Northern Focus

2026 PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Fargo Public Library

2026 NORTHERN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Northern Focus is a project conceived by the Fargo Public Library for regional up-and-coming photographers. The aim is to provide a free space, for artist and viewer alike, where we can showcase engaging artwork and share local perspectives.

This year, photographers submitted their best photographs taken anywhere within North Dakota and Minnesota. “Boyhood” by Millie Brown was chosen from among the submitted photographs to be the front cover of *Northern Narratives 2026*, Northern Focus’s sister project for regional writers.

Both the Northern Focus photography project and the Northern Narratives writing project are supported in part by the Friends of the Fargo Public Library.

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Millie Brown
“Boyhood*, 2023
Ada, MN
**Northern Focus 2026 photo contest winner & Northern Narratives 2026 Book Cover art*



Ivy Brown
Adri And Grey Chicken, 2018
Leonard, ND
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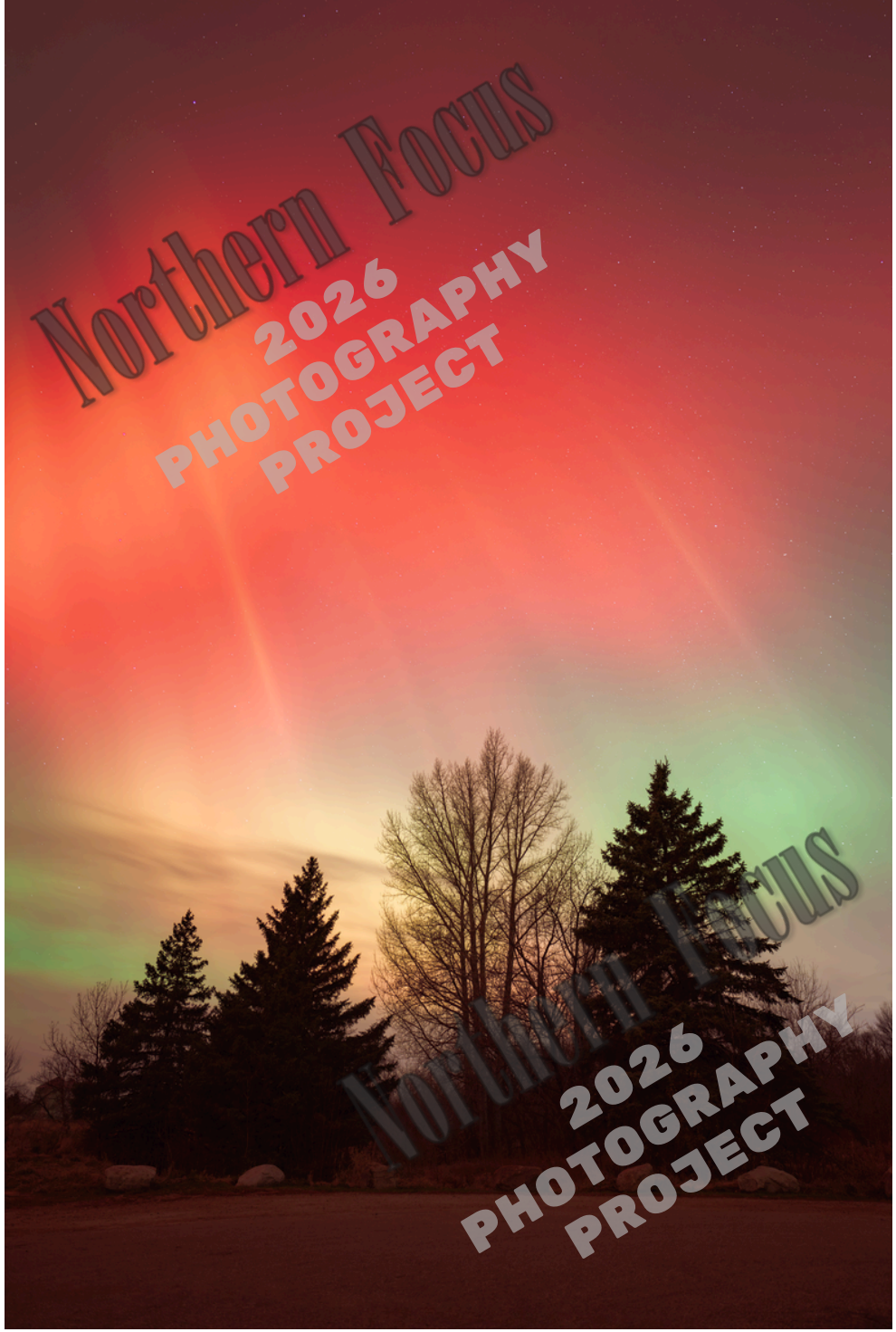
Mike Saunders
Indigo Bunting, 2026
Trefoil Park, Fargo, ND
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Winnie Weninger
Branding Season, 2026
Medora, ND
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Corey Ernst
The Quiet, 2025
North of Tower City, ND
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Aaron Johnson
The Quiet, Revealed, 2025
Heritage Hills Park, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



KJ Stearns
Tree Mushroom, 2025
North Fargo, ND
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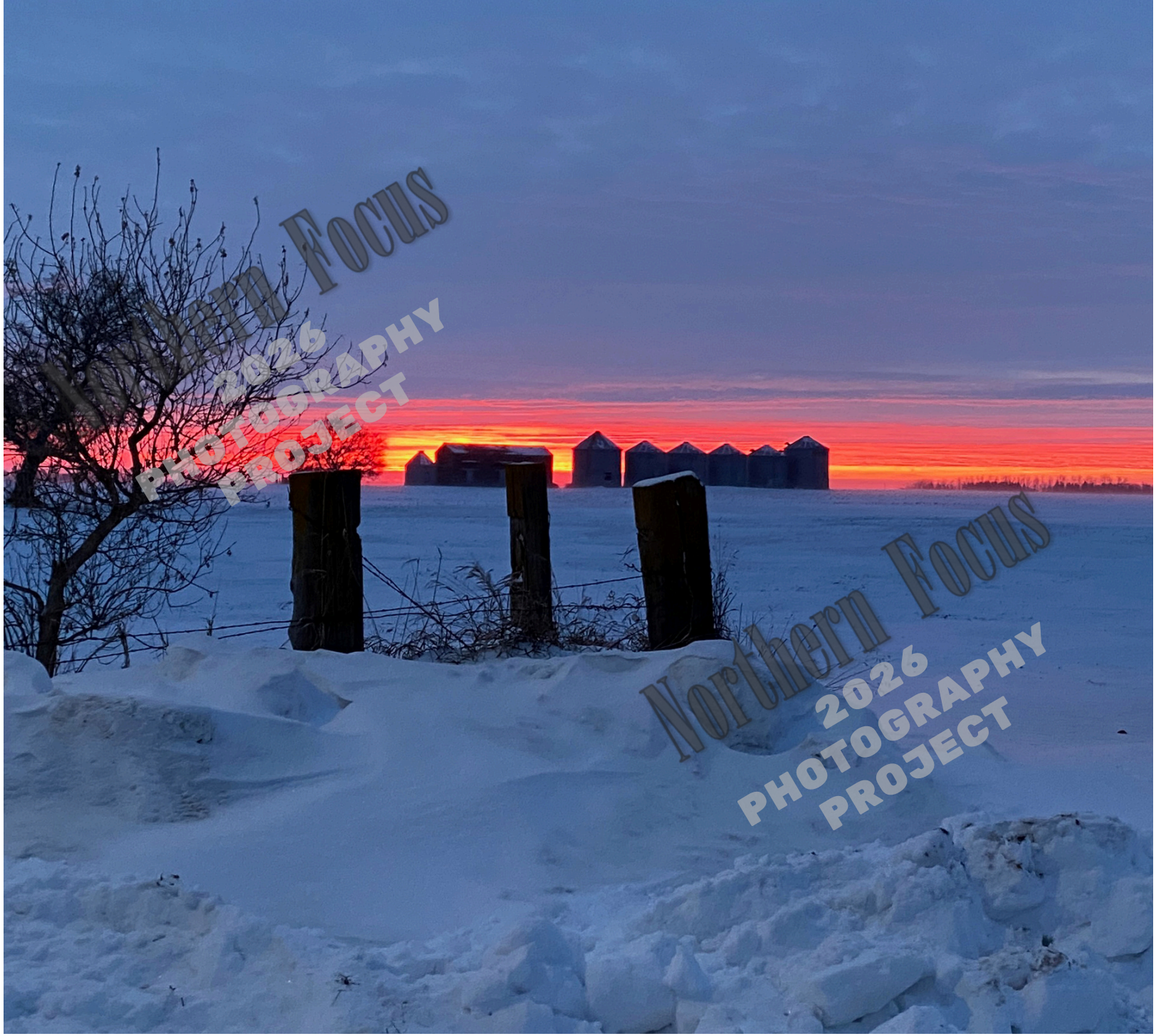
Jeffrey Westgard
Long-Horned Bee on Sunflower, 2025
Near Kindred, ND
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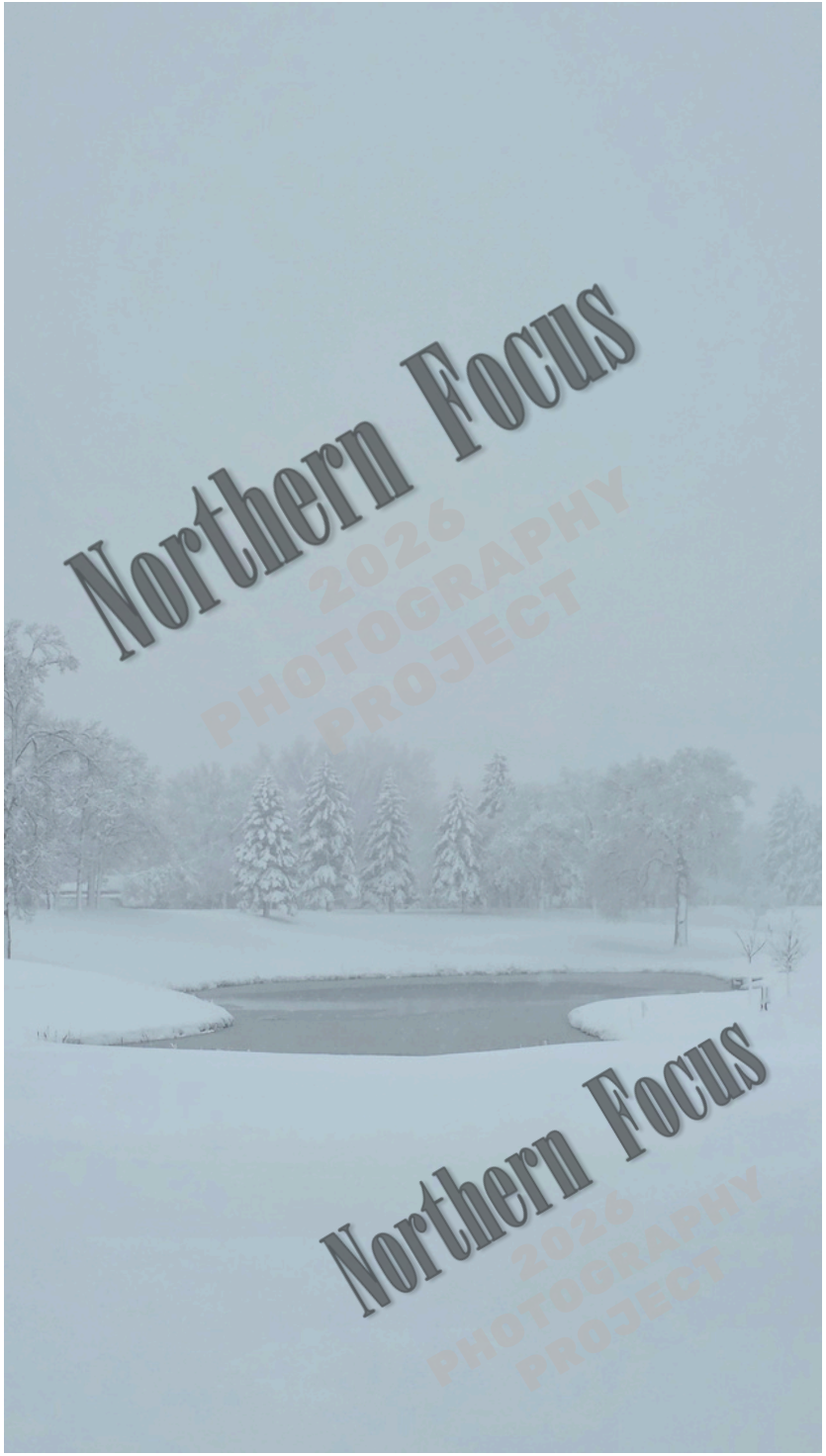
Jill Johnson
Backside, 2025
Behind the Block 6 Building, Fargo, ND
