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Mark Finstad, Sue Nohner, Dean Vikan, Kelly Ophus, Kristie Mienert, Mary Jo Rud, Phyllis Sjulson, Kevin Gish and Karen Norland stand in front of the new ambulance at Essentia Health-Fosston. The ambulance is expected to be put into service by the end of October.

Essentia Health-Fosston Adds Ambulance

Essentia Health-Fosston recently purchased an additional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance, bringing the total number of ambulances in the fleet to three.

The ambulance arrived in August and the crew has been busy equipping the truck to get it into service by the end of

October.

"We are equipping our fleet to bring us into the future of EMS and the anticipated needs of the community," said Karen Norland, Essentia Health-Fosston EMS manager.

The brand new Braun E 450 ambulance will contain the latest technology and features.

Upgraded monitors allow the crew to do significantly more critical care monitoring. A low-frequency howler siren vibrates and mimics a deep bass people can feel when they are nearby. It is used in conjunction with traditional sirens and lights, but the purpose is to alert those in the area who otherwise may

have been distracted.

The ambulance was purchased using budget funds and a gift of more than \$25,000 from the First Care Medical Foundation.

"We are so appreciative of the continued generosity of the local community, and in this case the financial donation toward the

new ambulance by the First Care Medical Services Foundation," said Kevin Gish, Essentia Health-Fosston administrator.

"It is humbling to see the community support us with their patronage of our services, donations of volunteer hours, and financial contributions."

Gonvick High School Alumni reunite 38 years later to attend an Alice Cooper concert at Bemidji's Sanford Center

By Darlene Sawyer

On October 9, 2016, Alice Cooper performed at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. The Farmers Independent and its editor Tom Burford were given several Alice Cooper concert tickets compliments of an advertising package. For that concert, Tom asked me if I would like two of the free tickets. I said, "Yes," Here's the rest of the story.....

My son, Jim Clemenson, and his former classmates thought it would be fun to re-live the memory of going to an Alice Cooper concert 38 years later so I donated the two tickets to them.. Jim ordered three additional tickets online.

Imagine five 17-year-old boys (Jim Clemenson, Dick Wittenberg, Randy Pederson, Rocky Eck, and Rick Eck) jumping into a car in Gonvick and driving 260 miles to St. Paul, staying in a hotel on their own, and driving back to Gonvick the following day. As part of a 17th birthday present for Jim Clemenson, that's what the five high school juniors from Gonvick did on April 28, 1978. They had tickets for the Alice Cooper concert and hotel reservations ordered by Jim's mother, Darlene Clemenson-Sawyer. It was the first rock concert that they had ever attended.

According to them, it was an unforgettable experience in 1978. Here is what they recall: "For that first show the five boys packed into a 2-door 1976 Pontiac Grand Prix and drove to the Twin Cities. While it was foggy and a moose in the road in Itasca State Park, the trip was relatively uneventful. Since it was their first concert,



Pictured are Dick Wittenberg, Rocky Eck, Cooper drummer Ryan Roxie, Jim Clemenson, and Randy Pederson at the recent Alice Cooper concert. Missing is Rick Eck of Bemidji who could not attend the reunion of this group from the Gonvick Class of '79.

they didn't know what to expect. After checking into the Hotel Radisson in St. Paul, they went to the St. Paul Civic Center early to take in the atmosphere.... such as black shirts, long hair, tatoos, and strange-smelling smokiness (they had no idea at the time that it was pot). Some concert goers offered to sell them things that they had never seen in Northern Minnesota. Once the floor show began, the boys were able to get right in front of the stage on the floor. Back then, the floor was general

admission with no seating. The stage production was spectacular. Even though Alice Cooper had a "dark" reputation, the show was very theatrical. Many future musicians were inspired by him and tried to follow his successful lead in putting on great shows. As part of the act, there were spiders, dancing ghouls, large screen videos, the infamous guillotine, and his pet snake. For the encore "School's Out". Toward the end of the show, the crowd of over 15, 000 began to evacuate the building.

