Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Tri County Canary

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Volunteers shown back row: Sue Davidson, Jeanette Anderson, Margo Mankie, Linda Kaul, Les Anderson, Sue Anderson, Chris Serbus. front row Lorraine Brustad, Lou Christensen, Jo Steindl, Shelly Olson, Jane Gregory, and the photographer Pamela Hagen-French.

It Sometimes Takes a Village to Fund a Roof!

By Pamela French

On Sunday, March 23 the Bagley Senior Center held their second Meatball Dinner Fundraiser for the much needed new roof for the center. This go around they included a Silent Auction and a concert with "Figuring it Out" Abello Acoustic Band.

The weather attempted to dampen the spirits of organizers, but residents in Northern Minnesota were not going to let a little snow stop them from enjoying a great lunch, attempt to win some great auction items and enjoy a concert. Anywhere from 4-8" of wet heavy snow hit the area over night, yet attendees came from as far as Fargo, ND and all over Northern Minnesota. Organizers made 250 servings of meatball dinner. At just before 2pm there was only 4 servings remaining.

In addition to the Meatball Dinner, organizers held a Silent Auction with over 60 items for guests to bid on. Bidding on many items were fierce. At 2pm the auction ended, all items sold, and winning bidders picked up their bid sheets, paid for their items, and gathered up their item(s). The auction alone brought in $3000!

Preparing the meals to go were Margo Mankie and Jo Steindl.

Serving the meal were Shelly Olson, Chris Serbus, Sue Anderson and Jane Gregory.

In addition to the volunteers pictured, Mitch Hanson Bagley Senior Center Cook, a huge thank you goes out to the many anonymous donors, and the following area business and individuals for the dinner and the auction: Thrivent members Les & Jeanette Anderson and Avis Sundbom, Jim & Jean Hubbard, Bagley Subway Sandwich Shop, Mandy's on Main, Galen's Fresh Food Market, Galli's Furniture, Carole Euerle Arts, D&R Cafe Crew, Merschmen's Ace Hardware, Merle's Burls, Harlan's Boats R-US(Mentor), Barons BBQ Sauce, Bagley Laundromat/Car Wash, Honeyberry Farm USA, Brustad Landscaping, Bellefy Local Bubbles, Big Apple Bagel(Bemidji), Jane Bellefy, Balsam Lane Boutique, KBUN Hubbard Broadcasting, Rix Art (Rick Paulin), Headwaters Insurance(Bemidji), Chris Serbus, and Daroo's Pizza.

Another huge thank you goes out to the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative (BAAC)who sponsored the band that played from 2pm -3:30; "Figuring It Out" Abello Acoustic Band. This is one of the most talented families that includes 10 siblings and their dad. The band includes Andy (Dad), Adelyn, Abram, Greta, Elijah, Olive, Georgiana, Ingrid, Hazel, Gideon, and Louisa. They played multiple genres, including Christian, Contemporary, Folk, Bluegrass, Celtic, Swing and more.

The final tally of monies raised with all donations and expenses made was $7,266.00! The total amount of funds raised for the roof thus far is $47,000, goal $53,000! Only $6,000 to go! It was a very successful day for a very important cause!

If you wish to donate to the roof fund, mail check, M.O, C.C to the Bagley Senior Center (Roof Fund) PO Box 484.

NOTE: mark your calendar for Thursday, April 17. The Bagley Subway will donate 15% of ALL sales from 7am to 10pm (all day) to the Bagley Senior Center Roof Fund Raiser! Subway is located in the Cenex C-Store located just west of the traffic light in Bagley. Come enjoy a great sandwich and support a greater cause!

Giving Kids a Head Start

Are you expecting a child or have kids under 5? Would you like to be a part of a program that makes sure our littlest community members are ready for school when they go off to Kindergarten? Would you like to be the best teacher for your child? Head Start might be perfect for your family.

Inter-County Community Council's (ICCC) Head Start staff have begun their annual recruitment campaign. They will be out in your community soon looking for families with children ages birth to 5 years old to participate in our Head Start program. They will be knocking on doors and making phone calls to households that may have children in this age group.

The Head Start program serves the counties of Clearwater, Pennington, east Polk and Red Lake.

The Head Start program does have eligibility guidelines. The first way is for us to verify the family's income level. We are required to follow the Federal Poverty Guidelines, which can be found on the ICCC website. Think you might be over income? We are allowed to serve a small percentage of our families that are over those income levels. Apply anyway!

Second, there are a few ways to be automatically eligible for Head Start without providing your income. Families that receive public assistance such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), MFIP (MN Family Investment Program), or SSI (Supplemental Security Income); are struggling with housing security, or are caring for a child other than their own (foster care or kinship care) are all automatically eligible. We simply need to confirm that status.

The goal of Head Start is to make sure children are ready for school by the time they go off to Kindergarten. We work toward this goal by working with the whole family in a two generational approach. We do this by teaching parents /guardians how they can be their child's first and most important teacher, helping families gain self-sufficiency, ensuring children have received all their preventive medical & dental care, and make referrals for any additional services that make sure kids are healthy & ready to learn.

ICCC know that families have different preferences for how they educate their children. For that reason, we have several program options to meet families' needs.

We serve children ages 0-5 across our service area in our home based program, this option sends a teacher out to provide weekly educational visits in the comfort of your home. Are you a family that home-schools their children? This might be the right fit for you.

Are you expecting a child? Or do you know a pregnant woman that might need some extra support? Our Expectant Parent Program provides extra support through the birth of the child. When the baby arrives, the family joins our home based program.

Finally, we serve children in a classroom or "center" based setting in Bagley and Thief River Falls. For those classrooms, we enroll 3 ½ and 4 year olds. These children come to our classrooms September through May, Monday through Thursday, from 8 am to 3 pm. There is limited transportation services in both of these communities.

Would you like to have a Head Start staff stop by and complete an application? Would you like to refer a family you know? Call us at 888-778-4008 ext. 1029.

Want to apply yourself? Fill out our online application – visits us at https://intercountycc.org/services/head-start/how-to-apply/

Newsies Stop The World

Newsies characters raise their fists in solidarity as they decide to strike against the largest and wealthiest newspaper owners in New York City who are growing wealthier on the backs of the poorest in the city. Rallied by leaders Jack (Ayden Hagen) and Davey (Bryant Schwegel), the newsies decide not to sell papers, halting the profits of owner Joseph Pulitzer who owns The World newspaper.

Playing newsies are: (kneeling) Jesse Gunderson, Emma Crist, Izack Girtz, Olivia Larson. Row 2: William Gunderson, Brett Schwegel, Brad Morse, Bryant Schwegel, Colin Agnes, Ayden Hagen. Back Row: Drew Nelson, Jackson Moen, Haidyn Friborg, Logan Masurka.

Ayden Hagen plays Jack Kelly and Ava Rolfson plays Katherine Pulitzer. Their friendship is ignited as Katherine writes articles to help the newsies without her father's knowledge.

This is the story of the Disney Broadway Musical NEWSIES which is based on ten newsies' strikes that took place between 1886 and 1948.

After stand-offs and street fights, the beloved newsie Crutchie (William Gunderson) ends up captured and placed in The Refuge, a detention facility for juveniles. This set-back sways the leaders of the newsies, but through persistence and negotiations, they survive the strike and improve wages and work conditions for themselves and other laborers in the city.

