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Last Call to Redemption: New Christian Novel Explores Forgiveness Through Faith

A war veteran battles alcoholism, suicidal thoughts, and the lasting scars of abuse

Gonvick, MN - Forgiveness is often the hardest gift to give and receive, especially when forgiving oneself, a belief explored deeply in author Dr. Will Anderson's new book, "Last Chance Forgiveness: Lessons on Forgiveness".

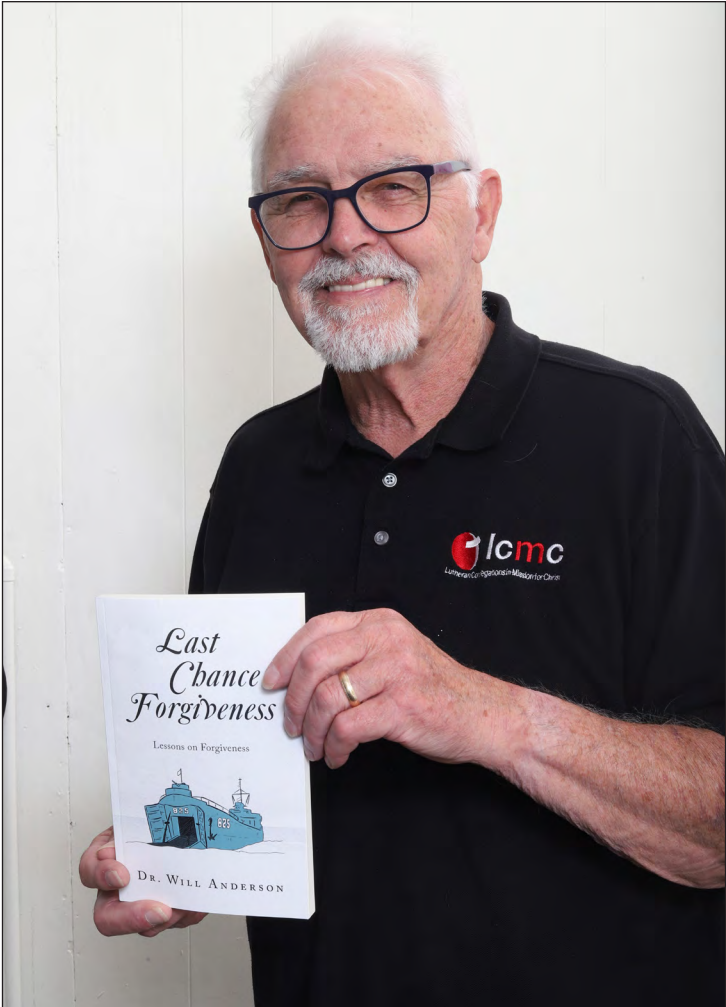
In the book, readers meet Petty Officer William (Billy) Cole as he navigates trials and tribulations, learning to forgive others to receive God's forgiveness and, ultimately, to forgive himself.

Billy is a man struggling with alcoholism and suicidal thoughts as he grapples with the memories of an abusive childhood and trauma from his service in the Vietnam War. While living on the streets of Helena, Mont., he decides to take his own life, but as he stumbles into a church with a bottle of booze, something unexpected occurs. He meets a pastor who starts him on a path to healing.

"Billy was full of resentment, but as his journey unveiled, the transformative power of Christ's forgiveness not only changed his own life but impacted others as well," said Anderson, "Through Pastor Larson, he discovered his true purpose while finding love."

Anderson invites readers to reflect on their journeys and discover the healing and hope from letting go and trusting God's plan. Additionally, He emphasizes the influence of sharing personal stories of forgiveness, as Billy's journey illustrates. By openly communicating how faith and forgiveness shaped his life, Billy aims to inspire readers to begin their paths toward healing.

"By embracing the forgive-



Dr. Will Anderson with his new book.

ness offered by a loving God and learning to forgive ourselves, we can move forward into the blessed life he has designed for each of us," said Anderson.

"Last Chance Forgiveness: Lessons on Forgiveness"

By Dr. Will Anderson
ISBN: 9798385027880 (softcover); 9798385027897 (hardcover); 9798385027903 (electronic)

Available at WestBow Press, Amazon and Barnes & Noble
About the author

Dr. Will Anderson graduated from Colorado Christian College. He attended seminary and graduated with a Doctor of Divinity from Masters International School of Divinity. He has been a pastor for more than 30 years and is now serving Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN To learn more, please visit <https://www.westbowpress.com/en/bookstore/bookdetails/852019-last-chance-forgiveness>.

Dispose of Holiday Greens and Christmas Trees Correctly to Protect Minnesota's Trees and Forests

St. Paul, MN: Holiday greenery and Christmas trees bring joy throughout the season, but they can also hide dangerous pests. Diseases and invasive species can make their way into our landscapes on trees and boughs brought into Minnesota from other states.

To protect our environment, the State of Minnesota is asking residents to take these steps to properly dispose of greenery and trees after the holiday season:

- The best option is to use a curbside tree collection or bring trees to a designated drop-off site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to see what services are offered in your

area. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a map of yard waste compost locations; contact locations directly to see if they accept trees and greenery.

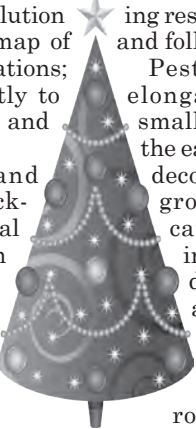
- Don't toss trees and greenery into your backyard woods or residential compost pile, which can spread the invasive species or disease.

- Wreaths and other decorative greens can be disposed of in trash cans.

- If your city or county does not have an organized pick-up or drop-off, the last resort is to burn the greens. Always check fire danger conditions and burn-

ing restrictions before burning and follow local ordinances.

Pests of concern include elongate hemlock scale, a small insect established in the eastern U.S. where many decorative Fraser firs are grown. Feeding damage caused by this invasive insect can cause the needles of hemlocks, firs, and spruces to yellow and prematurely drop. Also, boxwood blight, a fungal disease, and round leaf bittersweet, an invasive noxious weed, are sometimes found on wreaths and centerpieces and can endanger native trees and other landscaping.



Arctic Cat to suspend operations in Thief River Falls and St. Cloud

Arctic Cat will be suspending operations at their two plants in Thief River Falls and St. Cloud.

Brandon Haddock, Textron's Director of Communications, provided the following statement.

"In response to the ongoing business conditions facing the powersports industry, Arctic Cat will suspend manufacturing operations indefinitely at our facilities in Thief River Falls and St. Cloud, Minnesota, after planned production in the first half of 2025 is complete.

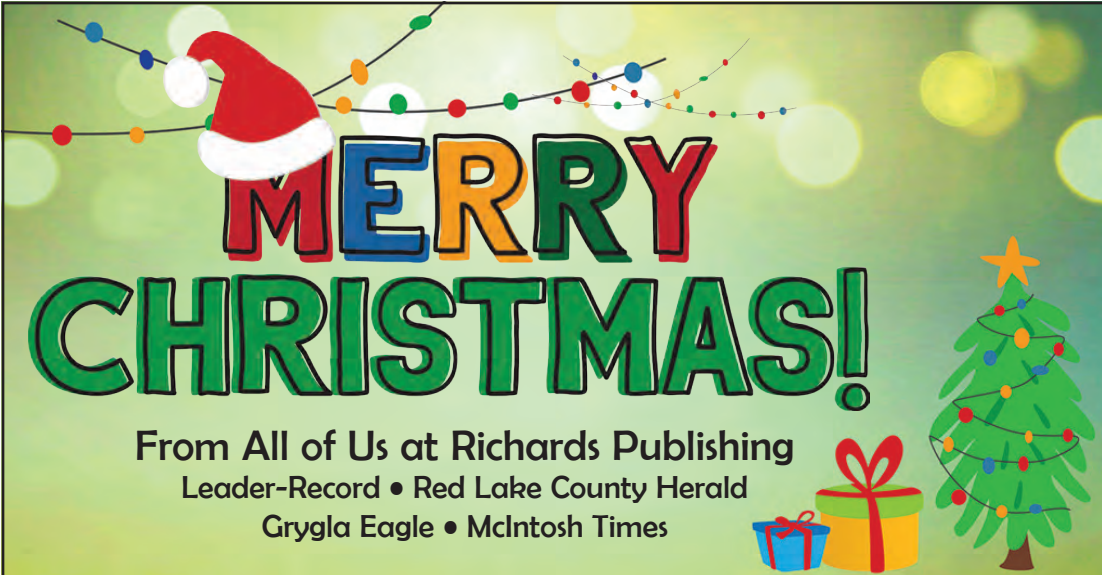
Textron Inc. also announced that it is exploring strategic alternatives regarding the future

of the powersports business. These actions are difficult but necessary as we have continued to experience softness in consumer end-market demand, resulting in a need to reduce costs.

