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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021

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GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

MNLICA President's Report

Hi Everyone,

It is hard to believe how fast the summer is going! Hopefully, everyone is staying as busy as they want to be this summer. It seems like every year has different challenges. Either it's too cold and wet or too hot and dry. Hopefully, everybody is getting some rain as we all seem to be connected to agriculture in some way. With the price of resin going way up we have all had to adjust our business plans if we work with plastic. Just remember it is probably not your salesman's fault.

At our last board meeting a vote was taken and Jenny Breberg has been hired to take the Executive Director's position. A lot of us know Jenny and are excited to have her on with MNLICA. She has a short bio in this newsletter. Kevin and Jeanie will be staying on for a while to help Jenny out with all the responsibilities of the position.

We want to also thank Don Loken for agreeing to fill Jim Walker's spot on the board as our retired board member. Don has many years of knowledge that he can add to our group.

We have a nice group from MNLICA going to the national convention in Niagara Falls, NY. Hopefully, they have an enjoyable and informative time there. Pray for safe travels for all the convention attendees.

Our Scholarship outing will be coming up in September. For now, it looks like it will be in St. James. When all the plans are finalized, you will be notified. If it works into your busy schedule, try, and support this event. It is a great time and supports our scholarship fund which was awarded to four high school seniors this past year.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer with your family and friends.

Steve Vis- MNLICA President

BOARD meeting on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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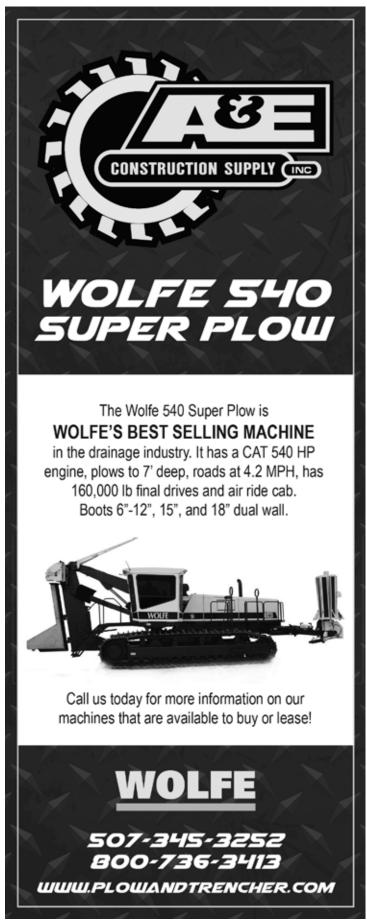
Roadway design and poor visibility at a nearly blind intersection were the root causes of a miner's death when his pickup was crushed by a haul truck A miner died when underground shuttle cars collided in an intersection. One shuttle care rammed through a ventilation curtain without stopping or warning.

Fatalities and accidents involving mobile equipment: shuttle cars, scoops, locomotives, front end loaders, haulage equipment, service and pickup trucks continue to occur at a disproportionate high rate.

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By DEB BENTLY

Staff Writer Thursday, July 27, 2021 When he learned that the NRHEG graduating class of 2021 was having its own parade, Dylan Loken realized instantly what he would be driving: "I knew it was time to put the go-cart back where it's supposed to be." "The" go-cart is a 7-foot-long, open frame vehicle—essentially a seat and steering wheel on four tires. But don't let its modest description fool you. That motorized chair has gotten a lot of miles—and a lot of smiles—over the past 22 years. Don Loken, founder of Loken Drainage and Dylan's grandfather, says the whole story begins with good fortune. He was attending a Land Improvement Contractor Association (LICA) convention in Wisconsin when, on a whim, he tossed \$20 into a fundraising raffle bucket and acquired 3 tickets: "Two of them were winners," he says, with a note of wonder still evident in his voice. Don has long since forgotten the details of the first prize some small piece of hand-operated equipment, he recalls—but the second, the gocart, has provided ongoing pleasure ever since. Even getting it home from Wisconsin offered a stroke of unexpected good luck: a Waseca area contractor was able to load it into his vehicle and bring it home. "They delivered it right to my door," he says. Not that it stayed parked. As a member of the Owatonna Area Shriners Club, Don

knew exactly how to use his new prize, driving it in as many as 20 parades a year all over the area, including New Richland, Ellendale, Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and Medford. The go-cart and parades are among Dylan's earliest memories, from the time when he, sisters Addison and Alexis, and parents Nicole and Dallas would stand along the route and watch, to one when he was allowed to join in. He especially remembers "the picnic table."