BOOM. Someone had exploded a tear gas bomb, and the arena had to be evacuated. Trying to evacuate from a strange building, while you can't see or breathe, can be very scary. Once outside, the boys split up, collapsing on the ground, gasping to catch their breath. There were ambulances and police everywhere. The boys found each other and walked to their hotel only to be greeted by security who would not let them back in, even though they had keys. Turned out that you have to be 18 to rent a hotel room, but Mom Darlene had made the reservation and payment over the phone. Finally, they were allowed back into their room. The scrutiny was tight because Alice Cooper was actually staying in the same hotel. None of

the boys were injured, but there were a dozen other concert goers hospitalized for the exposure to tear gas. The next day, the boys drove home without incident with a memory that will last a lifetime."

At the last minute, those same classmates thought it would be fun to re-live the memory. Four of the five were able to make it to the October 9th concert at Bemidji. They tried to get to meet Alice (didn't happen), but they were able to meet the lead guitar player, Ryan Roxie, to tell their story and get a picture.

It's pretty amazing that a group of friends can have a once-in-a-lifetime adventure as kids, and be able to re-live that same adventure 38 years later as adults.

A Message from the desk of the Mattracks CEO Glen Brazier....



Glen Brazier, CEO of Mattracks in Karlstad Minnesota.

"Let's talk movies. Mattracks has been featured in many major Motion Pictures over our 23 years in business and I am proud to announce that we will be in the new Fast 8 coming out next spring, the 8th installment in the vastly popular Fast and Furious franchise. Our first Major Motion Picture was Terminator 3 The Rise of the Machines in 2003. For this film we were approached by Stan Winston Studios to build five of the T1 Robots. This was a huge accomplishment for us and lead to many new opportunities within this and other industries. Later that year we were featured in a French movie Taxi 3, which was shown worldwide. In 2010, Mattracks was featured in the blockbuster Inception starring Leonardo Decaprio. In 2015, Mattracks was used in the James Bond movie Spectre for behind the scenes filming. And now next spring Dwayne Johnson, aka the Rock, will be sporting Mattracks 150M1A2-SA's on his ride in Fast 8. You won't want to miss this one. But our involvement in the movie industry is much more than just having our products in front of the camera. Behind the scenes our tracks system are being used by nearly all the major studios for transporting crew and for getting that difficult shot when tires won't cut it. It's been an exciting part of our business here at Mattracks; and while we can't always accept all the invitations to visit the sets and attend the premiers, it is an honor to just be part of some memorable movies. Next time we'll visit about television."

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Jim Stordahl Benefit well attended by the community

Sunday afternoon outside of the McIntosh Community Center where a benefit for Jim Stordahl, former University of MN Extension Agent in Polk and Clearwater Counties was held. There was an overwhelming outpour of community support for Jim and his wife Roxanne. Pictured are Heather Earls with her daughter, Cora.



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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The Way It Went Down

So this is the way it went down early Sunday morn.

"Do you know the name of a good locksmith?" I frantically messaged my friend and neighbor.

"Look in the yellow pages; there are some good ones listed," she quickly replied.

Hurriedly, I paged through them. Cheapest Unlocks caught my eye and I punched in the number. The voice on the other end sounded vaguely familiar.

"Are you the guy who gives out the 'Jesus loves you' pens?" "Something like that," he modestly answered reconfirming my suspicions that I'd used his services two years back.

In the mean time, what does one do when awaiting a locksmith to come open your vehicle when you are 99% sure the keys are not in the vehicle he is coming to unlock?

To begin with, I flashed back to where my steps had taken me the evening before. Taking out the trash, sorting items boxed in the garage, walking amidst the fall foliage, and folding towels fresh from the dryer as well as packing suitcases came to mind within

a ten second time frame. I'd locked the doors of the car after I was out of it... is was what I thought, but went ahead and swiped the moisture off each window peering inside to make sure I hadn't dropped them somewhere within.

Like a dog looking for a bone digging for a treasure that had been lost, I emptied my purse no less than three times. I rummaged through each suitcase, sorted each bag of trash, floated to the laundry room twice, and checked down the couch cushions. Wading through the foliage in hopes of seeing metal flash in the sunlight, I came up empty as my case appeared hopeless.

Now in full blown panic mode, I called my husband and left a message...okay, truth be told, I left several. Although 2 ½ hours away, I knew he'd come on a moment's notice to bring down the second set of keys if need be. I just knew I could count on him.

"I always put them in the same spot!" I pleaded my case to the locksmith who had just arrived.

"That same spot must have moved!" He chided in good humor.