Arctic Cat remains open for business with respect to selling current inventory and providing aftermarket support and services to our existing installed customer base. Our sales organization, customer service teams, aftermarket distribution centers, and other functions are ready to assist our dealers and loyal customers. We

are committed to providing the service and support to keep our thousands of loyal customers riding and enjoying Arctic Cat vehicles.

We will resume production as planned after the new year to produce units under existing customer commitments. However, once that build is completed, we will suspend operations indefinitely, and will release our manufacturing employees at the Thief River Falls and St. Cloud facilities. Employees who work through their specific completion date will be offered severance benefits."



Essentia Health announces seven new members for board of directors

Essentia Health is pleased to announce seven new additions to our Board of Directors. The following members will join us at the beginning of 2025.

Sister Therese Carson

Growing up in Michigan, Sister Therese Carson earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Mercy College of Detroit and a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan, Dearborn. Sister Therese worked in hospital laboratories, including managing a microbiology lab, in the Detroit area and in northern Michigan for 38 years. She now serves as an administrative assistant for the development and vocations offices and as the director of transportation for the St. Scholastica Monastery. Sister Therese has been active on a variety of committees and boards with Essentia Health since 2015. She is the volunteer Eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

Dr. Patrick Courneya

Dr. Patrick Courneya was most recently the chief medical officer for Health Partners Health Plan, before retiring in 2023. He has an extensive medical background, serving in various leadership roles at Health Partners and Virtwell along with 23 years of clinical experience as a family medicine physician. Dr. Courneya has served on numerous committees and commissions that focus on health and community building. Frank Frederickson

Frank Frederickson is vice president of customer experience and engineering services at Duluth-based Minnesota Power. Prior to joining Minnesota Power in 2007, he was employed by 3M Company as a senior process development engineer and has held various leadership and project-development positions with other renewable energy providers and programs. Originally from International Falls, Frederickson has bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota. He is involved at the board level with a variety of community organizations, including currently serving as board chair for the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion in Duluth. He and his wife, Mary, live in Duluth with their six children.

LeAnn Littlewolf

LeAnn Littlewolf is the executive director of the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), a Duluth-based nonprofit that provides housing and support services for Native American people. She has dedicated much of her time and energy to supporting the homeless population, working in women's health and as a community organizer. She has 30 years of experience working for nonprofits and has served on the board of directors for several organizations, including Take-Action Minnesota, Native Sun and the Lake Superior College Foundation Board. A Duluth resident, Littlewolf received her

master's degree in education, as well as a bachelor's degree in education and history, from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

Tim Pawlenty

Tim Pawlenty, a former two-term governor of Minnesota, joins Essentia's board of directors with a deep and diverse background in law and governance. Prior to his time as governor, Pawlenty served two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he was Majority Leader for both terms. As governor, he was responsible for a \$50 billion biennial budget, 30,000 employees and more than 20 agencies and departments. His work as governor included promoting international business opportunities through trade missions to nine countries. Pawlenty has served as a board member for publicly traded and privately held companies, such as Digital River, JDA, Smart Sand, ConvergeOne, Miromatrix, Inmar and Tiburon. He also has served as a member of New Mountain Capital's Executive Advisory Council. Pawlenty practiced law for 14 years, in the areas of criminal prosecution, civil litigation and appeals. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, with Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honors, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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McCoy Carda, grandson of Gerald Dyrdaahl, proudly sitting on the top prize in the raffle drawing for the Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake 200! Bagley Motorsports. Winner of the 24 Polaris Outlaw EFI 4 wheeler w/helmet - Brady Dyrdaahl. Other winners included: Winchester Arms SXP 12 GA 3.5" - Lisa Gubrud; \$500.00 Ski Doo Certificate - Grace Nyland; \$500.00 Arctic Cat Certificate - Cassie Pavek; \$500.00 Polaris Certificate - Gerry Dudley.

KC Pro Race Circuit Sunday winners at Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial races held on December 15, 2024

Name, Town, Race
Carter Dyrdaahl, Bagley, 200A
Carter Dyrdaahl, Bagley, 200 (10-14)
Remi Dyrdaahl, Bagley, Stock 120
Remi Dyrdaahl, Bagley, Girls Amateur
Carter Dyrdaahl, Bagley, Champ 120/Open 206
Remi Dyrdaahl, Bagley, Improved Stock
Aidan Jurina, Red Lake Falls, Junior (8-10)
Delilah Neisen, Clearbrook, Amateur 120
Deegan Parkhurst, Oslo, Semi-Pro 206
Deegan Parkhurst, Oslo, 200Amateur
Cole Prusak, Salol, Junior (11-13)
Levi Prusak, Salol, Pro 206
Tucker Schroeder, Greta, MB, Junior B
Maxin Solem, Ardoch, ND, 200 (6-9)
Kaizley Solem, Ardoch, ND, 200 Outlaw
Kaizley Solem, Ardoch, ND, GirlsA
Logan Zavoral, Fisher, 200 B





GVT Board of Director Vice President James Ferden is pictured presenting the check to: Catherine Johnson- Executive Director and Amanda Shuck- Food Shelf Coordinator for the Inter-County Community Food Shelf. Garden Valley Technologies is proud to donate \$10,000 to local food shelves, with \$1,000 of the donation to be distributed directly to each food shelves in their service areas.

Lutefisk and Lefse, and more!

By Eric Mickelson

Being of Norwegian heritage the Holidays often included Lutefisk and Lefse. Mom and I were the last to really take any Lutefisk. Some others around the table gave it a dabble but very few actually enjoyed it. On the other hand a little Lefse with butter or butter and sugar was more of a crowd pleaser! But, for my family there was a strong pride in our Norwegian background.

But, I discovered a bit more Norwegian history that has continued for many years! On the first Thursday in December,

a large Christmas tree is lit in London's Trafalgar Square. This tradition of Christmas joy stems from a gift from Norway

This tree is often 20 or 30 meters high and is part of a huge thank you from Norway to the English people. The tradition started in 1947. You see, during WWII Great Britain was Norway's closest ally. The king of Norway fled to London when the country was occupied and from London much of Norway's resistance was organized and executed.

Norway's broadcasting network, NRK, as well as the BBC,

broadcast in Norwegian from London and that became an important source of information and gave hope to those remaining in Norway.

Starting after the war in 1947 Norway began sending this giant tree to London as a big thank you for their help during the war. I just knew those Norwegians were good people. Merry Christmas everyone!

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Dr. Sandeep Wadhwa

Dr. Sandeep Wadhwa has been immersed in health care, most recently as global chief medical officer for 3M Health Information Systems in Denver, Colorado, where he resides. He also has held chief medical officer roles at Solera Health, Noridian Healthcare Solutions and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Dr. Wadhwa has been an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine since 1999 and has been engaged in his community via diverse board-service opportunities. He earned a doctorate of medicine from the Cornell University Medical College in New York, where he delivered the commencement address, as well as a master's degree in business administration from The Whar-

ton School at the University of Pennsylvania and bachelor's degrees in mathematics and biology from Wesleyan University in Connecticut

David McMillan

David McMillan was interim chancellor at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) from 2022 to 2024, and on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents from 2011 to 2022. He held a variety of positions at Minnesota Power and Allete from 1989 to 2018, including Allete's senior vice president of external affairs and Min-

nesota Power's executive vice president. McMillan received a bachelor's degree in economics and history from UMD and a law degree from the University of Minnesota. He is the chair of the Great Lakes Seaway Advisory Board. Previous board experience includes the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute, the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion and Goodwill Industrial Vocational Enterprises. McMillan also is a University of Minnesota Foundation trustee.

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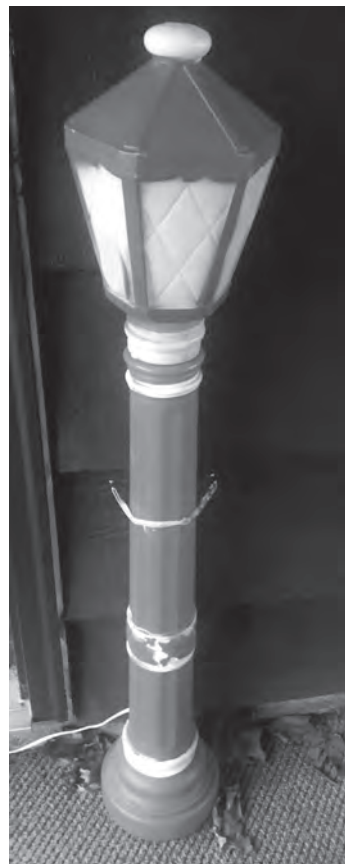
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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ANTIQUE'S

By John Eggers

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There was a time not too long ago when decorating for Christmas with outdoor lights was very popular among most homes. Small towns would have contests to see which home had the most decorative lights.

Churches also had elaborate outdoor Nativity scenes with, yes, live animals. There would be special times when the Nativity would come to life and crowds of people would gather to see the baby Jesus born in a manger. Sheep and cows and maybe a horse or two would crowd around Mary and Joseph and look with awe at the greatest show on earth.