Anyone who's been to a parade is aware of the Shriners, of course. The benevolent group raises money to help children receive medical treatments they might not otherwise be able to afford. Don remembers with joy some of the young people he's helped, wringing his own fingers as he describes one young girl's—now long-cured—deformities. Parades are one way the organization calls attention to its mission: Some Shriner groups have sets of themed vehicles, miniature racecars for example, or matching motorcycles. At least for a while, the Owatonna Shriners club drove a motorized picnic table, 7 feet wide and long enough to seat 6 people. Don would drive behind in the go-cart, displaying a sign and acting as a support vehicle. As an added bonus, a trailer provided by the Loken family was often used by LaVerne's Concertina band, showering the parade with polka music. Dylan remembers occasionally being allowed to ride along with the band and enjoy the crowds and smiles as they passed by him.

It's easy to see why the Class of 2021 Community Parade was no puzzle to the graduating senior, who folded his 6'5" frame into the 4-foot-tall cart for the May 14 event.

After the 15-month pause caused by the pandemic, Don hopes "the" go-cart will indeed be "back where it's supposed to be" this summer. In the meantime, he's glad his grandson was able to pull it out of storage and put it to good use. "It's all about making people smile," he says. "The dollar value of the vehicle is nothing compared to the amount of happiness it's been able to deliver."

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Meet Your NEW Executive Director!

Jennifer Breberg has worked for the last 20 years for Lac Qui Parle County. Majority of that time has been as Director of Environmental Services.

She and her husband Doug purchased Larson Tiling in 2006 and have been LICA members since then.

Jenny and Doug have been married for 38 years and have raised 5 daughters. They have 4 that are married and one will be married this October. They also have two grandchildren.

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Don and Dallas Loken Family

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July is going by fast. It will soon be time for the scholarship fundraiser, September 10th is the date. Golfing and trap shoot is in St. James this year. We'd like to see some big participation by members and associates for this event. It is only one day out of a whole years worth of work days. These kids going to school need our support. Sign up.

Jeanie is preparing to go to the summer meeting in Niagara Falls. It should be a fun, interesting and educational event. Also attending will be Jenny Breberg our newly appointed Executive Director, she will be

replacing Jeanie and Myself. Stu Frazeur will also be attending in place of our President Steve Vis who has a conflict with the date. Also the legendary Don Loken—Past MNLICA and National LICA President. If you've never been to Niagara Falls it's a great place to tour. This will be Stu's first time at a out of state summer meeting so you'll have to ask him how he liked it.

On a personal note, our prayers are with Doug Breberg as he receives radiation treatments in Rochester. Also, prayers for Mark Morreim as he will be having open heart surgery on August 13th. May the good Lord be with them through these difficult times.

