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## Relationships, not guns

School safety is an extremely important topic

by David Hill  
Editor

Bradley Bergstrom, superintendent of schools in Thief River Falls, made it clear at a meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, March 13, that he's not in favor of arming teachers.

School safety is an extremely important topic. In the wake of widely publicized and tragic shootings, the topic has gained even more traction.

Monday night, Brad Bergstrom shared his thoughts on the subject with

the Board of Education.

Bergstrom is in favor of a softer approach, a multi-pronged approach - one that emphasizes building relationships.

In the last three weeks there have been no less than 20 incidents across the state of Minnesota involving school safety or threats to schools. Bergstrom said the Legislature and governor are discussing this and have put out proposals.

Thief River Falls has not been immune from issues of school safety. A few weeks ago, law enforcement were called into Lincoln High School to address a potential concern for school safety.

Whenever there is an issue of concern for the safety of students and staff, the District is going to take it very seriously, said

Bergstrom.

Bergstrom believes there's no easy answer. He also believes the District needs to avoid reacting with fear or emotion, but instead respond with a level head.

But one of the topics of conversation through the nation involves arming of teachers in schools. Bergstrom said even the president of the U.S. has advocated for arming teachers.

"I have grave concerns if our response is going to be let people walk around with guns," said Bergstrom.

The way that you deal with issues of school safety is to soften your stance. Bergstrom said that's accomplished by giving people the help and support they need, teaching people to become more observant and talking about things that

are of concern to them, making reports if they see something that doesn't look right and having counselors there

to help staff and kids.

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## Students join walkout

Lincoln High School Principal Scott Brekke said about 20 students from Lincoln High School participated in a nationwide walkout on Wednesday. The students walked out of schools to take a stand against gun violence, and in remembrance of those killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

Seventeen people were killed in a shooting on Feb. 14 at the high school. Since then, students have been demanding changes to gun laws.

The walkout comes one month after the violence. In Thief River Falls, the walkout lasted 17 minutes long, one minute for every person killed in Parkland.

Students from Crookston, Bemidji and Grand Forks, N.D., were also reported to have participated in the walkout. In Thief River Falls, the students were allowed to participate in the event as long as they understood why.

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## Boy Scouts prepare for food drive

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Volunteers will deliver informational door hangers to homes starting on March 17 and return to those homes on March 24 to collect the food donations. To help, place your bag filled with non-perishable food items outside your door no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 24.

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The Thief River Falls Skating Club will present its 43rd annual Fantasy on Ice show, "One Hit Wonders," on Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. Both performances will be held at Ralph Engelstad Arena. The performers include this group performing to "We're Not Gonna

Take It." They are (from left) Abigail Semanko, Dayle Dahlen, Maryssa Mehrkens, Peyton Hanson, Lia Johnson, Kaylin Mehrkens and Abigail Molstad. (Photo courtesy of Thoele Photography)

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Advance tickets will be available until noon Friday, March 23 at Pennington Main and Pennington Square in Thief River Falls. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for senior citizens (ages 60 and up) and K-12 students. Tickets will be \$1 higher at the door.

Performances include:  
• We're Not Gonna Take It - Abigail Semanko, Dayle Dahlen, Maryssa Mehrkens, Peyton Hanson, Lia Johnson, Kaylin Mehrkens and Abigail Molstad

• 99 Red Balloons - Madysen Skjerven, Madelyn David, Sienna Gregerson, Mya Bregier, Jersey Johnson, London Schafte, Abigail Swanson, Abigayle Bie-

ganek, Gracie Anderson, Alivia Wessel and Kaitlyn Kruse

• Come on Eileen - Emma Christianson  
• Hot Child in the City - Norah Phelps, Hailey Henry, Graceyn Kvasager, Maya Johnson and Riley Brouse  
• Puttin' on the Ritz - Lia Johnson and Eleanor Brickson

• Tainted Love - Jazlynn Stennes, Lilah Fox, Mylah Askeland-Holmes, Samantha Kieffer, Quinn Hetherington and Camby Carr

• Who I Am - Dayle Dahlen

• Ice Ice Baby - Rachel Levenhagen, Bella Petrovich, McKenna Carr, Jaclyn Novak and Carlie Casavan

• Hey Mickey - Brooklyn Bakke

• Electric Avenue - Kaylin Mehrkens and Peyton Hanson

• Birds and the Bees - Sophie Ramos, KyWynn

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## Brian Rokke retires

Assistant county attorney replacement found in Eliza Evans

by Barb Geer  
Middle River Honker

Brian Rokke has served as a lawyer in this area for nearly 40 years, most of that time spent in his own offices. About three years ago, he was approached by Don Aandal of Aandal and Associates when lawyer Mike Williams retired. Aandal was the county attorney and needed someone to be the assistant county attorney, and he asked Rokke to fill those shoes as well as become a partner in the law firm.

Looking toward retirement at the time, Rokke knew that he would need an exit strategy with someone to take over his files. He accepted Aandal's offer and the partnership began April 1, 2015. When Rokke puts in his last day on March 30, just a short time away, he will have put in a full three years with the partnership.

Since that time, Rokke, Aandal and Associates has added two more lawyers to the staff. Rob Leach was added about three years ago, and Eliza Evans this year. It is Evans who will cover Rokke's circuit in the area, while Leach works totally from the office in Warren.

Rokke's license runs through June of 2020, and in the interim, he is willing to be a lawyer "of counsel," meaning that he can provide advice to attorneys, but will have no direct contact with clients. Because of the continuing education requirements, he does not plan to renew his license after that date and will be totally done. Rokke has been in the area for a long time; so long, in fact, that many people think he grew up here. The Rokke name has long been associated with Newfolden because of his relatives there

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**NEWFOLDEN CO-OP OIL CO  
ANNUAL MEETING**

The 112th Annual Meeting of the Newfolden Co-op Oil Company will be held on Thursday, March 22nd, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Newfolden Community Center in Newfolden, MN.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Review the annual report
- Election of Director to fill the expired term of Lance Moen
- To Conduct any other business that may come before the meeting.

Prizes will be drawn and lunch will be served.  
We invite all patrons to attend.

**Todd Bjorgaard, Secretary**

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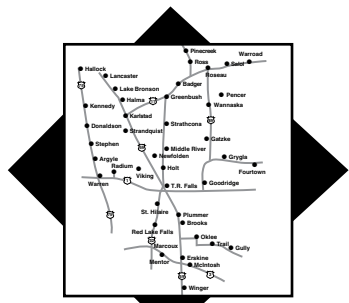
Meow Meow is a female spayed cat who is super cute!



Leah is a spayed female cat who is very playful!

**WOOF DA!!**  
Thank you to everyone that attended and helped with the Pennington County Humane Society Woofstock Fundraiser last Saturday!!

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**Auxiliary members  
recognized**

**Karlstad** - "In recognition of Women's History Month in March, the American Legion Auxiliary in Karlstad is recognizing four of its members who have held continuous membership for 50 years or more.

"The four women are Merece Borneman, Doris Olson, Evelyn Stallock and Evelyn Spangrud. Of those women, Spangrud has been a member for 56 years, beginning in 1962." - *North Star News of Karlstad*, March 15, 2018, by Gretchen Baker

**Introducing Kate  
Johnson and  
Bean & Brush**

**Hallock** - "Surreal, exciting, scary' are words Kate Johnson used to describe her feelings Tuesday, Feb. 20, just three days before the Friday, Feb. 23 opening of her coffee

shop/art space, Bean & Brush, a project she's been working on for more than a year.

"Johnson estimated that it has been 10 to 20 years since the building she chose on Second Street in Hallock had been used. She explained that it was first occupied by two banks and then by Sjostrand Jewelry followed by Gillie Jewelry."

- *Kittson County Enterprise*, March 14, 2018, by Linda Andersen

**This young lady has  
her life in order**

**Roseau** - "On Wednesday, here she came with a stocking cap on top of her head and a smile that radiated. Meet Kendra Jolicœur, a Roseau High School senior, who is setting a high bar for herself. Not bad for a one-time rebel back in the seventh grade. More about that shortly.

"It was early in the school year last fall when Ivan Hirst, the new RHS assistant principal, first met the little lass, who stands a good foot shorter than he is. He's still amazed at their first encounter when Kendra brought something important to his attention."

Kendra was worried about the safety of elementary school kids in the school parking lot due to other high school students who may have been driving too fast and not paying attention. - *Roseau Times-Region*, March 20, 2018, by Jeff Olsen



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Ashok Patel, MD  
Sanjay Patel, MD  
Dawn Cordova, NP  
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**SALTED CARAMEL APPLES CAKE**  
6 tablespoons cold butter  
1-1/2 cups packed light brown sugar  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
4 Gala apples (about 2 pounds) cored and peeled and each cut into 8 wedges  
1-1/2 cups flour  
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup half and half  
Whipped cream (if desired)  
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter the bottom of a 10 inch round cake pan with 4 tablespoons of the butter. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of the brown sugar and the sea salt.

Heat remaining 2 tablespoons cold butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add apples and sauté 13 to 15 minutes, until tender. Cool.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and salt in a second large bowl. Beat softened butter and remaining 1 cup brown sugar until smooth. Beat eggs, one at a time, then vanilla. On low speed, beat flour mixture into butter mixture, alternating with half and half. Scrape down sides of bowl and beat for 1 minute.

Fan apples over bottom of prepared pan. Spread batter over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes.

Run a small knife around pan edges and place a serving plate on top of pan and turn plate and pan over together. Carefully remove pan. If any apples remain in pan, place on cake.

Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream on top, if desired.

**ASIAN BEEF NOODLE SOUP**

Use slow cooker  
1-1/2 pounds beef chuck or brisket, cut into 1 inch cubes  
1/2 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced  
1 piece ginger (2 inches), peeled and sliced  
4 cloves garlic, sliced  
1 bird's eye or Serrano chile, stemmed and sliced lengthwise  
2 tablespoons rice vinegar  
2 tablespoons molasses  
1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce  
7 cups unsalted beef stock  
1 package (9.5 ounces) udon noodles  
6 cups chopped bok soy

1 cup sliced scallions, plus more for garnish  
1 cup cilantro, chopped plus more for garnish  
Stir beef, onion, ginger, garlic, chile, vinegar, molasses and 2 tablespoons of the soy sauce into slow cooker. Pour in beef stock. Cook on high for 6 hours or on low for 8 hours.

During the last 15 minutes of cooking, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add udon and cook for 2 minutes. Add bok soy and cook for 2 more minutes. Strain. Add noodles, bok choy, scallions, cilantro and remaining 2 tablespoons soy sauce to soup. Stir and serve. Garnish with extra scallions and cilantro.

**TURKEY MEDALLIONS IN CURRIED APPLE-SHALLOT SAUCE**

Makes 4 servings  
1-1/4 pounds thin, boneless, skinless turkey breasts, cut in half crosswise  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
3/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
3/4 teaspoon dried marjoram,  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter  
2 Braeburn apples, peeled, cored and chopped  
2 large shallots, peeled and chopped  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 cup chicken broth  
1/2 cup white wine  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1-1/2 teaspoons curry powder  
Steamed green beans (optional side dish)

Dredge turkey in flour. Season with salt, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon each of the thyme and marjoram.

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil and the butter over medium high heat. Add turkey and cook in batches for 3 minutes, turning once, or until cooled through. Remove to a plate to keep warm.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet. Stir in apples, shallots and garlic. Saute for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth, wine, cream, mustard, curry and remaining 1/4 teaspoon each of thyme and marjoram. Simmer for 10 minutes over medium low heat, stirring occasionally. Serve with sauce and, if desired, steamed green beans.



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*Thank You*

I would like to thank everyone for coming to my 90th birthday. Also, thank you so much for all of the cards and gifts you gave me. It was a great day!

**Thanks again,  
Arnold Wiskow**

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**Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM**

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**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
6 - 9 p.m. Session 4: Living in the Spirit (open to public)



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Our guest speaker and teacher, Dave Carlson, is Pastor of the Josiah Center in the Twin Cities. *Josiah Center Ministries* is a healing ministry in the Twin Cities focused on setting the captives free both physically and emotionally.

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**Separating the wheat from the CRAAP**

Have you ever wondered how someone knows what they're talking about? In this day and age, it's wise to ask that question. On a daily basis, we encounter any number of sources found on social media or news outlets that proclaim what they're talking or writing about is fact and beyond reproach. When encountering such people, you may just want to ask how they know. Did they go to the meeting or witness the event? Did they interview someone who did? Did they "borrow" the story from someone else and add their own opinion? You might also want to ask whether they're an expert. As we proceed down this line of thought, one should also ask whether they have a bias.

