special relationship with
LeRoy Carriere and he passed
away in 2010.

Jan kept a clean house
and yard, had a candy dish
available for her visitors and
enjoyed playing cards. She
loved to bake, cook and enter-
tain, and was known for her
cheeseballs, potato salad, crab
salad and wild rice stuffing.
She was not afraid to tackle
any tasks, always enjoyed
helping others and was a very
hard worker. Jan especially
loved her family and friends.

Jan was a member of Im-
manuel Lutheran Church in
Plummer and was very active
in her community of Brooks.
Jan was a caring, feisty
woman who enjoyed making
people laugh.

For the past few years, Jan
has enjoyed the compani-
onship of Wes Myhre.

Survivors include her chil-
dren, Dawn (Dave) Kreitzer of
Brooks, Dave (Becky) Johnson
of Wood Lake, MN and Tam-
mi (Doug) Hagen of Erskine;
grandchildren, Matthew, Tay-
ler, & Logan Holsapple, John
Kreitzer, Zeke, & Tanner
Johnson, and Dylan Hagen;
great-grandchildren, Luella
& Everly Johnson, Asher &
Boone Johnson, Weston, Hen-
ry & Ensley Kreitzer, Easton,
Eli, and Landon Holsapple;
sister, Marjorie Danckwart of
Lake City, MN; special friend,
Wes Myhre; and many other
relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by
her parents; infant son, Eric
Lee Johnson; son, Kurt John-
son; daughter-in-law, Nancy
Johnson; sister, Mavis Nomen-
sensen; and several brothers-
in-law and sisters-in-law.

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Declaration of Independence, lay out the philosophical principals
on which our country is based, and according to those founding
documents, all human beings have the unalienable right to **LIFE**.



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Modern science holds that a
human life begins and exists at
the moment of conception, so if
the philosophical principals on
which our country is based provide
that essential right to all human
beings, there is no basis for
claiming a philosophical
distinction between a child in the
womb and one in a mother's arms.

OBITUARIES



Obituary for Jean Carpenter

Jean Carpenter of Plummer, MN passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Greenleaf Assisted Living in Thief River Falls, MN.

Funeral for Jean will be held 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer, MN with Reverend Jonathan Dodson officiating. Burial will be held at Emardville Cemetery rural Plummer, MN.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

Jean Genevieve Braaten was born June 29, 1924 at Grand Forks, ND daughter of Oscar and Louise (Christianson) Braaten. The family lived in Dunseith, ND where she graduated from High School in 1942. The family purchased a farm and moved to Plummer, MN in 1942. She met her future husband Eugene, working in a potato field near Grand Forks, ND.

Jean was united in marriage to Eugene Carpenter at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN. He entered the US Navy and was stationed in Pensacola, FL where she joined him and was employed at a restaurant. Following his honorable discharge they returned to Plummer. To this union 11 children were born

Carol, Judy, Gary, Danny, Lyle, Russ, Melody, Cindy, Nancy, Corey and Kim. Jean worked in the sewing department at Arctic Cat for 20+ years, she was also employed as a baker at the Hospital in Thief River Falls.

Eugene and Jean were together all of the time including trapping, and wild ricing, etc. The couple spent winters in Arizona. She enjoyed gardening and flower gardening. She was a volunteer in the community garden in Plummer. She was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Hats Society, Homemakers club, and quilting.

Jean is survived by Carol Hovet of Wautoma, WI, Judy (Jim) Kelley of Plummer, MN, Gary Carpenter of Lake George, MN, Lyle (Fern) Carpenter of Bagley, MN, Russ Carpenter of Plummer, MN, Melody Beaudoin of Idaho Falls, ID, Cindy (Bruce) Thomas of Manhattan, KS, Nancy (Randy) Pederson of Thief River Falls, MN, Corey (Barb) Carpenter of Cape Coral, FL and Kim (Minette) Carpenter of Hawley, MN; grandchildren Daryl, Dana, David, Dean, Deaann, Jimmer, Jeff, Jared, Sean, Tracy, Tanya, Grant, Jason, Blaine, Emily, Lori, Sally, Ross, Amy, Beth, Chad, Andrea, Alan, Arthur, Margaret, Danielle, Miranda, Tyler, Carolyn, Thomas, Kyrsten, and Nick; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister Merle Gagner of Red Lake Falls, MN; several nieces and nephews.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband Eugene; parents Oscar and Louise, son Danny, grandsons Danny, and Jack; great-granddaughter Janessa; siblings Gloria, Delphine, and an infant brother; son-in-law, Vernon Hovet; daughter-in-law, Joan Carpenter. May the memory of Jean be blessed.