My father spent days decorating our home in rural southern Minnesota. He had a big star that adorned the top of our house. I have the same star decorating our home on Lake Julia. Every year as I put it up I think about the pride my father took in decorating our home.

Although I don't seem to have the time (not a good excuse) to do more elaborate decorating, I try to something that reminds us of the meaning and beauty of Christmas.

A few years ago I acquired two vintage four foot high plastic candles from the 1960s. They are light weight so I have to wire them to the side of the house to avoid our winter winds.

There are several varieties of these tall candles and you can still find new ones. I prefer the vintage plastic candles because they have a story to tell.

A pair of candles from the 1960s like the one shown are worth about \$100. Yes, people still look for them especially those collectors who are mid-century modern. We never get tired of looking at outdoor Christmas decorations. That's just one more thing that makes Christmas special.

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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.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. Applications due Thursday, January 2 at 4:30PM. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

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- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
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- Previous accounting or bookkeeping skills are a plus, but not required

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

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

\$19.22 – \$24.34/hr. Position

Closes on Friday, December 27, 2024

Maintenance Worker I – Facilities:

\$21.39 – \$27.09/hr. Position

Closes on Friday, January 3, 2025

Clerk Typist Cashier III – License Center:

\$20.18 – \$25.56/hr. Position

Closes on Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Custodian I – Facilities:

\$20.18 – \$25.56/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

\$31.55 – \$42.36/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Engineering Technician – Highway:

\$26.99 – \$38.06/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

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\$26.99 – \$34.20/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:

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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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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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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.

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Assistant Coach Positions:

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- Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
- Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

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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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On December 15, 2024, the Sand Valley Lutheran Church Sunday School of Trail presented their Christmas program. It was entitled “The Mystery of the Paper Bells.” Front: Claudia Schmit, Walter Svendsen, Sawyer Knutson-Willett, Mason Stine, Charlotte Svendsen, Iver Hoeft. Middle row: Cylvia Schmit, Oliver Svendsen, Avery Hoeft, Carrie Schmit, Robert Stine, Emma Nyland. Back row: Ethan Brown, Ray Srnsky, Ethan Stine, Niah Knutson-Willett, Cora Herden, Tayton Nyland, Victor Svendsen, Devin Wilson.

USDA Announces Final \$300 Million in Automatic Assistance for Distressed Farm Loan Borrowers

Thanks to President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act, more than 47,800 distressed borrowers have received \$2.5 billion in assistance to help keep them farming

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 2024 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the final approximately \$300 million in assistance to distressed direct and guaranteed farm loan borrowers under Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act. Over the past two years, USDA acted swiftly to assist distressed borrowers in retaining their land and continuing their agricultural operations. Since President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law in August 2022, USDA has provided approximately \$2.5 billion in assistance to more than 47,800 distressed borrowers.

The assistance announced today is expected to provide \$300 million in assistance to over 12,800 distressed direct and guaranteed Farm Loan Programs (FLP) borrowers.

“USDA has always been committed to standing by our nation’s farmers and ranchers, especially in their most challenging times,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “The final round of payments announced today under President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act provides much-needed relief to more than 12,800 producers, helping them stay on their land and continue farming. At USDA, we are not only addressing immediate financial challenges but also working every day to build a stronger, more supportive loan system that ensures farmers have the tools they need to succeed now and into the future.”

This round of automatic assistance includes approximately:

- \$168.5 million for payments in the amount of any outstanding delinquencies on qualifying direct loans as of Nov. 30, 2024, for direct borrowers one or more days delinquent as of that date, and in the amount of any outstanding delinquencies, as of Sept. 30, 2024, on qualifying guaranteed loans of guaranteed borrowers one or more days delinquent or flagged for liquidation on a qualifying loan as of that date (including those who received prior IRA 22006 assistance).
- \$5 million for payments in the amount of any outstanding delinquencies on qualifying guaranteed loans as of Sept. 30, 2024, for guaranteed borrowers who were delinquent as of Sept. 30, 2024, on a qualifying loan but by fewer than 30 days and were therefore not eligible for the assistance announced on Oct. 7, 2024.
- \$67.3 million for payment of the next installment due on all FLP direct loans for borrowers that received direct borrower delinquency assistance under IRA 22006 announced on Oct. 7, 2024, not to exceed the remaining balance.

- \$35 million for payment in the amount of the next installment due on qualifying direct loans for borrowers that restructured or who have accepted an offer to restructure, a qualifying direct loan between March 27, 2023, and today through primary loan servicing available through FSA. This assistance will be equal to the amount of the next installment (first applied toward any delinquency) for all qualifying direct loans held by the borrower, not to exceed the remaining balance. For any borrowers who have accepted an offer to restructure, payment will be equal to the next installment for all qualifying direct loans post-restructure, not to exceed the remaining balance.
- \$9 million for the payment of outstanding direct Emergency Loans as of Nov. 30, 2024.
- \$4.1 million in assistance for borrowers of qualifying direct loans with protective advances outstanding as of Nov. 30, 2024, and borrowers of qualifying guaranteed loans with protective or emergency advances as of Sept. 30, 2024. Protective advances are defined in 7 C.F.R. 761.2 and are those made consistent with 7 C.F.R. 765.203 or 762.149; emergency advances are those made consistent with 7 C.F.R. 762.146(a) (3). For direct loan borrowers, payments will be in the amount of the outstanding protective advance as of Nov. 30, 2024, where possible based on the structure of the account. For guaranteed loan borrowers, payments will be in the amount of the outstanding protective or emergency advance balance as of Sept. 30, 2024, where possible based on the structure of the account.
- \$3.9 million for payment of outstanding interest for direct borrowers whose interest exceeds their principal debt owed as of Nov. 30, 2024.
- \$1.8 million for payment of outstanding Economic Emergency (EE) loans for borrowers who have both EE loans and qualifying Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act loans as of Nov. 30, 2024.
- \$109,000 for the payment of outstanding non-capitalized interest for all direct borrowers as of Nov. 30, 2024.

FLP payment eligibility is determined on a loan-by-loan basis. Distressed borrowers may be able to receive assistance under multiple categories if they have multiple direct or guaranteed loans that qualify, however each qualifying loan may only receive one payment. FLP direct and guaranteed borrowers who have a loan that qualifies under multiple categories of assistance above will receive a payment on that loan based on the option that provides the greatest payment

amount, except in cases where the loan is eligible for payment of non-capitalized interest, which can be applied to that loan along with another assistance category.

Any distressed direct and guaranteed borrowers who qualify for these forms of assistance and are currently in bankruptcy will be addressed using the same case-by-case review process announced in October 2022 for complex cases.

While FSA does not at this time anticipate having remaining funds available for additional assistance under IRA Section 22006 after each type of assistance above is issued, if any funds remain at that time, FSA will make a payment on a prorated basis by loan and subject to the availability of funds towards the next installment due on all FLP direct loans, not to exceed the remaining balance, for borrowers who both (i) have direct loans that qualified for assistance under the first bullet above; and (ii) have not received IRA 22006 assistance prior to this announcement. If full next installment payments are made to borrowers who meet (i) and (ii) above, and funds remain available, FSA will provide the same installment assistance on a prorated basis by loan and subject to the availability of funds to borrowers who meet (i) but have received prior IRA 22006 assistance.

Farm Loan Programs Improvements

FSA recently announced significant changes to Farm Loan Programs through the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule. Distressed FLP direct loan borrowers may benefit from the Distressed Borrower Set-Aside program included in the regulation update, which allows qualifying distressed borrowers to set aside up to a

full loan installment on certain loans, at a reduced .125% interest rate. This policy change and many others included in the rule are designed to expand opportunities for borrowers to increase profitability and be better prepared to make strategic investments in the enhancement or expansion of their agricultural operations.

FSA also has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. FSA has made several impactful improvements including:

- The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may be a fit for their business needs and to understanding the application process.
 - The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet and build a farm operating plan.
 - An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.
 - A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.
 - A new educational hub with farm loan resources and videos.
 - The Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network, a national initiative aimed at providing personalized support to financially distressed farmers and ranchers. The network connects borrowers with individualized assistance to help them regain financial stability.
- USDA encourages produc-

ers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

FSA helps America’s farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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Join walkers across the country during a First Day Hike at a state park

First Day Hikes will take place at 10 Minnesota state parks on Wednesday, Jan. 1, as part of a nationwide effort to connect people to the outdoors. In an initiative spearheaded by the America’s State Parks organization, hikers in all 50 states will welcome the new year with an outdoor hike, exercising and connecting with nature. For many, it has become a tradition.

Minnesota’s First Day Hikes will be held at Blue Mounds, Fort Snelling, Jay Cooke, Lake Bemidji, Maplewood, Minneopa, Nerstrand-Big Woods, Sibley, Whitewater and Wild River state parks. There is no participation fee, but some of the hikes require advance registration. Find details about these First Day Hikes at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource’s First Day Hikes webpage (mndnr.gov/firstdayhike).

