



Tri County Canary

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The big winner was Boe Bunke, on the right, from Roseau on a Polaris at the Gerald Dyrda Memorial Races. They were held on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. With the win was a check for \$16,000. Coming in second in the middle was Gunner Arlaud #56 from Gonvick on an Arctic Cat and on the left #28 Justin Tate from Scandia on a Polaris. Race results will be in next week's paper.

University of Minnesota Crookston Chancellor Community Letter, December 2024

Seasons greetings from the University of Minnesota Crookston! Fall 2024 semester is wrapping up this week with class finals and end of the season events. The hard work put in by our students, faculty, and staff over the last few months makes the anticipation of the upcoming winter break well deserved.

If you keep up with our campus news, you'll see we have quite a few things to be

proud of lately. We hosted some unique events in November and early December with the public education course on technical large animal emergency rescue, annual Veterans Day program with audience interaction from veterans in attendance, and the inaugural Bergland Lecture Series where we learned about and discussed the changing geopolitical landscape and opportunities for agriculture. The Crookston campus also

announced future partnerships with Mongolian universities and their student athletes, and everyone here at the Crookston campus, invite you to take part in our upcoming games and matches this spring semester which starts in January. You might even find yourself in a photo or video with our famous Regal the Golden Eagle on social media.

Speaking of January, don't forget to check out our events calendar where you'll see things like the 50th (yes, 50 years) annual Ag-Arama on January 25 which takes place in our beautiful state-of-the-art equine arena. In January 1976, former agriculture and natural resources division head Gary McVey, Ph.D. proposed the program which originated the first Ag-Arama. The idea for Ag-Arama was to provide a fun break for U of M Crookston students who had to endure the long Minnesota winters. Ag-Arama also serves as a common place for agriculture and natural resources alumni to return and visit. Did you know Ag-Arama events used to be held at the Winter Shows Building in Crookston? It's now, of course, held at our own University Teaching and Outreach Center. In 2025, we'll have showmanship rounds, the alumni show, a new dog showmanship, coronation, alumni social, and a dance that's open to the public at the Crookston Eagles Club.

Happy Holidays to those who celebrate and stay warm.

Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause



U of M Crookston Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause is pictured with the family of Bob Bergland at the inaugural Bergland Lecture Series event in early December.

\$1.8 million DOE grant will fund new energy jobs training at White Earth Tribal and Community College

A new energy jobs training program will be launched by the White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) through a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Commerce, which was awarded a \$1.8 million grant with the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Auditor Training Program.

The Minnesota Commerce Department partnered with WETCC to address the growing need in northwest Minnesota for more skilled professionals trained in energy efficiency work as energy auditors. Energy Auditor Training program participants will receive classroom training, credentials, job shadowing experience, and wraparound services.

Students will receive classroom courses aligned with Building Performance Institute certifications, which will broaden paths to clean energy careers that don't require a 4-year college degree. Students will also benefit from hands-on job training with organizations across northwestern Minnesota, including utility companies, cities, and the White Earth Tribal Nation. The new program will start with residential energy auditor training, with the goal

of expanding in the future. WETCC has selected Everblue as the Interstate Renewable Energy Council accredited training partner to deliver the grant's programming.

"This grant to initiate our Energy Auditor Training Program enables us to dive into critical work, training a new generation of energy auditors who will play essential roles in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability within our communities," said White Earth Tribal and Community College President Anna Sheppard. "We're looking forward to starting this meaningful work and are grateful for the support that makes this program possible."

Bridget Guiza, WETCC Customized Education Coordinator, said, "This opportunity took a regional team effort and grew from significant relationship building across multiple partners. Collectively, we are one step closer toward achieving Tribal energy sovereignty."

Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold said, "These kinds of training programs are crucial for building a workforce that serves communities across the state to create good-paying jobs, to save money on energy costs,

and to reduce energy use. The federal funds coming to Minnesota are helping us to build our clean energy economy."

The regional impact of the energy auditor training program would bring opportunities for more energy efficiency efforts on White Earth Reservation and other communities in northwestern Minnesota. The City of Crookston is among the ongoing and developing partners across the region for the training. "We have a goal to improve energy efficiency for at least 600 homes in our city, and the first step to achieve that goal is to have energy audits," said Karie Kirschbaum, Crookston Community Development Director and Executive Director for Crookston Housing and Economic Development Authority. "Making homes more energy efficient helps save our residents money and reduces our energy costs."

Otter Tail Power Company, which serves Crookston and other areas in northwest Minnesota with electric power, is one of the businesses planning to offer hands-on training to students. "We're excited about the new program at White Earth Tribal and Community College

as an important opportunity to both help our customers save money by using less energy and to expand the energy workforce in our region," said Otter Tail Power Retail Energy Solutions Manager Jason Grenier.



Senators cite Minnesotans in Rochester going 4+ days without mail delivery

U.S. Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar (both D-MN) sent a letter pressing Postmaster General Louis DeJoy for answers on recent mail delays across Minnesota, particularly in the Rochester area. The follow-up comes after both Senators led the entire Minnesota and North Dakota Congressional delegations in a bipartisan letter pressing the Postmaster General to improve service following an Inspector General report. That report found nearly 130,858 missing or delayed pieces of mail at six post offices over the course

History of the Holiday Train

By Eric Mickelson

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train has been traveling across Canada and the United States since 1999 to raise money and food for local food banks. Over the past 25 years people have enjoyed music performances and a chance for some fun in many communities and once again to make a food donation at places across Minnesota.

The Holiday Train started in 1999 and is run by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Holiday Train is a way to celebrate the holiday season and raises money and food for community food banks. It also provides publicity for the Canadian Pacific Railway and some of its customers.

The brightly colorful boxcars of CPKC Railway's annual Holiday Train made stops in Minne-

sota from December 11th starting in La Crescent and ending December 16th in Elbow Lake. The train made local stops in Mahanomen, Plummer, and Thief River Falls on December 15th. The stops here in Central and Northwestern Minnesota featured music from Seaforth and Alana Springsteen.

Since 1999 the Holiday train has raised more than \$24 million and collected more than 5 million pounds of food for local food banks across the U.S. and Canada.

If you missed out this year keep your eyes and ears peeled, hopefully the tradition will continue and the Holiday Train again grace our local area and stop for some fun and service to our local communities!



The Holiday Train stopped in Plummer on Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m.