In my reading, I came across an editorial on the subject in the Star Tribune. The editorial addressed Internet trolls and others spreading propaganda to sow division.

It suggested we need to educate kids about how to evaluate those sources. According to the editorial, many teachers are using the CRAAP test to help students evaluate what they're seeing and reading online. I have to admit that I like the acronym. It stands for Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy and Purpose. A more indepth examination can be found at <http://researchguides.benedu.cc.php?g=2616128&p=2441794>. Currency refers to when the information was published. Relevance refers to the importance of the information. Authority refers to the source of the information. Accuracy refers to the reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content. Purpose refers to the reason the information exists. CRAAP is a handy tool that challenges us to question the content, author and purpose of the information. In this age of the Internet, these questions are probably appropriate for everyone, not just kids.

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Rural Reflections ...

# One Watershed, One Plan

by  
**Grant Nelson**

Minnesota has always been concerned about the quality of its water. Minnesota's Soil Conservation law was first enacted in 1937, so we've had eight decades to work on water plans. The latest incarnation of plans to improve water quality culminated in the 2012 creation of One Watershed, One Plan.

If you don't read any further, please see this: One Watershed, One Plan has nothing to do with Gov. Dayton's buffer law. Some of the plans created through this process may use buffers to improve water quality; however, participation is voluntary and there are NO penalties if you don't participate. One Watershed, One Plan uses data and techniques that have been around for years, only in a more coordinated, organized way.

Plans for water use have always been developed by counties and watershed districts. A lot of good work was done by counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts, but

these individual plans didn't always complement each other. If one county was downstream from a pollutant source, they could create a project to handle the problem. However, it would have been more efficient to use the money to help eliminate the upstream pollutant. If the main source of a pollutant existed within the boundaries of another watershed, it was up to that watershed to find the money and make the effort to fix the problem. A big part of One Watershed, One Plan is to utilize funding to implement priority projects identified in the plan. One Watershed, One Plan looks at the watershed as a whole, so any problems can be repaired by districts acting as a team instead of competitors.

People expect to see measurable results from their tax money - that's only reasonable. A big part of One Watershed, One Plan is establishing a set of priorities set by a variety of people who attend the public meetings or fill out a questionnaire and then using a computer application to measure success. The priorities are many and varied but include nutrient and sediment reduction.

Cooperatives began as a way for a group of people to join forces and be able to sell their products or receive

services when they could not do either of these things on their own. One Watershed, One Plan is like these cooperatives in that several local government groups have joined together to create a water plan that is coordinated among all participants and approved by each local group. In this way, they bring one plan to avail themselves to clean water funds in a way that is more attractive to the State of Minnesota. It's a system that is easier to prove results, prevent duplication and float the cream of the projects to the top.

I often think about what going without means. If I had to go without food for three days, it would be very tough. If I had to go without gas for my pickup for three days, I would get worried, but would be OK. I think though, what would happen if I had to go without water for three days? This is a thought that I don't want to hold for long as it ends poorly. Happily, our drinking water sources are very good.

Drop a pebble into a glassy pool of water and watch how this one small act ripples out to affect much of the pool of water. The actions we take now towards water quality will send ripples for generations to come. One Watershed, One Plan is an action that will make good ripples.

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# IMPACT 20/20 spends the day at the Capitol

Members of IMPACT 20/20 recently spent the day at the State Capitol engaging lawmakers about the issues impacting economic prosperity and growth in northwest Minnesota.

IMPACT 20/20 is an influential group of northwest Minnesota leaders representing diverse interests and working together for the region's economic success. Established in 2008, IMPACT 20/20 members have worked collaboratively to improve economic conditions in the region by focusing on four key areas: education, workforce, broadband, and housing. The goal of the visit was to highlight issues in these key areas and offer legislative solutions to help grow the economy of Northwest Minnesota.

IMPACT 20/20 raised awareness and discussed policy statements around access

to high speed broadband and its importance in rural communities, the critical shortage of child care in our region and the impact it is having on families and employers, ideas to spur workforce and affordable housing projects in our region, and ideas to provide better access to career advising for our region's high school students.

"The IMPACT 20/20 members had a very productive day speaking with the region's representatives, senators and chairs of subcommittees," said Karen White, vice president for programs at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. "It's important we raise awareness and offer legislative solutions that will help our region grow."

For more information about IMPACT 20/20's policy initiatives, request a copy of

the 2018 Economic Priorities booklet that was provided to legislators by contacting Kari at [karic@nwmf.org](mailto:karic@nwmf.org) or 218-759-2057. The booklet may also be accessed online via a link found on the Northwest Minnesota Foundation's homepage ([www.nwmf.org](http://www.nwmf.org)).

**Missing Oslo woman found safe**

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office has announced that a missing Oslo woman has been found safe. Amanda Hoff, 19, had last been seen in the Grand Rapids area. The sheriff's office had made the announcement on its Facebook page Wednesday morning.



# Relationships, not guns/Continued

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What the District needs, said Bergstrom, is a multi-pronged approach.  
School District 564 does have an emergency procedures manual that contains plans for helping staff respond in cases of emergency. It includes the steps staff need to take in case of an emergency. Bergstrom said it's the first thing he grabs when there's an emergency.  
Those plans, however, are only as good as they are tested or used. The District does perform numerous drills, including evacuation drills so kids know where to go in case of an emergency. Bergstrom said that in the future they will be conducting more drills and add table-top emergency exercises (or discussions where team members meet in an informal setting to discuss their roles during an emergency and their response to a situation.)  
His concern with this plan, however, is that it comes into play after an emergency issue has arisen.  
In 2014, the District completed the remodel process. The remodel limited the number of entrances people can enter buildings, updated cameras and DVRs, and allowed for sections of the buildings to be locked down.  
Thief River Falls schools are blessed to have a great relationship with law enforcement and a law enforcement center that is less than a block away from the high school. The District also has a liaison officer who is developing positive relationships with kids. There's an anonymous tip line if kids are uncomfortable communicating their concerns

## Skate Club Show/Continued

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Carr, Penelope Nelson and Molly Anderson  
• The Future's So Bright – Brianne Ellison, Abigail Bieganeck and Caitlynn Ellison  
• Cats in the Cradle – Mya Bregier, Mikaleena Bernier, London Schafte, Molly Bohnenkamp, and Jersey Johnson  
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• Achy Breaky Heart – Brianne Ellison, Caitlynn Ellison, Brooklyn Bakke, Natalie Novak, Emma Christianson, Emmaleah Lund, Abigail Semanko, Maryssa Mehrkens, Lily Beavis, Jacey Novak, Gracie Anderson, Kaitlyn Kruse, Abigail Molstad, Abigail Bieganeck, Eleanor Brickson, Dayle Dahlen, Peyton Hanson, Kaylin Mehrkens, Lia Johnson and Sienna Gregerson  
• Don't Worry Be Happy – Paisley Schneider, Nevada Bothum, Mavie Hanson, Olivia Vettleson and Kenzie Miller  
• The Safety Dance – Abigail Swanson, Maddysen Skjerven, Alysha Henry, Sarah Hahn and Madelyn David  
• Baby Likes to Rock It – Nataleah Lund, Kiera Casavan, Alexa Matter, Emma Reed, Dylan Bregier, Aubree Skjerven and Jayden Horachek

with an adult or staff in person. The District also has school counselors in two of its three buildings. Bergstrom said these counselors are not only providing academic assistance, and helping students decide where to go to college, but are also helping them with emotional and social issues and are working with staff to respond to the issues students have.  
Bergstrom said the District has really good safety measures, but it needs to continually reexamine the safety measures.  
But Bergstrom said the best piece the District has is the relationships that teachers and staff develop with students and parents. He said that's the one key aspect the District has to have. "It creates a culture of everyone wanting to be safe."  
The state is also talking about mandating a threat assessment tool. Bergstrom agrees that the District needs to develop one.  
A threat assessment tool helps staff determine whether someone is blowing off steam or whether the person has the ability or capacity to carry out a threat.  
Bergstrom said most often these incidents involve people who just need to blow off steam and say something inappropriate. But this tool will help staff respond in an appropriate manner.  
Bergstrom also believes the importance of professional development, particularly in regards to discussing some of the sorts of things going on in kids' lives and how the District can support them.  
He said some time ago he was involved in a group that

examined ACES or Adverse Childhood Experiences. Once people begin to better understand what some of the kids are going through they can develop a plan on how to help them when they are not in a good spot.  
Finally, Bergstrom said, it will be really important to begin working with other agencies. He said the District will be looking at the emergency procedures plan and what the District needs to change and what it can do better.  
Bergstrom also talked about some of the legislative proposals. Some of the proposals promise to provide additional funding to do such things as provide counseling and address the number of unsecure entrances, to share information or break down communication barriers and provide mental health training and support. Bergstrom said the District needs to capitalize on those opportunities.  
Chris Melbye, a member of the Board of Education, asked whether the tip line is used. Bergstrom said it kind of depends upon what's happening in the national news. It is more active when situations arise.  
Scott Brekke, principal of Lincoln High School, interjected that one tip had been received that very day. They do use it at the high school, he said.  
Wayne Nomeland, another member of the Board of Education, said the District has been very fortunate to have the liaison officers they have had.  
One thing Bergstrom said he likes about the officers is that they aren't just hanging around their office, they're out and about visiting and building relationships with kids.  
Misty Hempel, member of the Board of Education, said the District needs to stay on top of the mental health part of the equation. "We need to

focus on mental health support services and education of our students and making sure those components are in place."  
Mike Spears, chairman of the Board of Education, said they need to train students to not be afraid to speak up and say something and to recognize a problem before something happens.  
Brekke said the kids at Lincoln High School are very good about that.  
School Board member Kevin Ballard asked about the limited access doors.  
Bergstrom said the District struggles a little with this because there are times when they need to be open.  
School board member Jon Lindgren suggested that the District coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials and encourage them to have new members of those departments take walk throughs of the schools, so they are all familiar with the schools and know where they are going.  
Ballard also asked if Bergstrom had looked at data from the states that allow teachers to be armed.  
Bergstrom said he is aware that deterrent assets have an adverse impact on students. He said he believes development of relationships with kids is key to success.

## Family Fun Night to be held in TRF

Thief River Falls Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness will hold Spring Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Challenger Preschool in Thief River Falls. All families with children 5 years old and younger are invited. Activities will center on some of the Mo Willems books.

## Keepsake plate making available

It's plate making time again. Thief River Falls Early Childhood Family Education will hold keepsake plate making sessions Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Challenger Elementary School and Preschool in the K-1 activity room. A parent or other adult must attend with children.  
The cost is \$10 per plate due at the time of the session attended. No pre-registration is required. Plate making will also be available during ECFE classes

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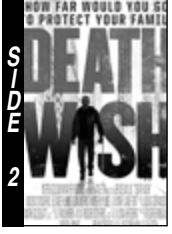
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Tucker Hibbert won both finals and three of four qualifying races in Iowa last week to increase his points lead in the ISOC National Snocross points championship. (Photo by John Hanson)

# Hibbert puts stronghold on Snocross championship

Thief River Falls native Tucker Hibbert put a stronghold on the 2018 ISOC National Snocross points championship with back-to-back dominant performances in Dubuque, Iowa. Winning both finals and three of the four qualifiers, Hibbert gained 39 points over second place throughout the weekend to extend his points lead to a whopping 100.