Obituary for Myrtle Lee

Myrtle Lee, 91, of Thief River Falls, MN passed away on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Hillcrest Senior Living in Red Lake Falls, MN.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Reverend Kristin Ostercamp officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held at Northwood Cemetery, Grygla, MN.

Myrtle Elie Jelle was born October 16, 1933 near Grygla, MN to Edward and Olufine (Dalen) Jelle. She attended country school through 8th grade and then she attended Lincoln High School, graduating with the class of 1951.

Myrtle went to normal training after high school in Thief River Falls, MN. She taught one year at a country school near Goodridge. On June 20, 1953, Myrtle was united in marriage to Har-

land Lyle Lee at Our Savior's Church near Grygla, MN. The couple welcomed four children, David, Lynn, Laurel, and Peter.

Myrtle worked as a bookkeeper in the hospital medical records and the public health nursing for many years. She went on to work at Digi-Key before retiring in 2003.

Myrtle enjoyed gardening, crocheting, dancing, reading, and crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed baking overnight buns and her oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. She was very active at church.

Myrtle is survived by her children, David (Diane) Lee of Thief River Falls, Laurel (Loren) Hed of Menasha, and Peter (Karin) Lee of Marshall; grandchildren, Tiffany Sterry, Ryan Lee, Joshua (Tami) Hed, Daniel (Melinda) Hed, Melinda (Adam) Wisch, Anthony (Katie) Lee, Jesse (Clarissa) Lee, Bethany (Duncan) Sullivan, and Wendy (Kennedy) Gilbertson; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Jazmyn, Emily, Molly, Ben, Hunter (Skylee), Joseph, Elijah, Ellie, Isabel, Jasmine, Elliott, Liam, Aurora, Magnolia, Theodore, Arley, Sophia, Truman, Oscar, Josiah, Jediah, and Dorothea; sister-in-law, Bev Jelle; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Myrtle is preceded by her husband, Harland; son, Lynn; parents; siblings, Erwin Jelle, Judy (Ernie) Ridlon, Melvin Jelle, Ray Jelle, Julius Jelle, Alma (Theodore) Johnson, Russell (June) Jelle, and Robert (Joyce) Jelle.



Obituary for Larry Fossum

Larry Dean Fossum was born on March 4, 1950 to his parents George and Hazel (Wedger) Fossum. He passed away on October 18, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND with his loving family by his side.

Larry was baptized and confirmed at Clearwater Lutheran Church northeast of Oklee. He attended Oklee school and graduated with the class of 1970.

Larry was a welder at Arctic Cat and a test driver-testing snowmobiles before he started his welding career.

He worked at Fraser Shipyards in Superior, WI for several years, repairing and sometimes lengthening the big cargo ships.

Larry married Karen Violette on July 12, 1975 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee, MN with Father Bryan Kujawa officiating. Visitation one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

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small grain and alfalfa.

Larry was a joker and enjoyed teasing his nieces and nephews and playing jokes on family and friends. When anybody showed up at the farm, Larry stopped what he was doing and always invited them in for coffee. Larry had a willingness to help his neighbors whenever they would call. He also enjoyed carpentry and woodworking in his shop. Larry always had a soft spot for animals, especially his dogs, Cal, George, and Callie.