A big crowd was on hand to watch the performances in Plummer,

Help MnDOT name more snowplows! Submit your idea by Dec. 20

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation is excited to invite the public to submit creative snowplow names for the agency's fifth Name a Snowplow contest. Past winners have included names like Taylor Drift, Plow McPlowFace, and The Big Lep-lowski.

MnDOT encourages people to submit their most witty, unique and Minnesota or winter-themed snowplow name ideas through the agency's website. Submissions will be accepted through noon on Friday, Dec. 20.

This year's contest includes a few basic rules:

- Each person may only submit one name.
- Submissions are limited to no more than 30 characters (including letters and spaces).
- Gosh darn it, nothing vulgar please. Any submissions that include profanity or other inappropriate language will not be considered.
- Politically inspired names (including phrases, slogans or plays on politicians' names)

will not be considered. Naming snowplows is meant to be fun and lighthearted, so we're going to keep this contest nonpartisan and nonpolitical.

• Past winners will also will not be considered. You can find a full list of past winners on our Name a Snowplow website.

MnDOT staff will review all the submissions, advance submissions that meet the guidelines above, and invite the public to vote on their favorites in January 2025. The eight names that get the most votes will make their way onto a snowplow, one for each MnDOT district across the state.

Minnesotans are encouraged to follow @MnDOT on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates on the Name a Snowplow contest as well as winter weather alerts, safety messages, construction updates and more.

For real-time travel information including current road conditions, road closures, traffic cameras and more, visit 511mn.org or download the 511MN mobile phone app.

accountability for service issues and do something about it."

"Minnesotans rely on the Postal Service to deliver their prescriptions, Social Security checks, and more, and they need and deserve timely service," said Senator Klobuchar. "We have heard reports of mail being delayed for four days or more in Rochester. That's why Sen. Smith and I are calling on Postmaster General DeJoy to address these issues, ensuring that Rochester and the rest of Minnesota's residents receive reliable service."



Pictured are ICCC Executive Director Catherine Johnson and ICCC Chair and Mayor of Plummer Jim DuChamp with the donations from the Holiday Train. ICCC would like to thank the the RLCC Elementary school and staff for collecting food and hygiene items and for those who brought donations to the Holiday train. The donations weighed in at 1,533 pounds and we collected \$855.76 so far.

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ANTIQUES

By John Eggers

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I can vividly recall going to garage sales where the owners would have a table filled with unopened Avon bottles of every size and shape. A sign read, "Choice, 50 cents each or 3 for \$1."

David McConnel founded Avon in 1886. He was a book seller who figured that people were more interested in buying perfumes than they were books.

Initially the company was called The California Perfume Company. In 1939 the company changed its name to Avon. The company sells its products to over 100 countries with Brazil being its largest customer.

The Avon lady was a popular person a decade or so ago. And, there were plenty of women who purchased Avon products. The pretty and unique bottles came in every size and shape. Avon also made jewelry products.

Avon bottles are numerous and for this reason their value is low. The beautiful green Christmas tree bottle shown here has a red top sells for about \$20. Most Avon items sell for a few dollars if you can sell them. Sets of Avon Zodiac bottles sell for \$20 a set. Bottles marked California Perfume Company sell for considerably more.

Yes, Avon bottles are beautiful. It's too bad the market was flooded with the products. The word on the street is that the Avon Company has filed for bankruptcy and faces numerous law suits. Maybe, just maybe, this issue might enhance the sale of vintage Avon products. If you have a collection, you may wish to hang on to them and see what happens in the next few years. In the meantime, you will have to wait awhile to hear, "Avon lady calling."

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Ground Maintenance

You are invited to submit a proposal to Inter-County Community Council for ground maintenance services for the 2024-2025 seasons. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00p.m. on December 27, 2024. For a copy of the Request for Proposal contact Catherine Johnson at Inter-County at 218-796-5144 ext. 1027 or by e-mail at CJohnson@intercountycc.org.

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DINING & entertainment

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Blue Christmas with Elvis!
Saturday, December 21st
from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at Little Bobby's in McIntosh
There will be a \$10 cover charge.

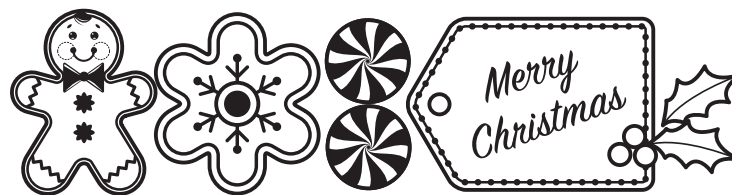
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WHAT'S NEW AT LITTLE BOBBY'S

Serving up a holiday drink at Little Bobby's
Friday, December 20th
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Charles will be serving from 5 pm to 7 pm
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College News

More than 360 MSUM Students graduate

Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 11, 2024 – Minnesota State University Moorhead will award degrees to more than 360 students, including 139 graduate students, during three separate ceremonies for fall commencement on Thursday, Dec. 19, in the university's Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre. Note the change of location from the previous fall ceremony to 801 13th St. S. Moorhead, Minn.

Taylor Miller, BS SLHS Magna Cum Laude-Bejou, MN
Ashten Wolfe, BS Bus Admin Summa Cum Laude-Fosston, MN

Three ceremonies will be divided by college.

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. – College of Business, Analytics & Communication

- o Student speaker is Jaxson Waugh, a project management major from Watertown, S.D. Parents are Cody Moe and Dorah Waugh.

- 1 to 2:30 p.m. – College of Education & Human Services and College of Arts & Humanities

- o Student Speaker is Mary Rupp, a double major in criminal justice and psychology from Campbell, Minn. Parents are Desi Kleindl and Troy Rupp.

- 3:30 to 5 p.m. – College of Science, Health & the Environment

- o Student Speaker is Paighton Volk, a biology major with an emphasis in medical and cellular biology. Parents are Troy and Aimee Volk, Bismarck, N.D.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

CLEARWATER COUNTY ATTORNEY

Job Title: Clearwater County Attorney

Job Description: We are seeking a County Attorney applicant who will be responsible for handling juvenile delinquency matters; child support enforcement; criminal prosecution and other areas statutorily imposed upon County Attorneys. Applicants must be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Minnesota and have solid research and writing skills together with prior advocacy experience. Application form and job description may be obtained from our website at: www.co.clearwater.mn.us or by contacting the Clearwater County Attorney's Office, 213 Main Ave. N., Dept. 204, Bagley, MN 56621, (218) 694-6656 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Contact Information: Kristi Thompson, 218-694-6566, atty@clearwatercountymn.gov

Application Accepted to: December 27, 2024

Salary Range: Salary based on qualifications.