"Before we start, I just gotta tell you, I am almost certain those keys are not in that car. Can we pray?" We did, emphasizing that they would be found within the next few minutes as the time was running out on a promise I needed to keep within the hour. Suddenly, the small zippered pouch on the side panel of my purse came to mind. As I looked, way down deep, there were the keys!

"Same spot moved!" he grinned pulling out a couple of specialty pens to complete the deal.

They once were lost, but now are found. As I thought about what had just taken place, it was a lesson that has played out in my life more so than I'd care to remember. First, I panic. Then, I look in all of the wrong places. Finally, I pray. And, throughout it all, what I thought was a problem, wasn't a problem at all. What I thought was lost, wasn't lost at all. It was just tucked away for safe keeping until...until His perfect timing. Help me to move on to a new lesson Lord. I can't do this, but You can. Thank You for finding my keys yet once again! Amen.

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol



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injured, compared to 17 deaths and 837 injuries in 2014.

A pedestrian standing curbside and who is not in the crosswalk or intersection is not considered a "crossing pedestrian." Pedestrians must not enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian must abide by before entering the crosswalk; use common sense.

• Drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights.

• Pedestrians must obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.

• Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely

crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.

• When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear must not pass the stopped vehicle.

• Read full statute: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=169.21>

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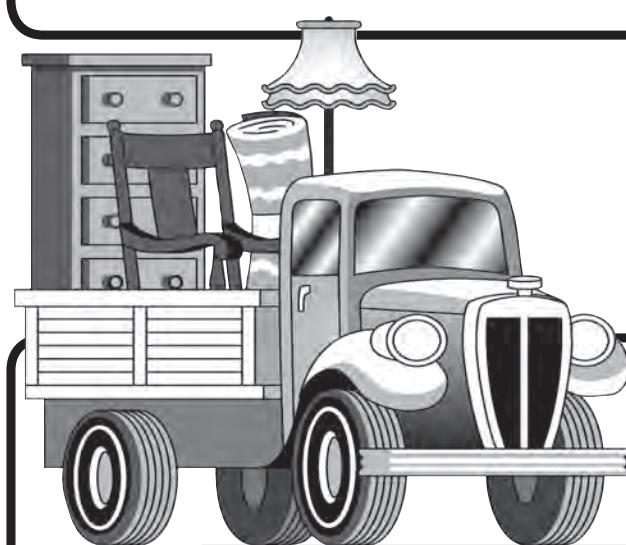
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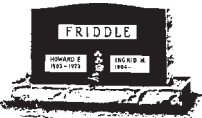
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Services for Leone Viehauser

Leone Viehauser, 87, of Crookston, MN, and formerly of East Grand Forks, MN, died early Saturday morning, October 8, 2016, at the RiverView Care Center in Crookston. Leone, daughter of Aanond and Sigri Rystad, was born on her parent's farm in Lessor Township, north of McIntosh, MN, on September 25, 1929. She grew up on the farm and attended school in McIntosh. She was later united in marriage to Russell W. Viehauser and the couple made their home in Grand Forks, ND. They moved to Minneapolis, where Leone was employed by the Minnetonka Moccasin Company for several years. Leone and Russell returned to Grand Forks and he passed away in

1991. Leone then made her home in East Grand Forks until becoming a resident of the RiverView Care Center in 2015. Friends were a very important part of her life, along with the company provided by her pet cats.

Leone is survived by 3 nieces: Joan (Charles) Anderson of Edina, MN, Susan McDonald of Ossian, IA, and Mary (Robert) Bushey of Emerado, ND; 3 nephews: John (Valerie) McDonald and Darryl (Cindy) McDonald, all of Larimore, ND, and Mark McDonald of Valley City, ND; and other extended family members and friends. In addition to her husband, Russell, she was preceded in death by her parents, Aanond and Sigri; 4 brothers: Selmer "Sam", Howard, Obert "Tex", and Alvin; 5 sisters: Selma "Sally", Josephine, Tillie, Thelma, and Olga; 3 infant siblings; a niece, Shirley Voxland; and 2 nephews, Allen Voxland and Conrad Hougom. May God bless Leone's memory.