Nearly forty youth and adults have worked to bring this incredible story to the BHS stage. This is a "don't miss it" show! Performances are this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday at 2:00. All tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door. Ticket windows will open 30 minutes before each performance.

Support your local arts.! The public is invited to the BHS Auditorium this weekend to see these talented youth (and a few teachers) in action.

77 Century Farms Honored in 2025

The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau recognize 77 Minnesota farms as 2025 Century Farms. Qualifying farms have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau presidents and Governor Tim Walz. Since the program began in 1976, more than 11,000 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms.

Family farms are recognized as a Century Farm when three requirements are met. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according to authentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

2025 Century Farm families are listed by county, then by the farm's city or township, family or farm names and year of original purchase:

Clearwater

Bagley - Titera/Skala (Jerry), 1925

Bagley - Titera/Skala (Mark), 1925

Clearbrook - The Thompson Farm, 1910

Clearbrook - Engebretson, 1910

Shevlin - Lone Pine Farm, 1912

Kittson

Kennedy - Ron Fossell Farm, 1925

Marshall

Warren - D-J Nelson Farms Inc., 1881

Norman

Ada - Klask Farm, 1925

Pennington

Thief River Falls - Agassiz Acres, 1915

Roseau

Greenbush - CMK FARMS INC., 1902

Strathcona - Bernat, 1918

Murdock - Larson, 1886

Information on all Century Farms will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2025 Minnesota State Fair. A Century Farm database is also available at fbmn.org.

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The State Fair is financially self-supporting and does not receive government appropriation. Follow along on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X and TikTok @ mnstatefair for year-round updates. The 2025 Minnesota State Fair is Aug. 21 through Labor Day, Sept. 1. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

Bear hunt lottery applications available Deadline is Friday, May 2

Prospective bear hunters have until Friday, May 2, to apply for a bear hunting license from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Applications for the 2025 season can be submitted online, at any license agent or by telephone at 888-665-4236.

A total of 4,605 licenses are available across the 15 quota areas where licenses are limited for the 2025 season, which opens Monday, Sept. 1, and closes Sunday, Oct. 12.

The number of licenses available each year in the quota area is based on Minnesota's bear population trends for those areas. License quotas for the 2025 bear season include a moderate increase where population trends indicate sufficient growth.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopted changes to several bear permit area boundaries for the 2025 bear season. These changes affect areas that had previously been part of permit areas 12, 25, 46 and 451. Area 451 was dissolved and is now included in the no quota area. Boundaries for permit areas 12 and 46 have changed, with former portions of those two permit areas now included in the no quota area.

There also was a change that moves the Trout Lake unit of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from permit area 25 to 22, and permit area 22 is now consistent with the entire BWCAW boundary.

Lottery winners will be notified by Sunday, June 1. The deadline to purchase bear hunting licenses awarded by lottery is Friday, Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available over the counter starting at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

An unlimited number of bear licenses will be sold over the counter for the no-quota area that includes east-central and far northwest Minnesota. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

Hunters with either a quota or no-quota license who are interested in taking a problem bear should contact the DNR wildlife manager (mndnr.gov/areas/wildlife) for their area(s) of interest to be added to a hunter contact list for any opportunities that might arise.

Complete instructions about how to apply for a bear hunting license, maps of permit areas and a listing of permit availability for each area are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/hunting/bear).

Wood Carving Club now in Bagley

Pamela Janssen.

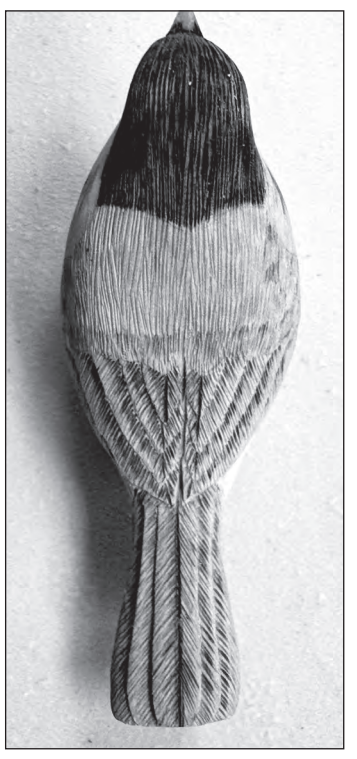
By Pamela French

Pamela Janssen has been leading a group individuals in Wood Carving at the Bagley Public Library two days a month (2nd & 4th Thursday). Initially a class, the Wood Carving has evolved into a club. This club teaches and helps people advance in woodcarving.

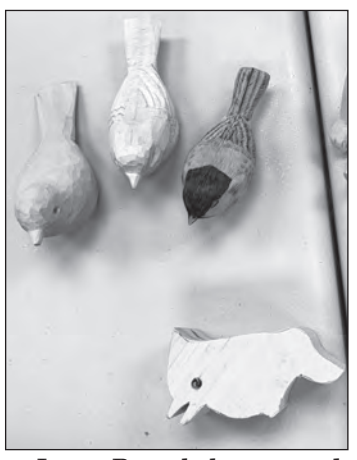
Janssen has been carving for over 44 years. She taught carving in Bemidji for 12 years in the 1980's and 1990's through the community education program. She is a member of the Bemidji Wood carving Club that meets every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm in the senior center basement. She is also a member of the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative(BAAC) for the last 5 years.

The Wood Carving Club will continue in Bagley every second and fourth Thursdays a month, April 10 and 24, from 3-5 at the Bagley Library. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of skill level. There is no charge to attend. Blanks available at a small fee.

This is an event sponsored in part by the BAAC.



Feathers carved and burned to provide definition.



Items Pamela has carved. The doll is jointed. Also the blank for a Cardinal.

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Monthly MCCL Meeting April 17

The monthly meeting of the local Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Chapter #45 will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in McIntosh. For more information about the Chapter, contact Eileen Hegg at 218-563-3152.

Polk County Sheriff

Jury Duty Scam

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports of scam calls of which the callers identify themselves as Polk County Employees. It's reported the callers are telling people they missed jury duty and a warrant was issued for their arrest. The callers are then requesting payments over the phone to satisfy the warrant. This is a scam and as a reminder, the Polk County Sheriff's Office does not collect any type of fee over the phone or in person.

Antiques

By John Eggers

JohnRogerEggers.com, envision@paulbunyan.net, 20269 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, 218-766-9009

Old antique tin toys can be one of the best investments for collectors. Their value seems to stay high, especially if the toys are free of rust, in working condition, and marked by the maker. You can double your investment if the toy comes with the original packaging.

Tin toys, made from thin sheets of steel plated with tin, originated in the early 1800s. The invention of sheet metal stamping machines in 1815 allowed for mass production. The "golden age of American tin toys" is often considered to be between 1865 and 1895.

Tin toys made from the early 1900s into the 1950s are also collectible. One of the many names to look for is MARX. Chein is another common tin toy maker. Lehman toys made in Germany are especially desirable. A Lehman 1910 motorcycle is worth $1700.

The tin TWA airplane shown is a product of the 1950s worth about $100. It has some rust spots, which lowers the value. A MARX 1960s Batmobile has a value of $2500.

In the 1960s, cheaper plastic and new government safety regulations ended the reign of tin toys.

