



Tri County Canary

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Minnesota and California Associations indicate they plan to violate Title IX Federal Law

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced directed investigations into the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), both of which publicly announced plans to violate federal antidiscrimination laws related to girls' and women's sports. This includes the possibility of allowing male athletes to compete in women's sports and use women's intimate facilities.

"The Minnesota State High School League and the California Interscholastic Federation are free to engage in all the meaningless virtue-signaling that they want, but at the end of the day they must abide by federal law," said Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Craig Trainor. "OCR's Chicago and San Francisco regional offices will conduct directed investigations into both organizations to ensure that female athletes in these states are treated with the dignity, respect, and equality that the Trump Administration demands. I would remind these organizations that history does not look kindly on entities and states that actively opposed the enforcement of federal civil rights laws that protect women and girls from discrimination and harassment."

President Trump's Executive Order, Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports, states that "it is the policy of the United States to rescind all funds from educational programs that deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities," and to take "all appropriate action to affirmatively protect all-female athletic opportunities and all-female locker rooms and thereby provide the equal opportunity guaranteed by Title

IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972."

Last week, OCR launched directed investigations into San Jose State University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association for reported violations of Title IX. OCR also made it clear that they are reviewing athletic participation policies at a number of schools to evaluate their compliance with Title IX protections for female athletes.

Background Information on the Directed Investigations:

In a public statement released after President Trump

Senate Unanimously Passes Bill to Protect Online Privacy and Combat Deepfakes

Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) announced that their bipartisan legislation, the TAKE IT DOWN Act, passed the Senate unanimously. This bill would criminalize the publication of non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII), including AI-generated NCII, and require social media and similar websites to have in place procedures to remove such content within 48 hours of notice from a victim.

"We must provide victims of online abuse with the legal protections they need when intimate images are shared without their consent, especially now that deepfakes are creating horrifying new opportunities for abuse," said Senator Klobuchar. "Passing this bipartisan legislation builds on my work to ensure that victims can have this material removed from social media platforms and law enforcement can hold perpetrators accountable. The House should pass this bill and the President should sign it into law as soon as possible to protect victims of

signed his Protecting Women's Sports Executive Order, MSHSL and CIF announced their intentions to abide by state law as it relates to girls' and women's sports in violation of federal antidiscrimination laws. Both state laws allow athletes to participate on teams based on an individual's subjective gender identity rather than biological sex, even though biological sex is the basis for Title IX protections. State laws do not override federal antidiscrimination laws, and these entities and their member schools remain subject to Title IX and its implementing regulations.

online abuse."

"The TAKE IT DOWN Act gives victims of revenge and deepfake pornography—many of whom are young girls—the ability to fight back. Under our bipartisan bill, those who knowingly spread this vile material will face criminal charges, and Big Tech companies must remove exploitative content without delay. As we worked on the TAKE IT DOWN Act, more victims courageously came forward to share their stories to help end this horrific online abuse. Now, it's up to the House to pass the TAKE IT DOWN Act and give victims the power to reclaim their privacy and dignity," said Senator Cruz.

The TAKE IT DOWN Act would protect and empower victims of real and deepfake NCII while respecting speech by:

- Criminalizing the publication of NCII in interstate commerce. The bill makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly publish, or threaten to publish, NCII on social media and other online platforms. NCII is defined to include realistic, computer-generated pornographic images and videos that depict identifiable, real people. The bill also clarifies that a victim consenting to the creation of an authentic image does not mean that the victim has consented to its publication.

- Protecting good faith efforts to assist victims. The bill permits the good faith disclosure of NCII, such as to law enforcement, in narrow cases.

- Requiring websites to take down NCII upon notice from the victim. Social media and other websites would be required to have in place procedures to remove NCII, pursuant to a valid request from a victim, within 48 hours. Websites must also make reasonable efforts to remove copies of the images. The FTC is charged with enforcement of this section.

- Protecting lawful speech. The bill is narrowly tailored to criminalize knowingly publishing NCII without chilling lawful speech. The bill conforms to current First Amendment jurisprudence by requiring that computer-generated NCII meet a "reasonable person" test for appearing indistinguishable from an authentic image.



Photo is by Juleigh Prosser taken in her backyard in Clearbrook.



BSU Noyce Scholars Julia Petrich and Kaitlynn Capistrant presented their research at the annual Robert Noyce Conference in Washington D.C. They are joined by Dr. Todd Frauenholtz (far left) and Dr. Jenna O'Dell (far right).

Bemidji State continues to address Minnesota's STEM teacher shortage with \$1.26 million Robert Noyce teacher training grant

Bemidji State University's successful program to educate new generations of mathematics and science teachers for rural Minnesota will continue with a new round of funding from the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program.

In a 2016 report, Minnesota's Education Policy Innovation Center said that chemistry, mathematics and physics classrooms were amongst the 10 most challenging teaching positions for the state's school districts to fill. The report indicated that more than 20 percent of the state's school districts ranked these three subjects as "impossible or very difficult" to fill.

The Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program's \$1.26 million grant continues BSU's vital work to reverse this trend and provide qualified teaching candidates to districts struggling to fill these high-need positions.

BSU's Noyce program provides financial support, peer support and other training for a student's final two years of baccalaureate study. It helps students who double-major in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) program and also in elementary or secondary education complete their degrees and places them in high-need school districts. The program also offers post-graduate support for newly minted teachers settling into their first classrooms.

Dr. Jenna O'Dell, associate professor of mathematics and one of BSU's principal investigators for the program, says the Noyce grants provide remarkable opportunities for BSU students.

"This grant will provide the full cost of attendance, including a living stipend," O'Dell said. "And then to repay the grant, they get to teach in a high-need

school for four years."

Dr. Todd Frauenholtz, professor of mathematics, said the peer support students receive through a program-specific learning community is a particularly important aspect of the program.

"We know a STEM degree can be challenging, and research has shown that when students are part of a learning community they're more likely to graduate," he said.

BSU's program welcomed its first cohort of 10 students during Fall 2021, focused exclusively on preparing mathematics teachers. It has since expanded to include students interested in teaching any STEM discipline.

