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Movie Stars

By Auctioneer
Eric W. Mickelson

I recently watched my nephew, Guy Bergeson, in his play at RLCC High School. They put on a production of "The More the Scarier." When I was in school I always enjoyed being in the play.

This Easter weekend I was in Menomonee Falls, WI, visiting my in-laws, who are from Iowa. They subscribe to the Iowa Magazine. As I scanned through one of the issues there was an article about the Bridges of Madison County! The Bridges of Madison County, both the novel and film, are set in Madison County, Iowa. The county is known for its numerous covered bridges, which are a major feature of the story and film. Specifically, the movie features the Roseman Bridge, the Holliwell Bridge, and the stone bridge in City Park, Winterset. In the movie Bridges of Madison County, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep, they are driving a new generation 4020 John Deere gas.

Whether it is TV or a movie I always perk up when a tractor crosses the screen. My wife and I are fans of the office. Whenever the action in the show heads to Dwight's beet farm you often get to see a tractor. I have seen an Oliver, Coop, and an old John Deere while watching!

Sometimes we even get a glimpse of a tractor on the 'big screen"! One of my favorites is in Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds. Suddenly out in the yard is an old two cylinder John Deere. Well, recently another TV star tractor went up for grabs on the auction block. It was a 2640 John Deere that was used in the 1989 movie, Field of Dreams. The tractor was owned by Donny Lansing. One day he got a knock on the door

Madison County Bridge

and was asked, "We want to make a movie, can we use your farm?" Well, we know they did and his low hour 2640 also got to be a movie star! That movie star tractor just got auctioned off. Most 2640s are selling for about 8 to 12 thousand dollars, this "actor" brought a whopping $64,000!

Back to those covered bridges. The era of covered bridges in North America spans slightly over two centuries, including the covered bridges in Madison County, Iowa. They were built between 1868-1889. There were at least nineteen documented covered bridges built in Madison County, making it the Covered Bridge Capital of Iowa. Today, there are six bridges remaining, five of which are original. The bridges include Cedar (a replica), Cutler-Donahoe, Hogback, Holliwell, Imes, and Roseman. Four of these bridges feature a nearly flat roof, a design component by bridge builder Harvey P. Jones, which is now unique in the United States.

So why were there so many bridges built in Madison County? The county was once known as "Three River Country," Actually there are four rivers that cut across the county - North, Middle, South/Grand River, and Thompson. There are also many creeks and streams making the use of bridges a necessity.

But, why are the bridges covered? This is a question I've always wondered. Covering a bridge was for economic reasons. The design was made to lengthen the life of the bridge. Complex and expensive timber trusses, left open to the weather, proved vulnerable to deterioration. A wood bridge left uncovered might last fifteen years, but when covered, it can last indefinitely.

A couple things to know if you go. All of the bridges are open to the public and may be crossed on foot or bicycle. The only one is still open to vehicular traffic and that is Cedar Bridge. No ATVs may be driven across the bridges due to potential damage to these timber structures.

Like I said, my wife's family is from Iowa, so I have been down there a few times, but I am not an expert on covered bridges, but I hope you learned a bit about them, and if you have a chance go down to Iowa and take a look!

Lives of Frontier Women in Minnesota next NELL Presentation

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning is excited to host multiple award winning Author Candace Simar, Wednesday April 30, 2025 at the McIntosh Community Room, located in the McIntosh City Clerks office in McIntosh MN. 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN.

Program "Lives of Frontier Women in Minnesota". Program 9:30-11:00 w/questions. Light refreshments served (freewill).

Candace Simar celebrates her Scandinavian heritage by weaving historical novels and

short stories set in the real history of Minnesota. You'll find her family stories tucked into the lives of her characters. She shares her extensive research about the lives of early pioneers. Learn more about early Minnesota and what our ancestors experienced. Candace will have books available for sale.

There is no charge to attend this program. NELL is a non-profit organization and is supported by the private donations and memberships of businesses, organizations and guests, which are tax deductible

Forest to Fork: The NELL's "Foraging" Program Very Informative

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning had speaker Emily Thabes, who delivered an amazing program on Forging The Forest, in spite of some audio/visual issue. The crowd that assembled at the Gonvick Community Center didn't even really noticed the issue as Emily knew her information and was clearly a veteran in delivering this topic.

Emily took the guest through several of the edible wild plants found in our area and how to forage safely as there are some edible plants that look identical to poisonous plants. She shared some information about mushrooms, but chose to keep it brief as it's a topic in and of itself own. Her program was filled with not only important information, but funny stories on her own journey eating from our lands, which is a major part of her personal life.

As well as her vast knowledge of the subject she shared in her program, Emily brought treats to eat. She brought three different homemade wild flower and berry jellies, one

with jalapeños, a pan of wild berry bars, and an array of veggies in order for guests to sample her "Ramp" Dressing, which tasted like a decadent ranch. If that wasn't enough, she made a loaf of one white and one wheat bread so guests could sample the various jams. The samples were delicious.

Emily is a presenter we will have again in the future.

Essentia Health encourages scheduling a sports physical for 2025-26 school year and beyond

Essentia Health is proud to start offering sports physicals for student-athletes, from middle school to college, across North Dakota and Minnesota that will be valid for next school year and beyond.

In North Dakota, sports physicals conducted on or after April 15 are good for the following school year. In Minnesota, sports physicals completed on or after April 13 are good for three years.

A sports physical, also known as a pre-participation physical examination (PPE), helps determine whether it's safe for your child to participate in a certain sport. Most states, including North Dakota and Minnesota, require that student athletes have a sports physical before they can start a new sport (including any practices) or begin a new competitive season. It is recommended that your child have their physical at least six weeks before their sports season begins so there is enough time to follow up on something if necessary.

Forms are available online at ndhsaa.com (North Dakota) and mshsl.org (Minnesota). Please complete and sign the appropriate form before your appointment and bring a copy when you come in for your child's physical. This form may also be completed via MyChart with an active account.

"A sports physical can help you determine if your child has any health issues that might interfere with their sports performance or increase their chances of injury while competing," explained Dr. Tanya Diegel, division chair of primary care at Essentia. "But this isn't just limited to organized sports. Many children participate in physically demanding activities and hobbies, while others aren't as physically active. Regardless, all children should receive a physical from their care provider."

Sports physicals can be completed on their own or as part of a well-child/teen visit. Well-child/teen visits are a great time to review your child's health in all areas – growth, cognitive and social development, illness prevention, mental health and more. These visits are recommended annually.

Klobuchar Statement on the Passing of Pope Francis

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar released the following statement on the passing of Pope Francis.

"John and I mourn the death of Pope Francis, who led the Catholic Church with humility and hope. He encouraged each and every one of us to consider our responsibility to uplift those most in need.

He did not just preach that value, he lived it. When I visited Vatican City in 2014, I saw him address the crowd gathered at St. Peter's Square where he finished as he always did—by blessing those with disabilities first.

I was honored to be part of the escort committee that brought Pope Francis around the Capitol when he addressed Congress in 2015. That speech was a resounding call for us to put aside our differences and come together with a renewed spirit of cooperation in pursuit of the common good. One moment in particular stood out to me from that day – as the Pope was getting ready to address thousands of people gathered on the Mall, one of the security guards plucked a woman out with her baby, who Pope Francis blessed. He understood that faith exists in the moments big and small.

Pope Francis leaves behind a legacy of humility, compassion, and faith that will continue to inspire us all."