How do you clean tin toys? Very carefully. Some " Fantastic"-type detergents can strip the paint off a toy. Mild soap and water are recommended. There is not much you can do about rust. I have used paste wax on toys, and they polish up nicely. Avoid using any abrasive brushes. A drop of oil now and then is helpful to preserve wind-up toys.

When you find a vintage tin toy in good shape, and you have the money, buy it. Tin toys are also fun to play with, especially the tin wind-up toys. Keep them dry and warm, which will preserve their condition. In most cases, you can always get your money back and more. As I said, good tin toys are a good investment. Use them to entertain your guests

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Head Start Director

Inter- County Community Council, Inc. is accepting applications for the fulltime position of Head Start Director. Duties include leadership and oversight to all program operations in accordance with federal and state program regulations.

For more information on job duties and requirements please visit www.intercountycc.org.

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@intercountycc.org. **Applications due by April 18, 2025.** Call 218-796-5144 x1027 for more information about the position.

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Win-E-Mac School is hiring paraprofessionals, substitute teachers, and substitute paraprofessionals for the remainder of the school year.

Our paraprofessionals play a vital role in supporting students and teachers in the classroom.

If you're interested in flexible work opportunities, consider joining our team as a substitute teacher or substitute paraprofessional—perfect for those looking to support students on an as-needed basis.

We offer a supportive team environment and the chance to positively impact student experiences. If you enjoy working with kids and want to be part of a great school community, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information or to apply, contact Principal Casey Reierson at 218-563-2900.

Join our team at Win-E-Mac today!

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CLEARWATER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING TECHNICAL POSITION

Clearwater County Highway Department is seeking a qualified Engineering Technician to join our team. This position will include construction inspection, material testing, surveying, computer aid design, plan preparation, and other Department functions.

Preferred qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, and over two years' experience related to civil engineering in surveying, inspection and drafting plans, and experience in using computers.

Starting Salary Range: $26.76 to $34.66/hour depending on qualifications. This is a Local 49ers Union position. The union contract salary range for 2026 is $29.40 to $37.93/hour and for 2027 it is $31.96 to $41.09/hour. Clearwater County offers benefits including health, dental, vision, and life insurances, as well as paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave. Further information regarding benefits is available by calling Niki Broten at 218-694-1171.

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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Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk

Applications are being accepted for an Auditor-Treasurer Clerk position under the general supervision of the Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer. This position is responsible for providing clerical, secretarial, customer support services, and record-keeping activities within the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Responsible for collecting fees, processing deeds and property taxes.

Desired educational requirements are a Degree in Business, finance or related fields or a minimum of two years experience directly involving clerical, secretarial and general office administration procedures and election clerk. Essential knowledge of computer operation and the use of business productivity software and applications.

Applications may be obtained from the Clearwater County Service Center located on second floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse or on the website at www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

Salary range is $19.11 - $24.65 an hour with full time benefits. Applications must be submitted to Allen Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer by April 18, 2025.

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Early Childhood Positions Open

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Are you looking to find your purpose in the world? We are looking for people that want to connect with their community and provide meaningful support to our enrolled families….all while building a career with great benefits.

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

Home Visitors: Positions works one-on-one with families of children ages birth-5 yrs, providing in home child & parent education visits on a weekly basis. Must be able to pass a background check. Position requires minimum of Child Development Associate or willingness to obtain within the first year of employment. Experience with children preferred, additional training will be provided. See our website for more information on office location and position specifics.

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@intercountycc.org. **Positions are open until filled** – submit your application as soon as possible. Call 218-796-5144 x1028 for more information about the positions and information on salary.

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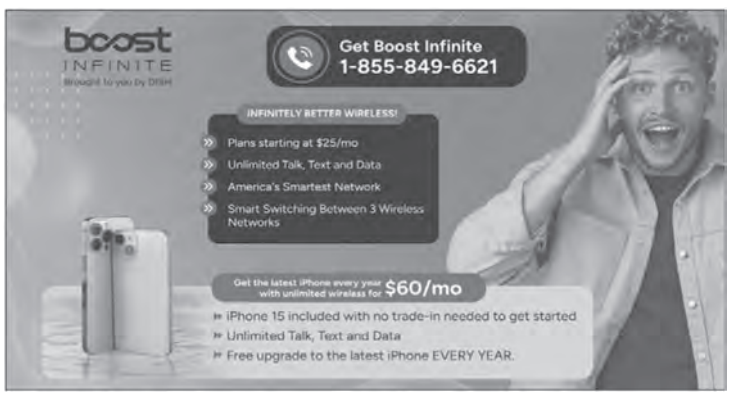

Elementary School Principal

Red Lake County Central Schools are seeking to hire a PreK-6 Grade Elementary Principal to lead our school through the vision, "Working and Learning Together to Build a Successful Future." Red Lake County Central Elementary is located in Plummer, MN.

Job Summary:

The Elementary Principal will be responsible to lead and manage the operations of the Elementary School. They will oversee daily operations; implement educational programs, and foster a culture of academic excellence and inclusivity. The principal will provide leadership in curriculum development, supervision of certified and non-certified staff, and support student services while complying with state and federal educational policies.

Salary/Benefits:

- $80,000 - $100,000
- Health and Life Insurance Plans
- Personal and Sick Leave, Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST)
- 403B Match and TRA Contributions

Interested parties shall send Resume, references, and letters of recommendation to Andrew Fougner, afougner@gvtel.com or RLCC Elementary, PO Box 7, Plummer, MN 56748. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application forms are available at www.rlcc2906.org.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant/Testing Coordinator. Pay range for this position is $17.72-$20.27 per hour dependent on experience. This is a full-time, 10 month position which includes the following benefits: Paid holidays, sick time, personal time, District insurance contributions, life insurance, 403b retirement match, and PERA contributions.

Requirements: For this position, you must be able to multi-task and communicate with students, parents, and staff. Strong computer skills and scheduling experience are required. Previous administrative assistant/secretary experience is preferred. Must be able to pass a background check. If you have any questions in regards to the position, please call Melissa Weems at 218-776-3112 Ext. 105.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and two references to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Attn: Melissa Weems, HR
mweems@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Finance Director – Finance:
$45.59 – $57.76/hr. Position Closes on Friday, April 11, 2025

Deputy Sheriff Patrol I - II – Sheriff's Office:
$31.55 – $42.36/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

Sort Line Operator I - II – Fosston:
$19.22 – $25.56/hr. Position Is Open Until Filled

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

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Interested persons should send resume to 600 Riverside Ave NE, McIntosh, MN 56556. Attention Tricia Brua, DON for Nursing, and Sheila Wilson, CDM for dietary and Sharlene Knutson for LSW/Social Service Designee. You can download our application by going to our website at: www.mcintoshseniorliving.com. You Can also stop by for an application or call **218-563-2715.**

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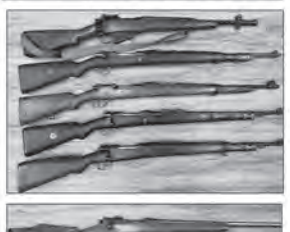
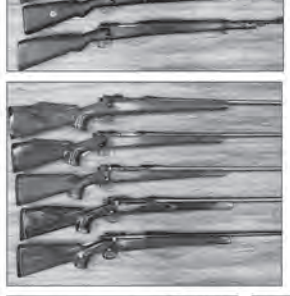

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MISC 8' square white poly dog kennel, nice aluminum fish plate box, square spade, lawn chairs, Weber grill and outdoor chair, Gas grill.

