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POSITION: PROJECT COORDINATOR

LOCATION: Fergus Falls, Minnesota

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In the Project Coordinator role, the following activities are performed:

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To be successful in this role, we're looking for candidates who possess the following skills and traits:

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- Excellent communication and interpersonal relationship as you partner with various internal and external teams and stakeholders.
- A bachelor's degree or equivalent experience required; a degree in business or engineering is a plus.
- Project and contract management experience utilizing tools and/or techniques in developing, managing, and implementing multiple projects and contracts concurrently.
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City League Jan. 3rd
Sam Aschnewitz 256 - 686
Dylan Obowa 255 - 664
Dom Hemingsen 246 - 661

Trivia

The TV Show Bonanza make how many episodes?
440 389 512

Commercial League Jan. 5th
Troy Weisenberger 268 - 707
Nate Runninger 258 - 693
Jon McCoy 247 - 240 - 685

Trivia

How many pounds of rice does the average american eat each year?
10 25 30

First Nighters Jan. 8th
Ben Dischinger 667
Dave Helm 243 - 631
Jamie Johnson 257 - 608

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OBITUARIES

Sidonna Bradow

Age: 83
From: Fergus Falls, MN
Passed Away: Thurs., Jan. 4
Where: Lake Memory Care Facility and Moments Hospice
Visitation: Fri., Jan. 12, 5-7pm at Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls, with a prayer service at 6:30pm, one hour prior to the service at the church
Memorial Service: Sat., Jan. 13, 11am
Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN
Interment: Immanuel Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN
Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

James “Jim” Schoon

Age: 86
From: Fergus Falls, MN
Passed Away: Wed., Jan. 3
Where: PioneerCare, Fergus Falls, MN
Memorial Gathering: Mon., Jan. 8, 4-6pm, with a 6pm prayer service
Location: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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Marion Jorgenson

Age: 90
From: Rural Fergus Falls, MN
Passed Away: Wed., Jan. 3
Where: PioneerCare, Fergus Falls, MN
Arrangements: Pending
Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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Henry J. Hoeper

Age: 70
Passed Away: Wed., Jan. 3
Celebration of Life: Sat., Jan. 27, 2-4pm
Location: Brenny Hall, Elizabeth, MN
Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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Sylvester L. Trosvik

Age: 87
From: Rothsay, MN
Passed Away: Sat., Jan. 6
Where: PioneerCare, Fergus Falls, MN
Visitation: One hour prior to the service at the church
Service: Sat., Jan. 13, 1pm
Location: South Immanuel Church, rural Rothsay, MN
Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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Gladys B. Boyum

Age: 100
From: Formerly of Battle Lake, MN
Passed Away: Sun., Jan. 7
Where: Johanna Shores Gables Care Center, Arden Hills, MN
Memorial Service: Will be held at a later date at First Lutheran Church, Battle Lake, MN with burial to follow in the church cemetery
Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Battle Lake, MN
Online condolences may be sent to www.GlendeNilson.com

Bonnie Leis

Age: 97
From: Elbow Lake, MN
Passed Away: Sun., Jan. 7
Where: Barrett Care Center
Visitation: Thurs., Jan. 11, 5-7pm with a prayer service at 6:30pm at Erickson-Smith Funeral Home, Elbow Lake, MN, one hour prior to the service at the church
Funeral Services: Fri., Jan. 12, 11am
Location: Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN
Funeral Home: Erickson-Smith Funeral Home, Elbow Lake, MN
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Elizabeth A. Schroeder

Elbow Lake & Barrett until her first daughter was born in 1955, followed by a second daughter in 1957. Tragedy struck December 13, 1961, when her husband Harold was killed in an airplane accident, along with two friends, while on a hunting trip to Monterey, Mexico. Liz was a widow at 31 years.

When both girls were in school by 1963, she went back to teaching English in Elbow Lake. She always said as challenging as it was to be alone raising two young girls, she found another love – teaching. She had the chance to have a career she truly loved. She became known as “the Shakespeare teacher.”

In 1981, Henry (Hank) Schroeder became more than a friend and the much-loved owner of Schroeder’s Department Store in Elbow Lake, and they married July 26, 1981, and had 29 beautiful years together. After retirement, they traveled the world and had many winters in Scottsdale and summers at Eagle Lake.

Her dear Hank passed away April 16, 2010, but he was with her every day till her passing. They loved Elbow Lake and all the wonderful friends and activities. Liz was active in many things, most notably her United Lutheran Church, where she directed children’s choir, sang in choir, was an accompanist, and served on council. She gave her kids and grandkids her love for God in their lives.

Liz outlived all her siblings and wives (Marvin & Norma Rygh, Richard & Luverne Rygh, Roger & Merrily Rygh). She was also preceded in death by her parents, Martin & Ethel Rygh, and parents in-law, Henry & Bernice (Thronson) Fjoslien, and her sister-in-law & husband, Lillian (Fjoslien) & Sheb Vollmers.

She is survived by her daughter Tamara and her children Lisa (Michael) & her 2 daughters, and Jase (Caroline); her daughter Lisa (Dennis) and her children Elizabeth (Drew) & 3 sons and Kirsten.

She is also survived by Hank’s son and daughter-in law, Jon & Dana Schroeder and their 3 children – Erin (Scott) and 2 children, Carl, and Helen (Sam) and son.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Linda Fjoslien (Kevin) and many cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, & friends.

Liz’s last couple of years changed after breaking her hip. The hip healed, and it meant having caregivers who became dear family to all of us. They were truly angels and made it possible to finish her life at home. In her last days, when she was too tired to say much, she answered all who told her they loved her, “I love you more.” She was the most loving mother and grandmother her family could have. She made growing up without a father “normal” as she filled the role of both. She often said she’d had the best life (in spite of losing two husbands and raising two children by herself). Her positive attitude lives on in all of us. “We love you more.”