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

EARLY CHILDHOOD POSITIONS OPEN



Find your purpose, join a dynamic team that makes a difference in the lives of families every day. Would you like an opportunity to work with our youngest learners and their families? Would you like to work in a family friendly environment? Are you looking for a career with great benefits?

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for openings in our Head Start department.

Enrollment & Recruitment Specialist: responsible for managing program applications, documenting eligibility, organizing and conducting recruitment efforts, and assisting with selection and enrollment of program participants.

Health Specialist: supports the health-related services to enrolled children and families, maintains (enters/verifies) health records, works with staff and community partners to organize health events for program participants.

Home Visitor: position works with one-on-one with families of children (ages birth to 5 years), providing in-home education visits on a weekly basis. Current caseload in the Bagley area.

Substitute Classroom Assistant Teachers: substitute on an on-call, as needed basis. Hours vary significantly. Work with a team to provide care and education to 3-4 year 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 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.intercountyycc.org/careers/

Application is available on the website. Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, attn.: Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@inter-countyycc.org. Applications due Thursday, January 2 at 4:30PM. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

ICCC is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Jury Attendant (Part-Time) – Sheriff's Office:

\$18.57 – \$23.52/hr.

Position Closes on Friday, December 27, 2024

Maintenance Worker I – Facilities:

\$20.67 - \$26.18/hr.

Position Closes on Friday, January 3, 2025

Custodian I – Facilities:

\$19.50 – \$24.70/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

\$30.48 – \$40.93/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Engineering Technician – Highway:

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

Environmental Technician – Environmental Services:

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

Landfill Technician – Landfill:

\$23.44 – \$29.69/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Mechanical Maintenance Technician I - II – Fosston:

\$24.61 – \$33.04/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Public Safety Telecommunicator – Sheriff's Office:

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

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:

\$18.57 – \$24.70/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

COACHING POSITIONS

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has the following Extra-Curricular Coaching Positions Available for the 2025 Spring Season:

Head Coach Positions:

Pay for these positions is \$4,320 for the season

- Varsity Head Baseball Coach
- Varsity Head Softball Coach

Assistant Coach Positions:

Pay for these positions is \$2,880 for the season

- Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
- Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

Junior High Coach Position:

Pay for this position is \$1,800 for the season

- Junior High softball coach

Coaching requirements and expectations for our District include: Teaching young players the fundamentals of the sport you are applying for, being present at all games and practices, and being a positive role model to young student athletes. It is preferred that an applicant have experience coaching or playing in the sport they are applying for. Must be able to pass a background check. Positions are available until filled.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:



Melissa Weems, HR
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Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
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Customer Service Representative American State Bank- Erskine Location

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Full Time – Pay \$16-\$20, based on experience
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If you want to work for an established, growing organization, this is the place for you. Let American State Bank be your destination workplace. Please contact Kristopher Munter at Kristopher.munter@asbgrygla.com or Jackie Huschle at Jackie.huschle@asbgrygla.com with any questions or interest in the position.



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Clearwater County Department of Human Services

Clearwater County Department of Human Service is looking to fill a full time (40 hours per week) position with a skilled, caring, and empathetic team player whose talents will contribute to and promote the mission, vision, and values of the agency. Clearwater County DHS offers a comprehensive benefit package.

Agency Social Worker: This position will work with the aging and physically and cognitively impaired populations to assess needs and arrange services so individuals can remain safely in their home and community.

Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem> to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. 12/31/2024.



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Hiring! Bagley Co-op Elevator Manager

The Bagley Co-op Elevator is seeking a highly motivated and experienced Manager to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a background in livestock or agriculture and a strong passion for serving the local farming community.

Position: Manager
Location: Bagley Co-op Elevator

Responsibilities:

- Oversee daily operations of the Co-op Elevator.
- Manage staff, scheduling, and workflow.
- Ensure smooth coordination of inventory
- Develop and maintain relationships with local farmers and suppliers.
- Implement safety protocols and company policies.
- Provide excellent customer service to all clients.

Qualifications:

- Experience with Livestock or Agriculture preferred.
- Strong leadership and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities.

Compensation:

Wage is based on experience.

How to Apply:

Applications can be picked up at any Bagley Cenex location or directly at the Bagley Co-op Elevator. We look forward to reviewing your application!

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Red Lake County Heavy Equipment Operator

Position is based at the Oklee shop. Duties include, but not limited to, to grading and snowplowing assigned roadways with motor grader, repair and maintain all operating equipment, and keep roadway systems safe for traveling public all year round. Pay range \$21.77-\$28.31/hr. depending on experience includes a benefits package. This is a Union position with the I.U.O.E. Local No. 49.

Applicants must have a valid Minnesota CDL, Class A combination, be able to hear audio alarms and warning devices, lift 50 lbs., and be available for overtime in winter months with long hours and a short notice for reporting to work.

More information and applications are available at www.co.red-lake.mn.us/employment, email: hr@co.red-lake.mn.us, or at the Highway Department, 204 7th St SE Red Lake Falls, MN. For more information call (218) 253-2697. Deadline for initial applications is December 20, 2024.

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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
- Photography
- Some inter-office duties (updating subscriptions, customer service, ad sales)

Knowledge in Adobe InDesign, Acrobat, Photoshop, Microsoft Word and Excel helpful.

Will train. Applications are available upon request, or submit application and resume to the Richards Publishing, PO Box 159, Gonvick, MN 56644. Contact Corrine at 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com for questions.



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REAL ESTATE - RENTALS

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According to the Zillow Home Value Index, the median value of homes in the United States increased dramatically between 2019 and 2024. Data from the online real estate listing service indicates the median value of a home in the U.S. in August 2019 was \$243,386. Just half a decade later, that value had risen to \$361,282, marking a 67 percent increase in median home value over that time. Housing prices have experienced an even greater uptick in Canada, where data from the Canadian Real Estate Association indicates that the average selling price of homes sold in August 2024 was \$717,800 CAD (\$529,427.75 USD), a roughly 73 percent increase since August 2019, when the average homes sold in Canada went for \$522,700 (\$385,527.84 USD). The spike in housing costs has greatly outpaced inflation. In fact, according to a 2024 report from the real estate data firm Clever, if home prices had increased at the same rate as inflation since 1963, the median price of a home in the U.S. would be \$177,511, which is less than half the median value reported by Zillow in August 2024.

Did you know?

