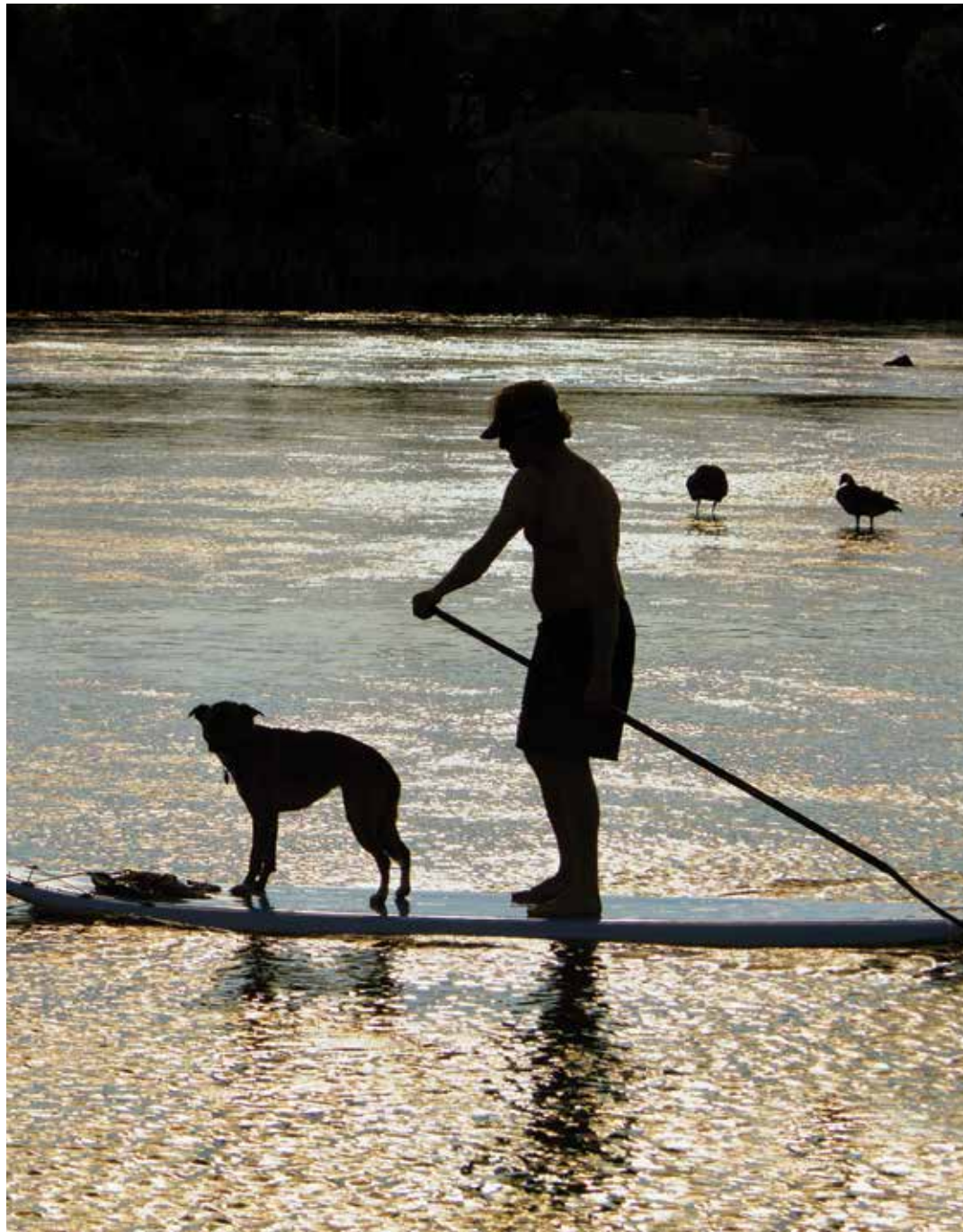


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Warroad/Roseau Events 2018

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Stan Ostby Memorial Bantam A
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Jan. 12-14, Warroad
Dick Johnson PeeWee A,
Jan. 19-21, Roseau
John Wensloff PeeWee B
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Pee Wee A
Jan. 26-28, Warroad
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Hayes Lake State Park

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Lion's Ski Plane Fly-In Breakfast
Feb. 25, American Legion, Warroad
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Warroad
Annual Hayes Lake Fishing Derby
Hayes Lake State Park
Candlelight Ski & Snowshoe
Zippel Bay State Park



Fishing Derby, Springsteel Resort & Warroad Chamber of Commerce

MARCH 2018

NW Angle Edge Riders Snow Rally
Mar. 3, Northwest Angle
KC Pro West Youth Snowmobile Race
Mar. 3-4, Roseau
Polar Plunge
Mar. 17, Warroad
St. Patrick's Day 5K
Warroad
Springo Bingo
Roseau VFW
Easter Egg Hunt
Mar. 31, Warroad Senior Living Center



LifeCare Medical Center Walk/Run

APRIL 2018

Girlfriends Winter Breakaway
Apr. 6-8, Roseau City Center
Zippel Bay Northern Tournament
Zippel Bay Resort, April 28 - 29
Dinner Theatre
Warroad
Family Fun Shoot
Warroad Lost River Sportsmen Complex
Old Timer's Hockey Tournament
Roseau
REA Days
Roseau

MAY 2018

Sturgeon Tournament
May 4-5, Sportsman's Lodge
Minnesota Fishing Opener
May 12
Memorial Day Program & Observance
Great Outdoors Event
Marvin Home Center
May Walk/Run
Life Care Medical Center
Annual Roseau Community Garage Sale
Roseau
Boys Golf Team Fundraiser Golf Tournament
Oakcrest Golf Course
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Roseau
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Jul. 18, Sven & Ole's Car Wash, Roseau
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Warroad Estates Golf Course
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Oakcrest Golf Course
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Aug. 11, Marvin Windows and Doors
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Sven & Ole's Finest Rides Car & Bike Show

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Walk to Remember
Sept. 8, Warroad Senior Living Center
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thru mid-October, Warroad
Annual Roseau/LOW Sportsman's Club ATV Run
Beltrami Island State Forest
Annual Wine Walk
Roseau
St. Jude Fundraiser Horse Ride
Bemis Hill
Annual Roseau Firefighter's Barbecue & Ball
Roseau VFW



Corn Maze, Warroad

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Warroad
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Roseau County Fairgrounds
Malung Fall Carnival
Malung Community Center

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SOMETHING IS ALWAYS BITING

SEASON IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND

by Jim Kalkofen

PLAN YOUR LAKE OF THE WOODS VACATION NOW...

Lake of the Woods is an amazing fishery. The southwest corner of the lake, Muskeg Bay near Warroad, may not get the national headlines, but it produces year-round, world-class fishing not far from shore.

Ice fishermen love it. Early spring “a-fish-i-onados” love the great opportunities. Summer anglers can’t get enough of the walleyes, bass, perch, saugers and northern pike. Fall anglers repeat the summer patterns. And, then winter returns, adding more species to the mix, including eelpout and tulibee.

In simple terms, seasons for most species are open 365 days every year, and one extra day in Leap Years. Perch, crappie, small-mouth bass, northern pike, eelpout and tulibee fishing is open every one of those days.

Walleye and sauger seasons are only closed about three weeks from mid-April thru early May. Musky season opens in June and runs through September. Sturgeon fishing is open in early May and again through the summer.

WINTER

MUSKEG BAY

Taking a look at Muskeg Bay and the southwest section of Lake of the Woods in winter is a serene sight. Not only do the snow and ice reflect the Northern Lights’ eerie glow many quiet nights, but the sheet of ice offers access to the fishing hotspots.

This region caters to ice anglers. The season usually begins in December and runs into April. Bombardiers carry anglers to comfortable, large fish houses situated on the best spots

by guides and resorts. Bombardiers have been called covered wagons, heated coaches, bus-on-tank-tracks and more. They whisk people in warm comfort to the fish.

