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## Benefit set for retired Extension Agent Stordahl

A benefit has been set for Sunday, Oct. 16, from 12:30 till 4:30 p.m. at the McIntosh Community Center for Jim Stordahl. Mr. Stordahl recently retired from his position as the University of Minnesota Extension Agent for Clearwater and Polk counties. His intentions at the time of retiring were to return to work part time.

However, now Stordahl is battling cancer, so a "taco in a bag" fundraiser and silent auction will be held to help Stordahl with his medical and travel expenses, as well as bring a boost of morale from support shown.

The taco in a bag can be purchased with a free will donation.

Monetary donations can be sent to: Jim Stordahl Benefit, First National Bank, PO Box 129, McIntosh, MN 56556.

For information or to help with the silent auction, contact Katie Roed at 701-361-1368; to help with the benefit, call Alison Opdahl at 218-289-4969. Items for the silent auction can be dropped off at Marial Harbor in McIntosh or The Red Poppy in Fosston.

## Fair weather, fun floats at Homecoming Parade



Last Friday was a grand day for the Bagley High School Homecoming Parade. Blessed with sunny skies and warm air, the parade enjoyed a good number of entries. Scenes from the parade include (from top, clockwise): 11th graders roasting the "Ducks;" Alex Brtek keeping the parade lively with a good drumbeat; and King and Queen Justin Dukek and Cassie Keough riding atop a fancy racing buggy.

## Klobuchar: Ensuring competition and dealing with Ag business giants

By U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

In Minnesota, we are proud of our farmers and farming communities. While most people know us as the land of ten thousand lakes, we have nearly seventy-five thousand farms and are fifth in the nation in agricultural production. We also are home to many agricultural companies, both small and large. That's why having a food supply that's strong — one where farmers can afford to do business and consumers can afford to buy farm products — is really important to our state.

The recent mergers

and acquisitions in the seed industry -- including Dow Chemical's and DuPont's proposed merger, ChemChina's proposed acquisition of Syngenta, and Bayer's proposed acquisition of Monsanto -- could have great consequences for Minnesota. These three transactions are substantial, and they could reduce the six major agribusiness companies to four.

I serve as the Ranking Member of the Antitrust Subcommittee, and I take seriously my responsibility to provide oversight on potential consolidations and

## Green: MNsure rate hikes, insurance caps spell trouble

House Republicans are sounding the alarm over a looming health insurance crisis following Friday's news that final MNsure rates will rise 50 percent or more

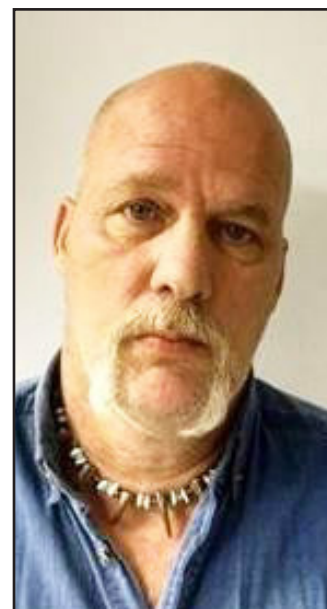
for 2017.

The latest rate increases are on top of hikes of up to 17 percent and 49 percent in the first two years of MNsure premium pricing adjustments. More than 75 percent of people who buy health insurance on their own do not receive any financial assistance from MNsure, undermining MNsure's claims that tax credits will offset massive rate increases.

"It's time for MNsure advocates to get a grip on reality and face the fact they can't just keep spending more taxpayer dollars on a system that has been an utter flop," said Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston. "This program has been an albatross around the state's neck since the day of its failed launch a few years ago. MNsure has caused nothing but heartaches and headaches for many Minnesotans who can't afford to suffer any longer from Democrats' broken promises. The sooner we can stop funding MNsure and move to something that would actually deliver results, the better."

**Insurance hikes**  
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## Sexual offender moves to Ebro



Dean Melvin Johnson

A sexual offender rated at risk level three moved to Ebro Drive in rural Bagley on Sept. 25, according to an announcement from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department.

Dean Melvin Johnson, 50, had been convicted of possessing child pornography depicting minor females



(approximately age 10) engaged in sexual contact, and he has served his sentence. He is a white male who stands 5 ft. 10 inches tall and weighs 188 lbs. He has blue eyes, brown hair, medium complexion and medium build.

Johnson's conviction requires him to register with law enforcement when he

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## Focus placed on domestic violence



October is the month that focuses on the issue of domestic violence prevention. The Family Crisis Center in Bagley held a small rally and walk to call attention to this problem. Gathered here with the banner are Kristy Harmon (Crisis Center director), Pastor Wayne Hjemstad of Grace Free Lutheran Church, the Benson family and Sharon Martine (holding the banner at the right). They walked with the banner from the courthouse to Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bagley on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

## Remember Your Roses!!

Pick-up your roses at Stem's Floral on Oct. 7 & 8  
Bagley Rotary Club ~ Working For A Better Community!

Your roses can be arranged in a vase by a local expert when they are picked up for an additional fee.

Proceeds will go  
towards local  
community  
projects.

# Death Notices



## Clinton Holm

He grew to adulthood and attended school in Bagley, graduating from Bagley High School in 1981. Following high school, Clinton attended vo-tech in Bemidji for two years.

On July 15, 1989 Clinton was united in marriage to Shirley Davis at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley. They made their home in Bagley where they raised their two children, Clinton Vance Holm Jr. and Kayla Marie Holm.

Throughout the years he worked for Marty Brothers Feed Store and AMPI – both in Bagley.

Clinton loved to hunt and fish. Spending time with his family and friends was very important to him. Clinton will be remembered as the person

that would always be there when needed.

Clinton is survived by his wife Shirley of Thief River Falls; children, Clinton Vance Holm Jr. "CJ" of Thief River Falls, and Kayla Marie Holm (fiancé, Brandon) of Collette, Minn.; father, Orlin Holm of Bagley; sisters and brother, Valerie (DeWayne) Smith of Bagley, Michael Holm of Bagley, and Rosalie (Walter Hartmann) Marty of Bagley; many nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marylou Holm; and many relatives and friends.

Family condolences may be sent to [www.johnsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralservice.com).

Clinton Holm, 53, of Thief River Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 at Sanford Medical Center, Thief River Falls.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls.

Clinton Vance Holm was born March 11, 1963 in Bagley, the son Orlin and Marylou (Hesby) Holm.



## Virginia C. Scholbrock

in Dubuque, Iowa. Virginia began her teaching career at Dubuque Senior High School and then went on to become an educator/instructor for 28 years at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, serving the last 10 years as the Dean of the Business and Marketing Department. While at WITC, Virginia started the Fashion Merchandising Program. Virginia was a member of PEO sorority, past member of the Chamber of Commerce in Superior, Wis.

Virginia enjoyed cooking, refinishing furniture and traveling the world with her husband, Al. Some of her favorite trips were taken to England, Norway and Germany. Virginia loved gardening, tending to her vegetables and 500 hostas!

Virginia felt most peaceful at their home they built for retirement on Island Lake, Minn. and also enjoyed

spending winters in Tucson, Ariz. She was grounded, rational, feisty, a planner, and the ultimate energizer bunny. Above all, Virginia was the rock of the family, a trusting, loyal and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Virginia is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Allan; son, Grant (Johnny) Scholbrock of Portland, Ore.; daughter, Kara (Mike) Gyarmaty of Rochester; grandsons, Alex and Will Gyarmaty; and sisters, Pat (Clyde) Hendrickson of Parkers Prairie, Minn. and Barb (John) Brooks of Gonvick.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Ranfran and Vine Funeral Homes.

To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.ranfranandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranandvinefh.com)

Virginia was born Feb. 7, 1944 in Bagley, to Alvin and Vida (Hanson) Strand. She graduated from Gonvick High School and went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Northern Iowa and her master's in clothing and textiles from UW-Stout.

On June 20, 1973, Virginia married Allan Scholbrock

## Fall is deadliest time for pedestrians

As the days get shorter and the nights longer this time of year, motorists and pedestrians should watch out for one another, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The fall months are the deadliest months for pedestrians.

So far this year, 37 pedestrians were killed. In 2015, 41 pedestrians were killed and 904 were injured, compared to 17 deaths and 837 injuries in 2014.

"With more hours of darkness in the fall, pedestrians are more difficult to see," said Jay Hietpas, MnDOT state traffic engineer. "Motorists and pedestrians are equally at fault when we look at our crash data. That means that both groups need to know and obey the laws."

The crosswalk law includes these highlights:

- Motorists should stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights.
- Pedestrians should obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.
- Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.
- Pedestrians shouldn't enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined

distance that a pedestrian should abide by before entering the crosswalk; common sense should be used.

When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear should not pass the stopped vehicle.

For the full crosswalk law, go to: [www.mndot.gov/sharetheroad/ped/crosswalklaw.html](http://www.mndot.gov/sharetheroad/ped/crosswalklaw.html).

Because the sun rises later and sets earlier, there are more pedestrians before and after daylight hours, increasing the risk of crashes. Children are going to or getting out of school or walking to their bus stop, and adults are walking to or from home or work.

About one-third of pedestrian crashes happen during the weekday rush hour driving time, defined as 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. One out of every four pedestrian fatal crashes occurred between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Male pedestrians are more likely than females to be killed or injured. Males accounted for 68 percent of all pedestrian fatalities and 53 percent of all injuries in 2015. The most cited contributing factors to all pedestrian crashes is driver failure to yield right of way and driver distraction or inattention.

## In loving memory of my sister Mavis Tollefson Heinecke

12-23-1945 ~ 10-8-2014

In our hearts your memory lingers. Mavis even though you left your earthly life two years ago, I hope God let you know how much I loved you. How special you were to me. Even though I can't see your smile, feel the tough of your hand or hear your voice, there is not a day dar Mavis that we do not think of you.

I have special memories of you. Memories of our little adventures growing up together. Together with our brother Duane we lost too soon. As we aged our lives brought us closer together. I appreciated you so much more. I have your picture in my keep sake, in which I'll never part for the rest of my years. God has you in his keeping and I have you in my heart. You are just a memory away and will never be forgotten.