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Sreejith Gopi
The Woods are Lovely, Dark and Deep…, 2025
Lindenwood Park, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Berni Ernst
Colors of Winter, 2025
Buffalo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Hannah Sorensen
Beauty and Calm in the Storm, 2026
Edgewood Golf Course, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Ray Qi
Stargazing Under Crimson and Green, 2025
Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Andrea Canning
Finished, 2026
Davies High School, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Ian Harmon
Parhelion, 2026
Elephant/Percy Godwin Park, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Gary Trana
Fargo Waking Up, 2025
North Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Lexi Hills
Jack Strand for 6!, 2025
Alex Nemzek Stadium, Moorhead, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Carrie Herberg
Rain's Mirror, 2025
Sheyenne River Bike Trail Bridge, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Jessie Syring
Boblink, 2026
Bluestem Prairie Scientific and Natural Area, MN
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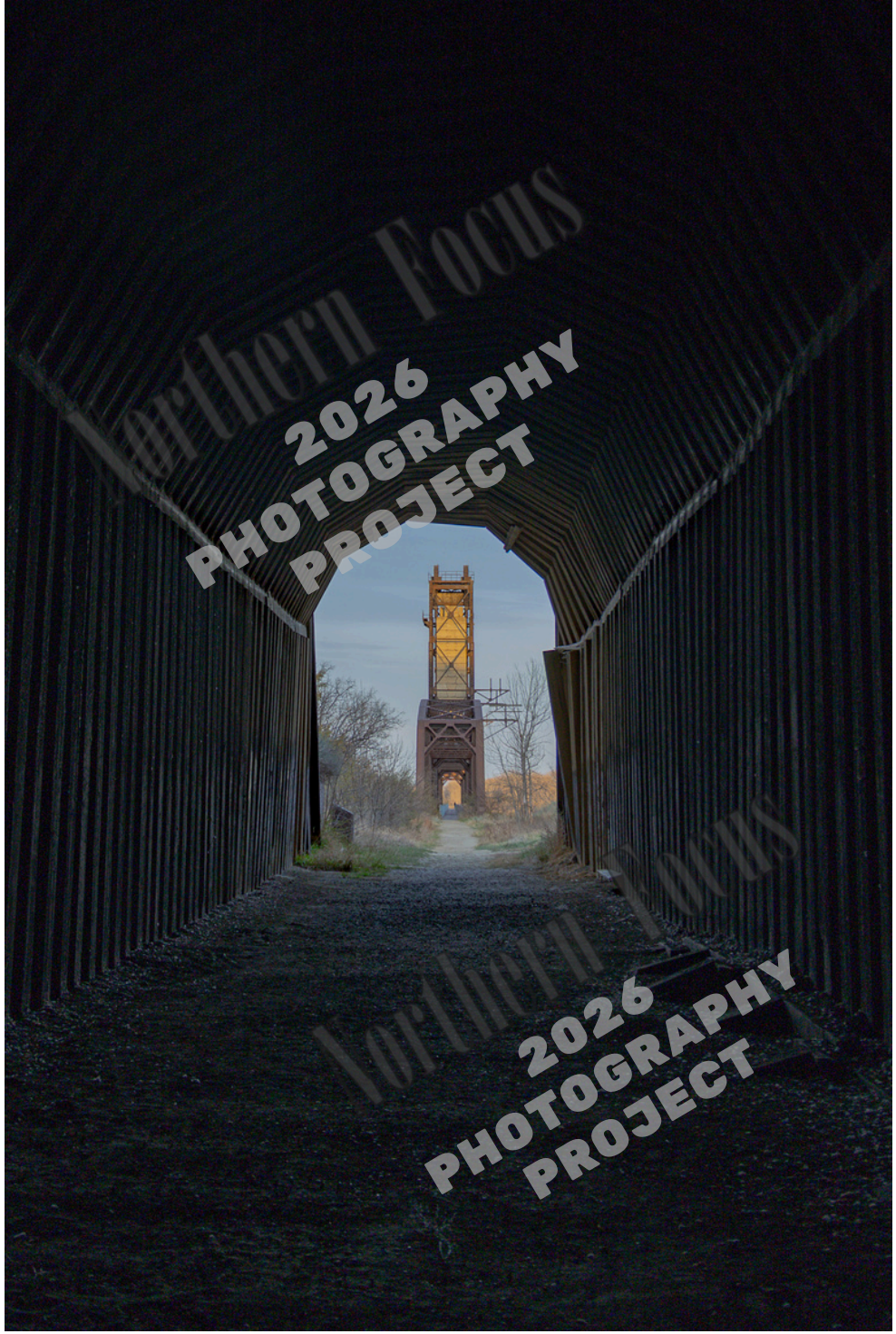
Drago Nemec
Yellow Lady Slipper, 2024
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, MN
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Melissa Krenkler
Cloudscape East of the River, 2026
Moorhead, MN
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Victoria Lerud
Feels Like Home, 2025
Alphabet Garden, Northern Plains Botanical Garden, Fargo, ND
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John Anfinrud
Fairview Lift Bridge, 2026
Near Cartwright, ND
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



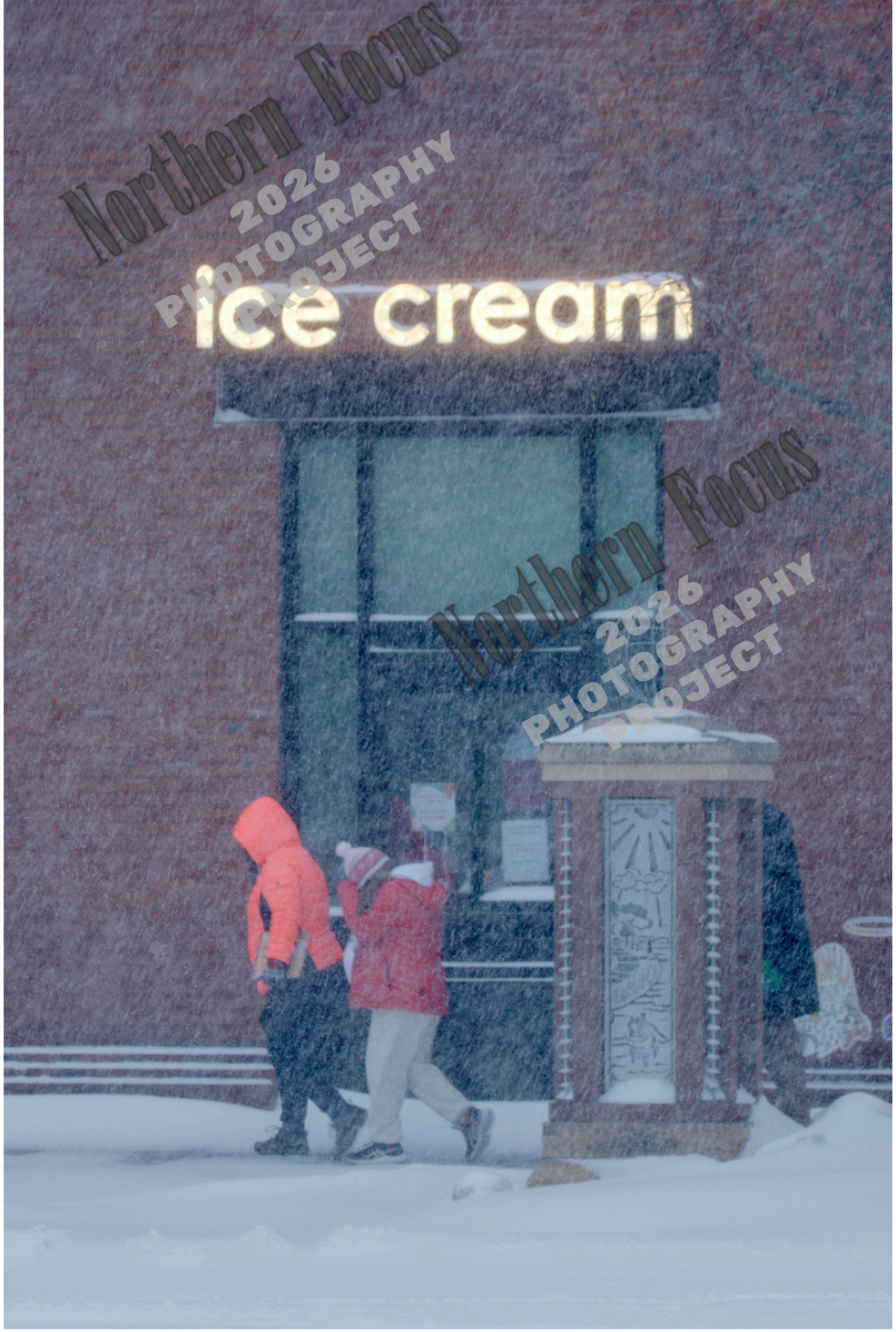
Vijay Gaba
Rooted in the North, 2026
Close to Riverfront Park, Moorhead, MN
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Amy Kobrinsky
Narnia in Fargo, 2026
South Fargo, ND