Public Invited to Conversations at Local Libraries

The public is invited to help shape the future of library services around Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL)'s seven county region. The library system, which serves the residents of Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, Polk and Wilkin counties, will host five Community Conversations in April and May. These focused conversations will allow the system to collect information and public input about how LARL can sustain and improve the services, resources and programs offered at its 22 locations. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Tuesday, April 29 from 6-7 p.m. at the Crookston Public Library

Monday, May 5 from 6-7 p.m. at the Breckenridge Public Library

Tuesday, May 6 from 6-7 p.m. at the Bagley Public Library

Wednesday, May 7 from 6-7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library

Monday, May 12 from 6-7 p.m. at the Detroit Lakes Public Library

NELL Season Started w/ Pamela Edevold's Art Experience

By Pamela French

The Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) Spring 2025 season kicked off with presenter Pamela Edevold of Bagley, MN., who shared her art experience "Capturing Likenesses on Paper and Canvas to a crowd of over 30 guests at the Bagley Public Library.

Pamela Edevold shared a few funny stories of her early journey in the art world. She shared that as a young teen she and a friend rented a space at the local Gambles store in Crystal, MN. for $500 for the summer. She did "20 minute portraits" of anyone who'd pay. She shared that for teens, they were paid more money than a young teen should make.

Pamela was then off to college at Moorhead State, as it was the only place for Graphic Art. Not long after she began she met her husband and quit school.

Pamela shared she began painting portraits from photographs or in person sittings. As a young artist, she allowed customers to pay when they picked up their portrait. She quipped sometimes she wouldn't get paid, which lead to pre-paying by check and hold the check until the portrait was complete, yet issues with that would come up. Then to make her life much easier, it was payment up front. Her stories delighted the guests.

Most of her career has been commission work, with over 30 years experience. She has used multiple different mediums including watercolor, chalk pastel and colored pencil.

She now focuses on Golden Open Acrylics, which is her favorite medium.

During her presentation she drew on easel paper how she approaches each portrait, and how she is able to return to the painting without losing the perspective of where she left off. She also brought with her several art magazines and books to share with guests her art that has been published. There was a myriad of examples of her exceptional art. To learn more about Pamela Edevold visit her website pamelaedevold.com.

The next NELL program is Saturday, April 19th at 11am to 1:30pm - Bagley American Legion. Soldiers of the American Revolution -it is the 250th Anniversary of America's first war.

NELL serves Clearwater and East Polk Counties. All are welcome and there is no charge to attend.

Minnesota Hemp Growers and Processors Must Apply by April 30 for 2025 Season

Those wanting to grow and process hemp in Minnesota in 2025 must apply for a license with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) by April 30. Each license is valid only through December 31 of the year it is issued. Licensees must reapply annually to remain in the program. A license from the MDA is required for individuals and businesses.

To date, about 50 people have applied for a 2025 MDA license. In 2024, there were 183 applicants.

These licenses are for growing and processing industrial hemp only. The hemp grower or processor application is not for the growth or sale of adult-use or medical cannabis. The application is also not intended for the sale of hemp-derived cannabinoid products. Adult-use and medical cannabis information can be found on the Office of Cannabis Management website.

The industrial hemp application can be found on the MDA website. Along with the online form, first-time applicants and authorized representatives need to submit fingerprints and pass a criminal background check.

Growers and processors need to be aware of the following for 2025:

- All authorized representatives designated by the applicant must pass a criminal history background check prior to the issuance of a license.
- Every lot of hemp grown requires pre-harvest THC regulatory testing. Each official regulatory sample collected by the MDA will cost $100.
- The MDA licenses processors that handle raw hemp and initially process it by extraction, decortication, devitalization, crushing, or packaging, and the department will continue random inspections of processor locations.
- License fees will remain the same for new and returning applicants plus a 5% surcharge to support the modernization of the MDA's technology systems. The minimum cost of a grower license is $400. A processing license is a minimum of $500.

Questions about the MDA's Industrial Hemp Program should be sent to hemp.mda@state.mn.us or 651-201-6600.

The Vegetable That Keeps On Giving

By Janet Tufvander

Are you interested in starting an early-season vegetable that will continue to be productive for 15 years or more? Then, asparagus is what you need.

Asparagus is a unique crop and one of three perennial vegetables that can be grown in MN: the others being horseradish and rhubarb. While it can only be harvested for 2 months, the fresh, crisp spears are certainly welcome after a long winter of frozen or canned vegetables.

Heavy, medium or sandy soils are all suitable for asparagus if the location is sunny and well-drained. Asparagus is dioecious which means there are female and male plants. Both produce edible spears, with female plants yielding large, fat spears and male plants producing a greater number of smaller, uniform spears. Male plants tend to live longer, and female plants grow into weedy fern-like, seed producing jungles by the end of the season.

In MN, asparagus is planted from early May to early June. Typically, we can find crowns for sale in the garden stores during the planting season or you can order them with a delivery date close to when you hope to plant. Refrigerate the crowns until planting day.

Loosen the soil before planting. Dig a trench 6-12 inches deep setting the extra soil aside for later use. Crowns need to be planted head-to-toe 12 inches apart. Multiple rows should be 3 feet apart because the plants will spread with age. Fertilize with a phosphorus/potassium mix when planting. Save the nitrogen fertilizer for mature plants just before active growth begins and after harvest season is over. Cover the crowns with 2-3 inches of soil and water immediately after planting. The remaining soil will be added as the stalks emerge and grow.

Small, narrow spears will appear from the soil after 2 to 3 weeks. When these early spears are sturdy and several inches tall, 2-3 more inches of soil can be added to the furrow, being careful to not break any of the brittle spears.

Good root development depends on moist soil. Asparagus will not show any signs of being dry. It should receive at least 1 inch of water every week with sandy soil requiring more and clay soil less.

Weeds will compete for nutrients, water and light, so hand weeding is necessary. Straw and leaves can be used as mulch to smother weeds; however mulch also keeps the soil cooler and wetter potentially delaying the crop.

As delicious as it looks, do not harvest during the first season. Allow the spears to grow into ferns and build their root strength. The second year after planting crowns, begin to harvest when the spears are 6-8 inches long, but only for two weeks. Again, you are allowing the root systems to gather strength. During the third year and all subsequent years, harvest up to July 1. Allow the plants to grow into tall ferns each year, cutting and cleaning the patch after the first frost or in the following spring.

Growing asparagus complicated and well worth the effort.

People who have garden 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.

RFP for Financial Audit

Inter-County Community Council Inc. (ICCC) is seeking proposals from qualified parties for conducting a Financial Audit. The full RFP can be found on our website www.intercountycc.org. Responses are due by May 15, 2025.

ICCC is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

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Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Red Lake County will accept proposals for private Minnesota Paid Family & Medical Leave and Group Life Insurances until 3pm May 27, 2025.

Request for Proposal specifications may be obtained from Integrity Employee Benefits at 866-437-7977, or email integrity@integrityeb.com .

Red Lake County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive formalities, and to make the award that is in the best interests of the group.

Red Lake County desires a long-term relationship for this program and will maintain so, as long as cost and services are satisfactory.

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Advanced Directives Workshop Scheduled at the Fosston Library on April 25

MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA - The Fosston Public Library will host a workshop on Advanced Directives featuring a representative of Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota. The workshop will be held on Friday, April 25 from 1-2 p.m. at the library, which is located at 403 N. Foss Ave. Learn about advanced directives, powers of attorney and health care directives in this enlightening workshop, which is intended to equip attendees with the confidence to take charge of their personal and healthcare affairs. The workshop is offered free-of-charge and no registration is required.

