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MnDOT's 2023 construction season advanced nearly 230 projects

ST. PAUL, Minn. – As temperatures continue to cool and winter settles across the state, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is wrapping up its 2023 construction season during which the agency advanced or completed 227 road and bridge projects.

"This year's construction season resulted in safer roads, bridges, intersections and improved accessibility for people who use active transportation to walk, bike or roll to local destinations throughout the state," said MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger. "In addition to resurfacing roads and improving or replacing bridges, crews installed proven safety infrastructure around the state – including nearly 42 miles of center cable median barrier, and more than 30 J-turn intersections or roundabouts. We thank Minnesota travelers for their patience throughout this construction activity, and for slowing down and staying attentive in work zones to keep our workers safe."

Some work zones around the state may remain active as work wraps up through November. Motorists should stay alert, watch for workers and equipment, and give workers room to safely complete their work.

Major projects completed in 2023

Notable road construction projects completed during the 2023 construction season include the Third Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis, Highway 52 between Zumbrota and Cannon Falls, Highway 14 between New Ulm and Nicollet (which completes a continuous four-lane highway between New Ulm and Rochester), Highway 23 expansion between Paynesville and Richmond, and three bridge projects along Highway 61 near Lake Superior's north shore. More construction highlights by region can be found below and at mndot.gov/construction.

Northern Minnesota (MnDOT Districts 1 and 2)

• Highway 34 – Akeley – Resurfaced road to provide a smoother ride, improved drainage, improved accessibility, constructed safer intersections and safer pedestrian and bike facilities. Crews will return in spring 2024 to complete remaining work from Akeley Fire Hall to Hillside.

• Highway 59 – south of Thief River Falls – Resurfaced between Pennington County Road 53 and Thief River Falls, installed roundabout at the Highway 59/Pennington County Road 3 intersection, replaced culverts and widened shoulders. The project provides a smoother ride, improved drainage and a safer intersection.

• Highway 75/171 – north of Hallock – Resurfaced Highway 75 from Hallock to Canadian border and Highway 171 from Highway 75 to North Dakota border, replaced culverts, to provide a smoother driving surface and improved drainage.

• Highway 197 – Bemidji – Resurfaced between Bemidji Avenue and Hannah Avenue to extend pavement life before a permanent project is planned in about 10 years. This project was completed at night using lane closures.

• Highway 61 – Stewart River and Silver Creek – Replaced box culvert with a new bridge, added bike/pedestrian crossing that connects to Gitchi Gami bike trail and completed stream restoration at Silver Creek. Rehabilitated the historic bridge to carry northbound traffic, built a second bridge for southbound traffic, and constructed new turn lanes at Stewart River.

• Highway 61 – Pigeon River – Improved approaches and redecked bridge spanning the Pigeon River at US-Canadian Border crossing.

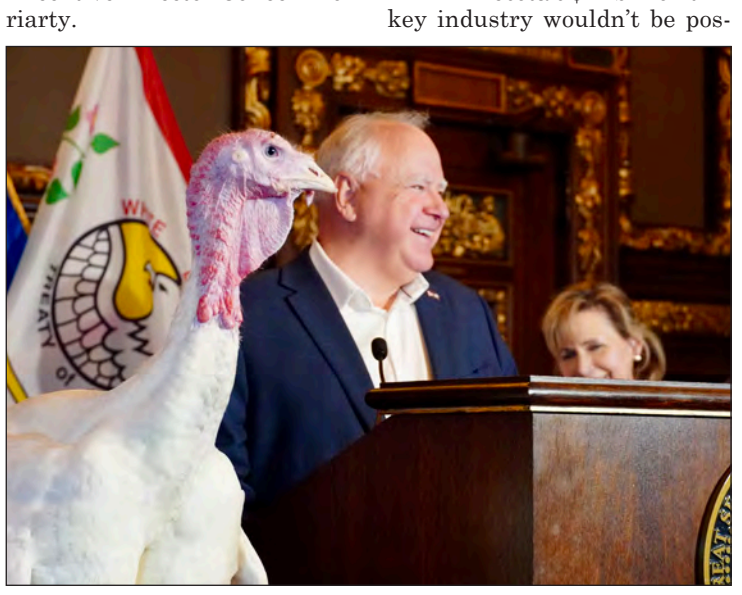
• Highway 38 – Bigfork – Completed reconstruction through the City of Bigfork including new sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

• Highway 1/169 – Tower – Resurfaced almost seven miles of Highway 1 and Highway 169 south of Tower.

Join us for a Live Nativity on Sunday, December 3rd. Come and experience Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the live animals, the angels and shepherds, Mary & Joseph at the inn, and more. Following the Live Nativity there will be a free viewing of "The Nativity Story" movie at the Fosston Theater. This event is free to the public and will be enjoyed by all ages. Come and experience the true joy of Christmas!

With over 660 growers statewide, Minnesota is the top turkey producer in the country

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz presented Minnesota's Thanksgiving turkey at the Capitol. He was joined by Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association President Jake Vlaminck, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association Executive Director Ashley Kohls, and Hunger Solutions Minnesota Executive Director Colleen Moriarty.



Governer Walz with the Thanksgiving turkey.

"Minnesota produces more turkey than any other state, and that is thanks to the hard work and passion of our growers every day of the year," said Governor Walz. "Minnesota's agriculture industry is a crucial part of our state's thriving economy and culture. I am grateful for all of Minnesota's farmers and growers who work to ensure we can enjoy our favorite foods this holiday season."

"Minnesota's $12 billion turkey industry wouldn't be possible without our turkey growers and their families," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "I want to thank our turkey growers for their work to feed our state and country. As we gather with loved ones around the dining table this holiday season, this is a perfect time to celebrate their contributions to our communities, economy, and the world. This year – and every year – I am grateful that 5.7 million people and 40 million turkeys call Minnesota home."

Minnesota has consistently ranked #1 in the United States for turkey production with over 660 turkey farms and 450 growers statewide raising over 40 million birds. Minnesota accounts for 18 percent of all turkeys produced in the U.S. The $12 billion industry support over 46,000 jobs across Minnesota.

Minnesota is also home to three locally-owned operators who pride themselves in farm-to-table products: Jennie-O Turkey Store in Willmar; Turkey Valley Farms in Marshall; Northern Pride in Thief River Falls. Additionally, Minnesota is home to Select Genetics, the country's largest turkey hatchery.

Mule Train on 1100 foot level, Rarus Mine, Butte. N. A. Forsyth, photographer.

Mules in the Mines!

By Eric W. Mickelson

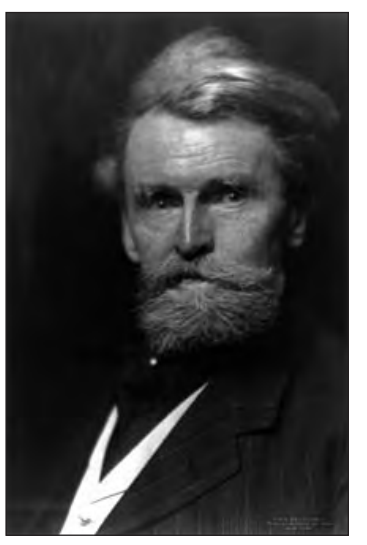
Last week was Thanksgiving and I wrote an article about favorite holidays, mine being Thanksgiving. Of course that article mentioned the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock and starting Plymouth Plantation and my visit there in 2008!