Miss by your brother James Tollefson and sister-in-law, Betty Tollefson

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### LAST WEEK'S WEATHER READINGS

Readings are from the National Weather Service Station at the Bemidji Airport

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Sept 24	65	57	0.3"
Sept 25	64	49	0.2"
Sept 26	56	45	---
Sept 27	48	45	0.1"
Sept 28	58	39	---
Sept 29	59	47	---

Precipitation readings from weather station 1.5 miles south of Bagley

### Grain Markets

Bagley Co-op Elevator

Oats.....\$1.65  
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### Cattle Market

Beef Steers	
200-400	\$1.30-1.60
400-600	\$1.25-1.50
600-800	\$1.15-1.40
800-1000	\$1.15-1.32
Beef Heifers	
200-400	\$1.10-1.40
400-600	\$1.10-1.31
600-800	\$1.10-1.28
800-1000	\$1.00-1.24

Holstein Steers	
200-400	\$ .90-1.20
400-600	\$ .85-1.07
600-900	\$ .80- .94
800-1000	\$ .80- .94

### Slaughter Cows

Top	\$0.62-0.70
Good	\$0.55-0.61
Low Yielding	\$0.45-0.54

### Slaughter Bulls

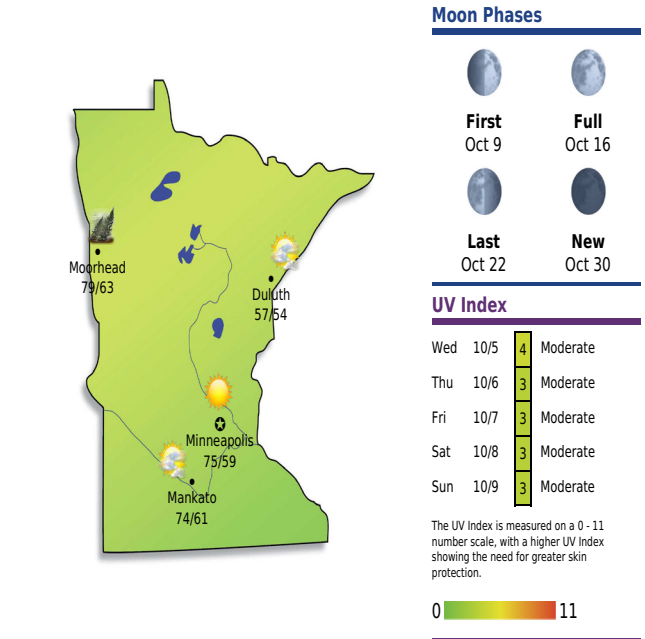
Top	\$0.85-0.90
Good	\$0.80-0.85
Low Yielding	\$0.70-0.80

Prices from latest sales at:  
Bagley Livestock Exchange, 9/29/16  
and Winger Livestock Exchange, 9/24/16.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/5	Thu 10/6	Fri 10/7	Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9
56/38 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	48/33 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	45/30 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	46/33 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	53/37 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM

### Minnesota at a Glance



### Moon Phases

First Oct 9	Full Oct 16
Last Oct 22	New Oct 30

### UV Index

Wed 10/5	4	Moderate
Thu 10/6	3	Moderate
Fri 10/7	3	Moderate
Sat 10/8	3	Moderate
Sun 10/9	3	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albert Lea	74	58	Sunny	Grand Rapids	71	55	Sunny	Red Wing	75	58	Sunny
Alexandria	75	59	Sunny/Wind	International Falls	72	52	Sunny	Redwood Falls	75	60	M Sun/Wind
Austin	73	57	Sunny	Little Falls	74	57	Sunny	Rochester	74	57	Sunny
Bemidji	74	57	Sunny	Mankato	74	61	Sunny	Saint Cloud	75	57	Sunny
Blackduck	73	56	Sunny	Marshall	75	60	P	Shelburne	76	59	Sunny/Wind
Caledonia	71	56	Sunny	Montevideo	76	59	Cldy/Wind	Thief River Falls	76	59	Sunny/Wind
Crookston	77	60	Sunny/Wind	Moorhead	79	63	M Sun/Wind	Two Harbors	67	51	Sunny
Duluth	57	54	P Cloudy	Owatonna	74	58	Sunny	Wabasha	75	57	Sunny
Fairmont	74	59	Sunny/Wind	Pipestone	73	59	P Cloudy	Willmar	77	60	Sunny
Fergus Falls	76	60	M Sun/Wind				Winona	73	56	Sunny	
							Worthington	72	58	M Sunny	

### National Cities

Atlanta	83	64	M Sunny	Houston	86	70	Sunny	Phoenix	85	62	Sunny
Boston	65	56	Sunny	Los Angeles	74	60	Sunny	San Francisco	63	54	Cloudy
Chicago	67	59	P Cloudy	Miami	89	77	M Cloudy	Seattle	63	53	Cloudy
Dallas	86	67	Sunny	Minneapolis	75	59	Sunny	Saint Louis	74	60	Cloudy
Denver	79	43	M Sun/Wind	New York	74	63	Cloudy	Washington	75	59	P Cloudy

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## Senior Focus on ... Steve Beltz



Steve Beltz recently attended the American Legion National Convention in Cincinnati where he performed with the Minnesota 9<sup>th</sup> District Band. "We are the only District Legion Band in the entire United States," Steve says. They received this distinction from the judges, "You're the band we'd most like to play with. It looks like you're having fun!" Also pictured is Denise Milton, American Legion Commander for Minnesota.

**By Karen Edelbach**  
Steve Beltz, a life-long resident of Bagley, has worn many hats during his lifetime here. He spent 42 years as a pharmacist (36 in Bagley); served on the City Council for 24 years; and held the title of Mayor Beltz for 14 years.

And his latest accomplishment was to recently take part in the only District American Legion Band in the entire United States. All other states have a state band, he says, but Minnesota 9<sup>th</sup> District Band is the only one to hold that distinction.

"This is my first year to take part in it," Steve says. "I have a long ways to go to catch up. Some have been in the band for 50 years."

The 31 members of the band from the 9<sup>th</sup> District took a bus from Crookston to Cincinnati in mid-August. The group consisted of past and current band directors, and those who love playing music. Steve, who plays a trombone, says he is in the latter group. The trip lasted 18 hours each way, with stops every five hours, where box lunches were waiting for them.

A few other members of the band traveled by plane and met them in Cincinnati, where they performed before judges there at the convention.

"We don't get together and practice -- we just show up and play," Steve says.

Two other bands performed in more of a concert style, a 60-member band from Kansas City, and an 80-member band from Joliet, Ill. The judges concluded that the 9<sup>th</sup> District Minnesota Band should practice some of the "finer points of your music," and were surprised when the director said, "We don't practice!"

"You're the band we'd most like to play with. You look like you're having fun!" The judges concluded.

After the performance, the 9<sup>th</sup> District players began playing in the lobby of their hotel, and soon members from the other two bands joined them until their numbers swelled to 74.

They also marched in a parade while at the convention, something Steve says he hasn't done since 1964.

"It was 102 degrees, with a heat index of 110 degrees!"

In spite of that, the whole event was a lot of fun, Steve recalls.

The 9<sup>th</sup> District Band plays about four times a year, including the Local Legion Convention, held in Mahanomen this year; the State Convention, held in Rochester; and they will perform in January for the Commanders' Dinner. The 9<sup>th</sup> District expands from Fergus Falls to Warroad, and Bemidji to Moorhead, encompassing 2,700 square miles.

Steve has played the trombone since the third grade when R.Q. Johnson was the band teacher here in Bagley. He was an inspiration to Steve. He says his wife Shirley was in the band too.

Steve attended the University of Minnesota, studying pharmacy, then joined the Army from 1969-1972.

"I taught anatomy and physiology to pharmacy specialists while in the Army," he says.

After the Army, he completed his degree. His pharmacy career lasted for 42 years; 36 of those were spent in Bagley, and 20 of which he had his own "Beltz Pharmacy" at the southeast corner of Main and Highway 2.

Steve says his interest in politics came from his dad and grandfather, Gene and Gene Beltz, Sr., both active in the community, as well as previous editors of the

Farmers Independent.

"My dad showed us that being involved in the community is an important thing to do. If you live here you should be a part of it."

He said it was fun to be involved in the city politics. "There were good people to work with toward community goals. They were very cooperative," he said. "It was an ideal time, when the state had money."

He said the biggest project they got accomplished during his time as Mayor was to get rid of the swamp in front of the Cease Family Funeral Home, dig in the drain tile and divert the water east to the Clearwater River.

It took 15 years. The DNR and three other agencies could not agree on who had the final say on doing this project. Finally State Sen. Rod Skoe helped. Some from each agency were all in one room together to iron it out. Eventually, the property was purchased by Wayne Cease, who donated it to the city, who then took the responsibility to get the project accomplished.

Besides his political career here, Steve has been involved in the Hockey Board and Association, and Twin Pines Golf Course Board, and

serves on his church council. He enjoys golf and gardening in his spare time, and time with family.

Steve says he is so lucky to have his three grandkids, children of Noel and daughter Stephanie Anderson, right here in Bagley. They are ages 13, 11, and 6. He works on setting a good example for the grandkids.

"My wife and I met when we were five years old, and were married for 47 years," Steve says.

"It was all her fault -- she invited me to the 'Sadie Hawkins Dance' in my senior high school year."

Shirley passed away two years ago from health difficulties, and Steve says he is still learning to adjust to single life again, which is an ongoing challenge.

Steve is traveling to Nashville to spend some time with two sisters and other relatives there.

"The biggest thing I learned on the City Council is that if you are not part of the solution, you may be part of the problem. I don't mind people complaining, but they should try to have a solution, and be an active part in solving the problems."

## Double size the pie!



It appears that Daisy Luggar's garden in Shevlin has produced a freak of the vegetable world. These two miniature pumpkins grew together and share the same stem. It will take serious surgery to separate them. Perhaps the pie will be doubly delicious!

## Apply by Oct. 13 for grant to help recruit and retain hunters, anglers

Groups that will help people start hunting or fishing, or continue these pursuits, are encouraged to apply for grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources by Thursday, Oct. 13.

The Angler and Hunter Recruitment and Retention Grant Program begun this year gives priority to programs that are new and innovative and have an ongoing impact. Types of activities could include fishing and hunting educational programs, clinics, workshops and camps, and funding for fishing and hunting equipment and

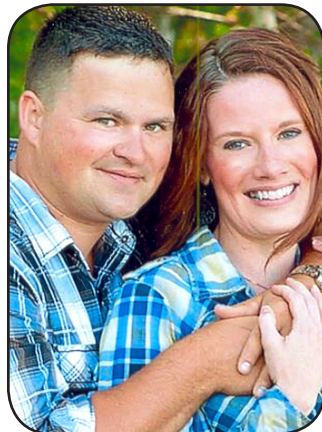
transportation.

Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and require a dollar-for-dollar match of the state grant award amount, or else a match of the value of labor, materials or services of the state award. For this round of the program, the DNR expects to have over \$100,000 to distribute, and projects must be completed in Minnesota and be finished by June 30, 2018.

To learn more about the DNR's work in recruitment, retention and reactivation, and to find grant application requirements, visit [www.mndnr.gov/r3](http://www.mndnr.gov/r3).

**25th Anniversary Dance for James & Cyndi O'Bryan**  
Taylor and Trey O'Bryan invite you to celebrate their parents, 25th Anniversary, come dance to the **Wynkoop Family Band 8:00 p.m.** **Saturday, October 15 Timbers Event Center** Everyone welcome!

## Gillian Tiggemann & Michael Everhart to wed



Gillian Tiggemann and Michael Everhart, together with their parents, Steven and Rosemary Tiggemann, Mary Ann Gesell and Pete and Pam Everhart, announce their upcoming marriage Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 in Bemidji.

Please join us at the Sanford Center for the dance beginning at 8 p.m.

## HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, CONNIE!



Come celebrate Connie's 50th birthday on Friday, Oct. 7 at the Bemidji Eagle's Club at 7:00 p.m.

**Remember to renew your subscription to keep up with the latest news**

## SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

### Come to the Senior Center if you need a birthday card

A nice crowd gathered on Friday to enjoy caramel rolls and coffee.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 12, the monthly birthday cake will be served along with a meal of meatloaf, parslid potatoes and creamed corn.

There are quite a few seniors who celebrate their birthday in October; come in next Wednesday and wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY. If you need a birthday card, we sell them in the Senior Center and Craft Room.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 1936 was a banner year for new homes built in Bagley. Shown in the April 30th issue of the Independent is a map of a "suggested subdivision to be released." The subdivision is from north of Highway 2 to Lake Lomond from on now named Bagley Ave., Red Lake Ave., and parts of Sand Lake Ave.

Olsen Realty Co.; of which

O.J. Olsen, president; Dr. L.J. Larson, vice president; and E.A. Olsen, secretary-treasurer, were the officers who placed the ad.

Clearwater Lumber Co.; Wilcox Lumber Co.; H.C. Peterson Hardware; Bagley Merc. Co.; and First National Bank also placed large ads for building related supplies and services in the same issue.

Some of the new homes built, and or lots purchased, include: Dr. C.V. Covey -- lots in new west subdivision; Dan Remick -- across from old gymnasium; Mrs. Delia Hanson -- east Bagley; Kurtz Olson -- east Bagley site of Gust Torvik house; Melvin Aune -- south of Furuseth home; Melvin Halvorson -- north of the H. E. Hansen residence; and a home for the first resident Catholic priest, Rev. Francis Ketter -- just east of the Catholic Church.