"When we talked to principals and superintendents, they said they still needed math teachers — and also needed science teachers," O'Dell said. "One superintendent in our county said they hadn't been able to hire a science teacher in the last five years. So we thought it was really important — even though we're both math people — to include all of STEM."

Frauenholtz added that of the first 20 students to go through the program, 18 are currently teaching in Minnesota K-12 classrooms.

"Our goal was to have two groups of eight students each year," Frauenholtz said. "So we succeeded. We had some students who had phenomenal scholarships who didn't need the full cost of attendance that our grant provided, so then we were able to support more students."

Partnerships at Red Lake Nation College and Minnesota North College are another new aspect of the program. O'Dell said the partnerships help recruit students who transfer to BSU and after graduation return to their communities as qualified STEM teachers.

In addition, Dr. Rebecca Hoffman, professor of social work, and Dr. Dinush Jayasooriya, assistant professor of mathematics, have joined BSU's Noyce program to share their different perspectives and specialties with students.

As part of the program, BSU's Noyce scholars also receive specialized training in teaching diverse K-12 student populations through coursework and other educational opportunities. Some of this training comes through a partnership with Peacemaker Resources, a Bemidji-based non-profit focused on building respectful relationships and healthy communities through communication, compassion and connection.

"These monthly trainings at Peacemaker Resources prepare them to teach the whole child," O'Dell said. "They learn a lot about emotional intelligence and how to teach students who are under-resourced."

Unlike many scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students, BSU supports Noyce scholars after graduation. For their first two years on the job, grads can return to the university and continue meeting with advisors and Peacemaker Resources to ensure they have the support they need to succeed in their classrooms.

"Going out and being a teacher is a tough transition," Frauenholtz said. "It's a huge job where you have to do all kinds of things that sometimes you're just not ready to do. So now our graduates have this support network, and we help with that transition."

BSU is recruiting students interested in joining the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. To learn more, visit bemidjistate.edu and search for "noyce."



Dustin Myklebust. 40 1/2 Northern Pike on Lake of the Woods. Photo by James Lessard



Northern pike caught on Lake of the Woods, 43 1/2 inch on February 7th by Nick Cervantes. Photo by James Lessard.

Tree Trimming Topic at Shevlin Garden Club Meeting



By Pamela French
Lynn Riggs stands tall as Jeff Ness “trims her branch’s properly” during the educational part of the Shevlin Garden Clubs February meeting; Tree Trimming with Jeff Ness. Jeff focused his program on when to trim trees, why they are trimmed and how to; that’s where Lynn came in handy. He also shared how to manipulate tree branches to get them to grow the way you want them to grow.

The meeting was held Saturday February 15, at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Center. There were 26 members in attendance and 5 guests. The hosts were Roberta, Janice and Lynn. In honor of Valentine’s Day they chose Death by Chocolate as their refreshment theme. There was a wide variety of chocolate candies and desserts, as well as fruit to dip in chocolate for all to enjoy.

The main item discussed was the upcoming spring workshop. There is no March meeting. Instead, on Saturday March 15, the Shevlin Garden Club will hold their annual Spring Wake-Up Garden Workshop. Hours are 1pm to 4pm at the Bagley American Legion. See Spring Wake-Up Garden Workshop article for details.

The Shevlin Garden Club is open to any one of any age. It meets monthly, either in a public place or at a members private home. For additional information like us on fb at Shevlin Garden Club. You may also email Connie Nunemaker at cnnature@hotmail.com.

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If you would like to make a cash donation and/or make a donation for the auction please contact Denise Stark at 563-2121.

I have been on this journey with her a couple of times as some of you have been on with others. Cancer is a tough one to go through. Please help however you can.

Auction starts at 2:30 p.m.
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Come early to check out the items being auctioned off and to get your number and register to be able to bid.

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Structure Fire

On 02/17/2025 at approximately 8:27 A.M., the Polk County Sheriff’s Office responded to a report of a barn fire at 41334 240th Ave SE rural Winger. When Deputies arrived on scene, the barn was smoldering. Livestock and individuals were evacuated from the barn. Winger Fire Department, Fertile Fire Department, McIntosh Fire Department, and Fosston Fire Department responded to assist. Essential Ambulance responded as well and no injuries were reported.

The MN State Fire Marshal was contacted and it was determined that the fire was from hay that caught fire in the loft. No further information will be released at this time.

Polk County Sheriff

Structure Fire

On 2/15/2025 at approximately 05:30 AM the Polk County Sheriff’s Office responded in unison with the Winger Fire Department and Polk County EMS to a fire at a residence in Winger Township. The fire was contained to a garage that was not attached to the home.

The family was present during the time of the fire, however, there were no injuries sustained. The fire caused substantial damage to the garage and had spread to a nearby tree when the Fire Department had arrived and subsequently extinguished the flames. There was no damage to the family’s home.

The fire was believed to have originated from an electric meat smoker that was running overnight.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal’s Office was notified of the fire.

No further information at this time.



By John Eggers

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Summer is almost here—well, it’s not too far away. Mom and Dad will be planning their summer vacation. The only problem is, they don’t have very much money and they know the kids want to buy some souvenirs.

Pennants have been a favorite of tourists for years. I still have some of mine that my parents purchased for my brother and me when we went up north to cities like Ely, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Brainerd, Port Arthur and Bemidji. Wherever we went, a common refrain was, “Hey, Dad, can we get a pennant to hang on our wall?”

Most cities, large and small, had pennants for people to buy. You can still purchase them today. The older pennants were made of and usually had four tassels of felt attached to add a little flair to them. The pennants made in modern times do not have these tassels and are made of some synthetic fabric.

The pennant dates back to the middle ages when they were carried by armies as well as on ships. There was a crest or coat of arms on them, and they were mainly for ornamental purposes. The pennant is also associated with sports teams, college and professional.

Pennants vary in value depending on the scarcity and condition. An old felt pennant like the ones pictured are worth about \$35 each. A pennant from the first year of the Minnesota Twins might run about \$200. Felt pennants of teams no longer in existence would be even higher. Sports team pennants usually command higher prices than pennants from cities.

Pennants are fun things to collect. They are colorful, not too expensive and have a story connected to them. Think of them as a lesson in geography and history. When your kids pester you about wanting a pennant, just say, “Okay, let’s go to school.”

