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Norwegian Heritage on Display

The Taste of Norway, was the theme and program for the November 14th, Sons of Norway Granlund Lodge meeting at the Embassy in Fosston. This event has grown over the past few years and has become one of the community's popular annual traditions with attendance growing every year. This year the attendance nearly doubled in size from last year! Not only was the attendance up, but there were more displays and delicious Scandinavian treats to taste.

The variety of foods represented were two varieties of almond cake, potato klub, lefse, rommegrot, sweet soup, heart waffles, meatballs, rosettes, flat bread, kranse kake, open face sandwiches, dried beef and

pickled herring.

Scandinavian themed crafts included Rosemaling, Hardanger embroidery, Nordic knitting, paper quilling, yarn gnomes, wool felting, applique, Sami bracelets, painting, stained glass and Minne-Murals. Attendees moved around the room throughout the evening with plates in hand to sample the delicacies and visit with the gifted crafters, admiring their talents. The room was buzzing with activity and laughter. Thank you to all who attended and all who participated and worked to make this the best so far. Many voiced their appreciation and look forward to next year's event which is always open to the public.

Submitted by Roz Watnemo



Kathryn Lorsbach and Kimberly Wimmer to Fill Ninth Judicial District Vacancies

Governor Tim Walz announced the appointment of Kathryn Lorsbach and Kimberly Wimmer as District Court Judges in Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District. The seats will be chambered in Park Rapids in Hubbard County and Grand Rapids in Itasca County.

Kathryn Lorsbach will replace the Honorable Robert D. Tiffany for a seat chambered in Hubbard County.

"I am proud to appoint Kathryn Lorsbach to the Hubbard County bench," said Governor Walz. "Not only is she a talented attorney, but she is not afraid to push the justice system to be the best that it can be. Her dedication and commitment to serving the people of northwestern Minnesota will make her an excellent addition to the bench."

Kimberly Wimmer will replace the Honorable Corey Wahwassuck for a seat chambered in Itasca County.

"I am honored to appoint Kimberly Wimmer," said Governor

Walz. "Her diverse practice background and sincere commitment to serving her community will make her an excellent judge. The Itasca County bench is gaining a brilliant legal mind who will help them tackle the challenges ahead."

Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District encompasses Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties.

About Kathryn Lorsbach

Kathryn Lorsbach is the county attorney in the Clearwater County Attorney's Office, where she handles a broad range of criminal and civil matters. She was previously an assistant public defender in the Ninth Judicial District and a law clerk for the Honorable Jonathan N. Jasper in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District. Lorsbach's community



Kathryn Lorsbach
involvement includes serving as a member of the Clearwater County DUI Treatment Court, the Clearwater Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and



Kimberly Wimmer
the Anishinaabe Sexual Assault Response Team. She received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from William Mitchell College of

Law.

About Kimberly Wimmer

Kimberly Wimmer is the executive vice president and general counsel of TruStar Federal Credit Union, where she assists with the overall leadership of the credit union and oversees all legal matters for its six branches in northern Minnesota. She previously worked as a solo practitioner at Wimmer Law Office, P.A., where she handled both civil and criminal matters and worked as an assistant public defender for the State of Min-

nesota. Wimmer's community involvement includes serving on the Borderland Treatment Court Team; acting as a board member, secretary, and treasurer for Friends Against Abuse; serving as a board member and treasurer of the Littlefork-Big Falls School Board; and volunteering with various academic and athletic programs in local schools. She received her B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.



University of Minnesota partnership in Kenya

By Eric Mickelson From University of MN Extension Bulletin
At a recent extension meeting in Red Lake County I was introduced to this article. The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides may articles and informational meetings. Check out their website: <https://extension.umn.edu/>, for more information!

In the past decade, Extension's work in East Africa has focused on agriculture, especially in Kenya where the majority of small farms are operated by women. A new three-year partnership aims to benefit Kenyan women and youth farmers through participation in the school meals value chain. Extension partners include Kisii and Chuka universities and Fie Labs, an innovation and entrepreneurship hub.



Rose Kerubo, a Kenyan farmer (right), discussed her growing strategies and pest management with Annalisa Hultberg, Extension food systems educator, in 2023.

With \$616,720 in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service, this work will address USDA/FAS's commitment

to increasing the success of school meals programs globally and contributing to the initiative on the 2026 International Year of Woman Farmer.

According to John Vreyens, Extension's director of Global Initiatives, plans are being put in place to ensure the accomplishments of women farmers can be sustained after the project ends. "The partnership among the three universities will build a network of support on the ground," says Vreyens. "This includes cooperatives and business training for the women farmers to establish the matrix for the long-term success of the school meal value chain in four counties of the country."

According to the USDA, project activities include:

Intensification of horticulture crop production and support through demonstrations and Extension education

Organizing and registering the local community-based groups of women farmers into member cooperatives with relevant training

Developing efficient systems for identifying the markets and needs of the schools for food produce

Introducing nutrition education to schools

University of Minnesota Extension's global work began during World War I, focusing on agricultural exports. In Kenya, recent collaboration has resulted in better solutions to crop losses that happen when crops spoil between harvest and getting them to the market. Improving handling and storage practices can reduce losses by 25 percent and improve the quality of produce taken to market.