Walleyes, sauger and perch are the main ingredients of dinner after a day of ice fishing. Jigs and minnows are the most popular tactic. Tulibee, a cousin of whitefish are fun to catch on smaller jigs tipped with waxworms or small Northland spoons. These tasty fish are destined for the smoker. A prehistoric fish, the eelpout, fight hard when tugged off the bottom on a jig and minnow combo. Interestingly, these fish fillets can be boiled and served with butter like lobster – some people can’t tell the difference. Or, they can be prepared like other cold water fish. Eelpout are also known as lawyer, burbot, mariah, ling, cusk, freshwater eel or cod.

SPRING

LAKE OF THE WOODS

With snow and ice finally melting the giant northern pike are ready to pose for pictures. Pike spawn about the time the ice is departing. They stage under the ice along shallow weedy shorelines or in the bays. Tip-up fishing with smelt or sucker minnows is the ticket for fun. Pike as large as 30 pounds are landed every year. Tip: Make sure your ice auger is 10-inches in diameter so these brutes can slither through the hole. The Zippel Bay tournament the end of April is a community affair with all-female teams as apt to win as “the guys.”

Walleyes and sauger are shallow in spring and can be caught by simply trolling the shorelines of Muskeg Bay. Anglers finding a concentration of fish stop and cast Rapalas or jigs, then move on to find the next school.



Photo credit: Springsteel Resort



Long Point - Lake of the Woods

up north. Many vacationers stock up when driving through Roseau. Musky anglers swear by their own secret lures with colors and actions that have proven themselves. When local guides recommend a specific lure, listen, because they are able to make a musky a fish of LESS than 10,000 casts.

FALL

EVERTHING BITES

This is the time of year for serious anglers. Everything seems to bite as the fish know what's coming. They become like black bears, looking for and eating as much food as possible before the cold temperatures of winter limit the smorgasbord.

Pike favor the weedbeds, ambushing everything smaller than they are. A key for anglers is to locate the few remaining green weeds as October runs into November. Bass will be on the rocks. Walleyes and saugers will be from the weeds out to the main-lake depths where they will be chasing large schools of baitfish. Anglers depend on their electronics to find bait first, then present lures to the willing fish.

Pick a season or a time that frees up a few days or weeks. When you arrive at the southwest corner of Lake of the Woods, seasons will be open and fish will be waiting. Contact any of the resorts to make arrangements, or contact the Tourism Bureaus (see contact info on page 4 & 5) for recommendations or to answer your specific questions.



SUMMER

FISHING ONLY GETS BETTER

Fishing only gets better as the warm months prevail. Charter boats stand ready to take small, medium or large groups on the lake. The guides know where to go and have all the best gear to make each trip successful. Fishing for bass and pike near weedbeds that stretch from shore provide endless opportunities. Walleyes gradually move from shallow water to the 30-foot depths. Rocky reefs in front of Arnesen's Rocky Point Resort load up with walleyes and saugers during the summer months.

Popular walleye tactics include trolling crankbaits, vertical jigging (jigs or Jigging Raps) and dragging bottom bouncers and spinners. Pike chase big spinnerbaits, glide baits and Husky Jerks. Bass will hit tubes, small cranks and jerk baits plus surface lures. Some very large perch are boated while walleye fishing.

The musky season attracts the die-hards to Lake of the Woods. With a large population of muskies, the Warroad area is a stepping off spot for those venturing to the islands and reefs

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FISH RIGHT IN TOWN...

Fish right in town on the Roseau River. Home to a diverse fish community with over 30 species of fish being documented, the most popular species include Northern pike, walleye, and channel catfish. Northern pike range from 9 to 28 inches in length and walleye can be up to 24 inches in length. Channel catfish are a popular sport fish on the river, and can exceed 20 inches. A short jaunt north to Lost River State Forest or south to Hayes Lake State Park will delight anglers with ample fishing. Save the date for the annual Ice Fishing Derby at Springsteel Resort & Marina on February 17, 2018. This family-friendly event includes lots of games and prizes along with a year's worth of bragging rights for the winners.



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A big lake, big forests and vast prairies provide the perfect setting for snowmobiling! Trails open December 1st with over 300 miles of marked and groomed trails within Roseau County maintained by a local non-profit organization, the Roseau County Trailblazers. The main “open” country trails connect all the towns within the county. These trails also connect with the wilderness trails of Beltrami Island State Forest and the EDA Trails in Lost River State Forest as well as the trails in Kittson County on the west and Lake of the Woods County trails on the east. The Northwest Angle Edge Riders groom 132 miles of beautiful land trails covering the Northwest Angle and Islands, as well as lake trails which will take you on a scenic trip or connect you to Warroad, Baudette, or Canadian trail systems. The Lake of the Woods Drifters maintain over 460 miles of trails from the Northwest Angle to Waskish and from Warroad to Big Falls. These groups organize fun days and group rides.

ATV

Thanks to the Roseau & Lake Of The Woods Sportsmans Club, there are plenty of opportunities to ride your ATV in Beltrami Island State Forest. Club volunteers maintain trails and the Roseau/LOW (aka Carp's Pit) recreational area just south of Roosevelt which marks the trail hub for 10 acres of land and includes a pavilion for picnics, restrooms, a warming shack, shooting range, and camping. The nonprofit club organizes various “runs” to complement the fishing and bird hunting openers and promotes youth hunting by sponsoring a family-friendly ruffed grouse hunt in October. Get an ATV map at area gas stations or the Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page or contact trail administrator Myles Hogenson, (218) 689-6889.

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Enjoy a day right in town. Roseau's bustling downtown is filled with all kinds of activity. Hockey games, a movie theater, a bowling alley, golfing, the Polaris Experience Center and a new splash pad are just a few ideas. Shopping includes a boutique consignment shop, Twice the Charm, and Rusted Roseau, a new store featuring unique art and antiques. Mattson's Pharmacy has lots of great gift ideas and home decor. The Roseau City Center houses the public library and Roseau County Historical Society & Museum. For the nature lovers, enjoy our bike paths along Roseau River or one of the many city parks. Pick up lunch at the much-loved, seasonal diner, Earl's Drive-In, and come back in the evening for an ice cream treat.



Downtown Warroad

ESCAPE @ THE LAKE

Everything's within walking distance from the Can-Am motel in Warroad. For car lovers a trip to The Shed to view an impressive personal car collection is a must. The Marvin Visitor Center tells the story of how Marvin Windows and Doors came to be, while the Warroad Heritage Center celebrates the growth and history of the entire community. Get your Warroad Warrior gear and other Lake of the Woods apparel at the T-shirt Barrel and Rhoda's Closet. Grab a coffee from Caribou Coffee and a picnic lunch from Doug's Supermarket and enjoy a meander along the bike trails through the woods and out to the Lake of the Woods. Watch the pelicans while fishing off the docks at the Point. Or try a float with paddle boards, kayaks and canoes at Doc's Harbor Inn. For dinner, enjoy a meal at the Nomad Tavern, featuring Jersey-style artisanal pizza or head down to the American Legion for a rib and steak dinner.

Go West

« A DAY OF ADVENTURE

After a restful night and a full-serve breakfast at the AmeriInn Roseau, head west for a day of adventures. Paul Blomquist, owner of Roseau County Ford in Roseau, invites you to visit his hometown of Hallock. Located one hour west of Roseau, enjoy the drive through prairies, forests and farmland to a little gem of a town. Check out the craft beverage scene in the only town in northwestern Minnesota to have both a craft brewery and craft spirit distillery. Attend the annual WhiskeyFest in November. On the way, stop at Lake Bronson State Park to enjoy some swimming, hiking, birding and fishing. Get back to Roseau in time for dinner and a movie.

Go East

FISH, EAT & STAY »

Spend a night right on Lake of the Woods. During winter months, rent a sleeper house. You won't miss a bite as you fish all through the night. The rest of the year camp (tent or RV) at the Warroad City Campground, or stay in cabins at Springsteel Resort & Marina, Zippel Bay Resort, Long Point Resort and Arnesen's Rocky Point. Hit the water first thing in the morning and enjoy a day on the beach or go farther east to fish or paddle on the Rainy River. Fishing guides and launch services are available through any of these area resorts, including all the equipment you need. They'll even clean your fish and provide a shore lunch. For dinner, enjoy a lakeview and Red Lake walleye at the Willows restaurant at Seven Clans Casino in Warroad.