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Sundays - 8 p.m. At the Dome - west of Fireside  
**Alanon** Thursday - 7 p.m. At the Dome - west of Fireside  
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**October 10-14**  
**Monday:** Cabbage roll, green beans, peaches, and pudding.  
**Tuesday:** Pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend veggies, and scalloped apples.  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, parslid potatoes, creamed corn, mandarin oranges, and birthday cake!  
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 Suggested donation for those age 60 or above is \$4; more for those younger.  
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## Bagley School Menu

**October 10-14**  
**Monday:** Soft shell taco with fixings, refried beans, black bean salsa, peaches, and milk.  
**Tuesday:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce, WG bun, and milk.  
**Wednesday:** Turkey & cheese sub, baked beans, baked potato chips, pineapple, and milk  
**Thursday:** Garlic cheesy bread, meat sauce, fresh veggies with dip, mandarin oranges, Scooby snack, and milk.  
**Friday:** Elementary: Pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, and milk.  
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**Friday:** Cinnamon roll, fruit choice, and milk choice.  
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Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the basement of the Bagley American Legion (go to the back door).  
 Monetary contributions can be mailed to Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621.  
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# NEWS BYTES

**CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS:** Clearwater County Fair Board conducts a year-long raffle to help raise funds for general purposes and improvements at the fairgrounds. Winners of \$20 each: Brent Johnson, Oakes, N.D.; Linda Holm, Clearbrook; Derrick Eischens, Bagley; Jean Johnson, Bloomington, Minn.; Susan Sandland, Gonvick; Isaac Briscoe, Temple, Ga.; and Jennifer Kvasager, Oklee.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** Bagley Area Arts Collaborative will meet at Fireside Grill and Patio Wednesday, Oct. 12 for the monthly meeting at 4:05 p.m., and presentation by Kathy Huwe of Bagley at 5 p.m. Come out to hear what plans we have for Clearwater County artists and residents.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Register today for upcoming classes at 218-694-3232. Classes begin: **October 22 Initial & Refresher Defensive Driving Class**

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**COMBAT VETERANS** support group will be held Thursday, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. It is offered by Sanford Bemidji the first and third Tuesday each month at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center's Conference Room A, located immediately to the right through the hospital's main east entrance.  
 Any veteran interested in attending can simply show up at the scheduled meeting time. Call (218) 333-5165 to learn more.

**NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS** is hosting Caregiver Support Group in Bagley the 2nd Thursday of the month, October 13, 2 - 3:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Residence, Hwy 2 & Sunset Ave. SW.  
 Northwoods Caregivers also provides caregiver coaching, transportation, grocery shopping assistance, homemaking services and respite care to seniors and people living with a disability. For more information, call Carol at (218) 333-8265.

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## Arts project grants offered

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can answer "true" to all these questions, then you should be eligible to apply. If you answer "false" to one of the questions, or have questions of your own, contact us to discuss eligibility. Applications are available online at [R2arts.org](http://R2arts.org).  
 For more information, or with questions, call Region 2 Arts Council at 218-751-5447 or toll-free at 800-275-5447. You can also email us at [staff@r2arts.org](mailto:staff@r2arts.org).

## NRA, Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association endorse Grossell

Clearbrook (Oct. 3) – Republican state legislative candidate Matt Grossell today announced that the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund and the Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association Legislative PAC have endorsed his campaign. Grossell, who is a retired deputy sheriff of Clearwater County, is running to replace Rep. Dave Hancock in House

District 2A.  
 "As a retired law enforcement officer and firm believer in the Second Amendment, I couldn't be more honored to have the endorsement of these organizations," said Grossell. "Families in the north country can know that I will stand by law enforcement and defend our right to bear arms as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives."

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**The Bagley Indian Education Committee will meet at 5:00 PM for the purpose of election of officers to the Title VII Parent Committee.**  
**The Public Hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m.**  
**The School Board meeting will follow the Public Hearing at the Rice Lake Community Center on Monday, October 17, 2016**

The hearing is an application requirement that will include the following:  
 1. Presentation of Annual Needs Assessment.  
 2. Overview of the Title VII, Johnson O'Malley, American Indian Funding and Impact Aid.  
 3. Seek comments and recommendations regarding the programs.  
**PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING BAGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 162 ARE URGED TO ATTEND.**

**MEETING** will be Oct. 11 at 9 a.m., and Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

**CLEARWATER TRAIL BLAZERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB** will have their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. at DaRoo's Pizza in Bagley.

**GRANLUND LODGE #240 SONS OF NORWAY** will have its annual Membership and Appreciation dinner on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Center in Fosston, 603 3rd St. NE. On the menu will be Norwegian delicacies. You will be entertained while you eat with old-time and Scandinavian music by Joey Schimnich. Call Wesley or Susie Roland at 218-435-1230 to register by Oct. 10.

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF NORA TOWNSHIP**

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# Crabapple sauce catastrophe

**By Lenora Thompson**

Did you ever have one of *those* days? When everything goes wrong. You feel like you have ten thumbs. Everything that can be dropped *is* dropped. Everything that can be spilled *is* spilled. Yeah. Me too. *Frequently!*

Unfortunately, my last *no good for nothin'* day coincided with the day I was going to can crabapple sauce.

It all started so *well*. A lovely, cool autumn morning. Sun shining. Birds singing. Squirrels munching crabapples and taking flying leaps from tree to tree. There wasn't a cloud in the sky as I filled my big waterbath canner and my stockpot full of sweet, juicy crabapples. For a while, I just sat under the tree, basking in the beauty of the day.

The next step was to gently simmer the apples 'til they were soft enough to put through the strainer.

That's when it all went wrong. Let me preface this by saying that the physical world hates me. It *hates* me! If anything can hit the floor... it will hit the floor. If anything can break...it will break. And nothing mechanical works for me...*ever*.

This dynamic came into play with my food strainer. You've seen the type. It

clamps onto the edge of your kitchen table. A big hopper funnels down to a little hole that leads to the spiral-shaped masher. By vigorous application of the turning handle, the masher turns and squishes the soft crabapple mush through the cone-shaped strainer while the skins and stems exit Stage Left.

At least, that's the *theory*. But like I said, the strainer is a mechanical device. It could go wrong...so it did.

Mashing apples is a two-handed job. While the right hand vigorously cranks the turning handle, the left hand wields a plunger, forcing the apples in the hopper down the hole. I can handle cranking pretty well. I mean, the handle

only fell out of the machine a few times.

But plunging was fraught with difficulty. First, I plunged too softly and nothing happened. Then I plunged too hard and my plunger got stuck in the hole. Then I plunged too vigorously and *squerch!* Hot apple liquid squirted out of the hopper and hit my face. *Grrrrrr.*

But that was the least of my worries. Now, don't get me wrong. I'm grateful for my strainer. And it does a helluva better job than the old fashioned ones! Too good of a job, actually. Not only does the apple mush come through the strainer, as it should, but it also leaks out of every orifice of the machine.

Now, as you may recall, the

only way to use the strainer is to clamp it to the *edge* of the table. See where this is going? Oh yeah! All the leaks had just one place to go: the floor.

As you may recall, I'm a City Girl transplanted to the Country. My past life was a boring circuit from a carpeted office to a carpeted car to a carpeted condo. My feet rarely touched dirt.

Then I moved to the Country. Started gardening. And guess what! There's sand in my carpet, dirt on my linoleum and leaves that piggy-back indoors stuck to the dog's fur during autumn. *And I can't stand it!* My sensitive feet feel everything! I fight a losing battle to keep my floors clean. And I definitely can't stand

*sticky*. Not on my hands and *definitely* not on my feet.

Applesauce is *very* sticky! Now, you would think that any decent, self-respecting dog would've had that applesauce mess cleaned up in a jiffy. Not *my* dogs! I even pointed it out to them. Shoved their noses towards it. Nothern doing. So I had to clean it up myself.

Story over? Not on your tintage.

My masterplan was to use my big waterbath canner as a stockpot to simmer the apple mush with the addition of cold-pressed crabapple juice (canned last year), sugar and lemon juice. After the right flavor was achieved, then I'd transfer it to jars.

Big mistake. *Huge!*

An odd fragrance wafted from the kitchen. Hmmm. That's weird. Lifting the lid, I checked my applesauce. It was steaming, but not yet simmering. Sticking in a tentative finger, I tasted it. And almost threw up.

*Ugh! Horrible!* The flavor was horrific!

Scorched! That's what it was. Ruined! Every molecule wreaked of scorched apples. I couldn't even salvage the top layer! It seems waterbath canners are made of *very* thin metal, much too thin for heating while *not* scorching.

Was that the end of the calamities in my no-good, rotten day? Nope.

Simultaneously while canning, I was also trying to cook supper. "Multi-task" is my middle-name. Reaching into the fridge to get the still-frozen pork chops, I knocked the soy sauce to the floor. It shattered and spilled *everywhere*.

It was at this point that I let out a blood-curdling scream of utter frustration.

Can anyone blame me?

They say that every cloud has a silver lining. This story does too.

By the time I steeled myself to the sad job of dumping out my canner and disposing of those gallons of ruined sauce, it had "gone round the bend." It reeked of crabapple vinegar and was feeding a small army of fruit flies. So I dumped it under a bush outside. Guess what!? It's a buffet, a veritable *smörgåsbord* for every bee, wasp, hornet and fly in ten counties.

At least it made somebody happy!

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to ensure that antitrust laws are vigorously enforced to protect competition. In the past year we've examined many issues, including competition in the thriving craft brewery business and the rising costs for health care and prescription drugs. And recently, along with Chairman Chuck Grassley, I led a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee to examine the impact of these potential seed industry consolidations on farmers and consumers.

First, we want to make sure that there is robust competition to develop new and better products for farmers and consumers. We want to encourage innovation, and one of the best ways to

do this is through companies competing with each other. With less competition, farmers face companies focusing on limited areas of research and not competing with each other for the next technological breakthrough. This is especially important during our current times of water shortages and other challenges, when we need more research, not less.

Another concern is that these consolidations will encourage the merged companies to integrate vertically, meaning that each company will assume control over its entire production process, from research to production to transportation. This would diminish incentives

for these larger companies to compete for customers. It would also make it harder for smaller research companies to enter the market in the first place and to grow and expand.

Let's be clear, we ask a lot of rural America. Farmers make large investments in their crops and their livestock, buildings and equipment, and can face heavy losses due to natural and market circumstances beyond their control. Our state has had its share of storms, drought and flooding in recent years – hundreds of millions of dollars in total losses. At the same time, our consumers expect to have farm goods and products at a fair price.

Our farmers and consumers face enough of these challenges without adding the additional burden of an anti-competitive market. Consumers shouldn't be faced with unnecessary, higher costs because of lack of competition. Farmers don't need costs for seeds going up more, either. They also have a right to be able to support their family and not be the ones to bear the brunt of major consolidations.

It is our responsibility to consumers and to the farmers who produce our food to level the playing field. That's why I'm going to keep pushing for competition in the seed and agriculture industry.

### Insurance hikes

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It also was announced Friday that the Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved enrollment caps that will limit Minnesotans' access to federal financial assistance and ability to find health care coverage.


Enrollment caps limit the number of new enrollees for certain insurers who sell insurance on the individual market. Due to MNsure's inability to accurately process applications in a timely manner, Minnesotans who attempt to enroll through MNsure could be left without coverage through no fault of their own. Those who enroll directly with an insurer typically receive confirmation of coverage immediately.

Earlier this year, Democrats proposed hiking the MNsure Tax by \$40 million and raising health care costs by \$1 billion through permanently restoring the sick tax. Meantime, House Republicans proposed legislation to reduce the MNsure Tax, which would have saved families at least \$22 million over the next three years. The measure passed the House during the 2016 session, but was vocally opposed by DFL legislators.