Larry and Karen worked side by side for many years. Usually, where you saw one, the other was not far behind.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Karen; brother, Gary (Diane) Fossum of Thief River Falls; sister, Donna (Mike Drangstveit) of Goodridge; brother-in-law, Lowell Enerson (Cathy) of River Falls, WI; sisters-in-law, Linda (Louie) Violette of Thief River Falls, Sue (Bob) Carriere of Oklee, Marlene (Bill) Slater of Motley, and Rosemary (Tommy) Sather of Dilworth; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Larry is preceded by his father, George; his mother, Hazel; step-father, Ray Olson; sister, LaVonne Enerson; father and mother-in-law, Louis and Marcella Violette.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee, MN with Father Bryan Kujawa officiating. Visitation one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

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Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Friends,

The other day the Minnesota Republican Party and the Upper Midwest Law Center, along with Minnesota Voters Alliance sued Hennepin County, alleging they improperly set partisan election judges to the absentee ballot board.

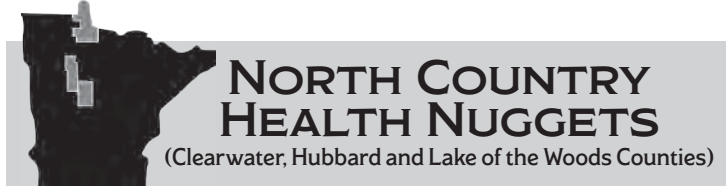
The lawsuit alleges that the board deviated from state law, which requires counties to appoint election judges based on lists provided by the state parties. Allegedly of 1500 names submitted, not even one was appointed by Hennepin County.

This is an egregious error on both the part of the Secretary

of State's office, along with Hennepin County. Though this is just in Hennepin County, it is undermining the Democratic process, which ultimately affects every single voter. Not only is this an abuse of power, but it is yet another example of the lack of transparency in the elections process.

Here is a link to the article: <https://www.startribune.com/gop-petition-claims-hennepin-county-incorrectly-appointed-election-judges/601163262>

Sincerely,
Steve Green
Minnesota Senate, District 2



Women in the United States get breast cancer more than any other type of cancer except for skin cancer. Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. Different factors increase or decrease the risk of breast cancer. Breast cancer is more likely to occur as a woman ages. It's recommended that women who are 40 to 74 years old and are at average risk for breast cancer get a mammogram every 2 years. Although breast cancer screening cannot prevent breast cancer, it can help find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat.

Scientists are trying to better understand which people are more likely to get certain types of cancer. For example, they look at the person's age, their family history, and certain exposures during their lifetime. This information helps doctors recommend who should be screened for cancer, which screening tests should be used, and how often the tests should be done. Women who have a strong family history or a personal history of cancer or other risk factors may also be offered genetic testing.

A clinical breast exam is an exam of the breast by a doctor or other health professional. Breast self-exams may be done by women or men to check their breasts for lumps, pain, changes in size that may cause concern. If you notice any changes in your breasts, you should notify your doctor or health care provider.

Mammography is the most common screening test for breast cancer. A mammogram is a picture of the inside of the breast that is used to find tumors that are too small to feel. Women aged 50 to 69 years who have screening mammograms have a lower chance of dying from breast cancer than women who do not have mammograms. Magnetic Resonance Imag-

ing (MRI) uses magnets and radio waves to take pictures of the breast. Breast MRI is used along with mammograms to screen women with a high risk of getting breast cancer. Women with risk factors for breast cancer, such as certain changes in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene or certain genetic syndromes may be screened at a younger age and more often.

Most health insurance plans are required to cover screening mammograms every 1 to 2 years for women beginning at age 40 with no out-of-pocket cost. Decisions about screening tests can be difficult. Talk to your doctor or other care provider about your risk of breast cancer, whether a screening test is right for you, and the benefits and harms of the screening test.

<https://www.cancer.gov/types/breast/patient/breast-screening-pdq>

<https://www.cdc.gov/breast-cancer/screening/index.html>

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Just Pray

The words upon the large white wooden sign look worn, "just pray" they say. Worn out perhaps might be a better way to describe them. Don't think for a minute the words were worn from hearts torn and in need of that four letter word. No, it had been purchased from a lobby because that's my hobby if you know what I mean.

Simple they are upon the wall in calligraphy style unique to this design. Brown and buffed out looking all contemplative like and a powerful reminder each time I enter the room. All small letters with no punctuation punctuate the large square frame placed just so.