A memorial service for Leone Viehauser will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016, at RiverView Health, Meeting Room 4, in Crookston (please use the Rehab entrance). The Rev. Greg Isaacson will officiate. Inurnment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks, ND. www.stenshoel-houske.com



Services held for Sidney Norstuen

Sidney Norstuen, age 81, of Fosston, MN, passed away on Tuesday, October 11th, at Essentia First Care Living Center in Fosston. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th, at the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home in Fosston. Arrangements are with the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinhoialmen.com.

Sidney James Norstuen was born on June 16, 1935 in Fosston, MN to parents

Tom and Minnie(Myhrum) Norstuen. He grew up and attended rural school north of Fosston.

Sidney was united in marriage to Gloria Pederson on September 6, 1958 in Oklahoma. After their marriage they lived in Oklahoma and Washington while Sidney was in the U.S. Army. They moved to Fosston for a short time before moving to their home in Queen Township where they farmed and raised their family. Sidney took over the farm from his father and farmed there most of his life. When his wife became ill, he sold the livestock, rented the farmland and retired to take care of her. Gloria passed away on October 30, 1997. Due to health problems, Sidney recently entered the Essentia First Care Living Center where he passed away on October 11, 2016 at the age of 81 years.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin (Paula) of Kansas City, MO, and their son, Logan; and Tom of Princeton, MN, and his son, Nick; and one sister, Margaret Kildal of Fosston.

He was preceded in death by his wife; and his parents.



Services for Marlo Thronson

Marlo Boman Thronson, age 83, of Burton, MI, died Wednesday, October 12, 2016 surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, October 22 at Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center 6063 Fenton Rd., Flint, MI. Visitation will be held 1-8 PM Friday October 21, and 12 - 2 PM on Saturday, October 22.

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Association. Marlo was born October 29, 1932 in Clifford, ND, the son of Oscar and Hulda (Boman) Thronson. He married Sandra Wildmo on February 14, 1954 in Trail, MN. Marlo retired from GM Metal Fab after thirty years of service. He could fix anything and did it well. Marlo enjoyed woodworking and playing music.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Sandra; six children, Cheryl (Larry) Sedlarik of Flint, Lori (Charles) Williams of Grand Blanc, Debra (Craig) Sawatzki of Flushing, Michael Thronson of Burton, Cindy (Dan) Martin of Grand Blanc, Rebecca Thronson of Burton; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brother, Duwayne (Ella) Thronson of Harrison; sister, Janelle Faldet of Minnesota.

Marlo was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ronald Wayne Thronson; two sisters, Adeline and Donna. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Death Notice for Shirley Taylor

Heaven gained a new angel on October 3, 2016. Shirley Ann Taylor, born March 20, 1934 and the daughter of the late Johnnie and Stella Johnson.

To carry on her legacy is her husband, Alvin Taylor, her daughters Sharon Wilme (Steve), Debbie Cain (Greg), Becky



Waltz, Laura Collier, Nancy Koehler, Marsha Sheedy (Brian), her sister, Ruth Mandt and numerous grandkids and great-grandkids.

Those who went before her include her daughter Linda Weer, her two brothers Robert Johnson and Russell Johnson, and two of her sisters, Lila Holm and Marilyn Hanson. You can share memories on the funeral home website at www.BonneyWatson.com.



Services held for Carroll Higdem

Memorial Services for Carroll Higdem were held on Saturday, October 8 at 4:30 pm at the Cremation Society of Minnesota. Pastor Heidenreich officiated at 7110 France Ave in Edina.

Thoughts were shared by Tracy Eichorn-Hicks and Will Grunewald. Musical selections were "Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill;

and two of Higdie's choices, "Amazing Grace" by George Jones and "I Do Believe" by

Waylon Jennings.

Carroll was born on September 2, 1942 at Trail to parents Floyd and Elise (Sletto) Higdem. He was known as "Beans" up north where he grew up and "Higdie" where he lived.

Carroll was united in marriage to Kathy Carter of Bemidji on July 24th, 1965. They had two girls Trina and Tanya.

Carroll is survived by his wife, Kathy of Bloomington; daughters, Trina (Tony) Bilderback from Farmington and Tanya (Wade) Schally of Maplewood; a brother Elwood (Joan) Higdem of Clearbrook; grandchildren Ava and Leah Bilderback and Sam Schally along with many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Elise Higdem and grandparents Ingebret and Bertha (Larsgaard) Sletto and Arnold and Ragna (Dunrud) Higdem.