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF FOSSTON TRI-COOP

Fosston, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of stockholders of Fosston Tri-Coop will be held at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 25th. Meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow.

The business meeting will include the presentation of the annual report and election of two directors, who will serve a term of three years.

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White Wolf or dog? Photo by Diana Sodon

Submitted by Pamela French
Whether it’s a White Wolf, dog or a hybrid, the sighting of this animal eating a dead carcass had people talking.

This picture was taken just north of Bagley, on highway 92 near the DNR. Other sightings had it crossing near the Bagley High School and on Bagley Twin Pines Golf Course. Many people were shown this picture yet no one could 100% conclusively say it wasn’t a White Wolf, mainly due to not seeing the animal’s tail, and the distance the animal is away from the photographer.

Online image searches still couldn’t be conclusive. Many

online pictures show the ears to be nearly exactly the same.

It’s not impossible for the White Wolf, aka Polar Wolf, to be spotted in Northern Minnesota, especially in the colder months, but it is extremely rare. According to a google search White Wolves seen outside their native habitat is because they are searching for food. The White Wolf is native to the Arctic regions and Greenland.

In these last few weeks I’m sure we can all agree we are experiencing some Arctic temperatures! No matter whether it was a White Wolf or dog, it’s still exciting to wonder.

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Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem> to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application my be submitted by 4:30 P.M. February 28, 2025. For questions about the position contact Jamie Halverson at jamie.halverson@clearwater-countymn.gov or by calling 218-694-6164.

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Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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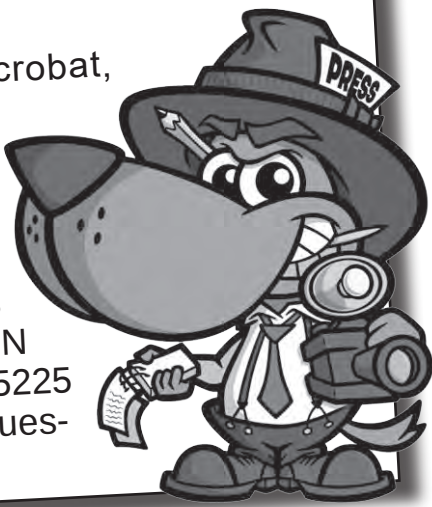
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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-646-010
LOCATION: from TH 102 to TH 2, 6.0 Miles East of Crookston, MN
TYPE OF WORK: AGGREGATE BASE, BITUMINOUS SURFACING
& AGGREGATE SHOULDERING

LENGTH: 5.6 Miles
Major Items:
AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 MOD 33,200 TON
SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE CLASS 1 9,300 TON
TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE 22,500 TON

To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: <https://egram.co.polk.mn.us>

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans, and specifications are also available at: Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 S, Crookston, MN 56716

Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax)

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-609-023, SAP 060-645-026, SAP 060-619-019
SAP 063-630-004, & SAP 057-601-012

LOCATION: From Bridge No. 60561 at Red River of the North to 250' West of TH 75 in Crookston, MN
From TH 32 to CSAH 12 at Mentor, MN
From 137' East of T.H. 75 at Euclid, MN. to East Polk County Line
From Polk - Red Lake - Pennington County Line to 0.6 Miles East
From 0.6 Miles East of Polk - Red Lake - Pennington County Line to CSAH 10

TYPE OF WORK: Hot In-Place Recycle & Aggregate Shouldering
TOTAL LENGTH: 29 Miles

Major Items:
SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE CLASS 1 12,100 TON
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Region 2 Arts Council awards \$89,500 in Arts Access Grants

On January 16, 2025, the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$89,500 in Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds to area non-profit entities following a community panel review of 18 applications. Organizations could submit up to two proposals each. Seventeen total projects were granted, promising to bring high-quality, accessible arts activities to primarily benefit the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahanomen

counties. Region 2 Arts Council Arts Access Grants are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

4 Directions Development in Red Lake received \$6,000 to host the 2025 Anishinaabe Art Festival, an event dedicated to creating visibility for Indigenous artists and community access to traditional art displays.

The NordaGonvick Rose-malers in Leonard received

\$2,683 to offer a three-day workshop in September with Carol Bender who will teach the rosemaling method of Numedal.

The Clearwater County Historical Society in Shevlin received \$1,500 to provide a community concert in the Spring of 2025.

Kitchen Sink Productions in Park Rapids received \$3,575 to provide a community theater production in "kitchen sink realism" in March 2025.

Loon Country Arts in Bemidji received \$6,000 to offer 15 classes in different artistic mediums that are free to the public.

Loon Country Arts in Bemidji received \$6,000 to offer a series of 15 free arts classes and two internship opportunities geared specifically to young people.

Heartland Arts in Park Rapids received \$6,000 to sponsor Art Leap 2025, an annual fall driving tour of Heartland Lakes artists' studios and Park Rapids area cultural destinations.

Lake of the Woods School Community Education in Baudette received \$5,500 to provide a Musical Theater Camp in August 2025 to area children free of charge.

Bemidji High School received \$6,000 to assist in funding their Fall Musical in September 2025.

Heartland Lakes Community School in Park Rapids received \$6,000 to contract with Mary Therese, a local mural artist, who will engage HLCS students, staff, and local community members in painting a mural depicting pollinators in a pollinator garden.

Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative received \$6,000 to organize a multi-organization collaborative music event at the Bemidji waterfront.

The Hubbard County Developmental Achievement Center received \$6,000 to produce a musical at the Armory Arts and Events Center, in which participants will create a puppet show with original sets and costumes, and also host a printmaking workshop with artist Brett Lysne.

The Hubbard County Developmental Achievement Center received \$6,000 to provide integrated workshops in sculptural papermaking with Jill Odegaard, basket weaving with Shannon Westrum, and painting workshops with Kent Estey to expand exposure to new techniques as part of their Northern Hearts art studio program.

The City of Bemidji Parks & Recreation Department received \$6,000 to host a Summer Theater Day Camp for youth known as BCT Jr. in partnership with Bemidji Community Theater

The City of Park Rapids received \$6,000 for their Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to increase stipends paid to selected artists who are part of the Park Rapids Sculpture Trail.