Reading them daily as a reminder refreshes the soul. Yet, reading them also acts as a reminder of the action needed to do what is says. "Just Pray." Stilling is the hardest part. Then again, it doesn't exactly say which way is the best way to "just pray." Sitting comes easy enough in the chair nearby—and inviting is the soft covered pillow upon it which helps one sink deeply into the possibilities of doing just that.

And so, I sit. Looking around to help gather thoughts, I grab the first go to. It's a bright orange colored devotional of daily readings within. I begin. It's an offering of sorts. It quiets. Yet, the pause and the stillness beckon to come tarry with not so much as a whisper. That's hard. I don't mind the quiet, but it's the stillness. Truth-be-told I think the quiet is a little difficult, too. The thrum of the furnace helps give cadence, directing the quiet—quietly.



Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was driving through town the other day and a driver opened their car door as I passed by. I had to swerve to avoid hitting their car door. Obviously it was a safety issue but isn't there a law about this? I'd appreciate any info you can share. Thank you.

Answer: Correct, there is a Minnesota state law about this issue. When you are stopped or parked on the side of a road, do not open any doors until you have checked to make sure it is safe and will not interfere with other traffic. Look for ve-

hicles, motorcycles, bicyclists, and pedestrians that may be approaching your vehicle. Do not leave any door on the side closest to moving traffic open longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

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



A John Deere loaded and home!

By Eric W. Mickelson

My grandfather Clarence Ellickson lived in Equality Township, rural Oklee, on the farm I live on today! Clarence moved to the farm in the late 20's and lived on the farm until his death in 1969. Clarence was also a John Deere man (I wonder where I get it from!) I believe he had an AR John Deere on steel and in 1942 bought a new B John Deere from Rolandson Implement in Oklee. He bought the B so when his "son" was born he could help on the farm. Well, that son turned out to be my mother, who spent many hours on that B. Then in 1952 he purchased a new A John Deere also from Rolandson Implement, in Oklee! I am happy and proud to say, luckily, and thanks to my mother and father, our family still has those two tractors as they purchased them at my grandfathers auction sale!! Today I have them.

A couple of years ago I purchased an M Farmall tractor with nice tires and a loader. It was a nice tractor but eventually I took the tires off the M and put on grandpa's A. This past weekend I hauled the A home to my farm, like tractor guys say, "It is going to be a winter project!" Hopefully the A will be back in order some day in the future!

My grandfather, my mom, my dad, and myself all drove

that model A. That made me think of my grandchildren, Archer James and Callan Heath, as well as Lola Kay and Juniper Lynn. I sure hope they get to drive it too! Oh, yes one more grandchild is due in March so we'll ad another name to the list!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. T or F: The model A was John Deere's first row crop tractor with adjustable wheel tread.

2. The newest version of the styled A was made from 1947-
A) 1950 B) 1951 C) 1952 D) 1953

3. In June of 1947 the model A was tested with
A) 35hp B) 36.1hp C) 37hp D) 38.02hp

4. Did the model A John Deere have Live PTO?

5. The model A was produced in the factory located in
A) Rock Island, IL B) Des Moines, IA C) Waterloo, IA D) Moline, IL

Answers: 1. T 2. C) 1952 3. D) 38.02hp 4. No live PTO 5. C) Waterloo, IA

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Word Search Answers for this week

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The Bears Football Team wins a thriller vs. Park Christian 20-14!!!!!! The Bears drove 65+ yards in the last 1:50 of the 4th quarter and scored with 0.9 seconds remaining in regulation. Sophomore QB Grant Engen, filling in for injured QB's Carver Kroulik & Hassani Bruton, found sophomore WR Ryan Gerlofs on a jump ball throw to seal the victory for the Bears. The game winning play was set up by a huge 50+ yard run by Freshmen RB Avery Ostenaar shown below. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs.



Know the difference between white-tailed deer and elk

Contact: Kelsie LaSharr, Minnesota DNR elk coordinator, 651-539-3326.

People sometimes report seeing elk in a wider geographical area outside of far northwestern Minnesota. Hunters need to

make sure they know the difference in the field. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer-elk-id.html) has drawings and traits listed to help distinguish elk from white-tailed deer.