Go North

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Grab a breakfast sandwich and coffee at the Bear & Bean in Roseau and head north from Roseau on Hwy 310 to the Lost River State Forest. This area is known for excellent birding, particularly for viewing great gray owls. Other birds in sight include snowy, northern hawk, and northern saw-whet owls; spruce grouse; whip-poor-wills; three-toed and black-backed woodpeckers; yellow-bellied flycatchers; boreal chickadees; and magnolia warblers. As part of the greater Roseau River Wildlife Management Area, immerse yourself in wildlife and nature opportunities. Three snowmobile trails run through this forest offering some of the most remote wilderness trails in the state. Enjoy this nature getaway so close to town then relax in the evening by the indoor pool at North Country Inn & Suites.



Go Way North

NORTHWEST ANGLE



Photo credit: Laketrails Base Camp

For those with an adventurous spirit - and a passport - visitors can spend a night at the Angle Inn Lodge, Sunset Lodge, or Young's Bay Resort up at the Northwest Angle. Passing through Manitoba (turn at Sprague) once you get up to the little "chimney of Minnesota," you'll enjoy a quiet, back-to-basics vacation. Fishing guides and gear are available as needed. The first weekend of August, the locals celebrate Angle Days with golf cart races, a chili cook-off, a blueberry dessert contest, a "trash to treasure event", and variety of vendors. Sunset Lodge offers day trips to Kenora, Ontario.

Go South

DEEP FOREST

Hunters love all that the Betrami Island State Park has to offer. Loaded with trails, this state park is perfect for bird hunting. Forest lovers can gather mushrooms, berries and view the wildlife. Hayes Lake State Park, located in the forest, provides fishing, and recreation including swimming, geocaching, and canoeing. Trails around the lake are great for hiking in the warmer months and for cross-country skiing in winter. The entire forest is home to an impressive network of snowmobile trails that connect with a larger snowmobile trail system.





Minnesota is synonymous with hockey and that is certainly true here in our little piece of the north country. The collective tally between our two communities includes fifteen ice hockey Olympians, eight inductees into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, nearly twenty NHL players, over 150 Division I players, and countless others who've gone on to play after graduating from our local rinks. With a hockey tradition that is over one hundred years old, the legacy continues, stronger than ever. It's no secret that the Roseau/Warroad rivalry is considered one of the greatest rivalries in high school hockey history.

When you attend a hockey game, don't be surprised if you recognize a face here and there in the crowd. For the locals, though, going to a game isn't about meeting someone famous; it's about connecting with old classmates, former teammates, and lifelong friends. It's a festive feeling – and a profound one – as three and four generations of families come together to celebrate their love for the sport. The nature of hockey cultivates a sense of hard work, team commitment and special small town love, making this sport the heartbeat of our communities.



DAN MCKINNON

A Williams Olympian

by Kim Hruha

If you've ever lived in a small town, you understand what it means when someone says, "Well, I've lived here 30 years, but I'm actually from (fill in the blank)." The distinction between one's hometown and where one lives may be a technicality, but that's how it is. Despite this cultural technicality, however, Warroad gladly embraces and celebrates one such lifelong resident: hockey great, Dan McKinnon.

Dan was born twenty miles east of Warroad in Williams, Minnesota on April 21, 1927. On the city's website, it's written, "blink and you might miss it." But in McKinnon's day it was a bustling town in its own right. With a population of 450 people, there were three grocery stores, four bars, a bank, a drugstore and the Lakewood Hotel which purportedly housed the best of three restaurants in town.

Dan's dad along with John Gilly started the hockey program in Williams. The outdoor rink was located down in a gully where a crick flowed. They would dam the crick and flood the gully, making their ice rink. Even though Williams no longer has its own hockey team, you can still see that gully on the south side of Highway 11 just across from the old hotel. Today it's been

taken over by ash and poplars, frogs, and other delights of nature, but if you listen closely and use your imagination, you just might be able to hear the squeak of skates, wooden sticks clacking and the smooth whoosh of a puck sailing across the ice.

Old-timers like McKinnon's dad, originally from Sudbury, Ontario, knew the art of making beautiful ice and taught the high school kids how to make the rink and maintain it. Snow went right up to the rink, and shoveling was a must. It was standing room only– on snowbanks, that is, – but no one minded. When muskrats destroyed the dam, the rink was moved up to dry land next to the school house.

Being from a small place like Williams did nothing to tarnish the shine of this 6' 1" defenseman. After playing for Williams High School, Dan served a two-year stint with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific at the end of WWII. He returned to play college hockey at UND, amateur hockey in California, Iowa and Minnesota, and he played on three national teams including the 1956 Olympic team.

"In 1955, Ginny [Christian] and I went over to Europe before the Olympics on what they called the World Team. That was in



Germany in three different cities,” explained Dan, “but when that was over, we went up to Sweden and Norway and we made this tour, raising up money to pay for the whole trip. Then out of that team there were four or five of us that made the Olympic team the following year. After the Olympics in Italy, we toured again in Poland, Germany, Sweden, and Norway.”

Dan also remembered being on the very first U.S. national team to play in the Soviet Union. “Actually, I don’t remember the game that we lost to them [the Russians] in Norway because a few minutes into the game I took a puck right between the eyes. I didn’t see anything for three days. It was only a week or ten days later we were playing in Moscow and I could see again. We started that game and actually played them pretty well and lost only by 3-2 and I think in Norway we had lost 4-0.”

The highlight of Dan’s hockey career was playing on the 1956 Olympic team. Despite being “one of the old guys” on the team, Dan made one of USA’s seven goals against Germany with the Americans winning 7-2, and provided one assist in the final game against Czechoslovakia with the Americans winning 9-4 and securing the silver medal.

His favorite moments from the Olympics were not necessarily those on the ice, but the ones of travel and life. In Cortina, Italy, participating in the opening ceremony was especially moving. The athletes walked down the hill, through the village, and into the outdoor Stadio Olimpico del Ghiaccio – the Olympic Ice Stadium - with blue skies and snowy Alps in the background.

Just as important as his hockey accomplishments, was his lifelong contribution to Warroad as a community volunteer. He was involved with the local American Legion and was an American Legion Lifetime Achievement Honoree and a member

of the Honor Guard. He was also an active member at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, serving in a variety of leadership roles over the years including Parish Council, Finance Council and Eucharistic Minister.

Aside from having married the prettiest girl in the world, his wife, Elouise, of fifty years, he was most proud of being part of the start of two great things in his ninety-one years of living.



In 1947, along with Cal Marvin, Ginny Christian and other local boys, he pioneered and played for the very first team that got the University of North Dakota’s (UND) hockey program underway. Today, UND celebrates a hearty hockey legacy and tradition that is hugely significant, not only for the hockey community, but for the UND community at large. The Fighting Hawks (formerly Fighting Sioux) are members of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) and compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I ice hockey. Their reputation for a strong

hockey program is world-renowned and according to Wikipedia, “UND has made over 30 appearances in the NCAA tournament, appeared in the Frozen Four 22 times, and has won 8 NCAA Division I Championships. They have also won 16 WCHA Regular Season Championships, and 10 WCHA Tournament Championships.”

Dan made the All-American second team in 1950 and was inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982. In 2006, Dan and Russell “Buzz” Johnson were officially recognized as the first All-American players from UND for their 1949-50 performances. Both men received a framed certificate from UND as All-American Honorees. Another hockey great and friend, Johnny Noah, who was previously acknowledged as the first,

got bumped to third for his 1950-51 All-American standing.

The other great beginning that Dan was a part of was helping to grow the customer base for Marvin Windows and Doors. “There were eighteen of us in the Marvin organization in 1954. When I left in 1992 there were four or five thousand.” According to the Marvin Companies website, “During the 1950s, Marvin’s small sales force criss-crossed the Upper Midwest in Chevrolet station wagons, signing up independent local dealers to distribute Marvin windows.” Dan was a member of this sales team.

“Monday morning Bill Marvin would give me fifty bucks,” Dan recalled, smiling. “I’d go out on the road for the week with the station wagon and buy gas and oil, four nights in a motel and meals, and I was supposed to come back with money at the end of the week.” Dan stayed in this position until 1974. When he got off the road, he took a sales manager position that he held until he retired. “It’s like Sioux hockey,” he said. “I certainly never expected the company to do as well as it did. Nobody knew what Marvin was. Nobody knew where Warroad was.”