During my daily stroll through Facebook I came across an article about horses that were used in the coal mines. It reminded me of another one of those Teaching American History trips I was on in 2009. The 2009 trip was following the Lewis and Clark trail and following the Missouri River. The first stop was at Fort Mandan in Mandan, North Dakota. This was the spot where Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery spent their first winter. We also stopped at the Painted Canyon in Western North Dakota. We moved on straying from the Lewis and Clark part of the trip and took in the site of the Battle of Little Bighorn. The next stop on the trip was a little ghost town called Virginia City, Montana. From 1865-1875 the gold mining boom town of Virginia City was the capital of Montana. The 2020 Census said the population of Virginia City was 219! Doesn't really I know what you are beginning to think, I read the title Mules In Montana and you haven't mentioned mules at all! Well, the next stop on the trip was one of my favorites-Butte, Montana!

Butte was kind of the copper mining capital of the world at one time. It was referred to as the "Richest Hill on Earth!" We toured the Orphan Girl Mine and The World Mining Museum. On one of our tours we went down 60 feet to one of the first mine shafts to take a look at what mining was like! The deepest shaft on Butte Hill was 5380 feet, over a mile deep! The tour guides told us that under the city of Butte, Montana there are over 10,000 miles of tunnels. If there were ever an earthquake in that area it is quite possible the city would simply cave in and crumble into the ground!

Here is where the mules come in. When mining was big in Butte, from the 1880's through 1934, mules played a huge role in the underground mines. On any given day there were usually 1000 mules at work underground each day, with about 10,000 mules working underground during the 50 years they were used! What made me really think was imagining all the grain, hay, and water that would be needed to feed these beasts of burden! Also I assume manure had to be brought out of the mine! Our tour guide also mentioned that in the event of a cave in or possible cave in the number one priority was getting the mules out!

The mines were in operation 24 hours a day with 12 hour work shifts. The mules were used to pull the ore cars. Being in the darkness of the mine the mules eventually went blind. The average work span of a mule was around 5 years although it is reported that a mule named Annie worked underground for 29 years! Mules began to be phased out in about 1915 with the use of electricity instead. Mines were also able to begin illuminating the mines with electric lights instead of candle light!



William Andrews Clark, the "Copper King!"

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Butte, Montana, The Mining City, produced gold, silver, and copper as well as other metals. Another stop on the trip was the Copper King Mansion. It was the home of Williams Andrews Clark who was described as Butte's first, last, and wealthiest copper king! His mines were grossing nearly 20 million per month at their prime. When he died his estate was estimated at around 300 million dollars. This would be equivalent to over 9 billion today! Bill Gates and Warren Buffet would be probably the only two today who would be much richer!

I would dare say some of that fortune was earned with the labor of many mules underground. So I guess I would like to salute those mules, many who spent their whole lives underground, as well as all the other beasts who have labored hard to accomplish simple and complex chores on this earth! If you are ever in Montana check out Butte and maybe the Copper King Mansion!

Minnesota Beef Summer Communications Internship Application Now Open

The Minnesota Beef Council is looking for college students interested in the beef industry to be their Summer 2024 Communications Intern.

Applications for the internship are now open and will be accepted through December 15th, 2023. The Minnesota Beef Industry Summer Intern will work with the Minnesota Beef Council Staff and Board of Directors, as well as the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Staff and Board of Directors to develop and implement beef education, communication, and promotion activities throughout the summer. The intern will gain knowledge of beef industry programs and how their actions impact the beef industry in Minnesota.

The main priority of the intern is to manage the coordination of the Minnesota Beef Council booth at the Minnesota State Fair, but other duties may also include assisting with video shoots, television segments, and creating blog and social media content amongst other tasks.

Interested applicants are asked to please submit the following documents electronically by email to Ashley Wulf, Communications Director, at ashley@mnbeef.org

• Cover Letter • Resume • College transcript(s) – unofficial will be accepted • One-page essay on your career goals and why you want to work for the beef industry • Mock Instagram post as to why you are a good fit for the position • Contact information for three professional references.

This is a paid internship with a competitive wage. The internship and application details can be found online at https://mnbeef.org/Media/MNBeef/Docs/summer-24-intern-app-info.pdf

New State Office Building Wins Golden Turkey Award for Wasteful Spending

The Minnesota Legislature is about to build another new office building for themselves and once again, they're doing it without ever taking a vote on the floor of the House or Senate. This wasteful spending project and the lack of transparency won the Minnesota House this year's Golden Turkey Award, given by Center of the American Experiment. Most employees at the MN House of Representatives still haven't fully returned to the office since COVID, but that's not stopping them from building a Taj Mahal of office buildings costing more than double what they spent on the entire State Capitol building renovation.

In the closest vote in Golden Turkey history, the State Office Building overtook the Northern Lights Express train to Duluth after it was announced that high interest rates for the project ballooned the cost to $729 million. Over 3,000 Minnesotans participated in this year's contest.

The Golden Turkey Award is a light-hearted contest to bring

Golden Turkey....

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Minnesota Starwatch for December 2023

By Deane Morrison

The dark skies of December form a fitting backdrop for the interplay of the moon and planets and the arrival of the iconic winter stars.

In the first half of the month, no moon will interfere with views of the early evening sky. In the west, Saturn drops as Earth leaves it behind in the orbital race, but it will always be up at nightfall. So will Jupiter, a beacon in the eastern sky.

East of Jupiter, two famous star clusters herald winter's approach. About midway between Jupiter and Capella—the bright star in the northeast—you'll see the Pleiades cluster. The Pleiades are only about 100 million years old, compared to some 4.5 billion years for our sun. The cluster's thousand-plus stars formed in the same stellar nursery and are approximately 445 light-years away.

Below the Pleiades is the V-shaped Hyades cluster, which forms the face of Taurus, the bull. A mere 150 light-years away, it's the closest star cluster to Earth. The bull's eye is the bright star Aldebaran, which is closer than the Hyades and not part of the cluster.

December's full moon rises about 45 minutes before sunset on the 26th. It travels the night sky amid the large knot of bright winter constellations, near the left leg of the Gemini twin Castor.

In the morning sky, on the 1st brilliant Venus appears in the southeast close to Spica, the brightest star in Virgo, the maiden. But the two quickly separate as Venus sinks and Spica soars. A waning moon visits Spica on the 8th and Venus the 9th. The bright star to the upper left of the pair is Arcturus, in Bootes, the herdsman.

Winter begins with the solstice, at 9:27 p.m. on the 21st. At that moment, the sun reaches a point over the Tropic of Capricorn and begins its long journey back north.