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David Clardy
Sunrise On The Red River, 2020
Behind the Fargo Country Club, Fargo, ND
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Ethan Hinton
Nevertheless, They Persisted, 2025
Fargo, ND
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Susan Carnahan
Snow Moon, 2026
Fargo, ND
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Adrienne Eider
Jump!, 2026
Fargo South High School, Fargo, ND
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Cindy Peterson
Moving Earth, 2026
South of Horace, ND
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Andrea Escher
Airport, 2024
Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND
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Taiyler Rall
Pit Stop, 2026
Dee's Drive-In, Barnesville, MN
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MD Rakibul Hasan Khan
Path to Jannah, 2025
Fargo, ND
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Shanthi Wilson
Hiking Views on a Fractured Ankle, 2024
White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, ND
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Megann Schlenvogt
Pond Life, 2025
White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, ND
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Nicole Sahr
Night Ride, 2026
Side by Side Trails near Ponsford, MN
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Grace Lang
Home is Found in Northern Waters, 2021
Maplewood State Park, MN
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Tracy Brantl
Raindrops, 2026
Wahpeton, ND
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Abby Fisette
Crow's Lunch, 2026
Gooseberry Mound Park, Moorhead, MN
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Anuj Ghimire
Whispering to a Friend, 2021
Meadowlands, MN
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Chandra Lendobeja
Fishing at Dusk, 2026
Ottertail, MN
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Aaron Kabanuk
Can’t Escape It, 2024