An accident in 1958 ended Dan’s hockey career. But, surprisingly it wasn’t hockey that he missed the most. “I missed not being able to play baseball more than hockey. I love baseball.”

So how does a baseball player become a hockey player? Dan’s explanation was simple. “There wasn’t much baseball. There weren’t any school teams. There were town teams but that was a real short season. With hockey you had coaches, you had teams; you had the whole works.”

He did eventually get to play baseball for Williams’ and Warroad’s town teams and was a strong hitter. In 1966, his team played in the state tournament in Little Falls. A photograph from that event is now hanging in Target Field in the Twin Cities. “I don’t know why it was picked; but I think it was just to honor baseball.” Which ended up being a wonderful tribute to this much-loved hockey/baseball player from Williams/Warroad.

Dan was interviewed for this article in the summer of 2016. He passed away August 6, 2017. It is with great sorrow that with Dan, Warroad lost another hockey legend, Dan’s teammate and friend, Gordon “Ginny” Christian, who was featured in our 2016 guide, on June 2, 2017. A revered hockey booster and community pillar, John Heneman, who was featured in our 2015 guide, also passed away on June 20, 2017. Visit the Warroad Heritage Center, the Gardens Arena and Security State Bank to learn more about these amazing men and their contribution to the world of hockey and the Warroad community.

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Dec. 1-3, 2017: Center Ice Club Bantam A, *Roseau*
Dec. 8-10, 2017: Roseau Squirt A & B, *Roseau*
Dec. 8-10, 2017: Pee Wee B, *Warroad*
Dec. 15-17, 2017: Bantam A, *Warroad*
Dec. 15-17, 2017: Paul Broten PeeWee A, *Roseau*
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Feb. 2-4, 2018: 12U & 10U Girls, *Roseau*
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What do you get when you take fifteen old timers to Florida to play in the USA Hockey Adult National Championships? *A win, win, and more wins.*

Bob Lund, the founder of Roseau's star amateur adult hockey team, Byfuglien Trucking, was a relative late-comer to hockey – starting at ten years old instead of the ripe age of four. His hockey career gave way – not to greatness of Olympic proportions like his friend and fellow Roseau Ram, Don Ross, who played in the Winter Olympics in both 1964 and 1968 – but rather to a



slow, steady rise that has kept him skating for a lifetime.

Born in 1940, Bob grew up on a farm south of Salol, a small town ten miles east of Roseau. One of six children, the Lund kids worked the farm during the week then caught rides with the hired hands to Salol on Saturdays to skate on the outdoor rink in the winter or to catch a Western movie in the summer. When he was ten, Bob began playing organized hockey in the Saturday morning league in Roseau. There were only six teams and they mostly played each other. Once he entered seventh grade, he graduated to Thursday night league – again consisting of about six teams – the highlight being an occasional road trip to Selkirk, Manitoba, a town about 20 miles north-east of Winnipeg, to play in a tournament.

Once he reached high school, Lund's star, while continuing to rise, just wasn't quite there yet. Even though he played

all through high school, it wasn't until halfway through his senior year he finally started to make hockey headway. "At that time there were only ten guys on a team. After Christmas, the coaches juggled the line and I was a defenseman," Lund explained. That team went on to win the 1958 state high school ice hockey championship and the second ever state championship for Roseau.

At this time, still considered an average player, he attended the University of Minnesota in Duluth and played on a college all-star team against similar teams mostly from the Iron Range. Soon after, he got a call from Cal Marvin and began practicing with the Warroad Lakers, an amateur senior hockey team that dominated the Canadian amateur leagues. In 1960, when Roger and Bill Christian went to the Olympics, Bob was upgraded to a spare player for the team and by the next year

BOB LUND: HOCKEY FOR LIFE

by Kim Hrubá

was a regular defenseman. "That's when I really started to get a lot of experience, playing with the other two Lakers defensemen, Ed Kryzanowski and Sambo Fedurok." Kryzanowski, from Fort Frances, Ontario was a professional ice hockey player most noted for his time with the Boston Bruins and the Chicago Blackhawks as well as other Canadian teams. Fedorak, also of Fort Frances, was captain of the Fort Frances Canadians team that won the 1952 Allan Cup which put Fort Frances on the hockey map.

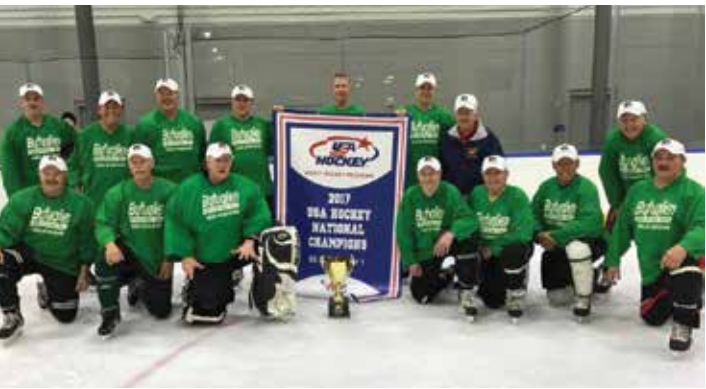
With this bundle of hockey experience under his belt, Lund went back to UMD where he played for the Bulldogs from 1962-65 and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. In 1965, he finally got his chance to shine on a national scale, playing for the U.S. Men's National Team in Finland at the International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship.

For many hockey players, the story would end there with plenty of glory and good memories to enjoy for a lifetime. But not Bob. Instead, he continued playing off and on for the Lakers. In the 1970s, Lund realized that there were plenty of old timers like him (a relative term since he was only in his thirties) in Roseau who were also looking to get some ice time. Along with two other men, Lund raffled a truck to raise some funds and started the Roseau Leafs – a name that paid homage to former amateur team, the Roseau Cloverleafs. The Roseau Leafs played in the Northwest Hockey League and won three consecutive senior class amateur state championships from 1976 - 1978. After the Leafs, Lund was involved with forming a new team, the Golden Agers. "We went up to play at the Sam Tascona Old Timers tournament in Winnipeg and whooped those Canadians," Bob said, with a twinkle in his eye. To this day, the Golden Agers skate every Monday and Wednesday, alternating days with a younger "old timers" group on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



In 2008, Lund and Roseau Olympian, Donny Ross, got their chance to skate at the national level once again. Now in their sixties, a Minneapolis-based team, the Minnesota Old Timers led by Jim Westby, a former Golden Gopher and national player, as well as Ross' 1964 Olympic teammate, invited the two men to play in the 60+ division of the USA Hockey National Adult Hockey championship in Florida. The team won the championship. Lund and Ross headed back home to Roseau to form their latest team, Byfuglien Trucking. In 2009, they went back to Florida and since then, have been undefeated national champions, winning nine straight USA Hockey national titles.


Granted, they've now advanced to the 65+ division and Bob will be the first to tell you that it's not like playing 20-year-olds. "People ask me, how can you play hockey when you're 70 years old? It's all parody," he said. "You have to remember, it's 70-year-olds playing against 70-year-olds." On a serious noted, he added, "We're successful



because just about everyone [on the team] has played Division I or higher and never really quit." The team's strong showing paired with Lund's leadership, on and off the ice, hasn't gone unnoticed. At the age of 72, he was named the 2012 Adult Ironman of the Year by USA Hockey.

And so, outfitted with a new

pacemaker, Bob and the rest of the team look forward to competing in Florida again in 2018, hoping for that tenth win. In the meantime, you can find Bob either at his store, Lund's Furniture, or making special appearances with his accordion as part of a comedic trio decked out as the Hanson Brothers in jerseys, wigs and glasses during Roseau's youth hockey tournaments.