Donations to Hospice can be sent in Carroll Higdem's name to Fairview Foundation 2344 Energy Park, St. Paul, MN 55108.



Services held for Joyce McNelly

Joyce McNelly of Fosston, MN, passed away with peace in her heart, while family held her hand Monday afternoon, October 10, 2016 at Essentia Health Hospital, Fosston. She was 95 years, two months, and 10 days young.

Joyce Mary Reed was born on July 30, 1921 in Walker, Minnesota to parents Vinton and Katherine (Newquist) Reed. She grew up in the Walker / Pine River area and graduated from Pine River High School in 1939. She then attended Eitel Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis where she became a registered nurse in 1942. She began her nursing career in the surgery unit at Ah-Gwah-Ching tuberculosis treatment center near Walker.

Joyce was united in the sacrament of marriage to Dean R. McNelly on October 16, 1943 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker. They started their new life together on the Foot Lake family farm in rural McIntosh, Minnesota. Dean and Joyce began raising four of their seven children there as Dean farmed and was a vocational agricultural teacher. After several years in McIntosh, Dean's teaching career had the family moving (and expanding) to the rural communities of Northfield, Graceville, and Karlstad, Minnesota. Joyce worked, as a RN in each of these communities. They eventually returned to Polk County in 1965, settling in Fosston.

From 1965 until 1983, Joyce worked at the Fosston Municipal Hospital. Joyce developed and taught the first health occupations classes at Fosston High School. Dean passed away at the family home on October 7, 1983. Joyce was supported by the local community while she cared for Dean until his death. Joyce then cared for her own mother as her mother was dying in the Fosston Hospital February of 1984. The positive impact of the community's support lead Joyce to pioneer a volunteer, community based Hospice program in Fosston. The city of Fosston graciously provided office space in which to

work, coordinate and organize volunteers and equipment. Although the Hospice program has changed over the years, the mission Joyce set forth in 1984 remains the same as it is today.

Joyce enjoyed reminiscing about her nursing experiences, reading novels, doing crossword puzzles and traveling. She was an excellent cook and baker and loved sharing that gift with her family. Summer family gatherings at Mark and Pat's home on Lake Ethel were always a special joy for her. Faith and family were most important to her.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church for over 50 years; serving in many capacities.

She received the Person of the Year Award in 1984 and later the Fosston Service Award for her Hospice efforts.

Joyce lived in her home until 2008 when she moved to Cornerstone in Fosston.

She is survived by her children, Deanna of Maple Lake, MN, John (Lynnda) of Jackson, MN, Michael (Carra) of Cookeville, TN, Mary (Bill) of Duluth, MN, Teresa (Rob) of Duluth, and Paul (Sue) of Champlin, MN; 18 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Pat of Battle Lake, MN; sisters-in-law, Ellen Reed of New Hope, MN, Rosemarie Good of Arizona; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Mark; and brothers, Jackie (in infancy), James, Thomas and Gilbert.

Honorary Pallbearers: Lois Schimanski (deceased), Rose Mireault, Clara Manecke, Mary Miller, Linda Blaser, Jan Hemmingsen, and Dorothy Killian.

Active Pallbearers: Paul, Randy and Jesse Robertson, Matthew and Andy Strozas, Stephen and Michael McNelly, and Alec McCleary.

A prayer service was held at 7 pm on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fosston. Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. with Father John Melkies Suvakeen as Celebrant. Interment in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Hansville, rural Fosston. Lunch and fellowship to follow at the church social hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Northwest Minnesotan Foundation 201 3rd Street NW Bemidji, MN 56601 • 800-659-7859

www.nwmf.org in care of the Dean & Joyce McNelly Vocational Scholarship Fund (Fosston) or charity of your choice.

Arrangements are with the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinhoialmen.com.



Services for Marjorie Polansky

Marjorie "Marge" Polansky, 78, died peacefully on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, MN.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 10:30 AM at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Thief River Falls, MN with Father Rick Lambert presiding. Burial will be at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5 - 8 PM with a 7:00 PM prayer service at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls and also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Marjorie Mae Neppel was born July 12, 1938 in McCauleyville, MN near Kent, MN, the daughter of Harold Andrew and E. Laureign (Bellmore) Neppel. She started school in McCauleyville and Kent, 1st through 5th grade. The family then moved to Breckenridge, MN, where she attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Breckenridge, grades 6th through 8th. She also attended Breckenridge High School.