Kindred, ND
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Wes Robinson
Land Between The Lakes, 2025
Height of Land Road, Detroit Lakes, MN
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Maria Toomey
Spring, 2026
Fargo, ND
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Nate Coen
Cormorant Sunset, 2025
Cormorant, MN
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Dezirae Gibbons
Shallow Falls, 2025
Nerstrand Big Woods State Park, MN
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Homayara Anisa Raha
Light Through The Past, 2025
Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, ND
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Taylor Stewart
Nostalgia for Home, 2026
I-94 between Freeport and Melrose, MN
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Elisabetta Liverani
Showing Up, 2026
Red River, North Fargo, ND
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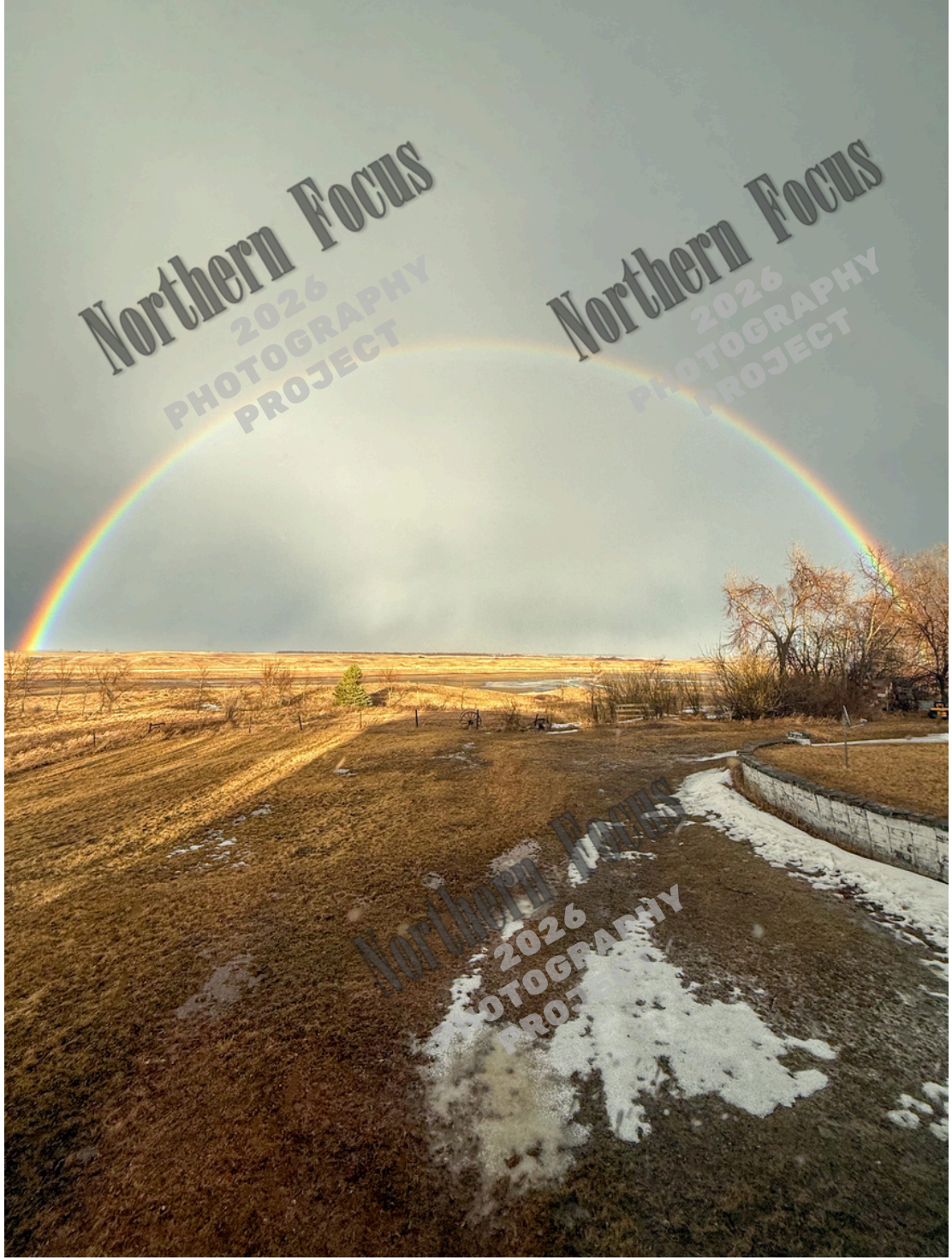
Caryn Weber
Beauty Rises Early, 2022
Everest Township, Cass County, ND
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Jessica Hayes
North Fargo Trees, 2025
North Fargo, ND
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Lucas Rutten
One Way, 2026
Fargo, ND
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John Moser
Arching the Valley, 2026
Eldridge, ND
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Becky Haarstad
Nightfall, 2026
Otter Tail County, MN
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Tony Agre
Novembers Calling, 2025
East of Elephant Park, Fargo, ND
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Angie Waletzko
Waiting on the Wind, 2022
Fort Ransom State Park, ND
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Sheetal Rangoli
Shades of Hope!, 2025
West Fargo, ND
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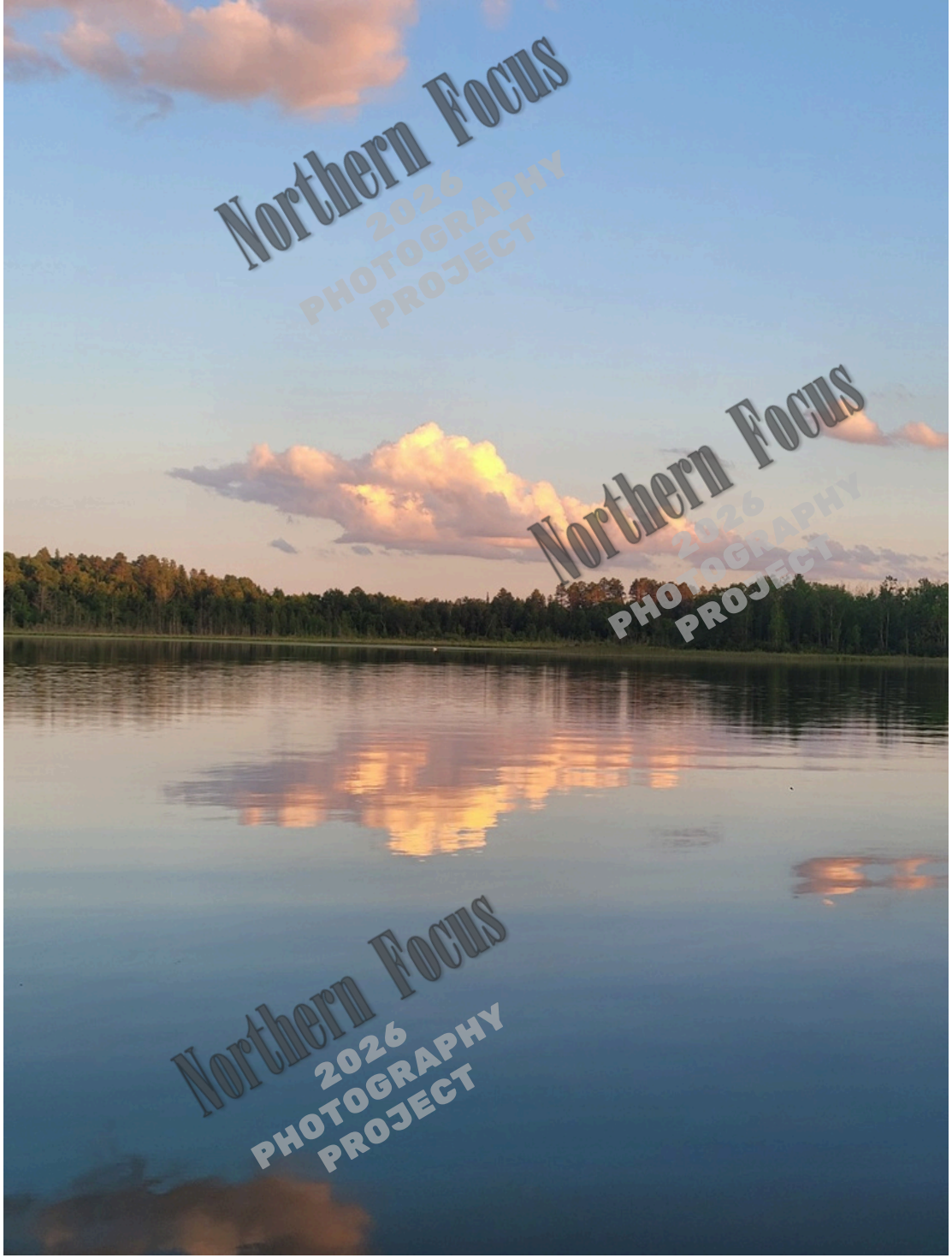
Phil Stahl
Porch Livin', 2026
Hawley, MN
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Ellie Brown
Untitled, 2025