Kevin and Jeanie



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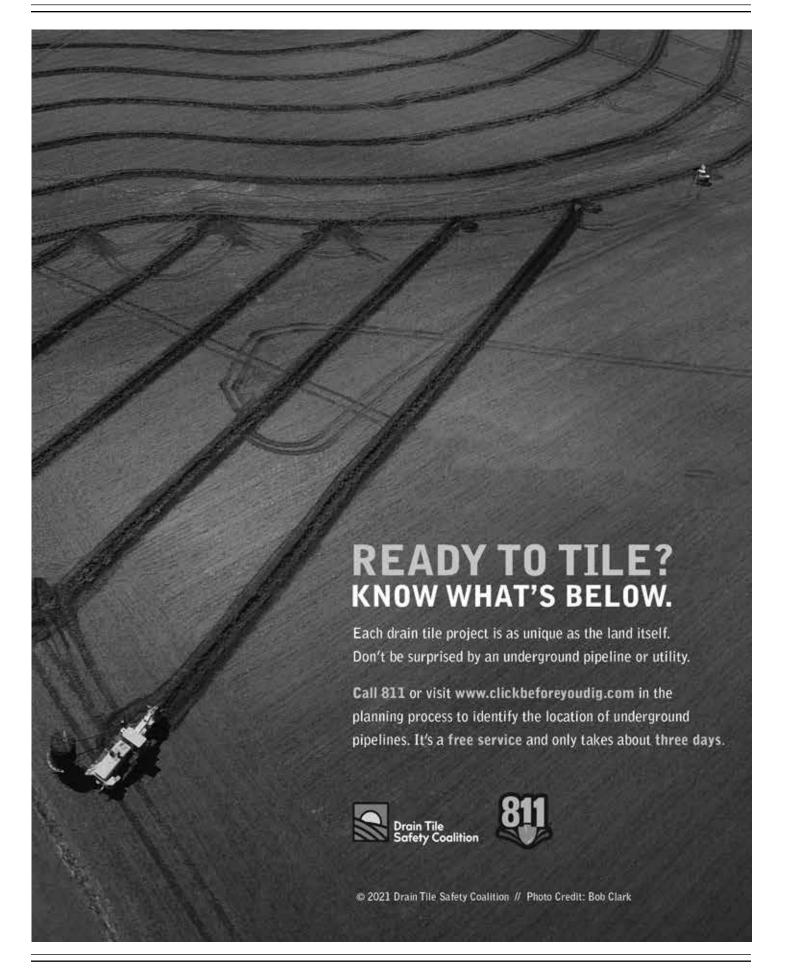
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MNLICA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT AND GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER Friday, September 10th, 2021

MEMBERS FORM!

St. James Gun Club 13671 330th Street St. James, MN 56081 Phone: 320-583-9366 Southfork Golf Course 77818 State Highway 60 St. James, MN 56081 Phone: 507-375-8400

Come and join all your MnLICA friends and associates for an exciting day of sporting clay shoot in the morning at St. James Gun Club, lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Southfork Golf Club, with Nine Hole Best Ball Golf in the afternoon.

Cost: \$65 per person for either event or \$120.00 for both events, participants need to supply their **own gun and ammunition as well as ear plugs, and safety googles**. This includes lunch, complimentary beverages and prizes. The sporting clay **shoot will begin at 9:30 a.m.** and consist of 50 rounds, **lunch** will be served at 12:30 p.m. with **golf to follow at 2:00 p.m.** (9 Holes) at the Southfork Golf Club.

All profit from the tournament will be dedicated to the MNLICA Scholarship Fund. Since 1997, MNLICA has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

We have great events planned with games and awards. There will be drawings and awards for participating in these events. Come join us and spend time with an associate and show that you care. **Please register by August 20, 2021.**

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Friday, September 10th, 2021

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Come and join your MNLICA friends for an exciting day of Sporting Clay Shooting in the morning at St. James Gun Club, golf in the afternoon at the Southfork Golf Course and Fun. This double event starts with the Sporting Clay Shoot beginning at 9:30 a.m., *lunch at 12:30 at Southfork Golf Course*, 9 holes of golf starting at 2:00 p.m. with complimentary beverages and prizes to be given after each event.

The cost is \$150.00 to be a "sponsor" of either event or \$250.00 to be "sponsor" of both events. The cost includes sponsorship of a station, and/or golf hole (first come, first serve), one person to participate in either and/or both events, lunch, and complimentary beverages. The Sporting Clay Shoot will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. and Golf at 2:00 p.m. (you will need to bring your own gun and ammunition as well as ear plugs, and safety googles for the sporting clay shoot.)

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REGISTER BY AUGUST 20, 2021 (First come, first serve basis)

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Person to Participate Golf:	Fee: \$150.00 Golf
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Upcoming MnPUC Meeting

The process of transferring ownership of the farm taps in Minnesota continues to creep along. There is a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on the 29th. The general public can listen or watch the webcast. this is the last item on the agenda:

** G011/M-17-409 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation In the Matter of a Petition by the Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval of Farm Tap Customer-Owned Fuel Line Replacement Plan, Tariff

Amendments, and Deferred Accounting. 1. Should the Commission accept MERC's Phase I report and permit continued deferred accounting of the costs incurred through the evaluation and implementation of Phase II? 2. Has MERC provided the information required in the Commission's November 30, 2017 Order? 3. Should the Commission determine that the costs incurred in Phase I and Phase II of the farm tap project satisfy the definition of gas utility infrastructure costs, and therefore, are eligible for recovery in a future GUIC Rider filing? 4. Should the Commission authorize MERC to move forward with implementation of its revised Phase II farm tap replacement project and approve the proposed

schedule for the implementation of Phase II? (PUC: Bonnett, McShane)

As a regulated utility they need approval to raise rates to make the process viable.