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■ Quarterfinals - Saturday, March 10 at Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls - Cass Lake-Bena 84, Red Lake 63; Win-E-Mac 43, Fosston 39 (OT); Ada-Borup 64, Kittson County Central 28; Fertile-Beltrami 65, Sacred Heart 59.  
■ Semifinals, Tuesday, March 12 Ada-Borup 65, Fertile-Beltrami 51; Cass Lake-Bena 63, Win-E-Mac 38.  
■ Section championship, Friday, March 16, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls at 7 p.m. - Cass Lake-Bena vs. Ada-Borup.  
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■ Quarterfinals - Saturday, March 10 - Perham 83, East Grand Forks 63; Osakis 50, Warroad 39; Hawley 58, Park Rapids 43; Breckenridge 83, Crookston 58.  
■ Semifinals - Monday, March 12, at Moorhead High School - Perham 62, Osakis 39; Breckenridge 64, Hawley 50.  
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■ Quarterfinals, Thursday, March 15 at Williams Arena - 1. Lyle/Pacelli vs. Heritage Christian Academy 11 a.m.; 5. Menahga vs. 4. Minneota 1 p.m.; Stephen-Argyle vs. 2. Mountain Iron-Buhl 3 p.m.; 3. Ada-Borup vs. Sleepy Eye 5 p.m.  
■ Consolation semifinals - Friday, March 16, Concordia University St. Paul, 10 a.m., noon.  
■ Championship semifinals - Target Center, noon, 2 p.m.  
■ Consolation championship - Saturday, March 17, Concordia University 9 a.m.  
■ Third place - Saturday, March 17, Concordia University, 11 a.m.  
■ Championship - Saturday, March 17, noon.  
**Section 8AA**  
■ Friday, March 9, Championship game at Concordia College, Moorhead Roseau 72, East Grand Forks 66.  
**Class AA State Tournament**  
■ Quarterfinals at Target Center, Wednesday, March 14 - Sauk Centre 67, Byron 61; Norwood-Young America 67, Minnehaha Academy 58.  
■ Quarterfinals at Williams Arena, Wednesday, March 14 - Marantha Christian Academy 85, Mesabi East 49; Roseau 62, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 56.  
■ Consolation semifinals - Thursday, March 15, Concordia University St. Paul, 6 p.m., 8 p.m..  
■ Championship semifinals - Target Center, 6 p.m., 8 p.m.  
■ Consolation championship - Friday, March 16, Concordia University 2 p.m.  
■ Third place - Saturday, March 17, Concordia University, 1 p.m.  
■ Championship - Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m.  
**Boys Hockey**  
**Class A**  
■ Quarterfinals - Mahtomedi 4, Mankato East/Loyola 2; Orono 6, Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato 1; Hermantown 4, Monticello 2; Alexandria 1, Thief River Falls 0.  
■ Semifinals - Orono 5, Mahtomedi 4 (OT); Alexandria 6, Hermantown 1.  
■ Consolation semifinals - Mankato East/Loyola 3, Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato 2 (OT); Thief River Falls 3, Monticello/Annandale/Maple Lake 0.  
■ Consolation championship - Thief River Falls 5, Mankato East/Loyola 1.  
■ Third place - Hermantown 4, Mahtomedi 0.  
■ Championship - Orono 2, Alexandria 1.  
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my weekend in Iowa to win both races and extend my points lead by a good amount,” Hibbert said. “Getting ready for Lake Geneva, I’m motivated to finish the season strong. We’re in a really good position with the points championship. I’m confident in my riding and my sled. The goal is keep winning races and clinch the championship.”

In its second year hosting the Iowa National, Sundown Mountain Resort featured a completely different style track than last year with a technical course stretched across the top of the ski hill. The 35-second track utilized sections of two downhill runs, giving the course elevation changes with big jumps, sweeping turns and off-camber corners.

Friday and Saturday night played out similar for Hibbert. Capitalizing on solid starts in the 18-lap, 15-rider finals, he took the early lead both nights. Masterful with his line choices, he moved all over the course looking for the fastest and smoothest lines. His strategy worked as he rode unchallenged to finish 11 seconds over second place both nights.

“Friday night was a great race for me,” Hibbert said. “I won both my qualifying races so I was number one qualifier heading into the final. My pick put me way on the outside of the startline which was a good place to be as long as you got a good launch. It lined you up really nice for the first turn and up the hill. I got a really good jump off the line, my sled pulled hard and put me out front of the guys next to me and into second position. I charged hard on the first lap and was able to capitalize on a small mistake by Montana Jess and make the pass for the lead in the last turn on the first lap. I put the hammer down, focused on riding fast laps right away and ran my own race.”

“In the final on Saturday, I was able to take an inside starting position that was left open by the other riders. I was really happy about that. It was a different place to be but it was good. I got a good jump off the line and went into the first turn side-by-side with Logan Christian. I was able to carry a little more momentum than Logan over the first couple jumps and took the lead just before the first downhill section.”

“Saturday’s track was a lot rougher than Friday and more challenging, which was good for racing. I was glad to be out front early and find the lines I wanted to slowly pull away a build up a good lead. The track was really technical. I had to be careful not to make mistakes. It was fun to pick my lines and charge around the track.”

With 177 points on the line at the three-day season finale in Lake Geneva, Wisc. this weekend, Hibbert has the opportunity to clinch his 11th Pro National title Friday night. For more information on Hibbert and his racing, visit [tuckerhibbert.com](http://tuckerhibbert.com).


Iowa Snocross National Day will be broadcast on CBS Sports at 10 a.m. CDT on Sunday, March 25 and again at 10 a.m. CDT on Sunday, April 1.  
**Tucker Hibbert - Iowa National Results**  
Friday, March 9 - Pro Round 13: Round 1 Qualifying: 1st; Round 2 Qualifying: 1st; Final: 1st.  
Saturday, March 10 - Pro Round 14: Round 1 Qualifying: 1st; Round 2 Qualifying: 2nd; Final: 1st

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# Ada-Borup, Cass Lake-Bena cruise to boys semifinal wins

Section 8A's top-seeded teams Ada-Borup and Cass Lake-Bena cruised to victory in each team's respective semifinal games Monday night at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls.

In the early game, Ada-Borup got off to a fast start and led 30-15 at the break before advancing to the section championship with a 65-51 win.

Ada-Borup's Mason Miller led all scorers with 26 points. Miguel Garcia III added 13 points for the Cougars.

Athan McCollum scored 17 points for the Falcons. Joining him in double figures were Dylan Pearce and Dillon Sennes.

In the nightcap, Cass Lake held Win-E-Mac to 13 second half points as it pulled away from a 27-25 halftime advantage to win the Section 8A East sub-section title 63-38.

The Panthers had three players in double figures, with Arnold Kingbird leading the way with 13 points. Ethan Brown and Jarrel Jacobs finished with 12 points each.

Win-E-Mac's Gavin

Walker led all scorers in the game with 15 points.

Scoring			
	1	2	T
Fertile-Beltrami	15	36	51
Ada-Borup	30	35	65
Fertile-Beltrami	-	Andrew Wadsworth 2, Vincent Benesch 4, Athan McCollum 17, Harmon Liebel 2, Jordan Van Den Einde 4, Dylan Pearce 10, Dillon Sannes 10, Isaiah Hargerschimer 2.	
Ada-Borup	-	Colby Stevenson 5, Robert Whiting 3, Nick Hagen 2, Jarred Brainard 6, Conner Thompson	

7, Tommy Stewart 3, Miguel Garcia III 13, Mason Miller 26

Scoring			
	1	2	T
Win-E-Mac	25	13	38
Cass Lake	27	36	63
Win-E-Mac	-	Mikah Olson 4, Emelian Hanson 3, Blake Glass 2, Brekken Lindberg 9, Gavin Walker 15, Joey Revier 5	
Cass Lake	-	Mark Reyes 5, Noah DeLapaz 6, Ethan Brown 12, Jacob Brown 4, Jordan Lawrence 2, Arnold Kingbird 13, Jarell Jacobs 12, Tim Smith 3, Raul Washington 6	

# Stephen-Argyle wins girls 8A title

Abi McGlynn and Autumn Thompson scored 17 points each to lead Stephen-Argyle to a 56-49 Section 8A championship game victory over Red Lake Friday, March 9 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls.

Also scoring in double figures for the Storm was Madalynn Weberg with 12 points.

The Storm opened state tournament play Thursday against Mountain Iron-Buhl

in a 3 p.m. quarterfinal matchup that concluded after the Northern Watch went to press.

Scoring			
	1	2	T
Stephen-Argyle	27	29	56
Red Lake	22	27	49
Stephen-Argyle	-	Abi McGlynn 17, Savannah Riopelle 6, Madalynn Weberg 12, Autumn Thompson 17, Abbey Johnson 4.	
Red Lake	-	Lashaun Roy 8, Angel McClain 17, Gerika Kingbird 7, Autumn Holthusen 10, Alysha Beaulieu 7.	



Members of the NCTC women's basketball team were guests of honor at the March 8 meeting of the Thief River Falls Sports Boosters. The Pioneers were presented with a cake that read "Congratulations Northland and Good Luck at Nationals. Pictured from left to right are: seated - Kelsey Kainz and Emily Anderson; standing - Adriana Vasek, Brooke Brandon, Emily Hestekind, Megan Swedbrg, Janie Wunderlich, Madison Stenzel.

# Martin and Evans named to MCAC All-State team

In the Minnesota College Athletic Conference, the 'MCAC All-State Team' has been named for the 2018 season. The 'All-State' team features the top 14 men's basketball student-athletes, as voted upon by the Northern and Southern Division head coaches.

Representing Northland Community & Technical College on the All-State team are Ju'Wan Evans and Chedonio Martin.

Evans averaged 13.2 points and 5.8 rebounds per game while leading the Pioneers to a 21-5 record overall and 12-2 division mark that was good enough for a first place tie with Rainy River Community College.

Martin scored 14.9 points per game and averaged 3.8 rebounds per contest in 2017-18.

The 2018 MCAC All-State team includes:

- Jumah'Ri Turner, Rochester CTC, Sophomore;
- Davarius Wright, Rainy River CC, Sophomore;
- Kevin Schramm, Anoka-Ramsey CC, Sophomore;
- Demetrice Mitchell, Vermilion CC, Sophomore;
- Alex Brown, Minnesota West CTC, Freshman;
- Keonte Jenkins, Central Lakes College, Sophomore;
- Jace Klinkner, Riverland CC, Sophomore;
- Ju'Wan Evans, North-

- land CTC, Sophomore;
- Kuol Chol, Minnesota West CTC, Sophomore;
- Anthony Mera, Rainy River CC, Sophomore;
- Chris Tungseth, M State Fergus Falls, Sophomore;

# All-conference selections announced for North Tri- County Conference

All-conference and all-conference honorable mention selections were announced this week for the North Tri-County Conference in boys basketball.

Team champion East Grand Forks Sacred Heart led the way with four all-conference selections.

- All Conference**
- Sacred Heart: Jordan Tomkinson, Jack Gerber, Evan Szczepanski, and Brenden Bethke;
- Clearbrook-Gonvick:

- Bradlee Lewis, Vermilion CC, Sophomore;
- Niko Oliver, Ridgewater College, Freshman;
- Chedonio Martin, Northland CTC, Sophomore.

# Minnesota High School Basketball Hall of Fame to induct 14 March 26

The inaugural class of 14 will be inducted into the Minnesota High School Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday, March 26.

The initial class of 14 inductees includes Randy Breuer of Lake City; Khalid El-Amin of Minneapolis North; Ron Johnson of New Prague; Janet Karvonen of New York Mills; Kevin McHale of Hibbing; Jim McIntyre of Minneapolis Patrick Henry; Mark Olberding of Melrose; Lindsay Whalen of Hutchinson;

- Ethan Dorman; Goodridge-Grygla: Ben Groven;
- Red Lake County: Ethan Vettleson;
- Honorable Mention**
- Sacred Heart: Oscar Ortiz;
- Clearbrook-Gonvick: Jonny Hamnes, Ben Engbretson;
- Goodridge-Grygla: Brandon Stanley, Dylan Manderud;
- Red Lake County: Derek Peterson.

## TRF SPORTS

- Saturday, March 17**
- Baseball - NCTC at Dakota Wesleyan (DH) 1 p.m.
- Basketball - NCTC women vs. TBA at NJCAA National Tournament, Rockford, Ill.
- Hockey - TRF Norskies at Fort Frances 7:30 p.m.

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Peterson seeking entries to Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Collin C. Peterson is inviting Seventh District high school students to submit artwork for the 2018 Congressional Art Competition.

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students and the winning pieces are featured for one year in the Cannon Tunnel, which connects the House Office Buildings to the U.S. Capitol.

"I encourage young artists from across the district to display their talent by entering this contest," Peterson said. "The yearly competition is a great opportunity for local artwork to be showcased at the Capitol and I look forward to seeing

everyone's hard work."

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 as an opportunity for Members of Congress to recognize and encourage the artistic talent of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high-school students have participated in the nation-wide contest.

Submitted artwork may be up to 26 inches x 26 inches x 4 inches (including the frame) and weigh no more than 15 pounds. Accepted mediums include:

- Paintings – including oil, acrylics and watercolor
- Drawings – including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink and markers

- Collage (two-dimensional)
- Prints – including lithographs, silkscreen and block prints
- Mixed Media
- Computer Generated Art
- Photography

All entries must be original in concept, design and execution. Artwork that is a reproduction of another artist's work, including photographs, does not qualify for this competition.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

To best ensure accessibility for all students, Peterson's office will be accepting all Congressional Art Competition submissions online. Selection of the winning

piece, made in early May, will be determined based upon the photograph submitted with the application.