The New Complexities of Child Sexual Abuse in the Internet Age

Breahna Slaughter – Criminal Court Advocate/BSMART Program Coordinator

Over the last decade, the number of children that are exploited on the internet has increased. The Protect Our Children Act was passed in 2008 and reauthorized in 2012 to address today's problems of child sexual abuse through technology. The Department of Justice (DOJ) plays a role in preventing and investigating child exploitation crimes and coordinates with local, state, and tribal entities (CWLA, 2020)

Child sexual abuse does not always require physical contact between the perpetrator and the child. There are many different forms of child sexual abuse whether it would be in-person or over the internet. As well, here are different terms that you may hear that are classified under child sexual abuse. The more common terms are sexual exploitation or sex trafficking. Sexual exploitation is defined in Minnesota as engaging, agreeing to engage, or being forced into sexual conduct in return for a fee. This "fee" can include food, clothing, a place to stay, or anything of value. Children may be forced to engage in exotic dancing, pornography, trading sex for drugs, prostitution or prostitution related crimes. Sex trafficking has many similar characteristics but is defined when a third party is benefiting from the commercial sex act.

Children who share personal information online may not know the consequences of giving this data out. Many online platforms have age restrictions to use their sites, but they can be easily bypassed. Child sexual predators will be seeking susceptible children using techniques that vary from person to person. In a case study conducted by Pranoto et al. (2015), they indicated there are 5 prominent techniques that are used by most offenders. These include asking for hot pictures, reframing, asking about their sexual desires or preferences, asking for other ways to contact them and introducing the sexual stage (Ali, Haykal, Youssef, 2021).

The internet can be a positive thing, but there are some risks to using it. There is no right way to avoid becoming a victim of child sexual abuse on the internet, but there are some preventative techniques. For instance, being aware of what you or your child puts on the internet. A way to be an active bystander to this problem is reporting any suspicious activity to the platform that you're using.

In 1998, NCMEC created the CyberTipline after receiving an increase in reports related to the online sexual exploitation of children. The CyberTipLine provides the ability to use an online mechanism to report incidents of suspected child exploitation including online enticement of children for sexual acts, extra-familial child sexual molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to children, misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet.

If you or someone you know has experienced child exploitation on the internet, https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/ is a free service that can help take the exploitative imagery down. If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, we have advocates available to help. Contact Support Within Reach's 24/7 crisis hotlines – 1-800-708-2727 for Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, or Hubbard County and 1-866-747-5008 for Itasca and Aitkin County.

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attention to the budget and allow Minnesotans to weigh in on the silliest spending of the year. Past winners include the Feeding Our Future fraud, Gov. Tim Walz's $6.9 million unused morgue and an extravagant rest stop on Highway 35.

"Never before has the cost of a Golden Turkey nominee increased during the voting window," said John Hinderaker, President of Center of the American Experiment. "Once the building cost grew to $729 million, it became the obvious choice for the most wasteful project of 2023."

The State Office Building also picked up votes when it was revealed that a private balcony facing the Capitol would be part of the new building, open only to members of the Majority House Democratic membership.

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Away In a Manger

"Away In a Manger" is a popular Christmas carol that has endured for well over a century. One of the first known appearances of the song was in the journal The Christian Cynosure in 1882, which indicates it is now more than 140 years old. That publication titled the hymn "Luther's Cradle Song," and a brief description of the song preceding the lyrics indicates it was written by the German religious reformer Martin Luther. However, the University Libraries at The Ohio State University note that historians have since dispelled that notion, with some suggesting the song was written to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth (the reformer was born in 1483). Regardless of its authorship, the song remains a popular and moving hymn that can be heard far and wide during the holiday season.

"Away In a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
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Paraeducator position openings. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the ParaPro Exam.

Substitute Para opportunities are available. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

*Application forms may be downloaded from the District Website bagley.k12.mn.us, picked up in the District Office or you may email nekre@bagley.k12.mn.us. For more information, please call Nichole Ekre at 218-694-6184. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. Positions will remain open until filled. *

Food Service Support Staff - a high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required. This is a 3-hour position.

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100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from December 1923

The month of December has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in December 1923.

• **The Gleno Dam** bursts in the Province of Bergamo in the Lombardy region of Italy on December 1. More than 350 people are swept away and killed in the villages of Bueggio, Corna and Dezzo.

• **Universal Pictures** releases the film "The Darling of New York" on December 3. The film is the first to feature five-year-old Peggy-Jean Montgomery, also known as "Baby Peggy," who would soon be earning an annual salary of $1.5 million.

• **Charles Keating** is born on December 4 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Keating would ultimately become one of the more infamous figures in American finance when he plays a prominent role in the savings and loan crisis of 1989.

• **Kentucky Governor Edwin P. Murrow** commutes the death sentence of convicted murderer Steve McQueen on December 5. McQueen was a juvenile at the time of the crime and Governor Murrow had received numerous requests to commute the sentence, which he did just days before his term as governor was due to end.

• **On December 6, Winston Churchill** is defeated in his attempt to be elected representative of Leicester West in a general election.

• **The Reichstag of the Weimar Republic** votes to pass an enabling act on December 8. The act, which garners 313 votes to just 18 dissents, gives Chancellor Wilhelm Marx the power to implement emergency economic and welfare measures. The act lasted until the dissolution of the Reichstag in March 1924.

• **The National Dairy Products Corporation**, which would ultimately become a conglomerate now known as Kraft Heinz, is founded on December 10.

• **A 5.3 magnitude earthquake** strikes near the Colombia-Ecuador border on December 14. More than 300 people are killed and the Colombian village of Cumbal is destroyed.

• **The Liberal Party of Greek Prime Minister** Stylianos Gonatas wins control of the parliament on December 16. Gonatas' party ran on a platform of abolishing the monarchy.

• **James D. Cummings and J. Earl McLeod** of Washington, Kansas, file a patent application for their invention, the bulldozer, on December 18. The patent is granted on January 6, 1925.

• **On December 18, American congressman Andrew Volstead** tells a law enforcement conference in Minnesota that the American people were giving up their opposition to the Volstead Act, which established the prohibition of alcoholic beverages. In his remarks, Volstead predicts the act will never be repealed.

• **King George II of Greece and Queen Consort Elisabeth** leave the country on December 19. Their departure is in compliance with the Greek government, which abolishes the monarchy three months later.

• **Nine farms in Goodhue County**, Minnesota, receive electricity for the first time on December 24. The delivery of electricity is part of a project to demonstrate the economic feasibility of rural electrification in the United States.

• **On December 24 in Washington, D.C.**, United States President Calvin Coolidge presses a button and turns on 2,500 electric bulbs, thus beginning the tradition of the National Christmas Tree.

• **Prince Regent Hirohito** of Japan survives an assassination attempt on December 27. The perpetrator, 24-year-old student Daisuke Namba, is the son of parliament member Sakunoshin Nanda. Namba is hanged on November 15, 1924.