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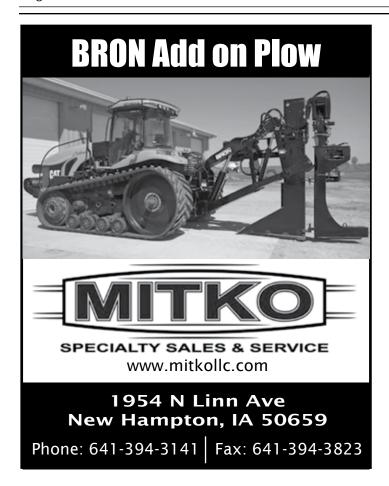
Wednesday, June 2nd, 11:46 am

Fwd: G011/M-17-409: Document Subscription Notification

This is some interesting reading concerning the Farm Tap issue. There is evidently some concern that Northern Natural Gas was acting as a gas retailer. I'm going to have to go back and read the proposal from 2017. Does someone remember if Merc was planning to drop the contract

with Northern Natural and if that would just shut off all farm taps?

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VP Stu Frazeur	С	Р	Р			
Tres Mark Olsen	С	Р	Α			
Chrmn Mike Lehmann	С	Α	Р			
East Jay Engles	С	Α	Α			
East Dallas Loken	С	Р	Р			
East Mark Morreim	С	Р	Р			
East Karlen Nelson	С	Р	Р			
West Everett Garlisch	С	Р	Р			
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West Brad Herickhoff	PC	Р	Р			
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Don Loken			Р			
Assc Tim Dahl	PC	Р	Α			
Ex Dir Kevin Bakken	РС	Р	Р			
Ex Dir Jeanie Bakken	С	Р	Р			

A = Absent P = Present C = Cancelled Meet

Notice

Due to the lack of members to serve on the board of directors, MNLICA will be requesting a By-Law Change at the Annual Meeting that the East and West Area's be changed to just MNLICA Members (no area's). The By-Law Change will be voted on at the MNLICA Annual Meeting on January 14th, 2022.

SAFETY FOCUS FROM PRINS INSURANCE

The Human Body is made up of about 60% water and electrolytes. These elements are vital to the body's overall balance and wellbeing.

Avoiding Dehydration at Work

As summer temperatures rise, your body's water and electrolyte balances can get thrown off by dehydration while you work. This condition occurs when the body uses or loses more fluids than it takes in.

Dehydration is a serious complication that can cause fatigue, dizziness and confusion—all of which can compromise your safety on the job. As such, staying hydrated at work is essential. Doing so can improve your mood, boost brain function and prevent the onset of other health concerns.

Follow these tips to stay properly hydrated on the job: Track your consumption. Use a notecard or mobile app to record how much water you drink each day.

Sip regularly. Drink water throughout the workday—even when you're not necessarily thirsty.

Make it convenient. Carry a water bottle wherever you go. Carry a larger container if you're working outside for longer periods of time.

Incorporate extra flavoring. Add a slice of lemon, lime or other fruit to your water. Or, buy pre-flavored water packed with electrolytes to replenish the ones you lose.

Eat high-water-content foods. Supplement your water intake by consuming high-water-content foods like celery, tomatoes and melons.

Be careful in the heat. If warm conditions increase your need for water, make sure you have an ample supply, take breaks and get out of the heat if you feel weak, confused or have a dry mouth. These symptoms could indicate a heat-related illness.

Just because you're done with work for the day doesn't mean you should stop drinking water. Continue to hydrate even after your shift ends. After all, chronic dehydration can increase the risk of kidney stones and other health issues.

Between regulating your body temperature, lubricating joints, preventing infections, delivering nutrients to cells and keeping your organs functioning properly, drinking water is a good habit to uphold—especially at work. For more tips on staying hydrated, consult your supervisor.