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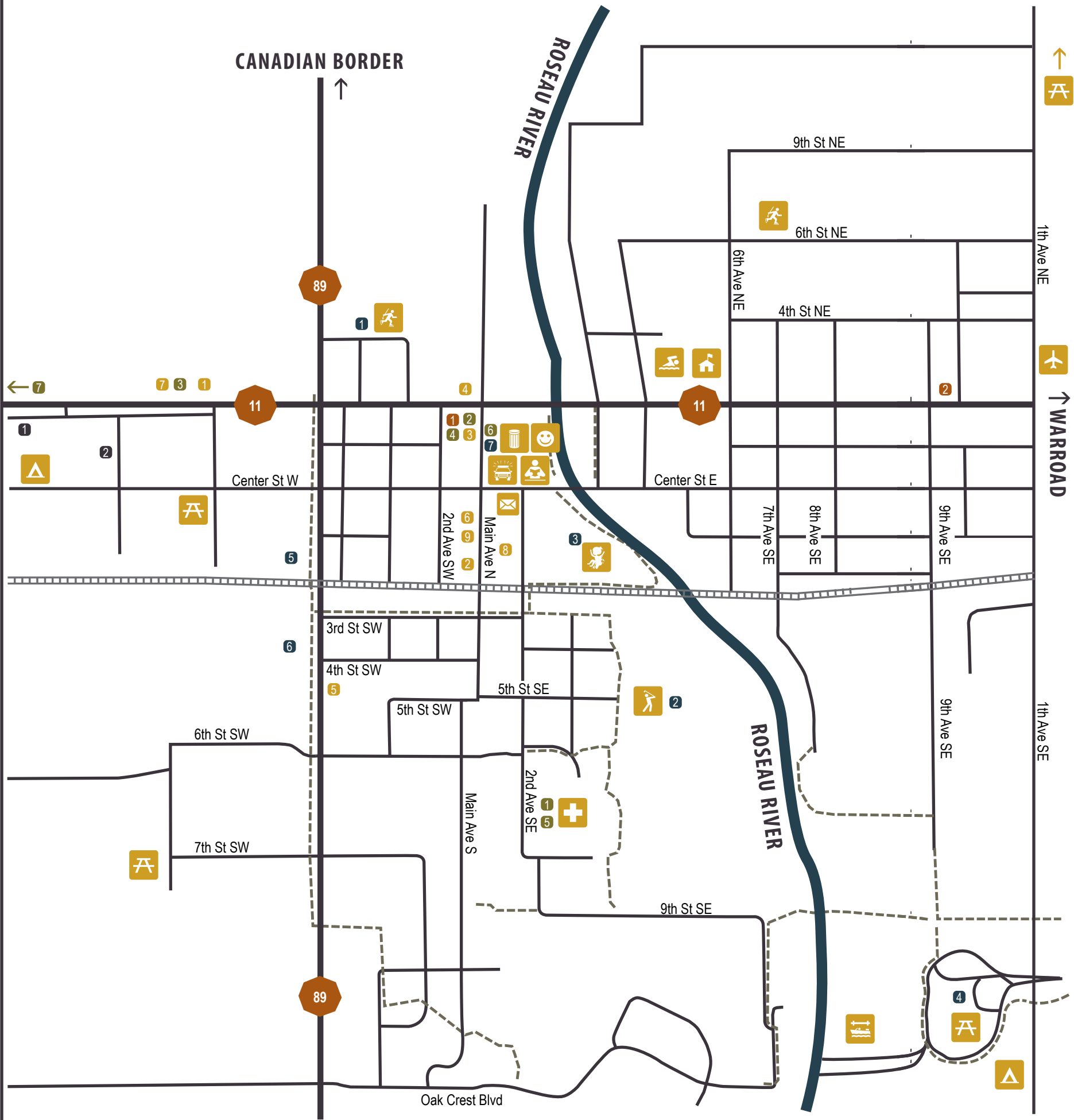
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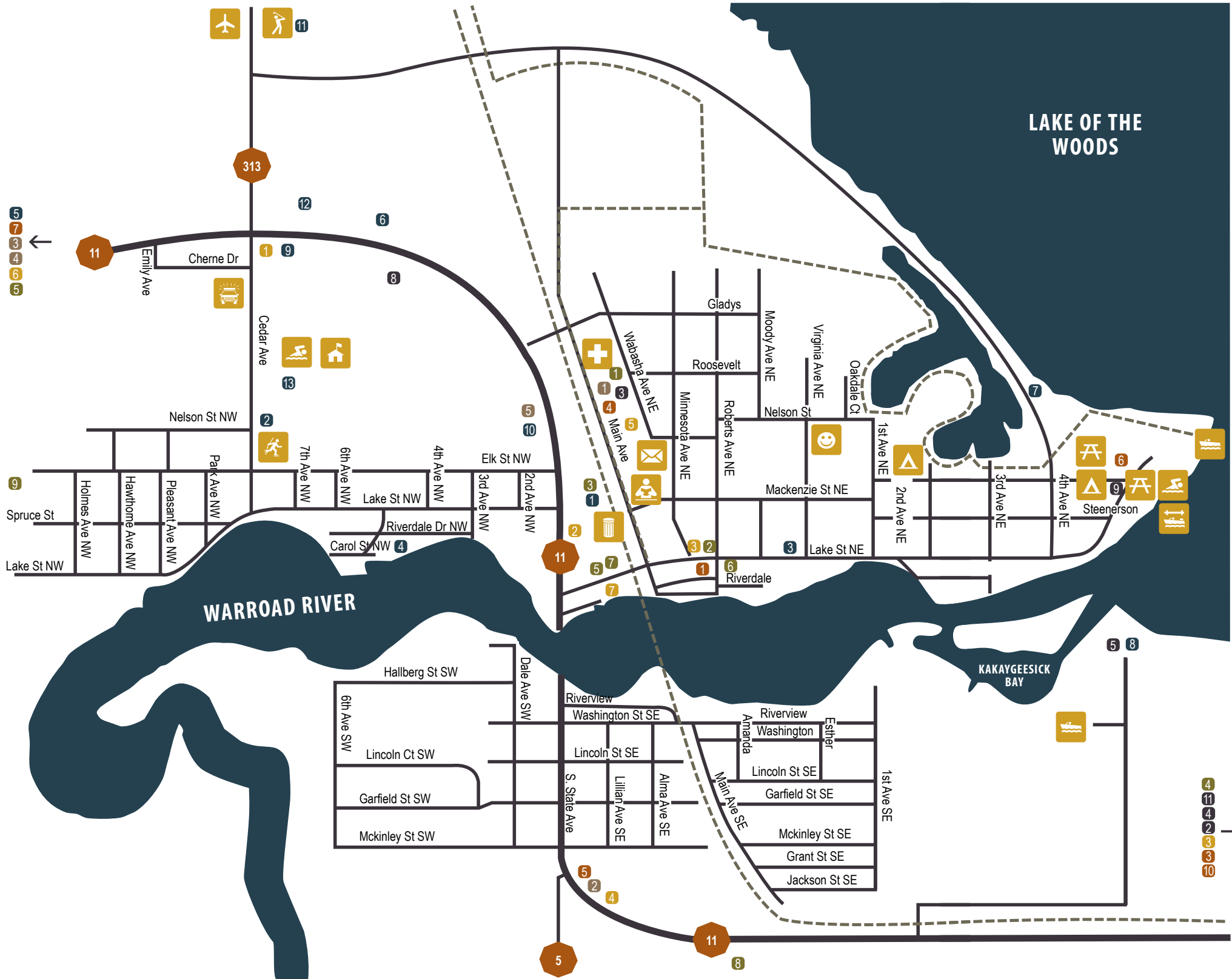