"We want to build upon that relationship," says Vreyens. "Minnesota is a leader in farm-to-school programs, and while systems differ greatly in Kenya, we can make the most of this opportunity for Kenyan farmers to nourish students and earn a living for themselves and their families."

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Little Bobby's Bar and Grill in McIntosh had their second \$1,000 cash Bingo winner on Thursday, November 21. They have been having Bingo each Thursday. That was the second winner this year. The next time to play will be the Thursday after Thanksgiving on December 3.

ANTIQUE'S

By John Eggers

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Fire grenade collectors know this is one of the more dangerous collections a person could have. Fire grenades can be filled with carbon tetrachloride, which is toxic to humans. If the liquid in a fire grenade is reddish, it probably contains this chemical.

A fire grenade is a circular glass container about the size of a softball. They're usually palm-sized round glass bottles with short necks that extend from the top. These glass necks were grasped as they were thrown into the fire. The glass would break, releasing the chemical and putting out the fire. Saltwater, which would not freeze, was used until carbon tetrachloride emerged and proved a more practical but dangerous method.

Glass fire grenades were popular in the 1880s and until the 1930s. They were trendy during the Victorian era when people purchased them for utilitarian purposes and because of their colorful look. They came in beautiful colors like red, blue, purple, and green. Earlier ones were sealed with wax or a cork. They are collected for their colorful glass and intricate patterns but were banned in 1964.

The Shur Shot grenade pictured has a holding bracket, which can be mounted on a wall. It has a value of about \$50. The more colorful ones from the Victorian era can be worth thousands of dollars.

If you have grenades filled with carbon tetrachloride, it is a good idea to take them to your local fire station for disposal. They may want to put it on display as an example of an early firefighting tool. Be sure not to drop them on the way.

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Call 218-694-6226 and speak with Chief Deputy Wittenberg to set up a time to view vehicles.

Please pick up a sealed bid form from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Bids shall be submitted by December 13th, 2024 at 4:30pm to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. The sealed bids will be opened on December 17th, 2024 at the regular county board meeting.

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Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start program.
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SUBSTITUTE Classroom Assistant Teacher: substitute on an on-call, as needed basis. Hours vary significantly. Work with a team to provide care and education to 3-4 years olds in a classroom setting (Thief River Falls or Bagley, MN); primary duties include assisting the teacher in the classroom with group activities, cleaning, assisting children with handwashing/toothbrushing, and transporting meals. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided.

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

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Minnesota Grown Retailer of the Hugo's of Thief River Falls named

St. Paul, MN: Eight Minnesota retailers who demonstrate excellence in locally grown and produced products have been named a 2025 Minnesota Grown Retailer of the Year by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Minnesota Grown program, in partnership with the Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA). Along with awards given by region, a new beer, wine, and spirits award was given to recognize excellence in liquor stores.

This year's winners include:

- Northwest: Hugo's Family Marketplace, Thief River Falls
- Northeast: Super One Foods, Duluth Miller Hill
- Central: Chris' Food Center, Sandstone
- Southwest: Jim's Market, Canby
- Southeast: Rushford Foods, Rushford
- Twin Cities: Lunds & Byerlys, Apple Valley
- People's Choice: Festival Foods, Andover
- Beer, Wine, & Spirits: Mackenthun's Fine Foods, The Cove Wine & Spirits, Minnetrista

"We applaud these grocers and their employees for their leadership in offering Minnesota grown foods and products," said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen. "When shoppers have access to more foods grown and raised by their neighbors, it's a win for everyone - Minnesota's farmers, grocers, and communities alike."

Each winner receives exclusive rights to use their regional

Minnesota Grown Retailer of the Year branding in their ads and displays, and will be recognized by their peers at an MGA event in the spring. "Grocers are at the heart of the communities they serve, and we are so proud of the innovative partnerships between grocery stores, distributors, and farmers that are showcased in this contest," said MGA President Patrick Garofalo. "We are thrilled to play a role in this effort celebrating the vital work of bringing fresh, healthy, and delicious local products to Minnesotans across the state."

Awards are determined by multiple factors, including the number of local products offered and the number of Minnesota farmers and producers the grocers purchased from. The review panel also looked at use of ads, displays, social media, and events to promote Minnesota grown items to customers. More information can be found on the Minnesota Grown Retailer of the Year webpage.

"Grocers who participated this year reported seeing a significant increase in their sales across multiple departments, from fresh produce to the meat section, which was incredibly exciting to see," reported Minnesota Grown Marketing Manager, Rachel Wandrei. "The stores went all out this year, from creating recipes with local foods on their social media channels, to hosting events where shoppers can meet their local farmers. By highlighting these local products, they are

not only strengthening their bottom line, they are also supporting farmers and boosting their local economy, all while giving customers the high-quality local foods they are looking for."

The Minnesota Grown Program is a statewide partnership between the MDA and Minnesota agricultural producers with a mission to promote Minnesota grown products for the mutual benefit of consumers

and producers.

