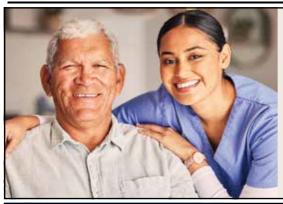
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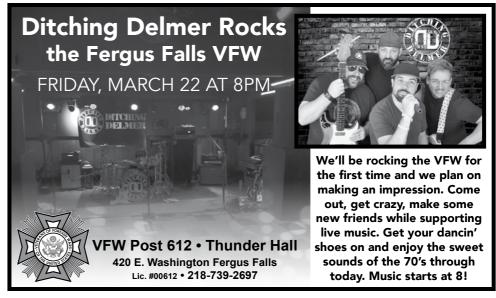
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Funeral Home: Olson Funeral
Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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#### Fern E. Rau

Age: 95
From: Elizabeth, MN
Passed Away: Mon., March 4
Where: Moments Hospice
Visitation: One hour prior to the
service at the church
Funeral Service: Mon., March 11,
11am

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN Interment: Trinity-Faith Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to



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#### Joshua Seals

Age: 47 From: Rural Underwood, MN Passed Away: Wed., Feb. 28 MN

Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### Patti Goodrich

Age: 69
From: Moorhead, MN
Passed Away: Sat., March 2
Where: Essentia Health, Fargo, ND
Funeral Services: No services at
this time
Funeral Home: Olson Funeral

Home, Fergus Falls, MN
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### Anthony "Tony" A. Schmitz

Passed Away: Sun., March 3 Where: Essentia Health, Fargo, ND Celebration of Life Open House: Mon., March 11, 1-3pm Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral

Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### Joseph K. Shepersky

Age: 63 From: Menahga.

From: Menahga, MN
Passed Away: Thurs., March 7
Celebration of Life & Visitation: Sat.,
April 20, 1-4pm
Location: Menahga VFW, Menahga,

MN Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral

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#### Robert "Rob" Hazen

Age: 53 Passed Away: Sat., March 2 No services to be held Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral

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#### Bruce Anderson

Age: 75 From: Watkins, MN Passed Away: Sat., March 2 Visitation: One hour prior to the

service at the funeral home Funeral Services: Sat., March 9, 11am

Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, New York Mills, MN

Military Honors: VFW Post #3289 of New York Mills, MN and the Minnesota Army National Guard of Moorhead, MN

Burial: Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills, MN

Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home

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## Robert "Bob" L. Bolland

Age: 83
From: Henning, MN
Passed Away: Thurs., March 7
Where: Sanford, Fargo, ND
Visitation: Mon. March 11, 4-7pm

Visitation: Mon., March 11, 4-7pm at the church, one hour prior to the service Prayer Service: Mon., March 11,

6:30pm Funeral Service: Tues., March 12,

Funeral Service: Tues., March 12 11am Location: St. John's Lutheran

Church, Ottertail, MN
Burial: St. John's Lutheran Church
Cemetery, Ottertail, MN
Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral

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## Richard "Dick" S. Haugdahl

Age: 84
From: Henning, MN
Passed Away: Fri., March 8
Where: Our Home Your Home,
Henning, MN

Visitation: Fri., March 15, 5-7pm at Belmont-Karvonen Funeral Home, Henning, MN, one hour prior to the service at the church

Prayer Service: Fri., March 15, 6:30pm

Funeral Home: Sat., March 16, 11am Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Henning, MN

Burial: Good Shepherd Lutheran Cemetery, Henning, MN Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home

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#### Richard "Rick" Odden



May 15, 1952 — March 4, 2024 Richard "Rick" Odden, 71, of Fergus Falls, MN died Monday, March 4, 2024 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND surrounded by "his three girls."

Rick was born to Sanford and Harriet (Nelson) Odden in Fergus Falls on May 15, 1952. He was the third of four children. He attended Fergus Falls Public Schools, graduating in 1971. He participated in hockey, football, tennis, track, basketball, and choir. He attended Fergus Falls Community College, where he sang in the choirs, and played football and basketball. In 1975, he transferred to Michigan State University and earned his degree in Turfgrass Management in 1977.