To apply for the Congressional Art Competition, submit a photograph of the artwork with the following information to congressional.art@mail.house.gov: student name, address, phone number, artwork title and

Anglers are reminded they are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of the lakes upon which they are fishing. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers issued numerous citations during the past week.

**District 1**  
**Last updated: March 13**  
Conservation Officer Ben Huener, **Roseau**, performed

maintenance work on station equipment. He also checked pike and walleye anglers on Lake of the Woods.

Conservation Officer Eric Benjamin, **Warroad North**, worked angling, ATV and snowmobile enforcement. Ice shelter removal dates are fast approaching for northern Minnesota. The inland waters removal date is March 19. The deadline is

medium.

The deadline for all submissions is Monday, April 23, 2018.

March 31 for Minnesota-Canada border waters. Several anglers in a group were cited for possessing an over-limit of walleyes after they were told by a "bartender" that they could possess limits from both Minnesota and Ontario as long as they had licenses to fish both sides of the lake. Please refer to the regulations booklet or contact a conservation officer if you have questions pertaining to the rules or regulations. Getting your information from an unreliable source could prove to be a costly mistake. Remember, anglers are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations for the body of water upon which they are fishing.

Conservation Officer Nicholas Prachar, **Baudette West**, reported an increase in fishing success on Lake of the Woods. Prachar investigated a complaint of live-stock that were killed near Greenbush. The farm owner suspected that wolves had killed the animals, but upon further investigation Prachar determined neighborhood dogs had gotten loose and killed the animals.

Conservation Officer Kyle Quittschreiber, **Blackduck North**, reported focusing on snowmobile enforcement this past week. Several trespass complaints were handled. Time was also spent checking anglers on Lake of the Woods. Assistance was given with a medical issue and a snowmobile accident. Enforcement actions for the week included angling without a license, unattended lines, angling with extra lines, and possession of dressed walleye filets on special management waters.

Conservation Officer Hannah Mickler, **Baudette East**, checked anglers and snowmobilers. An injured animal complaint was handled and assistance was given with a snowmobile accident. Enforcement action for the week included angling with unattended lines, possession of dressed filets on special regulation lake, overlimit of walleyes, and no shelter license.

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In August of 2016, Lori Youngdahl was diagnosed with Stage 2B Invasive Ductal Carcinoma of the left breast. She had surgery to remove 5 tumors in her left breast and had a bilateral mastectomy. Genetic testing was done and the cancer was shown to be slow growing and the risk of recurrence was low.

Fast forward to December 2017, Lori had a procedure for part of her reconstruction journey. During this procedure, the doctor recovered a small tumor of cancer in the skin on her implant. Back to square one, Lori had scans, biopsies, and an oncology doctor visit to determine she has Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer in her bones.

Lori is a 46 year old, hardworking wife and mom of two beautiful active children. She is a devoted mother, wife, auntie, friend and teacher. Lori is a person who will do anything for the people she knows.

Lori will have to take off of work to complete her treatments and already through this journey, she has no paid days off available. Currently, Lori's husband, Brian, has been unemployed since Thanksgiving also. They are in dire need to help pay for all the medical expenses and treatments.

Lori grew up in Fertile and graduated from Fertile-Beltrami School. Lori currently lives in Clearwater, MN.



Please find it in your hearts to attend her fundraiser in Fertile or if you are able to donate to her account at [www.gofundme.com/loris-putting-up-her-dukes](http://www.gofundme.com/loris-putting-up-her-dukes) or checks can be mailed to: Red River State Bank, Attn: Lori Wang-Youngdahl, 114 N Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540

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Marshall County to honor dispatchers

At its meeting Tuesday, March 6, the Marshall County Board signed a resolution designating April 8-14 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

The resolution noted that "the safety of our deputy sheriffs, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Marshall County sheriff communications center." It further noted that "911 public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services." The resolution indicated that they are a single vital link to emergency personnel and contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients.

It stated "... each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year."

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Assistant county attorney retires and replacement found/Continued



Brian Rokke sits in his office at Rokke, Aandal and Associates in Warren. Rokke has served the people of Marshall County for more than 40 years, and has offices in Newfolden, Middle River and Grygla in addition to the one in Warren. (Submitted)

(Continued from Page 1) so the mistake is a logical one.

Rokke grew up in Roosevelt, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1969. While in high school, he participated in football, basketball and track.

Following high school, he attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, graduating in 1973 with an education degree in social studies. While at Augsburg, Rokke played soccer for four years. He was recruited the first year, and thus became a member of the first team in 1969. Though he had no previous experience in the sport, by the time he was a

senior, he became a captain of the team.

He was a substitute teacher for a year and worked full-time at a convenience store following graduation. This helped him decide that teaching was not for him. Rokke decided instead to go back to school, to the University of North Dakota Law School. He earned his degree in 1977.

Rokke spent a lot of time in Newfolden during his formative years, working on the farm with his uncles, and staying with Edgar, Olger and Nora. He eventually purchased that farm, which became a Century Farm in 2005.

During law school at UND, Rokke clerked for Jaroslav Kruta in the summers, so after law school, in the fall of 1977, it was an easy jump for Rokke to join the Law Office of Jaroslav Kruta in Warren. Kruta also had offices in Newfolden and Middle River, which he would visit one day a week. Rokke took over that route and also started going to Grygla one day a week about the same time.

At one point, Rokke worked as a public defender for three years in both Marshall and Kittson counties. He really didn't enjoy that kind of work, and gave it up easily.

Rokke worked with Kruta Law Office until Thanksgiving of 1981, when Jaroslav suffered a stroke. Rokke purchased the law firm in 1982 from the Kruta Guardianship. He was in sole practice until 2015 when he joined with Donald Aandal to form Rokke, Aandal and Associates, PLLC.

Rokke has many years of experience in real estate, probate, estate planning, and business organizations.

Rokke's retirement was one of the reasons he merged his practice with Aandal. He was hoping for a smooth transition from one lawyer to another.

Of the new environment in the partnership, Rokke said that it's nice to have someone to bounce ideas off of.

Looking to the future, Rokke said he has plenty to keep him busy. He has many projects around the house, the farm and plans to do volunteer work. Rokke will find more time to work on his Minneapolis Moline tractors. He's an avid collector, owning 12 of them and having restored six to date. They range in age from a 1936 model to a 1956 model. One is on loan to the Marshall County Historical Society. He and his wife, Diane, plan to travel in the Southwest U.S. in April, visiting the Grand Canyon and the canyons of Utah.

Rokke's wife, Diane, is a social worker with Marshall County. Brian and Diane have three adult sons.

Nathan, 29, attended the University of North Dakota, majoring in history. Currently, he is at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, getting his natural resources management

degree. He is getting married in October to Katie Hatt, who teaches CNA courses at the schools in Grand Forks and is a nurse at Altru.

Christopher, 26, graduated from the University of North Dakota with a communications degree, but has been working in landscaping for a few years. He is currently applying to law schools, and with about five options, hopes to start in the fall. He is also getting mar-

ried in June to Christine Moe, who is a science teacher.

Peter, 23, graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with degrees in management information systems (business and technology). He's working an IT job for United Health Care.

Through the years, Rokke has most enjoyed helping people get through not only hard times, but other transitions as well. Not everything

is easy, however, and Rokke lists his biggest frustrations as the difficulty of meeting deadlines and the ability to resolve issues in a timely manner. Many people are procrastinators, and that makes the job difficult.

Law, for Rokke, has been a good fit. He said, "Thanks to everybody for their confidence in me as an attorney and for giving me a chance to help them with their legal issues. I'll still be around, but not as an attorney!"

Eliza Evans will replace Rokke

by Barb Geer  
Middle River Honker

Eliza Evans is no stranger to this area, having grown up in Malung and attended both Roseau and Warroad High Schools. She graduated from Warroad High School in 2009. She was a hockey player, and was also involved in volleyball, golf, track and cross country. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

4-H was a big part of Evans' life as she grew up, too, choosing projects with horses, turkeys, rabbits, the arts and baking. She credits 4-H for helping her become a well-rounded individual and said that she is an advocate for the organization.

Evans' post-secondary education was all conducted at the University of North Dakota. She graduated from UND cum laude in 2014 with a double major in psychology and Indian studies. She then entered UND Law School, graduating in 2017, adding an Indian Law Certificate to her repertoire of accomplishments. She passed the bar in October of 2017.

Eliza was fortunate to find work clerking for Rokke, Aandal and Associates for three summers while in law school. The firm gave her time off to study for the bar exam in the summer of 2017, and then offered her a job when she passed. She loves where she is and said she didn't even look for other jobs!

The opportunity to clerk summers actually came



Eliza Evans will be Brian Rokke's successor. For the past couple of years, Evans has soaked up as much knowledge as she can from her boss and mentor. She says he has big shoes to fill, but is thankful for the opportunity. (Submitted)

through a job Evans had at the Marshall County Extension Office in the courthouse in Warren. County Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters introduced her to Don Aandal. After a couple of months at the Extension Office, she started clerking at Aandal and Associates in the spring.

Evans recently moved to Warren. She will be taking over Brian Rokke's route, spending Mondays in Grygla, Tuesdays in Warren, Wednesdays in Middle River and Newfolden, and Thursdays and Fridays in Warren.

Evans is the daughter of Leelan and Jane Evans. Dad Leelan has farmed but is now a customs officer at the border. Her mom, Jane, is a nurse at the Hallock Hospital. Eliza has two siblings; Joe, 25, and Tabitha, 23.

Evans is an outdoors person. She loves spending time at her parents' farm in Malung, a farm that has been in the family for 127 years. They raise horses, and one of Evans' passions has been competing in rodeos.



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
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[http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/job\\_opportunities/index.php](http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php)  
**Closing : March 21, 2018 4:30 pm.**

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**Manager**

Slumberland Furniture in Thief River Falls, MN is looking for an enthusiastic individual to create a positive customer experience and be a stimulating influence on the sales team to drive sales growth. The essential role of this position is leading and training of the sales staff, inventory control and community relations and customer service. A Bachelor's Degree preferred and 5-7 years Retail Management experience required. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. Requires valid and insurable driver's license. Excellent compensation and benefits package with a financially solid company. Email your resume and cover letter to [trghr@srt.com](mailto:trghr@srt.com).

  
**1875 Hwy. 59 South • Thief River Falls**

The following Education Assistant position is available in the  
Thief River Falls Public Schools:

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL  
PROGRAM SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

**Location:** Challenger Elementary School  
**Effective:** 3/20/18 or as soon thereafter as possible  
**6-7 hours/day – Student Days**

**Duties:** Work under the direction of the special education and/or regular education teacher to assist in providing supervision and educational instruction for student(s) with special needs in various programs; assist with transportation needs (arrival/departure) when assigned; participate in a variety of school activities as requested; and assist with medical management needs and duties non-academically related when assigned. Duties may range from classroom, individual student, and other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** Possess educational skills to provide assistance to students individually and in groups. Current First Aid and CPR certification preferred. Position requires standing and/or walking for most of the work shift and may require lifting of up to 50 pounds unassisted and 100 pounds assisted.

**Salary and benefits:** Per negotiated contract  
**Application Deadline:** 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2018

**Online Application available on the ISD 564 Website:**  
<http://www.trf.k12.mn.us>  
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Please attach a resume to application.  
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**Nursing Assistants**

**RiverView Health** is currently seeking applicants for **full and part-time Nursing Assistant** positions. The full-time position will work the p.m. shift (2:00 – 10:30 p.m.) and the part-time positions will work either the day shift (6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) or the p.m. shift. All the positions include working every other weekend, as well as every other holiday. Wage range is \$15.25 - \$21.35 and starting wage is based on previous work experience and includes additional shift differential pay for working the p.m. shift. **Sign-on bonuses are also available with these positions.** The positions require a registered nursing assistant and American Heart CPR certification; if not registered or certified training will be provided.

**Scholarship opportunities are available for advancement in health related careers. If you are gratified by assisting others to reach their highest potential in living, consider our team.**

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**Direct Sales Representative**

Northwest Manufacturing, Inc., a leader in the biomass heating industry, is looking to fill a Direct Sales Representative position. We are looking for a highly motivated and outgoing individual with sales experience to join our team. This person will be responsible for setting up accounts for our expanding product lines. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to; building your own dealer network, taking orders, customer service and working well with our sales team. You will report to a sales manager. Some travel will be required but most are in-office sales. We offer a complete benefits package. Salary and commission based on experience.