The Minnesota Grocers Association is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork, with over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. It actively advances the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

Minnesota Department of Commerce warns timeshare owners about resale scams

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is warning timeshare owners about a sophisticated timeshare resale scam. Commerce is receiving an increased number of complaints from timeshare owners who are victims of these scams. Timeshares are contracts to use a property, such as an ocean resort condo, for a certain time each year.

A timeshare owner may receive a phone call or email from someone who claims to be an eager buyer or an agent who claims to have a purchaser willing to buy the timeshare at a good price - sometimes more than the timeshare's actual value. The scammer asks the timeshare owner to make an upfront payment, allegedly for closing costs, taxes, or other fees. The owner is instructed to

wire funds, often to an offshore bank account, with a promise that the money will be safely held until the sale is finalized.

Once the timeshare owner has provided money, the scammer will then often ask for more money for additional fees that have arisen. The scammer will continue asking for money until they stop receiving it. Because the money was likely transferred outside the U.S., the victim is rarely able to recover their money.

"Minnesotans who own timeshares need to be aware that scammers are using sophisticated schemes to trick you into paying money," said Commerce Assistant Commissioner of Enforcement Jacqueline Olson. "Avoid upfront payments, check with legitimate sources, and if the offer sounds too good to be true, it's probably a scam."

Consumer Tips

Commerce offers Minnesotans the following tips to avoid timeshare resale scams:

- Don't pay upfront fees. Legitimate fees should be paid as part of the closing or deducted from the sale price.
- Be wary of an overeager buyer. Scammers identify timeshare owners through databases and real estate records. They will cold call or mail materials, offering purchase terms that are often too good to be true.
- Do some homework. Check the would-be buyer or agent's name, phone number, and address on the internet. If you have trouble finding information, or if what you find looks suspicious, the offer could be a scam. In this type of scam, the fraudsters take steps to appear legitimate. For example, they often set up a fake website using the name of title companies that are no longer in business.
- Contact the timeshare resort where you own your timeshare. Check if they have any information on the reseller who contacted you. Often, a resort will have its own buy-back or resale program, or it can provide a list of reputable agents.
- Do not provide personal information, bank account information, or credit card information over the phone to a reseller. Remember, these scammers may also be out to steal your personal information for identity theft.

File a Complaint Commerce works to assist and protect consumers, and to ensure a strong, fair marketplace. Minnesota consumers and businesses can contact Commerce's Enforcement Division about concerns or complaints:

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Congratulations to Polar North Volleyball All-Conference player Quinn Graves (L) and Honorable Mention Alexa Chervestad (L)



Award Winners from the Polar North Volleyball All-Conference.
Team Awards: Natalee Hendrickson, Digger Award and Passer Award; Alexa Chervestad, Hustle Award; Quinn Graves, Blocker Award, Hitter Award, Serving Award, and Blocker Award, and Emma Hendrickson, Setter Award.

MnDOT celebrates improved safety, mobility and smoother travel as the 2024 construction season ends

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proud of the work construction crews completed or advanced this season on nearly 240 road and bridge projects across the state that will improve safe travel and multi-mobility options.

“Smoother pavement, updated infrastructure, new bike and pedestrian pathways – these are just some of the improvements we completed to help make travel safer for all Minnesotans,” said MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberg. “We thank travelers for their patience during the construction season because you are a key player in keeping work zones safe. And, as we’re planning for next year’s construction projects, we encourage you to stay tuned into traffic impacts anticipated for 2025 and plan ahead for your travels.”

An additional 54 projects focused on improving safety at railroad crossings, repairing seawalls and docks along our marine freight system, updating runways and other infrastructure at local airports, and improving transit centers statewide.

Major MnDOT projects completed or advanced in 2024

Northern Minnesota (MnDOT Districts 1 and 2)

- Highway 169 Chisholm to Mountain Iron – Crews resurfaced 16 miles of Highway 169 between Chisholm and Mountain Iron, and improved lighting and accessibility for pedestrians.

- Highway 61 Duluth to Two Harbors intersection improvements – Completed safety improvements at five intersections along Highway 61 between Duluth and Two Harbors including turn lanes, a J-turn intersection and improved lighting.

- Highway 11/313 Warroad reconstruction – Completed

year one of a three-year project that will reconstruct or resurface Highways 11 and 313 through Warroad and improve safety and access. Crews will return in 2025 to complete the roundabout at Highway 11/313 and begin Highway 11 bridge construction.

- Highway 75, Perley – Completed the first year of a project

to raise Highway 75 north and south of Perley and improve drainage, flood control and safety at the Highway 75/County Road 39 intersection.

- Highway 75 roundabout near Crookston – Completed a new roundabout to improve safety the Highway 75/County Road 21 intersection north of Crookston.



Hwy 75 roundabout north of Crookston: The project was led by Polk County to improve safety the Highway 75/County Road 21 intersection north of Crookston.