The National Football League (NFL) was formed in 1920 as the American Professional Football Association (APFA). The first-ever NFL game was played at Triangle Park in Dayton, Ohio, on October 3, 1920. In that contest, the hometown Dayton Triangles defeated the Columbus Panhandles 14-0. Though the Dayton Triangles were eventually purchased by a Brooklyn-based syndicate and relocated to New York as a result of that transaction, the team's status as the host of the first NFL game continues to pay dividends for residents of the southwestern Ohio city where the franchise ushered in the now wildly popular league. In recognition of the place the city of Dayton holds in NFL history, the NFL Foundation, in partnership with FieldTurf & Vasco, pledged to fund the installment of a new artificial turf at the city's Kettering Park.

Did you know?

Boxing Day is celebrated between Christmas and New Year's Day. It is an official public holiday when banks, offices and schools are closed. When Boxing Day happens to be on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday. Some believe the name is derived from the tradition of opening alms boxes that were placed in churches to gather donations for the poor. Others theorize the name comes from boxes of gifts given to employees on the day after Christmas, seeing as servants traditionally had to work on Christmas and December 26th was their day to enjoy time off with family. Although Boxing Day is known across the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth nations like Canada, it is not observed in the United States. Activities like shopping Boxing Day sales, participating in polar plunges, watching sporting events, and gathering with friends are customary on Boxing Day.

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DNR accepting comments on Voyageur Country ATV System

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments through Dec. 26 on an environmental assessment worksheet to address the second phase of a proposed ATV trail expansion in Koochiching and St. Louis counties.

The Voyageur Country ATV Club is proposing up to 125 additional miles of roadway and natural surface trail be included in the Voyageur Country ATV system, connecting communities in Koochiching and St. Louis counties. The proposed project includes 39 miles of existing route that will not see any changes, 78 miles of existing route with improvements and 8 miles of new trail.

The existing system connects communities in northern St. Louis County on natural surface trails, shared-use natural surface or gravel roads, and paved roads. These communities include Kabetogama to the north, Ely to the east, Orr to the west, and Cook to the south. The proposed project would connect the existing system with communities in Koochiching County, including the city of International Falls, the city of Littlefork, and the unorganized territories of East Koochiching, Rainy Lake, and Northwest St. Louis County.

Phase 1 of the VCATV Trail Improvement Project underwent environmental review in 2021. Like the current proposed project, Phase 1 also involved improving, connecting and constructing new trail along various trail segments across a large area of northern Minnesota.

A copy of the EAW is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/input/environmentalre-

view/voyageur-country-trail-expansion.html). A printed copy can be requested by calling 651-259-5694.

The EAW is also available for public review at:

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Super 99 Oliver

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



Greetings! Hope your preparations for the Holiday Season have been going well. Putting up trees, wrapping presents, and attending Holiday Programs in our Schools and Churches make it a busy season. Another yearly December event for me is the Annual Toy Show at the Armory in Thief River Falls. Saturday morning I headed out to find a present for my grandson and maybe a present for me! Mission accomplished! I did find a toy for each of us and also a present for my wife!(Not a toy tractor!) One of the toys I saw was a Super 99 Oliver. I don't have an Oliver and I was looking for John Deere toys, but that Oliver toy reminded me of a great "real" tractor!

In the 1950's farmers wanted more horsepower. In 1949 John Deere introduced their model R. Minneapolis Moline's GB came out in 1955. In 1953 Case came out with the big 500 and in 1957 the 600. But Oliver had a chance to enter the "big" tractor market. From 1937 to 1953 they produced the model 99. In



Oliver Super 99 toy, looks just like the real deal!

1954 they stepped it up bringing out the Super 99.

The Super 99 was available with gas and Diesel engines. In particular one Diesel power plant turned many heads. It was a 3 cylinder, two stroke, GM Diesel. The 99 with the GM Diesel is one on my friend's list! It was rated over 71 horsepower on the belt and 58 on the drawbar. It was rated to pull a 5 or

6 bottom plow. With only 302 cu. in the motor, it was reasonably small, but the 1675 RPMs they developed as many power strokes as the Regular Waukesha 6 cylinder engine that was also used in the Super 99. Although regardless of which engine was used both tractors were dressed in the same styling. The Super 99 with the GM engine hosted twin air stacks

and a singular supercharger protruding from its engine that lent it a distinctive look in the field.

Not only did it have a distinctive look, the screaming 3 cylinder GM had a distinctive sound. So in the late 50's the Super 99 was sort of the "king" of power in the tractor industry. I have watched several Super 99s in tractor pulls and listened to them scream as they pulled the skid down the track. I have never driven one, but if my friend buys one, I hope I can take it for a ride!! Keep me in mind, Jon!

How about a little tractor trivia.

The Super 99 has _____ forward speed.

A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 8

2. With the GM engine the Oliver Super 99 was rated at 5-6 bottom plow, but with the Oliver engine it was rated a _____ plow tractor.

3. The 90 and 99 series of Oliver tractors were preceded by the Oliver Hart-Parr model _____.

A) 80 B) 15-30 C) 20-40 D) 28-44

4. Oliver headquarters were in what town?

5. The two men _____ Hart and _____ Parr had the same first name.

What was it?

Answers: 1. C. 6 speeds 2. 4-5 plow 3. D. 28-44 4. Charles City, Iowa 5. Charles

Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2



had inadequate internal controls" and did not attempt to recover more than \$40 million – a conservative estimate – in overpayments to Medical Assistance providers. DHS is one the largest portions of our budget, yet this slipped through the cracks. Why are these agencies and commissioners not being held accountable? \$40 million is a lot of money, yet Governor Walz has done nothing to hold agencies and Commissioners accountable for their failures. This needs to change.

I also want to point out that the audit focused heavily on long-term care facilities. Through no fault of their own, they received these overpayments. Now the OLA is suggesting that the legislature work with DHS to recover that money. These long-term care facilities across our state have been struggling with staffing shortages, overcrowded facilities, and more. Now, they'll have to worry about this issue. I'm worried they will be in far worse shape once all is said and done.

Earlier this year there was a similar issue with wasteful spending and nonprofits. The Democrat trifecta gave \$1.1 billion in grants to DEED to be given to nonprofits. Many of which were brand new organizations with no track record. In 2023, the OLA found that there is not proper oversight over these grants. This new case is yet another issue that could have been completely avoided with proper oversight. There has been too much fraud, waste, and abuse under this administration. Things have to change.