Rick and his high school sweetheart, Rebecca "Becky" were married on Johnson September 7, 1974 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, where he was a lifelong member. They lived and worked in St. Paul for one year before moving to Michigan while he completed his degree. After graduating, he worked as Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Saginaw Country Club in Saginaw, Michigan. In March of 1979, they returned to Fergus Falls, where he began his 35-year tenure as Pebble Lake Golf Course Superintendent, retiring in December 2014. He was inducted as a "Legend" of Pebble Lake Golf Course in July of 2015. He served in elected positions for the North Central Turf Association and was a Class AA member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America for 47 years. He later developed and taught the Golf Turf Management course for two years at M State in Fergus Falls as a "community expert."

A highlight of Rick's life was being the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach for the Fergus Falls Community College Spartans for nearly two decades. He spent years mentoring, loving, feeding, and supporting the players, often claiming them as his own and as a part of his family. After retiring coach and superintendent, he continued to encourage his grandkids through their activities and educational journeys. From volunteering as a captain of the Fergus Falls Fishing Team to cross country road trips to support Paige at the Air Force Academy, he loved reminding them to work toward success, and boasted of their endeavors until his last days on earth. He shared his knowledge with his grandsons and countless athletes, often with handwritten notes of his distinct "font" filled with "X's and O's."

Many people enjoyed listening to him sing and play guitar and ukulele in the Odden living room. He was a proud member of the Men of Note. singing tenor and baritone. Over the years, Rick played city league basketball, won long drive contests, played countless rounds of golf, cruised the Caribbean, Hawaii, and Alaska, had long running cribbage games, took pride in a perfectly "striped" lawn, collected and tested new found recipes, made a famous Caesar salad, dressed sharp, deeply loved his family, and was content in the boat with family.

friends, Becky, and especially "his boys" with a big bass or walleye on the line. He made lasting impacts in many people's lives. He was known for his bear hugs, gentle personality, and never-ending generosity. He had a unique ability to make people around him feel valued, loved, welcomed, and cared for.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Harriet Odden, brother, Paul Odden, and Father-in-law, Elton Johnson.

He is survived by his wife Becky, of Fergus Falls; daughters Abby (Jason) Drouillard of Fergus Falls, Laura (Todd) Quaintance Underwood; grandchildren Layten, Colten, Trenten Drouillard of Fergus Falls, Paige (Derek) Minges of Okinawa, Japan; greatgrandchildren Maggie, and Jett Minges; sisters Penny Nelson of Humboldt, IA and Sandy Kurtz of Fairmount, ND; sisters-inlaw Mary (Paul) Odden of Apple Valley, Glenda (Les) Anderson of Red Wing, and Paula (Brad) Russell of Fergus Falls; motherin-law Florence (Elton) Johnson, along with many aunts, uncles, goddaughters, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Blessed be the memory of Rick Odden.

Memorials are preferred to 544 Education Foundation, Fergus Area College Foundation to benefit the Spartan Men's Basketball Team, or Bethlehem Foundation.

Visitation: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, with prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one-hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial Service: 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls.

Clergy: Reverend Loren Mellum Interment: Knollwood Memorial Gardens, Fergus Falls, MN



#### Terry Kettner



June 27, 1953 — March 9, 2024 Terry Lee Kettner was born on June 27, 1953 to parents Dorothy (Schwanz) and Floris Kettner in Fairmont, Minnesota and passed in his home on March 9, 2024 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

He was baptized on July 19, 1953 and confirmed April 30,

1967 at St. Paul Lutheran Church and graduated from Truman High School. Terry obtained a degree in Agricultural Business Management at the U of M Crookston. He married his lifelong friend, Lori Kay Williamson on June 7, 1975. Terry and Lori moved to Dawson. MN in 1980 where he managed the Lac Qui Parle Co-op Fertilizer Plant and raised their family before moving to Fergus Falls to fulfill his lifelong dream of living on a lake in 2008. You'd find him in the boat fishing or on water skis (through age 60), playing cards, dice, or yard games with family and friends with a beer in his hand. Terry and Lori wintered in San Juan, Texas, enjoying golf, games, and gathering with friends.

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Preceding him in death were his
parents; brother, Dale Kettner, and
father and mother-in-law, Veryle
and Joan Williamson.