Many of the hikes will be held on snowshoes if there is snow. Participants can bring their own snowshoes or borrow a set at no charge. Check the event’s online listing to learn if snowshoe reservations are available at the location.

While there is no participation fee for the First Day Hikes, a vehicle permit (\$7 per day or \$35 for a year) is required to enter Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. Visitors can save time and purchase permits in advance on the state park vehicle permits webpage (mndnr.gov/permit), or buy a permit in person during open hours at park ranger stations.

Minnesota DNR to fly elk surveys in northwestern Minnesota

Public can document elk observations using new elk sightings tool on the DNR website

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will conduct aerial elk surveys in the next few weeks when conditions allow. DNR staff will survey the Kittson County and Grygla elk herds in northwestern Minnesota and the border elk herd in both Minnesota and Manitoba.

The surveys are typically conducted each year during the winter, weather and snow cover permitting.

Aerial survey information is used to monitor elk populations and help the DNR make decisions about future elk management and harvest regulations. “We currently have sufficient snow cover to start our elk surveys,” said Doug Franke, area wildlife supervisor and elk survey coordinator. “We will start the surveys soon and hopefully be completed within two weeks.”

DNR pilots will fly surveys during daylight hours at an altitude of approximately 200 to 300 feet.

The DNR is also asking for help from those who have recently seen elk in their area. People are encouraged to contact their local DNR office with sighting information:

- Karlstad area wildlife office, 218-772-1261
- Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, 218-633-7671
- Thief River Falls area wildlife office, 218-219-8587

People can also document observations using the elk sightings tool on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/elk/elk-sightings.html).

“Thank you to everyone who has reported elk sightings to us,” Franke said. “These reports provide an important supplement to data from our aerial surveys and help us better understand elk movement and distribution in Minnesota.”

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Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

With the holidays upon us I wanted to share a message about distracted driving. Here is some information we recently shared on our Department of Public Safety blog.

“It was supposed to be a routine trip for 20-year-old Megan Severson. On Oct. 17, 2019, Severson was driving from Preston in southeastern Minnesota to visit her boyfriend in North Dakota. But when she reached Highway 52 in St. Paul, everything changed in an instant.

The crash - Severson glanced over at her GPS to see which exit she needed to take. “I looked down and I was speeding, so it felt a lot shorter than it actually was,” said Severson. “When I came to realize that the cars in front of me were stopped, I hit my brakes as fast as I thought I could.”

She couldn’t stop in time. Severson Walked away from the crash with her life. An innocent passenger did not. Severson rear-ended the stopped car in front of her, causing a chain-reaction crash involving multiple vehicles. A passenger in the car she hit, Anthony Kawino, 33, of Burnsville was killed. “I just looked around at the scene that was in front of me,” Severson recalled. “It was horrific. I saw them pulling the blanket over the deceased, and at that point it clicked into my brain that this is bad. Very, very bad.”

Minnesota State Patrol Sgt. Daniel Dixon was the reconstructionist who documented how and why this crash happened. The answers were obvious, he said. Severson was speeding at 70 mph in a 55 mph zone just before she hit the car

Kawino was in. “At that speed, if you’re looking at your GPS for five seconds to try to figure out where you would need to go next, you just traveled almost two football fields of distance,” Dixon said.

Somber anniversary - Severson was charged with criminal vehicular homicide because she was speeding and distracted at the time of the crash. She still remembers her lawyer explaining what this felony charge could mean for her future. “When he first said people normally get prison time, I went off the rails in my mind,” Severson added. “I didn’t know what to think. I was in a big state of panic. I mean, nobody wants to go to prison.”

Severson pleaded guilty to the charge. She was sentenced to around three months in jail and five years of probation. The judge also granted a request from Kawino’s family; having Severson report to jail on Oct. 17 each year – the anniversary of the deadly crash.

“It’s probably the worst day of the year for me,” Severson said. “Everything just cycles back as if it happened yesterday. All of it. The crash, Anthony, his family. What would he be doing? Would he have a family of his own? Married? Kids?”

Lessons learned - Severson hopes sharing her story will encourage other drivers to put distractions away when they are behind the wheel. “Don’t do it, because there are heavy consequences and it’s more than prison, jail or probation. It’s your whole life. It’s the guilt, the pain,” Severson said. “We have to realize it’s not just us on the road. It takes just one wrong, slight move to end your life or

another person’s life – and it happens fast.”

Across Minnesota, distracted driving was a factor in one in 11 crashes from 2019 to 2023. Distracted driving contributed to an average of 29 deaths and 146 life-changing injuries a year over that same time period. So far in 2024, distractions have been a factor in 27 (comes on Tuesday current as of 12/17) traffic deaths.

It’s frustrating for Dixon knowing something preventable is causing deaths on Minnesota roads. “It seems like as the cars get better, safer and smarter that drivers get more relaxed and less attentive to what’s going on out there,” he said. “It’s evident that the message is not getting across because people are still playing on their phones while driving all the time, as much as you try to explain that this is dangerous.”

As Severson works to move on from that tragic crash five years ago, she says she is taking this second chance at life seriously – knowing Kawino wasn’t as fortunate. “I’m not living for just myself. I’m living for two. The life that I took. It makes me want to push to be the best I can be.”

For more information and blogs please visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/news/blog>

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The Model 70 John Deere

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson



One of my favorite jobs is writing a monthly article for the “Green Magazine.” The article circles around the auction prices of John Deere tractors across the United States. I spend many hours researching sales that have happened and looking for John Deeres that have something interesting or special about them. I love it!

Just like I love writing this little piece for the Tri County Canary. During my research this month I came across a few John Deere Model 70s. Two of them were at the same sale in Wisconsin. First a wide front 70 set up for pulling that brought a \$4600 bid. The next was a nice 70 standard that sold for \$4200. At another sale in Illinois featured a nice 70 narrow front with a power block that needs the fuel system cleaned. This one brought in \$3275. Checking out the 70s brought back some memories.

I have never owned or I don’t believe I have even driven a model 70, but a model 70 really led to me having the model R John Deere as my favorite tractor. Somewhere in the late 50s my grandfather and my dad traded off a U Minneapolis Moline at Hills Oliver(I believe in East Grand Forks, MN)for a model 70 John Deere

Diesel tractor. Unfortunately the flywheel loosened up and wrecked the crankshaft. Dad and grandpa called the dealership and explained their woes about the 70. The dealer told them he would try to help them out. They could trade the 70 back for an R John Deere they had on the lot or else 2-WD9 McCormick Deering tractors. Dad and grandpa were pretty much John Deere guys so they took the R John Deere home leaving the 2-WD9s on the lot!

Well, that R was the first tractor I ever drove and over the years the memory of that R has made the model R John Deere tractor my favorite! So you see that is how a 70 John Deere which I never drove affected me!

I do have other fond memories of the model 70 tractor. When I grew up west of Oklee across the river from our farm lived a neighbor, Walter Pederson and his wife Emma. When I knew Walter on the farm his main tractor was a 70 John Deere gas with a wide front. The unique thing about Walter’s 70 was that it did not have Power Trol(hydraulics). Most 70s came with this feature. Many times I would stop and watch Walter and the 70 “popping” across the field with a plow, disc, or cultivator. What fun!

So you see although I don’t have or have never had a 70, they still provide lots of memories to me.

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. What model did the 70 replace?
A) A B) B C) G D) R
 2. What model replaced the 70?
A) 700 B) 720 C) 730 D) 820
 3. What years were the 70 made?
A) 1952-1955 B) 1953-1956 C) 1954-1957
 4. In 1955 the price of a 70 was _____.
A) \$2500 B) \$2600 C) \$2700 D) \$2800
 5. The 70 Diesel’s claim to fame was breaking the R John Deere’s _____.
A) Horsepower Rating B) Fuel economy records C) Production run
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Walter Pederson plowing west of Oklee with his 70 John Deere in 1989.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

From the Manger to the Grave—Let it Begin

He, the Christ child was born, and we celebrate this on Christmas Day. However, the day after this is celebrated within the liturgical calendar year of the church, things shift.

December 26, is the day some remember the first martyr documented in church history as spoken of in His Word. The martyrdom of Stephen foreshadows what was to come within the spiritual life of believers. Without sounding like Debbie Downer, whoever that is, as soon as we are born, we begin to die. The transformation process slowly but surely recreates within us a more perfect union with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Not only was Jesus born, but we know well the rest of the story. He would eventually die, would be buried, and He would

rise again. The cycle of transformation begins anew and on full within each of us. Drawing us closer to being made in the image of Jesus, believers experience much the same until death do us part—and on it goes—now and ever shall be.

We easily pray, “Come Lord Jesus” as we often have had enough of this world as it is. And as He cradles Himself within us, a daily renewal springs forth as the old is set aside, the Comforter has come to conform and if we are not bending as the winds blow, as the Holy Spirit beckons, we will break.