**Receiving & Inventory Clerk**

Northwest Manufacturing, Inc., home of the WoodMaster, is currently seeking a full-time Receiving & Inventory Clerk. Some of the essential duties and responsibilities include: unloading shipments; verifying and keeping records concerned with receiving shipments and transferring of inventory between several sites; perform monthly stock counts; entering inventory and other records into computer system. 2-5 Years of experience preferred. Computer skills necessary. Competitive wage and full benefits package.

**Mechanical Engineer**

Northwest Manufacturing, Inc. is currently seeking a motivated Mechanical Engineer to fill a full-time position in our R&D department. Some of the essential duties and responsibilities include: Research and analyze data; design products or systems utilizing CAD and apply them to mechanical, thermal, or heat transfer systems; plan and execute combustion, emission, and efficiency testing of our products; set up and execute tests of our products and systems to prove performance or to obtain data for development, standardization, or quality control. Candidates will possess a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering, with 2-5 years of experience in the manufacturing industry preferred. We offer a competitive wage with a full benefits package.

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**PRICING SPECIALIST/CUSTOMER SERVICE**

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Competitive wage & benefit package, including employer paid Health Insurance, vacation, holiday pay, sick pay and retirement plan w/match.



Email resumes/inquiries to [cbakken@mncable.net](mailto:cbakken@mncable.net)

**Parks/Recreation Department  
City of Thief River Falls**

is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

**2018 Summer Season**

**Seasonal Public Works Worker**  
(i.e. Streets/Sanitation, Mowers, Weed Eaters)

**Little League Baseball Coaches**

**Lifeguards - LaFave Beach**

**Concession Workers**

The workweek hours and days may vary throughout the summer for these positions. Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Office located at the Ralph Engelstad Arena, 525 Brooks Avenue N.

**Deadline for applications is March 22, 2018.**

For more information, contact the City of Thief River Falls.

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Full-time with benefits  
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Roseau, MN 56751



Red Lake County Central High School is seeking a 7-12 Science teacher 1.0 FTE position for school year 2018-19.

Position open until filled.  
Interested candidates should contact Randy Pederson, Principal, at 218-796-5136.





St. Hilaire, Minnesota  
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We are seeking an energetic Residential Motel Manager to work at our Thief River Falls and our Greenbush locations. Must have the ability to deliver outstanding customer service and solve problems in a timely manner. Some computer experience desired.  
*Please send resume to [biller127@hotmail.com](mailto:biller127@hotmail.com) or call 218-689-4331*

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Previous Experience Preferred, but not required. Potential for advancement for the right candidate. Position requires someone who is very detail orientated with strong communication skills and the ability to multitask. Insurance: Health, Life, Short and Long-Term Disability, Vacation and Sick Time, No Nights or Weekends

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### LPN and Nursing Assistant

**RiverView Health** has on-call positions open for LPN's and Nursing Assistants to work in our Care Center. The positions will work a variety of shifts to fill in for vacations, sick calls, etc. The positions require the applicants to be a State of Minnesota licensed LPN or a registered nursing assistant. Wage range for LPN is \$21.97 - \$30.76 and for Nursing Assistant is \$15.25 - \$21.35 and starting wage is based on previous work experience. Shift differential is paid for evening and night shift work.

**We offer competitive wages and a friendly work environment. If you are gratified by assisting others to reach their highest potential in living, consider our team.**

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### PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

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A qualifying individual with supervisory experience is preferred. This person must have a strong passion to develop staff and persons being served to their full potential. This position includes paid leave time, retirement benefits, group health insurance and life insurance. We are willing to negotiate a competitive wage. For more detail, please visit our website at <http://pcs.sfhs.org>

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Deb at 218-683-3580 or [dvigness@pcs.sfhs.org](mailto:dvigness@pcs.sfhs.org). Resumes and applications can be mailed to: Prairie Community Services, 510 Greenwood Street West, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. (EOE/AA)

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*Send resume to: Red Lake County Cooperative Inc, Attn: Michele Longtin, PO Box 37, Brooks, MN 56715 or contact me at 1-800-253-6269 or [michele@rlccoop.com](mailto:michele@rlccoop.com)*

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## Thief River

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Thief River Falls



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Summer Employment Opportunities

Thief River Falls

**Temporary Transportation Generalist**  
Highway or Bridge Maintenance Positions (3)  
40 hours/week, \$19.07/hr.  
April 18 – October 16, 2018

MnDOT has temporary summer positions available in the highway maintenance unit (2 positions) and the bridge unit (1 position) that perform skilled heavy equipment operation, assist with roadside and bridge maintenance and repair, and perform a variety of other tasks related to the upkeep/installation of bridges and highways.

Highway maintenance applicants must have at least one year of relevant job experience (truck driving, farming, snow & ice, heavy equipment operating) a Class A or B CDL with no air brake restriction, and be at least 18 years of age at time of application.

Bridge maintenance applicants must have at least one year of relevant job experience performing carpentry, concrete, iron work or a combination of these activities, a Class A or B CDL with no air brake restriction, and be at least 18 years of age at time of application.

**Temporary Laborer (2)**  
Construction Office  
40 hours/week, \$15.01/hr.  
May 16 – September 28, 2018 (approximately)

MnDOT has two temporary positions available for general laborers in the construction office this summer. These positions will learn how to assist with field testing construction materials, perform documentation, assist construction inspectors on roadway and bridge projects, and perform survey activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license at time of application.

To apply, please fill out an application packet available at our Thief River Falls office at 248 125th Ave. NE or email [D2HR.DOT@state.mn.us](mailto:D2HR.DOT@state.mn.us) and a packet will be emailed to you. Deadline for receipt of applications for Transportation Generalists is 4:30 p.m. on March 23 and for Construction Laborers is 4:30 p.m. on April 2, 2018. For additional information, call 218-755-6589.

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**Help Wanted**

REM is seeking caring, reliable people for PT and weekends position providing services for people with disabilities in the Thief River Falls area. If interested, please apply online at [www.jobs.thementornetwork.com/minnesota](http://www.jobs.thementornetwork.com/minnesota) or if you have questions, please call Leann Bosma, HR @ 218-444-5876 ext. 102. 66tfc

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You may pick up an application at C'mon Inn

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# AGRICULTURE

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## TRF couple has a farm for creatures great and small



ADawn and Travis Nelson own T and A Farms in rural Thief River Falls. Here, they are pictured with Alice, a recent addition to their menagerie of animals.

by April Scheinoha  
Reporter

Arriving at T and A Farms in rural Thief River Falls, one can't help feeling welcomed. There are numerous welcome signs and the welcoming committee, Chex and Donald. That is unless the two dogs are having a fit of love that only two brothers can express with one another. Travis and ADawn Nelson started T and A Farms four years ago. The couple met online even though they lived four miles apart at the time. ADawn recalled learning they both knew the same neighbor. She called the man to verify

Travis wasn't scamming her. Obviously, he wasn't. Travis recalled meeting ADawn earlier at Carpenter's Corner. Separately, they had gone there for pizza. ADawn doesn't recall that encounter. Both were farming at the time. Before long, they merged their lives and farms. Travis has farmed his whole life. "It's in my blood. I enjoy it," he said. ADawn has dabbled in farming over the years – raising horses and 4-H project animals. Both also work full-time in ag-related areas outside of the confines of their prop-

erty. Travis works full-time as a foreman at Goodwin Farms in Angus. He also repairs trucks, tractors and vehicles as part of his repair business at their home. Travis also does welding repairs and Department of Transportation inspections. ADawn works as an ag program manager and instructor at Northland Community and Technical College. The couple grows 220 to 260 acres of hay on owned and leased property each year. Sometimes, they plant oats as a cover crop. The majority of the hay is sold to customers feeding horses, goats, cattle and deer. The couple sells the hay in round bales and small square bales. Many animals live at T and A Farms. During a recent visit, it seemed like most of the female animals were pregnant or had just given birth. The menagerie includes 24 cow-calf pairs and a bull. The cattle are a Hereford-Angus cross-breed. The calves are sold once they reach 700 to 750 pounds. Then there are the two show pigs. Three more are on their way. ADawn referred to an epic six-month battle with the boar, who may take up residence elsewhere. There are also seven sheep, eight lambs and six meat goats. The couple sells the sheep, lambs and goats. Six chickens and three guinea hens also call T and A Farms home. Travis said the chickens serve as the grounds crew, keeping the wood tick population low. They also dig up ADawn's flowers, much to her dismay. Let's not forget the seven cats. Then there are Chex

and Donald, too. ADawn holds the naming rights to the animals. However, Chex arrived at the Nelson home with his name. ADawn also plans to buy a horse. "I'm constantly looking," she said. "It's like looking for cars for some people." ADawn has raised horses over the years. They have since gone on to greener pastures, and she has decided now is the time to buy another show horse. Travis and ADawn enjoy working on the farm together and miss it when they have to go back to their normal weekly routines. "We're in sync," said ADawn. "We don't even have to talk." Haying may also make

the heart grow fonder. "She hardly sees me during haying season, and I think she enjoys that," Travis said. ADawn is also part of the haying process. Travis said she becomes mad if he doesn't allow her to operate the round baler. The reason: ADawn listens to books on tape while baling hay. Sometimes, problems ensue with the round baler. ADawn then texts a photo of the problem area to the "guru of fixing." Travis will tell her what she needs to do. Other times, he will say, "Don't move. Don't touch anything." Before long, he arrives at the scene to fix the problem. ADawn's 13-year-old son, Blake Melbye, also assists at the farm when he can.

His mom arrived at a farm field this past summer to see Blake driving a semi in the field. His stepdad taught him how to drive it. ADawn was shocked. Travis' sons, Dillan and Treston, also work on farms. Dillan occasionally helps at T and A Farms when needed. The Nelsons' farming lifestyle has obviously had an influence on their children. They also help increase agricultural literacy in the area. They noted their farm is open to anyone who has an interest in any aspect of farming. ADawn noted that kids don't know if they like something if they don't have an opportunity to try it.



This curious calf decided to investigate a photographer and her plans during a recent visit at T and A Farms in rural Thief River Falls. The farm is home to 24 cow-calf pairs and a bull.

## Farming is all in the family for the Waynes

by April Scheinoha  
Reporter

It started as a 4-H project. Then it snowballed. Lynell Wayne told her husband, Bob, that they needed more goats. She was soon joined by daughters, Erica and Erin. Outnumbered, it isn't a surprise that Bob continues to raise goats even though both of his daughters have since graduated from Pennington County 4-H. Don't let Bob fool anyone. "Right now, it's a passion," he said. Bob admitted that the rugged – his words – principal uses the words cute and cuddly to describe the goats.

The family affair now includes four other family members. There is Erica's husband, Jon Hruby. Then there is Lynell's sister, Nicky Ellison. Let's not forget Nicky's daughters, Caitlynn and Brienne Ellison. They are enrolled in 4-H. Both have shown the family's goats, and Caitlynn has even competed at the State Fair. Before long, 6-month-old granddaughter Raelynn Hruby will be joining the crew. "She doesn't have a choice," said Grandpa Bob. The Wayne family's farming journey began in 1991, when Bob and Lynell started Agassiz Acres down the road from her parents in

rural Thief River Falls. Both were farm kids and followed in their parents' footsteps. That's not to say they don't have other full-time jobs. Bob is the principal at Franklin Middle School in Thief River Falls. Lynell works as the academic advisor/graduation coordinator at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The Waynes first began raising chickens. Their brood now totals about 40. The eggs are sold to buy the same feed for all of the animals calling Agassiz Acres home. "We try to be self-sufficient there," Bob said. The Lamancha and Alpine goats joined the

Wayne family in 2012. Eleven now reside on the farm. Additional goats were expected to join the herd in February, March and April since five goats were pregnant. Bob and Lynell had some decisions to make prior to Feb. 28, when two of the goats were due. Would the goats give birth in pens inside a heated, finished garage or in the barn? Bob was concerned about the cold weather and its impact on the new arrivals. No matter where the goats give birth, the Wayne family will keep an eye on them. From their home, Bob and Lynell can watch the action or lack thereof on baby monitors. If they're not available, one can be sure another Wayne family member will be on standby. Every two hours, the goat minders will check to see if the goats are nesting. Then it's their cue to arrive in the event they need to assist with the birthing process. Bob said the goats may be cute, but that doesn't mean they're smart. Humans are needed to dry off the goat kids and put them under the heat lamps. Then there is the daily grind of raising the goats. They need to be milked twice a day. Don't count on Bob doing that chore. He claims his fingers aren't the right size for milking goats. "We'll say I'm the overseer," Bob said. Lynell wakes up at 5:30 a.m., milking the goats before leaving for work. The night milking chores are usually handled by Jon, Erica and Erin. Some of the goat milk is used to make cheese and soap. However, the majority of the goat milk is fed to the bottle-fed beef calves also




By day, he is a middle school principal, and by night, he is a goat farmer. Here, Thief River Falls resident Bob Wayne is pictured with one of his goats. (Submitted)



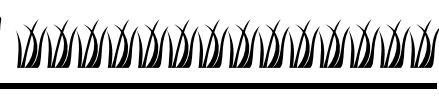
The Bob and Lynell Wayne family own Agassiz Acres in rural Thief River Falls. They raise Lamancha and Alpine goats, chickens and bottle-fed beef calves. Pictured are (front row) daughter Erin, Lynell, daughter Erica Hruby; (back row) Bob and son-in-law Jon Hruby. (Submitted)

raised by the Wayne family. Each April, two to five beef calves arrive at the farm. "Goat milk is extremely nutritious, and calves just take to it," Bob said. The beef calves stay at Agassiz Acres until they reach 650 pounds, typically once they reach about seven months old. Each year, some of the goats also leave Agassiz Acres to serve as breeding stock in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin. They may have an idyllic time at Agassiz Acres with the exception of some of their encounters with the "overseer." Bob is the mean human in charge of the necessary evils of goat farming – dehorning, castration and vaccinations. Once that drama is over, the goats then cuddle with Bob's daughters.