Trollwood Park, Fargo, ND
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Sharon Borgstrom
Sage Advice, 2024
Downtown Fargo, ND
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Terry Engberg
Reflecting Clouds, 2025
Seventh Crow Wing Lake, MN
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Candace Meyer
Veil of the North, 2024
Northwest of Page, ND
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Rachael Hadsell
The Red Looks Blue, 2026
Lindenwood Park, Fargo, ND
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Avalon Hesby
Showtime, 2026
Crookston, MN
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Henleigh Berndt
Moon Behind The Silence, 2025
Moorhead, MN
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Audra Freeman
Autumn Beauty, 2017
Maplewood State Park, MN
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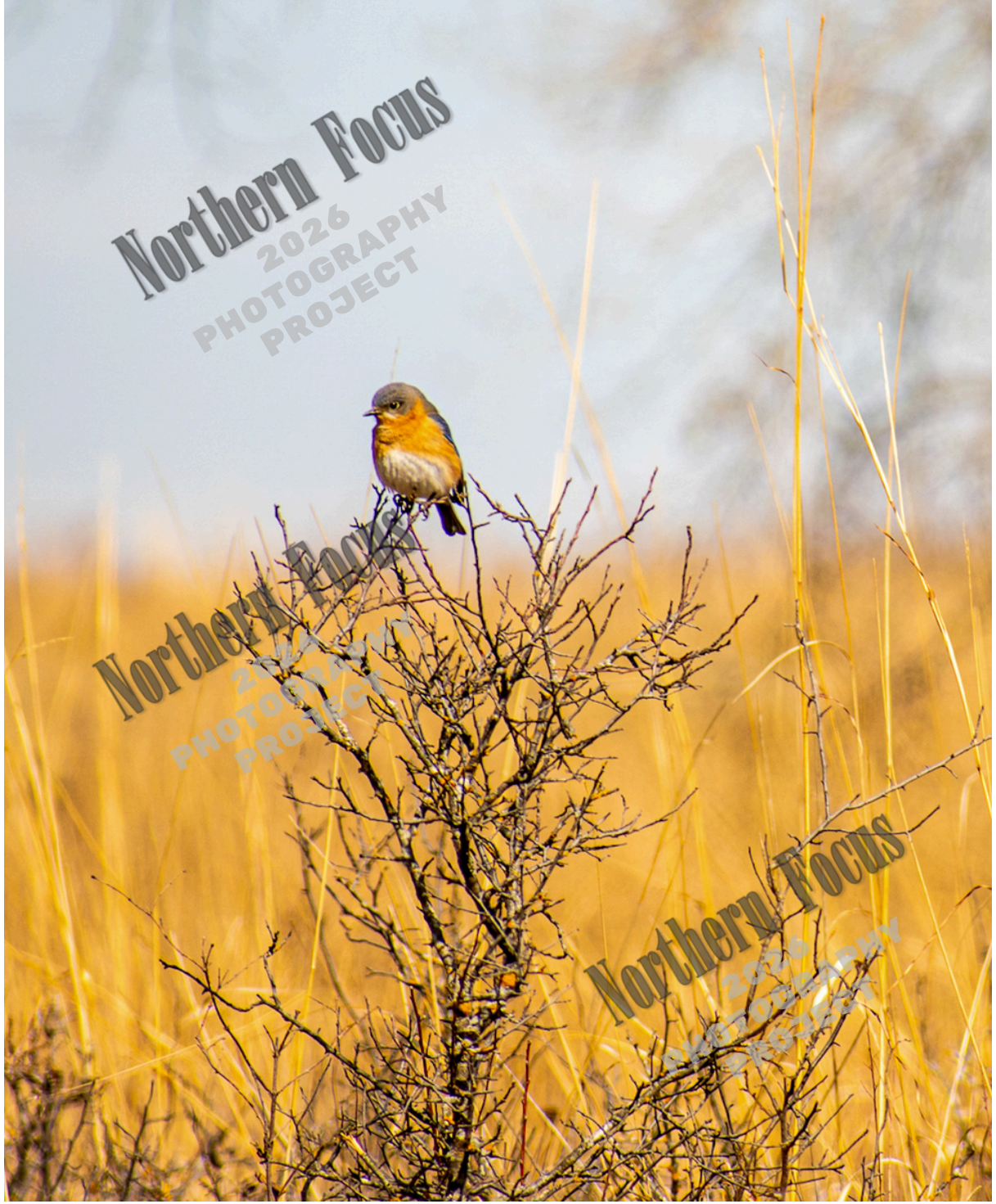
Larry Simpson
Sunrise, 2014
Little Detroit Lake, MN
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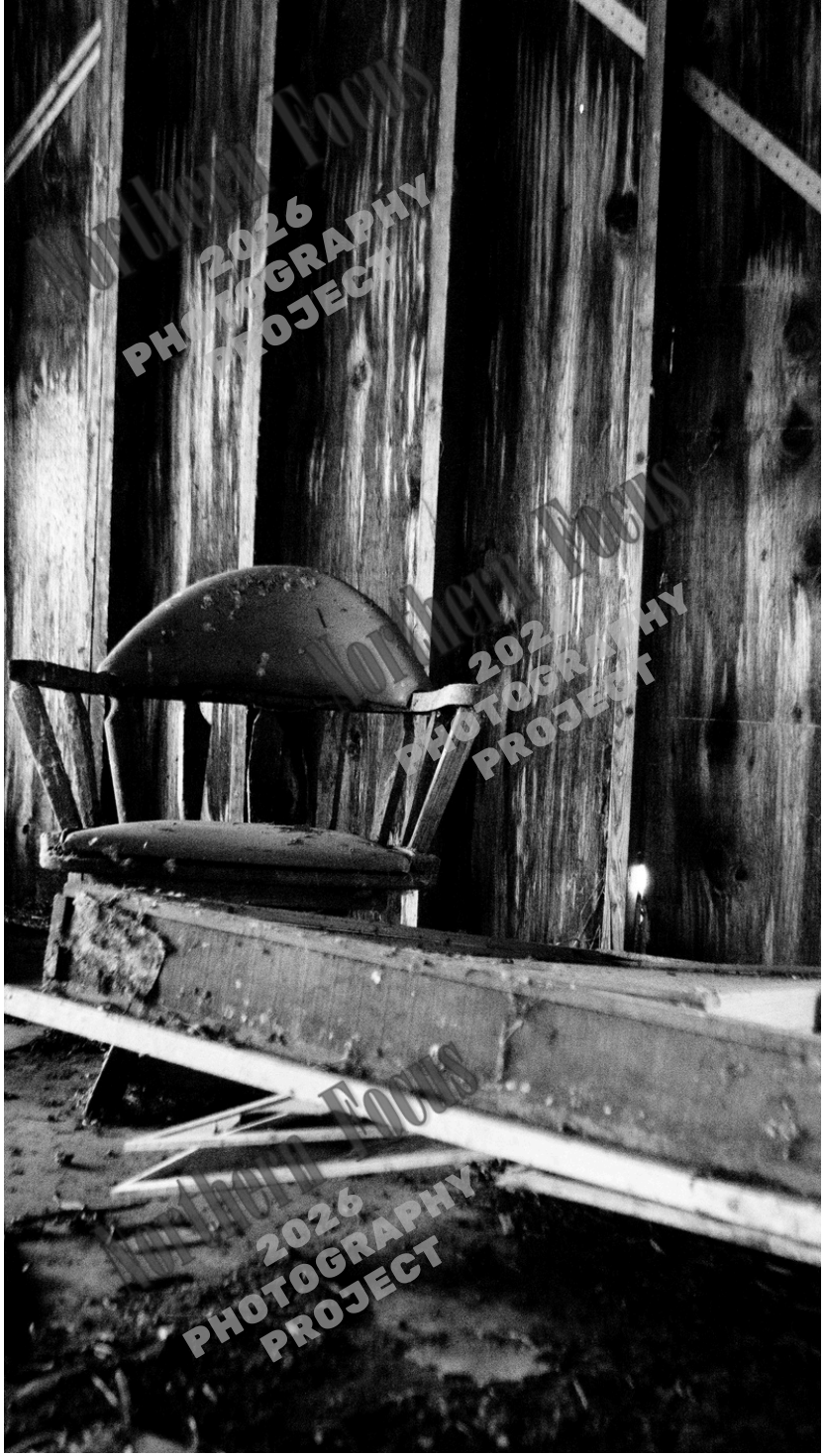
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Chasing The Light, 2025
Twin Valley, MN
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Denise Pesola
Adorned Oak, 2025
Near Rollag, MN
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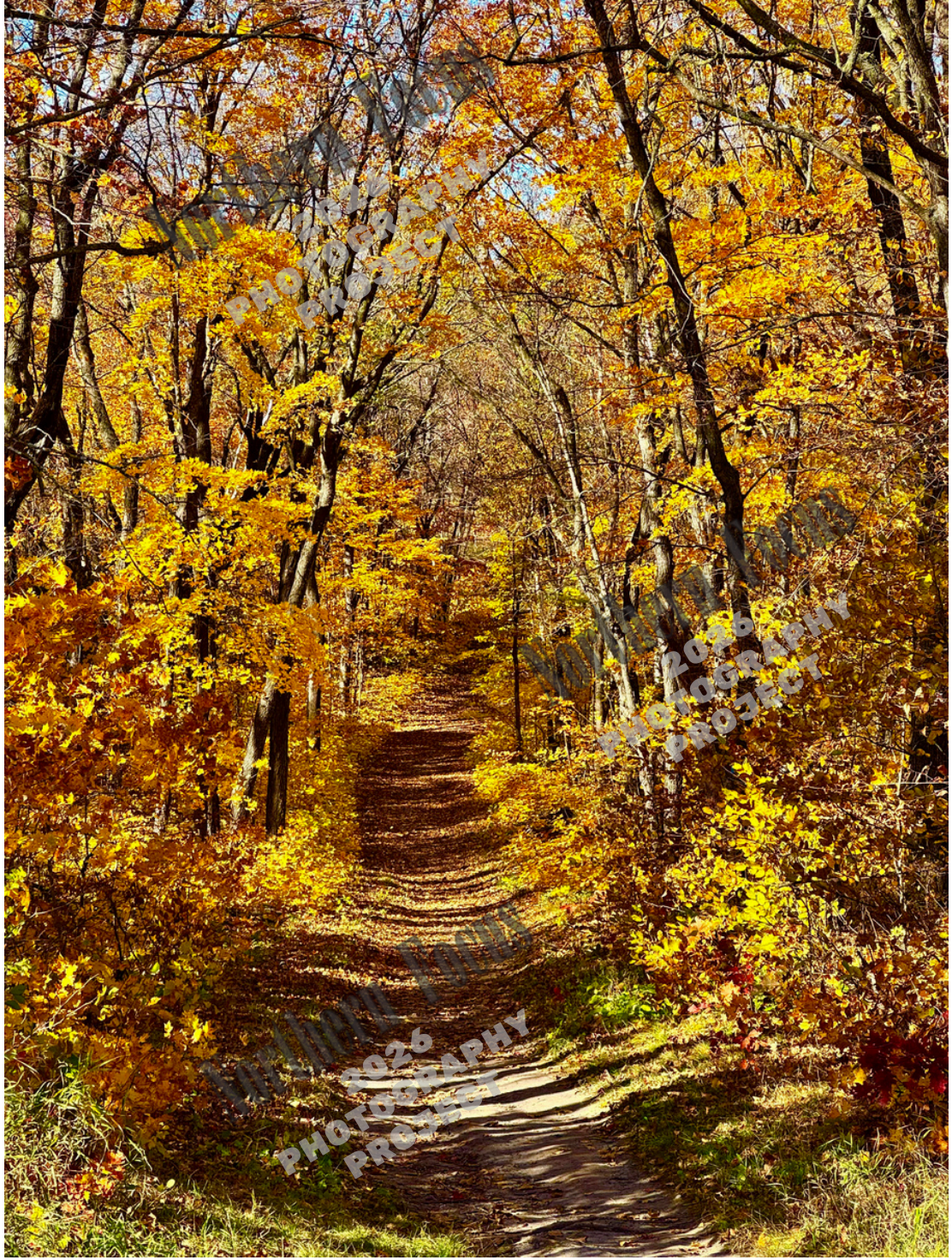
Craig Bashore
Eastern Bluebird On The Prairie, 2025
Buffalo River State Park, MN
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Carter Phillips
As Left Last, 2026
Crystal Springs, ND
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Ritu Krishnawat
Rise and Shine, 2024
West Fargo, ND
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Ryan Slapnicka
Fall Stroll, 2025
Maplewood State Park, MN
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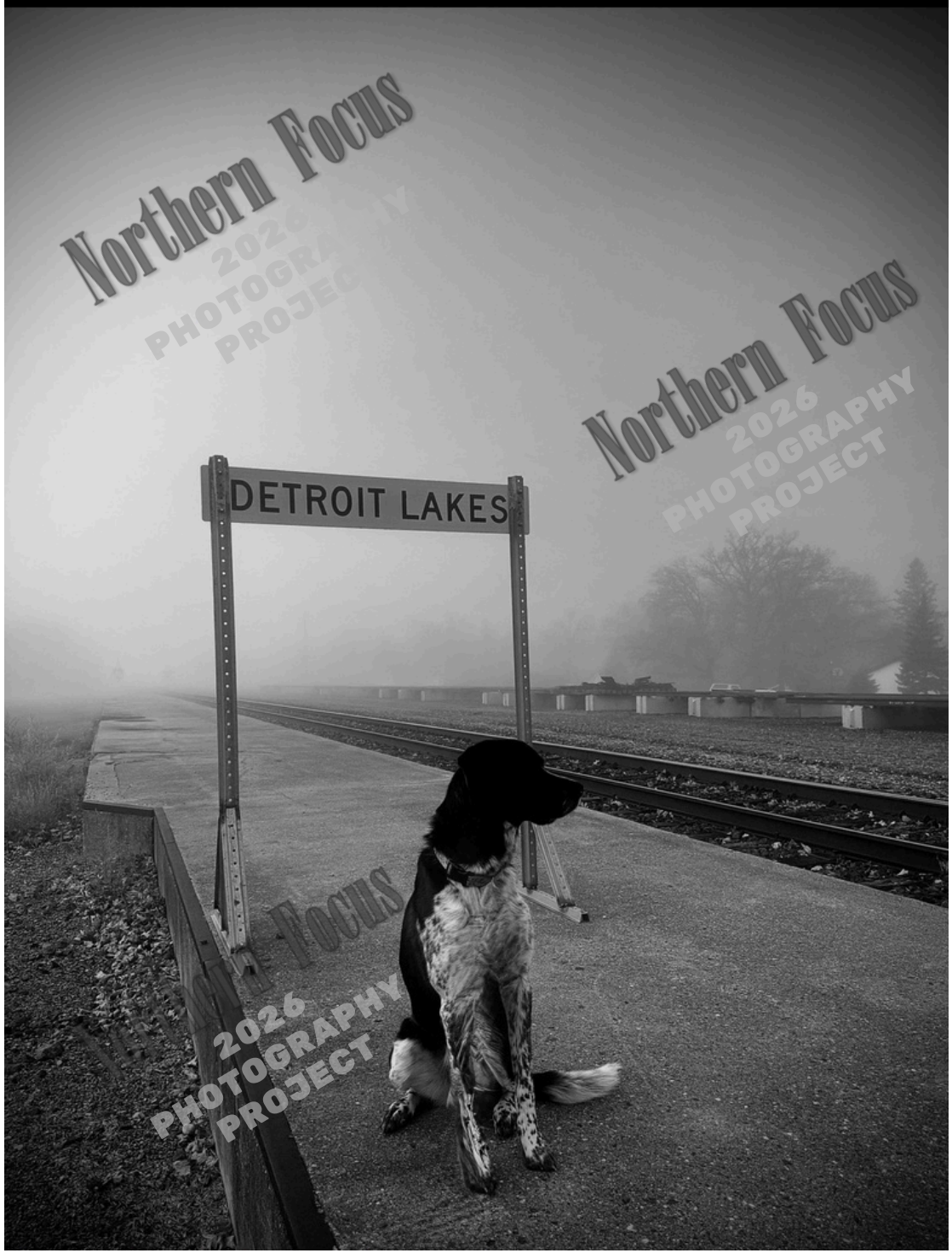
Ryan Ham
Spring Waves, 2026
Grand Marais, MN
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Gabriella Garcia
A Golden Morning, 2025