Stop and do a double take. Look back as you move forward into the new year and taste and see the goodness of the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

And the creed gives us credentials to go, therefore, and live the Gospel anew with what the Almighty did do, is doing,

and will do. In full view He is holding even in the midst of obscurity. Wisdom gives perspective. Wisdom tells a story of truth found in the Holy One, the only One our Lord, Jesus Christ heralding himself with the announcement from on high that Jesus Christ was born.

In the manger He paused before moving on as Mary and Joseph rose to the occasion and went well beyond the stable. In obedience they left the season for a reason, just as we go, therefore, and live the Gospel. We, too, must move in rhythm. From the cradle to the grave, within we are in sync as the liturgical cycle guides—lest we forget.

This week, after the final week of Advent, we move to the actual Christmas season. As it does, may we kneel before the Lord our God our Maker of Heaven and Earth.

As we move forward not only towards the life of Christ crucified but the life He is resurrecting within each of us. “May we be transformed by the renewing of our minds” (Rom. 12:2). And while we are being transformed, may the Light from the Manger be not only our guide but our protector. May our fiat be as Mary’s was: “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; may it be done unto me according to Thy Word” (Luke 1:38). May this be our prayer in what is to come. Amen.

Winter load increases begin Dec. 20 in the North-Central frost zone

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will begin winter load increases on unrestricted highways in the North-Central frost zone at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Winter load increases have already begun in the North frost zone.

Frost zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map. Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration

weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Please check with local agencies (cities, counties and townships) prior to increasing any weights on their routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Klobuchar Selected as Top Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee

WASHINGTON - Today, Senator Amy Klobuchar was chosen to serve as the ranking member on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Senator Klobuchar has been a member of the Agriculture Committee since her first term in Congress, working to pass three Farm Bills and successfully leading bills that have strengthened the safety net for Minnesota farmers and ranchers, invested in conservation programs, and supported homegrown energy.

“When I first came to the Senate, my number-one request

was to be on the Agriculture Committee. I wanted to work on behalf of Minnesota’s farmers, make sure Americans could feed their families, and boost our rural economy. From working across the aisle to strengthen our defenses against animal disease outbreaks to bolstering our ability to produce home-grown fuel and supporting conservation efforts, the work of the Agriculture Committee touches every aspect of our lives. I look forward to working with Chairman Boozman and Representatives Craig and G.T. Thompson to pass a strong farm bill.”

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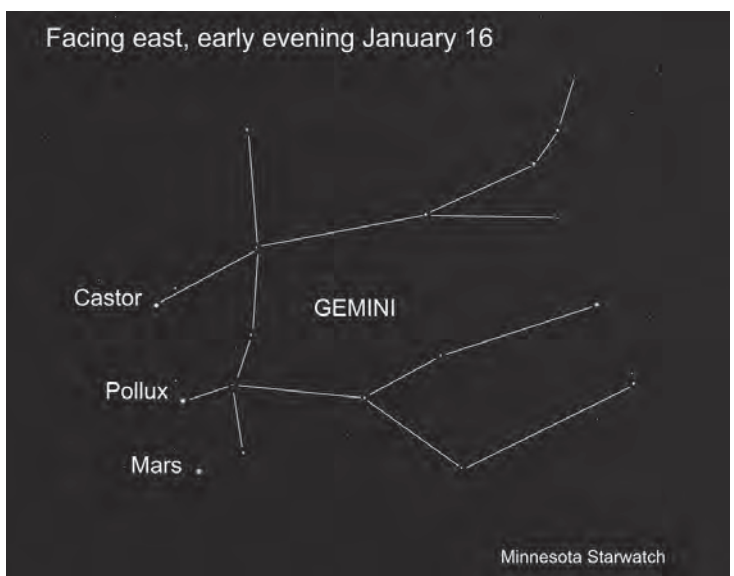
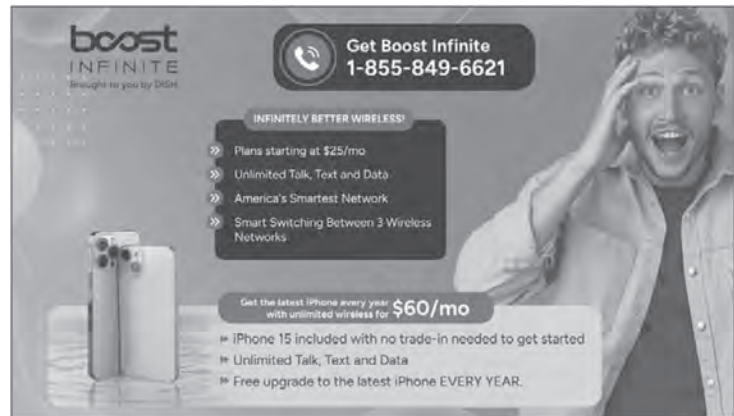
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The Good Shepherd Sunday School in Clearbrook held their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th. Students range in age from Kindergarten through 6th grade. It was a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus. Photo submitted.



Minnesota Starwatch

January 2025

The new year comes bearing gifts of bright planets and the annual splendid display of winter stars.

The year opens with Venus blazing in the southwest for a couple of hours after sunset. In the first three days of January, a young crescent moon climbs out of the sunset and passes Venus. But while Venus gains altitude throughout the month, Saturn—which starts out to the upper left of Venus—plummets. The planets pass each other between the 15th and the 18th.

In the east, all the bright winter stars and constellations will be up by 8 p.m., and earlier every evening. Sirius, the brightest of stars, shines from Canis Major, the big dog. It is also the lowest bright star in the assembly. Try comparing it to Venus, the brightest planet, when the two objects are facing each other from opposite horizons.

Earth laps Mars in the orbital race the evening of the

15th. At that moment Mars will be gliding below Pollux, the brighter of the Gemini twins. To find the red planet that night, follow an imaginary line leading upward and leftward from Sirius. It will lead first to Procyon, the bright star in Canis Minor, the little dog, then to Mars, which will rival Sirius in brightness.

January's full moon arrives at 4:27 p.m. on the 13th. At approximately 8:08 p.m. that night, Mars disappears behind the advancing moon—an event that may be lost in the moon's glare.

Also among the winter stars in the east, look for Orion, the hunter, with his hourglass shape and three closely spaced stars in his belt. At the top of the stellar assembly you'll find brilliant Capella, in Auriga, the charioteer. And even more brilliant Jupiter is near Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the bull. Next to the moon and Venus, Jupiter is the brightest object in the night sky.

Minnesota DNR: Enjoy the ice over the holidays, but check it often

With fresh snow in many parts of the state, anglers and others recreating on the ice must keep in mind that snow can hinder ice-making and cover up potentially dangerous areas, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In addition, it's vital people check the ice thickness frequently, and keep in mind the DNR's ice thickness recommendations, which apply to new, clear ice (double them for white or snow-covered ice):

- More than 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.
- 5-7 inches for a snowmobile or a small ATV.
- 7-8 inches for a side-by-side ATV.

- 9-12 inches for a car.
- 13-17 inches for a truck.
- More than 20 inches for a large truck with a wheelhouse shelter.

When measuring the thickness of the ice, measure only the clear ice – not any slush or snow that’s settled on top of it. It’s important to keep in mind, too, that ice thickness and quality can vary even within a small area on the same body of water.

DNR conservation officers report lakes throughout the state are attracting increasing numbers of anglers, and they expect things will be even busier over the holidays. COs continue reminding ice recreationalists of the importance of wearing safety gear such as ice picks and a life jacket or float

coat, and to check the ice for themselves – not rely on someone else’s tracks, footprints, or social media post.

"We understand and share in people's excitement for getting onto the ice and making the most of a short season," said Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "But there's nothing good to be gained by pushing the envelope. There are plenty of good ice-fishing opportunities out there, but please check the ice yourself and take our thickness guidelines seriously."

Every year, unexpected falls through thin ice result in serious injury or death. Checking the ice thickness with a spud bar, auger, or other device is the best way to prevent falling

through. Wearing a life jacket or float coat is the best way to avert tragedy should someone fall through the ice, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks will help the person get out, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they would be able to call for help. Make sure to let someone on shore know where you're going and when you plan to return.

For more information, visit the DNR's ice safety (mndnr.gov/icesafety) and boating safety webpages (mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).



Amanda Armstrong and Carl Sackreiter, Three Rivers Cattlemen's members, shaking hands with Kelly Schmidt, Minnesota Beef Council Chief Executive Officer

Three Rivers Cattlemen's Association Awarded as Prime Promoter of the Year

MAPLE PLAIN, Minn. — Every year at the Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention, the Minnesota Beef Council announces the winner of the Prime Promoter award. This year's convention was held December 6th - 7th at River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The Prime Promoter Award was started in 2017 by the Minnesota Beef Council and the Beef Checkoff Program and is given to recognize any group or organization who performs outstanding promotion of beef throughout the year. Winners of the Prime Promoter Award are provided with a plaque and \$500 to go towards beef promotions. This year's recipient of the award was Three Rivers Cattlemen's Association.