The Bemidji Senior Center received \$4,242 to host a Bemidji Woodcarvers Club workshop presented by Marty Dolphens, a notable woodcarver in the Midwest who uses a technique called "realism in the round".

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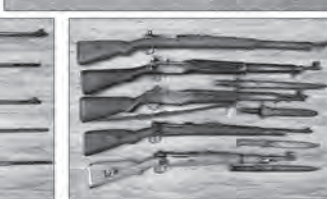
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Ask a Trooper by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Q u e s - t i o n : I've read your last couple of "Ask A Trooper" articles and with all this talk about driver's license suspensions and revocation, can you talk about people needing or getting a work permit for driving?

A n s w e r : Minnesota does have what is called a "limited license." Under some circumstances, a limited license may be issued to a person whose driving privileges are revoked

or suspended. Before a limited license is issued, you must meet certain requirements, including completing any mandatory waiting periods. If you are issued a limited license, you are restricted to:

- Travel to and from your place of employment.
- Travel to and from chemical dependency treatment or counseling.
- Providing transportation for dependent children and other dependents living in your household for medical, educational, or nutritional needs.

• Travel to and from a post-secondary institution where you are enrolled.

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



Theology in the Trenches By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Guilty

S h e l o o k e d guilty to me! After all, her mug shot shown starkly as her hair was strewn helter-skelter. Sort of wild looking she was, eyes pictured all forlorn staring straight into the camera. Surprised and stunned was she as the flash of light greeted her with little warning. Yup, she sure looked guilty alright.

Trouble was, she was about my age and looked vaguely familiar. I stared hard trying to recognize the face before me. Hoping to see any light in her eyes—I couldn't. Feeling sorry for the one being targeted by the camera, I looked more closely to identify the face which the camera had captured. Identification is important these days, and matching a name with the data given is important within the world in which we live.

"That will be \$56 dollars,"

came the blunt request from behind the counter.

"Really? Could you possibly retake it?"

"Why?" she asked. I think this picture of you looks great!" "Thanks," I mumbled. "But I'd like a retake."

The one behind me in line looked upon the situation and smiled an odd smile as if she were surprised that anyone at this stage of the game actually cared. What would she know, I thought, it's her first time even getting a license—this may be my last. That's when I tried to engage the younger one in conversation, trying to justify my third try at a photograph that might be presentable upon my driver's license.

"Really," I said. "I'm not that vain. I just want to be able to recognize myself when I look at it for the next several years."

I turned to the clerk with one final question. "And when did

they not allow you to wear your glasses? I always wear glasses."

"About two weeks ago they changed the rules, and now you have to take your glasses off."

As the jail was housed within the same building, I didn't want to be sent on over, so I complied. Within seconds, several holes were pierced through my old license making it null and void. Soon, my new license will arrive and I'll be able to pull that out, no doubt, along life's journey as needed.

One thing we can be sure of, we won't need identification when our time on earth has expired. In 1Cor. 13:12 it says, "For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now in part; then I shall be known fully, even as I have been fully known." Thus, no photo I.D.'s in Heaven. And who wouldn't want to become a believer by just putting your faith in that fact—alone! Amen.

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College News

Minnesota State Mankato announces semester Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Among 4,404 students, a total of 1,354 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 3,050 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Named from Grygla, Chloe Kuznia, High Honors List

Iowa State University announces fall 2024 Deans List

AMES, Iowa (February 10, 2025) More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

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Goodridge, Emilea Johnson, Junior, Psychology, B.S.

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Clearwater Food Shelf 218-694-6400 open Wednesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Lake of the Woods Food Shelf 218-324-3397 – opened 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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Senator Steve Green Minnesota Senate District 2

Dear Neighbor,

As I'm sure many have already heard, the Governor's bonding and budget proposals have been released. In a previous column, I discussed at length what made them so troubling. To review: overspending, lack of accountability, and using our most vulnerable as scapegoats. To remind everyone, the budget proposal included tax "cuts" coupled with increased fees, and managed everything in a way that passes costs on to counties. That means higher taxes for everyone. The bonding proposal was very close to what was proposed last year. We have a \$5.1 billion deficit ready to hit our state – it's not the time to spend, spend, spend like Governor Walz has done in the past. We have to rein it in. That means getting our economy moving again.

One of the top ways we can do this is by eliminating mandates. The top area that comes to mind is education – the 60+ mandates Democrats placed on our schools over the past two years were crippling. During power-sharing, Republicans co-chaired committees, including our Education committees. We took that opportunity to invite schools in to speak about the mandates. Every single hearing amounted to 2+ hours of schools begging for help. Democrats didn't listen to schools' concerns before these mandates, and they certainly aren't listening now. Instead, they are passing the blame onto the federal government. Dozens of schools have made their concerns clear. If they don't get relief, there will either be cuts to staff and budgets, or the costs will be incurred at the local level. Our kids don't deserve that.



It's more than just the schools. We need mandate relief in ALL areas, too – county governments, private citizens, etc. They are all burdensome. Something has to be done. Government has grown too much. It's unsustainable.

We also need to address permitting reform issues. Minnesota is far behind other states in this issue area. In fact, it's made us lose business to other states like North and South Dakota. We are months behind other states when it comes to permitting reforms. We already have the resources and workforce, but our government is impeding progress. This is not an issue area Democrats are interested in touching, and I find that very disappointing. We should be doing all we can to grow the job market and make Minnesota a desirable place to do business in. It surely isn't now.

Again, we have a \$5 billion deficit on the horizon. We went from a historic surplus to a massive deficit in just a few short years. We need to get serious about getting our economy back on track and it needs to happen now.

If you are concerned with these issues, I'm asking you to reach out to legislators to voice your opinions. Democrats have not listened to Republicans' concerns, but they deserve to know what folks in our state are thinking.

Sincerely,
Steve Green
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Boat motors... and Tractors

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

I recently came across a picture of this tractor and it reminded me of an article I wrote years ago. So I began to search and came across the article. With slight modifications this is a repeat of that article

Over the years my family has grown and grown in our love of fishing. My son Nick, who is quite a fisherman, just bought his first boat. It is a little 14ft aluminum with a 9.9 hp Johnson engine. Unfortunately the engine did not fire up. So we took the motor of and took it to Red Lake Falls, MN, to an awesome mechanic, Eugene Wavra.