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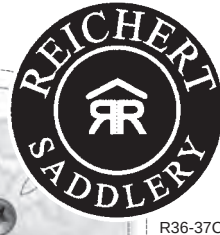
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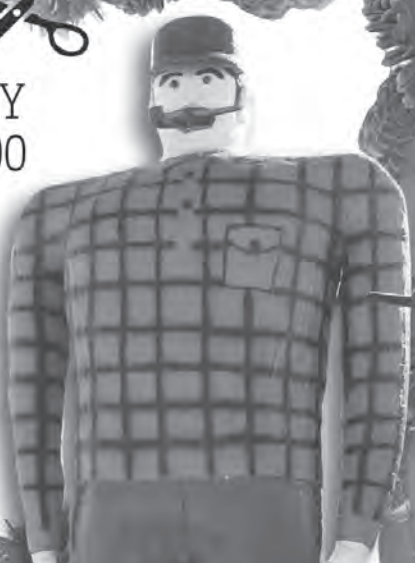
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by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Q u e s t i o n: Can you talk about people needing to check their blind spots? I know most newer vehicles are equipped with side view mirror warning signals but I think it's important for motorists to check the hard to see areas.

Answer: Technology is great and the blind spot warnings/monitors are helpful but one should never completely rely on this service. Every motorist should still physically check their blind spots. Blind spots

are areas around your vehicle where your view is blocked. You cannot see pedestrians or other vehicles in your rearview or side mirrors when they are in these spots. The design of your vehicle and the position of the roof pillars determine the location of your blind spots. Dirty windshields and glaring lights can also create temporary blind spots.

Know where your blind spots are. Before changing lanes or turning, quickly turn your head to look for hidden pedestrians or vehicles. Avoid driving in other drivers' blind spots. Be

especially aware of blind spots when driving near commercial vehicles.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Sweet Friend

Guest Columnist Sophia Satariano

Sophia is a blogger—a beautiful young woman whose body is in the midst of recovery, while her soul is in the midst of transformation. Her gentle words fall softly, shedding light and hope upon the topic of addiction. May her words be an encouragement.

I have to tell you something great! I reached what was once a long-term goal of hitting a year of sobriety. I actually have over a year now, almost fourteen months. What a gift it has been to experience sobriety and to live again.

Here is a verse that helped my heart stay grounded and my eyes focused on the glory and goodness of God as I tackled my addiction. I pray that through this verse you, too, can cling to the opportunity of hope and experience the day when you can live in your own freedom with eyes that can see, and a heart that can receive.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NIV
"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his im-

age with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

What a gift it is that we have the freedom of opportunity, the freedom of choice, the freedom of the next step, next road, or next turn.

Have you tried turning to the Lord?

Have you tried, gave up, and are hurt? Have you tried, but have never given up your lukewarm ways? I made those mistakes too, and through my own inconsistent lukewarm experience with surrender, I now understand and will continue to understand the unconditional love of our God.

The kind of love that whispers, "Come back, you are still wanted."

The kind of love that holds arms wide open.

The kind of love that reminds you of childhood and safety is not questioned.

The kind of love that embraces you, all of you.

The kind of love that provides freedom.

The kind of love that molds you together again with a touch of tenderness that transforms you so you can think, see, and hear clearly.

You are worthy of his love,

all you need to do is turn and surrender, and he will take care of the rest. I promise.

A prayer for all of us. God, thank you for the opportunity of turning to you, whenever and wherever we are in this world. Lord, I ask that you show up for the one needing this, the one feeling far gone right now. Lord, bring them home, and cover them with your tender love so they can live the life you had planned for them all along.

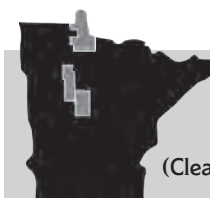
Lord, thank you for the struggle and the trials because through them we grow, and through them we connect, and through them we find ourselves needing a place to turn to. Thank you for catching our attention, and I ask that you stay in our focus so we will not be swayed by the distractions of this world. Help us to see the light and help us to be the light. In Jesus name, Amen.

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NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH NUGGETS

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

Blizzards cause countless cases of frostbite, as well as damage to unsupported structures and homes. Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Install battery-powered smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in central locations on every floor of your home and outside of bedrooms.

Remember, these storms can cause loss of electricity, heat, and telephone service and can trap you in your home for a few days. It's important to have ample supplies on hand in your home. Keep an emergency kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag:

- Flashlight and extra batteries.

- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio and portable radio to receive emergency information. These may be your only links to the outside.

- Extra food and bottled water. High energy food, such as dried fruit or candy, and canned food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best.

- Manual can opener.

- Extra medicine and baby items.

- First-aid supplies.
- Heating fuel. Fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a severe winter storm.

- Back-up heating source, such as a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.

- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector.

If you're in your home or a building:

- Stay inside.

- If you must travel, do so during daylight. Don't travel alone. Stay on main roads, and tell others about your route and schedule.

- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your house cooler than normal. Temporarily shut off heat to less-used rooms.

- When using alternative heat from a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater, use fire safeguards and properly ventilate.

- If using kerosene heaters, maintain ventilation to avoid buildup of toxic fumes. Keep heaters at least three feet from flammable objects. Refuel kerosene heaters outside.

If there's no heat:

- Close off unneeded rooms.

- Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.

- Cover windows at night.

- Stay nourished:

- Eat food to provide your body with energy so it can produce its own heat.

- Keep your body replenished with fluids to prevent dehydration.

Play it safe by preparing ahead for winter storms and blizzards. Make sure your family is safe this winter season by having a plan and supply kit ready in case of a winter emergency.