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TRAILERS AND EQUIPMENT Aluminum 70 gal fuel tank w/ hand pump, 50 gal spray tank, 5'X8' tilt bed trailer w/ aluminum decking, looks rough from sitting but looks to be built well (no title) wheel weights fit a Ford 8N, 20 gal spray tank, 10' tandem disc pull type 16" disc's on 7" spacings Does not come with transport cylinder, adjustable angle 3pt mnt back blade, one drag section, 14' aluminum ext ladder, 2 bottom Ferguson Plow 3 pt mnt mod 14-A0-28, Front end loader and bucket for Ford 8N, Bale forks 3 pt mnt, Dearborn 6'tandem disc Mod LIFT-E 3 pt mnt, Horse drawn 2 row corn planter, cultivator, International 3 bottom plow, black plastic water pipe firewood hauler, steel bed wheelbarrow, Well built steel garden trailer w/ tilt bed, variety of lumber, good amount of snow/ jobsite fencing and piles of netting used for the top of bird enelosures.

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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Betrayal

Betrayal is on my mind as of late, and I'm not sure why. Perhaps it's because by the time you read this, we will be in the midst of the Lenten season of the Liturgical year. The Liturgical seasons are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time once again.

Personally, as far as I can tell, there's nothing about the church year that's ordinary. It all adds up to a whole pile of extraordinary when you think about the ongoing mystery of Christ's life and His teachings. These seasons offer continuous growth through reflections on the Gospel narrative. Always new and always living is His Word and thus, never ordinary.

Back to the topic at hand. This Lenten season finds us with not only Christ crucified in the mix but also the one who betrayed Him. Judas Iscariot was the betrayer as he gave our precious Lord over to those who were on the hunt for a mere thirty pieces of silver.

In dismay we wonder how he could have done such a thing for just a few coins. Yet, if we stop and think about it, most of us have no doubt betrayed for a whole lot less than that. As sin is never singular and the effects of it are much more far reaching than we will ever know, betrayal costs. It cost Christ His life. When we betray, it costs others to no longer trust us. And worse, it no longer allows us to look in the mirror and trust ourselves. In other words, we are no longer trustworthy in matters which had been entrusted to us.

I was going to use a few illustrations to make my case in point, but have a feeling that filling in the blanks won't be too difficult for any of us. Unfortunately, our minds automatically gravitate towards those who have trespassed against us rather than those times when we have been the ones to trespass against others—in other words—betrayal.

On it goes this cycle of sin and thus, the Liturgical year rolls around for a reason. His mercies are new every morning and great is Thy faithfulness. Have you ever looked back on your prayer journals or notes-to-self written while in prayer? I have. Interesting they are to read because so many things are not new every morning—yet His faithfulness is. Seems like the struggles to all of mankind's issues are not easily overcome this side of the veil.

"Deep calls to deep" written about in Psalm 42:7 finds the psalmist feeling as though he is being swept away by the trials and tribulations of life. Yet, we find Jesus calming those storms and when He does, we are not swept out to sea—we are swept into the arms of Christ Jesus, our hope. We can rest assured that when placing our trust in ourselves or anyone but Jesus Christ—it will be a betrayal of sorts, and we will fall short. When we fall short and confess that we do, He is faithful and just to forgive it all.

When the One who was betrayed, forgives each betrayal, His mercies are truly new every morning because great is His faithfulness. Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

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3. Minnesota's health care tops other states. We invest in the health of our communities through Medicaid, and it shows.

4. Medicaid helps the youngest among us start on the right foot. Medical Assistance covers 3 out of 10 births in the state. Children who have access to Medicaid have better health in adulthood, greater attendance during school, lower high school dropout rates, increased college attendance, and pay more in taxes as adults compared to adults who lacked health insurance as children.

5. Insuring 592,000 children means Medical Assistance covers about 41% of the state's kids. Childhood is a critical time for brain development, school readiness, education and lifelong health. Gaps in insurance during this time lead to foregone care, unmet medical needs and unfilled prescriptions that can change the trajectory of a child's life.

6. Minnesota spends more than 60% of Medical Assistance funds on services and support for people with disabilities or who are 65 or older. About 65% of Minnesota Medicaid enrollees are families and kids.

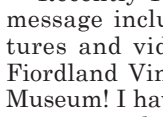
7. Medicaid pays for more mental health services for Minnesotans than anyone else. The number of Minnesotans experiencing mental health issues has risen sharply in recent years, mirroring a national trend. That increase has particularly affected Minnesota's youth.

The CDC estimates as many as one in five children experience a mental health disorder in a given year. Minnesota Medicaid provides 20% of all mental health treatment in the state.

8. Medicaid covers half of substance use disorder treatments in the state. Opioids account for more overdoses than any other drug. In 2018, there were 343 opioid-involved deaths in Minnesota. In 2023, there were 1,274. Most people who enter drug and alcohol treatment complete it and are successful in reducing or eliminating their substance use.

9. Medicaid covers half of long-term care costs for Minnesota. Medicaid — not Medicare — is the primary source of coverage for people who need long-term care services, like nursing homes. Medicaid long-term care services and supports keep people in the community and out of institutions.

10. Medicaid serves people of all backgrounds across Minnesota, especially in Greater Minnesota. Minnesota Medicaid enrollment is split nearly evenly between the seven-county metro area and Greater Minnesota and those who live in Greater Minnesota are more likely to get their health insurance through Medicaid than those in the Metro area.



Fiordland Vintage Machinery Museum Inc. Te Anau, Southland, NZ

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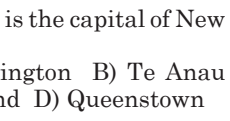

I have been checking my calendar and receiving emails about upcoming tractor events in my future! The future looks bright……and busy! Two meetings in the next week, 2 big shows to attend in June and the list goes one. Also I have been doing another of my favorite events…watching my grandchildren! We make a daily trip to the garage to work on toy tractors or work on the 1951 G John Deere that is parked in there. Fun, Fun, FUN! Sometimes we just play with toys on the open garage floor. What a good time!

The reason for the great opportunity to watch Callan(4) and Lola(2) is the fact their mother and father traveled to New Zealand for vacation. In our day of modern technology we can send texts or snapchats and keep up with kids and mom and dad everyday!

Recently I received a text message including a few pictures and videos from….The Fiordland Vintage Machinery Museum! I have gotten several pictures and videos of beautiful scenery and waterfalls and even more, but these were my favorite pictures yet! Exhibits at the museum include over 60 working tractors. They also have a selection of early road graders and motorbikes, and a massive collection of early machinery. The museum has a fully operational Blacksmith Shop, displays of Te Anau's early history. This includes the first telephone exchange and other memorabilia and Te Anau's first school building.

One of the tractors at the Fiordland Museum was a Field Marshal Diesel. I have seen them in videos and may have seen one in person though I don't remember it. They are a unique machine. The Field-Marshall was distinct because of the use of a single-cylinder two-stroke diesel engine attached to a very large flywheel. Many tractors used multi cylinder engines but the single-cylinder design was quite common in Europe at the time. Another tractor with similar design was the Lanz Bulldog, which was manufactured in Germany.