DUST CONTROL - POLK COUNTY ROADS

The Polk County Highway Department is accepting requests for application of calcium chloride for dust control in front of residences that lie along County or Township gravel roads. The cost will be approximately $250.00 or 8.5 cents per square foot, whichever cost is higher. **County & Township Roads:** the cost will be the responsibility of the homeowner on all roads. Invoices will be sent via our Permitting site. Polk County requires Township approval/permission documentation prior to chloride application on township roads. The cost will be for a one-time application only. **The size and cost of each application may vary. The application site must be flagged from start to finish by residents.** Polk County requires all individuals requesting Calcium Chloride to complete and submit application forms. Forms are to be filled out online at https://mn-co-polk.onegov.rtvision.com/. Please contact our office at 218-281-3952 with any questions.

Application deadline is May 18, 2025.
There will be added fees for late applicants.

Calcium Chloride Chart

APPROXIMATE COST
Early Bird End May 18, 2025

Length of Application								
Width	**150'**	**200'**	**250'**	**300'**	**350'**	**400'**	**450'**	**500'**
16'	$250	$272	$340	$408	$476	$544	$612	$680
20'	$255	$340	$425	$510	$595	$680	$765	$850

May 19, 2025 – June 2, 2025

Length of Application								
Width	**150'**	**200'**	**250'**	**300'**	**350'**	**400'**	**450'**	**500'**
16'	$300	$322	$390	$458	$526	$594	$662	$730
20'	$305	$390	$475	$560	$645	$730	$815	$900

After June 2, 2025

Length of Application								
Width	**150'**	**200'**	**250'**	**300'**	**350'**	**400'**	**450'**	**500'**
16'	$350	$372	$440	$508	$576	$644	$712	$780
20'	$355	$440	$525	$610	$695	$780	$865	$950

Township roads will be sprayed at 16 ft and county roads will be sprayed at 20 ft.

M5-7C

ANTIQUES

By John Eggers

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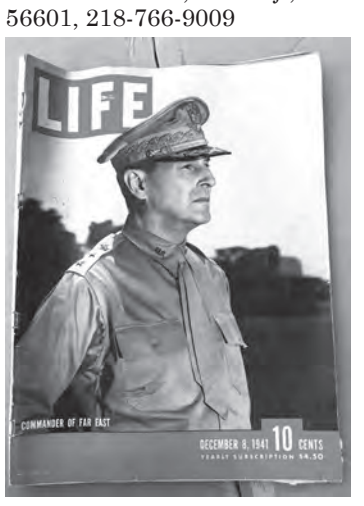

Remember LIFE magazine? You could subscribe to 52 issues a year for around six dollars. Three variety news/pictorial magazines dominated the 1950s: the Saturday Evening Post, Look, and LIFE. Of the three, LIFE was the most popular. It had wonderful news stories accompanied by many excellent photos.

From 1936 to the 1960s, LIFE was a wide-ranging general-interest magazine known for its photojournalism. During this period, it was one of the most popular magazines in the United States, with its circulation regularly reaching a quarter of the U.S. population. Can you imagine?

Marilyn Monroe was on the cover six times. The April 7, 1952 issue is worth about six hundred dollars. She appeared on several more covers after her death in August 1962. Beatles covers are worth about fifty dollars.

Because so many were printed, the value of a magazine in good shape is not great. Issues vary between five and twenty dollars, depending on who is on the cover. The Issue of LIFE, shown with General Douglas MacArthur on the cover in 1941, has a value of fifteen to twenty dollars.

Originally published from 1883 to 1936 as a general-interest and humor magazine, it featured contributions from many significant writers, illustrators, and cartoonists of its time, including Norman Rockwell. In 1936, Henry Luce acquired the magazine, and it was relaunched as the first all-photographic American news magazine.

The magazine's weekly print format eventually became unsustainable because of rising printing, mailing, and production costs, resulting in its first suspension in 1972.

The most valued issues are the Beatles, Marilyn Monroe, Superman, and the Jackson Five. Yes, LIFE magazine is still being published, though not in its original format. At one time, every barber shop, doctor and dentist's office had a copy. It was worth just going to the dentist to read the current issue of LIFE.

DINING & entertainment

US Supreme Court denies cert in Worth v Jacobson, solidifying constitutional right to carry a firearm for Minnesota Young Adults aged 18-20

ST. PAUL, MN — The United States Supreme Court today declined to hear Keith Ellison's appeal in Worth v. Jacobson, leaving intact lower-court decisions that struck down the state's 21+ age requirement for carry permits. This denial ends the litigation and confirms that law-abiding 18- to 20-year-old Minnesotans are entitled to the same Second Amendment rights as every other adult.

"This is a resounding victory for 18-20-year-old adults who wish to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms," stated Bryan Strawser, Chair, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus.

"Politicians should carefully consider the legal ramifications of infringing on Second Amendment rights," added Rob Doar, Senior Vice President & Political Director. "The Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus and its allies will relentlessly pursue legal action against any unconstitutional measures introduced in Minnesota."

Worth was filed in June 2021 by three young adults, the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, the Second Amendment Foundation, and the Firearms Policy Coalition. The lawsuit challenged Minnesota's carry permit age limit. U.S. District Judge Katherine Menendez ruled the restriction unconstitutional on March 31, 2023; the Eighth Circuit unanimously affirmed on July 16, 2024, and later denied the state's request for rehearing en banc. Keith Ellison and the State of Minnesota petitioned the Supreme Court on January 17 this year.

Today's certiorari denial makes the earlier judgments final with a resounding victory for the Second Amendment rights of young adults in Minnesota.

Learn more about Worth v Jacobson on our website.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Help Wanted:

The City of Clearbrook is looking for a manager for the Clearbrook Pool. This is a seasonal position that runs from the end of May to the end of August. The pool manager must possess a certified pool operator's license or willing to take the class to be licensed. Needs to be willing to learn the lifeguard certification standards and water safety instructor standards. Please contact Lucie at the Clearbrook City office at 218-776-3213 for more information or to apply for the position. R6C

HELP WANTED - City of Plummer

Part time summer help. Duties include mowing, weed whacking, painting and other duties assigned by the Maintenance Supervisor.

Must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications may be picked up at the City Clerk's office Mon – Thurs from 8 – noon.

Application deadline is May 12, 2025.

City of Plummer is an Equal Opportunity Employer. O5-7C

AGENCY SOCIAL WORKER POSITION

Clearwater County Department of Human Service is looking to fill an Agency Social Worker position to provide services in the areas of Intake, Child Protection Assessment and Investigation, Vulnerable Adult Investigations, and Children's Case Management by working with individuals and families through advocacy, resource referrals, assessment of needs, and coordination of services. CCDHS offers a comprehensive benefit package including health, dental, vision, life, long term disability, accident, illness and hospital insurance, medical and day care savings accounts such as Flex, VEBA and HSA as well as paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. The pay scale for this position is $31.10 – $40.41 per hour.

Further Information regarding the position and benefits is available by calling Jamie Halverson at 218-694-6164.

Go to http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. May 12, 2025.

We are an equal opportunity employer

Clearwater County MINNESOTA Source of the Mississippi River

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NOW HIRING WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL

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! Win-E-Mac Patriots M4-10C

PART-TIME LPN NEEDED

Pine Ridge Residence in Bagley is looking to hire a part-time LPN. Hours are Monday-Friday, starting wage is $25+ based on experience. We are also looking for a full-time Direct Support Professional. This person would be working a combination of evenings and weekends. Starting pay is $15.45+ based on experience. If interested, stop at the Clearwater DAC Main Office between 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday or Pine Ridge Residence in the evenings to pick up an application. Any questions call 218-694-6541.

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Polk County Full-Time Employment Opportunities:

Case Aide – Social Services:
$25.47 – $32.26/hr. Position Closes on Friday, April 25, 2025

Seasonal/Summer Highway Misc. Positions – Highway:
$19.22 - $27.83/hr.
Positions Close on Wednesday, April 30, 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 R49tfc

CASE MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

Inter-County Community Council is accepting applications for an opening in our Employment & Training Department.