Submitted by: North Country Community Health Services- www.ncchb.org or find us on Facebook-North Country Community Health Services (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Public Health)

Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Friends, Senator Tina Smith is trying to move a land transfer for the Leech Lake Reservation.

Currently she is pushing to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act passed by Congress in 2020. The move identifies an additional 4,000 acres of land to be given back to the tribe which is located in the Chippewa National Forest.

Similar to other land transfer bills, Senator Smith's amended language did not include stakeholders to this conversation, which was a



failure of the National Forest Service to the initial bill that gave over 11,000 acres of land to the tribe back in 2020.

She is claiming there is no objection. If people are concerned they should contact the Senator's office immediately.

Connect with her Moorhead Office Phone: (202) 224-5641

Connect with her Saint Paul Office Phone (651) 221-1016

and Share your opinion at her website: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/>

Sincerely, Steve Green
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Auction and A John Deere!

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

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Recently Aumann held a sale for the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers. This tractor collection that was sold was donated to the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers by Charles Worms, who collected the tractors over many years.

Tractor Auction???.....Yes, I was on it and put in a few bids, but ended up not purchasing any! Many of the tractors had not been run in a while but I did notice a 1950 A John Deere that would supply many parts that I would need to work on an A John Deere or two that I own.

This reminded me of a story. A few years ago I received a letter from Clyde Bendickson, He shared a story about my grandfather, Clarence Ellickson, and his 1952 A John Deere.(That A is in my yard right now awaiting restoration!) Clyde used to help my grandfather on the farm with sheep shearing and other odd jobs. If you have read my previous articles you may remember me mentioning the fact my grandfather was famous for not doing any job slowly! He liked to go fast. Clyde's story goes something like this, My grandpa was raking hay with that A John Deere and the front end hit a hole or rut in the field and the narrow front broke off the tractor. According to Clyde grandpa told him when the front end broke off and the tractor came to a sudden stop grandpa flew over the steering wheel and landed on his feet! Luckily he wasn't hurt but grandpa was in a bind, he needed to get the tractor going to continue haying. Grandpa called Clyde who brought his A with a Farmhand Loader



This fall I hauled grandpa's A John Deere home and hope to get it fixed up!

over. Grandpa's A had to be lifted high in the air to get the new steering shaft put in. With Clyde's help grandpa was back in the hayfield in no time!

Thank you to Clyde for sharing that story with me! If you have a tractor story you would like to share, let me know. Give me a call or shoot me an email or letter. (My email is mickelsonauctions@gmail.com) I'd love to hear your stories!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. My favorite A John Deere is the newer styled A's with the pressed steel frame. What years were they built?

A) 1934-38 B) 1940-45 C) 1947-1952 D) 1953-55

2. The model AW was an A with a?

3. In June of 1947 the model A was tested with _____ belt hp.
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 _____.

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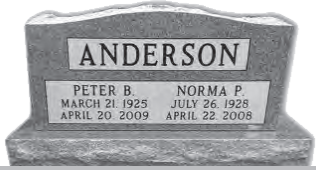
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Obituary for Patricia Woods

Patricia "Pat" Woods, age 90, of Fosston, MN, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Monday, November 18, 2024, at McIntosh Senior Living. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22nd, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Mark Richardson officiating. Interment is at Hamilton Congregational Cemetery in Hamilton, MN. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

On February 11, 1934, Patricia "Pat" Ellen Streitz was born to Robert and Dorothy (Wright) Streitz in Minneapolis, MN. Patricia attended and graduated from Bloomington High School. She was a member of the "Lucky 7" girls' group. Pat attended Winona State University in Winona, MN. While in her second year of college, she met a handsome, young sailor, William "Bill" Woods, fresh out of the Navy. On December 8, 1956, Pat was united in marriage to Bill Woods at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN. They moved to Kalamazoo, MI, where Bill continued his college education. After Bill graduated from college, they moved to Fosston, MN, in 1960. Bill and Pat were blessed with four children: Greg, Nancy, Tom and Janice.

As the children grew up, Pat was involved in many of their activities. Pat and Bill put on many miles following the kids' sporting events. Pat had a saving faith in Jesus Christ. She spent many years teaching fourth grade Friday School; teaching children about Jesus and His Word brought much joy to her.

Family and home were Pat's top priority. She was a wonderful homemaker, filling the home with warmth and love. Fresh baked goodies often would be waiting for her children when returning home from school. Pat always had an open door for the neighborhood kids. Pat was not afraid of adventure and enjoyed the trips to Kentucky and California, tenting at KOA campgrounds along the way, making many family memories. She enjoyed doing Bible Studies at the Midway Nursing Home in Fosston. Pat always made family Holidays special. She enjoyed reading, especially the Minneapolis Tribune, every morning. Pat was always up on current events and enjoyed talking with others about them. She was very proud of her children and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Pat is survived by her husband of 68 years, Bill, McIntosh; children: Greg Woods, Fosston, Nancy (Anders) Macy, Fertile, Tom Woods, Fosston, and Janice Woods, Fertile; grandchildren: Nathanael (Ashley) Macy, Bismarck, ND, Benjamin (Jessie) Macy, Belgrade, MT, Michael (Alyssa) Macy, Fosston, Samuel Macy, Lake Mills, WI, and Joe (Madi) Woods, Fosston, MN; great-grandchildren: Sofia Macy, McClain Macy, Reece Macy, and Knox Macy; sister: Roberta Zylla, Minneapolis, MN; sister-in-law: Marion Streitz, Minneapolis, MN; and several nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Dorothy Streitz, brother: Richard Streitz; and brother-in-law: Curt Franzen.