Preventing and Responding to Sunburns

Many employees work outside, unknowingly exposing themselves to harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. In fact, even on a cloudy day, outdoor workers can capture up to 80% of UV rays. On a hot, sunny day, UV rays can be even more intense-potentially causing exposed workers to experience a red, painful skin reaction, also known as sunburn. Sunburn occurs after excessive exposure to UV rays. The symptoms of sunburn often appear a few hours following initial exposure and typically peak between six and 36 hours after such exposure. Sunburn symptoms are usually temporary and subside in three to five days. However, sunburn can cause permanent damage to the skin's DNA. Further, all it takes is just one bad sunburn to cause long-lasting damage and increase the risk of skin cancer. As a result, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) asserts that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer at some point in their lives.

Nevertheless, there are steps that employees like you can take to prevent sunburns while working outside. Specifically, the AAD recommends using the "ABC" method to lessen the risk of sun damage. This method entails the following action items:

Away—Keep away from direct sunlight and try to avoid prolonged exposure—especially during periods when UV rays are the strongest (usually between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.).

Block—If you must work outside, be sure to use sunblock, which should be a minimum of SPF 30. Apply sunblock 30 minutes before sun exposure, and reapply it liberally every two hours throughout the day.

Cover up—In addition to applying sunblock, wear appropriate clothing—such as long sleeves, hats or sunglasses—to keep your skin and eyes safe from exposure to UV rays.

If you do experience sunburn, apply aloe gel or 1% hydrocortisone cream to the affected area. Consider taking acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain management, and drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

If your job requires you to be outside, it's imperative to avoid getting sunburn. Following the proper precautions can make all the difference in keeping your skin safe.

For further guidance on safety in the sun, consult your supervisor.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE with Ginger Snap Crust—Nordis Estrem

Crust:

2 cups finely crushed ginger snap cookies
5 Tablespoons melted butter 3 tablespoons sugar
Preheat oven to 400 degrees
Crush ginger snaps with food processor (2 cups).
Mix ginger snap crumbs with
melted butter and sugar
Lightly spray or butter a 10-inch spring foam pan.
Pat crust mixture on bottom and
1-1/2 inches up the sides.

Filling:

1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
2-16oz. packages cream cheese
5 eggs, room temperature
2 cups solid pack pumpkin from a can
1/3 cup evaporated milk
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Mix sugar and cream until smooth by hand. With a mixer add eggs one at a time, then add pumpkin, milk, vanilla, flour and spices. Pour into crust. Wrap outside of pan in a double layer of foil, covering the underside and extending all the way to the top. Set wrapped pan in a large roasting pan and pour hot water into roasting pan to a depth of 2 inches or half-way up cheesecake pan. Carefully put into 400 degree over and bake 10 minutes, reduce temperature to 225 degrees. Bake for another hour and 15 minutes until firm.

Refrigerate overnight.

Top with Cool Whip or Whipping cream.

Joke of the Day!

The Smiths were shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Smith made it clear he was in a big hurry.

"No fancy stuff, Doctor," he ordered,

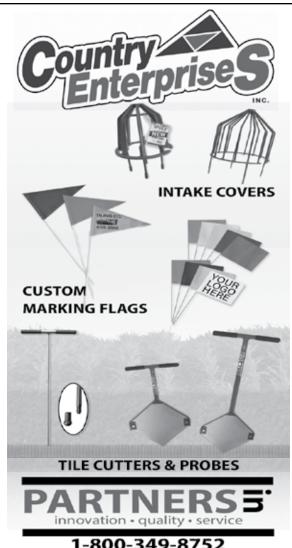
"No gas or needles or any of that stuff.

Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you," said the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Smith turned to his wife..." Show him, honey."





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July 27th – 31st, 2021 – National LICA Summer Meeting – Niagara Falls, NY – Sheraton Niagara Falls

August 12th, 2021 Board Meeting—Best Western Plus New Ulm 6:00 p.m.

September 10th or 17th, 2021—Scholarship Event—TBD

December 2nd, 2021 Board Meeting—Best Western Plus New Ulm 5:00 p.m.

January 12th, 13th, 14th, 2022—MNLICA Winter Convention

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the heritage of the wise, the thrifty and prudent,
the poor man's joy and comfort,
the silent partner of man,
the producer of food, fiber and fuel,
the basis of factories,
the foundation of banks.

All that man builds is from the land.

We often take it for granted, or even abuse it,
and yet many unthinkingly and unknowingly pass the land by.

What man finally does with the land
will be the deciding factor in his survival.