Outside photographer's house, Moorhead, MN
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Renae Boeddeker
The Night He Met Aurora, 2024
Argusville, ND
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George Keller
Looking Through The Fog, 2025
Detroit Lakes, MN
N*orthern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention*



Angel Keefe
Blush, 2025
Dent, MN
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Adam Buckley
Minnesota Fall, 2023
Detroit Lakes, MN
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Isabelle Bixby
Blue Angels In Fargo, 2024
Fargo Air Show, Fargo, ND
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Sarah Herman
April Snow, 2026
West Fargo, ND
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Stacy Moe
Where Fire Meets Forest, 2025
Vergas, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Scarlett Anderson
Flower At Sundown, 2026
Moorhead, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Daniel Damico
First Time Under The Lights, 2025
Moorhead, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Stacy Slapnicka
Hiking with Papa, 2025
Maah Daah Hey Trail, ND
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Elizabeth Brannon
Curiosity, 2025
Maplewood State Park, MN
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Susan Anderson
Family Time, 2025
Otter Tail County, MN
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Zane Johnson
Wood You Please, 2021
Heritage Village, East Grand Forks, MN
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Jordyn Fischer
Field Notes from Fargo, 2026
Fargo Air Museum, Fargo, ND
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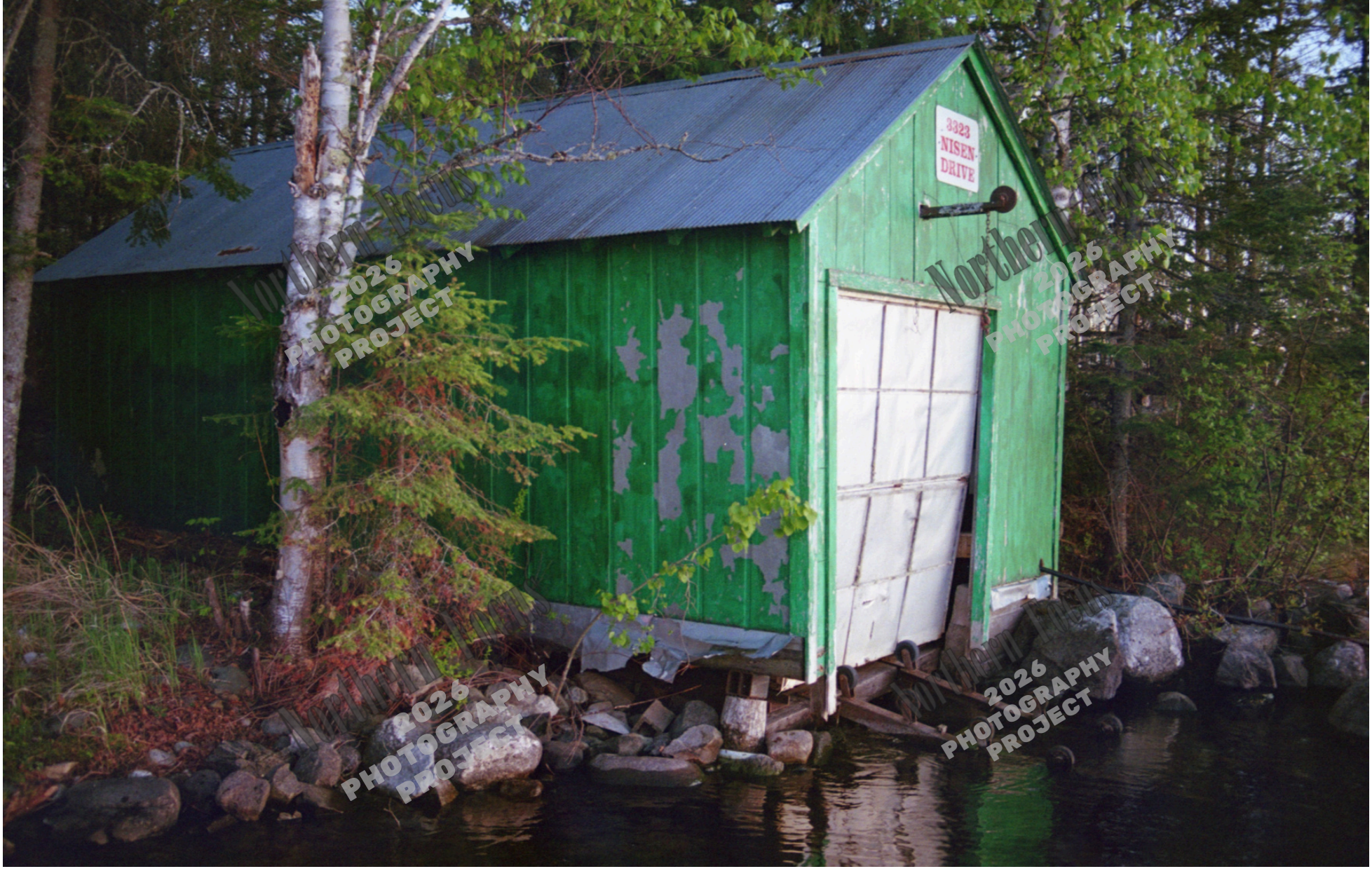
Mya Snow
A Moorhead Turkey, 2026
Moorhead, MN
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Brittany Swiers
Don’t Kid Yourself, I’m the Goat., 2026
Pride and Joy Rescue, West Fargo, ND
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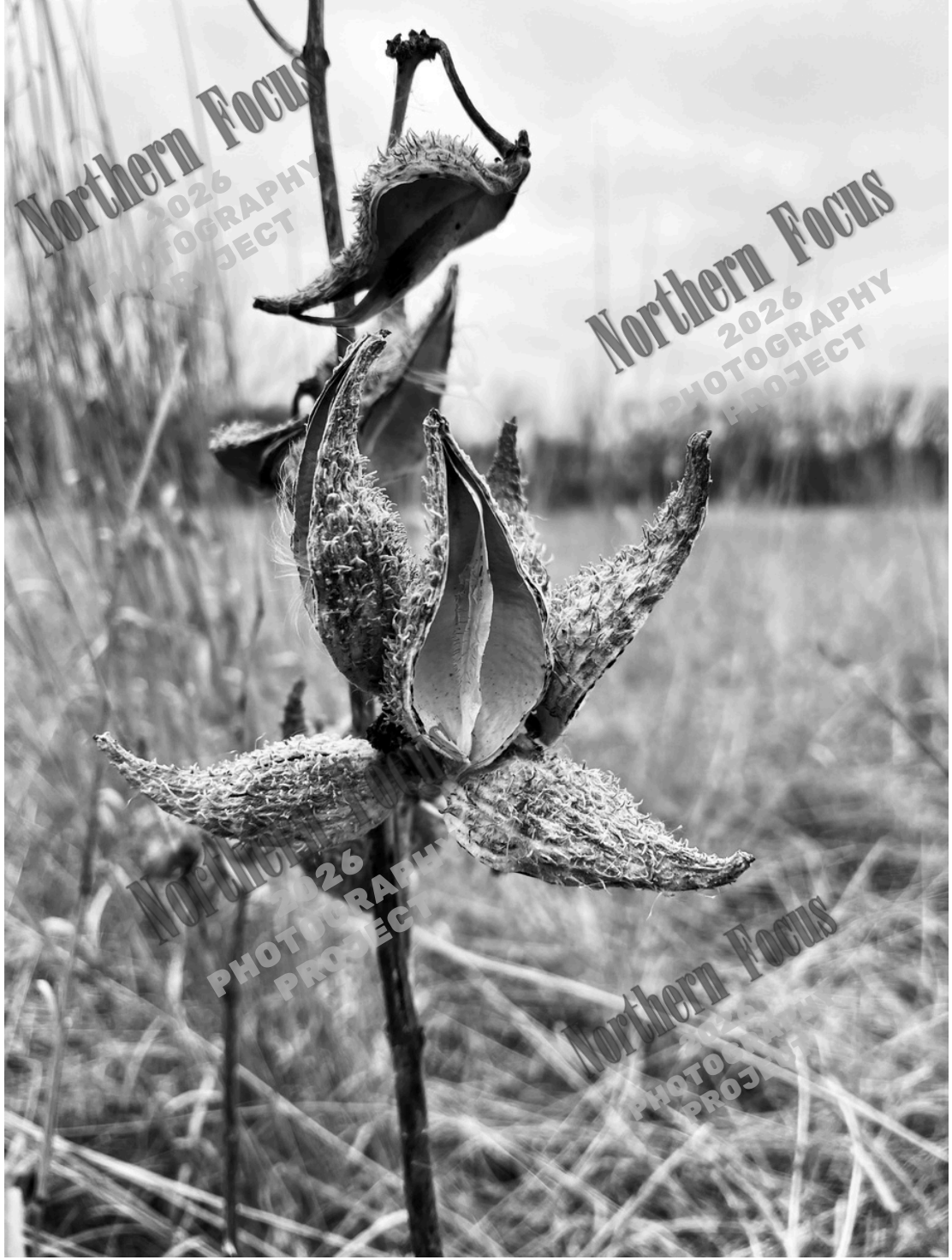
Alexandrea Rodriguez