Obituary for Virginia Hokkanen

Virginia Mae Hokkanen, age 94 of Sandy Township, died Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in the Waterview Pines Care Center. She was born August 9, 1930, in Pembina County, North Dakota, the daughter of John and Tilda (Swanson) Uggerud. Virginia grew up in North Dakota, graduated from St. Thomas High School, the Deaconess School of Nursing, and was a proud member of the first class to attend North Dakota Girl's State. She married Roy Hokkanen on August 30, 1952, and the couple made their home in Bowbells, ND, Oklee, MN, and Meadowlands prior to moving to the family farm in Sandy Township. Virginia was employed the School Nurse in Oklee, as a Public Health Nurse, and an RN with Range Mental Health, Virginia Regional Medical Center, and the Merritt House. Virginia was an avid bowler, a gardener, loved music, a loyal Fighting Sioux and Green Bay Packer fan, was an excellent cook and baker, a proud Norwegian,

and a dog lover. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia, and the Pike Sandy Women's Club.

Virginia is survived by her children: Shirley (Mike) Granley of Duluth, Randy (Maryann) Hokkanen of Mountain Iron, Carol (Steve) Miettunen of Virginia, Marian (Don) DeBeltz of Grand Forks, and Phyllis (Joe Uremovich) Hokkanen-Uremovich of Virginia; grandchildren: Chris (Kacey) Granley, Danielle (Steve) Beaudin, Jake (Sarah) Leoni, Laura Leoni, Ashley (Ben Johnson) Miettunen-Pittman, Jennifer (Anthony) Bastianelli, Jared Miettunen, Kacey (Chase) Christen, Jon (Alex) DeBeltz, Samantha DeBeltz, Kelly DeBeltz, Andrew (Sarah) Milbridge, and Madison Hokkanen; great-grandchildren: Lucas, Mikayla, Kenzie, Caiden, Dominic, Gino, Jay and Keira; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Roy, and siblings: Orlando Uggerud and Martha Torgerson.

The Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia. Pastor Liz Cheney will officiate. A visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Private interment will take place in the Sandy North Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred and may be directed to the University of North Dakota Nursing School or the Mesabi Humane Society.

Family services provided by Bauman-Cron, A Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia, To share condolences online, please visit: www.baumanfuneralhome.com.



Obituary for Beth (Birkeland) Marpe

Beth Ann (Birkeland) Marpe, age 54, of Eden Prairie, MN passed away on November 22, 2024. She was born in Fosston and raised in Gonvick, MN. She graduated from Concordia College and received her masters

degree from Moorhead State in Speech Pathology. It was her great joy to love, nurture, and treat children who had various speech and feeding needs.

Beth was determined to love and follow Jesus, and a thoughtful and caring friend to many. She loved gardening, baking, traditional crafts, and Vikings football.

She is survived by her husband, Tim; mother, JoAnn Birkeland; brother, Mike Birkeland; niece, Gianna and nephew, Bergen. Preceded in death by her father, Ordean Birkeland, and sister-in-law, Catherina Birkeland.

Celebration of Life on Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 am at Valley Evangelical Free Church, 150 Engler Blvd, Chaska, MN. Memorials to Clear Waters Life Center, 256 2nd Ave W, Clearbrook, MN 56634.



Obituary for Joyce Johnson

Joyce Johnson, 86 of Bagley, Minnesota died on Wednesday November 20, 2024, at her home in Bagley, MN.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley, Minnesota with a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church with Pastor John Swanson officiating. Interment was held at the Westby Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Joyce was born on June 22, 1938, in Bagley, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Emil and Grace (Ziegler) Murray. Joyce lived with her family in Portland and Chicago before moving to Bagley. She attended Bagley High School and graduated in 1956. Joyce married Lawrence Johnson on November 30, 1957, at Fosston, Minnesota. Joyce was a hard worker and has worked at many places in her life. She worked at the Mileage Café, the Drift Inn, the Red Owl Grocery Store, the Hartz Store, and Kubiaks. Lawrence and Joyce owned Johnsons Lakeside Grocery store from 1993 until 1995. She went to work at Lueken's in Bemidji where she was the Flower Department Manager. Joyce retired in 2005 when she was 67 years old. Joyce had a spunky personality, with great wit and a clever sense of humor. Joyce used to say, "I drink coffee to keep my tan"! She enjoyed playing Bingo every Friday night, going to the Casino and watching any kind of music show that was performing. She was fond of going for rides with her husband. Lawrence and Joyce spent many years logging while also dairy farm-

ing. They were dairy farmers for 13 years. The couple sold their farm in 1976, and moved into town. Joyce adored her flowers and her "Frog Garden". Joyce was quite a cook and baker and was always making tasty homecooked meals. She wouldn't miss a chance to play cards, especially Gin Rummy, or take a trip to Bemidji to shop particularly for jewelry. Joyce was an Auxiliary member at the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley and attended Faith Hill Assembly of God Church. Joyce's grandchildren were her life, and she watched them growing up. She was an enormous influence in all their lives and has made a huge impact on all of their hearts.