### Sexual offender

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changes his place of residence. The Sheriff's Office can share information about sexual offenders because of the Registration Act. And Community Notification Act. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered officer could be charged as a crime, and such abuses could potentially end the ability of law enforcement to provide these notifications.



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**Beginning Alcohol Inks Workshop to be held at Fireside Grill & Patio**

The Bagley Area Arts Collaborative is hosting a Beginning Alcohol Inks Workshop on Wednesday, October 19 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley.

Beginning Alcohol Inks are permanent, fast drying and result in vibrant, translucent colors. Learn about color, composition and design, exploring this newly emerging art form. No previous art background or prior experience is necessary.

Link to recent article in Bemidji Pioneer: <http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/entertainment/art/4117103-artist-ink-diane-crawford-uses-alcohol-inks-create-works-art-video>

The cost of the workshop is \$40 which includes all arts materials. All you bring is a smock or apron for over your clothing and some old credit cards. We provide all the fun you could possibly expect in an evening with friends old and new!


**Registration by Saturday, October 15 is required**

You can call (218) 785-2595 to reserve your spot and/or send your check with name and address to: Bagley Area Arts Collaborative, Attn: Pamela Edevold, 36627 225th Avenue, Bagley, MN 56621

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One of Ireland's best loved artists, Daniel O'Donnell has announced his U.S. tour dates for October this year. The tour will see the record breaking chart singer play a short concert tour in venues in the Midwest of the United States. Commenting on the tour announcement, Daniel said, "I'm really looking forward to returning to touring this October. We've introduced some new musicians and some different instruments in the band because I think it's time for changes and I'm really excited by what's to come."

Daniel burst into superstardom in the USA back in 2002 with his first ever PBS special – The Daniel O'Donnell Show. That began a special relationship between Daniel and PBS and, since then he has recorded a further twelve specials, with 'Stand Beside Me' being his thirteenth one in 2013. The Irish singer made record-breaking chart history earlier this year by becoming the first recording artist in the history of the UK Artist Album Chart to have charted at least one new album every year since 1988, an unprecedented and unbroken 29-year span, surpassing everyone from Michael Jackson, the Rolling Stones, Madonna and Irish strongholds U2. Along with this, Daniel makes regular appearances in the Billboard World Music Chart.

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## Why Trump must not be president

OK, let's end this comedy. No more Big Orange jokes. This madness has gone on long enough.

It's time to stop pretending. There are not two serious contenders for president. There's one candidate, Hillary Clinton, who's not perfect, but who at least has the experience, intelligence and capacity to do the job. There's another, Donald Trump, who shouldn't even be on the ballot.

If you don't believe it, go back and watch a rerun of the first debate. He blamed it on the microphone and the moderator, but no matter how many lame excuses he makes, Donald Trump proved once and for all why he doesn't belong on the same stage with Hillary Clinton.

She was everything he was not. She was prepared, he was not. She was cool, he was hot. She was substantive, he was shallow. She was polite, he was rude and obnoxious. She answered questions directly, he bobbed and weaved. She told the truth. And he lied.

He lied about not supporting the war in Iraq. He lied about not calling climate change a hoax invented by the Chinese. He lied about the success of stop-and-frisk. He lied about Hillary's starting the birther movement. He lied about NATO's role in fighting terrorism.

Along the way, he not only admitted to paying no federal income tax, at least for a few years. He bragged about it -- "That was smart" -- and defended it -- "They would only have squandered it." And, of course, he still refuses to release his tax returns, like every presidential candidate for the last 40 years. He acknowledged rooting for millions of Americans to lose their homes in the 2008 housing crisis because "That's business." And he didn't deny routinely stiffing subcontractors and construction workers on his major building projects.

Then there are all the other scary things Trump has proposed throughout the campaign. Granted, it's difficult to know exactly where he stands on many issues. NBC News reports that Trump has made 117 distinct policy shifts on 20 major issues, including three different positions on abortion in one eight-hour stretch. But this much we do know.

On immigration. He pledges to round up and deport 11 million people who came to this country illegally and ban 1.6 billion Muslims from entering this country, simply because of their religion.

On the environment. Trump promises to "cancel the Paris climate agreement" on global warming, which he's repeatedly called a hoax, and to rescind existing environmental regulations, including EPA's new rules on coal-fired power plants.

On domestic policy. Trump would abolish Obamacare, leaving 18 million Americans who were able to acquire health insurance for the first time with -- nothing. He'd establish a national policy of stop-and-frisk, already declared a racist practice by a New York federal court. And, contradicting his pledge to fight for the middle class, he'd initiate a new round of "trickle-down" tax cuts to further enrich the wealthiest Americans and add an estimated \$10 trillion to the national debt.

On foreign policy. He's raised the possibility of pulling out of NATO. He supports letting Japan and South Korea acquire nuclear weapons. He'd cancel the recently negotiated Iran Nuclear Deal, which prevents Iran from developing a nuclear weapon for at least 15 years. He says he'd illegally seize Iraq's oil. And he praises Vladimir Putin as his role model.

This is the same man who was sued by the Justice Department for racial discrimination, who led the birther movement against President Obama for five years, who's now being sued for defrauding students of Trump University, who started his campaign calling all Mexican immigrants "criminals" and "rapists," and who has since engaged in ugly personal attacks against a Mexican-American judge, a Gold Star Muslim family, and, this week, the winner of his Miss Universe contest.

Add it all up. Donald Trump's not just wrong about everything. He's dangerous. He'd undermine and undo everything this country stands for. He's temperamentally unfit even to be a tourist at the White House, let alone occupy the Oval Office.

Of course, it's too late to dump this monster candidate the Republican Party has saddled us with. They can't get him off the ticket, no matter how badly millions of Republicans would like to. The only solution now is for Donald Trump to get crushed so badly that after Nov. 8 he and his ilk disappear from the political scene forever.

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## Questions of words and deeds

If there is anything this election is doing, it's bringing certain fundamental differences in the way people think into sharp focus.

Some of the issues that illustrate what I'm talking about.

One is the question of Trump's alleged history of sexist remarks, including what is called fat-shaming these days. He apparently told a Miss Universe contestant that she needed to lose some weight. He wasn't subtle.

Said contestant was once involved in a plot to murder a judge and allegedly bore a child to a drug lord -- but fat-shaming!

Hillary, on the other hand, has a long record of supporting women's issues.

She is also married to a man who has been credibly accused by quite a number of women of unwanted groping and rape. At least one, Juanita Broadrick, has claimed Hillary behaved towards her in a way she thought was threatening, presumably to insure her silence.

Others Hillary dismissed as "bimbos," "narcissistic looneytoons," and "trailer trash."

Another issue, taxes. Media is all-a-twitter with revelations that Trump may have dialed his taxes down to as little as zero through the bankruptcies of a few of his companies and other provisions of the tax code.

The Clintons, however, have done the same through the establishment of an allegedly charitable foundation which maintains that official status by setting aside a pittance for

charity from their enormous income from favor-seeking donors. But it's technically a charity.

What Trump did was perfectly legal, albeit unpopular these days.

Judge Learned Hand (1872-1961) said, "Over and over again courts have said that there is nothing sinister in so arranging one's affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. Everybody does so, rich or poor; and all do right, for nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands: taxes are enforced exactions, not voluntary contributions. To demand more in the name of morals is mere cant."

It is interesting how many people react to that quote with mixed shock and scorn, yet cannot say what is scandalous or wrong about it. Better still, ask them how much they tipped the federal government when they last paid their tax bill, if they did pay any income tax, that is.

Yet another. I recently posed a question to an academic who is a Hillary supporter (almost a redundancy).


How do you think the Clintons went from "practically broke when we left the White House" in Hillary's words, to a personal fortune estimated at somewhere between \$100 and 200 million?

He answered that he didn't know but however it happened it was better than Trump's inheritance.

Well yes, Trump inherited money from his father, i.e. his father freely gave his son money that was his to give.

Trump used this fortune

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to build tangible things such as hotels and casinos. The former are out of my price range and the latter not to my taste, but it's his money, not mine.

The Clintons sold access to and favors from an ex-president and then-current Secretary of State -- but magic words "public service."

And there I think, is the difference.

Let's step outside the election shenanigans for a moment and consider something.

By now many readers are probably thinking I'm about to accuse Clinton supporters of hypocrisy.

But what if it's not hypocrisy at all? What if it's not just political tactics?

What if for a substantial number of people in this country, words are far more important than deeds, gestures more important than sound policy, stated intentions more important than results?

We've seen a generation of students demand safe spaces where they can hide -- from words!

We've seen people who believe magic words such as "racist," "Islamophobic," or "homophobic" have such power they must be accepted uncritically, without proof.

We've seen a sitting president and one who would be president say "Islam has nothing to do with terrorism" as if saying it makes it true.

Our fat happy country has enemies who are men of deeds. How will we fare when our rulers are men of words?

**Bits & Pieces**  
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Here's something I read the other week in The 13 Towns newspaper of Fosston, written by Dick Roue.

He was addressing the behavior of an NFL player, but in the process brought forward a bill proposed in the California legislature.

Roue noted that California has abortion clinics and also has crisis pregnancy centers, which offer help to women facing difficult circumstances with a pregnancy, including resources, counseling services, advice, alternatives to abortion, and help in making a true "choice" for themselves and the life of their baby.

"These centers are faith-based, and do not refer women for abortions," noted Roue.

Then he added, "The abortion industry sees these pro-life centers as a thorn in their side, cutting into the profits made through the

## The devil at work

exorbitant fees they receive for performing abortions. Now, because of intense pro-abortion lobbying, pro-life centers in California are being forced by law to promote nearby abortion facilities to women who come to them for help.

"California's Assembly Bill 775 requires all licensed and unlicensed pregnancy counseling centers in the state to post a government prescribed message telling their clients that California has other programs and choices available to women, including abortion.

"AB775, called the Reproductive FACT Act, more accurately nicknamed *The Bully Bill*, mandates that these faith-based, crisis pregnancy centers advertise the state drafted pro-abortion message or be severely fined each time they fail to comply.

"There is no similar mandate requiring abortion centers to tell their clients that there

are Crisis Pregnancy Centers nearby, or that they have options other than abortion available to them.

This overreaching law is a flagrant double standard, assaulting free speech rights and right of conscience. The right to speak, and the right not to speak are both protected by the First Amendment! The California legislature is using AB775 to force by decree, speech that will undermine the mission of pro-life pregnancy crisis centers, and the free speech rights of their operators and employees."

After reading this, I have to ask, who comes up with these hellish ideas and uses the law to force it down peoples' throats? It is the work of the devil himself!


**Seeking privacy protection:** John Helmsberger, CEO of Minnesota Family Council announced on Sept. 18 that is has joined a lawsuit as a "friend of the court" in battling the Obama mandate ordering

transgressors access to the restroom of their choice. Hemberger stated, "It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to uphold policies which protect the privacy rights of all students. The Gloucester County School District provides this kind of fundamental, constitutionally-protected privacy to their students and their policy should be held up as a model for other school districts."

"It is possible to extend accommodations to those struggling with biological realities without compromising the safety and privacy rights of everyone else. Such policies serve all students. The Supreme Court has an opportunity to make sure that privacy rights continue to be upheld across the nation. Minnesota Family Council signed onto the friend-of-the-court brief in this case in order to urge an outcome that honors such basic rights," concluded Helmsberger.

**Keep IRS out of church:** The Free Speech Fairness Act, a bill that Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., and Rep. Jody Hice, R- Ga., introduced in the

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## Advice for second debate

Donald Trump scored a gentleman's "C" in his first debate with Hillary Clinton. She was programmed, like one of those androids from the film "Westworld," spewing out well-rehearsed sound bites, smiling (sometimes condescendingly), and even tossing in a few wiggles. It was all designed to make her look warm and wonderful.