Case Manager: The Case Manager will recruit, provide on-going support and career counseling throughout the participant's enrollment in the program and document all contact in case notes and assist the participants in overcoming barriers and achieving goals. The position is full time / 40 hours a week working out of our Thief River Falls Office.

Application and position specific information, including job duties, salary and educational requirements are available on our website at www.intercountycc.org . Send completed application and resume to Inter-County Community Council, Human Resources, PO Box 189, Oklee, MN 56742 or hr@intercountycc.org. Submit applications by Wednesday May 7, 2025. Call 218-796-5144 x1018 for more information.

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ENGINEERING OPERATIONS MANAGER
CLEARWATER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Clearwater County Highway Department is seeking a highly motivated individual to join our team. Under the direction of the County Engineer, the Engineering Operations Manager is responsible for engaging in and managing the daily operations of the engineering team to survey, design, permit, right-of-way acquisition, and monitor the construction of civil engineering projects for roads, ditches, and bridges to assure compliance with standard specifications and conformance with state, federal and other agency requirements, regulations, and standards.

The minimum qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, and over four years' experience related to civil engineering in surveying, design, and inspection of civil engineering projects. Class D driver's license is required and the ability to obtain MnDOT inspection certifications if you do not already have them.

Salary Range: $40.93 to $52.52/hour depending on qualifications. 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 May 7, 2025 or until filled.

Clearwater County MINNESOTA Source of the Mississippi River

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RED LAKE COUNTY SOCIAL WORKER

Position provides children's mental health case management, child protective/child welfare services case management, manages foster care licensing, and performs related tasks as required. Wage range is $28.65-$37.26, DOE; position works 35 hrs./wk. and a full benefit package is available.

To be considered for the position applicants must be Minnesota Merit System eligible, have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in social work, psychology, sociology or closely related field. OR a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in any field and one year of experience as a social worker in a public or private social services agency.

Applicants must complete a Red Lake County application AND MN Merit System application. For further information, contact Human Resources at 218-253-2590, email: hr@co.red-lake.mn.us. For a Red Lake County application and job description visit www.co.red-lake.mn.us/employment.

The required MN Merit System application and full job description are available at: https://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem. Application deadline: Monday April 28, 2025.

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SUBMIT YOUR EMPLOYMENT ADS
to richards@gvtel.com
Richards Publishing
Gonvick 487-5225

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

RUMMAGE SALES

HUGE! GARAGE SALE
LOCATION: 324 MAIN ST. S., CLEARBROOK
DATES: APRIL 25, 26 AND 27, FROM 9AM – 3PM

ITEMS:
• MISC. SPORTING GOODS • TOOLS
• ANTIQUES • ANTIQUE FURNITURE
• LAWN FURNITURE • KITCHEN ITEMS
• CLOTHES • BOOKS • SNOWBLOWER
• SOMTHING FOR EVERYONE!
• TOO MANY ITEMS TO LIST ALL OF THEM...

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Three new exhibits opening in May at Watermark Art Center

Bemidji, MN - Watermark Art Center is excited to announce three new exhibits opening in May.

Following the Annual High School Invitational Exhibit (on display through April 25), the Annual Middle School Exhibit opens May 2 in the Kaul Gallery with a reception open to the public from 5pm to 6:30pm. The exhibit showcases work by students from Bemidji Middle School, LaPorte Middle School, Waasakone Community of Learners and Cass Lake-Bena Middle School. The exhibit will be available for viewing through May 23.

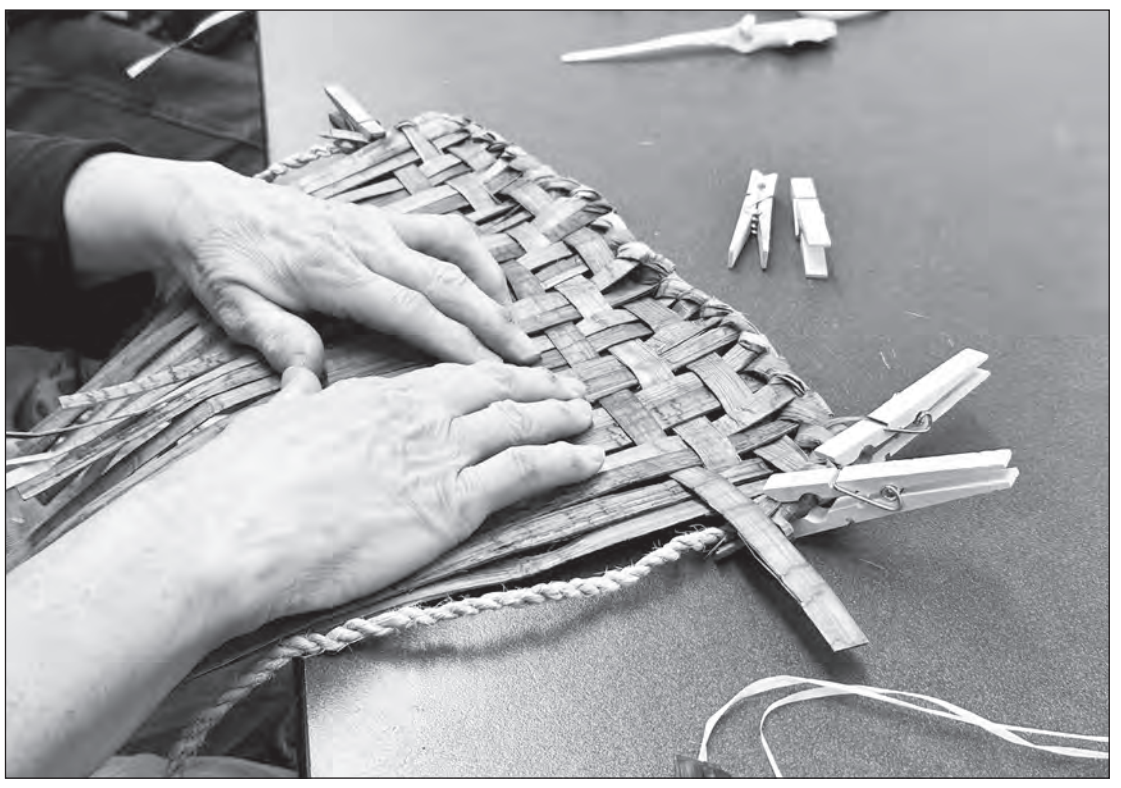
Participants of Watermark's latest traditional weaving workshops taught by Jeff Harper and Michelle Marion will display work in the Miikanan Gallery beginning May 3 through May 31. Projects include finger weaving, cedar mats with basswood cordage and baskets made from birch bark and black ash.

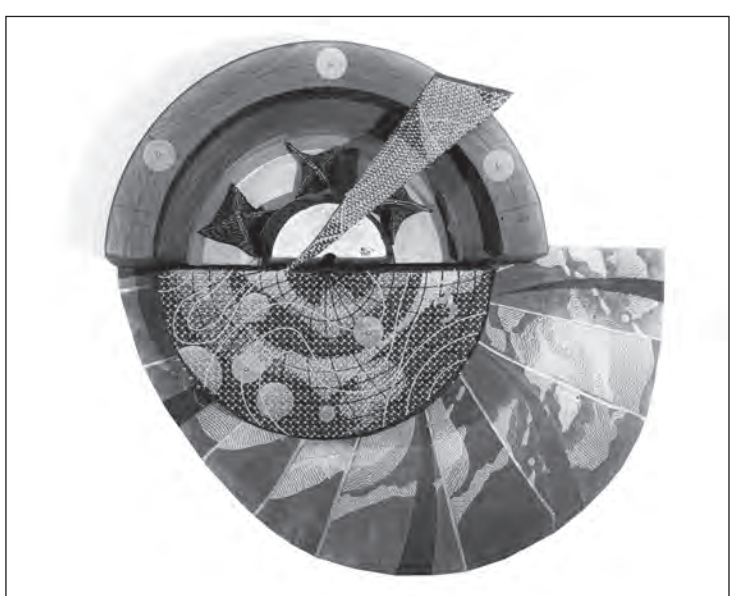
Multimedia Artist Susan Hensel's exhibit "Neotectonic Period" opens May 9 with a reception from 5pm to 7pm including an artist talk with Hensel at 6pm.