Joyce is survived by her daughter - Cheryl Snook of Bagley, Minnesota

Granddaughter - Melissa Johnson & John Good of Battle Lake, Minnesota

Granddaughter - Holly & Ryan Strickler of Anchorage, Alaska

Granddaughter - Nicole & Ken Davis of Wasilla, Alaska

Grandson - Dennis Goodwin of Rice Lake, Minnesota

Grandson - Dennis and Sarah Goodwin of Rice Lake, Minnesota

Great grandchildren - Samantha, Haley and Justin Olson; Lindsey and Sam Strickler; Taylor Davis; Jayden and Ashawnte Goodwin; Teri, Tyra, Daunte, Dani Ann, Daynia, Dalyan, Destin, Denessa, Desire Goodwin, Jax Olson and Kayden.

Great great grandchildren - Emberly Strom, Braven, Brighton Cloud and Akeenah Goodwin

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; her husband - Lawrence; her brother - Frank Randall and Clyde Milton; sister- Marlyce Halverson; stepmother - Louella Murray and great grandson Dennis Goodwin Jr.

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Obituary for Annette Klade

Annette Klade, age 66, of Fargo, ND, passed away on Saturday, November 16th, at her home in Fargo under care of hospice. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Fosston with the Rev. John Ragan officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Annette Lavone Conrad was born on July 26, 1958, in Colorado Springs, Colorado to parents Hurchel and Naomi (Bennett) Conrad. She grew up in Colorado Springs and graduated from Whitefield High School in Security, Colorado. After high school she lived for a short time in California before returning to Colorado.

Annette was united in marriage to Robert Klade on

December 19, 1987, in Denver, Colorado. To this union, three children were born, Destiny, Brandon, and Dylan. They started their family and owned and operated High Country Recreation. In 1994, they sold the business and moved to Thief River Falls.

Annette worked at the Seven Clans Casino in Thief River Falls and at Canad Inn in Grand Forks, North Dakota as housekeeping manager. Then she went to work as a store manager at McDonald's in Thief River Falls. After that she and Robert moved to McIntosh for a short period of time before moving to Fargo, North Dakota to be closer to doctors. Bob passed away on February 29, 2024.

Annette enjoyed crafting, cooking, baking (especially desserts), and spending time with her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her children, Tara Klade (Eric) of South St. Paul, Destiny Klade (Jesse) of Climax, Brandon (Kristin) Klade of McIntosh, and Dylan Klade of Climax; grandchildren, Trina (Jacob) Armstrong, Sterling Klade, Mercedes Klade, and Willow Klade; and two great grandchildren, Koda and Everly Armstrong; one brother, Randy (Debbie) Conrad of Lubbock, TX; brother-in-law, Francis (Kathy) Weitzel of Raytown, MO; and sister-in-law, Kim Schwartz of Merrill, WI. She will also be missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hurchel and Naomi Conrad; her sister, Robin Busch; and her husband, Robert Klade.



Obituary for Grace Lunsetter

Grace Lunsetter, 87, of Thief River Falls, MN, formerly of Gatzke, MN, passed away peacefully on Monday November 18, 2024 at Thief River Care Center surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a 6:30 PM Prayer Service on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. Visitation was also held at 10:00 AM with the service to celebrate Grace's life at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 22, 2024 at United Lutheran Church in Gatzke, with Rev. Timothy Lundeen officiating. Burial will follow at Landstad Cemetery, Gatzke.

Grace Kathleen Peterson was born November 13, 1937 in Gatzke, MN the daughter of Albert and Ida (Taie) Peterson. She was baptized and confirmed on April 26, 1959 at United Lutheran Church in Gatzke, MN. She attended District 122 Country School near Gatzke through the 8th grade and graduated from Roseau High School with the class of 1955. Her senior year, Grace moved in with her sister, Helen Loken so she could finish high school in Roseau. After high school, she moved to the Twin Cities to work at a rehabilitation hospital.

When Grace was 16 years old, at a barn dance where her father was playing, she met her future husband, and on her 18th birthday, Grace was engaged to her soulmate, Glenn Norris Lunsetter. They married on April 14, 1956, at United Lutheran Church in Gatzke and this was the first event in the new church. The couple made their home on the Lunsetter family homestead where they raised their five children, Melanie,

Maurice, Gene, Gerry and Kenny.

In addition to working alongside Glenn on the farm, Grace worked at various places in the area including the Gatzke Café, Northern Pride in Thief River Falls and for 25 years at Polaris in Roseau.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening, feeding the birds, playing cards, playing rook with the neighbors, spending time with the kids and grandkids and all of their school and church activities. She also enjoyed music, dancing and listening to the Back Behind The Barn Boys and the Woodpicks.

Grace was a member of United Lutheran Church in Gatzke and was active with the United Lutheran Church Women. She was also a member of the Gatzke Senior Citizens Club and Band Boosters.