To start the Marshall a smouldering piece of special paper, containing saltpetre, is inserted into the cylinder head by means of the special screw-in holder in the cylinder head. This smouldering paper acts as a modern day glow plug would act. The engine is then turned over with a crank on the flywheel. This is aided by the decompression valve, which decompresses the engine and makes it easier to turn over to allow the flywheel to gain speed and momentum. It can sometimes take considerable physical exertion to start a Field Marshall tractor! Some Field Marshall tractors are equipped with a shotgun type blank cartridge loaded into the engine's intake system. The smouldering paper is placed in the cylinder head, and the cartridge is fired by tapping the base of the protruding firing pin with a hammer. This puts a charge into the bore, sending the piston through its stroke, bursting into life! The drawback of this starting method is that it can deposit carbon which often causes jamming of the decompression valve. I have seen this starting method used and it is quite interesting!

Whenever we travel to a different town I love to take in their local museum if they have one. It is kind of fun to think of traveling half-way around the world and seeing their "tractor" museum. I am sure the trip to New Zealand was great, but grandpa is happy they stumbled across the Fiordland Vintage Machinery Museum, in Te Anau, Southland, New Zealand!

How about a little tractor trivia!?

1. Field Marshall Standard Diesel tractors were made from 1945- _____.

2. How many cylinders does a Field Marshall tractor have?

3. The Field Marshall Diesel tractors were manufactured in _____.

A) Edinburgh, Scotland B) Paris, France, C) Gainsborough, England D) Queensland, Australia

4. The Field Marshall Standard Diesel tractor was rated at _____ hp.

A) 28hp B) 36 hp C) 45hp D) 49hp

5. What is the capital of New Zealand?

A) Wellington B) Te Anau C) Auckland D) Queenstown

Answers: 1. 1947 2. 1 cylinder two stroke engine 3. C. Gainsborough, England 4. B. 36 hp 5. A. Wellington

Above: My son, Heath, standing by a Minneapolis Moline R Tractor in the museum.

A Field Marshall Tractor. Above, front view of the Field Marshall tractor in the Fiordland Museum.

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Bemidji Speedway 2024 Awards Banquet Held

Rookies of the Year: L to R - Cody Bush, Aiden Kessler, Nate Zanter, Brooklyn Vernlund, Kalin Honer and Ellen Lange.

By Dennis Peterson

The mood was festive and inviting as the 2024 Bemidji Speedway racing season "Awards Banquet" was held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji on Saturday, March 22nd. A fine turnout of 241 drivers, crew members and fans showed up for the great event hosted for the first time at the Sanford Center Ballroom. Mark Ricci, long time announcer at the speedway, was the Master of Ceremonies and kept the evening gala entertained. The crowd enjoyed a fantastic meal of roast beef and chicken with all the trimmings.

The evening progressed with awards presented in all the classes that raced in 2024 with awards presented to the top ten in each class. Also 2024 Rookies of the year were honored as well as well "Peoples Choice Awards" and "Drivers Choice Awards".

Track owner/promoter Tonja Stranger thanked the Sanford Center for putting on a great event and also all the drivers, crew members, track workers and fans who made 2024 one of the best ever for Bemidji Speedway. Stranger also announced the addition of the Wissota Streets to the summer schedule along with the other classes that run on a regular basis. The Bemidji Mini Stocks, Wissota Hornets, Pure Stocks, Mod Fours, Midwest Modifieds, Super Stocks and Modifieds. Among many specials coming to the track, on June 22nd will be the mighty Wissota Late Models, on July 26th Paul and Babes Tractor Pull will take over the track. The season will open on May 17th with the annual Car Show and Test and Tune. Drivers will have additional time to test their new rides on Sunday May 18th. The traditional racing opener will be May 25th and 26th Memorial Weekend Sunday and Monday with the "Chicken Shack Nationals and Jack Sparby Memorial",

Track Photographer Lisa Rhen provided the Fans and Drivers an opportunity to pick special awards for individuals and crews which were awarded as well.

Stranger made special thanks to the many employees of the track and made special remarks to the Bemidji Fire Dept. members Chris Oelrich, Nathan Preuss, and Dakota Provencher for their efforts providing safety to the drivers, crews and fans at the speedway.

AWARDS

Rookies of the Year: Mini Stocks - Cody Bush, Wissota Hornets - Aiden Kessler, Wissota Pure Stocks - Nate Zanter, Wissota Mod Fours - Brooke Vernlund, Wissota Midwest Modifieds - Kalin Honer, Wissota Super Stocks

- Ellen Lange (also National Rookie of the year), Wissota Modifieds - Jonathon Feda.

Peoples Choice Awards: Most Improved male driver - Brandon Puschinsky, Women Driver, Ellen Lange, Fans of the Year, 8 year old Braxton Smith and Michael Fullerton, Tough Luck Award to Deryk Weleski, Social Butterfly Award to Josh Berg, Paint Brush Award to Billy Binkley, Loudest Fan Base to Hunter Weeks Racing, Most Likely to win on the last lap to Dustin Puffe, Best Victory LAne Celebration to Nick Seitz, Most Loveable Track Employees to the Bemidji Fire Dept. Drivers Choice Awards went to: Best Sportsmanship to Lance Schilling and Shannon George, Cleanest Drivers, Dustin Puffe and Michael Blevins Sr, Pit Crew of the Year to the "Pookie Strong Race Team"

MWM Champions: L to R - Noah Bitz, Hunter Weeks, Landon Gross, Skyler Smith (and kids) and Doyle Erickson.

Mod Four Champions: L to R - Brooke Erickson, Kevin Bahr, Ashton Schwinn, Conrad Schwinn and Blake Erickson.

Super Stock Champions: L to R - Ellen Lange, Brandon Bahr, Nic Lewis (and Son), Braxten Smith accepting for Matt Sparby and Dalton Carlson.

Top Ten in Points in each class:

Wissota Hornets: 1. Jayme Gordon, 2. Megan Vernlund, 3. Aiden Kessler, 4. Mateja Dreyer, 5. Ryker LArson, 6. Russel Kiker Jr., 7. Cade Johnson, 8. Chad Reller, 9. Josh Bachstrom, 10. William Lange

Bemidji Mini Stocks: 1. Conrad Schwinn, 2. Ashton Schwinn, 3. Cody Bush, 4. Cameron Schwinn, 5. Hayden Engen, 6. Nick McCann, 7. Tania Denny, 8. Jonah Espe, 9. Gabriel Espe, 10. Justin Honer

Wissota Pures Stocks: 1. Dustin Puffe, 2. Austin Carlson, 3. Deryk Weleski, 4. Kade Leeper, 5. Justin Barsness, 6. Nate Zanter, 7. Billy Binkley, 8. Caylyn Binkley, 9. Brandon Puschinsky, 10. Alex Berg

Wissota Mod Fours: 1. Blake Erickson, 2. Conrad Schwinn, 3. Ashton Schwinn, 4. Kevin Bahr, 5. Brooke Erickson, 6. Brooke Vernlund, 7. Nick Seitz, 8. Jayden Bahr, 9. Dean Larson, 10. Rowan Tramm

Wissota Midwest Mods: 1. Doyle Erickson, 2. Skyler Smith, 3. Landon Gross, 4. Hunter Weeks, 5. Noah Bitz, 6. Mike Blevins Sr. 7. Brennan Schmidt, 8. Gary James Nelson,