New Beginnings, 2023
Fargo, ND
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Matt Scheerer
The Boat House, 2025
Fraser Bay on Lake Vermilion, Tower, MN
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Faron Blakely
iLoveBroadway, 2026
Broadway, Downtown Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



John Burt
Prairie Remnant, 2024
South Fargo, ND
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Rex Kriedeman
Ash Tree through the Window after the Storm, 2026
Photographer's Yard, Enderlin, MN
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Steven Huston
October Night, 2025
Lake Agnes, Boundary Waters, MN
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Monica Stich Deltener
Magic of April Snow Shower, 2026
From Photographer's Balcony, Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Will Bertolini
Spring (Double Meaning), 2026
Fargo, ND
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Andy Garske
The Last Shovel..., 2026
Fargo, ND
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Michael Norberg
The Stretch, 2025
Northern Minnesota
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Sharon Borgstrom
Sage Advice, 2024
Downtown Fargo, ND
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Destiny Estrada
Chillaxing, 2020
Aitkin, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Gracelyne Morrison
Theodore's Bison, 2025
Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND
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Aric Gjervold
Riverbank View of Gooseberry Mound Park, 2026
Lindenwood Park, Fargo, ND
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Andrew Wusands
Sunset View from NDSU, 2026
Mathew Living Learning Center West, NDSU, Fargo, ND
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Leonard Danielson
Ice, 2025
Cormorant Lake, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Rand Nyberg
Snowy Owl, 2026
Bagg Bonanza Farm, Mooreton, ND
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Erika Kappes