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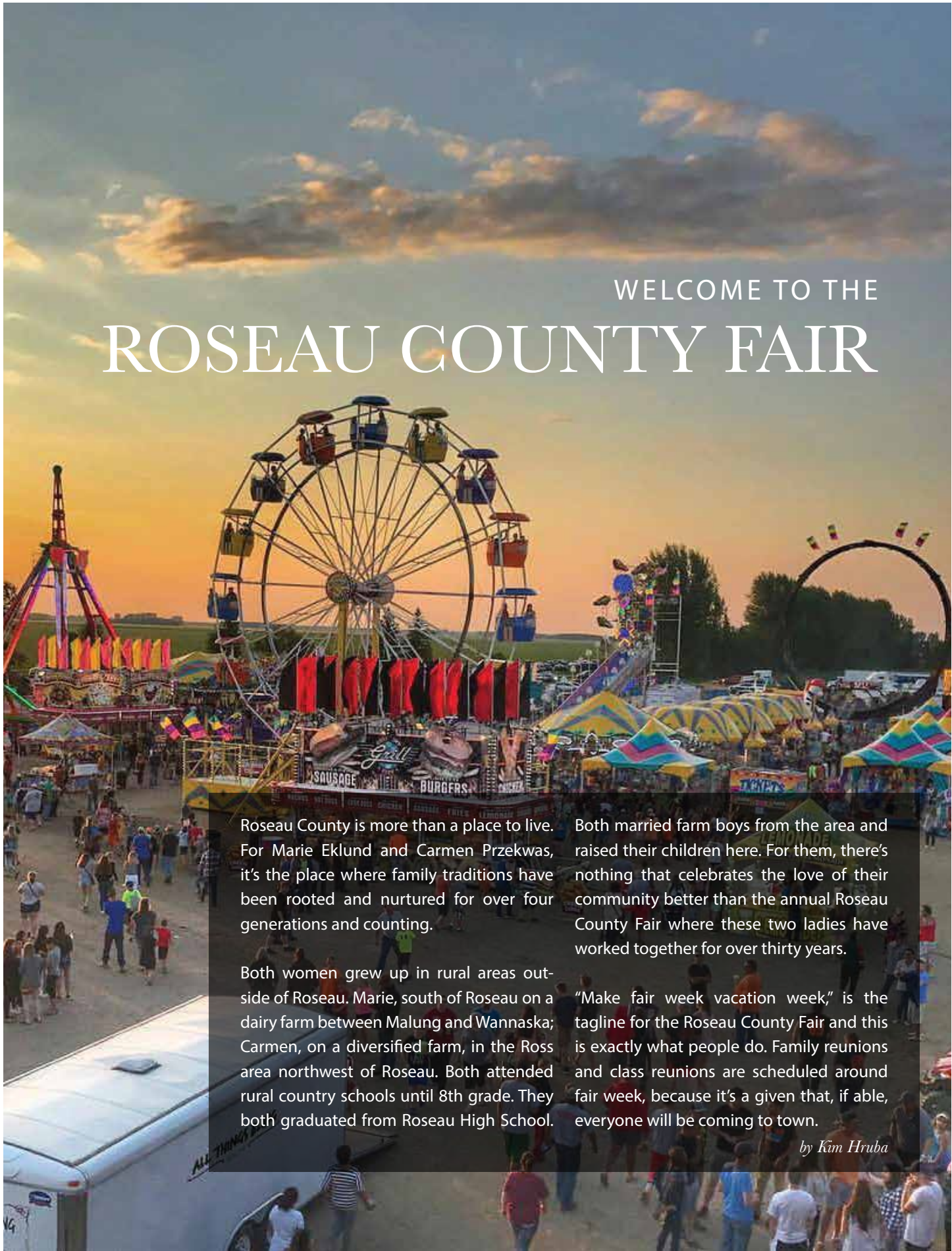
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WELCOME TO THE ROSEAU COUNTY FAIR

Roseau County is more than a place to live. For Marie Eklund and Carmen Przekwas, it's the place where family traditions have been rooted and nurtured for over four generations and counting.

Both women grew up in rural areas outside of Roseau. Marie, south of Roseau on a dairy farm between Malung and Wannaska; Carmen, on a diversified farm, in the Ross area northwest of Roseau. Both attended rural country schools until 8th grade. They both graduated from Roseau High School.

Both married farm boys from the area and raised their children here. For them, there's nothing that celebrates the love of their community better than the annual Roseau County Fair where these two ladies have worked together for over thirty years.

"Make fair week vacation week," is the tagline for the Roseau County Fair and this is exactly what people do. Family reunions and class reunions are scheduled around fair week, because it's a given that, if able, everyone will be coming to town.

by Kim Hrubá



Even area employers have been known to offer days off over the years during fair week. "There's a feeling of excitement at the fair," Marie and Carmen explained. "People gather to meet old friends and make new friends. Some come to compete, some to observe, and others to visit."

The fair began in 1906 and has always been the place to showcase all the hard work put in on the farm, in the home and at school. As children, Carmen and Marie looked forward to "the big outing," putting a lot of effort into showing their animals and preparing other items to exhibit. "I remember my sisters and I arguing over who got to use the sewing machine next as we tried to finish up our projects," Marie said. (In this regard, human nature hasn't changed much in the fair's one hundred-year history!)

Marie began working for the fair in 1973 and Carmen joined her in 1986. At that time, there were eleven people employed as the

fair's administrative staff. Working knee-to-knee in the small booth next to the Magnusson building was hot as all get out. When interviewed, Carmen held up her right hand to show a knobby, curved finger. She laughed and said, "Most of us had lumps in our writing hand from all of the entries and check writing we had to do. This included all of the entries for the open class, all of the rural country schools and city schools of Roseau County." Now it's all computerized and the original administrative building, long since demolished, was replaced by a comfortable, air-conditioned office right next to the 4-H building.

Along with a full-time office manager, Marie and Carmen are now the fair's only primary office staff. They're responsible for a laundry list of tasks including entering exhibits, paying premiums, grand stand ticket pre-sales, handling the administrative aspects for the livestock/poultry and the camping,



making announcements, being the public face of the fair, answering the public's questions with assistance from the fair board, collaborating with local law enforcement, directing people to the first aid center as needed, serving as the liaison for all community entities and responding to any other situations that arise during the fair.

Today, the Roseau County Fair is considered to be one of the top fairs in the state. This impressive feat is attributed to the fair board's ongoing efforts to make the fair relevant to the changing times. "The fair board works hard to make it family friendly and geared toward all ages," Carmen emphasized. While interests shift over time, new ones emerge offering new exhibition categories, for example for computers and technology, and expanding the home economics to include all sorts of handiwork such as sign making, jewelry making and other clever and adorable curios. Tradition also plays a powerful role in

keeping folks engaged as members of families across generations participate in the various exhibitions. Carmen and Marie are both from such families.

The fair wouldn't be what it is without the involvement and significant contribution of 4-H. Pledging heads, hearts, hands and health, hundreds of youth from across the county convene, just like Marie and Carmen did at that age, to display the best of their individual and club work. Poultry and livestock, homegrown fruits and vegetables, flowers, fashions sewn by hand or assembled, cookies and cakes, arts and crafts, informative displays on countless subjects – the possibilities are endless.

But you don't have to be a member of 4-H to exhibit your wares. Non-4-H youth are welcome as well as adults. An occasional zealous adult or two have even entered over 100 exhibits in one year! Many local teachers submit art created by

their students to be displayed alongside competing items. Elementary students receive a complimentary ice cream cone from the 4-H dairy bar, courtesy of the fair board for their school entries.

The fair has free gate admission with many area businesses and nonprofits providing information booths and activities, a free mini-stage with many diverse acts, an enticing Midway with plenty of rides, games, and prizes, and the usual fair food



favorites such as OOf-da tacos, the 4-H dairy bar, corn dogs, cheese curds, funnel cakes, cotton candy, and several permanent food stands, as well as a few new foodie trucks with gourmet delights like wonton tacos, pork Thai nachos, gyros and Queen Anne apples.

Another homey touch the fair offers is plenty of free handicapped parking. Recognizing the integral part the county fair has played in many people's lives throughout the county, the fair board has worked hard to develop ways for older generations to continue making the annual pilgrimage to the

fair. Not only is plenty of parking available, but buses are coordinated with local nursing homes. Covered shelters are also provided in front of the mini-stage for guests to sit and visit.

The Grand Stand is phenomenal. What was once a simple wooden shelter has now become an impressive seating area that can accommodate 2,500 spectators in a sheltered stand with portable bleachers available as needed. The stage has been

expanded to include a roof so all acts can go on regardless of what Mother Nature brings. Entertainment includes rodeos, car races, and high quality musical performances (past artists have included Faith Hill and local sweetheart and Nashville star, Kari Nelson.)