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## FSA Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Programs are designed to help family farmers to start, purchase or expand their farming operation. In many cases, these are beginning farmers who need additional financial and business acumen to qualify for commercial credit. In other cases, they are farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters, or who need additional resources with which to establish and maintain profitable farming operations.

Some farmers obtain their credit needs through the use of loan guarantees. Under a guaranteed loan, a commercial lender makes and services the loan, and FSA guarantees it against loss up to a maximum of 90 percent in most cases. In certain limited circumstances, a 95-percent guarantee is available. FSA has the responsibility of approving all eligible loan guarantees and providing oversight of lenders' activities.

For those not yet meeting the qualifications for a loan guarantee from a commercial lender, FSA also makes direct loans, which are serviced by an FSA official. FSA has the responsibility of providing credit counseling and supervision to its direct borrowers by making a thorough assessment of the farming operation.

FSA helps applicants evaluate the adequacy of the real estate and facilities, machinery and equipment, financial and production management, and the applicant's goals. FSA assists the applicant in identifying and prioritizing areas needing improvement in all phases of the operation. An FSA official then works one-on-one with the applicant to develop and to help strengthen the identified areas that ultimately result in the applicant's graduation to commercial credit.

Unlike FSA's commodity loans, most farm loans must be fully secured and can only be approved for those who have repayment ability.

**Farm Ownership Loans**  
Eligible applicants may obtain direct loans up to a maximum indebtedness of \$300,000. Maximum indebtedness for guaranteed loans is \$1,399,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation). The maximum repayment term is 40 years for both direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans.

In general, loan funds may be used to purchase a farm, enlarge an existing farm, construct new farm buildings and/or improve structures, pay closing costs, and promote soil and water conservation and protection.

**Down Payment Program**  
FSA has a special loan program to assist socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Retiring farmers may use this program to transfer their land to future generations.

**To qualify:**  
• The applicant must make a cash-down payment of at least 5 percent of the purchase price;  
• The maximum loan amount does not exceed 45 percent of the least of (a) the purchase price of the farm to be acquired, (b) the appraised value of the farm to be acquired or (c) \$667,000 (Note: This results in a maximum loan amount of \$300,000);  
• The term of the loan is 20 years. The interest rate is 4 percent below the direct farm ownership rate, but not lower than 1.5 percent;

• The remaining balance may be obtained from a commercial lender or private party. FSA can provide up to a 95 percent guarantee if financing is obtained from a commercial lender. Participating lenders do not have to pay a guarantee fee; and financing from participating lenders must have an amortization period of at least 30 years and cannot have a balloon payment due within the first 20 years of the loan.

**Farm Operating Loans**  
Eligible applicants may obtain direct loans for up to a maximum indebtedness of \$300,000 and a direct operating Microloan for up to a

maximum indebtedness of \$50,000. Maximum indebtedness for a guaranteed loan is \$1,399,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation).

The repayment term may vary, but typically it will not exceed seven years for intermediate-term purposes.

Annual operating loans are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities produced are sold. In general, loan funds may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, minor real estate repairs or improvements, and refinancing debt.

**Microloans**  
FSA developed the microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of new, niche and small to mid-sized family farm operations.

Microloans offer more flexible access to credit and serves as an attractive loan alternative for smaller farming operations, like specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA). These smaller farms, including non-traditional farm operations, often face limited financing options.

Types of Microloans: Two types of microloans are available: Farm Operating Loans and Farm Ownership Loans. The microloans are issued to the applicant directly from FSA.

Operating microloans can be used for all approved operating expenses authorized by the FSA Operating Loan (OL) Program, including but not limited to: initial start-up expenses; annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents; marketing and distribution expenses; family living expenses; purchase of livestock, equipment and other materials essential to farm operations; minor farm improvements such as wells and coolers; hoop houses to extend the growing season; essential tools; irrigation; and delivery vehicles.

Ownership microloans can be used for all approved expenses authorized by the FSA Farm Ownership (FO) Loan Program, such as to purchase a farm or farm land, enlarge an existing farm, construct new farm buildings, improve existing farm buildings, pay closing cost, and implement soil and water conservation and protection practices.

**Simplified Application Process:** The microloan application process is simpler, requiring less paperwork to complete, consistent with a smaller loan amount. Requirements for managerial experience and loan security have been modified to accommodate veterans, smaller farm operations and beginning farmers.

Microloan applicants for operating loans will need to have some farm experience; however, FSA will consider an applicant's small business experience as well as any experience with a self-guided apprenticeship as a means to meet the farm management requirement. This will assist applicants who have limited farm skills by providing them with an opportunity to gain farm management experience while working with a mentor during the first production and marketing cycle.

Microloan applicants for ownership loans need to have three years of farm experience out of the last 10 prior to the date of the application being submitted. One of the years can be substituted with any of the following experience:

• Post-secondary education, that is at least six semester hours in agriculture business, horticulture, animal science, agronomy or other agriculture-related fields

• Significant business management, that is at least one year of management experience in a non ag-related field where the applicant's day-to-day responsibilities included direct management experience, such as personnel decisions, payroll and inventory ordering; however, not an individual who is a manager in title only

• Military leadership or

management that is, as a general rule, any officer or E5 or above will have completed an acceptable military leadership course

• If an applicant has successfully repaid an FSA youth loan, the term of that loan may be used towards the three years of management experience required for an ownership loan.

Producers with questions about FSA Microloans should contact their local FSA County Office.

**Youth Loans**  
The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

**Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:**

• Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien

• Be 10 years to 20 years of age

• Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements

• Be unable to get a loan from other sources

• Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above

• Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

**Beginning Farmer Loans**

FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

▪ Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years

▪ Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm

▪ Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA

▪ Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size farm.

**Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers**

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of targeted underserved groups.

A targeted underserved applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

**Guaranteed Loan Eligibility**

Changes to FSA regulations have removed Guaranteed Operating term limits. Previous and current guaranteed loan borrowers who were not eligible for further guaranteed loans due to the previous 15-year eligibility term limit may

now be eligible for further guaranteed loans through their commercial lender.

**Direct Loan Changes**

Changes were made to the interest rate charged on loans where FSA provides 50 percent or less on jointly financed purchases of real estate also called Direct Farm Ownership Participation Loans. The interest rate will be the greater of 2.5 percent or the current interest rate for direct Farm Ownership loans minus 2 percent, as a fixed rate for the duration of the loan. At present, the March direct Farm Ownership rate is 3.75 percent. Because the 2.5 percent floor is greater than subtracting 2 percent from the direct farm ownership loan rate, the rate for Direct Farm Ownership Participation Loans in March is 2.5 percent.

Producers with questions on Farm Loan Programs should contact their local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

**USDA Streamlined Guaranteed Loans and Additional Lender Category for Small-Scale Operators**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of a streamlined version of USDA guaranteed loans, which are tailored for smaller scale farms and urban producers. The program, called EZ Guarantee Loans, uses a simplified application process to help beginning, small, underserved and family farmers and ranchers apply for loans of up to \$100,000 from USDA-approved lenders to purchase farmland or finance agricultural operations.

A new category of lenders will join traditional lenders, such as banks and credit unions, in offering USDA EZ Guarantee Loans. Microlenders, which include Community Development Financial Institutions and Rural Rehabilitation Corporations. It will be able to offer their customers up to \$50,000 of EZ Guaranteed Loans, helping to reach urban areas and underserved producers. Banks, credit unions and other traditional USDA-approved lenders, can offer customers up to \$100,000 to help with agricultural operation costs.

EZ Guarantee Loans offer low interest rates and terms up to seven years for financing operating expenses and 40 years for financing the purchase of farm real estate. USDA-approved lenders can issue these loans with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteeing the loan up to 95 percent.

More information about the available types of FSA farm loans can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/farm-loans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/farm-loans) or by contacting your local FSA office.

**Land Contract Guarantees**

These provide certain financial guarantees to the seller of a farm through a land contract sale to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The seller may request either of the following:

**Prompt Payment Guarantee:** A guarantee up to the amount of three amortized annual installments plus the cost of any related real estate taxes and insurance.

**Standard Guarantee:** A guarantee of 90 percent of the outstanding principal balance under the land contract.

The purchase price of the farm cannot exceed the lesser of (a) \$500,000 or (b) the market value of the property. The buyer must provide a minimum down payment of 5 percent of the purchase price of the farm. The interest rate is fixed at a rate not to exceed the direct farm ownership loan interest rate in effect at the time the guarantee is issued, plus three percentage points. The guarantee period is 10 years for either plan regardless of the term of the land contract. The contract payments must be amortized for a minimum of 20 years. Balloon payments are prohibited during the 10-year term of the guarantee.



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## Understanding Conservation Reserve Program enrollment and eligibility

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), is a voluntary program that contracts with producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is not farmed, but instead used for conservation benefits.

CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as “covers”) to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payment and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

CRP protects millions of acres of topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. The vegetative covers also make CRP a major contributor to increased wildlife populations.

To be eligible to be offered for CRP enrollment, land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted in an agricultural commodity for four of the previous six crop years from 2008 – 2013, and is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal

manner to an agricultural commodity. Land that was enrolled in CRP during the 2008 – 2013 crop years is considered planted for CRP land eligibility purposes.

CRP was reauthorized in the 2014 Farm Bill with a national acreage limitation declining to 24 million acres in 2017. Current enrollment is very close to the acreage limitation, so FSA has temporarily suspended accepting offers for enrollment in CRP.

To be eligible to offer land for enrollment in CRP, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer.

Continuous CRP (CCRP) Sign-up: Under CCRP, environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices may be enrolled in CRP at any time. Certain eligibility requirements still apply, but offers are not subject to competitive bidding.

Under CCRP, FSA may offer additional financial incentives of up to 20 percent of the annual payment for certain CCRP practices. In addition, new land enrolled in CCRP may receive an upfront signing incentive payment (SIP) of up to \$150 per acre. The one-time SIP will be issued after the contract is approved and all payment eligibility criteria are met.

Under CCRP, FSA provides cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of the eligible costs to establish the approved cover. In addition, a practice incentive pay-

ment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation costs for eligible participants who enroll certain practices. The one-time PIP is issued after the practice has been installed.

CCRP eligible practices are: Riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, wetland buffers, filter strips, wetland restoration, grass waterways, shelterbelts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, constructed wetlands, and shallow water areas for wildlife.

Nationwide enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is approaching the 24 million acreage cap authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. Therefore, FSA has temporarily suspended accepting CRP offers until further notice. Once the suspension is lifted FSA will notify producers via GovDelivery newsletters and other media sources.

General CRP Sign-up: Under a general CRP sign-up, producers can offer land for CRP enrollment only during announced CRP sign-ups. No general CRP sign-up has been announced for 2017.

Offers for CRP enrollment under general CRP are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). FSA collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers received nationally and selections made from that

ranking.