As the saying goes, if you can fake sincerity, you can fake anything.

Trump did best when he didn't focus on himself and this is the pattern he should follow in the next two debates.

As a seasoned debater, who has taken on professors and liberal thinkers on campuses from Harvard, Dartmouth and Yale in the east, to the University of California, Davis in the west, I think I can say without too much hubris that I know how to destroy a bad argument.

Let's start with the race issue. Hillary Clinton slammed Trump for comments she regards as racist. If she tries that again, Trump should extend the road he began to walk down Monday night. He was right to say that his opponent and her party have had decades to repair the racial divide (which President Obama suggested he would do), but that chasm has only widened over the last eight years. Real racism, Trump should say, is refusing to allow minority children in failing public schools to escape them in favor of better ones simply because many teachers' unions oppose school choice and contribute significantly to the Democratic Party.

Trump should take on the issue of poverty and propose a public-private partnership with churches and religious institutions that would be assigned an individual in need of help. These churches then would do all that was necessary to help that person escape poverty, including offering financial advice, access to education or even baby-sitting services so that this person could go to school. Retiring baby boomers could find new purpose in life by helping someone become independent of government programs, which have cost a lot, but have done little to reduce the number of poor.

Trump should ask Hillary Clinton why she thinks government is the answer to so many of the nation's problems when in reality it has too often caused or contributed to this country's ills. She wants to grow government even more, spending additional billions in borrowed money, mortgaging the futures of generations to come. Remember when Democrats decried debt? That was when a Republican occupied the White House.

Again, during Monday's debate, Trump started to make the case for success in business and in life, but he made it more about himself than others. Americans are inspired by stories of people who have overcome obstacles and Trump should not only tell their stories, he should start featuring them in his political ads and on stage with him -- as he has done with veterans. Inspiration has always been the fuel that ignites economic and personal growth.

One subject we didn't hear discussed in the first debate was the Constitution. Hillary Clinton said she believes in a "living Constitution," meaning it is open to interpretation by liberal judges to fit the times. What does Trump believe about our founding document?

On nuclear weapons, Trump needs to embrace Ronald Reagan's view (and that of President Obama) that they need to be reduced, especially in rogue regimes. Talk of using such weapons is irresponsible, though our adversaries must believe we would use them if attacked. The prospect of mutually assured destruction during the Cold War ensured nuclear weapons would not be used. Extremist regimes, like Iran, do not appear to fear a nuclear apocalypse.

Lastly, how about appealing to personal accountability and responsibility in the second debate? Let's hear about entitlement reform, entitlements being the main driver of debt. As I have argued, government should be a last resort, not a first resource -- a safety net, not a hammock.

More than missing emails and Hillary Clinton's character (which is already fixed in the minds of most people) voters want to hear about subjects that will affect their lives. It's about us, more than them. If Trump can close that deal, he is likely to score a "B" in the next debate. If he scores higher, he just might win in November.

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House on Sept. 28, would restrict enforcement of the Johnson Amendment against churches and other non-profit groups for whom the law was never intended:

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Erik Stanley commented, "The IRS has no business acting as the speech police of any non-profit organization, as its many scandals over recent years have made clear. This bill corrects an unconstitutional restriction put in place in 1954 that was never intended to affect churches and other non-profit groups but has been used to intimidate them ever since. By removing the threat of an IRS investigation and potential penalties based simply, for example, on what a pastor says from the pulpit, this bill brings the law into conformity with the First Amendment. No tax exemption can be based on a requirement that a church or any other non-profit organization give up a constitutionally protected freedom, including free speech. With regard to churches, they can decide for themselves what they should or shouldn't say from the pulpit. Americans don't need the IRS to be the referee."

The ADF has been actively seeking to end the enforcement of the Johnson Amendment against churches through its *Pulpit Freedom Sunday* effort since 2008.

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Homecoming candidates rode in a vintage pickup truck: (from left) Andrea Friborg, Kailee McIntosh, Olivia Gerbracht (barely shown), Ben Thoma, Nicholas Kaiser and Jacob Seifert.



Kennedy Grover and Brigg Johnson-O'Beirne march along the parade route.



This Drake was lassoed to a float and destined to be roasted.



The final floats in the parade coast by the audience as they make their way up Main Avenue toward the high school.

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# Flyer Homecoming is a 49-0 blowout!

The Bagley Flyers football team had an impressive 49-0 Homecoming win Friday night when they hosted the Blackduck Drakes. The Flyer offense racked up 597 yards of total offense while the defense allowed just 178 yards and maintained a shutout.

The Flyers struck early and often Friday, scoring five first half touchdowns. Senior Ty Rolfson found Ben Thoma on a three-yard touchdown pass for the game's first score with 6:15 remaining in the first quarter.

The Flyers found the end zone again when Rolfson ran for 35 yards with 24 seconds remaining in the first quarter. The second quarter was ignited by a 35-yard touchdown pass to Lavan Culkins and a 59-yard touchdown run by Ty Rolfson and was capped off by a 7-yard touchdown pass to LaMarco Pemberton.



Parker Sorenson was in the right place at the right time to get this interception.

O'Beirne found the end zone on a 40-yard touchdown run and Tannen Agnes found the end zone for the game's final score with 26 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Flyers were led by Ty Rolfson who completed 7 of 11 passes for 91 yards and three touchdown passes, and rushed six times for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Weston

O'Beirne had six carries for 123 yards and one touchdown. Jarret Merschman had two carries for 79 yards and connected on three of four extra point attempts. Ben Thoma had 57 yards on 11 carries. Lavan Culkins caught four passes for 56 yards, while Mikey Ubert had one reception for 25 yards.

Defensively, Josh Dukek had 10 tackles, while Levi Larson and Ben Thoma tallied six tackles to lead the Flyers. "It was a good Homecoming victory for us. All facets of the team played well," Coach Schwegel commented. The Flyers will be back in action this week when they travel to Fosston take on the Greyhounds.



Levi Larson bends over backwards to bring the Drakes down. Photos by Jane Crist

## Cross country teams head west

By Coach Peterson

The Bagley/Fosston Cross Country teams jumped in the bus and headed west to East Grand Forks last Thursday for EGF Invitational that served as a prelude to the conference meet that will be run at Valley Golf Course on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The varsity boys took 6<sup>th</sup> as a team and were led by Max Brinkman and Grant Hemberger, who ran very close together much of the race. Brayden Sorenson and Will Snobl completed the scoring for the boys as they continue to improve and cut time as we enter the second half of the season. Jacob Scherzer ran number six for the boys. The Varsity girls ran well as Amelia Landsverk took 11<sup>th</sup> overall and Jenna Manecke took 17<sup>th</sup>. Each of them are moving in the right direction and look to drop more time by the end of the season.

In Junior High action, Carly Scherzer took 10<sup>th</sup> as she continues to really drop time. Devin Lykins and Wyatt Strandberg ran neck and neck in the junior high boys race as they continue to push each other.

The teams travel to Perham on Thursday this week to a

meet that is filled with tough competition. Then, the first ever Northwest MN Cross Country Conference Meet will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> in East Grand Forks. It will be fun to finally be in a conference after 50 years as an independent.

East Grand Forks Invite Results:

B/F JH Girls: 10. Carly Scherzer 16:43

B/F JH Boys: 18. Devin Lykins 13:31; 19. Wyatt Strandberg 13:32

B/F Varsity Girls: 11. Amelia Landsverk 21:50; 17. Jenna Manecke 23:35

Girls Teams: 1. EGF 45, 2. Warroad 54, 3. TRF 61, 4. Grafton 80, 5. Roseau 94, others Inc.

B/F Varsity Boys: 18. Max Brinkman 19:21; 20. Grant Hemberger 19:25; 38. Brayden Sorenson 21:04; 47. Will Snobl 21:25; 87. Jacob Scherzer 28:33

Boys Teams: 1. Ada-Borup/NC 37, 2. TRF 53, 3. Warroad 93, 4. Roseau 98, 5. Grafton 98, 6. Bagley/ Fosston 130, 7. West Marshall 208, others Inc.



Carly Scherzer



Jacob Scherzer

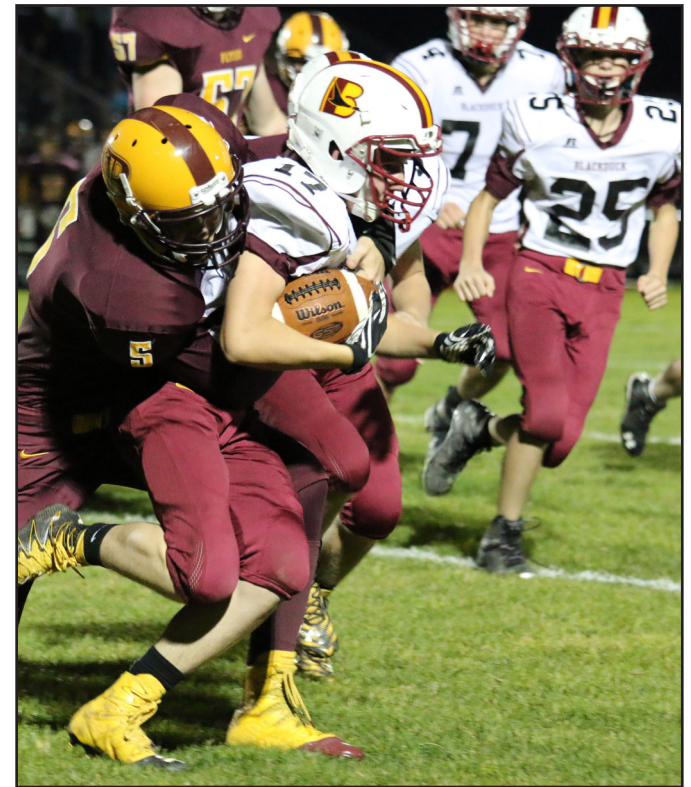


Wyatt Strandberg and Devin Lykins

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Jarret Merschman about to kick in one of his three extra points for the night.



Carson Grover wraps up the running back for another tackle.



Will Snobl

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# Pep fest boosts school spirit for Homecoming

By Darlene Sawyer

For its 2016 Homecoming Pep Fest, the BHS Student Council planned several fun activities for the faculty and students in grades 6-12 on Friday morning, Sept. 30.

Bagley High School students are awesome! This was emphasized when Principal Gooch, Dean of Students John Sutherland, and their staffs celebrated the fact that 87 students in grades 8-12 had earned academic letters for the 2015-2016 school year. The academic achievers, who earned a GPA of 3.65 or higher, were the first to be honored at the Pep Fest. The Academic Letter Award has been in place at BHS for over 30 years. Here are the statistics: This year's seniors, 11; this year's juniors, 20; this year's sophomores, 16; this year's freshmen, 17; and this year's 8th grade, 23 (for a total of 87). Congratulations to all! (A separate story will appear in a later edition of the Farmers Independent, along with photos of those who earned this honor). All students were encouraged to try to earn an academic letter each school year.

Bagley High School Student Council President Cassie Keough welcomed everyone to the Pep Fest. The 2016 Homecoming royalty was called down for an introduction: King Joshua Dukek, Queen Cassie Keough, and senior candidates Andrea Friborg, Olivia Gerbracht, Kailee McIntosh, Nick Kaiser, Jacob Seifert, and Ben Thoma. Cassie also announced the football game scheduled for Friday evening followed by the Homecoming dance.

Besides sports, there are many extra-curricular activities for students at Bagley High School. Many of the extra-curricular advisors and coaches spoke to the students about the importance of everyone getting involved in an activity or activities while in high school. Each advisor invited the students to participate in his/her activity. Football coach Brandon Schwegel explained, "There are three ways to generate hype for our team. That is to prepare, to polish their performance, and to out-work the other team. This will win a game."