Grace was gentle, kind, nurturing, loving, quiet and yet strong when she needed to be.

Survivors include her loving children, Melanie Lunsetter, Gene (Jacki) Lunsetter all of Thief River Falls, Gerry (Mardy) Lunsetter and Kenny (Carrie) Lunsetter all of Gatzke; grandchildren, Michelle (Jeff) Aakhus of Plummer, Joel (Steph) Lunsetter of Fargo, ND, Jenna (Shay) Erickson, Carly Lunsetter all of Thief River Falls, Andre Saban, Gracie Lunsetter, Mollie Lunsetter all of Gatzke; great-grandchildren, Katie (Tony) Lunsetter, Brooks & Wren Erickson all of Thief River Falls; great great-grandchildren, Awbree & Haven Lunsetter of Thief River Falls; sister-in-law, Gloria Sistad of Grygla; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends and relatives.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Glenn in 2009; son, Maurice in 2015; parents; sisters, Ione Aune, Helen Loken & Dorothy Peterson; brother, Rodney Peterson, and a brother in infancy, Lyle Peterson; brothers-in-law, Ralph Hagen, Olaf Aune, Vernon Loken, Eugene Zacharias, Marlyn Sistad; sisters-in-law, Jo Peterson, Verna Peterson, Eleanor Zacharias; and her beloved cat, Mimi.

Grace's family deeply appreciates and wishes to thank the Thief River Care Center for their compassionate care.

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Hunting on the Swanson Farm



Good hunting again at the Swanson farm in Clover township. Tony Duquette who started hunting on the farm over 30 years ago with his grandpa Jiggs Swanson bagged another big buck (10 points).



Tony's daughter Allie got this beauty on the first day of youth season.



Allie's sister Emily got her buck on the last day to close out a perfect season!

New eagle pair, nest to be featured on popular Minnesota DNR EagleCam

Original camera will also remain on

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources EagleCam, with viewers in all 50 states and more than 150 countries, will feature a new location and pair of bald eagles when it goes live Thursday. The original EagleCam will also remain on during the coming season.

The new camera will focus on the nesting behavior of a breeding pair of bald eagles that have successfully and consistently nested in the area for at least four years, rearing several broods of eaglets. The original camera will continue to show the territory that includes the

previous eagle pair whose nest fell April 2, 2023.

Both cameras can be viewed on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/eaglecam) and on the DNR YouTube channel (youtube.com/channel/UCkibG4ONyUmGlnOR3F3qq6Q). The webpage also includes a new video highlighting the installation of the new camera, the work of the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program and how anyone can donate to support the program. Since 2013, the Nongame Wildlife Program has provided the DNR EagleCam as another way to connect people with wildlife.

"While the DNR EagleCam brings Minnesota wildlife into homes and schools in an exciting and educational way, the Nongame Wildlife Program has helped restore and support populations of eagles, loons and many other species," DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division Director Katie Smith said. "This vital work is supported by donations on our webpage, on state tax forms, and through bequests and other gifts."

The new camera was installed at this new location because it was not possible to run electricity to the original EagleCam pair's new nest. As with the original camera, Xcel Energy provided their services without charge, making this second camera possible.

EagleCam viewers are swept into the intimate lives of breeding birds, providing a virtual experience in nature. Research has shown that wildlife cameras provide the same mental health benefits as experiencing nature in-person.

The DNR EagleCam goes live each November to show the eagle pair courting each other and upgrading their nest. They bring in new nesting material and large sticks each year as a bonding activity. The pair typically increase their activity at the nest as winter progresses and normally by mid-February will have two or three eggs, which the adults incubate for about 35 days. Both adults participate in incubating the eggs and caring for the chicks. Once the chicks hatch, the camera zooms in closely to follow the delicate process of raising bald eagle chicks.

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Take the time to honor veterans this holiday season

The holiday season is a time when family and friends gather to reconnect and celebrate. For many families there are people missing from these celebrations, whether they sacrificed their lives defending the country or died honorably years after serving in the military.

As individuals plan to add spirit to homes and businesses through decorations and other touches, they also can consider adding a bit of the holidays to the places where their beloved service members lie in eternal rest. This is the main premise behind the Wreaths Across America organization.

The primary activity of Wreaths Across America is to distribute wreaths to be placed on graves in military cemeteries. On National Wreaths Across America Day, which takes place on a moving day each December at thousands of locations, volunteers place wreaths on headstones and read out the names of the service members.

The organization was founded by Morrill Worcester and his wife, Karen, as a way to teach all generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine, remembered a trip to Washington D.C. as a child that included a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. In 1992, when Worcester's business had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season, he remembered an indelible image of wreaths on graves at Arlington and devised a way to put those wreaths to use honoring the country's veterans.

Arlington National Cemetery was the first place to receive wreaths. Since then, the movement has grown to include cemeteries across the nation. In 2022, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed more than 2.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths on headstones of our nation's service members at 3,702 participating locations.

Although veterans are remembered each Memorial Day and Veterans Day, they can be honored 365 days a year for their service and sacrifices. Wreaths Across America offers an important way to set aside time during the holiday season show appreciation for veterans who are no longer with us.

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