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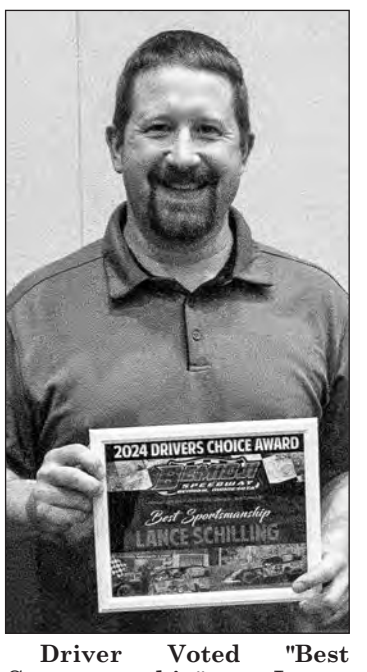
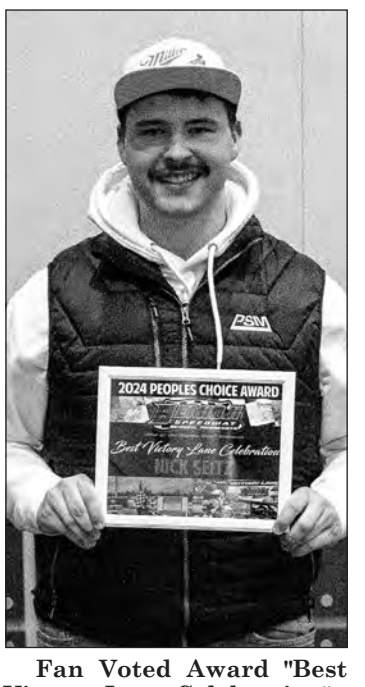


Driver Voted "Best Sportsmanship" - Lance Schilling, Not Picture Shannon George.



Fan Voted Award "Best Victory Lane Celebration" - Nick Seitz.

What I learned in the garden last year

By Dan Sherman

Gardening has many health benefits. Of course, the fresh, nutritious, chemical free garden produce that we put on our dining tables comes to mind first. I prefer the exercise I get from planting, weeding, and harvesting instead of time spent in a gym or on a treadmill. The nurturing we give a garden keeps our optimism up. It is wonderful therapy to see the garden progress each and every day.

A garden is also a place for learning. The brain is like a muscle and if you want to keep it working, we must exercise it every hour of the day. Let me share some of the things I studied and practiced during the past year that I plan to continue working on this year.

Although they are more popular in the Southern United States, collards are great for Minnesota. Plant some in your garden this year and see how they work for you. Collards are like a cabbage that doesn't form a dense head. A typical recipe will involve a smoked turkey leg or pork hock boiled until the meat falls off the bones and the broth added back in with the collard leaves. I haven't tried it yet, but I think collard leaves would make much better cabbage rolls than cabbage.

A mature collard plant will easily take up 4 square feet of garden space but plant them every 6 inches and thin them out as they get crowded, eating them as you go early in the season. Collards have some cold tolerance so plant them early. I would say plant them before corn but after onion, peas, and carrots.

There is nothing new about blue Hubbard squash, but it was new to me last year. They came from South America before the Civil War. I planted them as a decoration, and I must have produced 30 of them and let the deer eat most of them. When I was down to one left, I decided to cook one and it is now my favorite squash to eat. They will weigh 12 to 15 pounds and they have a very hard shell. I cut the end off of one with a meat saw and then I threw the rest down on a hard snow-covered sidewalk to shatter it. I have heard of people cutting it in half with a power saw and serving it in the shell for Thanksgiving dinner.

I once believed that winter squash was best served with generous portions of butter and brown sugar, but I no longer believe that. I baked mine with a little olive oil and nothing else. There will be leftovers, so plan to pack them in quart freezer bags to serve all winter long and into the spring.

Blue Hubbard squash vines need a lot of space. Give them a lot of fertilizer like chicken manure and let them grow into your yard if you need to. They will produce more roots at each leaf node and these will hold the vine in place and provide more water and nutrition for the squash plant late in the season when the fruits are developing.

Shallots were offered as a Master Gardener Seed Trial test last year and I decided to grow them. I know some people who like them for the recipe size portions: you don't have to cut up a large onion and only use half or third of it. I think they serve as an early onion to eat before the main crop of onions. Shallots are like a divider or walking onion, but they form a cluster of nice bulbs.

I have seen that shallots can be planted in the fall with your garlic bulbs and I will try that this year. Otherwise, they can be planted from bulbs or started seeds early in the spring. They taste as good as any onion.

I have noticed that a lot of garden transplants seem to suffer in the wind early in the season. Last year, after I took the last plants out of my 2' x 2' x 4' growing structures, I put them in the garden on top of squash plants. Though difficult to measure, my observation is that growth nearly doubled on the protected plants. This winter I have built several special structures out of coroplast (corrugated plastic-like cardboard) to cover rows or hills of tender plants.

Last year was a very successful year and I am hoping that the summer of 2025 will be just as fruitful. Now is the time to buy your garden seeds to get the selection you want locally or order from your favorite online seed company.

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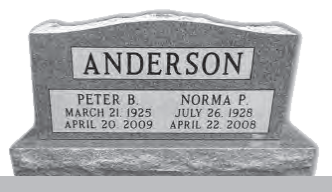

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OBITUARIES

Obituary for Wayne Tieman

Wayne Wallace Tieman of Bemidji, MN passed away on Sunday March 30, 2025. Wayne was born May 13, 1950, to Wallace and Agnes Tieman in Thief River Falls, MN. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. From early childhood, Wayne's parents instilled in him a love of learning and knowing, through Sunday School, the great stories of the Bible. He loved going to church.

Wayne was blessed with an ample supply of reading material while growing up on the farm, including magazines such as Life, Look, The Saturday Evening Post, Newsweek, Time, and many farm magazines and newspapers. So began a lifetime of studying History, Politics, Economics, and Reading the great literature of the world. Even with the time spent on reading and studying, Wayne still managed to help on the farm, working as a team to feed the animals and get the crop into the bin.

After graduating from Goodridge High School in May 1968, Wayne enrolled at the University of Minnesota, Morris. He was going to stay one year at Morris and then transfer to the University of Minnesota and become a journalist, however, he changed his mind. He loved UMM and soon enrolled in the teacher education program. He graduated from UMM in 1972 and went on to U of M Twin Cities to earn his English Major the next year.

On a very hot and humid day in August 1972, Lenay Lynn Blahauvietz and Wayne Tieman were married at United Lutheran Church in Lenay's hometown of Gatzke, MN. They were blessed with two children, Andria and Brett.

Wayne's first teaching job was at Goodridge High School, as an English and Reading teacher. Those three years as a teacher at Goodridge were the best working years of his life!

It was at Goodridge that he became involved in various community organizations, such as church, Lions, Square Dancing, and the Republican Party. He enjoyed the people and politics of these events. He could always be counted on to volunteer for these activities.

After teaching at Goodridge, Wayne and Lenay relocated to Osakis, MN, and Wabasso, MN. At Wabasso, he had a unique opportunity to attend graduate school at Minnesota State University Mankato and earn his master's degree in Secondary School Administration in 1980 and his Sixth Year Certification as a Secondary School Administrator. Eager to move back North to be closer to both families, Wayne assumed the high school principalship and athletic director at Hallock High School in 1981. Wayne had eighteen years as a Secondary School Administrator, English or World History teacher.