He introduced all of his football players. Sean Peterson introduced his cross country team and called them all down. He added, "Bagley will host the Section 8 Cross Country Meet here on Oct. 28. Come out to the Bagley Golf Course and watch us compete with other teams."

Cassie Keough and members of the BHS volleyball team stepped forward and introduced the VB team members.

Marilyn Hood, advisor to the BHS Drama Club, said, "We are looking for students who would like to be in theater.... We need actors and actresses for our one-act plays (last year we went to state) and our spring plays. Please get involved in an extra-curricular activity while in high school. We also have a new Media Club that is working on filming events and other activities."

Carol Bliss, advisor to History Day, encouraged students in grades 5-12 to get involved in doing historical research on a particular topic. She added, "This year's project will be about an individual who took a stand against or for something. Students can do individual or group projects. This year's contest will be held at BSU in March 2017."

Sam Roepke, advisor for robotics and science fair, encouraged students to be part of a robotics team or choose a science fair project. He said, "Our students here at Bagley have had much success earning trips to the state or international science fairs. We've also done well in robotics competition by building robots that have a specific task."

Maria Bjorkland, Spanish teacher and Knowledge Bowl advisor, invited students to try their knowledge in the Knowledge Bowl for grades 9-12. The students went to state competition last year in Knowledge Bowl. She also added, "Our Spanish class is planning a trip to Puerto Rico in June 2017."

Mia Reynolds, advisor to the BHS yearbook and junior high play, invited students in junior high to participate in the junior high play and for all students to submit photos, etc. for the 2016-2017 yearbook.

Student Bria Halvorson is a member of the new BHS production media group for 8th-12th graders. She invited students interested in media to join their team. They are coached by Keith Larson from TEAM Industries. Their goal is to record happenings at BHS.

Principal Gooch called on Brady Bruland, a BHS senior, and congratulated him on being the first Senior of the Month for his work with the production media group. Bruland will enjoy his own parking spot during the month of October.

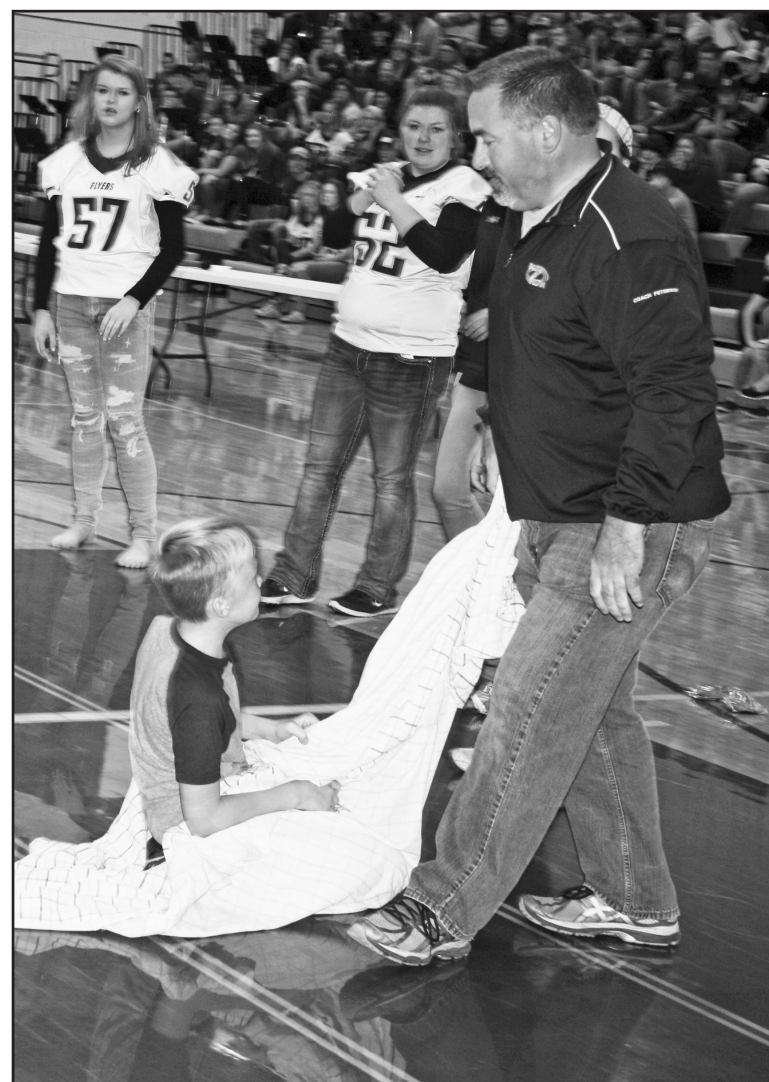
All the official work was done by this point in the Pep Fest. Now it was time for the fun to begin. The Student Council arranged for several different relays in which members of each relay team competed against each other. This included passing volleyballs with feet, dragging a contestant on a sheet through bowling pins, catching Fritos with a face full of whipping cream, pulling down a balloon and bursting it by sitting on it, and eating a piece of chocolate cake as quickly as they could. Bryce Evje was cheered on by the football players, but the royalty team won the contest.

What is a pep fest without the class cheers? The 6th grade Class of 2023 was given a practice run and mastered it...followed by the classes of 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017. The seniors won with the loudest cheer. (The cheer begins "Seniors.... Seniors...What's your number?" for those of you who haven't heard it.)

Following the Pep Fest, school resumed for the rest of the day; however, the students were released at 2:30 p.m. to participate in the 2016 Homecoming Parade.



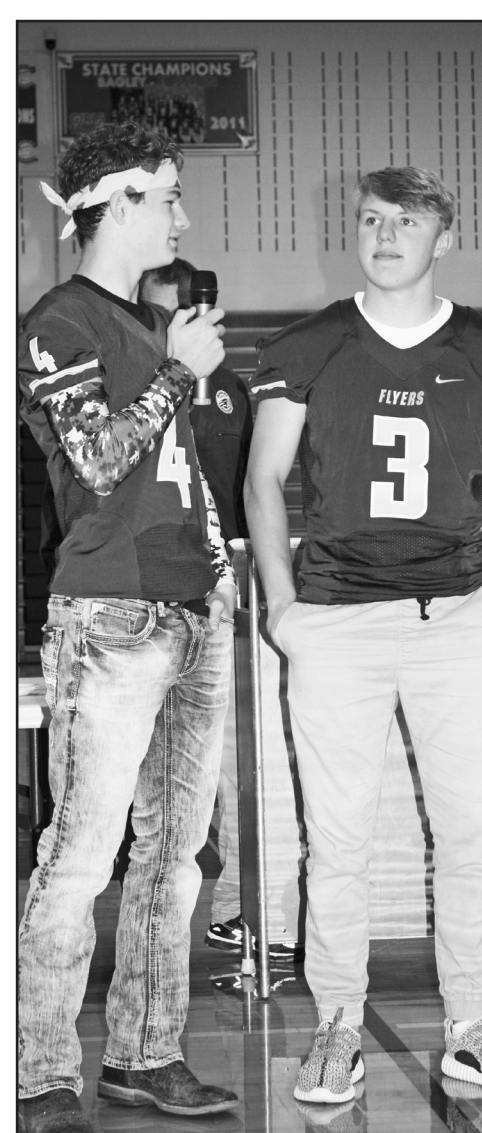
Maija Hecht drags teammate Jaelen Moen around the bowling pins.



Coach Peterson easily wins his team's efforts of avoiding knocking over the bowling pins.



Football players catching Fritos in the whipped cream on their face (the more they caught, the higher their score).



These two football players hyped up support for the BHS football team at the Pep Fest: Ty Rolfson (left) and Mickey Ubert.



Three of the cake eating contestants -- King Joshua Dukek in the middle. The royalty team won the contest.



This unidentified girl gobbles cake in the cake eating contest.



The football team is urging Bryce Evje (#74) to eat the cake faster.

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# Cattle producers respond to news on import, export of fresh beef

A topic of intense scrutiny and debate at the recent Cattle Producer's Forum, held Sept. 10 in Billings, Mont., was the issue of trade and the growing number of agreements impacting U.S. beef exports and competing imports.

Following the forum, two significant announcements have been made, both with pending impacts to the U.S. cattle producer. Fresh chilled beef shipments to the U.S. from Brazil have been approved and China has lifted the ban on select U.S. and Canadian beef imports.

As a result of the now-approved access of Brazilian beef to the U.S., it was announced that the first

shipments of fresh beef to the U.S. from Brazil would begin in September. JBS, Marfrig and Minerva now have the authority to ship fresh beef to the U.S., opening the large Brazilian export supplies to the U.S. domestic market. However, Brazil's access will be limited to up to 64,805 metric tons, a total amount shared with all countries without a free trade agreement with the U.S., per Tariff Rate Quota stipulations.

Newly elected USCA President Kenny Graner commented on the news, "USCA remains concerned regarding the safety and consistency of the fresh beef product exported from Brazil.

Producers and consumers must remain vigilant and aware of the meat they are purchasing given the lack of defined labeling laws."

Competing with the news of Brazilian exports opening to the U.S. was an announcement that following a 13-year ban, China will lift its ban on U.S. beef imports. China's Ministry of Agriculture and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, stated the need to resume imports of U.S. beef following the BSE scare in 2003.

Graner commented, "Today's announcement is an important first step towards

once again securing this important market for U.S. beef. There will be a lengthy process now in which the terms of this access will be negotiated. USCA is confident that the Administration and Secretary Vilsack will secure the most favorable export requirements possible for U.S. beef access into the Chinese market. China's growing population continues to demand high quality beef. The U.S. cattle industry

produces the safest and best product in the world, and we are eager to increase global market access for U.S. beef."

Graner concluded, "Trade remains an important issue for all U.S. cattle producers. We need trade laws and remedies that are timely and sensitive to the perishable and cyclical nature of our industry. Last year's shift in trade flows of beef resulted in our trade deficit on beef increasing by nearly 750 million pounds.

Unfortunately, this was a great example of what can happen to our domestic market without proper trade risk protection measures.

"U.S. producers must be able to differentiate U.S. beef if we are to compete in the marketplace and maintain the integrity of our product. Consumers continue to ask where their food comes from."

## USDA announces \$8.4 million to support minority and veteran farmers and ranchers

WASHINGTON - Sept. 29, 2016 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced \$8.4 million in grants that will be used by organizations in 24 states to provide training, outreach and technical assistance for socially disadvantaged, tribal and veteran farmers and ranchers.

"USDA was created to be 'The People's Department', and in the past eight years we have made tremendous progress in correcting past mistakes and creating a more inclusive culture within our

organization. Part of that legacy includes supporting farmers and ranchers with diverse backgrounds and experience levels," said Vilsack. "The grants announced today will be leveraged by local partners and help bring traditionally underserved people into farming, as well as veterans who want to return home to rural areas."

• First Nations Development Institute, Colorado; also serving Tribal Communities throughout U.S., \$200,000

• Red Lake Band Of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota, \$104,342

• Fond Du Lac Tribal & Community College, Minnesota; also serving Michigan and Wisconsin, \$179,381

Additionally, Alcorn State University will continue to administer the Socially Disadvantaged Policy Research Center with a \$400,000 grant, providing analysis and development of policy recommendations to engage socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

## BHS Sports Calendar

- Thursday, October 6**  
Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Perham - 4pm  
C/JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Lake Park-Audubon 5pm/6pm/7:30pm  
Girls Swimming vs Crookston 5:30pm  
JH Volleyball vs Fosston 4:30pm/5:30pm
- Friday, October 7**  
Varsity Football @ Fosston 7pm
- Saturday, October 8**  
Girls Swimming - Fosston Invite - TBA
- Monday, October 10**  
JH Volleyball @ Bemidji 4:30pm/5:30pm  
Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Northwest Minnesota XC Conference @ East Grand Forks - 4pm
- Tuesday, October 11**  
C/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdahl 5pm/6pm/7:30pm  
JH Volleyball vs Red Lake County Central 4:30pm/5:30pm  
JV Football vs Fertile-Beltrami 5pm
- Wednesday, October 12**  
Athletic Grade Check
- Thursday, October 13**  
C/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Fosston - 5pm/6pm/7:30pm  
JH Volleyball vs Park Rapids 4:30pm/5:30pm

## An Eye on the Vikes! Minnesota Vikings Football Round-up

By Jason Wright



## Vikes dominate vs. Giants

On Monday night, under the bright lights of US Bank Stadium, Eli Manning and Odell Beckham Jr. came to town looking to knock the Vikings from the ranks of the undefeated. In a game that was physical from the first whistle to the last, the Minnesota Vikings dominated the New York Giants 24-10.