Hensel explains the definition of Neotectonics as "the study of the motions and deformations of the Earth's crust in current times, often in service of predicting earthquakes." She uses this terminology as a metaphor to describe the seismic forces of climate change, cultural upheaval, pandemic, and political turmoil reflected in her work. The show runs through July 26, 2025.

There is no cost to attend the receptions and they are open to the public. For more information regarding exhibits, classes, or events contact 218-444-7570 or visit WatermarkArtCenter.org. Watermark galleries and retail shop are accessible, free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The weaving workshops and Harper weaving exhibit were made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Additional support comes from Arts Midwest.





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- McCormick-Deering F-12, NF, PTO, steel wheels
- McCormick-Deering 15-30, WF, steel wheels
- Ford 6000 diesel, WF, 8139 hrs, 3pt, PTO
- Ford 900, NF, 3pt, PTO, 2620hrs
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

What's Your Motto?

Companies have mottos as do schools and places of business. Families have been known to write them to better focus on what it is they value. Sometimes these are referred to as mission statements; others call them tag lines. Basically, it's a statement summarizing what it is you want to stand for in this world. Commercials might have a jingle to go with it, so it's recognizable to the consumer. If one can connect or relate, I suppose sales go up or people buy in so-to-speak.

Mottos can help one stand stronger amidst a world grappling to get our attention. I ran across an example today from John Henry Newman who lived a while back. "Cor ad cor liquitur." (Heart speaks to heart.) He was speaking about faith. What he meant by this was that although there is knowledge and logic woven into theology, when the heart connects to it, we go deeper into that which can be lived person to person. Reading his thoughts triggered my snoop mode, and I began poking around to see what else I could find from others whom I respect.

John Paul II's motto was "Totus Tuus." It's a Latin phrase meaning, "Totally Yours."

Mother Teresa's words written within each home established for the Sisters of Charity was "I Thirst." She felt the words of Jesus on the cross went deeper than quenching of physical thirst. Her take away? He thirsts to pour out His love upon us. She said one of the greatest sorrows of Jesus was when His love is not received. In other words, He thirsts to pour out into us—Himself.

Our church recently wrestled for a couple of years trying to put into words our mission statement. Our pastor and the elders came up with: "Gathering to hear God's message of Christ crucified and going to proclaim his resurrection, Gospel."

"Ora et labora" was Benedict's motto which translates, "Pray and Work." I liked his balanced approach to life. It gave communities permission to do what must be done this side of the veil.

Another motto that struck me was that of our great nation, the United States of America. "In God We Trust" is what we value and it was adopted by Congress in 1956. Although it's been part of American society since the country's founding, it was put on coins back in 1864. It's also in the fourth stanza of our national anthem and appears above the Speaker's rostrum in the house Chamber as well as over the entrance to the Senate Chamber.

"In God We Trust" replaced the original motto, "E Pluribus Unum" – "Out of many, one" in order to establish the difference between the United Staes from atheistic communism which was knocking at our door and continues to tap ever so oft—and not so soft. Whether it is written on a coin, within an anthem, or over doorposts, lest it be written within hearts, I suppose it means little.

What is it you stand for? As the winds blow this way and that, "May we not lean on our own understanding; but in all our ways acknowledge Him, so He will direct our paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). May you be blessed as you think about what might be your words of choice which help build the foundation upon which you stand. And, when it is written down in summary, may you not forget to write it upon your hearts as "Heart speaks to heart." Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: The other day I came across a railroad crossing sign with the word "EXEMPT" placed on it. What is that all about?

Answer: An X-shaped sign identifies a railroad crossing. If there is more than one track, a sign below the crossbuck indicates the number of tracks.

Warning signs, pavement markings, gates and flashing red lights are positioned at most railroad crossings. Pavement markings include a stop line, an "X," and the letters "RR" painted on the pavement in front of the crossing.

An "exempt" sign means that bus and truck drivers, who are usually required to stop at railroad crossings, may proceed without stopping. However, drivers still need to look in both directions for trains.

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Minnesota moms: Join the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge

Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend Saturday, May 10, through Sunday, May 11, when Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

To participate in the challenge, moms simply need to join the 2025 Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge Facebook group and submit one photo of each fish they catch on May 10-11. All participants who submit a fish will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Angler Organization and their partners.

Before the challenge begins, participants are invited to join pre-challenge fishing 101 webinars hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota. The first webinar, on trout fishing, will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. The second webinar, on shore and lake fishing, will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The webinars will take place in the challenge Facebook group. Participants can join either webinar or both. The 2025 Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge is a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Student Angler Organization (studentangler.org) and Women Anglers of Minnesota (womenanglersmn.com).

To see challenge details and sign up to get notified when the challenge goes live, visit the Take a Mom Fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/takemomfishing). The challenge Facebook group is not yet active, but it will go live Friday, April 25.

This is the third year the DNR and its partners are hosting the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge. During the 2024 challenge, more than 3,000 Minnesota moms from across the state participated, catching 1,500 fish.

The Minnesota Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/fishing). More information about how and where to fish, fishing equipment, ways to catch different kinds of fish, and fishing ethics and stewardship is available on the Minnesota DNR learn to fish webpage (mndnr.gov/gofishing).

North Country Health Nuggets

(Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods Counties)

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a treatable mental disorder that affects a person's brain and behavior, leading to their inability to control their use of substances like legal or illegal drugs, alcohol, or medications. (NIMH-2025). Addiction is a disease, not a character flaw. (CDC 2025)

In 2022, more that one in six Americans aged 12 or older reported experiencing a SUD. Overcoming SUD is not as simple as resisting the temptation to take drugs. Recovery may involve medication to help with cravings and withdrawal as well as different forms of therapy. It may even require checking into a rehabilitation facility.

Specific conditions like opioid use disorder may require medication as the first course of treatment. Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUND) can help with cravings and withdrawal symptoms. MOUD is effective in helping people reduce illegal opioid use, stay in treatment longer, and reduce the risk of opioid-involved overdose. Medications used for treatment of opioid use disorder are methadone, buprenorphine and Naltrexone.

Only 1 in 10 people with a substance use disorder receive treatment in the U.S.

Among adult Minnesotans, alcohol remains the primary substance used at the time of admission to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment. Continuing previous year trends, methamphetamine has been the second leading substance used at admission to treatment.

SUD is a treatable, chronic disease that can affect people of any race, sex, income level, or social class. No one driving factor leads to SUD. If you find yourself or someone else needing help with substance use disorder you can start with an appointment with your primary care provider. They will be able to make the appropriate referrals to get you started on your way to recovery and a much better life.

Or you can visit: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/alcoho-drugs-addictions/get-help/

On this page there is a "fast tracker" that helps you find substance use disorder services near you. It also provides a list of tribal and out-of-state providers.