Minnesota Apricity, 2025
Cormorant, MN
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Samuel Kain
ND Tracks and Railroad, 2026
Near the NDSU Gardens, Fargo, ND
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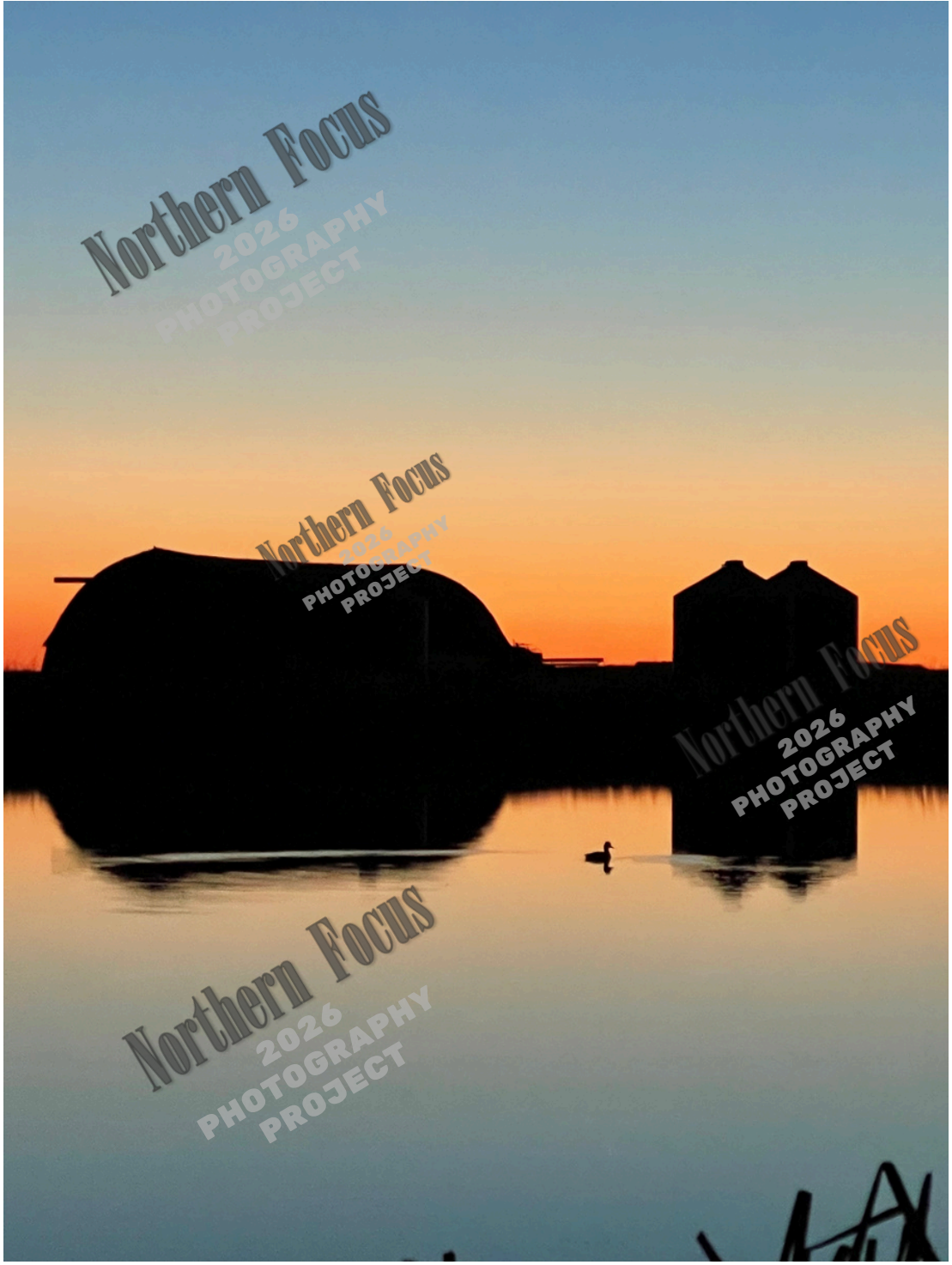
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Shining Bright, 2025
Audubon, MN
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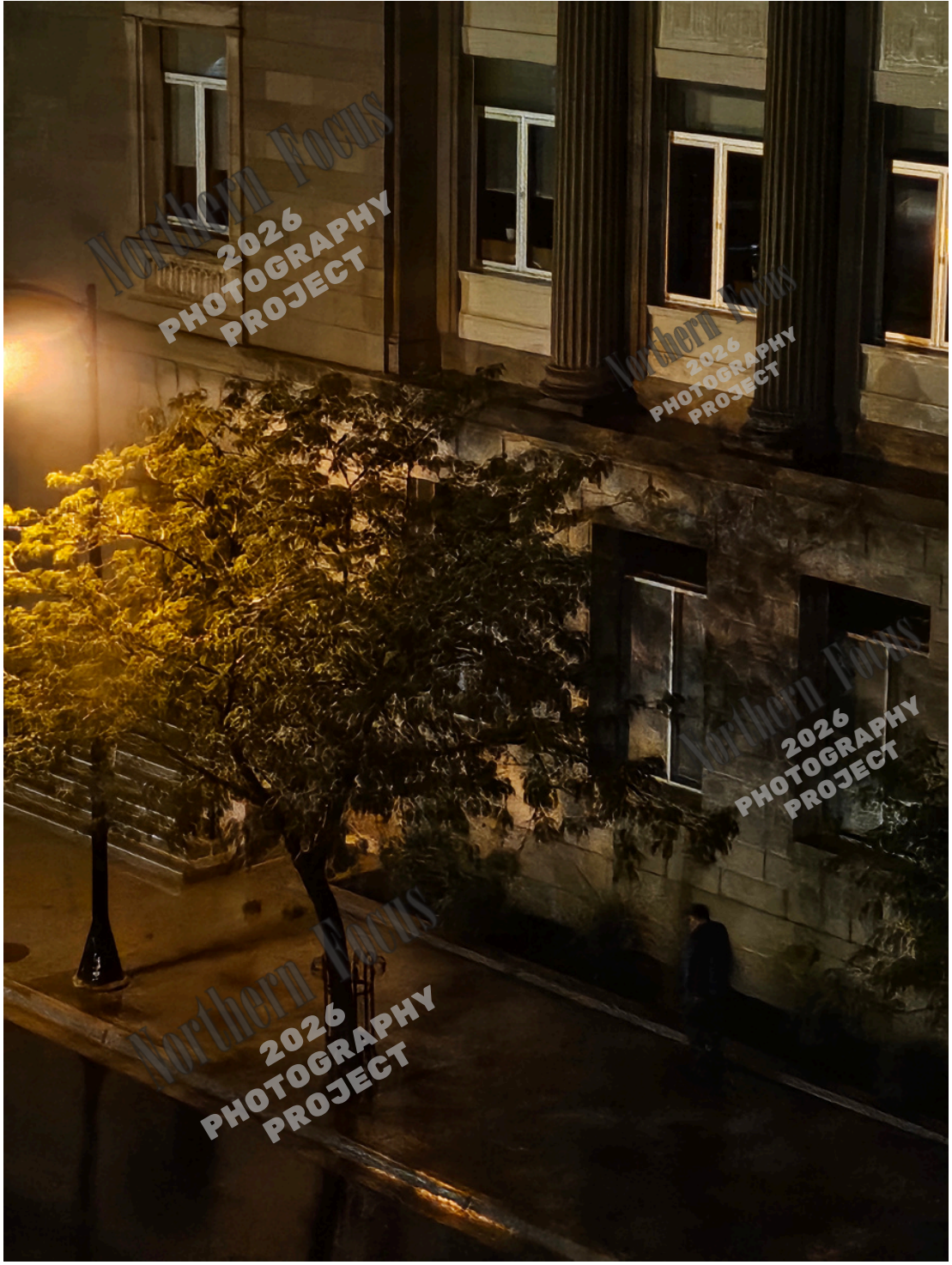
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Snowy Day At The Library, 2026
Fargo Public Library Main Branch, Fargo, ND
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Tina Hogue
Early Morning, 2020
Fargo, ND
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Curtis Skalicky
My Favorite Swimming Pool, 2020
Brocket, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Jahzara Davis
Solitude, 2025
Federal Court House, Fargo, ND
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Ashley Anderson
Jinxy Wonder, 2026
West Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Gordon Court
Love at first bite, 2021
Valley City, ND
Northern Focus 2026, Honorable Mention



Michelle Jennison
Frosty Heart, 2026
Lake Melissa, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Grace Devig
Ephemeral, 2025
Fargo, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Amy Wieser Willson
Taking Flight, 2025
Ottertail, MN
Northern Focus 2026



Zakary Lewis
Superior Sunrise, 2026
Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, MN
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Leo Habada
Friendly Strangers, 2020
Old DMV Office, Fargo, ND
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Alan Hartman
Ice-Enchanted Highway, 2026
Along the Enchanted Highway, ND
Northern Focus 2026



Luann Hogan
Diana and Her Books, 2022
Photographer's home, Fargo, ND
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Edie Thiel
Egret Mating Dance, 2025
Fergus Falls, MN
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