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 29, 2023, at United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake with Pastor Jean Ohman officiating.

Inurnment at a later date in Union Cemetery, Elbow Lake

Arrangements by Erickson-Smith Funeral Home of Elbow Lake

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Memorials are preferred to United Lutheran Church, or Union Cemetery.

Margarete Hustad

Margarete Hustad, 90, of Battle Lake, MN, died on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the Battle Lake Good Samaritan Home.

Margarete was born on September 13, 1933, in Fergus Falls, MN, Margarete was the beloved daughter of Carl and Tillie (Anderson) Grewe. She was baptized in Fergus Falls and confirmed at Trefoldighed Lutheran Church in rural Battle Lake. Margarete graduated from Battle Lake High School in 1951. She brought joy and love to the lives of all who knew her.

Margarete and Arvid Hustad celebrated their marriage on March 31, 1957, at Trefoldighed Lutheran Church. Margarete dedicated her

life to her family as a loving and devoted mother. She tirelessly worked to raise her children, supporting her husband Arvid in their shared journey.

Margarete will forever be remembered for her culinary and baking skills, avid gardening, and her famous homemade bread and caramel rolls. She found immense joy in spending time with her cherished grandchildren, creating lasting memories filled with love and laughter.

An active member of Trefoldighed Lutheran Church, Margarete served on the church council, participated in the choir, and was an active member of the ladies’ aide. She also dedicated her time as a Sunday school teacher, sharing her faith and values with the younger generation. Her passion for music continued throughout her life singing as a soloist, in duets, in trios and in choir. She even helped lead the music while she was a resident at the Good Sam. She served as secretary of the District 1383 School Board. She will forever be remembered as a kind, compassionate, and faithful individual.

Margarete is survived by her four children, Arlyn (Gail) Hustad of Battle Lake, Deb (Neil) Rongstad of Bemidji, MN, Mike (Lisa) Hustad of Barnesville, MN, and Gail (Gerrad) Ralston of Battle Lake. She is

also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Stacey (Brandon), Karlie (Jake), James (Erin), Andy (Sarah), Julie (Paul), Nicole (Parker), Chandra, Amanda, Grant, and Rachel, as well as her thirteen great-grandchildren. Margarete is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Tillie, her loving husband, Arvid Hustad, and her siblings, Richard, Kenwood, James, Audrey, and Doris.

In this time of grief, let us remember Margarete for her unwavering love, indomitable spirit, and the legacy of kindness she leaves behind. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her memory forever be a blessing to us all.

Please join us in honoring Margarete’s life and sharing fond memories of her remarkable journey.

Visitation: Friday, January 12, 2024 from 5-7 P.M., with a 6:30 Prayer Service at the Glende-Nilson Funeral Home in Battle Lake and continuing one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial Service: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Trefoldighed Lutheran Church, rural Battle Lake.

Interment: Trefoldighed Lutheran Cemetery, rural Battle Lake, MN.

Funeral arrangements are with the Glende-Nilson Funeral Home of Battle Lake.

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If the plant hasn't been repotted for several years, it's probably time to repot. If when you water, the water just runs right through the soil, it is definitely time to repot. If your sansevieria, also called mother-in-law's tongue, has broken through its pot, well, you get the idea.

Start with a clean pot that is just a size or two larger than the original. Nothing looks sillier than a small plant marooned in the middle of a too-large pot. And too large a pot for the plant holds too much water, possibly rotting the plant's roots. If the old pot has a mineral growth in the edge, you may have to think about what is in the water you are feeding your baby. If you are planning to reuse a pot with a crusty edge, soak it in vinegar. This should loosen the goop so you can scrape it off. Another thing to try is milk stone remover, a chemical used in bulk milk tanks to remove calcium build up. This stuff works great for the layer of green on the bottom of bird baths too. Just rinse well. You can find it in the men's toy store in Fergus.

Before you start to repot, clean your plants. Fill the kitchen sink with warm water with just a drop of liquid dish soap in it. Hold your hand over the soil and tip the plant over and swish it through the water. If she is too big to do that, set her in the bathtub and spray her off. Too big to move? Use a soft cloth to wash each leaf. Do both sides of the leaf. Fuzzy

plants like African violets don't like wet leaves. Pull a leaf from one and use it to dust the other leaves. Never use leaf shine products, milk or mayo on leaves. It leaves a surface that attracts dust. This artificial layer also interferes with the plant's photosynthesis.

Give your baby fresh potting soil. The used stuff goes in the garden or the mulch. If the plant is root bound, make several vertical slices through them, just as you do when planting a pot-bound tree or plant in the spring. If she is looking a bit scraggly, do some trimming. Use the trimmings to start new plants. Don't fertilize for the next six weeks, then add a pinch each time you water or, if you have a good memory, half-strength once a month. Don't over water. This kills more house plants than anything else. Succulents should dry out between waterings. Too wet and they rot. Never fertilize a bone-dry plant. Water it one day and fertilize the next to prevent burning the roots.

Now, about water. Never use softened water. It has chemical salts in it that will eventually build up and damage the roots. City water has added chlorine and fluorine. They don't usually mind the chlorine, but the fluorine will lead to brown tips on some sensitive plants like spider plants and dracaenas. Most of our house plants are from the tropics or semi tropics where rain is relatively warm. Use room temp water and never water an orchid with ice cubes no matter what the label says. Melted, clean snow or rain water works really well to water plants.

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