But it was time to move on to another career. In 1991 Wayne was invited to become a District Representative for Lutheran Brotherhood in Northeastern North Dakota, with the family settling in Cavalier, ND. Both Andria and Brett graduated from Cavalier High School. Lenay worked at Citizens State Bank as a loan officer. The family were members of the United Lutheran Church. He served clients and prospects in Northeastern North Dakota for twelve years, before moving on to Bemidji in 2003, where he finished a 25-year career with Thrivent. Lenay and Wayne retired in the spring of 2017.

Always the goal-setter, Wayne began his 30-year running career in 1986. His first marathon was Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, MN, in June 1986. He had his best time ever in that first marathon—3:24:1, and of course, he ended up in the hospital tent! He ran (and finished) 45 marathons and numerous shorter races. He trained hard.

Being the politician, Wayne was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 2000. He served his constituents for two Legislative sessions in 2001 and 2003. The highlight of his service was to hold town hall meetings, campaigning, and serve on the Industry, Business, and Labor committee.

The Bemidji years have been packed with activity. Besides his Thrivent career, Wayne became very active with Lions International, serving in many offices, attending numerous conventions and meetings, co-chairing the highly successful MD5M Convention in Bemidji in 2017, and being elected to serve as 5M10 District Governor in 2019-2020. His theme for the DG year was "Together We Serve with An Attitude of Gratitude". He met his goals, which included club visits, a highly successful mid-winter convention in Bemidji in 2020, and raising money for LCIF on his fishing rod raffle.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 52 years—Lenay; daughter Andria (Ryan) of Newton MA; and son Brett (Ashley Marie) of St. Paul MN. Wayne is also survived by two awesome 3-year old granddaughters—Sloane Michney and Ingrid Tieman. He is survived by his nephew Curtis (Jean), great nieces Vanessa and Michelle Tieman, and numerous cousins and friends. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, brother Elwood (Rhodella), niece Susie, and uncles and aunts.

In lieu of flowers the family request Memorials be sent to The Gideons International, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanford Bemidji Hospice, or The Lutheran Hour.

Funeral service will be held on Friday April 11th, 11:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 29th St. NE, Bemidji, MN. Visitation will be Thursday evening at the church from 5-7 PM with a time of sharing at 7PM.

Interment will be at the First Lutheran Cemetery, Middle River, MN.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

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Obituary for Glen Aaknes

Glen Aaknes, aged 85, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025, with his family. He was born on October 16, 1939, to parents Albert and Rose Aaknes from Trail.

He was married February 21, 1959 for 66 years too his wife Judy Asselin. They brought in their family Cheryl Rehak and Dale, (daughter-in-law Gwen). He is survived by his grandchildren Jessica Altman, and Ryan (Amanda) Rehak. Their great-grandchildren Alex Whitehead and Emma and Liam Rehak.

Glen's legacy is carried on through his family, who will forever remember his loving guidance and handy skills that could fix just about anything.

Glen was preceded in death by his daughter Cheryl L. Rehak, his parents Rose and Albert Aaknes and in laws Eugene and Eva Asselin of Oklee.

Obituary for Carole Halverson

Carole June Halverson, age 84, of Lengby, MN, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, surrounded by her family. Carole was born to parents Oscar and Cora Thoveson on June 27th, 1940 in Erskine, MN and raised on the family farm in McIntosh. She graduated from McIntosh High School, class of 1958.

On December 16th, 1960 Carole married the love of her life Vernon Halverson. The couples first move was to Detroit, MI where their children were born. They lived briefly in Chicago, IL and finally settled in St. Paul, MN in 1969 where they lived and raised their family until Vernon's retirement from the Immigration service in 1982. After retirement they moved near Itasca State Park and in 1990 settled on a farm in rural Lengby. They also loved living in Inverness, FL during the winter months for over 20 years.

Throughout her life Carole was always a very hard working, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. If you knew Carole, you knew you would be met with a beautiful smile and warm hug. She was a meat packer for Armours Meat Packing Co. in St. Paul until the plants closing in 1979. She enjoyed decorating, sewing, dancing and listening to Vernon play guitar and sing at numerous jam sessions in both Minnesota and Florida. In Florida, Carole spent much of her time shopping, going to church, and eating out with her buddy, Madge.

Preceded in death were Carole's parents, Oscar and Cora Thoveson, brother Lester Thoveson, sister Mary Lou Schneider and daughter in law Joan Halverson.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years Vernon Halverson, son Michael Halverson, daughter Patricia Hargreaves. Grandchildren Nathaniel (Dana) Halverson, Meagan (Drew) Viken, Elizabeth (Weston) Bakke and great granddaughter Ivy Bakke.

Special thanks to Carole's lifelong friend and classmate Judy Hagen and close friend Madge Dalton for being a part of her life. The family would also like to thank Essentia Hospice of Fosston for all of their support and kindness, as well as, Pastor John Ragan for comforting Carole and her family with gods words and holy communion. A celebration of Carole's life will be held later this summer when all friends and family members are able to attend.

Updated Obituaries on our website www.tricocanary.com

Obituary for Carol Clark

Carol Marie Clark passed away at Altru Hospital on March 30, 2025, in Grand Forks, North Dakota with her loving family by her side.

Funeral service for Carol was held 11:00 AM on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, MN with Reverend Alex Amiot officiating. Burial was held at the Finnish Cemetery near Plummer, MN.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 starting at 5:00 PM at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, MN with a 7:00 PM prayer service. Visitation was also held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Carol Marie Clark was born November 2, 1957, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, was the daughter of Clarence and Martha (Lee) Walhaug and was raised near Oklee, Minnesota. She graduated from Oklee High School in 1975. On March 2, 1974, she was united in marriage to Richard Clark at Salem Lutheran Church near Oklee. Together they built a life centered around family and community, raising two children, Jason and Kelly.

Carol worked at Arctic Cat and Northwestern Mutual before beginning a long and dedicated 30+ years with UPS where she made many lifelong friends. She was very well known as the "UPS Lady". She and Richard made their home south of Thief River Falls after a brief time in the Viking area.

A woman of many interests, Carol enjoyed visiting with loved ones, spending time at Upper Red Lake, camping and fishing, gardening, canning, cooking, baking (she had an obsession for butter), and hosting holiday gatherings. Her well-stocked pantry and freezers were a source of pride. She cherished trips with her sisters. Carol found great joy in attending the activities of her four grandsons who lovingly gave her the nickname "Granny". Granny was the "glue of the family".

Deeply involved in her community, Carol was an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. She taught Sunday school and served on numerous boards, including during the planning of the new church building. She also gave her time as a 4-H leader, Girl Scout leader and she participated in a bowling league and trap shooting.

Carol is survived by her husband of 51 years, Richard; children Jason (Jacquie) Clark of Warren, MN, and Kelly Mitchell (Joe LaFountain) of Rock Lake, ND; grandchildren Elliott, Kade, Rielly, and Case; Aunt Lois Peterson of Thief River Falls; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Eddie, Sharon (Warren), Shirley (Gary), and Wayne; and great-nephew Gannon Hejlik; along with other extended family members.

May her memory bring comfort to all who knew her.