Three Rivers Cattleman's is an active, local affiliate cattle-men's organization. The association encompasses Dodge, Goodhue, and Olmstead county,

as well as other surrounding counties. The group regularly goes above-and-beyond to assist in promoting beef. As a nonprofit organization, they promote and provide education to youth, public, and its beef producers about cow/calf and feedlot production, cooking, and nutritional information on beef.

The association gives back to youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA through supporting the beef project in each county that has members. Additionally, they provide a youth scholarship to a high school senior or freshman pursuing college education in agriculture.

Serving beef extensively throughout the region is also something the Three River's Cattlemen's Association believes in and facilitates. Of these events is the Burger Barn at the Goodhue County Fair where one of their feature items is the "Raging Bull Burger," providing a t-shirt to customers

who order it along with selling beef seasoning. Other events the association grills at includes the Goodhue Family Fun Fest, AGR North Star Classic Cattle Show, and the association's annual meeting.

Present at the convention to receive the award on behalf of the entire Three River's Cattlemen's Association were Amanda Armstrong and Carl Sackreiter, both beef producers and members of the organization holding leadership positions. Carl is a cow/calf and feedlot producer as well as a nutritionist for a local co-op, serving as the President of Three Rivers Cattlemen's.

"We're very honored to receive the Prime Promoter Award," said Sackreiter. "Our association has been around since 1989 and continues to support the beef industry by promoting and providing education to our producers and consumers."

Three Rivers Cattlemen's

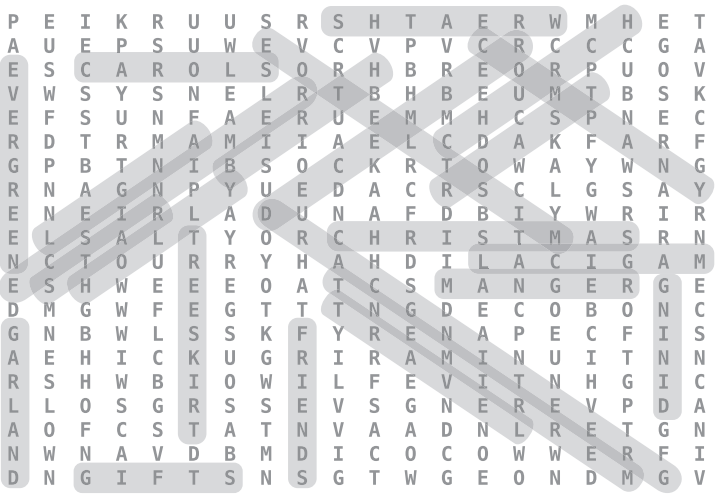
has an active social media presence and uses the platform to educate others on the many benefits of beef, including pertinent topics from both the Minnesota Beef Council and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

To follow along with activities of this association, follow them on Facebook at Three Rivers Cattlemen. For more information on the Minnesota Beef Council, visit mnbeef.org.

About the Minnesota Beef Council

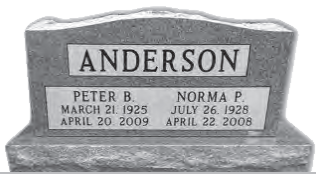
The Minnesota Beef Council was established in 1967 and is funded and managed by beef farmers and ranchers. Through the Beef Checkoff Program, \$1 is obtained for every head of cattle sold. The council utilizes promotion, research, and education to strengthen beef demand and improve the marketing climate of beef. To learn more about beef, visit mnbeef.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Minnesota Beef.

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OBITUARIES



Obituary for Patricia Dorr

Patricia Dorr, age 96, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Sunday, December 22nd, at McIntosh Senior Living. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 28th, at Rodnes Lutheran Church, rural Erskine, with Lee Hoas officiating. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Erskine and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Patricia Lou (Narum) Dorr was born on March 11, 1928, in Santa Monica, California to parents Clarence and Belinda (Juvland) Narum. She was baptized in Santa Monica and confirmed in Rodnes Lutheran Church in rural Erskine. She returned to Minnesota at age two and was a life-long member of Rodnes Lutheran Church.

She attended Maple Grove rural school, grades 1 to 8 and graduated from Mentor High School in 1945. She then attended teachers' training school in East Grand Forks for nine months and taught for two years in rural schools. She then attended the Lutheran Bible Institute for one quarter which was something she had always wanted to do.

She married Loren Dorr on June 10, 1949, in Rodnes Lutheran Church. They lived in Minneapolis two years, then move to Mahanomen where

Loren worked for a sheet metal company and also road construction. They moved to Nashwauk where Loren drove truck in the mines for a couple of years. They spent the rest of their lives in Erskine where Loren worked for the Minnesota Highway Department until retirement. Pat worked for Garden Valley Telephone Company for 21 years. She also did some nurses' aide work at the Crookston hospital and the Pioneer Home.

She enjoyed family gatherings, being with friends, reading, baking, sewing, playing piano, singing, games, puzzles, and any activities in church. She was organist for about 60 years, taught Sunday School many years and was Superintendent several of those years also. She was Ladies' Aide President for several years, Librarian, taught Vacation Bible School for a few years and was congregational Treasurer for 4 years. Loren passed away on February 19, 1998. Pat has lived at McIntosh Senior Living since June of 2018. She passed away peacefully there early Sunday morning, December 22, 2024, at the age of 96 years.

Survivors include two children, Kathryn Nornes of Erskine and Terese Newman of Chanhassen, MN; four grandchildren, Garrett Nornes of Fargo, ND, Tonya Dorr of South St. Paul, MN, Rachel (Tom) Laing of Apple Valley, MN, and Ashley Newman of Willmar, MN; six great grandchildren, Colton, Kinley, Maren, Elise, Graydon, and Levi; one sister, Geri Hulst of McIntosh; brother, Bob Narum of Minneapolis, MN; sister-in-law, Arlene Dorr of Erskine; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Loren; son, Robert; daughter, Paulette Dorr Moe; and infant sister, Lucille.



Obituary for Brad Gunderson

Brad Gunderson, 62, of Trail, MN passed away on Friday, December 20, 2024 at his residence with his loving wife by his side.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN with Rev. Tim Lundeen officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery, Rural Oklee.

A visitation will start at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 27, 2024 with a prayer service starting at 7:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Brad Gunderson was born on October 27, 1962 at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis, MN to Julian and Shirley (Espeland) Gunderson. The family moved to rural Oklee area in 1972 when Brad was in 2nd grade. Brad attended school in Oklee and graduated in 1981. When Brad was 16, he started working for his dad at Gunderson Electric.

Brad married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Hendrickson on September 18, 1982 at Zion Lutheran Church. The couple welcomed two beautiful daughters, Ashley and Megan.

Brad worked for various electrical companies before starting his own company "E&L Electric of Trail" in 1995. He proudly served the surrounding areas until his health declined.

Brad enjoyed golfing and watching the Minnesota Vikings, especially during the NFL Draft. He enjoyed gathering with his friends and family on Sundays to cheer on his favorite team, Minnesota Vikings. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing softball and sponsored a softball and golf team. Brad loved watching his grandkid's, Gunnar, Aubrey and Ellie participate in various activities and sports.

Brad and Nancy took a trip overseas to Norway in 2015 with family. Brad enjoyed seeing his Norwegian heritage. Brad's response to most comments or questions always ended in "yeah no, no yeah", "turkey's".

Brad is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Nancy; his two daughters, Ashley (Dave) Halverson of Brooks, MN and Megan (Andy) Lukkes of Lake Lillian, MN; grandchildren, Gunnar, Aubrey, and Ellie; brother, Jamey (Suzie) Gunderson of Trail, MN; father-in-law, Morris Hendrickson; brother-in-law, Richard (Jami) Hendrickson; sister-in-law, Cindy (Wayne) Schmiedeberg; nieces, Cheyenne, Shelby, Sydnie, Emma, Natalee, and Lola; great-nephews, Luke and Henry; many other friends and family.

Brad is preceded by his parents, Julian and Shirley Gunderson; mother-in-law, Eleanora Hendrickson; aunt, Audrey Bergerson; aunt and uncle, Les and Lee Espeland; many other family and friends.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com



Obituary for Mark Glynn

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of a great man, Mark Allan "Complicated" Glynn, born to Judy and Frank Glynn on October 30th, 1966 in Bemidji, MN.

A Celebration of Life will be 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M., Friday, December 27, 2024 at the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home, Bemidji.

Mark was here for too short of a time but lived it to the fullest! Cancer thought it could dictate his life but he persevered with positivity for longer than expected.

He graduated from Gonvick High School in 1985. He then went to carpentry school and when completed, he moved to Minneapolis to build condos and numerous other jobs. After that he went on the road with NCS out of Clearbrook. He then came back to Redby to help run the family business. He bought

the Redby Garage from his aunt and uncle and ran it successfully for 15 years. He was then able to move on to his dream job of driving truck. This allowed him to travel the country and make/visit many friends and family along the way.