Additionally, people are encouraged to report elk sightings in Minnesota using the online elk sighting reporting tool (mndnr.gov/elk/elk-sightings.html).

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Minnesota deer hunters can use an online log (mndnr.gov/mammals/deer/management/hunter-field-log.html) to report wildlife they see while hunting. Data from the observation logs help the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources estimate population level trends for deer

and track wildlife distribution for other species across the state.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, hunters can enter information on the online log about wildlife they see each day of hunting, including deer, turkeys, bears, fishers and other

species. They'll also be able to report specific information about any deer they harvest. Hunters are encouraged to fill out a report after each hunt, even if they don't see any deer that day. The online questionnaire will be available until Jan. 15, 2025.

Minnesota DNR webinars focus on late-season pheasant hunting and deer hunting tips

Contact: Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator, 651-259-5178.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in wildlife and outdoor skills to check out the fall program schedule for the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 23, Aaron Wilson, senior Farm Bill biologist with Pheasants Forever, will discuss pheasant hunting later in the pheasant season, which runs through Wednesday, Jan. 1,

2025. Hunting pheasants as winter rolls in can be a great time to find birds congregated in predictable areas. Wilson will talk about where to find pheasants once the crops are out and the snow is flying, and how to prepare for hunting once the weather turns colder.

In a webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 30, Minnesota DNR outreach staff and lifelong deer hunters Jeff Ledermann and Kraig Kiger will share their top 10 list of deer hunting tips. They'll cover everything from scouting and stands to field

dressings and butchering and will take questions to help hunters put some venison in their freezers this fall.

The Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series webinars are free and offered year-round, though registration is required. Visit the Outdoor Skills and Stewardship webpage of the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/discover) for the registration portal, more information about upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars.

Minnesota DNR urges safety around cold water

As the leaves fall and the nights grow cooler, the water temperature in lakes and rivers across the state has started dropping as well.

Whether they're hunting, fishing, or paddling, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers this reminder to anyone still using the water: Your safety is your responsibility. Even for strong swimmers, unexpected falls into the cold water this time of year can turn tragic quickly. Considering there are fewer people on the water to help in the case of an emergency, it is vital people take steps to ensure their own safety.

"This time of year, the water is particularly unforgiving," said Capt. Adam Block, DNR boating law administrator. "Unfortunately, in the past few weeks we have seen a number of people on the water either not wearing life jackets, or not even having them along. If there's one thing you can do to ensure you make it home safely at the end of your trip, it's wearing a life jacket."

While more boating related accidents occur during the busy summer season, a higher percentage of cold water incidents are fatal. In addition to wearing a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water

season), other steps people can take to stay safe include:

- Distribute weight evenly across the watercraft.
- Abide by manufacturer's weight limits.
- Tell someone on shore where they're going and when they plan to return, and carry a communications device.
- Keep an eye on the weather.

For more information, including how to survive a fall into cold water, visit the Minnesota DNR's cold water safety webpage (mndnr.gov/safety/boatwater/cold-water.html).

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Know before you go for a safe and successful deer hunting season

As 400,000 hunters prepare for firearms deer hunting seasons, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters about some ways to be safe and successful.

"Know before you go so you can focus on having a great season," said Barb Keller, Minnesota DNR big game program leader. "It's easy to use our website to find out what you need to know."

The Minnesota DNR's online DPA lookup tool (mndnr.gov/deerhunt) provides a comprehensive step-by-step list of information hunters need to consider before heading to deer camp. Hunters can walk through the steps to consider, including knowing the hunting regulations, planning for deer processing, getting their deer sampled for chronic wasting disease, being safe and making the most out of their hunt. To use the online tool, all hunters need to know is the deer permit area number or DPA numbers where

they intend to hunt, which they can find on the interactive deer map (mndnr.gov/deermap).

In Minnesota, archery deer season began Sept. 14 and continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Firearms "A" deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 9, with various closing dates depending on a hunter's DPA. Muzzleloader begins Saturday, Nov. 30, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 15.

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