• **The first patent application** for Russian-born American inventor Vladimir Zworkin's "Television System" is filed on December 29. The patent is eventually granted on December 20, 1938.

Did you know?

Interest rates have been headline news for well over a year. In an effort to tame inflation, the Federal Reserve has increased mortgage interest rates with regularity over the last year-plus. While the cost to borrow money has increased, individuals likely noticed that the reward for saving money has not increased along with it, as interest rates for savings accounts have remained low. In fact, the annual percentage yield (APY) as of February 2023 was 0.24 percent, while the average fixed mortgage rate in September 2023 remained well north of 6 percent. An assortment of variables have combined to lower savings account interest rates, but numerous analysts point to banks having more deposits than they require to issue loans. When that happens, banks do not need to attract additional deposits, which they typically do by offering higher savings account interest rates. Without that incentive, savings account interest rates have remained low, meaning account holders will continue to pay considerably more to borrow money than they will earn when they save it.

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Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management Adds Implementation Leadership

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota's Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) announced today that Max Zappia will join the agency as its Implementation Chief Regulatory Officer.

Zappia, the Deputy Commissioner of Financial Institutions at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, will be on a temporary reassignment from his current role to lead the design, implementation, and launch of the regulatory structure for the OCM. He starts at the new agency on Wednesday, November 29.

"Our primary goal as we continue building out the Office of Cannabis Management is to design and launch a regulatory system that safeguards public health and safety, promotes equitable economic opportunity, and ensures a safe, reliable, and accessible adult-use cannabis market," said Interim Director Charlene Briner. "Max has a national reputation as an experienced regulator who also prioritizes equity and sustainable business practices. His expertise will be invaluable as we continue our work to stand up the new agency."

In his role as the Deputy Commissioner of Financial Institutions at the Department of Commerce, Zappia oversees the Financial Institution Division teams that work on regulation of state-chartered banks, state-chartered credit unions, and non-depository (non-bank) financial institutions licensed in Minnesota, encompassing finance companies, mortgage-related businesses, and money transmitters. Zappia joined Commerce in 2009, previously served as Chief Examiner of Banking and Regional Program Director for the agency, and has been Deputy Commissioner since 2017. While at Commerce, Zappia has worked on issues related to cannabis banking since 2018, including developing regulatory guidance for Minnesota financial institutions for hemp banking and interstate efforts to clarify federal cannabis banking regulations.

About the Office of Cannabis Management

On May 30, Governor Walz signed legislation making Minnesota the 23rd state to legalize adult-use cannabis. The law establishes the OCM to regulate cannabis, including for the adult-use market, the Medical Cannabis Program, and for lower-potency hemp edibles. The OCM will be responsible for issuing licenses and developing regulations outlining how and when businesses can participate in the industry.

What's too cold for animals left outdoors in the winter?

Animal Humane Society humane investigators have the answer

Golden Valley, Minn. – (November 29, 2023) When Animal Humane Society (AHS) agents get calls from the public about animal cruelty, you may be surprised why most people call them. No, it's not a broken leg or signs of physical abuse, it's cold weather! Every year our agents are flooded with calls about dogs and cats outdoors during the cold, wintry months.

When it comes to cold weather animal reports, it's important to gather specific information about the animal to help our humane agents conduct the most thorough investigation.

Here's what you should consider:

• What breed is the animal and how old is it? Elderly and thin-coated animals are more susceptible to cold weather.

• What does the animal look like? Are the hips and rib bones very prominent or visible? Does it have any sores or missing fur? Are its ears, tail tips, or paw pads frostbitten?

• How is the animal acting? Are they active, or are they shivering or lethargic? Shivering and lethargy could be indications of hypothermia.

• Is the animal being fed and watered appropriately and consistently? Is the water clean and unfrozen?

• Outside animals that are subject to cold weather conditions that affect their health or welfare must have access to appropriate shelter. Shelters don't have to be heated, but they must:

o Be moisture proof and windproof. The shelter must be durable with no holes in the roof or sides. A tarp is not sufficient.

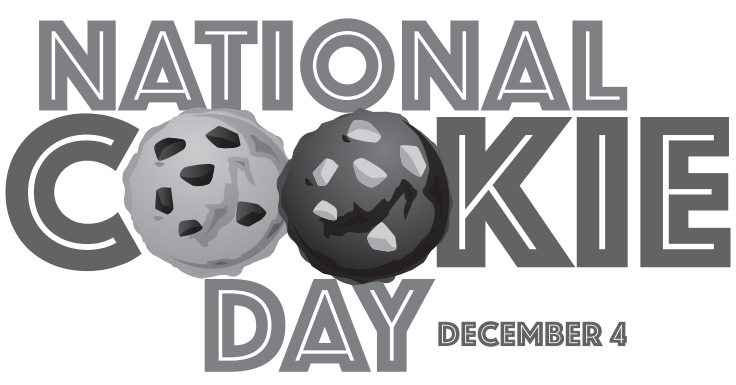
o Be of suitable size to accommodate the animal. It must allow for retention of body heat. For example, an unheated garage may not be adequate shelter as it may be too big to allow the animal to retain their body heat. The exception is that outdoor farm dogs may be provided access to a barn, if there is sufficient loose hay or bedding for protection.

o Have a windbreak between November 1 and March 31, and the animal must be provided with enough bedding, such as hay, straw, cedar shavings, blankets, etc., to provide insulation and retain body heat.

• Minnesota does not have tethering laws so an animal may be tied out. However, animals that are tied out must be free from entanglement or injury from the collar or tie out cord/chain.

Lastly, animals should never be left in unoccupied vehicles when adverse weather conditions could affect their health or welfare. For example, a dog cannot be left unattended in a vehicle where there is danger of hypothermia or freezing.

If you find an animal in conditions that appear questionable, please contact your animal control division or AHS humane agents for assistance.



Tips to make overnight stays fun for kids this holiday season

Travel is a common component of celebrating the holiday season. In 2022, AAA estimated that 112.7 million people would journey 50 miles or more away from home between December 23 and January 2. It stands to reason that a similar number of people will find themselves on the road, rails or in the sky this year as well.

Holiday travelers recognize there is much to coordinate to make travel comfortable and convenient during this busy time of year. The holiday season is an especially exciting time of year for children, so special attention can be afforded to youngsters who are making holiday journeys as well. Holiday hosts can employ these strategies to ensure kids have as much fun as their adult traveling companions.

· Share your Wifi password. Kids spend a lot of time on their phones and tablets. Parents may police those hours during school days, but during holiday breaks there may be more free reign. Hosts can alert their guests to the Wifi router name and password so that kids will be able to jump online without missing a beat.

· Plan activities for all. Children may feel left out if adults gather for drinks and chit-chat. Hosts can avoid such an outcome by organizing activities and engaging in conversations that everyone can be involved in. Game night, family movie sessions with snacks, or something similar can keep kids entertained.