Mark's passions in life were riding his motorcycles, camping, working on cars, any adventures he could think up but most of all was spending quality time with his kids and grandkids. His greatest love was being a dad to his five kids and grandpa to his three grandkids.

Preceded in death by: Grandpa and Grandma Cope-land, Grandpa and Grandma Glynn, Dad Frank Glynn, Sister Lori Lussier, Bonus Sons Chris and Kyle Schoenborn, 100's of pets and many friends and other family members.

Survived by: Mom Judy Lussier (Chuck), Sisters: Deb Glynn (Doug and family), Cheryl Magnell (and kids), Maggie Mark (Jon and kids), Monica (Shaun and kids), Marianne Warweg (Adam and kids), Brothers: Mitchell Glynn (Sage), Terry Lussier (and family), Jerry Lussier (and family), Ron Lussier (and family). Kids: Tanner and Janelle (Millie Johnson), Seth (Missy Perkins and family), Logan (Crista Yerbich and family), Keaton (Pam Dyrdaahl and family). Murphy "Dog" Glynn: Chelsie: Grand-kids: Arlo, Nova and Maple Glynn. Special niece Chelsie Polk (and family) and many more nephews and nieces.

Itasca State Park Nature Program Update for January 2025

For more information, contact Connie Cox, Interpretive Naturalist,

Itasca State Park, 36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Voice: (218) 699-7259

Subjects:

- *Snowshoeing adventures (first Friday hike; beginner's guide to snowshoeing)*
- *Annual Lantern Light ski and snowshoe event January 11*
- *Families come learn about wildlife including chickadees, animal tracks and signs, and beginning birding.*

• **January 2025 First Friday Hike**
Friday, January 3, 2025, from 1-2:30 p.m.
Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Grab some snowshoes and head down the trail with a park naturalist and explore winter. Route will be selected depending on snow conditions. All experience levels are welcome!

NOTES: A limited number of snowshoes are available to use during this program. Contact naturalist Sandra if you need to reserve a pair at Sandra.d.lichter@state.mn.us or 218-699-7252. This snowshoe walk is dependent on snow depth. If not enough snow, it will become a snow boot walk. Dress in layers and wear snow boots.

• **Circle Time Under the Pines: C is for Chickadees**
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 11-11:45 a.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center (look for the big building under the big pine trees.)

Children 2-5 years old, come explore Itasca as we learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery. Bring your outdoor clothes as we will be outside exploring nature if weather allows.

NOTES: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal around the fireplace in the visitor center lobby after the program.

• **A Beginner's Guide to Snowshoeing**
Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 1-2 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom

Looking for a fun, winter activity that will get you outside? Enjoy the beauty of winter on snowshoes! This beginner's class will teach you the basics of snowshoeing as well as great places to visit in Itasca while wearing snowshoes. This program is dependent on snowfall.

What to Bring: Dress warmly in layers and include snow boots. The program will be outside on the trail trying out your new skills. Reserve a pair of snowshoes or bring your own. Snowshoes: Bring your own snowshoes or email Naturalist

Sandra at Sandra.d.lichter@state.mn.us or call 218-699-7252 to reserve a pair of snowshoes.

• **Kid's Science Discovery: Animal Tracks and Sign**

Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Kids, explore different animal's tracks and the stories they tell. Science Discovery programs are geared for students looking to take the classroom outside. Itasca is a wonderful outdoor learning space to explore the natural world.

What to Bring: This program will include going outdoors if weather allows, so plan for the weather. Dress in layers and wear snow boots.

• **Beginning Birding with Birds in Your Backyard**

Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom

Come learn some easy tips on how to identify some common winter birds. Also, explore how to attract these birds to your own backyard.

• **January 11, Annual Lantern Light Ski and Snowshoe event**

Lantern Light Event
Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Starting at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Please join us for the annual Lantern Light Event at Itasca State Park! Bundle up to walk, snowshoe, or ski at your leisure as glowing lanterns guide your way through towering pines under expansive, starry skies. The total length of this out-and-back trail is 3.5 miles following the South Entrance Road. It is a well-defined path with minimal elevation change. Adjust the distance to suit your fitness level. There will be a campfire crackling at the trailhead to warm-up or roast your favorite campfire snack. Gather inside the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center for refreshments and music.

Snowshoe and Ski rentals: If snowpack allows, snowshoe and ski rentals will be available from Itasca Sports while supplies last. The Itasca Sports winter rental shop will be open inside the Forest Inn located near the Douglas Lodge before and during the event. Adult and youth sizes are available.

NOTES: A Minnesota state parks vehicle permit is required on all vehicles in the park. A Minnesota Ski Pass is required for all skiers over 16 years old. Purchase permits and passes at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center when you arrive or purchase them online in advance. Pets are not allowed on groomed ski trails or inside park buildings.

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(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

During the season of giving, toy safety is crucial in protecting children. Parents and friends of children can take steps to facilitate safe gift-giving this season by making sure the toys they buy for young ones are appropriate and safe.

Children can experience toy-related injuries. For instance, kids can fall off bikes, skateboards, and scooters and suffer broken bones, bruises, head injuries, or cuts. Helmets, knee pads, and other personal protective equipment (PPE) can reduce or prevent injuries when falls happen. Choking is another common hazard, especially with small, removable components. Children can swallow parts and suffer reduced breathing or suffocation.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has established standards for toy safety requiring testing by independent entities worldwide. However, manufacturing regulations are not enough to keep children safe. Parents, caregivers, and gift-givers must understand the potential hazards, whether these are part of the product or the packaging.

Inspecting any toy or gift before buying is crucial to ensure safe use and storage. During a careful inspection, keep the following tips in mind when buying for a child:

- Avoid presents with sharp edges, points, or spikes.
- Do not purchase crayons or markers without a clear "non-toxic" label.
- Avoid toys with shooting parts that can choke or cause injury, especially for children less than three years old.
- Steer clear of toys that could shatter or break into small debris upon impact. This

also includes products that can pull apart easily.

- Include a helmet or other PPE if buying sports gear.

- Avoid toys with heating elements, ropes, or cords.

- Children young enough to put things in their mouths should not receive anything with magnets or buttons.

- Any item with removable parts that can fit inside a toilet paper roll poses a choking hazard.

- Ensure the toy is devoid of lead paint or any lead-based substances.

Even if you determine that the toy is safe, there are steps to ensure safe use:

- Immediately discard wrapping and packaging.

- Show your child how to use the toy safely.

- Keep a close watch on your child while they're playing.

- Dispose of any toy that is broken or is missing parts.

- Keep younger children from playing with toys intended for older siblings.

- When not in use, store toys so that they do not cause falls or trips.

- Make sure children use PPE that properly fits when playing with sports gear.

- Throw away damaged or deflated balloons, which can choke or suffocate.

- Ensure that only adults handle batteries and charge them.

Finally, pay attention when there is a recall for a toy or gift. Before you purchase, go to the CPSC website to check for any outstanding recalls. Toys and other items sometimes remain on the shelves even after a recall has been in place, especially during a busy holiday season.

Bemidji State University seeks submissions

Bemidji State University seeks submissions from students in grades 6-12 for the Northern Minnesota Regional Science Fair, hosted at BSU on February 28, 2025. Particularly for students who attend schools that no longer host local fairs, the fair allows students to register and compete directly in a regional competition and potentially advance to a state-level fair in March.

Students who live in one of 18 northern Minnesota counties — Aitkin, Beltrami, Benton, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pennington, Red Lake, Roseau or Wadena — are eligible to submit projects. Students must register projects before February 10, 2025.

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Organizers describe the fair as "a celebration of scientific exploration and innovation," allowing participating students to earn awards in their respective categories. Special prizes will also be awarded for projects demonstrating innovation and potential for real-world impact. Top projects will be promoted to compete at the 87th Annual Minnesota Science and Engineering Fair, March 28, 2025, at the State Fair Grounds in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For those seeking guidance on completing a science fair project and navigating the paperwork, comprehensive tutorials are available on our website, www.bemidjistate.edu/conferences/science-fair/.

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If you would like to have a copy of Gerald's book, you can pick one up at the Leader Record in Gonvick or contact Gerald.Fenske@gmail.com



Red Lake County Rebel Ethan Johnson goes to the basket defended by (13) James Preuss, (20) Hassani Bruton, and (23) Grant Engen during Friday nights boys game against Clearbrook-Gonvick. Photo by Eric Mickelson.

Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial races held at Pine Lake

Race results from Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake races

The biggest race at the Gerald Dyrdahl races on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15 was the Pro Stock 600. Boe Bunke from Roseau on a Polaris took first, second was Gunner Arlaud, Gonvick on a Arctic Cat; 3rd Justin Tate, Scandia on a Polaris; 4th Jesse Hallstrom, from Thief River Falls on a Ski Doo; 5th Paul Brown from Hanover on a Arctic Cat; 6th Zach Herfindahl from Eagle River, WI on a Arctic Cat; 7th Ross Erdman from Moorhead on a Polaris; 8th Bobby Menne from Belgrade, MT on a Polaris; 9th Luke Van Lyssel from Fremont, WI on a Polaris and 10th Brandon Wolter from Walker on a Polaris.