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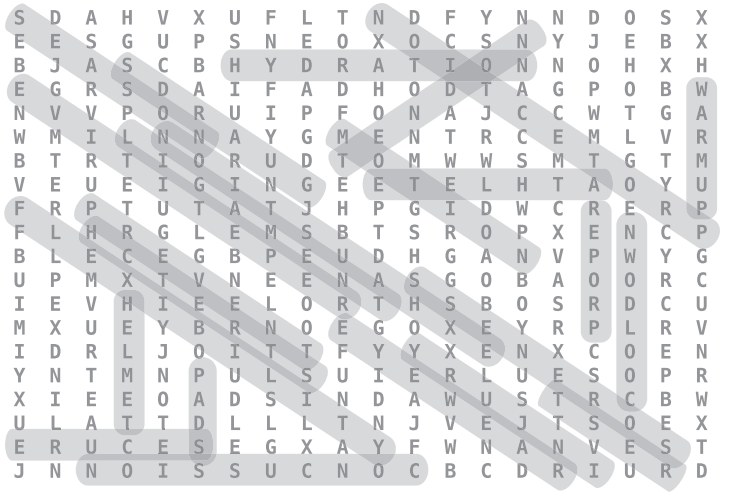

Mini Stock Champions: L to R - Cameron Schwinn, Cody Bush, Ashton Schwinn and Conrad Schwinn.

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

DNR postpones elk research project in northwest Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is postponing the elk research project in northwest Minnesota due to scheduling delays and unfavorable conditions to safely and successfully capture and collar elk.

Capture efforts were planned for January 2025, when temperature and snow conditions are typically optimal for spotting and capturing elk. Scheduling delays by the contracted helicopter capture company pushed captures to mid-March and currently, the project area has no or minimal snowpack. Both near- and long-term forecasts predict above average temperatures and inadequate snow accumulation.

"The decision to postpone the project was difficult and made out of an abundance of caution for the health and well-being of the elk," said Amanda McGraw, DNR deer, moose and elk scientist. "Not only were we facing challenging conditions due to higher temperatures and lack of snow cover, but the delays had pushed the capture window into the late-term pregnancy period for cow elk, where capture and handling present the greatest risk to both cows and calves."

The project is rescheduled for the winters of 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Researchers plan to capture 25 adult cows and up to 15 adult bulls each of these two winter seasons and fit the animals with GPS collars that will collect their locations every three hours and alert researchers of potential mortality events. Biological samples will also be collected to assess herd health and genetic diversity.

Cow elk will also be fitted with transmitters so researchers know when they give birth, allowing researchers to quickly locate newborn calves. Up to 25 calves each spring will be fitted with GPS collars to monitor their survival and assess what habitat types they are using.

The research will allow managers to better understand the state's elk population and address interest in maintaining and strengthening the resiliency of the elk population and the potential for future growth of Minnesota's elk herds.

Funding for the elk research project comes from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources and approved by the Minnesota Legislature. The DNR is also providing in-kind support.

More information on elk research and management in Minnesota or how to sign up for the DNR Elk Notes quarterly newsletter is available at the DNR elk management webpage (mndnr.gov/elk).

Pure Stock Champions: L to R - Deryk Weleski, Austin Carlson and Dustin Puffe.

Modified Champions: L to R - Alan Olafson, Josh Beaulieu, Jeff Reed and Lance Schilling.

Hornet Champions: L to R - Ryker Larson, Mateja Dreyer, Aiden Kessler and Jayme Gordon.

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Officer involved shooting

On 4/7/2025 at approx. 10:07 AM there was an officer involved shooting following a vehicle pursuit on County Road 9 west of the intersection of 350th Ave. SW. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle involved in the pursuit was transported to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with a non-life-threatening injury.

The Minnesota BCA was contacted and is responding to the scene.

There is no risk to the public. County Road 9 from 350th Ave SW and 360th Ave SW is closed until the BCA has completed their scene investigation. Avoid this area as it will be closed for most of the day.

Further details will be released at a later time.

Other agencies involved: Crookston Police Department, US Border Patrol, Minnesota State Patrol, Marshall County Sheriff's Office, and Crookston Area Ambulance.

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Preparing Houseplants for Spring

By Charlene Olson

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, spring is the ideal time to refresh your indoor plant collection. Preparing your houseplants for this vibrant season not only promotes their growth but also enhances their beauty. Here are steps to help you get your houseplants ready for spring.

Cleaning the leaves: Dust can accumulate on your plant leaves during winter, blocking sunlight and hindering photosynthesis. Gently wipe the leaves with a damp cloth or give your plants a shower under lukewarm water, making sure to drain any water from the holding tray so the plant is not over saturated. Washing the leaves helps to remove dust and any pests that may have taken residence.

Repotting: As plants grow, they may outgrow their pots. Spring is the perfect time to repot your houseplants into larger containers to give them more space to grow. If the plant has out grown its pot, plant into a pot that is just an inch or so bigger with drainage holes and use fresh potting soil to provide essential nutrients. Be cautious not to disturb the roots too much during this process.

Pruning: Taking off any dead, yellowing or damaged leaves will send more energy to the good leaves and encourages healthy growth. Also remove any damaged roots to prevent rot later. Use clean, sharp scissors to trim back any leggy growth or spent flowers. This will also help shape your plants and promote fuller foliage.

Checking soil moisture: With increased light and warmth, your plants may require more frequent watering. Check the soil moisture regularly by sticking your finger an inch into the soil—if it feels dry, it's time to water. Ensure that pots have proper drainage to prevent root rot.

Fertilizing: After months of dormancy, your houseplants can benefit from a nutrient boost. Start fertilizing in early spring with a balanced liquid fertilizer, following the manufacturer's instructions. This will provide your plants with the necessary nutrients for active growth.

Increasing light exposure: Consider repositioning your plants to take advantage of the increased natural light in spring. South or west-facing windows are typically ideal. However, be mindful of any sudden exposure to intense sunlight, which could scorch the leaves. Gradually acclimate your plants to brighter conditions.

Pest inspection: Spring is also the time when pests become more active. Inspect your plants closely for any signs of infestations, such as spider mites, aphids, or mealybugs. If you notice pests, treat them immediately with insecticidal soap or neem oil to prevent further damage. Isolate the treated plant to prevent any other plants from infestation.

Propagation: Spring is a great time for propagation, allowing you to create new plants from cuttings. Many houseplants thrive in the spring, making it an ideal season to propagate healthy stems or leaves. Place cuttings in water or soil and monitor their progress as they grow roots. Changing the water often may be necessary to prevent rotting the new roots.

Monitoring humidity: As temperatures rise, you might need to increase humidity levels for tropical plants that thrive in moist environments. Consider using a humidifier, pebble trays with water, or misting you plants occasionally to maintain an ideal humidity level.

Enjoying the process: Lastly, remember that caring for your houseplants should be enjoyable! Take the time to observe their growth, celebrate their beauty, and appreciate the peaceful ambiance they bring to your home. And if you have too many plants from successfully propagating (is that possible?) think about joining a plant share table near you.

By following these steps, you'll ensure that your houseplants flourish throughout the vibrant spring season. Happy plant parenting!

People who have gardening questions can call our hotline number at 218-444-7916 and leave a message. A Master Gardener will return the call within two days to help with your questions. You can also e mail your gardening questions to beltramicountymastergardeners@gmail.com

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