Terry is survived by his wife, Lori; son, Matthew (Lori); daughter, Stacy (Josh); grandchildren, Jacob,

Ben, Lizzie, and Joey; sisters-inlaw, Vanessa Kettner and Mary (Dale) Ebeling; brother-in-law, Steve (Marleone) Williamson, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

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Visitation with viewing: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024 at Olson Funeral and Cremation in Fergus Falls, with prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one-hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial Service: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Olson Funeral and Cremation. There will not be viewing at the memorial service.

Clergy: Reverend Jon B. Olson Arrangements provided by Olson Funeral and Cremation in Fergus Falls.

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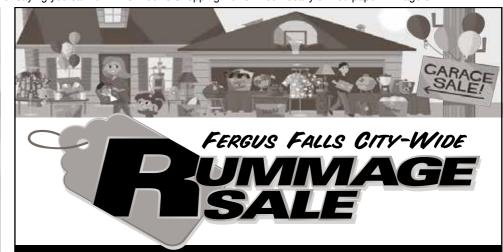
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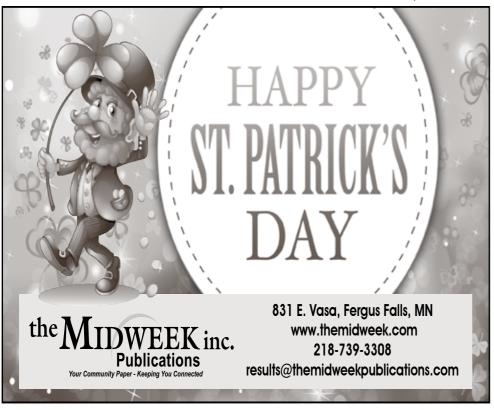
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#### GARDENING ISN'T ABOUT PLANTS

By Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

The dictionary has it wrong. Gardening isn't just about plants, it's about everything else: the soil, the insects, the birds, mammals, reptiles and how you fit in the world. The plants are the final flourish, the gift of reciprocity from all the others. Thus says Alys Fowler. She has a gardening column in England. That seems a bit pretentious until you really think about it.

Gardening can be frustrating, it's not for sissys. The garden will laugh at you, send you slugs, potato bugs, tomato worms and other assorted bugs to fight you for the plants. And then there are the deer, rabbits, chipmunks, and the neighbors' unruly kids. But we still do it because gardening becomes less of an act and more of a relationship with your soil and the many things it supports.

People say I'm too busy to garden. Nuts! Gardening is our route back to having a meaningful relationship with the natural world. Gardening can be done anywhere, on a windowsill, in a pot on the deck, on a rooftop if you live in the city, in a community garden or in your own back or even, front yard. Gardening has been described as subversive because you get a chance to step outside the capitalist system for a moment. When you grow rather than buy, you alter the supply chain. You can barter a basket of fresh veggies with the neighbor, so his kid mows your yard. No money exchanges hands.

Growing your own feeds more than just your family. Every plant grown without chemicals feeds the soil food web- thousands of insects from aphids to butterflies and the bugs feed the birds. A chemical free soil is literally crawling with insects.

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the garden after the first freeze and turns it into garden gold. Composted material feeds the millions of microbes in your soil. It also reduces your carbon footprint as you don't put it in the garbage to be hauled away.

Another way to be a good gardener is to save seeds, even seeds of hybrid plants. Gardeners hardly ever use all the seeds in a packet at one time. we are left with a box of partly filled seed packets. Some of them will no longer sprout, but here is a way to determine the percentage of viable seeds.

Start with a damp paper towel. Lay 10 seeds on it and roll it up. stick the damp roll in a plastic bag and put it someplace warm- Bunkey finds the top of his refrigerator works quite well. Check it in a week. If none of the seeds have sprouted, give it a few more days. If you do get sprouts, count them. if only 5 sprouted, you have 50% viability. Plant them thicker.

Some seeds will only be "good" for a year. Onions, parsley and parsnip seeds can be tossed. Corn and pepper seeds are good for 2 years. Beans and peas for 3. Tomato, turnip, beets, chard and watermelon are good for 5 years. Perennial flower seed can last from one to three years. Of course, there are always exceptions. One way to dispose of 'dead' seeds is to feed them to the birds. Not the ones with a colored coating on them of course. Bunkey discovered several stalks of corn growing quite nicely in the middle of the flowerbed. Fertilized and planted by a bird. If you have a corner in the vegetable garden open, broadcast the apparently dead flower seeds in it. can't hurt and you may end up with a

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