· Accommodate all kids. Children are bound to have more fun when other kids are around. If possible, make room for as many kids as you can. The kids can camp out in the living room or share a bedroom if space is limited. Creature comforts might be what adults are looking for, but the more kids the merrier applies to the youngsters.

· Offer some comforts reminiscent of home. Young children may be out of sorts sleeping away from their familiar spaces. Hosts can plan ahead and leave out some dolls, stuffed animals, a night light, or other creature comforts in spaces where kids will be sleeping.

· Relax the rules. Just as kids may have more freedom with using their devices, hosts can relax the rules of the house while guests are staying over. Let your own kids and your guests' children stay up a little later and plan to offer a nightly dessert.

Overnight stays are part of holiday travel, and there are many ways to make staying over more enjoyable for children.

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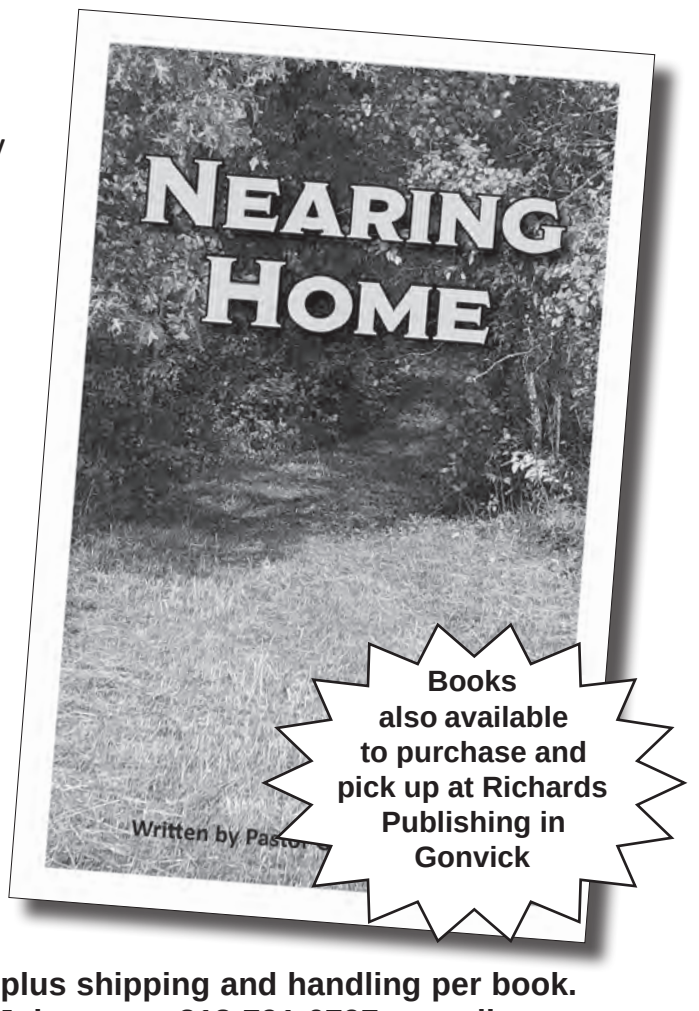

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Theology in the Trenches

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I Got One for Free!

As I pulled my newly purchased supply of vitamins out, I showed my husband the deal I'd gotten. "Look! I got one for free! If you bought one, you got one for free so since I was already paying $24 for one bottle, I just grabbed the second one!"

It was the four second pause that made me catch the echo of the words reverberating into space with absolutely no reaction from him whatsoever. That pause helped me understand the truth of the matter. "You could have probably bought just one for twelve bucks somewhere else," he mumbled. And by all accounts, I knew he was correct as his expression gave way that I'd once again fed into the "deal of the day" sort of thing.

It reminded me of the time I'd gotten sidetracked on a grocery run when I noticed a man with a new set of knives demonstrating to-beat-sixty right there in the store aisle. I did not need a new knife but it was the slightly bent potato peeler with a screw on the end of it that got me. I was dazzled by the way he could just place it in the end of a potato and twirl it just so—so it came out in one long curly peel. Not only was I hooked, but I began to ask questions and ended up purchasing the whole pile of stuff.

And then there was the time when we were in a big city mall and a window washer stood right there—for real—and washed both sides of the window at once. The magnetic device that held the squeegee left an incredible streak free shine upon the glass. Not only was I sold, but on this occasion, so was my husband. In the town far away, we caved and bought the deal. Once home, I'm not sure we ever did used it and never did admit to one another we'd probably been hood-winked a dime or two.

Still another time I called on the phone to get the deal of the day I'd seen advertised on TV. The dialing for deals began just as soon as the recording on the other end—began. Little did I know that once you bought one, they would offer two and when you bought two on they would go offering you another wonderful gadget or two or three. I can't remember the product but pretty sure they were pillows which we had to fluff up in the dryer in order for them to expand. Well, we did, and they got so big we never could use em for much other than to shove them into a pillow case and let guests use them because they were the only extra pillows we had. Come to think of it, it's no wonder we get so few guests.

Not to mention the big cash give away you can participate in without even having to purchase a magazine in order to win. In my mind, whenever the overstuffed envelope arrived by mail, I made up the rule that I'd have a better chance of winning if I did buy one or two or three—and always spent a little extra just in case—hoping those in charge would notice and be nice back and let me win. I no longer hold my breath and no longer order up the items sold. Instead I spend my time tossing out the offer rather than figuring out where to put the star or name or my special number in the correct spot on the envelope.

Matthew 10:16 says, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

I've never liked that analogy, but I'm not the boss. Being wise as a serpent never did appeal to me—especially since the Garden of Eden and all. However, if we take to heart that we need be watchful over all we say and all we do and all we spend and how we spend it—well then, it's just smart advice from the Advice Giver. He desires we not stumble and fall. He also desires we not be taken advantage of—especially when it comes to money which should be spent wisely as unto the Lord.

Yes, deals are fun and they are tempting, but wisdom also is a prudent concept to live by. May I learn from past endeavors wisely in not only how I spend money, but how I spend my time trying to save it. Amen.

Treat overnight guests to a morning treat

Entertaining for the holidays frequently involves welcoming overnight guests. In these instances, having breakfast and brunch foods on hand can ensure that those spending the night will have something tasty to eat when they rise in the morning. Make-ahead foods, such as scones, can be ideal because they are delicious at room temperature, which means can accommodate guests who are early risers as well as those who prefer to sleep in.

This recipe for "Lemon-Ginger Scones" from "Simply Scratch" (Avery) by Laurie McNamara produces refreshing flavor in a buttery scone. Serve with tea or coffee and guests will be in heaven.

Lemon-Ginger Scones

Makes 8 scones

1/2 cup cold heavy cream
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon organic lemon extract
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) ice-cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
1/4 cup finely diced candied ginger
2 tablespoons grated lemon zest
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper.

In a 2-cup liquid measuring cup, use a fork to beat together the heavy cream, eggs, lemon extract, and vanilla until combined. Chill until ready to use.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Drop in the ice-cold butter and use a pastry cutter to cut the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse wet sand.