Debating in 2015, the Bush Races have been a big hit. Last year saw over 64 entries in the men's race and nine in the women's. According to the fair website, the race course includes "turns and obstacles to keep speeds within a safe range while keeping the audience on the edge of their seat." A local auto shop in Green-

bush even offers cars available for purchase specifically for this race "complete with refund when returned." The contestants compete for the Billy Austin championship trophy. The most popular event is the Friday night Demolition Derby. In 2017, this event alone brought an audience of 2,900 people. There were 43 demo drivers contending for a purse over \$6,000.

Another venue launched in 2015 was Power Wheels, a derby just for kids. Little racers drive small, powered cars with balloons attached to the front, trying to pop each other's balloons while protecting their own. Tryouts are held Wednesday and Thursday with a "demolition" held on Friday before the traditional Demolition Derby.

The kids' pedal tractor pull sponsored by the Greenbush-Badger Lions is another family favorite. This event is state sanctioned, meaning that the winner gets to advance to the state

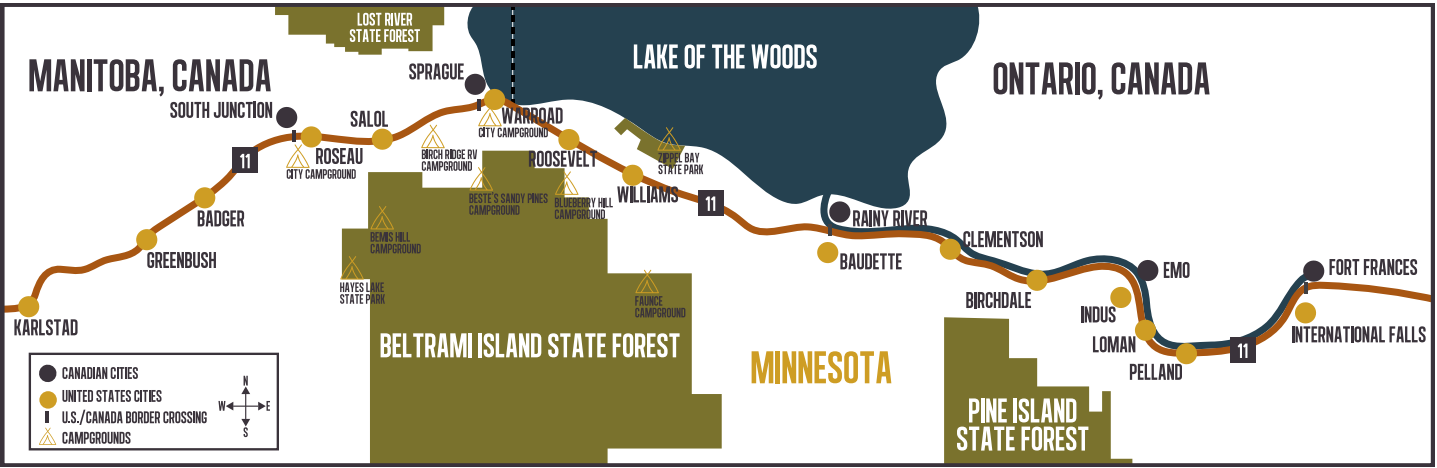


Carmen Przekwas & Marie Eklund

fair. Finally, when you need a break, head over to the sheltered soybean pit and dip into an enormous kiddie pool of soybeans. The smooth round beans make for a surprisingly relaxing experience with supervision from mom and dad.

The fairgrounds themselves are in immaculate condition giving the fair a classy touch. The large exhibition buildings are outfitted with steel siding, cheerful flower arrangements are planted and cared for by local volunteer, Jeanie Hamness, and the grounds are regularly maintained and mowed by fair maintenance employees, including fair board members. Overall there's a sense of cleanliness, comfort and welcome – all signs that the fair is truly a labor of love.

So mark your calendars for July 15 – 20th, 2018, and see you at the next Roseau County Fair. Marie and Carmen will be ready to greet you at the Secretary's Office along with the fair board members and many volunteers.



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HEARTBEAT OF THE NATION

WARROAD POW-WOW

by Jaimie Snowden



Sitting on the south side of Lake of the Woods, the town of Warroad historically was the social hub of the Indigenous communities around the lake. The Ojibwe referred to the area as Kah-bay-kah-nong which translates to, "The trail or road to make war." The Cree and Assiniboine tribes would take the trail into Warroad from out west, hook up with the Ojibwe and go south to make war upon the Dakota-Sioux.

Today, Warroad is known for other things and hosting a beautiful pow-wow is one of them. The Red Lake Nation hosts a community pow-wow on the historic Cherne farm which they now own. It is a beautiful backdrop for a traditional celebration. The pow-wow arbor is tucked in next to the tall pines along the beautiful meandering Warroad River providing protection against the westerly winds and rain. The old barn sits stoically nearby like a watchful grandfather. Beyond the farm, the fields open up to shining blue sky during the day and the twinkle of stars looking down upon the people in approval at night.

The drum (Dewe'igan) represents the heartbeat of the people. Travelers come from far and wide to be part of the good feelings and vibes that are created when people come together for a positive celebration. They are mesmerized by the fine dancing, soothed by the beat of the drum and overcome

by the smells of the delicious food that is offered by vendors. Greasy fry bread, hot fries, chicken wild rice soup, poutine and many mouth-watering sweets are usually in high demand.

Native Americans are very patriotic, serving in the military in high numbers, and have fought in every war that has taken place in the history of this continent which the Indigenous people called "Turtle Island."

There is an American flag raising ceremony in the morning around 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday and Sunday of the pow-wow. This is a great honor for families to have the flags of their loved ones, who have passed on to the Spirit World, to be on display for everybody to see.

The pow-wow is officially kicked off around 1:00 p.m. with the Grand Entry. This first round of dancing goes until 5:00 p.m. when the action is stopped for a supper break where the Red Lake Nation feeds the people with a fabulous feast. The dancing resumes at 7:00 p.m. with a second Grand Entry. The pow-wow Master of Ceremonies will speak over the speaker system calling for the drummers to get to their drums and for the dancers to line up for the start of Grand Entry.



A great sight during the Grand Entry is when the Native American Royalty follows in behind the color guard. The royalty consists of boys and girls who represent their Tribal Nations, communities and schools. These dancers can be distinguished from the other young dancers because the girls (Princesses) wear beaded crowns and sashes showing their title. The boys (Braves) also wear a sash but in addition can sport a beaded medallion on a headband. There are many different dance styles wearing beautiful outfits adorned with vibrant colors of cloth, beads, leather, feathers, jingles and bells.

The men file in after the royalty. They are followed by the women and then the children in the same order. The two main styles for men are Traditional and Grass dance. Traditional can be seen wearing the leather leggings, breach cloth, ribbon shirt, eagle feather bustles and porcupine headdresses and carrying shields and smaller staffs. They dance with the dignity and stoic features that people generally think of when they daydream of the old times of the past. Grass Dancer's outfits are made from multi-colored cloth with yarn or ribbon dangling for fringing. They move more quickly than Traditional, often times looking like long grass swaying in the wind.

Women's Traditional is similar to the men, leather and cloth is used adorned with fine bead work, carrying a comforting blanket in one arm and a purse or eagle wing fan in the other. Normally the Traditional women dancers hold court but in Ojibwe Country it is all about the Jingle Dress style. This style has its origins with the Ojibwe people. It is a healing dress. Made of fine cloth in many colors lined with ribbons, the soulful sounding jingles dangle from the dress sounding like pine tree branches swishing on a metal roof.

The newest of women dance styles that originated amongst the open plains tribes is the Women's Fancy Dance. Like all dance styles, beautiful material for the dress is a must but a shawl with ornate designs covers the shoulders with colorful fringes. Lots of bedazzled beadwork rounds out these outfits. The movements of the dance are very rhythmic and acrobatic with well-timed spins and constant movement where the dancers are up on their toes, floating like butterflies.

All this action, scenic beauty, good vibes and food can be taken in during the first weekend of June so mark your calendar and join in on the festivities.

Grand Entry starts when the Red Lake Nation military color guard honorably parades in the United States, Red Lake Nation, and the Vietnam Prisoner Of War flags along with the Traditional Eagle Feather staffs representing the Indigenous people of North America. The Canadian flag is also escorted in by an Indigenous veteran from across the border.