When I pulled in the yard to deliver the motor I saw a 145 Versatile tractor and an H Farmall. My mind then went from boat motors to tractors. After we unloaded motor and discussed the possible solutions I said, "Is that a 145 Versatile?"

Mr. Wavra answered, "Yes, do you want to see what I did to it?" Well, I was one step ahead of him as we walked toward the big old workhorse of a tractor. As we got to the other side Eugene explained it had a Cummings Diesel Engine that was overhauled. But after only about 100 hours it spun the camshaft. Well being an accomplished mechanic and truck driver at the time he put a 671 GM Detroit Diesel engine with 238 hp, out of a semi tractor, in the Versatile. He said, "And I haven't had any problems with that engine in 40 years!" Wow! I wish my mechanizing skills went that far! I looked over the Versatile and thought of the ingenuity it took to change that engine. The frame was lengthened to accommodate the new power source. I also thought about the fact that as you drive

down the road and look at the farms and fields you really don't know anything about what is out there or who is really living there!

When we went back to pick up the motor my son Nick and I were invited in for coffee. I knew this may happen because I have taken boat motors their before! I bet many people have driven by this place and obviously know this is where the "boat mechanic" lives. Some friends and neighbors probably know there is more to the story which I learned as we visited on this summer day.....I learned the following day would be Eugene and Jeanette's 62nd anniversary and for 61 of those years they have lived in Louisville Township, Red Lake County, Minnesota. Eugene worked for his brother at his blacksmith shop and later bought the shop from his brother. He bought a little Ford tractor but went into the service from 1952-1955. When he was in the service he rented the little tractor to his uncle for 50 cents/hour. In the service he was a mechanic at Fort Lewis and in Germany.

Over the years the Wavra's raised wheat, corn, buckwheat, oats, and at one time had 140 ewes. Eugene also hauled livestock for many years and worked at the Sugar Beet Factory in Crookston. He has been a boat engine mechanic for around 20 years. My mother remembers going to the Wavra's to buy produce as they raised a huge garden and would sell garden goods. You see they raised 12 kids!! Now they also have 36 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren. My story could go on! I don't know if you think like me, but when you

drive down the road and look at the farms in operation or abandoned.....think about the legacy that belongs there. Our small towns are full of "heroes" and amazing unique individuals and I am glad I met another the one of these families! Boy am I lucky that boat motor needed repair or wouldn't have gotten that cup of coffee, and I wouldn't have learned about such a great Red Lake Falls farm family.

Since I wrote this article in 2018 we lost a great man. Eugene Wavra of Red Lake Falls, MN passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The 145 Versatile was produced from _____.
A) 1965-1970 B) 1967-1971 C) 1969-1973 D) 1970-1974

2. The Versatile factory was in _____.

3. The 145 came out with a Cummings V-8 engine producing _____ hp.
A) 118hp B) 145hp C) 175hp D) 190hp

4. The 145 had _____ forward speeds and _____ reverse.
A) \$17,000 B) \$20,000 C) \$23,000 D) \$25,000

Answers: 1. B. 1967-1971 2. Winnipeg, Man., Canada 3. B. 145hp 4. A. 9 forward and 3 reverse 5. A. \$17,000--

MnDOT announces winners of Name a Snowplow contest

ST. PAUL, Minn. – We're Off To See The Blizzard and Anthony Sledwards join the Minnesota Department of Transportation's snowplow fleet as two of the eight winners in the 2024-25 Name a Snowplow contest. Governor Tim Walz joined MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger to announce the winning names today. Nearly 23,500 voters cast a ballot in this year's contest.

The winning names, in order of vote totals, and their future homes are:

• We're Off To See The Blizzard – District 8 (Southwest

Minnesota)

• Snowtorious B.I.G. – District 4 (West Central Minnesota)

• Plowabunga! – District 6 (Southeast Minnesota)

• Anthony Sledwards – Metro District (Twin Cities)

• You're Welcome – District 2 (Northwest Minnesota)

• Don'tcha Snow – District 3 (Central Minnesota)

• Skol Plow – District 1 (Northeast Minnesota)

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Answers on page 6



Dylan Lundeen goes up for a shot as teammates Parker Klasen and Austin Lund look on! The C team won a close one 46-44.



Alex Bramer shoots and Lamar O'Quinn looks for the rebound in the C team game Thursday.



Mason Williams drives for a layup against the NCE-UH Titans last Thursday in RLF.

Garfield Lake Ice Races "Cancelled" 2/16/2025



B class racing action with Lilly Farrington on the outside and Jimmy Venem inside from races on Feb. 9th.

The Garfield Lake Ice races were cancelled on Sunday due to the extremely cold temperatures and wind chills. For the safety of the drivers, crew members, track workers and fans the races were cancelled for the day. Racing will return next Sunday at noon on Garfield Lake in Laporte, Mn.

Current points in the A and B classes:

B CLASS 1. Bob Pawlitschek 548, 2. Reid Watson 522, 3. Tyler Johnson 506, 4. Faye Lewis 480, 5. Mariah LaPatka 422, 6. Sean Feia/William Coan 415, 7. Lillian Farrington 397, 8. Madison Tabaka 380, 9.

Blake Watson 370, 10. Nick Jessen 365, 11. Jimmy Venem 365, 12. Brad Krotzer 327, 13. Deke Donat 305, 14. Ben Buck 291, 15. Landon Weeks 284, 16. CJ Roller 243, 17. Caleb Hawg 224, 18. Abe Forseman 183, 19. Jon Geschwill 156, 20. Tony Rohloff 149, 21. Dan Riggs 96, 22. Rodney Rogers 0, 23. Sawyer Nickalson 0

A CLASS 1. Cameron LaBelle 625, 2. Josh Bitker 356, 3. Nate Zanter 347, 4. Jon Sharpnack 297, 5. Nick Lewis 294, 6. Hunter Weeks 215, 7. Chad Tabaka 192, 8. John Farrington 178, 9. Sam Delaney 175, 10. John Hadrava 60

Senator Mark Johnson Minnesota Senate District 1



Senator Mark Johnson, Republican Minority Leader (R-East Grand Forks) joined Republicans to roll out a comprehensive plan to hold government accountable to stop waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayers' dollars.