Producers with questions about FSA's Conservation Reserve Program should contact their local FSA county office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, or the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2. More information is also available online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## March 31 is the deadline to apply for FSA Commodity Loans

The Pennington County and Red Lake County FSA offices remind area producers that March 31, 2018 is the deadline to apply for a FSA Market Assistance Loan (MAL) for 2017 crop wheat, barley, oats, canola, and honey. May 31, 2018 is the deadline to apply for a MAL on 2018 crop corn, soybeans, dry peas, and sunflowers.

MALs are available to producers who share in the risk of producing a crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or FSA takes title to the commodity.

Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan.

Commodity loan eligibility also requires compliance with the conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements, acreage reporting and ensuring that the commodity meets the minimum grade and quality standards.

For commodities to be eligible, they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers do not have to participate in either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs to be eligible for commodity loans.

The Pennington County loan rates for 2017 are as follows: wheat (HRS) \$2.92, wheat (HRW) \$2.59, soybeans \$4.69, corn \$1.76, barley \$1.80, canola \$9.92/cwt., dry peas \$5.31/cwt. (\$3.18/bu), and sunflowers \$10.23/cwt.

The Red Lake County loan rates for 2017 are as follows: wheat (HRS) \$2.93, wheat (HRW) \$2.59, soybeans \$4.69, corn \$1.76, barley \$1.80, canola \$9.92/cwt., dry peas \$5.31/cwt. (\$3.18/bu), and sunflowers \$10.30/cwt.

The interest rate for mar-

keting assistance loans disbursed in March 2018 is 2.750 percent.

Marketing Assistance Loans mature on demand, but no later than the last day of the ninth month after the month in which the loan is approved.

Remember to call before you haul. Producers with grain under loan that will be sold can request a Marketing Authorization from FSA, which gives them approval to sell the mortgaged collateral to a designated buyer before the loan is repaid. The authorization is buyer specific, so if producers are hauling to different buyer, they will need to request an authorization for each buyer to whom they are going to deliver the commodity.

Failure to request approval from FSA prior to removing mortgaged collateral could be considered a

violation of the terms and conditions of their loan. Violating provisions of a MAL may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan, and denial of future farm-stored loans.

Commodities under loan with FSA cannot be removed and cleaned for seed unless the loan is repaid on the applicable bushels prior to being removed from the storage structure designated on the loan note. Failure to do so would also be considered a loan violation.

For more information on MALs, producers should contact their local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2, or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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FSA County Committee nomination period begins June 15

The Pennington County and Red Lake County Farm Service Agency offices remind producers that the FSA County Committee nomination period will begin on June 15 and continue through Aug. 1, 2018. In Pennington County, the 2018 FSA County Committee (COC) election

will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2, which includes the following townships: Mayfield, River Falls, Rocksbury, Smiley, Silverton, and Wyandotte.

In Red Lake County, the 2018 FSA County Committee (COC) election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, which includes the following townships: Browns Creek, Lake Pleasant, Louisville, Red Lake Falls, and Wylie.

FSA County Committees are important because they assist local farmers by applying their judgment, experience, and knowledge when making local decisions in delivering Federal programs.

Individuals who serve on the local FSA County Committee make decisions regarding producers' appeals; commodity price support loans and payments; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for commodities; as well as for other farm disaster assistance. Members serve three-year terms. Nationally, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA

County Committees. FSA County Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

The FSA County Committee election process is designed to give all producers a better chance of having their opinions and ideas expressed in the community, throughout FSA and the nation. Therefore, it is vital that it has a diverse committee, not only in the physical make up of the committee, but making sure all forms of agriculture are represented.

FSA is committed to increasing the participation of all farmers on the FSA County Committees, with an emphasis on women and minority farmers. Beginning farmers are also highly encouraged to become involved.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA County Committee, a person must: be of legal voting age and eligible to vote in a FSA County Committee election, live in the LAA holding an election, participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Additionally,

organizations representing minorities and women may nominate candidates. To become a nominee, all eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A, which includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. Form FSA-669A and other valuable information about the FSA County Committee election process are available at local FSA County Offices and online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

All nomination forms for the 2018 FSA County Committee election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA County Office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2018.

Newly elected FSA County Committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2019.

Producers with questions on the FSA County Committee election process should contact their local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2, or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

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2018 Annual Farm program sign-up underway

The Pennington County and Red Lake County FSA offices remind producers that the enrollment period for the 2018 Agriculture Risk Coverage and the Price Loss Coverage (ARCPLC) programs, are underway at your local FSA County Offices. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2018.

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the ARC program and PLC program, which are administered by FSA. ARC and PLC provide revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Although the choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage.

Producers are reminded that any earned 2018 ARC and/or PLC payments would not be issued until October 2019 for most crops, and December 2019 for canola and sunflowers.

If a farm is not enrolled during the 2018 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

For more details regarding these programs, go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

FSA county offices prefer to conduct the ARCPLC Programs enrollment by appointment, so producers should contact their FSA county office to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. By scheduling an

appointment, the FSA county office can have all contracts and other materials ready ahead of time.

A reminder for producers who are renting new land, the FSA county office will need a copy of the lease before it can add the applicant to the farm as the operator and/or give any information about the farm such as base acres, and/or program election(s), maps, wetland determinations, and other materials.

Producers with questions about the 2018 ARCPLC enrollment or who wish to schedule an appointment to enroll should contact their local FSA County Office or the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2 or the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2.

FSA Structure and Organization

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster and loan programs as laid out by Congress through a network of Federal, State, and County offices.

These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. Economically, the desired result of these programs is a steady price range for agricultural commodities for both farmers and consumers.

State and County offices directly administer FSA programs. These offices certify farmers for farm programs and pay out farm subsidies and disaster programs. Currently, there are over 2,200 FSA County Offices in the continental states. FSA also has offices in Hawaii and a few American territories.

FSA lends money and provides credit counseling and supervision to eligible applicants who operate family-size farms. A family-size farm is considered to be one that a family can operate and manage itself. Under the Guaranteed Loan Program, FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss. FSA's direct loans include ownership, operating, emergency, youth and Indian-land acquisition.

FSA programs enhance the environment by the development and implementation of programs to ensure adequate protection of our natural, cultural, and historic resources. FSA assists agricultural producers and landowners in achieving a high level of stewardship of soil, water, air, and wildlife resources on America's farms.

FSA strives to provide equitable, friendly, effective,

and efficient customer service and to enhance the ability of small, limited resource, beginning and socially disadvantaged family farmers to operate successfully.

Through local FSA County Offices, FSA administers the following programs: Agricultural Mediation Program, Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC), Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loans, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Dairy Indemnity Payment Program, Debt for Nature Program, Direct Farm Ownership Program, Direct Operating Loan Program, Down-payment Farm Ownership Loans, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), Emergency Loan Program, Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loan Program, Guaranteed Operating Loan Program, Homestead Protection Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Margin Protection Program – Dairy (MPP-Dairy), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), Loan Deficiency Payment Program (LDP), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Primary Loan Servicing Program, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, Tree Assistance Program, Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP), and Youth Loans.

More than 7,000 farmer County Committee members serve in 2,200 FSA

County Offices nationwide. Committee members are the local authorities responsible for fairly and equitably resolving local issues while remaining dually and directly accountable to the secretary of agriculture and local producers through the elective process. They operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and provide necessary and important voice in Federal decisions affecting their counties and communities.

Committee members make decisions affecting which FSA programs are implemented county-wide, the established of yields, commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs, incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for commodities, and other farm disaster assistance.

Local Farm Service Agency Offices

Listed below are the addresses and telephone numbers for the Farm Service Agency offices in northwestern Minnesota:

Beltrami County, 3217 Bemidji Ave. N., Bemidji, 281-751-1942, ext. 2

Clearwater County, 312 Main Ave. N., Bagley, 218-694-6584, ext. 2

East Polk County, 370 U.S. Hwy. 2 S.E., McIntosh, 218-563-3615, ext. 2

Kittson County, 410 Fifth St. S., Hallock, 218-843-2692, ext. 2

Marshall County, 105 Division St. S., Warren, 218-745-4251, ext. 2

Pennington County, 201 Sherwood Ave. S., Thief River Falls, 218-681-1612, ext. 2;

Red Lake County, 2610 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, 218-253-2181, ext. 2

Roseau County, 502 7th St. S.W., Roseau, 218-463-2452, ext. 2

West Polk County, 528 Strandler Ave., Crookston, 218-281-2809, ext. 2.



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## USDA offers renewal options for expiring conservation stewardship contracts

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to renew their Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract. Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on Dec. 31, 2018, can access the benefits of the recent program changes through an option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. NRCS will mail contract renewal notification letters to all participants whose contracts expire in 2018, which will contain instruc-

tions on how to apply for renewal. Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by April 13. Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality. To review Minnesota's list of enhancements and conservation practices

through CSP, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/mn/programs/financial/csp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/mn/programs/financial/csp/). Some of these benefits of CSP include:

- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Increased crop yields;
- Decreased inputs;
- Wildlife population improvements; and
- Better resilience to weather extremes.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see

potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process. Producers interested in CSP are recommended to contact their local USDA service center or visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted).



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## Sign-up for FSA electronic newsletters and texts

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has moved to a paperless news distribution system. Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system, which provides notices, newsletters and electronic reminders instead of a hard copy through the mail. FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email helps conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. Producers can now subscribe to receive free email updates by visiting their local FSA County Office or by going to [www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe). When subscribing to GovDelivery, producers are

reminded to subscribe to GovDelivery for all counties in which they have a farming interest to make sure they receive updates from the applicable FSA County Office. Producers can also request to receive updates from State and National FSA Offices through GovDelivery. Producers can now receive program deadline notifications from the FSA County Office through text messages on their cell phone. Producers can text MNPennington to FSNOW or 372-669 to subscribe to text message alerts from the Pennington County FSA Office, or text MNRedLake to FSNOW or 372-669 to subscribe to text message alerts from the Red Lake County FSA

Office. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan if you have questions. Participants may unsubscribe at any time. No more than two reminder messages will be sent each month. These alerts will be general in nature and not producer specific. Producers with questions about GovDelivery or text messaging should contact their local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, or the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2.

## FSA Farm Storage Facility Loan Program is an option

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade on-farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the eligible net cost of the storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. FSA requires additional security for all loans exceeding \$100,000 or when the aggregate amount of FSFL loans exceeds \$100,000. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Sign-up for the FSFL program is continuous throughout the year. All requests for FSFL prior to loan approval require a site inspection for an environ-

mental assessment in accordance to National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) requirements showing no adverse impacts. FSFL policy requires the following actions cannot occur at the proposed FSFL location prior to the environmental assessment being completed:

- accepting delivery of equipment and/or materials in previously undisturbed areas
- site preparation or foundation construction in previously undisturbed areas
- no alteration to any structures that are 50 years old or older or within a historic district

If any of the above are completed prior to FSA completing the on-site assessment, it may impede the completion of the environmental assessment and eligibility for the FSFL. A new financing option under the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program to help farmers purchase portable storage and handling equipment. The program also offers a new "microloan" option, which

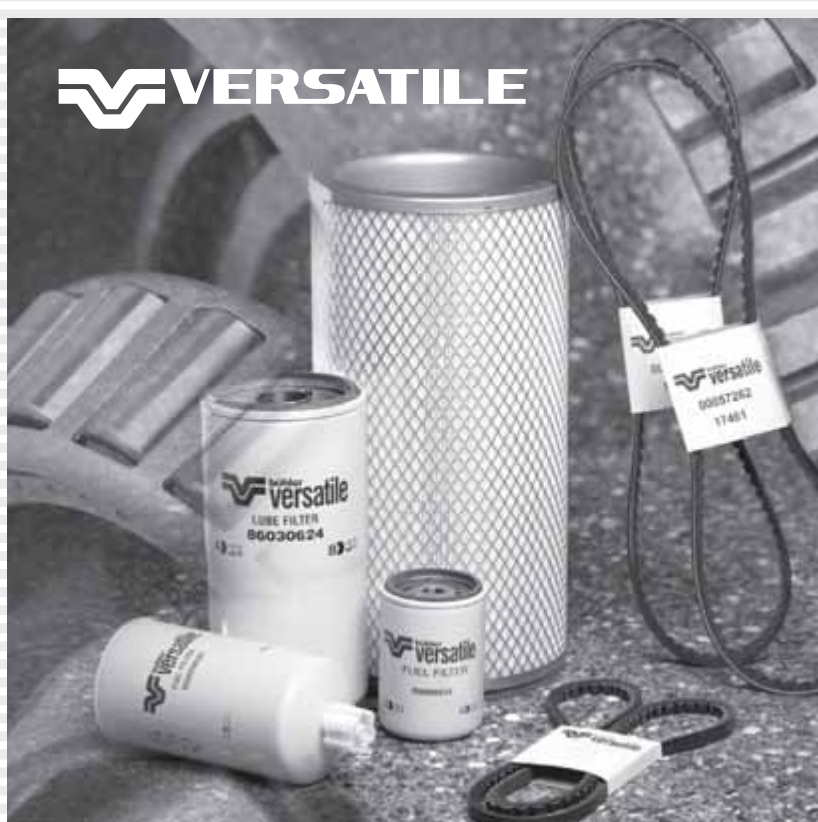
allows applicants seeking less than \$50,000 to qualify for a reduced down payment of five percent and no requirement to provide three years of production history. Farms and ranches of all sizes are eligible. The microloan option is expected to be of particular benefit to smaller farms and ranches, and specialty crop producers who may not have access to commercial storage or on-farm storage after harvest. These producers can invest in equipment like conveyers, scales, grain carts, grain baggers or handling trucks that can move or store commodities before delivering them to markets. Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply. For more information about FSFL, please contact your local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at (218) 681-1612 ext. 2, the Red Lake County FSA Office at (218) 253-2181 ext. 2, or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Fruit and vegetable planting rules explained