Pour in the chilled cream mixture, ginger and lemon zest and use a rubber spatula to stir until just combined.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured work surface and knead it a few times before forming it into a ball. With floured fingers, flatten it out into a 11/2-inch-thick round. Cut the round into 8 equal-sized wedges and transfer them to the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, rotating the baking sheet halfway through baking. Transfer the baked scones to a wire rack to cool. Once the scones have cooled, dust generously with powdered sugar before serving.

AD DEADLINE FRIDAYS AT NOON

Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I read your recent article about winter travel safety. I also heard you were a Boy Scout, which would apply to this also. Can you talk more in depth about what a person should have in their vehicle?

Answer: Great topic to expand on. Yes, I serve as the scoutmaster for my sons' Boy Scout troop. The Boy Scouts' motto is "Be Prepared." During the winter months, being prepared becomes even more important. Things happen: Crashes, stalled vehicles, being on the wrong side of a jackknifed semi or a whiteout blizzard that lasts for many hours. A phone can call for help, but from over 25 years as a Minnesota State Patrol trooper I can tell you if there are a lot of crashes and roads are bad, help might not reach you quickly. Be prepared and have a plan; doing both could save your life.

• **Fuel** – Keep your tank as full as possible. When you start nearing half of a tank, fill up. You might think you can easily fill up at the next exit. But what happens if you end up stopped in traffic, unable to turn around or exit the freeway due to a jackknifed semi? There you sit — in subzero temps and almost out of fuel.

• **Clothing** – Snow suits, snow pants, extra winter jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves and boots. Keep extra sets in the vehicle and make sure there is enough for all passengers. If your vehicle quits running and help cannot get to you for several hours in extreme cold temperatures, these clothes are essential. .Stay in your vehicle. Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. Your vehicle is a good shelter until the storm passes.

• Winter driving survival kit – You can purchase one or make your own. Start with a plastic tote or container to put your stuff in. Items should include:

o Small candles and matches (waterproof)
o Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
o Red bandanna or cloth
o Pencil and paper
o Large plastic garbage bag/ emergency blanket
o Safety pins
o Whistle
o Snacks/food that you can eat hot or cold
o Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter
o Flashlight and spare batteries
o First Aid kit
o 30-foot cord/rope to use as homing line when you must exit the vehicle
o Booster cables
o Basic tools
o Sand, cat litter or other grit in a plastic carton
o Shovel
o Tow cables, tow rope or chain
o Road flares and reflectors
o Warm clothes including boots, hats and gloves

WD Allis Chalmers

By Auctioneer Eric W. Mickelson

In 1948 Allis Chalmers updated their WC tractor coming out with the model WD. With a quick look the "new" WD did not look much different than the WC that had been restyled in 1939. One of the only WD Allis Chalmers tractors I was ever around was one that belonged to my dad's friend, Duane Whyte. Duane loved old tractors but had sold his farm and whenever he bought a tractor he would keep it over at my mom and dad's farm. So for a time there was a WD on the farm! We used it a few times to pull a gravity box or hay wagon around the farm. Recently at an on-line auction I placed a bid on a WD, but I did not win the bid!!

Bruce Bjerklie standing in front of "Rodney".

The WD had some improvements over the WC. One of the biggest improvements was the addition of an "extra" hand clutch located between the PTO and the transmission. It was a great feature as you could stop forward motion of the tractor without stopping the PTO. This of course was great with the Allis Chalmers Roto-Baler! Now the bale could be wrapped with twine and ejected as the PTO continued but forward motion of the tractor was stopped!

Another feature was the traction booster hydraulic system. The implement was hitched under the tractor and with the use of a kind of "2-point system" weight was transferred to the rear wheels adding more traction!!

Advertising for the WD also "bragged up" the Power Adjust Wheels. If the clamps on the wheels were loosened the tractor's own power could be used to "spin" the wheels on the rims moving them in or out. Narrower setting were used for plowing while the wider settings were used for various row crop jobs.

When I want to talk Allis Chalmers I call up my friend and Allis Chalmers man, Bruce Bjerklie. Bruce's has several WD Allis Chalmers tractors and the all have a name that is usually related to who they purchased the tractor from. I have met" Vernon", "Alme", "Palmer", and "Rodney". This group of 4 WD Allis Chalmers Tractors were a site to see. Learning the stories behind all of them was quite fun. If you want to learn more give Bruce a call, I am sure he would tell you the story. Since I became acquainted with the WDs I understand another has entered the mix, Andy.

Many of the WD tractors in our area had a wide front, although some had narrow fronts. I think the wide fronts are stable and useful, but if I ever had the chance to get a WD I think I would like to have one with a narrow front. Just keep it a secret! I Love John Deere's and of course I also have a couple of H Farmalls, but my wife doesn't know that maybe a nice little WD Allis Chalmers would look good in the lineup!

How about a little tractor trivia!

1) The WD was produced from 1948- _____ .
A) 1952 B) 1953 C) 1954 D) 1955

2. The WD was manufactured in _____, Wisconsin.
A) Milwaukee B) Appleton C) West Allis D) Madison

3. The WC had 201 Cubic In. engine. The WD has a _____ Cubic In. engine.
A) 201 ci B) 220 ci C) 229 ci D) 245 ci

4. The WC was rate at 29.9hp, while the WD was rated at _____ hp.
A) 31.9hp B) 33.1hp C) 33.9hp D) 34.6hp

5. How did the WD get more horsepower?

ANSWERS: 1. B. 1953 2. C. West Allis 3. A. 201 cu. In. 4. D. 34.6hp 5. 100 more RPMS since it had the displacement as the WC.