The Viking defense has officially entered the "elite" conversation. Through the first four games of the season, the unit has faced some of the best quarterbacks in the NFL and has only given up 12.5 points per game. In the first three games of the season, the game plan was to get after the opposing QB. On Monday, the Vikings were held without a sack for the first time this year, but that didn't matter. This game was won in the secondary, which had five

passes defended and caused Eli Manning to throw the ball away on many occasions.

The Giants' defense was one of the worst in NFL history last season, and they spent over \$100 million in guaranteed money to fix it this past offseason. As we all know, money doesn't buy a winning team, and the Giants' defense isn't close to Minnesota's level. The Viking offense was able to take advantage, as Sam Bradford and company were able to get into the end zone three times. Minnesota was only averaging 51 rushing yards per game, but was finally able to get over 100 yards on the ground against the Giants.

The player of the game was Xavier Rhodes, who shadowed Beckham for most of the game. Odell Beckham is one of the best wide receivers in the league, and even though the ball was thrown his way nine times on Monday, he could only corral three of those passes for 23 yards, which is the lowest of his career. Rhodes seems to step his game up when he's lined up against the best receivers in the league, shutting down the likes of Kelvin Benjamin and OBJ in consecutive weeks. If he can stay healthy, Xavier has the ability to be one of the best cornerbacks in the NFL.

The player who needs the most improvement is Eric Kendricks, who didn't even have a bad game. The entire team played so well that it was incredibly difficult to select a player for this section. Kendricks did miss a few tackles throughout the game, a couple of which were for a first down and a touchdown. Eric is a great young middle linebacker who is usually a sure tackler. This game was sort of an aberration, and I completely expect him to play better in the coming weeks.

Looking ahead, the Vikings welcome the Houston Texans this Sunday, Oct. 9. Houston has a couple excellent receivers in DeAndre Hopkins and Will Fuller, and they also have a good running back in Lamar Miller. The Texans' defense was very good entering the year, but they recently lost All-World defensive lineman J.J. Watt to injury. The jury is out on how the team will respond after losing their leader, but surely Minnesota will enter as the heavy favorites.

## United Blood Services awards Polaris Ranger

United Blood Services is excited to announce the winner of its "Rollin' Up for a Ranger Summer Giveaway" is Brian Neubauer from Breckenridge, Minn. Neubauer was presented with the keys to his new Polaris Ranger 900XP on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at United Blood Services in Fargo.

The "Rollin' Up for a Ranger" Giveaway ran from July 11-Sept. 9 in an attempt to boost the community blood supply during the typically difficult summer months when donations tend to decrease. The giveaway was offered to blood centers and area blood drives operated from United Blood Services locations in Bismarck, Fargo, and Minot, ND, Aberdeen, Mitchell, Rapid City, SD, and Casper and Cheyenne, WY. Over 20,000 participants were included in the drawing which was sponsored in part by Matt's Automotive Service Center.

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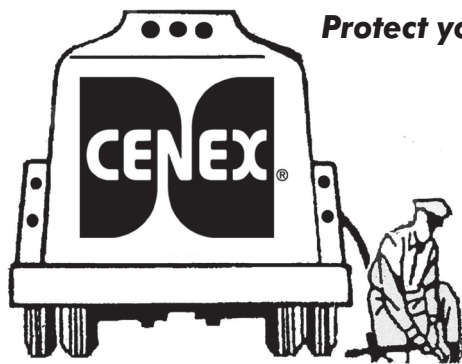
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Commentary . . .

## It is time for a new generation of American leadership

By Evan McMullin

The Monday night presidential debate was one more chapter in what I'm calling our third-world election.

A little over six weeks ago, I launched an independent presidential bid because, like so many others, I found the two major-party candidates terribly unsuited to offer the kind of leadership the people of this great nation need. I saw no candidate standing up for the universal ideals that have made this the greatest country on earth. Instead, I saw Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump as third-world candidates who will jeopardize the security, prosperity, and even the survival of our republic.

Both Clinton and Trump promote some of the worst instincts in American political life, and they embody the kind of evils that we decry in other nations which lag behind ours in almost every way by decades or more. Doing what they can to avoid scrutiny of their hollow ideas, both candidates hide from the American media and the people, appearing only in carefully controlled settings and with limited interaction. At the debate, Clinton continued to avoid accountability and Trump avoided even basic civility. He presented ideas that were simply wrong, and while she took the attack to him, she proposed the same kind of top-down, central-government "solutions" we've seen too many times in the past.

These two candidates have left America with a campaign that produces more heat than light and more discord than unity. The Clinton and Trump candidacies remind me of the third-world politics I witnessed

while serving in post-9/11 war zones and in other undercover assignments with the CIA. As a clandestine services officer in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia, I saw exactly the same kind of pay-for-play politics, the corrupt use of national offices for personal gain, and the complete lack of accountability that is a defining characteristic of Clinton and the Clinton Foundation.

With each passing day, we learn of more underhanded, quid-pro-quo stories of the Clinton State Department acting as a one-stop shop for companies and foreign governments seeking to influence American policy through a payoff scheme she controlled. The Clinton Foundation is a uniquely corrupt and corrupting enterprise, unlike anything else in modern political history. It's not a charity; it's simply old-fashioned corruption. In my view, the evidence to date should disqualify Clinton from national office.

Against any other candidate than the fragile Trump, Clinton would be nothing more than a poster-child for desperately-needed ethics reform. Only Trump could sustain her campaign, and that's exactly what he's been doing.

Clinton isn't the only reminder of the third-world politics of this campaign season. After a decade of CIA service, Trump is also a familiar character to me. Blustering, despotic, and fueling racial and ethnic tensions to thrill his followers and intimidate his opponents while empowering himself, Trump's disdain for America's character and the values enshrined in our

Constitution plays out every day in his attacks on religious minorities, Hispanics, African Americans, the free press, and the rule of law.

Trump's adoration of dictatorships and authoritarians was on full display tonight, and flies in the face of every American ideal. He is surrounded by employees of Vladimir Putin, and is openly infatuated with the Russian strongman. His new cabal of advisers would be familiar in the third world; every strongman has a propagandist like Trump's new campaign CEO, Steve Bannon — a man who happily profits from pushing racial discord, ethnic strife, and overt anti-Semitism.

The debate showed that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are two sides of the same ugly coin. The twin demons of corruption and authoritarianism drive many of the security and economic challenges facing our nation in an increasingly unstable world. I've seen the results of both, up close and personal, in places no American would recognize as the kind of country ours should be.

It is time for a new generation of American leadership that abandons these destructive ideas and practices, puts the interests of the American people first and unifies our blessed nation.

Americans deserved better at the first debate, and they deserve better in November.

*Evan McMullin is an independent candidate for President and former operations officer in the CIA's National Clandestine Service.*

## Time to dump our 'city boy' senator

To the editor:

After watching his behavior for the past couple years, it's become clear that Rod Skoe has become pretty out of touch with us. He's turned into a city boy — time after time, he has stood in allegiance with the liberal twin cities DFL'ers who run the legislature rather than with the people he represents.

He stood with metro liberals on tax increases. He voted to raise the gas tax; he voted for higher license tab fees; he voted for Gov. Dayton's record-high tax increase package; and he helped kill the compromise roads and bridges bill this year because it didn't contain funding for his pet light rail in Minneapolis.

He stood with metro liberals on guns. He voted

against a resolution in support of Constitutional Carry in committee, which prevented it from getting to the floor; he refused to co-sponsor the Minnesota Stand Your Ground Bill and he refuses to fill out his Minnesota Gun Rights questionnaire and go on record against Michael Bloomberg's universal gun registration scheme.

He stood with metro liberals on so called "social" issues. He supported gay marriage and he voted to continue making taxpayers pay for abortions.

He stood with metro liberals to reward himself and his allies. He voted to build himself a luxurious new office building; he voted to make it easier to give himself and other legislators a pay raise, and he voted to give his

colleagues in Gov. Dayton's administration significant pay raises.

"City Boy" Skoe talks a good game about being one of us, but his actions speak louder than his words. He doesn't care much about the issues that are important to families in Greater Minnesota; he only cares about supporting his party leaders in St. Paul.

Rod Skoe has stood with the metro liberals for the last time and needs to be voted out of office. Paul Utke is the Park Rapids outstanding candidate for your Minnesota State Senator. I can assure you that Paul Utke will not forget his roots and will not forget your Greater Minnesota values. Fact checked. Paul Utke has your back!

Chuck Fuller  
Park Rapids

## You'll be surprised when you learn who they are complaining about

To the editor:

"He's been divorced and remarried. He can't commit to anything."

"He's dangerously ignorant about international affairs. The Russian leaders will walk all over him."

"He has no filter — doesn't think before he speaks."

"Until recently, he was a Democrat. He's not a real Republican. He hasn't paid his GOP dues."

"He used to be Pro Choice. Now, suddenly he's Pro Life?"

"That can't be his real hair!"

"He's a loose cannon. No one wants his finger on the nuclear button."

"His opponent has the experience and political savvy to be president. He does not."

"He's just not presidential."

"His temperament disqualifies him from ever being Commander-In-Chief."

"He's proven himself to be mentally unstable."

"The military will never accept him as Commander-In-Chief. He's not smart enough."

"The GOP doesn't want him to be the head of the party. He could never reach across the aisle to get anything done."

"Most Republican voters will just stay home rather than go out and vote for him."

"He's almost 70 — much too old to be president."

"Evangelicals will never support him."

"He says '(Let's) Make America Great Again'. How dare he say we aren't still great?!?"

"His intellect is thinner than spit on a slate rock."

"90 percent of Republican

state chairmen judge him guilty of 'simplistic approaches,' with 'no depth in federal government administration' and 'no experience in foreign affairs.'"

"His spontaneity with reporters and voters plays well but also gives him plenty of space to disgorge fantasies and factual errors so prolific and often outrageous that he single-handedly makes the word *gaffe* a permanent fixture in America's political vernacular. He confuses Pakistan with Afghanistan. He claimed once that trees contributed 93 percent of the atmosphere's nitrous oxide..."

"After all his gaffes, he doubles down on them instead of admitting he made a mistake."

"He's threatening to upend our treaties and relationships with our allies by demanding that they pay for their own defense!"

"Because of his gross factual errors, he might take rash action and needlessly lead this country into open warfare!"

"He's racist, xenophobic, and fuels the fires of hatred!"

"You shouldn't take him seriously. He has a penchant for offering simplistic solutions to hideously complex problems and a stubborn insistence that he is always right in every argument."

"The rising turnout of his voters are not loyal Republicans or Democrats and are alienated from both parties because neither takes a sympathetic view toward their issues."

"He wears the disdain he draws from the GOP elites as a badge of honor. Henry Kissinger's championing the other GOP candidate and attacking him is actually helping him!"

Joe Baron  
Bagley

## A sobering look beyond the election

By Lee H. Hamilton

This campaign year has been full of twists and turns. We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow, let alone on Nov. 8. So talking about what comes afterward seems premature. But it's been on my mind a lot, because I'm worried.