When she was 17 years old, Marge moved to Moorhead, MN and worked as a nurse's aid until she married in 1959. She met her future husband, Eugene at her aunt's home near Colfax, ND, while he was laying telephone cable. They met when Marge was 18, then, became reacquainted when she turned 20. He gave her a diamond ring on July 24th. On October 24, 1959, Marjorie was united in marriage to Eugene John Polansky at St. Frances de Sales Church, Moorhead, MN. The couple made their home in a brand new trailer in Plevna, MT, moving to Eagle Bend, SD in January of 1960. Then in the spring of 1960, they moved to Eugene's family farm by Gatzke, MN after his Dad became ill. They lived there until moving to Thief River Falls in 2004, residing at Pioneer Court. Her health began to decline and in 2012 she became a resident of the

Thief River Care Center.

Marge worked at the Steak Knife, starting in 1977, as a waitress for 20 years. She also worked at Grand Central Graphic's in Middle River, MN for 3 years, 1997-2000.

She was a member of St. Bernard's Church, Thief River Falls, MN as well as at St. Cements, Grygla, MN for 47 years. She was a Eucharistic Minister and reader at St. Clement's for many years, a member of the Ladies Aid and a member of Gatzke and Grygla Senior Citizens. She traveled to Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Nebraska to see the kids and put many miles on her car. While at Thief River Care Center she was very active singing in the choir, president of the resident association, and making rugs on the loom.

Marge is survived by children, Mark (Marlene) Polansky, their children: Jacquel (James) Perry, Nicole Polansky, Nathan Polansky, Gavin Polansky, and Danielle Polansky, Rochester, MN, Gary (Laurie) Polansky, their children: Peter (Amy) Polansky, John (Amy Zaoshi Polansky) Polansky, Timothy Polansky, Rebecca (Scott) Moyer, Daniel Polansky, Gatzke, MN, Cindy (Ray) Scott, their children: Preston Scott and Katie Scott, Red Lake Falls, MN, Paul (Anita) Polansky, their child: Elizabeth Polansky, and Anita's daughters Lindsey Gonzales and Nicole (Paul) Saville, Grand Island, NE, and Cathy (Godfrey) Friedt, their children: Mary Friedt, Andrew Friedt, Hannah Friedt, and Mathew Friedt, Omaha, NE; great-grandchildren Brody Cozy, Charlotte Rinnhoser, Westan Polansky, Addison Polansky, Austin Polansky, sisters, Trudy Such, Fargo, ND, Carol (Paul) Lenoue, Breckenridge, MN and Renee (Scott) Rossow, Wahpeton, ND; brothers, Morris Neppel, Ridgeley, WV, Tim Neppel, De Kalb, IL and sisters-in-law Jan Neppel, Wahpeton, ND Marlen Neppel, Fergus Falls, MN, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Eugene; parents; brothers, Kenneth, Terry, Richard and Randy Neppel, sisters Nila Grenz, and Jay Neppel 2 nephews Billy LeNoue, Phillip Neppel, sister-in-law JoAnn Neppel; brothers-in-law Ronnie Helgeson, Ray Such, and Wally Grenz.

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SELECTIONS: Ava Maria, Be Not Afraid, On Eagles Wings, Song of Farewell and Here I Am Lord.

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Reminder: Youth deer season is Oct. 20-23

Youth, ages 10-15, can participate in a special deer season that runs from Thursday, Oct. 20, to Sunday, Oct. 23, in 27 permit areas of southeastern and northwestern Minnesota, including in the Twin Cities metro permit area 601, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Deer permit areas open to the hunt are: 101, 105, 111, 114, 201, 203, 208, 209, 256, 257, 260, 263, 264, 267, 268, 338, 339, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and 601. Blaze orange requirements apply to all hunters, trappers and adult mentors in areas open for the youth deer season.

More information can be found on page 34 of the 2016 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook under the heading Special Youth Deer Season and online at www.mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting.