The plan is part of the group's Minnesotans First agenda for the 2025 legislative session.

"We know that stopping fraud is not just a legislative priority, recent polling shows that it's a top issue for Minnesotans too," Sen. Johnson said. "That's why we are making it a priority to hold government accountable for protecting taxpayers' money. "Minnesotans work hard, and they are generous people, but with at least half a billion dollars in fraud over the last six years, they are tired of being in the headlines for all the wrong reasons."

The eight bills presented cover everything from empowering the nonpartisan Office of the Legislative Auditor to creating a state Office of Inspector General, a state grants administrator, a central grant system, increased oversight of grant recipients, and additional accountability, training requirements, and whistleblower protections for state employees.

"We've seen a shift from legislative Democrats in their willingness to work with Republicans on stopping the fraud. I'm encouraged a sincere effort to listen to bipartisan input will result in significant change that makes protecting taxpayers' dollars a top priority in every state government agency,"

Johnson concluded.

Bill List

Senate Republicans comprehensive plan to hold government accountable to stop the waste, fraud, and abuse includes the following bills:

Oversight

•Sen. Drazkowski-

SF TBD: Increase penalties on state employees who don't follow the law to report suspected waste, fraud, or abuse

•Sen. Mathews - SF 475: Whistleblower protection laws for state employees who report suspected waste, fraud, or abuse (Heard in State and Local Government Committee on Feb. 11, 2025)

•Sen. Koran - SF 1219: Create a centralized state Office of Investigator General

Transparency

•Sen. Kreun - SF 730: Transparency in the AG's office (Heard in Judiciary and Public Safety Committee on Jan. 29, 2025)

•Sen. Rasmussen - SF 263: OLA review on agency compliance based on OLA recommendations to relevant House and Senate committees (Heard in State Government Committee Feb. 11, 2025)

Grant reforms

•Sen. Nelson - SF 981: OLA recommendations on grant reform including conflict of interest rules, background checks, and salary transparency

•Sen. Coleman - SF 1123: Increased oversight of grants, reporting and compliance requirements

•Sen. Anderson - SF 538: Grant Administrator and centralized grant database

Give a Vet a Lift fundraiser in Bagley February 22

The annual Give a Veteran a Lift fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Bagley High School Auditorium from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of classic country, bluegrass, and maybe a little old time rock&roll. This year's lineup includes Due North from the Iron Range area with their mix of bluegrass and classic country; The Fradenburghs from New Prague, MN playing a mix of country and classic pop songs; and The Snowmen, playing their mix of hard-driving classic country and old time rock&roll.

Admission is free, but a free will donation will be accepted,

with 100% of the proceeds going to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Fund. This fund exists to pay only the mileage for volunteer drivers transporting Clearwater County veterans to medical appointments, and has recently expanded to help fund second opinions with non-VA doctors, which can lead to an expansion of coverage and benefits from the VA. Come out to support our veterans and enjoy a fun night of family friendly entertainment!

There will be a Sweetheart Supper held at the Bagley Senior Center starting at 5:00 p.m. before the show.



Round Barns, Why?

By Eric Mickelson

I love driving through the countryside and look at tractors, farms, and barns. In many magazines I have seen round barns, although I have not seen many with my own eyes.

Now, I am not a carpenter, but the building of a round barn seems difficult. Maybe it is not? But round barns are certainly a unique part of my agricultural history!

Round barns are beautiful and interesting, but there's a reason for their shape. Most round barns were built on dairy farms between the years of 1890-1920 or so. With the advent of railroads and easier shipping dairy farmers developed some new opportunities. Some farmers only milked a few cows but here was an opportunity to expand their herds. Some were looking for a more

efficient way to do this.

It is my understanding the main reason was to face the cows inward where they could be fed around a central circular area. Sometimes there was even a silo in that central area. So the cows faced inward to a central feeding area and the "business" end of the cow was toward the outside where the larger circumference was.

I mentioned earlier the construction seems difficult, but actually less material was required to build a round barn. People also believed that the round barn would be less susceptible to wind damage as the wind would go around the barn. So some believed in the positives of building a round barn, but not everyone was that crazy about the idea!

I read somewhere that if you built a round barn you had to have thick skin because of the harassment you may get from your friends and neighbors and yes, carpenters were not that crazy about building a structure that required an awful lot of geometry to construct!

Round barns were originally built for dairying and did not lend themselves to other types of agriculture and livestock as well. The advent of the Great Depression was one reason the barns sort of disappeared from the horizon. Also barns and building kits could be bought from Sears and Roebuck or Montgomery Wards at a reasonable price. So we don't see many round barns, but when I do it sure turns my head!



Congratulations to the 5th grade Rebel boys team who took 1st place in the Titan Slam in Twin Valley on February 8th! The elementary teams sold pizza to raise money for tournaments. Thanks you to all who supported them!



Congratulations to the 6th grade RLCC Mustang girls who took first place in the Bagley Tournament on February 8th!

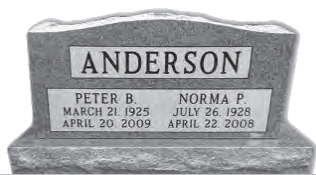


Word Search Answers for this week

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OBITUARIES



**Services for
Roxanne Sorenson**

Roxanne Sorenson, age 65, of Fosston, MN, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly on Saturday, February 15th, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd, at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick with the Rev. Will Anderson officiating. Interment will be in Clover Township Cemetery, Leonard, MN, at a later date. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.



**Obituary for
Basil Ness**

Basil Elmer Ness passed away on February 11, 2025, just 2 days after his 87th birthday at the Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls, MN. Basil was born on February 9, 1938 at Bagley, MN and spent his boyhood years at the family farm in Gully, MN. Services will be held next summer at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN.

In his early 20's, Basil joined the Army for two years and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and later stationed in Germany. Upon returning home, he attended the Northland Community College at Thief River Falls, MN, where he studied

business.