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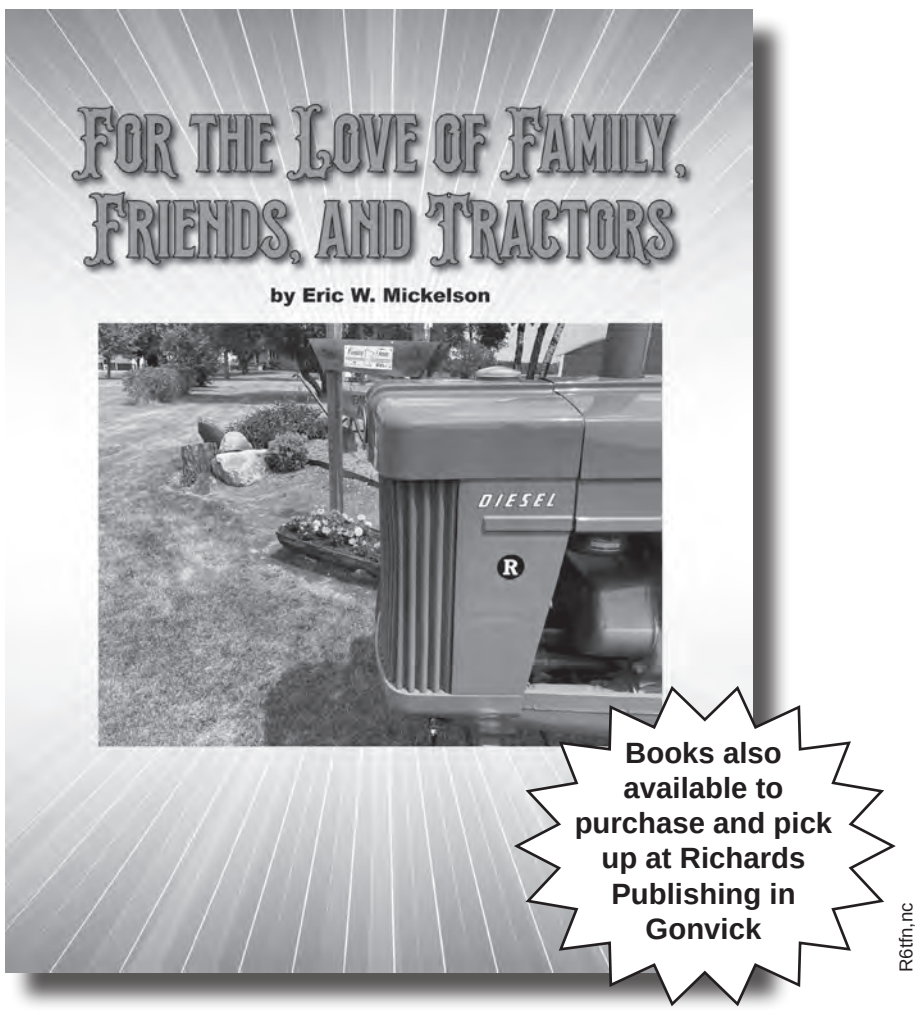

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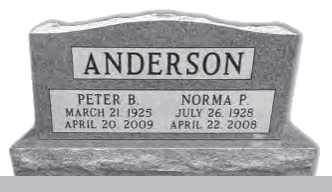

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Obituary for Lorraine Rustad

Lorraine Rustad, age 91, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday, November 19th, at her home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 25th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh with the Rev. Rene Mehlberg officiating. Interment was held in St. John's Cemetery, rural McIntosh. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service on Saturday afternoon at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of McIntosh and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Lorraine Evelyn Covlin was born on April 8, 1932, in Erskine, Minnesota to parents John and Ellen (Nokleberg) Covlin. She grew up on a farm south of Erskine, attended school in Erskine and graduated from the Crookston Agricultural College.

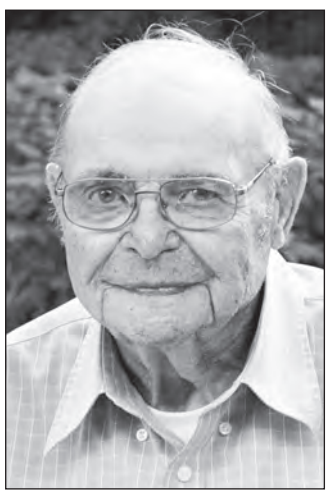
Lorraine was united in marriage to Sherman Ray Jerome Rustad on November 27, 1949, in Erskine. They lived for a short time with Sherman's parents before purchasing the home farm north of McIntosh in Lessor Township. It was here that she raised their family and helped with work on the farm.

In her younger years, Lorraine served at a number of restaurants in the area. She also worked for many years for NASDA (now USDA NASS – National Ag Statistics Service) in the Minnesota Field Office as a numerator. Sherman passed away on July 1, 2001.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where she was President of the ladies' aide for many years. She had a gift for studying scripture and combining scripture with music. She also enjoyed planning music for services and programs for special events in the church and community. Lorraine enjoyed music throughout her life and passed that love and talent on to her family. She loved to sing and took voice lessons later in her life. She also loved gardening.

Survivors include three children, Diane (Dennis) Boucher of McIntosh, Beverly (Jeff) Kappenman of Madison, AL, and Kevin (Gidget) Rustad of Pengilly, MN; grandchildren, Chris (Cory) Boucher-Springer, Cameo (David) Herem, Caillie (Dustyn) Darco, Saxon (Brian) Seay, Kaul (Kayla) Kappenman, Daley (Donald) Williams, Brianna Geer, Jedediah (Nicole) Geer, Jay Smith and Meagan Smith; 20 great grandchildren; one brother, Donald Covlin; and two sisters, Glora Carver and Cheryl (Wayne) Hegg. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman; daughter, Barbara Geer; granddaughters, Caren Boucher Hunter and Cassandra Boucher Anderson; infant granddaughter, Sara Mae Geer; son-in-law, Danny Geer; and brother-in-law, Dwayne Carver.



Obituary for Melvin Johnson Jr.

Melvin Johnson Jr., of Thief River Falls, MN, formerly of Brooks, MN, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls, MN, at the age of 87.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in McIntosh, MN, with Rev. Bruce Blocker officiating. Burial was held at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in McIntosh.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday at the church.

Melvin Richard Johnson Jr., the son of Melvin and Clara (Gafkjen) Johnson was born on March 18, 1936, at Mercy Hospital in Williston, ND. He was baptized on April 26, 1936, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Zahl, ND. On July 8, 1951, Melvin was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee, MN. Melvin attended grade school and high school in Oklee, MN, graduating in 1954.

On June 16, 1956, Melvin was united in marriage to Beverley Doris Grimm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in McIntosh, MN. To this union two children were born – Vickie and Jeffrey. Together they made their home in Oklee and in 1968 Melvin and Beverley moved to a farm west of Oklee, which was their home for over 50 years. He enjoyed farming the land and taking care of the yard.

Melvin's career was all about trucking. He purchased his first gravel truck while he was a senior in high school. His trucking days included concrete trucks for missile sites in North Dakota and Montana. He drove fuel truck and gas transport for Cenex for many years. He also enjoyed driving grain trucks for neighbors and the Oklee Elevator during the harvest season. He worked for several years for Thorson Inc. on many road construction projects.

Melvin enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time with family.

Melvin served on the Lambert Township board for over 50 years. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for 67 years.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Beverley Johnson of Thief River Falls, MN; children, Vickie Lynn Humphrey (Dallas) of Venice, FL, and Jeffrey Lee Johnson (Kathy) of Inver Grove Heights, MN; grandchildren, Rachael Olson (Rod) of Mentor, MN, Leigh Mandt (Tisha) of North Branch, MN, Arik Johnson and Andrew Johnson of Inver Grove Heights, MN; great-grandchildren, Brianna Munson (Andy) of Crookston, MN, Emily Olson of Mentor, MN, Liam Mandt and Kennedy Mandt of North Branch, MN; great great-grandchildren, Ellie and Ben Munson of Crookston, MN; sisters, Myonne Peters of New Rockford, ND, and June Anderson of Larimore, ND; brother-in-law, Larry Grimm (Marilyn) of Cannon Falls, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Clara Johnson; grandson, Lucas Mandt; brothers-in-law, Harold Bye and Duane Anderson; sister-in-law, Erlyss Grimm; son-in-law Lance Mandt; grandson-in-law, Greg Sandeen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, LaVern and Nora Grimm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church of McIntosh.