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Deer hunts will take place at several Minnesota state parks this fall

Park visitors advised to wear blaze orange or bright colors at parks that remain open during special hunts

Special hunts to prevent overpopulation of deer and protect resources will take place this fall at several Minnesota state parks, and access to the parks will vary during these hunts, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Some parks will remain open to all visitors, some will have limited access and some will be open only to hunters with special permits (closed to the general public). The deadlines for youth and adults to apply for a special permit to participate in the hunts—which include firearms, muzzleloader and archery options—have passed.

“An overpopulation of deer can be hard on the natural resources at the parks, so we allow occasional hunts as a way to protect the trees and native plant communities,” said Ed Quinn, natural resource program supervisor for the DNR’s Parks and Trails Division. “We do our best to minimize the disruption to park visitors, but in some cases safety concerns require us to close—or partially close—the parks where these hunts take place.”

The DNR advises anyone planning to visit a state park between now and the end of December to go online or call ahead to check whether a hunt is planned and whether the park will be open. The DNR also advises wearing blaze orange when visiting parks where hunts are taking place. Visitors should check for hunt-related information at the park office when they arrive, look carefully for hunt-related signage and follow instructions.

For a list of parks that are open, partially open or closed during the 2016 hunting season, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/hunting.html or contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Details on which areas of each park will be affected by the special deer hunts can also be found in the “Visitor Alert” boxes on the individual park web pages at www.mndnr.gov.



Pictured from left to right: Joseph, Gerald, Oliver, & Emmitt.

Mini Bronc Riders took part in Wojo's Rodeo

This summer 4 boys from our area started a new adventure. These boys, ranging in age from 5 to 12 became part of Wojo's Rodeo as mini bronc riders. Many of us dreamt of being a “cowboy” as a child, but this summer they were able to follow their dreams. For some of them it started at the Gonvick rodeo and others rode for the first time at the Clearwater County Fair in Bagley.

Steve, Lane, and Dani

Watne, of Gully, were a big help in getting these young cowboys competing. Emmitt, Oliver, and Gerald Melin of Gully, thought it was great to be riding with their brothers, and enjoyed donning their spurs, chaps, and helmets. The Melin brothers purchased some mini broncs this summer and have been busy practicing up. Joseph Nybo of Berner, enjoyed meeting the other rodeo riders and sitting on the top of the shoots,

watching all the action. His first ride was on “Firecracker” and Joseph was nervous, but he just held on tight and hoped to stay on for 6 seconds. A few bumps and bruises are a small price to pay for all that fun!

These young cowboys will be riding again on Oct. 21st and 22nd at the Sanford Center in Bemidji at the Wojo's Rodeo finals. We wish them well in their adventure.

Deer hunters encouraged to buy license early

With nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in the state, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to purchase their licenses early to avoid long lines and any potential system issues associated with the high sales volume. The 2016 Minnesota firearms deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 5.

“Don't wait until the last minute to buy a deer license. There can be long lines of people waiting to buy licenses in the days before deer opener. Last year we sold more than 145,000 licenses the Thursday and Friday before opener,” said Steve Michaels, DNR licensing program director. “Buy early and you can spend more time

getting ready to hunt and enjoying time with family and friends.”

Deer licenses can be purchased at DNR license agents across Minnesota, by phone at 888-665-4236 or online at www.mndnr.gov/buyalicense. There are additional fees for telephone and internet transactions. Deer licenses and tags ordered by phone and internet take three to five business days to arrive, so hunters who choose these options should allow enough time for delivery. Hunters must have a valid deer license and tag in their possession when hunting deer.

Hunters need to be familiar with deer hunting regulations,

which are available at any DNR license agent or online at www.mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting. License questions should be directed to the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.

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Minnesota deer facts

Deer: The animal

- Adult female white-tailed deer weigh about 145 lbs., and males weigh about 170 lbs.
- The biggest white-tailed deer recorded in Minnesota was a 500-pound buck.
- A whitetail's home range is about 1 square mile.

Deer hunting

- There are nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in Minnesota.
- Last year, 30 percent of Minnesota firearm hunters successfully harvested a deer. About 63 percent were antlered bucks.
- 70 percent of Minnesota's firearms deer harvest typically occurs during the first three or four days of the season.
- The average hunter spends five days afield during Minnesota's firearms deer season.
- Hunters can register their deer via internet, phone or at walk-in big-game registration stations, except in southeastern Minnesota permit areas 339 to 349 during the firearms season while the DNR samples deer for chronic wasting disease.
- The largest typical whitetail buck taken in Minnesota had a Boone & Crockett score of 202, shot by John Breen in 1918 near Funkley.
- Minnesota's No. 1 nontypical whitetail buck had 43 points, shot by 17-year-old Mitch Vakoich in 1974.