Basil worked for the Soo Line Railroad as part of the main tie and rail gang, traveling from Sault Ste Marie, MI to Portal, ND (near the Montana and Canadian border) and from Portal, ND to Chicago, IL and places in between. He retired from the Soo Line Railroad around 2003. After retirement, he lived in Gonvick, MN and enjoyed listening to music, watching tv westerns, visiting casinos and coin collecting. Basil was an avid reader and liked to keep abreast of current events.

Basil never married.

In 2016, Basil moved to the Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls, MN. There he enjoyed watching tv, playing bingo and participating in various activities.

Basil was preceded in death by his parents, Myrtle and Elmer Ness, his infant brother Warren, his sister Eleanor Martin (Marty) and brother Anthony Ness (Elaine) and 2 nephews, Tim Martin and Aaron Ness.

He is survived by his sister Myra Coiner (Bob). He is also survived by 5 nephews, Mike Martin, Ryan Ness, and Mark, Craig and Eric Edevold and 2 nieces, Lorinda Ness Kompelien and Lisa Edevold. Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



**Obituary for
Tony Eck**

It is with heartfelt remembrance that we celebrate the life of Anthony (Tony) Alan Eck, from Gonvick, MN, who peacefully departed at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab Center in Bagley, MN on February 5, 2025. He was surrounded by the love of his family and the compassionate caregivers whom he had come to cherish.

Preceding him in death are parents Marvin and Shirley (Prestby) Eck. Grandparents Theodore and Emily Eck, Erling and Metta Prestby, wife Rita (Nielsen) Eck, infant daughter Annette Eck and brother Joel Eck.

Surviving him are son Chris Eck and wife Sara, daughter Candace Quade and husband Jason. Sister Lonny (Eck) English; brothers Rocky (Keith) Eck and wife Gwen, Butch (Virgil) Eck. Grandchildren Caden, Katryna, Ethan, Emma, Marissa, Treven, Kiara, Brenna, Kwynn and great granddaughter, Eliana.

His hobbies were gardening many types of flowers and vegetables. He provided veggies to everyone. He loved cutting wood, mowing the

lawn so it looked perfect, fishing, hunting and visiting with people at the Lazy X and later at his home. He enjoyed driving around and looking for deer and checking the crops. He also enjoyed farming, raising animals, driving fast cars, watching westerns and politics on TV.

He started working at an early age, first accompanying his father and grandfather, thrashing grain, working on the family farm and other jobs around Gonvick. As an adult, he worked on large construction jobs primarily doing concrete. He worked at the nuclear plant here in Minnesota, the uranium mines in Wyoming, a smelting plant in Montana, the gasification plant in Beulah, North Dakota, the paper mills in Grand Rapids and Duluth, and ended his career working in the pipeline industry. He put everything into his work and expected for the same from people that worked for and with him. He was proud of his accomplishments and liked to talk about the various areas he had worked in the United States. He is remembered by family and friends for his work ethic. He was a member of the laborer's union, a lifetime member of the NRA and a founding member of the Gonvick Pumpkin Growers

Visitation is set from 5 to 7 PM on February 23, 2025, at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley Minnesota. His funeral will be held at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN at 1 PM on February 24, 2025, with a lunch to follow. He chose to be cremated, and the family will get together later this summer to place his ashes.



**Obituary for
Shirley Bergerson**

Shirley Ann Bergerson, 80, of Duluth, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. She was born to Claire and Adabelle Sather on September 3, 1944. Shirley was raised on a farm in Gonvick, MN. On September 16, 1961, she was married to Roger Bergerson. Shirley was a homemaker, then went on to work at Glass Block and also a custodian at Nopeming Nursing Home.

Shirley was a member of the Midway Christian Fellowship Church. She enjoyed

puzzles, flowers, and going to the lake. Her joy was spending time with the grandkids and great grandkids. Roger and Shirley traveled to Texas for 14 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Claire and Adabelle Sather; sister, Betty Johnson; and brother-in-law, Greg Willete.

Shirley will be missed by her husband, Roger Bergerson; children, Steve (Christie) Bergerson, Dan (Mary) Bergerson, and Tami (Cully) Hall; 7 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren; siblings, Beverly, Chuck, Susan, Karen, and Tom; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to stroke research.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 5 to 7pm at Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720. Memorial Service will be Friday the 21st at 11 am with visitation an hour prior. A luncheon will follow the service. A burial will take place at a later date. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com



**Obituary for
Doug Planten**

Doug Planten, age 75, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Friday, February 14th, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22nd, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine with the Rev. Pam Thorson officiating. Family will greet friends 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.

Douglas 'Doug' Moran Planten was born 12/19/1949 in St Bernandine's hospital in San Bernardino California to parents Ruth Moran and Gerit Planten III. He attended school in San Bernardino and graduated in 1967.

Doug met Rita at Win-E-Mac motel in Erskine which later on they owned and managed together. They got married on August 23, 1985 and with this marriage he gained

stepchildren, Deanna, Joe, Kris and John. He played a large role to his grandson, Zack, since birth which he treated like his son. He was a big influence on him and taught him his work ethic, and how to be accountable in all aspects of life.

After selling the motel, Rita and Doug purchased the campground at Cameron Lake, in Erskine. While managing it he was also a school bus driver for many years. After the divorce, he moved to Yuma, Arizona but still came back in the area during warmer seasons. Around 2021, he moved back to Erskine to be closer to family and friends. He then worked again as a school's bus driver and truck driver until recent health issues arose. He would often say that he loved seeing the school children and expressed that it was the highlight of his day. He also worked as truck driver for Lucken's for many years and remembered that time fondly.

He was involved in many parts of the community, including the Commercial Club and, used to be part in organizing the Erskine Water Carnival yearly.

Doug was a hard worker, a true patriot, and a positive impact on the community. He was always there to help when his friends or family were in need. He was a supportive, kind and loving grandpa.

Survived by his ex-wife Rita, grandson Zack (Charise), great grandkids Ava, DJ and Theo, stepchildren, extended family, good friends, And his furry companion, cat Kiki.



**Obituary for
Joanne Voeltz**

Joanne Gloria Voeltz, born on February 27, 1938, on the family farm in Johnson Township, Polk County, passed away peacefully at her home in rural Oklee, Minnesota, on February 8, 2025.