And check out this SUD video with local resources: nc-chb.org/current-news/page/100/substance-use-disorder-sud-treatment/

A New Tractor Club

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

The past couple of summers when I have been down visiting my son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids we have been able to stumble across a little tractor fun. Some tractor loving individuals got together to start a little tractor show. Well, would you guess…..I love that! Two years ago, the first year they had it I saw something online or in the paper, but we were busy on Saturday and Sunday morning(The show was Saturday and Sunday). I called and asked how late they would be available as we couldn't get there until later in the afternoon and my grandson, Callan, loves tractors! Kim answered enthusiastically come on down, we'll be here! And they were!

Earlier they had a pedal tractor pull and had one leftover trophy. As we walked up, met by friendly faces, my grandson, Callan was given that leftover trophy for a little token of coming to their show. We had a great visit, some food and went for a couple tractor rides as some exhibitors let me take Callan for a ride. Then a Massey Harris was hooked to a hayrack and all of us went on another ride! What a great time!

Last year we happened to be "grandkid sitting" in Mehahga on that very weekend. Once again we took our opportunity to take the grandkids to the show. This year Callan entered the pedal tractor pull. He was only 3 years old so the 3 year olds kind of had an "exhibition" pull and they all got a little prize. When I got home I ordered Callan a pedal tractor so he could "practice" for next year. We walked around for a long time sitting on tractors and playing basketball at the "gravity box" that was cut down and a couple hoops were added. Again a great day with some great people!

I asked to get on their email list and this past year they have spent a lot of time organizing their club and the show….and I think this year will be the best so far! Their club is called the Red Eye Tractor Club and this year the 3rd Annual Tractor Show. It will be held June 28th and 29th at Olson Ag, 29238 US Hwy 71, Sebeka, MN. It features many events from tractors on display, the kiddie pedal pull, hay bale toss, tractor driving contest, and much more. So I would suggest if you are not busy, head to Sebeka-June 28th and 29th for some tractor fun!.

One added proud grandpa fun for this year is that on the advertising poster there's a picture of my grandson Callan(taken by my wife), sitting on a Z Minneapolis Moline, with an American flag flying in the back…..love the picture, love my grandson, and I love this show!!

Callan in the pedal pull!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1. The ZT series of MM tractors was made from 1936 - _____.
2. What was the model ZTN?
3. What was the ZTE?
4. What was the ZTS?
5. The ZT series of MM tractors featured a _____ forward speed transmission.

Answers: 1. 1948 2. N for Narrow with a single front wheel. 3. A ZTE featured an adjustable wide front end 4. A ZTS was a fixed standard tread tractor. 5. The Z had 5 forward speeds!

Callan on a Z MM last year!

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Minnesota DNR volunteers celebrated during National Volunteer Week

More than 14,500 volunteers helped the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources do everything from monitoring rainfall levels to clearing trails in 2024, according to the annual DNR volunteer report (files.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/2024-annual-DNR-volunteer-report.pdf). The report is being released in celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 20-26), when organizations across the country honor volunteers and recognize the impact of their time and talents.

"Minnesotans are well known for having a giving spirit and commitment to the great outdoors," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said. "I see that reflected in the immense contributions of our volunteers each year and I can't overstate how grateful the DNR is for their service and the valuable contributions they make to our natural resources across the state."

The DNR's volunteer program is one of the largest among Minnesota state agencies. According to the annual volunteer report, the value of volunteer services in 2024 totaled an estimated $7 million. Volunteers help the DNR with a wide variety of activities, including teaching firearms safety, improving wildlife habitat, hosting in state park campgrounds, planting trees, tagging fish, assisting at outdoor candlelight hike events, and monitoring precipitation. For the sixth consecutive year, Minnesota led the nation in 2025 for the number of volunteers recruited for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network to measure and gather data about precipitation across the state.

The DNR established a department-wide volunteer program in 1988. Over the past 37 years, Minnesotans have contributed more than 13.1 million hours of volunteer service to help manage our state's natural resources. The value of this service is estimated at more than $259 million.

One example of extraordinary DNR volunteers are the individuals helping to uncover the secrets to Mystery Cave, located in Forestville State Park. Long-time volunteer Ed Klausner, along with Dr. Joshua Sebree and his team of students from Northern Iowa University, are sharing their skills in surveying and cartography to more accurately map the features and resources of the cave. They have also inventoried organisms found deep within the cave to help people better understand what kind of life can live in the extreme environmental conditions found there.

Read about more of the DNR's outstanding volunteers on the meet our volunteers (mndnr.gov/volunteering/meet.html) webpage. To become a volunteer or for more information, visit the DNR's volunteer webpage (mndnr.gov/volunteering).

Pheasants Forever, Minnesota DNR join forces to get new hunters into fields and forests

With spring turkey season underway, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Pheasants Forever are inviting Minnesota hunters to take the Hunter Mentor Pledge and take someone turkey hunting who has never hunted or hasn't hunted for a few years.

After submitting a short recap of their hunt together, Minnesota hunters and those they mentor will have the chance to win a custom, limited-edition prize from Pheasants Forever.

The program is open to all spring wild turkey and light goose hunters. Experienced hunters can invite a new hunter of any age if the new hunter has the proper license/tag necessary and either the mentee hunter's safety or apprentice hunter validation.

Participation is simple: hunters visit the Pheasants Forever website and take the pledge (pheasantsforever.org/mndnr). After taking the pledge, hunters are asked to bring a novice or returning hunter on a hunt during the season and snap a picture or short video during the hunting trip. The last step is to submit contact information, a hunt recap and a photo or video on the submission page to be entered for prize giveaways. All online entries must be received by June 30.

The Minnesota DNR has helpful information for new hunters and experienced hunters who would like to share their skills with new hunters. To learn more, visit the Minnesota DNR take a friend hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/gohunting/take-friend-hunting.html).

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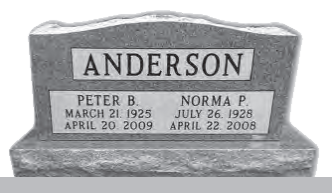

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OBITUARIES

Obituary for Gary Thorson

Gary Thorson, 85, died on Friday. April 18, 2025, at his home at Bagley, Minnesota.

Funeral services for Gary will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the Zion Lutheran Church at Bagley, Minnesota at 11:00 am with Pastor Jeremy Davies officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. Gary's final resting place will be at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery at Bagley, Minnesota.

Gary was born at home on the family homestead in Eddy Township on October 11, 1939. He lived nearly his entire life and died on or within a half mile of the homestead. He loved to reminisce and tell stories from his childhood. Gary fondly recalled being five years old and having a bit of a crush on a favorite neighbor girl. Sadly, for him, the feeling wasn't mutual so the girl's sisters held her down in a wheelbarrow so he could kiss her! (That story has a happy ending though. Fast forward 30 plus years and that neighbor girl, Nancy Ysen, had a change of heart. Nancy and Gary married and had two girls!) Many stories Gary would tell were about life in BS Valley with his four brothers and they were often up to no good. One year the boys ate their Christmas treats early and got nothing in their stockings! For an entire winter they skipped school. They left home each day as expected and played in the woods until the sun's shadow got to the right spot telling them it was time to go home and pretend like they had been at school all day. That came to an end when the superintendent of the country schools stopped by the farm to see why the Thorson boys had stopped coming to school. Once, when their parents had gone to town, they ate all the chocolate Ex-Lax and learned the hard way that was a terrible idea! They rolled down hills in tires until they were sick and played horse sticks all over the neighborhood. In the winter they went sledding and built forts in the woods. When Gary was a teenager, he bought his first car. It was a blue 1951 Chevy Coup. He really loved that car because he could go as far as his gas money would take him!