Producers are reminded of the fruit and vegetable (FAV) provisions which affect producers who intend to participate in certain programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014. Producers who intend to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits and vegetables or wild rice are planted on the payment acres of a farm. Payment reductions do not apply to sugarbeets, mung beans, dry peas, lentils or chickpeas. Planting fruits, vegeta-

bles or wild rice on acres that are not considered payment acres will not result in a payment reduction. Farms that are eligible to participate in ARC/PLC but are not enrolled for a particular year may plant unlimited fruits, vegetables and wild rice for that year but will not receive ARC/PLC payments for that year. Eligibility for succeeding years is not affected. Planting and harvesting fruits, vegetables and wild rice on ARC/PLC acreage is subject to the acre-for-acre payment reduction when those crops are planted on either more than 15 percent of the base acres of a farm

enrolled in ARC using the county coverage or PLC, or more than 35 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the individual coverage. FAVs include dry edible beans and potatoes. For a complete listing of FAVs, producers should contact their local FSA County Office. Producers with questions about fruit and vegetable planting rules should contact their local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA office at 681-1612 ext. 2, or the Red Lake County FSA office at 253-2181 ext. 2.



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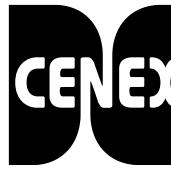
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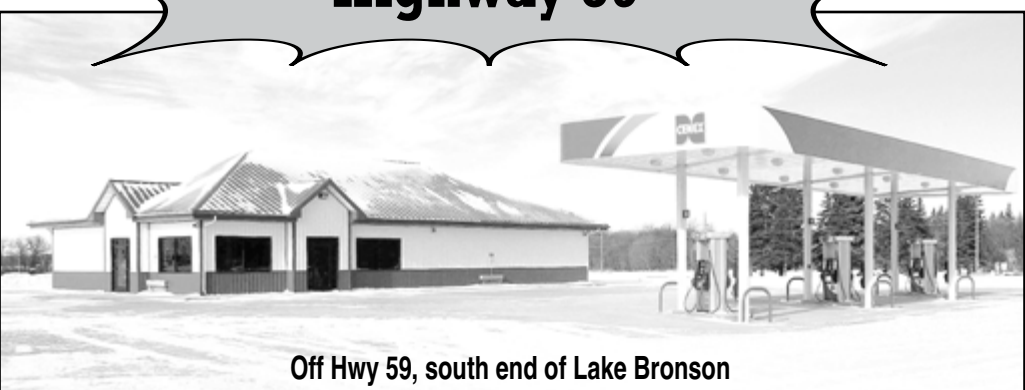
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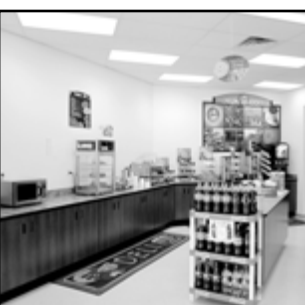

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## Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program explained

The Pennington County and Red Lake County FSA Offices inform area producers that coverage is available through FSA's Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for crops for which Federal crop insurance is not available.

To help producers determine whether their crops are eligible for NAP coverage, a web tool is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap). It also gives them an opportunity to explore a variety of options and levels to determine the best production level for their operation.

Basic coverage levels under NAP are 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price, are also available. Basic coverage cost is \$250 per crop per administrative county, up to \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed \$1,875 per producer. The cost for the higher levels of

coverage protection will be the lesser of 5.25 percent of the producer's guarantee or \$6,563.00, plus the applicable NAP administrative fee(s).

NAP coverage begins 30 days after the application is filed and the administrative fee has been paid.

The administrative fee is non-refundable. Producers that are considered limited resource, a beginning farmer, and/or traditionally underserved, as determined by FSA provisions, would have the service fee waived and a premium reduction for the expanded coverage.

2018 NAP application closing dates are as follows: March 15 - spring-seeded crops (dry peas, etc.) and perennial pasture, May 1 - ornamental nursery.

2019 NAP application coverage closing dates: Sept. 1, 2018 - value loss crops, controlled environment crops, and fall-seeded annual crops (Rye); Sept. 30, 2018 - perennial forage crops (legumes and/or grasses for seed), and wild rice; Nov. 20, 2018 - perennial fruits and vegetables;

Dec. 1, 2018 - honey.

Producers who currently have NAP coverage or who are interested in coverage need to keep an accurate record of their production, report acreage of the crops to FSA annually, and promptly notify FSA when losses occur.

Producers with questions on NAP coverage should contact the FSA county

office prior to the applicable crop's application deadline.

Producers with questions on NAP coverage should contact their local FSA county office, the Pennington County FSA office at 681-1612 ext. 2, or the Red Lake County FSA office at 253-2181 ext. 2 prior to the applicable crop's application deadline.

## LIP provides assistance

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses due to an eligible adverse weather event(s) that are not expected to occur during the loss period.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to floods, blizzards, extreme heat or extreme cold.

Livestock that die as a direct result of disease are not eligible for payment. For example, cattle can be vaccinated to prevent pneumonia or scours. Vaccination is an acceptable management practice to prevent both diseases and it is not exacerbated by an eligible adverse weather event and therefore is not an eligible loss condition under LIP.

For 2018, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2018, and before Dec. 31, 2018. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA County Office no later

than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are requested:

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

FSA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5 percent and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 5 percent. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions. Producers who suffer livestock losses in 2018 must file both of the following:

- A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent or by Jan. 30, 2019
- An application for payment by March 30, 2019.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA County Office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2, or online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## FSA launches FSAfarm+ portal

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has launched a new tool to provide farmers and ranchers with remote access to their personal farm information using their home computers. Farmers and ranchers can now view, print or export their personal farm data all without visiting an FSA county office.

The program, known as FSAfarm+, provides producers with secure access to view their personal FSA data, such as base and yields, Conservation Reserve Program data, other conservation program acreage, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation status information, field boundaries, farm imagery, name and address details, contact information and membership interest and shares in the operation.

This data will be available in real time, at no cost to the producer and allow operators and owners to export and print farm records, including maps. Producers also can electronically share their data with a crop insurance agent from their own personal computer.

Farm operators and owners first will need "Level 2 eAuthentication" to access the web portal. This level of security ensures that personal information is protected for each user. Level 2 access can be obtained by going to [www.eauth.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.usda.gov), completing the required information and then visiting your local FSA office to finalize access.

For more information on FSAfarm+, the customer self-service portal, contact your local FSA office, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2 or the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2.

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## Producers reminded to keep FSA offices informed of record changes

Producers are reminded that if they make any changes that affect their records at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) as either an owner or an operator, they need to inform the FSA county office as soon as possible so their records can be updated.

Such changes would include, but are not limited to:

- Bank account changes
- Address changes
- Change in owner or operator
- Adding or subtracting rented land
- Buying or selling land
- Putting land in a trust, partnership, corporation, etc.
- Changes in your enti-

ty...such as adding a member or removing a member, etc.

- Death: who owns the land now? The FSA needs a copy of the deed, etc.

For FSA program purposes, tracts having the same owner and the same operator are grouped under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

Changes in ownership of land that is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) must be reported to the office as soon as possible. A change in ownership for land enrolled in CRP requires that the seller and/or buyer provide the FSA county office with a copy of a deed that has been recorded in the County Recorder's Office. For CRP purposes, the change in ownership is the date the deed is recorded with the county recorder.

Once FSA notifies the producer that they are aware of an ownership change, the producer has 60 days to complete the revision without penalty. If a successor-in-interest to the CRP contract does not occur, the current CRP contract holder (the seller) would be liable for refunding all annual rental payments, cost share payments, and incentive payments with interest and liquidated damages.

Producers are encouraged to contact the FSA county office with any changes to their operation so the FSA records can be updated as soon as possible and before producers would come in to enroll in FSA programs.

Producers with questions about updating their records should contact their local FSA county office, the Pennington County FSA office at 681-1612 ext. 2 or the Red Lake County FSA office at 253-2181 ext. 2.



## When installing and/or modifying drainage systems, contact the FSA

In preparing their future planting plans many producers are considering the need for installing new tile and/or expanding existing drainage systems. The Pennington County and Red Lake County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices and Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) offices remind producers that as drainage plans are being developed, producers should also plan on stopping by their local FSA County Office to update their AD-1026 form, which is also known as the "Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Certification."

By updating this form, a referral will be sent to NRCS, which will provide producers with a certified wetland determination for the fields where drainage is planned. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that producers self-certify their compliance with the wetland conservation provi-

sions, and this includes disclosing all new drainage plans that have not been previously evaluated by NRCS.

USDA wetland conservation provisions do not require that producers receive approval prior to undertaking drainage activities. However, an up-to-date certified wetland determination issued by NRCS will provide the most accurate information on the location of protected wetland areas. This information will allow producers to make the most informed decision when moving forward on a drainage project.

Producers are encouraged to update their AD-1026 as early as possible to get the process started. They are also encouraged to provide information on all prior drainage activity (ditching and tiling) in fields where a certified wetland determination will be completed. NRCS' ability to provide a timely response to producers' drainage plans

will depend on the number of outstanding requests received.

Producers who chose to install drainage improvements without a certified wetland determination need to be aware that any drainage activities done in an area without previous cropping history or in areas that are consistently wet pose a high risk of resulting in converting a protected wetland area. Converting protected wetland areas could result in the loss of USDA program benefits on all land the operator operates.

To minimize the risk of converting protected wetland areas, producers should visit their local FSA County Office and update their AD-1026 prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects.

Producers with questions concerning wetland conservation compliance should contact their local FSA or NRCS County Office.



It's lambing season at T and A Farms in rural Thief River Falls. These lambs recently joined the crew at the farm. (Submitted)

## Farmers allowed to choose their FSA county office

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that they can choose to switch their FSA farms records to an alternative FSA Administrative County Office if switching to another FSA County Office would be significantly more convenient for the producer.

This could be significantly more convenient for the producer if another FSA County Office is closer or if the producer works or does most of his or her business in the town where the requested FSA County Office is located. Changing an FSA Administrative County Office because of convenience is a one-time selection (for the current operator) and may not be

used to evade program rules.

A producer's FSA Administrative Office is where their farm records are maintained and the producer would do all of their business (program sign-ups, acreage reporting, CRP sign-up, etc.) with FSA in the FSA County Office to which they choose to move their records.

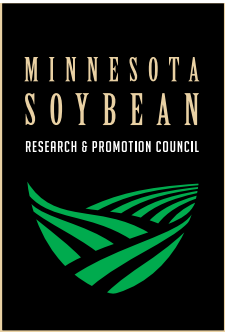
To switch an FSA Administrative County Office the producer can file a request with his or her current FSA Administrative Office or in the FSA county office to which they wish to transfer their FSA farm records. All owner(s) and the operator on the farm must sign the request to

transfer.

In order for a farm transfer request to be effective for 2018, the request must be filed with FSA by no later than Aug. 1, 2018.

Producers are reminded that for the 2016 – 2018 program years, a farm's ARC-County payment is calculated based on where the farm is administered and not where the land is physically located.

Producers with questions about switching their FSA Administrative County Office should contact their current FSA County Office or the FSA County Office to which they are considering moving their records.



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