The Grand Entry consists of a number of different songs and spectators stand to show respect. After the Grand Entry song, there is the Flag Song (Indian National Anthem), followed by the Veterans Song which honors our fallen Warriors/Soldiers and those who have served but still walk this earth. The Sneak Up and Crow Hop songs round out and complete the opening ceremony.



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TOBOGGAN REVIVAL *TRADITION RETURNS*



by Kim Hruha

The wooden sled is making a comeback. Scratch that. *Toboggans*.

If you're of a certain age or from a certain region, you remember the snow days and the quick after school thrills of one more ride on a wooden sled before sunset. Kids lining up, fitting themselves together like little Russian *matryoshka* nesting dolls, to make the ride as streamlined as possible. Those sleds told stories. Today, the nostalgia of old school sledding has returned and Northern Toboggan Co is ready to make your next family heirloom.

A carpenter by trade, the founder of this thriving family business, John Harren, aka the Sled Maker, learned this unique skill from Milton Chaboyer of Thompson, Manitoba, who was one of the most respected toboggan makers in the Canadian toboggan belt. Initially, Harren focused on crafting traditional toboggans intended for the Canadian bush where this particularly style has been developed and used for centuries. In this part of the world, living off the

land is the rule not the exception with temperatures known to drop as low as -50 F, giving even the hardest of Minnesotans a shiver. Since 1995, Harren has built a solid customer base and respectable following of hunters, trappers, landmen, and Indigenous people who use his toboggans as an essential part of their lifestyle for hunting, fishing, working, and traveling in these tough northern climates.

Traditional toboggans are long and narrow, ranging from 8 feet to 16 feet in length. They sit right on the ground, the boards flexing as they traverse the snowy terrain making the ride stable and smooth. The distinctive curl on Harren's toboggans is called a "Manitoba curl" and utilizes four feet of board length instead of three. This curl allows for a higher ride, pulling heavy loads more easily in deep snow, and for better handling over a range of landscapes and forest debris.

In the last few years, Harren and his sons, Jackson and Gabriel, with Jackson's wife Solveig, have expanded the

business. The next generation of Northern Toboggan Co looks forward to developing their recreational sled line which includes handcrafted downhill toboggans, pull sleds and hand toboggans that are perfect for a variety of winter activities. They're used not only for sledding, but also for pulling family or transporting gear across frozen lakes, snow-covered fields and woods. Toboggans don't require a lot of snow to gain momentum and maintain traction, and the company offers a variety of sizes and lengths to meet your family's needs. "We can create a customized family heirloom with your name on it and deliver it anywhere," Marketing Director, Gabriel, said. They also offer free shipping to anywhere in the lower 48 states.

With the integrity of the recreation line rooted in over 20 years of experience, including plenty of "product testing" with the Sled Maker's thirteen grandchildren – the fourteenth due in March 2018 – Northern Toboggan Co is ready to bring toboggans to your backyard. They're especially excited about their latest



product, a pull sled for the little people in your life. This sled, fondly called the “winter stroller” in the Harren family, has a raised oak deck that sits about eight inches off the ground on two oak runners. Like the toboggan, it’s designed to haul a lot of weight and the narrow runners make for easy gliding over a variety of terrains.

Finally, whichever handmade heirloom you choose, the finished product will be engraved with a special number that represents the tally of sleds built over the course of Harren’s career. (Our family toboggan is #923.)

Toboggan revival you say?
Bring it on.



Janet Johnson *River's Edge Studio*

by Kim Hrubá

I marvel at the dark brown berry bowl in my hands, instantly connecting with both its integrity as a piece of art and its usefulness. It’s crazy to think that the talented woman who made this never did a single piece of art before college.

Janet Johnson, owner of River’s Edge Studio, was a teacher long before she considered herself an artist. Born and raised in Williams, Minnesota, she didn’t know there was such a thing as an art teacher until her freshman year at Bemidji State University. “It was such a small school [in Williams], we didn’t have an art teacher.” In college, she took a few art classes as part of fulfilling the general education requirements and just kept taking them, ultimately graduating with a teaching degree in English and Art.

She taught English for 17 years (with some middle school art off and on) until the high school art teacher retired. “When I started teaching art after being in English for so long, I kind of had to start over. A lot of the stuff I do I had to learn



with my students.” One of the projects she shares as an example of this is a series of nature photographs that, when placed together, spell a family name using nature’s alphabet. With her students, she improvised constantly, coming up with new techniques such as applying paint to a canvas with a credit card or cutting cardboard with pinking shears to apply paint with texture. Paint in a squirt bottle, stamping – the possibilities were endless.

Experimentation and a willingness to play define her professional work. As she tells her story, I scan her studio, amazed by all of the different types of art she’s created. While pottery is her first love, mixed media is a close second followed by acrylic paintings, photography, printmaking, a bit of weaving and Boho jewelry.

“I love the challenge of doing something different every time I grab a pen, brush, or lump of clay. And when things seem to be falling apart on the wheel or canvas, I love the challenge of rescuing it by going a different direction. Some of my favorite pots I call ‘soggy bottom’ pots. When the clay starts getting too thin in one spot, and the upper part starts collapsing, I try to guide the falling clay into graceful or interesting folds. They make interesting pots for cacti or succulents.”

The inner kid/artist in me perks up when she begins describing paper clay, a mixed media material that allows you to brush paper-infused clay on paper or fabric.

When the piece is fired in the kiln, the paper or fabric burns away, leaving a lighter weight but strong pot or sculpture. She shows me a beautiful textured wall hanging incorporating egg cartons and oak leaves in the process, and a simple yet emotionally powerful piece of “crumpled” paper on a black canvas. “I just used a paper towel,” she admits. But the effect is stunning, as the piece’s fragility juxtaposes its material strength.

“Teaching is as much in my heart as doing artwork is. I get just as much joy out of sharing what I know with others so they can be pleased and surprised.” Her love of teaching spontaneously surfaces, during our interview, as she pulls items off the shelf and begins demonstrating how they’re used or how bits can be put together with some whimsy and ingenuity. “The thing that I like about art is there are so many right answers. There

are so many ways to do things.”

She retired from teaching in 2013, but has since filled her days with even more art and students. Through River’s Edge Studio she mentors, teaches various art classes at home and at the Malung Community Center, substitute teaches in the public schools, does artist residencies and currently serves on the board of the Northwest Minnesota Region 1 Arts Council.

Her work is for sale and on display at the Bear and Bean Coffee Company in Roseau and on her River’s Edge Studio Facebook page. She does commission work, examples of which can be viewed in the hospitality room at the North Country Inn & Suites in Roseau. She has also been featured at the Riverwalk Art Gallery in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.



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PIEROGIES

Recipe makes 12 servings
Total Time: 1h 40m
Recipe from allrecipes.com

INGREDIENTS

Potato Filling:

3 Tbsp butter
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups mashed potatoes
1 tsp salt
1 tsp white pepper

Dough:

3 eggs
1(8 ounce) sour cream
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 Tbsp baking powder

DIRECTIONS

Melt the butter in a skillet. Stir in the onion. Stir into the mashed potatoes, & season with salt & pepper. To make the dough, beat together the eggs & sour cream. Sift together the flour, salt, & baking powder; stir into the sour cream mixture. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface until firm & smooth. Divide the dough in half, then roll out one half to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into 3 inch rounds using a biscuit cutter. Place a small spoonful of the mashed potato filling into the center of each round. Moisten the edges with water, fold over, & press together with a fork to seal. Repeat procedure with the remaining dough. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pierogies & cook for 3 to 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon.

SWEDISH PANCAKES

Recipe makes 5 servings
Total Time: 20m
Recipe from tasteofhome.com

INGREDIENTS

2 cups milk
4 eggs
1 Tbsp canola oil
1-1/2 cup all-purpose flour
3 Tbsp sugar
1/4 tsp salt
toppings of choice

DIRECTIONS

In a mixing bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Heat a lightly greased nonstick skillet; pour 1/4 cup batter. Lift & tilt pan to evenly coat bottom. Cook until top appears dry; turn & cook 15-20 seconds longer. Repeat with remaining batter, adding oil to skillet as needed. Fold pancakes into quarters; serve with choice toppings.



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