We owe it to Minnesota families. They expect our legislature to be responsible, but things have gotten out of hand. We need proper oversight of these large agencies – they can't get away with constant waste. It's long past time we hold Governor Walz and his commissioners accountable for what they've done to our state, and it's time to get our budget and spending under control before it's too late.

Sincerely,
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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Warmth of the Manger without the Cold of Night

Christmas pajamas are always stylin this time of year. The comfort offered, the warmth of cozy, and the feel of fabric encapsulating adds to the quiet physical surround sound.

The nights are cold here in the north as the fireplace brings warmth and the Christmas lights offer a periphery of shelter from the world at large. Northern Lights are aglow in the remote while casting hues never seen before—before our very eyes. Comforters for sale in the store aisles are certain to satisfy all ages and stages. After all who doesn't like a blanket to wrap up in when the winter nights beg yet another layer of warmth.

Stillness once again prevails as reflective lights from the creche offer respite before the arrival of the Babe in the manger. Deeper we go as we once again remember anew what the Almighty did do as His only begotten Son came down.

We not only pause in stillness to gather round, but the focal point remains—always the Babe—always the Babe. We gather to honor Mary's fiat—her yes—"be it done unto me according to Thy Word" (Luke 1:38). We gather in pause to proclaim His name, this Holy One, "the only One who was and is and is to come" (Rev. 1:8). How revealing the book of Revelation is. They always say they save the best till last. Perhaps that is just what He did as what was

written still stands.

Luke 9:46-48 rings truer than ever this time of year...a foreshadowing of sorts of what was to come. "An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by His side and said to them, whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives Him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

Jesus came as Mary bent low to pick up the Babe so we, like she, could "behold the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). Not sure there's another way to say it all as we recall the meaning of the Babe who nestled within the warmth of the manger. He came so the cold of night would not remain as such within us, and when the cold winds blow from without, we can recall the warmth of the manger from within. It stabilizes you know—in the stable so long ago. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:8).

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were afraid. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you good news

that will cause great joy for all the people.' Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:8-12.) Amen.

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Answers on page 7



Mark Knutson, Marshall County Director presents hams to volunteers at the Strandquist Food Shelf.

Marshall Soybean & Corn Growers donate to area food shelves

WARREN – The Marshall Soybean and Corn Growers are putting their checkoff dollars to good use by donating \$600 in hams to food shelves in Warren, Argyle, Strandquist and Grygla.

"It is very important and helpful to those in need," Board Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Deschene said. "The Marshall County food shelves do tremendous work, and we are proud to help the families in our community."

Deschene noted that Minnesota's soybean farmers play an important role in providing feed for the meat that ends up on the family table.

In Minnesota, pork is one of the meat industry's top exports, creating over 44,000 jobs and generating \$6 billion in annual economic activity. Pigs consume over 20 billion pounds of soybean meal each year, increasing the taste of the pork and ensuring a high-quality product for consumers.

The mission of Marshall County is to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to help families and individuals achieve their potential through active community participation and to protect, promote and improve the health and quality of life in Marshall County, Minnesota.

The Marshall County Soybean and Corn Growers Association is affiliated with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, which oversees the investment of soybean checkoff dollars on behalf of the nearly 26,000 farmers in Minnesota. The Council is governed by the rules of a federally mandated checkoff program that requires all soybean producers pay a fee on the soybeans they sell. Checkoff dollars are used to promote, educate and develop market opportunities for soybeans.

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is one of the largest grassroots farm organizations in the United States. Working in close partnership with the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, MCGA identifies and promotes opportunities for Minnesota's 24,000 corn farmers while building connections with the non-farming public.

For more information contact Minnesota Soybean County Representative Lorri Ann Hartel at (218) 686-6144 or by emailing lhartel@prairieag-comm.com



Mark Knutson, Marshall County Director presents hams to Cheryl Sistad, volunteer for the Grygla/Gatzke Area Food Shelf.



Cecil Deschene, Marshall County Director presents hams to Leon Erickson, volunteer for the Warren Food Shelf.

Women in Ag Conference hosted by U of M Extension and Minnesota Farm Service Agency

ST. CLOUD, MN. (12/12/2024)— "Farming Your Way, Creating Balance" is the theme for the 2025 Extension Women in Ag Conference, hosted by the U of M Women in Ag Network, in partnership with the Minnesota Farm Service Agency.

The Women in Ag Conference will be 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at The Park Event Center, Waite Park, Minnesota. In an industry where every farm and role is unique, finding your place means discovering the balance that works best for you, your farm, your family, and your goals. This conference will help farmers and ranchers explore and define what agriculture means to each person, finding ways to navigate both the family and the operation, as well as making your distinct mark in agriculture. Whether you're a beginner, future, mid-career or seasoned farmer, industry professional, or agriculture enthusiast, this conference is for you. All people are welcome.

Susanne Hinrichs, agricultural business management educator with U of M Extension works with a planning team and the advisory committee to



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plan this conference. She says, "The conference will focus on farm business management and production, including topics such as farm finances, healthy soils, pasture management, balancing it all, goal setting, integration of crops and livestock, including childcare planning into business planning, MDA grant information, ag product marketing, managing social presence, and wellbeing and resilience. There's something for everyone."

New this year, two micro-grants are available through an application process from the Minnesota Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier (LDEI). As the conference grows each year, the goal is to offer more scholarships with additional sponsorship funding.

For more information on the scholarship, the conference, and to register, follow this link: z.umn.edu/WomenInAg2025. Early bird rates are available through January 27, 2025.

DMU Research Uncovers Rise in HPV-Associated Cancer in Rural America

WEST DES MOINES, IA (12/16/2024) Rural communities in America are facing a growing and preventable health crisis as HPV-associated cancers are increasing at an alarming rate compared to urban areas.

Recent research by Jason Semprini, Ph.D., MPP, assistant professor in the Department of Public Health at Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences, published in the Journal of Rural and Remote Health, reveals a widening disparity in HPV-related cancer incidence and mortality between rural and urban communities.

Analyzing data from 2000-2021, Semprini's study found that HPV-associated cancer incidence remained relatively stable in metropolitan and non-metropolitan urban areas. In contrast, rural communities saw a sharp rise in both cancer incidence and mortality since 2020.

Using definitions from the United States Department of Agriculture, Semprini classified "rural" areas as those outside urbanized regions or with populations below 2,500. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, about 66 million people - or 20% of the population - live in these areas.

Semprini's findings are especially concerning given the preventable nature of HPV-associated cancers through vaccination.