Deer licenses

- In total, about 606,000 deer hunting licenses and



permits (all types) were sold in 2015.

- 97 percent of Minnesota deer licenses are sold to state residents.
- The DNR Information Center remained open 3 1/2 hours later on the day before last year's deer opener to answer more than 1,600 telephone inquiries, most of them related to the firearms opener.

Hunting economics*

- All hunting-related expenditures in Minnesota totaled \$725 million.
- Trip-related expenses such as food and lodging, transportation were \$235 million.
- Hunters spent \$400 million on equipment.
- Hunters spent \$90 million on other items such as magazines, membership dues, licenses, permits, land leasing and ownership.

* From the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (www.census.gov/prod/www/fishing.html).

Deer management in Minnesota

- The DNR is entrusted to manage the deer herd on behalf of, and for, the benefit of all Minnesotans.
- Deer are the number one

AgCountry Farm Credit Services to award \$24,000 in scholarships in 2017

AgCountry Farm Credit Services will award twenty-four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from eastern North Dakota and northwest and west central Minnesota who plan to enroll in college next fall.

Applicants must be from a farming/ranching family or plan to pursue a career in farming or some other aspect of agriculture. Scholarships will be given away to Minnesota residents in Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena or Wilkin Counties. In North Dakota scholarships will be awarded to residents in Barnes, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, LaMoure,

Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill, or Walsh Counties.

Selection is based on academic record, personal attributes, vocational promise, leadership and financial need. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2017 and recipients will be announced in May. Students may obtain scholarship application forms from their high school counselor, at any AgCountry Farm Credit Services office or from AgCountry's web site — www.agcountry.com.

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Area Volleyball Results

Minn. 8A West

	QRF	W-L-T
Stephen-Arg	111.3	19-3-0
Kittson CC	107.3	21-6-0
Ada-Borup	95.2	15-5-0
Fertile-Belt	82.6	16-3-1
Badg-G-MR	79.5	14-8-0
Good-Grygla	57.3	9-10-0
N. Freeze	53.4	7-14-0
Climax-Fish.	51.3	8-11-0
Warren-A-O	51.3	9-13-0
Red L. Falls	30.7	5-16-1
Norman West	22.5	0-20-0

Minn. 8A East

	QRF	W-L-T
Win-E-Mac	75.1	16-6-0
Fosston	73.0	12-8-0
LOW-Baudette	72.6	16-9-1
Blackduck	48.5	9-12-0
Red Lake CC	40.0	5-16-0
Northome-K.	31.9	4-17-0
CassLake-Bena	29.5	5-15-0
Mahnomen	28.9	3-22-0
Indus	28.4	3-5-0
Clear-Gonvick	26.3	2-15-0
Red Lake	21.7	2-4-0
Bug-O-Nay.	1.3	0-2-0

Area Football Results

Minn. Section 8A

	QRF	W-L
Mahnomen	36.2	5-1
Polk West	29.7	5-1
Fosston	19.0	3-3
Fertile-Belt	17.7	2-4
RL County	17.6	1-5
Red Lake	9.0	0-6
Badg-G-MR	6.6	0-6
LOW-Baudette	3.9	0-5

Minn. Section 8 9-man

	QRF	W-L
Kittson CtyC	29.2	5-1
Stephen-Argyle	28.4	5-1
Clear-Gonv	17.7	3-3

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100-yard rushing games
Tristan Bakke, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 24-259
Alex Donaldson, Kittson County Central, 24-150
Pelon Pruneda, Polk County West, 17-136
Ethan Dorman, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 16-113
Robert Brummit, Goodridge-Grygla, 14-112
Dylan Gustafson, Red Lake County, 21-105

Tom Gryskiewicz, Stephen-Argyle, 6-104
100-yard passing games
Eli Johnson, Northern Freeze, 13-24, 181
Brandon Kihne, North Border, 5-6, 156
Tyler Isane, Badger-G-MR, 14-26, 130
Ty Rolfson, Bagley, 7-11, 128
Chris McGlynn, Stephen-Argyle, 2-4, 104

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