Gary attended country school until 8th grade and then went to Bagley High School until he was a sophomore. He was a jack of all trades. One of his first jobs as a kid was working for a neighbor doing chores for 50 cents a week. On Saturdays he would go to town with them for ice cream treats. As a teenager, he worked in Bagley as a pulp peeler and in the woods cutting pulp. Gary enlisted in the US Air Force in 1957 and served until 1963.

He was stationed in Louisiana, California, and Thule Greenland, and worked inside the telephone maintenance office. After serving in the military, he returned home and worked as a deck hand on the Edmond Fitzgerald, did construction, piece cutting pulp near Red Lake after marrying Nancy (and the two of them were often the top cutting team), worked a variety of jobs at the kiln dry in Bagley, collected garbage, and operated the Clearwater Landfill. Gary's passion and main job was always farming though, and he happily did that until death. He had a way with animals and really enjoyed caring for them.

Gary was a naturally gifted musician, and he especially loved bluegrass. He bought a guitar when he was 13 and taught himself to play. He played entirely by ear and could mess around with any instrument for a few moments and play you a tune. His stringed instrument collection was vast, and he enjoyed entertaining with his friends in the BS Valley Band. Throughout the day and when he couldn't sleep, he would sit at the table and quietly pick at his banjo or guitar. Music brought him happiness and contentment. Gary loved playing cards and was always ready for a game of cribbage, 31, or pinochle. Being very mechanical in nature with a healthy dose of common sense, he could get any machine running and kept busy tinkering all the time. He was extremely proud of his Norwegian heritage and didn't speak English until he started school. His accent was proof. He could calm any fussy baby. His patience seemed endless, and it is hard to say if he ever got angry or frustrated. If he was, it never showed. He never complained. He worked hard, was good for a laugh (often at his own expense- have you ever seen his Norwegian chain saw?), and enjoyed the company of others. He was quick to grab the coffee pot and a sweet treat when anyone arrived, and most visits at the Thorson farm have probably lasted way longer than originally intended. He was one-of-a-kind in the most humble, easy-going, curious, and gentle way. Gary will really be missed.

Gary is survived by his wife – Nancy Thorson of Bagley, Minnesota

Daughter – Starlett (Jacob Dahn) Thorson of Elko New Marker, MN

Daughter – Tonya (Robb) Lindbery of Bagley, Minnesota

Son – Billy (Nadine) Klasse of Clearbrook, Minnesota

Daughter – Pamela (Fred Ettish) Klasse of North Kansas City, Missouri

Son – Darren Klasse of Overland Park, Kansas

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Gary was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers – Thelmar, Arvid, Gerald, Lyle and Dennis; Children – Robert Klasse and Michael Klasse.

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Notice for Darlene Martine

Darlene Martine, of Bagley died on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at her home in Bagley, Minnesota. Services are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley, MN.

Notice for Robert Bukovic

Robert Bukovic, 90, died on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at the Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji, Minnesota. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Funeral Home of Bagley, Minnesota.

Notice for Evelyn Cole

Evelyn Cole, 80, of Leonard, Minnesota died on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at her home in Leonard, Minnesota. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Funeral Home of Bagley, Minnesota.

Obituary for Larry D. Berg

The family of Larry D. Berg is saddened to announce his passing on Friday April 11, 2025 at the age of 79 years at the Hennepin County Medical Center om Minneapolis. In his hospital room our family felt God's gentle and tender presence in preparing Larry for his journey to Heaven.

Larry Douglas Berg was born at Bagley, MN on September 23, 1945 to parents Lois (Clemenson) and Clifford Berg. He shared the same birthday as son Sam and sister-in-law Arlene Vadnais. He was baptized and confirmed at United Lutheran/Samhold Lutheran church in Gonvick, MN. On July 22, 2020 he was baptized anew at Lake Johanna in Arden Hills, MN.

Larry graduated from Gonvick High School in 1963. He loved playing football under coaches Tom Gleason and Ed Mostrom. He and his twin brothers gained statewide notoriety as a force to be reckoned with because of their combined size and ability.

Larry honored his country serving in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. He served the last year in Vietnam with the 69th Signal Battalion being honorably discharged at the rank of SPC E4. His uncle Jim Clemenson bought his first membership to the Gonvick American Legion Post 304, and Larry maintained membership for 57 years.

On June 6, 1970 Larry wed Pamela Kamrud, the love of his life, at Samhold Lutheran Church. They lived in Coon Rapids, MN for most of their years together, except for six years in So. California, and then returning home to Clearbrook/Gonvick in 2019.

Larry and Pam were blessed with two children; Molly Kristine born May 19, 1979 and Samuel Henri born September 23, 1982. They were Larry's world. He was a devoted and engaged Father filling their lives with love, joy, fun adventures, while leading them on a Christian path. Proud as can be, Larry never missed a single event that Molly and Sam were involved in. To become a Papa to two grandsons and one granddaughter fulfilled his life completely.

Larry's work career began at a young age spending Summers in Iowa doing road construction. Before and after the military he did land surveying, which lead him to drafting for the Engineering Dept. at the City of Columbia Height, MN. But the majority of years he worked in the field of plumbing for Olson Plumbing and Micklelson Plumbing in the cities. Vern Olson and his family became more than an employer embracing Larry and his family into their lives. If there was one man Larry truly loved and respected it was Vern.

Never was Larry happier than in social settings with family and friends, even strangers. Or than supporting and cheering on his children's activities, as well as those of his nieces and nephews. Or than being immersed in music of every kind at home, church, concerts, or musical theatre. His favorite was karaoke sessions with dear friends the Bradleys or with Molly, Sam, and Josh. He enjoyed high school sports and the Vikings. Simple things brought him peace, like observing birds with morning coffee or lively chatter around a wood fire.

Larry took pride in a pristine lawn, and after mowing ours would mow for several neighbors as a kind gesture. He always became the neighborhood go to guy for household issues gladly helping a hand. For Christmas, Larry sculpted ice luminaries to decorate our house and made thirty of them for the entrance to our daughter's wedding. Being pug dog lovers, they all gravitated to Larry. Anytime he would sit in a recliner there would be two on his lap and one on his neck. Oh, and don't forget his thing about classic muscle cars, which he was fortunate to own a couple of Chevelles in his lifetime.

During Larry's hospitalization, Sam's high school football Steve Guider reached out and facilitated presenting a Quilt of Valor to Larry, beautifully made by the Twin City Stitchers of Plymouth, which covered him until the last.

Larry is survived by his wife Pam, daughter Molly (Joshua) Buffham, son Samuel (Samantha) Berg, grandsons Magnus and Henrik Douglas Buffham, granddaughter Cali Jo Berg, brother Clayton (Kathy) Berg, sister Gloria (Becki) Berg, sisters-in-law Carolyn Snobeck, Helene Grone, and Linda (Scott) Rousseau, numerous nieces and nephews, and Aunt Darlene Sawyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Leola and Art Branden, brother Clyde Berg and wife Sheryl, sisters-in-law Arlene Vadnais and husband Robert, Pat Graftaas and husband Stan, brothers-in-law Blaine Grone and Jerry Snobeck, nephews Patrick George, Steve and Stewart Taflin, and great nephew Brooks Greenlee.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 4pm at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. Family and friends are welcome to attend to remember Larry's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts will be used to provide a monetary donation to the Samhold Lutheran Church, Clearwater Life Center, and Gonvick American Legion Post 304.