"Leading up to 2020, non-metro urban and rural rates were fairly consistent, but since then, rural areas have experienced a notable spike in HPV-associated cancers," Semprini says. "This widening gap is likely to continue unless we take immediate action to increase HPV vaccination efforts in rural communities."

Semprini's research highlights that factors such as lower HPV vaccine rates, reduced cancer screening and limited access to health care services contribute to this troubling trend in rural areas.

"While the HPV vaccine has been available since 2006, vaccination rates remain well below the national target of 80%, particularly in rural communities,"

Semprini says.

Semprini's future research will delve deeper into state and regional differences in rural HPV-associated cancer rates. He is also exploring effective public health interventions that could increase vaccine adherence and access to preventive care in underserved rural areas.

"Our goal is to better understand where the highest risks lie and develop targeted solutions to reduce the burden of these cancers in rural communities," Semprini says.

For more information about Semprini's research and DMU's public health initiatives, visit www.dmu.edu/mph.

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part of Iowa's capital metro, Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences offers 10 graduate-level professional degree programs in anatomy, biomedical sciences, health care administration, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, podiatric medicine and public health. Founded in 1898, the institution offers superior academics in a collaborative environment. DMU students' scores on national examinations, pass rates on board certifications and match rates for medical residency programs are consistently higher than national averages and rates at peer institutions.

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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Audrey Olson

Audrey Olson, age 85, of Mentor, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 10th, at the Villa St. Vincent Nursing Home in Crookston, MN. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14th, at Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor with the Rev. Michael Sletto officiating. Interment was in Kingo Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston, MN. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages on condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Audrey Burnette Olson was born June 10th, 1939, in Fosston, MN to Alton and Rosetta (Olson) Ekeberg. Audrey attended Country School #282 from first grade through sixth grade. She then attended McIntosh High School from seventh grade through twelfth grade, where she graduated with the class of 1957. After graduating high school, Audrey worked various jobs including selling concessions at the drive-in movie theater, harvesting

potatoes, working for a dentist office, and working as a nurse's assistant. She enjoyed all of her jobs and was always a busy lady. Later in life, she enjoyed working on the farm and raising beef cattle. She always had a soft spot in her heart for her cattle.

Audrey was united in marriage to Robert (Bob) Lee on June 27th, 1959. Audrey and Robert lived together in Fosston. To this union, two children were born: Lynette Lee and Michael Lee.

Audrey was then remarried to Arnold Olson, Jr on May 7th, 1977. Audrey and Arnold lived together in Mentor, MN. To this union, one daughter was born: Sarah Olson.

Audrey was a social butterfly who enjoyed getting together with friends and family. Audrey enjoyed gardening and canning the vegetables from her garden, watching birds, cooking large family meals – she was famous for her potato salad, spending time with family, and playing bingo.

She is survived by her son, Michael Lee of Mentor, MN; daughter, Sarah (Terry) Whalen of Oklee, MN; grandchildren Brooke (Josh) Kysely, Trevor Lee (Hanna Braaksma), Chase Whalen, Carlee Whalen (Gabe Arveson), and Claire Whalen. She is also survived by her best friend, Ellen Lee of Gary, MN. Audrey is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Lynette Lee, and her husband Arnold Olson, Jr.

The family of Audrey would like to sincerely thank the Villa St. Vincent of Crookston, MN, for the excellent care and compassion towards Audrey for the past three years. She thoroughly enjoyed her time there and socializing with friends and staff.



Obituary for Anna Anderson

Anna Marie Roland Anderson, age 81, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2024 at her home in Lewiston, Idaho with her family by her side. Services will be held at a later date in 2025 in Lewiston, Idaho. Messages of condolence may be shared with the family on www.carlinfuneral.com.

Anna Marie was born on September 2, 1943 to parents Alf and Alice Dunrud Roland at Fosston, Minnesota. Anna Marie attended grades 1st thru 3rd in Trail school then transferred to Gully Grade School for 4th thru 8th Grade. While in Gully grade school, her good friend Shirley teased her about an old bachelor named Pete and this nick name stuck to her and she embraced it. She was always known as Auntie Pete to her nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Fosston High School in 1961. Anna Marie graduated from nursing school at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls in 1963 and did her clinicals at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes. In

1965 Anna Marie moved to Lexington Park, Maryland to stay with her brother Marlo & Sharon Roland where she worked at St. Mary's Hospital & Nursing facility for about a year.

Then she moved to St. Paul, Minnesota and worked at Fairview Hospital by the State Capitol. In 1970 she moved with her best friend Gunilla to Seattle for an adventure. She then moved to San Diego, California to be near her little sister and worked at the hospital in Mission Bay.

In 1972 she moved back to Seattle, Washington and worked at Stevens Memorial in Edmonds until retirement. Anna Marie was going to move back to Minnesota, but her nurse friends at Stevens didn't want her to leave so they introduced her to her soul mate, Lloyd, a Lynwood Police Officer. They were married December 3rd, 1974, and to that union was born one son Eric.

In 2020 she moved to Lewiston with her son Eric and his family to be near her grandson Jason. Anna Marie loved to watch sports of all kinds and especially enjoyed college football and the Seattle Seahawks.

Anna Marie was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd, her parents, Alf and Alice Dunrud Roland and in-laws, Gustav and Doris Anderson.

She is survived by her son, Eric and Hannah Anderson and her grandson Jason Anderson. Her brothers, Marlo and Sharon Roland, Wesley and Susie Roland, Harvey and Sandy Roland and sister Harriet and Dave Erckenbrack and many nieces and nephews.



Obituary for Joyce Yocum

Joyce Yvonne Yocum (Krueger), 68, of Gonvick, Minnesota, formerly of St. Paul, MN died on Friday, December 6, 2024 at Essentia Health Oak Crossings in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick, Minnesota. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Joyce was born on May 24, 1956 in Waukegan, Illinois to Randall Krueger and Myrtle Hanson. She was raised in the St. Paul area, attending Tartan High School. She

received her CDL and drove bus in addition to being a home maker and a waitress for many years. She married Mark Yocum in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 26, 1981. They moved to Gonvick in the early 2000s.