Note: Not all racers are listed in all the races.

The Pro 440 was won by Gunner Arlaud, Arctic Cat with a time of 17:30.961; 2nd Kyle Grover, Polaris with a tie of 17:31.285; 3rd Matthew Feil, Bemidji with a time of 17:46.422; 4th Zach O'Mara, Oak Grove, Arctic Cat with a time of 40.992.

The 10 mile Pro Open class was won by Alex Hetten, Roseau, with a time of 1:13:41.721; 2nd Ross Erdman, Moorhead, with a time of 1:14:13.381; 3rd Jesse Hallstrom, Thief River Falls with a time of 1:14:39.194; 4th Justin Tate from Scandia with a time of 1:14:43.752; 5th Matthew Feil, Bemidji with a time of 1:15:07.346; 6th Bobby Menne from Belgrade, MT with a time of 1:15:13.703; 7th Evan Pepple from Roseau with a time of 1:15:30.773; 8th Gunner Arlaud, Gonvick with a time of 1:16:12.565.

Pro Women Race 4 - Leah Bauer, Polaris, Eau Claire, WI; 2nd, Unity Gausen, Polaris, Warroad; 3rd Gabby Hallstrom, Ski Doo, Thief River Falls; 4th Reese Novacek, Polaris, Roseau; 5th McKenna Cloose, Polaris, Pinewood and Frankie Omang, Arctic Cat, Gully.

Greasy Triple - 1st Gunner Arlaud, Arctic Cat, Gonvick; 2nd Benjamin Langaas, Arctic Cat, Thief River Falls; 3rd Collin Grover, Arctic Cat, Bagley; 4th Matthew Feil, Arctic Cat, Bemidji; 5th Dustin Dohm, Ski Doo, Elgin; 6th Adam Longtin, Arctic Cat, Brookings, South Dakota; 7th Kyle Grove, Arctic Cat, Shevlin.

Semi Pro 600 Improved Stock - 1st Oliver Olson, Roseau, Polaris; 2nd Brandon Wolter, Walker, Polaris; 3rd Luek Vaadi, Mannsville, NY, Polaris; 5th Craig Ritzinger, Chippewa Falls, WI, Ski Doo; 6th Cooper Kangas, Goodridge, Ski Doo; 7th Draycen Byfuglien, Roseau, Polaris; 8th Kyle Groave, Shevlin, Polaris; 9th Reagen Niakrok, Hudson Bay, Canada; 10th Derek Kloety, Saint Hilaire, Arctic Cat.

Sport Stock - 1st Marcus Moldaschel, Thief River Falls, Arctic Cat; 2nd Tyler Brown, Roseau, Polaris; 3rd Reagen Niakrok, Thunder Bay, Canada; 4th Anakin Bosek, Garfield, Polaris; 5th Dylan Tollefson, East Gull Lake, Polaris; 6th Sullivan LaVoie, Pillager, Polaris; 7th Mitchell Kauk, Warren, Arctic Cat; 8th Kyle Quesenberry Springfield, Arctic Cat; Elliott Clark, Warren, Arctic Cat.

Sport Improved Stock - 1st Tyler Brown, Roseau, Arctic



The biggest race at the Gerald Dyrdahl races on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15 was the Pro Stock 600. Boe Bunke from Roseau on a Polaris took first and the \$16,000.



Alex Hetteen, on the right from Roseau, the \$8000 winner in the Pro Open at the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 on a Polaris. Taking second place was #311 Ross Erdman from Moorhead on his Polaris Third place was #136 Jesse Hallstrom from Thief River Falls on a Ski Doo.

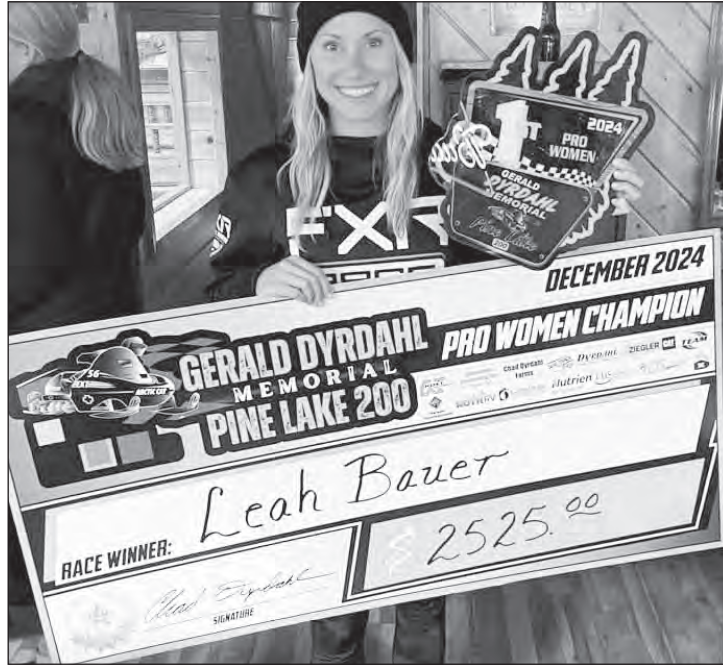
Cat; 2nd Marcus Moldaschel, Thief River Falls, Arctic Cat; 3rd Dylan Tollefson, East Gull Lake, Polaris; 4th Leah Bauer, Eau Claire, Polaris; 5th Anakin Bosak, Garfield, Polaris; 6th Unity Gausen, Warroad Polaris; 7th Mitchell Kauk, Albany., WI, Arctic Cat; 8th Elliott Clark, Warren, Arctic Cat; 9th Ryan Weidemann, Stratford, IA, Ski Doo; 10th Luke Omang, Gully, Arctic Cat.

Classic - 1st Brody Arlaud, Gonvick Arctic Cat; 2nd Paul Votava, East Grand Forks, Polaris; 3rd Kelin Geisler, Roseau, Polaris; 4th Adam Geisler, Warroad, Polaris; 5th Travis Longtin, Watertown, Arctic Cat; 6th Adam Longtin, Brookings, SD, Arctic Cat.

Export 600 Limited - 1st Rielly Clark, Warren, Arctic Cat; 2nd Brady Wimpfheimer, Angus, Arctic Cat; 3rd Luke Fredman, Independence, Polaris; Trig Anderson, Warmne, Arctic Cat; 5th Taylor Cloose, Pinewood, Polaris.

Masters 50+ - Jon Arneson, Independence, Arctic Cat; 2nd Jeff McKay, Wrenshall, Polaris; 3rd Glen Arlaud, Gonvick, Arctic Cat; 4th Tommie Quam, Goodridge, Polaris; 5th Todd Severson, Van Dyne, WI; 6th Paul Votava, East Grand Forks, Arctic Cat; 7th Shane Boyer, Brainerd, Polaris.

Masters 40+ - 1st Jeff McKay, Wrenshall, Polaris; 2nd Todd Severson, Van Dyne, WI,



Leah Bauer from Eau Claire, WI won the Pro Women Championship at the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 200. She went home with \$2,525 for her efforts on her Polaris.

Arctic Cat; 3rd Justin Tate, Scandia, Polaris; 4th Tommie Quam, Goodridge, Polaris; 5th Jacob Feierabend, Brainerd, Polaris; 6th Shane Boyer, Brainerd, Polaris.

Junior 14-17 Girls - 1st Charlie Kangas, Goodridge, Ski Doo; 2nd Taylor Cloose, Pinewood, Polaris; 3rd Rachel Wimpfheimer, Angus, Arctic Cat; 4th Maydson Landin, Warroad, Polaris.

Junior 14-17 Boys - 1st Ri-

elly Clark, Warren, Arctic Cat; 2nd Brady Wimpfheimer, Angus, Arctic Cat; 3rd Luke Fredman, Independence, Polaris; 4th Trig Anderson, Warren, Arctic Cat.

Junior 10-13 Boys - 1st Bryrden Diesen, Wannaska, Arctic Cat; 2nd Cole Prusak, Salol, Polaris; 3rd Kynsie Diesen, Wannaska, Arctic Cat; 4th Cash Novacek, Roseau, Polaris; 5th Lyrick Larson, Red Lake Falls, Polaris; 6th Bretley, Thief River Falls.

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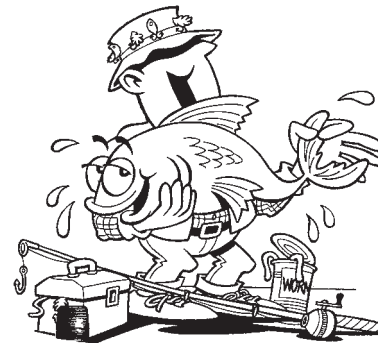
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