Funeral Service for Joanne will be held 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the RLCC High School in Oklee, MN with Eric Mickelson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the school. Burial will be held at Valle Cemetery near the family home rural Trail, MN.

Joanne was the daughter of Ole and Lillian (Sordahl) Loiland. She graduated from Oklee High School in 1956 and after high school she attended teachers training and taught at various rural schools. Joanne married Vernon Wesley Voeltz on

August 10, 1957, at Valle Church near Trail, Minnesota. Joanne dedicated 44 years to the Oklee school district as a para-professional, where she held various teaching roles and touched the lives of countless students.

Joanne found great joy in gardening, baking, and tending to her flowers. She had a deep love for children and cherished time spent with her husband, sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Voeltz; son Larry Voeltz; grandchildren Travis (Brandie) Voeltz and Ryan (Shanna) Voeltz; and great-grandchildren Taelynn Voeltz, Devin Voeltz, Waylon Voeltz, Addlynn Voeltz, Isabella Seyller, Ellie Seyller, Aubrey Seyller, Carter Seyller, Cynthia Voeltz, and Trey Audette. She also held a special place in her heart for the Walter and Shirley Vettleson family.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents Ole and Lillian Loiland; son Ronnie Voeltz; sister Carla (George) Johnson; brother Gordy (Verna) Loiland; sister-in-law Elaine "Perry" Loiland; father-in-law Otto Voeltz; mother- and father-in-law Grace and John Ratkovec; sister-in-law Ruthie Patch; and sister- and brother-in-law Deloris and Steve Lopez.

Joanne's kindness and dedication to family and community will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



**Obituary for
Louan Hendrickson**

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Louan will be held March 1st, 2025 11:00am at Elim Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, MN.

Louan peacefully passed away on February 11, 2025 with her family by her side at Cornerstone Residence in Fosston, MN. She was 85.

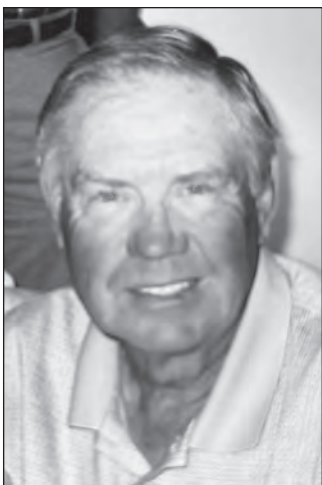
Louan was born November 15, 1939 to Lyle and Pauline (Schultz) Mitchell in LaPorte, IN.

She was baptized, confirmed and attended eight years of school at St. John's Lutheran Church/School in La Porte, IN and graduated from La Porte High School in 1957. After graduation Louan received key punch/computer training and employment with the Whirlpool Corporation.

Louan married Thomas E. Hendrickson at St. John's Lutheran Church in La Porte, IN on November 7, 1959. They moved to Chicago Ridge, Illinois and in 1961 started their family. Over the years they lived in Indiana, Illinois, North Dakota and Minnesota raising their two children Christine and Marc.

Wherever they were Louan was always involved in church activities from singing in the choir to attending Bible studies and ladies groups.

During their time in North Dakota Louan worked as a secretary at NDSU Bottineau, ND and took college courses there as well.



**Obituary for
Blaine Grone**

Blaine Kenneth Grone, age 84, of Green Valley, AZ, passed away on December 23rd, 2024 at NorthWest Medical Center in Sahuarita, AZ. He was surrounded by family.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in 2025.

Blaine was born on May 23, 1940 to Leola and Jack Grone in Bagley, MN. Blaine attended grade school in Fosston, MN for grades 1 and 2. His family moved to Gonvick, MN where he attended school from grade 3 onward and graduated from Gonvick High School in 1958. He attended the University of North Dakota.

On February 14th, 1959 Blaine married the love of his life Helene Gustafson in Gonvick, MN. At his death they had been wed for 65 years. To this union, three children were born, Lori, Kristen, and Jack. Blaine and Helene moved from small town to big city (Minneapolis, MN area) immediately after marrying. He started his career as a door to door salesman with Colliers selling encyclopedias. In 1965 he went to work for Hunt Wesson Foods, becoming district manager and then regional manager. In 1985 Blaine's career took them to Laguna Niguel, CA, where he was national accounts manager for Hunt Wesson/Conagra Foods corporate in Fullerton, CA. He retired from Hunt Wesson in 1988, at the age of 48. He and Helene moved back to their peaceful 80-acre hobby farm in rural Clearbrook, MN. There the two of them enjoyed the next 35 years, retired in God's country. In 1996 they bought a winter home in Green Valley, AZ.

They split time between MN and AZ before moving full time to Green Valley in 2022.

They relocated to Thief River Falls, MN and Louan worked many years at Northwest Bank as a farm loan secretary.

When Tom retired they moved full time to their cabin on Clearwater Lake. During that time Louan worked for Richards Publishing Gonvick and the Clearwater County Highway Dept. retiring in 2003.

After retirement Louan and Tom volunteered for many years at a mission in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico. This time was very dear to them and they met some special friends.

Louan spent many enjoyable hours volunteering with the Clear Waters Life Center, Shop at the Top and Mustard Seed.

Louan was very proud of her grandchildren and great grands attending many events for them. She had a passion for baking, quilting, sewing and crafting and making many beautiful items for her friends and family.

Louan is survived by daughter, Christine (Dennis) Grugal, Roseau, MN and son Marc Hendrickson (Juni), Lombok Indonesia; Grandchildren, Heather (Cobi) Burton, Jared (Brook) Sundahl and Chance Hendrickson. Great grandchildren Madison, Blayke, Maegan, Rylee, Rebekah, Jewel, Camdyn, William, Aubry, Brody and Jayla.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tom, parents Lyle & Pauline Mitchell, father and mother-in-law Charles and Iola Hendrickson, brother David, sister-in-law Peggy Mitchell, nephews Keith & Kevin Mitchell and niece Sharon Zimmerman.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Cornerstone Residence and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the care and kindness they showed Louan.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Clearwater Life Center at clearwaterslife.org/donations.html or Alzheimers association at alz.org/mnnd



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