Joyce was very independent. She loved horses, riding since she was a little girl. She was active in 4H her whole life, both in the Hugo/Forest Lake area as well as Clearbrook/Gonvick area. She also enjoyed trucks. Above all, Joyce loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Mark Yocum; her children, Chris (Gail) Elliott and Katherine Bontjes; her step children, Jason Haugen and Layla (Gene) Centeno; 14 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; her father, Randall Krueger, Sr.; her half-siblings, Ronda, Darlene, Denise, and Randall, Jr.; her brother-in-law, Ron Halvorson; her sister-in-law, Rebecca Yocum; her mother-in-law, Mina Jacobs; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle; her infant brother; and her half-sister, Crystal Krueger.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com



Obituary for "Babe" W. Berge

Born in Bejou, Minnesota to Art Winter and Beatrice Halvorson Winter on September 20, 1934, Babe Berge was the fourth of six sisters. Connie Ohren of Moorhead, Minnesota is now the last surviving sister. Babe was a graduate of Mahanomen High School and then received her LPN in Crookston, Minnesota.

Arlene Mae Winter, her legal name, married Karsten Berge in 1953. Karsten owned Berge Store and Babe was working as a nurse. Their cabin at Union Lake was a source of fun, swimming and fishing. The memories are still fresh and vivid to Sandy, Erik, Jon and Naime.

In 1969, the Berge family moved to Whitefish, living at the Castle for 2 decades. Babe actually taught 2 of her grandchildren how to do cartwheels, somersaults and jack knives. She was in her 50s!

Babe always had great

fashion sense and owned and operated 2 clothing stores. Sandra's was purchased in 1974 and Babe's in 1990 in Kalispell, MT. Both Karsten and Babe thoroughly enjoyed and took great pride in being part of the Whitefish downtown business community.

She was a natural athlete; golfing, tennis and dancing came easily. Her favorite past time was walking her Jack Russell, TK. She spent hours walking around the pond and river trail by her home on O'Brien Avenue. Her favorite drink was coffee and favorite meal was ice cream. Her great smile, sense of humor and common sense will be greatly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Carol, Mary Lou, Betty and Patty. Her husband, Karsten Berge, passed in 2009; grandson Max Berge Stillman in 2016 and son in law Kelly Conrad Jr, MD in 2021.

Babe is survived by her 4 children; Sandy of Bend, Oregon, Erik of Whitefish, MT, Jon of Palm Springs, CA and Naime of Minnetonka, MN. She also has 3 grandchildren in Bend; AK Conrad III, Caitlin Conrad Fields (Jeremy) and Naime Conrad plus 2 great grandchildren, Karsten and June Fields. Grace Berge Stillman lives in Minnetonka, MN.

A private family service will be held later in 2025. No donations are expected but if desired, North Valley Food Bank was her favorite. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbian-obituary.com.



Obituary for Irene Smith

Irene Smith, 89, of Thief River Falls, MN passed away on Monday December 9, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center Thief River Falls.

Celebration of life for Irene will be held at 11:00 AM on December 26, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN with Rev. Marilyn Graftstrom officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at a later date at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rural Grygla.

On December 26, 1934, Irene was born to Clyde and Annabelle (Lee) Gay at Wolford, ND.

On May 9, 1952, Irene was married to Morris Hermanson.

On December 15, 1973, Irene was united in marriage to William "Willie" Smith at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, east of Grygla, MN. They made their home near

Fourtown, MN, for a few years and then purchased land east of Valle Township, near Grygla, where they made their home. Irene enjoyed embroidery and donated several items to Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Growing flowers and making doughnuts for grandchildren also gave her much joy.

Irene is survived by her children: Pamela (Ralph) Smith, Paulette Dougherty, Timothy (Linda) Hermanson, and Kurt (Lenay) Hermanson; grandchildren: Shawn Dougherty, Eric (Jackie Moe) Dougherty, Bryan (Kristine) Dougherty, Travis (Kallie) Dougherty, Kevin (Bess) Brambrink, Nichole Glenn, Amy (Arlen) Nelson, Dominic (Melinda) Hermanson, Gabriel (Tanile) Hermanson, Tiffany (Arlen) Eidelbes, Philip (Stefanie) Hermanson, and Bethany (Ben) Larson; great-grandchildren: Paige, Tyler, Heather, Amber, Kelly, Jamie, Payton, Taylor, Dylan, Hailee, Ethan, Aiden, Braxton, Zoey, Keagan, Tayla, Bentley, Kylie, Allie, Carter, Caden, Myrah, Hunter, Anthony, Raymond, Paizley, Breann, Teagan, and Kaelen; great-great-grandchildren: Theodore, Eloise, Zaylie and Cash; and cousin, nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husbands: Morris Hermanson and William Smith; son-in-law: Richard Dougherty, and brothers and sisters.

In Lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to your favorite charity in Irene's memory.



Obituary for Janice Raaen

Janice Raaen, age 87, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Janice (Espeseth) Raaen was born on March 14, 1937, to parents Fred and Lena Espeseth near Winger, MN. She attended elementary school at Gossen District 22, a few miles from her home, and grades 7-12 at McIntosh High School. Janice went to Northland Community College in Thief River Falls, MN, and attended summer business and computer courses at Bemidji State University.

On April 16, 1966, Janice married Vincent Raaen in Casper, WY. In 1957, they moved to a farm north of Winger, where their son, Layton, was born on June 1, 1957.

Janice attended Lima Church until it's closing in 1960 and then became a member of Dovre Free Lutheran Church in Winger. At one time, she was their Sunday school superintendent and

taught Sunday school and vacation bible school. Janice was an active member of the WMF where she served as secretary for many years and has been the church secretary since 1997. Janice also did volunteer work at the Pioneer Nursing Home.

In earlier years, Janice was employed by Pacific Power & Light in Casper, WY, Daniel's County Courthouse in Scobey, MT, American State Bank of Erskine and lastly at the Erskine School District 597 in the business office for 16 years. She was an extensive traveler, which took her to Europe, Asia, South America, and Hawaii, as well as most of the other states. In her spare time, Janice enjoyed reading, crocheting, scrabble, crossword puzzles, oil painting, making birthday cards, baking cookies and taking nature walks where she could see God's hand at work in everything.

Survivors include her brother, Delmar (Cornell) Espeseth, Erskine, MN; three nephews; and two nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vincent; son, Layton; sister, Ardyth Rasmussen; and brother and sister-in law, Donald (Irene) Espeseth.

Services will be held at a later date.

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available on the website.