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Obituary for Gerald Tasa

Gerald "Jerry" Thomas Tasa was born on June 21st, 1946 to Glenn and Lillian Tasa at Mercy Hospital in Thief River Falls. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith at Nazareth Lutheran church rural Trail, Minnesota. Gerald attended a one room country school through 6th grade, that was a little over ¼ mile from the farmstead. He then went to high school at Oklee for grades 7 – 12 and graduated with the class of 1964. Following graduation, he and some friends ventured west to Montana to work summers for farmers before returning home to start college at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. He graduated in 1968 from NDSU with a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering and was hired by Boeing in Seattle, Washington. Jerry worked for one year at Boeing and returned to Minneapolis area to work at Onan Corporation, Honeywell, and Forensic Engineers. He enjoyed forensic engineering work and he and another engineer started their own forensic business called T & E Engineering which was located in Spring Park, Minnesota. After several years, Jerry became sole owner and eventually moved his business to Mound, Minnesota investigating fires, vehicle crashes, and product liability for Attorneys and Insurance companies.

Jerry lived in Mound for 45 years and was very active in the local Lions Club receiving awards for his service to the community. He was also a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Excelsior.

Jerry enjoyed traveling, hunting, and the outdoors. Mazatlán, Alaska, Colorado, Montana, Canada, and South Dakota, are some places he skied, fished, and hunted frequently, but the one place he cherished most was the farm. He really enjoyed time with his family during holidays, hunting and working on the farm. His favorite was the week of deer season in November, not just to get the "Big" one, but the camaraderie with the rest of the family who were in the group. After hours in the woods, hunters would get together around a campfire or back at the farm house to share their stories from the day and reminisce about the past which would garner a laugh or two.

Jerry was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, and a friend to all! His jokes, teasing and laughter will be missed by his family and friends, but will live on in those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his Parents: Glenn & Lillian (Chervestad) Tasa, and brother-in-law Gary Carlson.

Jerry is survived by his sisters Sharon (Sharol) Johnson, Dianne (Bob) Solheim, Connie Carlson, Brother Luane (Sandy) Tasa, 7 nephews and 6 nieces.

Gerald Tasa of Mound Minnesota passed away at his residence February 8th, 2025 at the age of 78 years.

MAY HIS MEMORY BE BLESSED!

Funeral and interment on May 3, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. visitation at 10:30 a.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church rural Trail with Pastor Jeffery Merseth officiating.

Obituary for Wesley Knutson

Wesley Curtis Knutson, age 76, of Crookston, Minnesota, passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025. He was born to loving parents Orville and Evelyn (Heideman) Knutson on May 1, 1948, in Fosston, Minnesota.

He was raised in McIntosh, Minnesota, graduating from McIntosh High School in 1966. He then went on to attend Northland Junior College in Thief River Falls, and then Moorhead State College in 1968. He graduated in 1970 with his bachelor's degree in history and social studies and went back to get his degree in elementary education in 1971.

Wes met the love of his life, Linda Diane Frethem, in 1970 at the Winger town hall dance. Four years later Wesley and Linda were married on June 14, 1974, at Hope Lutheran Church. They were blessed with three children, Derek, Sarah, and Aaron, who Wes loved and cherished very much.

Wesley moved to Crookston in 1971 and began his teaching career. Education was a passion of Wesley's, being a teacher for 35 years, he was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2005. He was also involved in the Minnesota State High School League, Minnesota Softball Association, and the Minnesota Education Association.

His faith in God was very important to him. Wesley was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in McIntosh, and later Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston.

Wes was a man with many interests. He loved traveling with his wife, Linda, fishing, golfing, reading historical novels and biographies, and was very involved with sports and athletics. Playing slow pitch softball for 44 years, he was also an umpire in baseball for 12 years, volleyball for 34 years, football for 48 years, and softball and basketball for 52 years. He was a beloved coach for the high school volleyball team for 8 years, and coached track for 34 years. He was awarded for his hard work and passion and was inducted into the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017, the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame in 2023, and was awarded the Minnesota State High School League Distinguished Service Award in 2023. He will be fondly remembered by his kind, professional, helpful spirit.

Wesley is lovingly survived by his wife, Linda (Frethem) Knutson; children, Derek (Emily) Knutson of Chattanooga, TN, Sarah (Bret) Danielson of Sioux Falls, SD, and Aaron (Anna Petry) Knutson of West Fargo, ND; grandchildren, Drew Knutson, Cora Knutson, James Knutson, Thomas Knutson, Caleb Danielson, Carly Danielson, Caley Danielson; sister, Mary (Dan) Solie of Minneapolis, MN; stepbrothers, John Wertish and Jim Wertish; stepsister Judy Bemis; and brother-in-law, Kenny Amundson, of McIntosh, MN. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, Orville Knutson and Evelyn (Knutson) Wertish, stepdad, Jerry Wertish, and siblings, Diane Amundson and Orville Knutson.

A prayer service will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m., with a visitation starting at 6:00 p.m. A funeral service to celebrate Wesley's life will be held on Friday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, Minnesota, with visitation one-hour prior. There will be a luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church following a private family interment service at Oakdale Cemetery after the funeral service.

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Obituary for Patricia Nystuen

Patricia C. Nystuen, 83, of Bemidji, MN passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at GoldPine Home in Bemidji, MN.

Pat was born July 23, 1941, at Bagley MN, the daughter of Henry and Ruth (Strand) Nystuen. She was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. As a teenager, Pat enjoyed roller skating and working at the Pine Lake Pavilion and drag racing her dad's 1957 Chevy. She graduated from Gonvick High School in 1959. After graduation she moved to Minneapolis MN.

While living in Minneapolis, she worked at Butler Manufacturing and Penske Truck Leasing, making many life- long friends where co-workers became like family. Pat also was the property manager at her apartment building, where she enjoyed developing deep friendships and caring for the tenants.

Pat enjoyed reading, exploring scenic places, watching "Wheel of Fortune," Minnesota Timberwolves, Lynx and Vikings, and spending time with family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Pat is survived by:

Niece - Michelle (Patrick) Cummings – East Grand Forks, MN

Nephew - Monte (Kathleen) Marmorine – Bemidji ,MN

Brother-in-law - Richard Sather -- Gonvick, MN

And loving cousins and great nieces and nephews and many friends

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Judy Sather, and brother-in-law Vernon Marmorine.

Memorial Service: Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11:00 am ; Samhold Lutheran Church 259 North Ave. Gonvick, MN 56644

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"Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf in Fosston is thankful to receive this generous donation," Manager Dawn Bly said. "The quality and variety of the fresh ham are exceptional. Our mission is to provide two to three days' worth of food to families in our service area who are food insecure. We typically serve over 130 families each month. This donation will be much appreciated by the families in need for the Easter holiday."

Pork products such as ham and Minnesota soybeans go hand in hand. Soybean meal makes up 42% of the meal fed to livestock, and an estimated 1.25 million tons of soymeal is required to feed all of Minnesota's pigs.

"We are so thankful for this gift of hams as it will help the families that are in need in our community as food shelves are struggling as inflation keeps rising," said FB Area Food Shelf co-manager Pam Reese. "The Food Shelf supplies all household needs for approximately 35 families a month."

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

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

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Fosston - Polk County Soybean/Corn Director Wayne Olson presents the donation to Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf volunteer and manager Dawn Bly.

Crookston - Polk County Soybean/Corn Director Mike Enright presents the ham donation to the Care & Share Center New Hope Food Shelf Manager Keith DeRemer.

Fertile - Polk County Soybean/Corn Director John Swanson presents the ham donation to co-managers Pam Reese and Mary Fouassier-Flaig and grocer Aaron Bakke.

Polk County Soybean/Corn President Kevin Krueger presents the ham donation to the East Grand Forks Food Shelf volunteers Lori Bjerk, Bob Stocker, Scott Stocker, Kevin Stocker and Marj Stocker.

Word Search Answers for this week

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