Teaching young adults about credit

A young person's eighteenth birthday marks something of a turning point in his or her life. In addition to acquiring various rights, such as being able to vote or serve on a jury, this is the age at which teenagers may be introduced to credit cards and loans.

According to Forbes, prior to age 18 it is possible to have a credit card if the minor individual is added as an authorized user on another account, namely a parent's or guardian's. However, a person must be 18 in both the United States and Canada to be an account holder on his or her own credit card.

Around the same time, teenagers also may be exploring schooling options. According to data from U.S. News about the class of 2021, students who took out loans to pursue a bachelor's degree borrowed $30,000 on average. Although loan information training is included in U.S. federal loan applications, many young adults do not fully understand this type of debt.

It's important that young adults learn about financial planning and smart credit usage. Here are a few ways to get started.

Define credit and interest

Young adults should recognize that credit is not free money, and it comes with an expense in some instances. When money is borrowed from a lender, it is understood it will be paid back later. Interest is the money the lender will charge for borrowing money. It is based on a certain interest rate. Credit card companies will charge interest on money spent only if the full amount is not paid off by the bill due date.

Credit limits

Quite often young adults who have not yet established credit will have a lower credit limit than someone else. Credit limit is the maximum amount that can be borrowed. This limit may be raised as the lender has greater confidence in the borrower who is paying the bill each month.

Minimum payment

Many teenagers new to credit (and even adults) quickly get themselves in debt by only paying the minimum payment. It should be explained that while the minimum payment is advertised on a billing statement, it is in the account holder's best interest to pay the entire balance to avoid paying interest, which can make it challenging to pay down the credit card bill. In fact, if a credit card is treated like cash, it is less likely that a borrower will get into financial trouble.

Makeup of a credit score

Explain that a credit score is determined by payment history, how much money is owed, length of credit history, the types of credit, and the number of recently opened accounts. According to Monica Eaton, a certified financial education instructor and author, payment history makes up 35 to 40 percent of the total credit score, and paying bills on time (even if only the minimum balance) is essential. Credit scores can range from 300 to 850, and the higher score the better.

Young adults are trusted with managing their own finances as they get older. Learning the right way to utilize credit is among the most important lessons a young adult can learn.

Dick Bremer Wins Herb Carneal Lifetime Achievement Award

Frank White is winner of Terry Ryan Play Ball! Minnesota Award

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MN – The Minnesota Twins, in partnership with the Minnesota Twins Community Fund and the Twin Cities Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, announced today that longtime Twins broadcaster Dick Bremer has been named the winner of the Herb Carneal Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023. Additionally, community pillar and historian Frank White is this year's Terry Ryan Play Ball! Minnesota Award recipient. A complete listing of past winners can be found on the second page.

The duo will be honored alongside the Twins' other annual award winners at the 19th annual Diamond Awards, set for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at The Armory in Minneapolis and benefitting research, education and care in brain, nerve and muscle disorders at the University of Minnesota. Since its inception in 2006, the event has raised nearly $4 million through a combination of corporate sponsorships and money raised through auction items.

Bremer and the Twins announced in October that, after 40 years in the broadcast booth, he is transitioning into a special assistant role in the Twins front office at year's end, retiring as the longest-tenured television broadcaster for a single team in Major League Baseball. Bremer's new special assistant role will ensure that he continues to be an ambassador for the Twins, serving as a key representative of the organization at community and fan events while regaling subsequent generations of Twins fans with his countless stories of past and present players.

The voice of generations of fans throughout Twins Territory, Bremer was born in St. Paul and raised in Dumont, Minnesota, northwest of the Twin Cities. He began his Twins play-by-play career with Spectrum Sports from 1983-85. After a one-year hiatus, Bremer rejoined the club's broadcast team in 1987 and was in the booth until this year, spanning Twinsvision, Midwest Sports Channel, Victory Sports, Fox Sports North and Bally Sports North. In 2013, he received the Silver Circle Emmy for Broadcast Excellence and was inducted into the Minnesota Museum of Broadcasting Hall of Fame. In 2020, Bremer traded his microphone for a keyboard, authoring the best-selling memoir Game Used.

A graduate of Staples High School and St. Cloud State University, Bremer began his play-by-play career doing University of Iowa men's basketball. The revered broadcaster has also called Minnesota North Stars games; Minnesota Vikings preseason football; University of Minnesota football, men's basketball and men's hockey; Big Ten basketball; and the Minnesota State High School League's football and girls' and boys' basketball tournaments.

White has dedicated his life to providing opportunities for underserved kids to play sports while simultaneously ensuring that the stories of the great, local athletes who came before them are told and carry on to subsequent generations. Born and raised in Cornmeal Valley in the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul, White spent 30-plus years as a youth basketball referee and worked with the City of Richfield's recreation department. He also ran the Twins' Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program for 23 years before retiring this year, tirelessly working to bring back baseball to the inner city while promoting sportsmanship and the values that make a good citizen.

Along the way, White became a historian, collecting stories and artifacts to increase awareness of significant Black men and women, and their contributions to St. Paul and Minnesota, while establishing himself in the pantheon of local historians whose expertise is the national pastime. Boosted by the story of his father, Louis, who played for the Twin City Colored Giants and moonlighted for barnstorming Negro Leagues teams when they came to town, White spearheaded the Minnesota Black Baseball Project, curated an exhibit at the Ramsey County Historical Society and wrote the book They Played for the Love of the Game: Untold Stories of Black Baseball in Minnesota.

White's collective body of work garnered him numerous awards over the years, including: Robert Peterson Recognition Award (for his Negro Leagues work), Minnesota History Award (2011), Virginia Kunz Award (2012), Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award (2014), Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Award (2016) and Minnesota Twins Legacy Award (2023). He was inducted into the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2013 and into Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

The 19th annual Diamond Awards will honor the Twins' annual award winners, including those awards voted on by the Twin Cities Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America. All proceeds from the event will benefit the University of Minnesota's innovative research and patient care focused on ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), ataxia, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. For more information on the event visit diamondawards.umn.edu or call (612) 626-6430.

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And the 2023 CO2 Race winners are.... Jackson Morinville and Benji Bramer. Ethan Lee and Brennan Sauer put up a good race, but Jackson and Benji won the competition.

Students in Mr. Strutz and Mr. Nelson's Science classes participated in the Annual CO2 Competition.

Benji Bramer and Jackson Morinville get their cars ready as Ethan Lee, Olin Eskeli, and Oliveah Stordahl look on.

Jackson Morinville, Matthew Tofstad, Parker Klasen, and Oliveah Stordahl prepare for more fun.

Mr. Strutz, Jackson Morinville, Audrie Auginaush, Alexa Chervestad, Mr. Paul Nelson look on as Jackson prepares his CO2 car launch.

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