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family

Funeral Home of Mahnomen. www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Obituary for Raymond De Vern Peterson

Raymond De Vern Peterson, age 84, from Molalla, OR. Raymond passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday November 27, 2024. Raymond De Vern Peterson was born on August 1, 1940 in Gonvick, MN to Casper John Peterson and Hilma Ovedia Peterson (Anderson). He graduated from Gonvick High School in 1958. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Ray had a long career as a mobile Office Machine Repair Technician. He eventually moved from Gonvick, MN to Norwalk, CA. He and first wife Sharon L Peterson loved and raised their children and many foster children until her passing in 1984. He eventually found love again and was married to Elizabeth "Liz" S. Peterson (Strahl) in 1988. Eventually, Ray and Liz retired, and they moved to Molalla, Oregon.

Ray's life experiences were very interesting. He was actively involved in the Boy Scouts Of America and worked with his son's to achieve the

rank of Eagle Scout. He was a TRP Transportation Reaching People volunteer driver for the Senior Community Center taking people to their appointments. Ray's hobbies included: Woodworking to craft many custom woods pieces. Numismatics. Computers. Building countless 3-Dimensional miniature doll house models. Jigsaw puzzles. The ever-expanding collection of annual miniature Christmas Village display. Playing Bingo. Watching John Wayne movies and spaghetti westerns. Travelling with Liz on several Cruises to various destinations.

He is survived by: his beloved wife Elizabeth S. Peterson, Carol Bergh, (Older sister). Ray and Liz's children: Monte Peterson, John Davis, Rachel Tate, Gregory Strahl, Terry Strahl, Mary Merritt, Carla Taylor and Todd Strahl. He is further survived by many Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

He is preceded in death by: Casper John Peterson (Father), Hilma (Anderson) Peterson (Mother), Elaine Haugen (Sister), Sharon L. Peterson (First Wife), Dallas Peterson (Son.)

Ray has requested that there not be a formal Memorial Service. He has elected to be cremated. We will have a "Celebration Of Life" event sometime after the new year. We will provide ample notice of the event details once they are known.

Arrangements entrusted to Canby and Molalla Chapels.

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2024 Mr. Football Award: Camden Hungerholt, Leroy-Ostrander/Lyle-Pacelli

Camden Hungerholt, a quarterback / defensive back from LeRoy-Ostrander High School (LeRoy-Ostrander/Lyle-Pacelli co-op football program) was named Mr. Football for 2024 by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA). The award was presented at the Mr. Football Banquet on Sunday December 15 at the Doubletree by Hilton Minneapolis Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park.

First presented in 2004, the Mr. Football Award is an annual award recognizing Minnesota's best high school football player. The Mr. Football Award is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association and the Minnesota Vikings.

The LeRoy-Ostrander/Lyle-Pacelli Cardinals are members of the 9 District, South-East Sub-District and MSHSL Class 9-Player. LeRoy-Ostrander/Lyle-Pacelli advanced to the 9-Player State semifinals in 2024.

Camden Hungerholt is the 21st player to receive the Mr. Football Award and the first from LeRoy-Ostrander/Lyle-Pacelli. He is the first player from Class 9-Player to win the Mr. Football Award.

His head coach was Trevor Carrier. Here are Trevor Carrier's comments about Camden Hungerholt:

"Camden is an extremely committed player that wins on the field, in the classroom, and in the weight room. He has that rare ability to be a true run/pass quarterback. He is a gifted athlete that could play anywhere on the field."

Here are some highlights from Camden Hungerholt's outstanding 2024 season and his high school football career:



Honors:

- Boasts a 3.91 GPA
- Two-time State Football Tournament participant (2021, 2024)
- Member of 2024 9-Player State Football Tournament

Semifinal team

- 2024 Minnesota High School Football All-Star Game selection (South All-Stars)
 - 3-year starter
 - 2-time Team Captain
 - 3-time All-District selection
 - 3-time Team Offensive Player of the Year
 - 2-time 9-Man All-State Selection (2023, 2024)
 - 2024 Associated Press Minnesota First Team All-State selection
 - 2024 Star Tribune All-Minnesota selection
 - 2024 Rochester Post-Bulletin Player of the Year
 - 2024 Randy Shaver Talk North All-State Team selection
 - 2024 Minnesota Vikings All-State Team selection
 - Committed to play at Minnesota State-Mankato
- ### 2024 Statistics
- #### Offense
- #### Passing:
- 127 of 240 passing for 2,421 yards

- 34 touchdown passes with only 4 pass interceptions

Rushing:

- 219 rushing attempts for 2,846 yards
- 12.99 yards per carry
- 36 rushing touchdowns

Defense

- 94 tackles
- 10 tackles for loss
- 4 pass interceptions

Career Statistics:

Offense

- Passing: 324 of 628 for 5,309 yards
- Passing: 60 touchdown passes and only 14 interceptions

Rushing:

- 578 rushing carries
- 6,573 rushing yards (11.4 yards per carry)
- 86 rushing touchdowns
- 147 total career touchdowns

Defense:

- 269 tackles
- 14 tackles for loss
- 11 pass interceptions



Damon Anderson came to see Grandma Bev Anderson of Gonvick. He went hunting while he was visiting. He is with the buck that he got during the season.

Overdose Deaths Decline, Fentanyl Threat Looms

OMAHA, Neb. — 'Tis the season for holiday travel and family gatherings and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division is encouraging communities across the Midwest to make the most of this time together by continuing conversations on the consequences of drug experimentation and dangers of fentanyl.

For the first time since 2018, the United States has seen a decrease in drug overdose deaths and poisonings, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noting a 14.5 percent decrease in deaths between June 2023 and June 2024. More than 107,000 people lost their

lives to a drug overdose in 2023, with nearly 70 percent of those deaths attributed to opioids such as fentanyl.

"While we are grateful to see a decline in the number of lives lost, we know that this holiday season, there are more than 107,000 families missing their loved one because of the tragic consequences brought about by fentanyl," DEA Omaha Division Special Agent in Charge Steven T. Bell said. "Engage with your family and friends on a conversation about the dangers of fake pills and the risk of experimentation. Let's help ensure that next year's holiday gathering brings everyone together again

safe and sound."

The latest DEA laboratory testing, announced earlier this fall, indicates that 5 out of 10 pills tested contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl. This is down from 7 out of 10 pills in 2023 and 6 out of 10 pills in 2022. Two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a lethal dose. For perspective, one gram of fentanyl, equivalent in size to a sugar packet, has the potential to kill up to 500 people.

For more information on fentanyl and other drugs currently seen across the Midwest, visit dea.gov or GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov.



Steve Solien with the buck that he got on his property near Gonvick.

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