This is not about who wins the presidency. I'm concerned about the aftermath of this campaign season and how hard it's going to be for our next set of elected officials, from the President on down, to govern.

Let's start with the belief expressed by a lot of people — including some candidates — that the system is "rigged." This is a perilous way to treat the country's political system: it sows distrust in future election results, delegitimizes winners, and undermines the government's credibility. Without a basic foundation of trust, representative government crumbles.

Instead of taking aim at "the system," we could instead focus our criticism on politicians, including the two presidential candidates, who have failed to serve us well in their debate on the economy.

Much of it has revolved around immigration, trade, and other issues of the moment. But our real economic challenge is how to provide meaningful work and good wages to tens of millions of people whose jobs are disappearing because of globalization, automation, and other irreversible changes in how work is accomplished. Economic growth is the key

that unlocks many doors and is the preferred course to ease the anxiety and cynicism abroad in the country.

The problem is, this election isn't providing us with a substantial policy debate on that or any other issue. Indeed, if anything characterizes this election, it's the politics of personal destruction. This approach is toxic for democratic institutions and political culture. We have to be able to disagree in this country without tearing into and trying to destroy the opposition.

All of this — the attacks on the system, the lack of meaningful debate about improving Americans' economic future, the generally substance-free nature of the campaign, the politics of demonization — will make it very hard for whoever wins office to govern well.

It used to be that when a president came into office, a substantial majority of the American people gave him the benefit of the doubt, and with it an extended period in which to get things done. I don't believe that's going to happen after this election. And all Americans will be worse off as a result.

*Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

## Unclog the pipeline to economic and energy security

By Tom Borelli

Plans for a new oil pipeline just went up in flames -- literally. This summer, radical environmentalists in Iowa set fire to pipeline construction equipment, causing nearly \$1 million in damages.

The incident was hardly isolated. Environmentalists nationwide are desperately working to stop pipeline construction. In Massachusetts, for example, protestors locked themselves to their cars -- with bike locks! -- in an effort to block construction of a pipeline in West Roxbury.

Unfortunately, these activists -- and the politicians who pander to them -- aren't just slowing the construction of new oil and gas pipelines. They're also slowing economic growth and limiting America's efforts to become energy independent.

Take the project that inspired the Iowa arson -- the 1,168-mile Dakota Access pipeline. The pipeline will move 570,000 barrels of oil daily across North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois -- bringing each of those states 4,000 jobs. It's also expected to generate \$156 million in tax revenue.

These economic gains will give local economies a welcome boost. Campgrounds and rental properties near Dakota Access pipeline construction sites are in high demand. Restaurants, grocery stores, healthcare clinics, and recreational venues will all benefit from more business.

Other pipelines are just as financially promising. Take the Energy East pipeline project -- proposed by the same company behind Keystone XL -- that would carry oil 3,000 miles across Canada to the East Coast.

For regions of the country still reeling from manufacturing job losses, pipeline projects like Energy East show real economic promise. The pipeline is forecast to add over \$10 billion to the economy and create 14,000 full-time jobs annually.

Or consider Pennsylvania's Mariner East pipeline project, which environmentalists are protesting by sitting in trees along its path. Without the Mariner East, Pennsylvania's economy would miss out on 15,000 jobs and \$100 million each year.

Meanwhile, activists in New York are blocking the Constitution gas pipeline -- halting 2,400 jobs and \$130 million in labor income. The Comanche Trail and Trans-Pecos pipelines in West Texas face opposition as well.

Misguided pipeline protests are having a devastating ripple effect. Ever since the Obama administration vetoed Keystone XL last year, 11 pipeline projects have been cancelled or postponed.

Activists aren't just hindering economic benefits; they're impeding American energy security as well. Since the 1970s, America has significantly moved away from dependence on foreign oil -- nearly 90 percent of oil consumed by Americans is now domestically produced.

In fact, our nation has become a world leader in gas and oil production -- beating out giants like Russia and Saudi Arabia. Pipeline projects will help America keep that status and achieve total energy independence.

Pipeline opponents often express concerns over accidents. But pipelines are by far the safest method to move oil and gas. In 2013, pipeline-transported oil and gas safely reached its destination more than 99.999 percent of the time. In fact, a person is more likely to be killed by a lightning strike than by a pipeline accident.

With hundreds planning to risk arrest to stall construction of the Dakota Access pipeline, it's clear that green radicals' crusade won't end anytime soon. But politicians should look past incendiary attacks on American economic and energy security -- and support pipeline construction.

(Tom Borelli, Ph.D. is a contributor with Conservative Review.)

## New Cultivated Wild Rice Council members elected

Producers of wild rice have recently elected members to serve on the Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council board.

Minnesota's research and promotion councils play an important role in coordinating the ongoing development and promotion of agricultural products. Citing this valuable service offered by the council, Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson expressed his appreciation of producers who participated in the elections.

"Through council elections producers have a say in how their check-off dollars are spent," said Commissioner Frederickson. "It's very important that producers take advantage of this opportunity and I want to thank all the candidates and producers who took the time to participate in these elections."

Board members were selected through mail ballot elections.

Results are as follows:  
**Independent**  
Ross Rennemo, Northome  
**At-Large**  
Patrick Skoe, Clearbrook  
**Northern Minnesota Wild Rice Producers**  
Ken Gunvalson, Gonvick

## Mark your calendar for Minnesota's funeral

To the editor:  
Minnesota is dying. More aptly, Minnesota is being killed.

I recently received "Thinking Minnesota" magazine, and learned some very alarming data. In 2014 alone, wealthy retirees, job creators and business leaders left the state to the tune of \$1 billion of wealth. The consequence of this exodus is a loss of \$948 million in household income. It also means for people with incomes over \$200,000, we now rank 47<sup>th</sup> as a destination state for people with high incomes.

Productivity in the state has dropped dramatically and that is not conducive to people wanting to start a business here.

In light of these statistics, Minnesota still has the audacity to not give Enbridge a permit to build a pipeline -- 1,000 days and counting. Bordering states approve permits within an average of 364 days. The new pipeline was only going to break new ground on one-quarter of its length, with the rest on the same route as existing pipelines.

The loss to a state that is already dying comes to \$25 million in annual taxes to northern communities, not to mention 1,500 construction jobs. Last time I drove through Bagley I recall seeing the Local 49'er office. I believe their members love building pipelines. We are sure the school districts would love to have their share of that income so they can provide more educational options.

Keep voting for liberals and their over-bearing regulation and tax policies, and mark your calendar for the Minnesota funeral.


Even the Dayton administration admits Minnesota's future performance will be below average!

Terry and Dianne Maddy  
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# Turning Back the PAGES



**2010:** Jayme Kaiser and Cole Young were chosen as the Homecoming royalty at Bagley High School Monday afternoon, Sept. 27. Be sure to come to downtown Bagley this Friday for the Homecoming Parade, set to begin at 2:35 p.m.

It's *Cousin vs. Cousin* at BHS Homecoming game ...

The Bagley Flyers take on the Hawley Nuggets Friday, Oct. 1, for the 2010 Homecoming game. But for two players it's more than your usual Homecoming. Dylan Renner for the Flyers will face off against his cousin Alex for the Nuggets in Friday night's game. Dylan, a senior, is the son of Greg and Jeanne Renner of Shevlin.

Alex, a sophomore, is the son of Jennifer and Paul Boerboom of Fargo, N.D. and Chuck and Brooke Ames of Hawley.

Come out and watch these cousins and their teammates!

**2006:** Dave Galloway re-opens Chiropractic business ... Dr. Galloway is the new owner of a chiropractic business in Bagley located in the building along Hwy. 2 that was formerly owned by Dr. David Kretzschmar, who died last year.

Dr. Galloway's chiropractic business was officially opened on Monday, Oct. 2, with the temporary help of his assistant Molly Carter.

Dr. Galloway has been married for four years to Janna, a surgical nurse who will be working part-time at North Country Hospital in Bemidji, and sometimes with Dave at his clinic. They have a nine-month old daughter Gwenth, and they bought a home in Bagley one month ago. We welcome Dave, Janna, and Gwenth to our community.

Homecoming coronation was

held Monday, Oct. 2 at Bagley High School. The crowns landed upon Queen Chelsea Gray and King Jerod Spray. The Homecoming football game will be on Friday night -- Flyers vs. Baudette Bears. Go Flyers!

**1991:** Bagley Co-op Oil was the victim of a thief or thieves last Thursday night, when forced entry was made into the building via the alignment door. Co-op Manager Don Olson said two Poulan chainsaws and some cigarettes were stolen. The cash register was also damaged.

Free Lunch! Who says there's no such thing as a "Free Lunch"? That's exactly what people will receive Thursday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bagley American Legion Auditorium during Garden Valley Telephone Company's Information and Fall Appreciation Day.

Served will be hot dogs, coffee, pop, cookies and information about the approaching equal access balloting.

Roast Turkey Dinner with Homemade Pie and Pastries Sunday, Oct. 13, serving from noon to 6:30 p.m. Bagley Elementary School, Take Out Dinners. Adults \$5 Children 12 and Under \$2. Children 3 and Under - Free. Bingo - Fish Pond and Country Store. Sponsored by: St. Joseph's Church.

**1966:** This year a new sport has been added to the Bagley High School athletic program. This is the cross country meet. This activity is always run on the golf course of the participating towns and consists of a grass track 1.8 miles to 2 miles in length.

Bagley High School participated in its first cross-country meet Tuesday at Thief River Falls. For a novice team they did quite well. They lost the meet to Thief River, but Tom Beltz of Bagley won first place among the 21 contestants.

The remainder of the team placed quite well for a first meet. Coaching this sport is Jim Cairns, Bagley High School instructor.

The participating boys are: Captain, Tom Beltz, Ken Braaten, Ed Eide, Bruce Klepp, Calvin Kontola, Arvid Larson, Bill Lehmer, Allan Nelson and Dan Rivera.

Minnesota's famed Douglas Lodge at Itasca State Park will be open this year through Sunday, Oct. 16. State Park Director U.W. Helta, said increasing numbers of persons are visiting the park in the fall to enjoy the vivid autumn colors. Other parts of the park will remain open for public use.

**1949:** The grand opening of the new furniture and appliance store of the Galli Farm and Home Store will take place on Friday, Oct. 7 to continue through Saturday, Oct. 15. The new store is in the building formerly occupied by O.J. Olsen and Son, which was recently purchased by Mr. Galli. The new store will be one of the most attractive and modern furniture and appliance stores in the northeast.

Special door prizes will be awarded on Saturday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 15.

Tonight, Oct 6-7, there will be a total eclipse of the moon, which will begin at 8:20 p.m. Central Standard Time and end at 9:33. The eclipse, however, will not be a total blackout like the eclipse of last April. Instead, observers will see only what is normal for such an eclipse - the moon changed from its usual silvery-white color to orange-red, but still visible.

**1937:** Deer hunters are getting their thrills in Itasca State Park shooting deer legally at night - with cameras. Frank Pugh, forest ranger who has lived at Itasca for 25 years, will testify to the hunters' thrills in the "glowing coals" in the brush - the eyes of the animals - and then the glare of camera flash bulbs. There are spills, too. Pugh said, in riding an automobile fender over the ruts and bogs of the lonely forest trails with camera in hand.

The greatest thrills, however, remain in the developing of the photographic plates to find whether or not the shots were true. The sport is calculated to add greatly to the army of out-of-door enthusiasts, Pugh predicted.

Announcing the opening of the Co-Op Station at Shevlin Monday, Oct. 11. Stanley J. Spicer, Attendant, Cooperative Oil Association, Bagley - Lengby - Shevlin - Solway.

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## How and when to apply for Social Security Retirement Benefits

*Dear Savvy Senior, What is the easiest way to apply for my Social Security retirement benefits, and how far in advance do I need to apply before I start collecting?*

*Approaching 62*

Dear Approaching, The Social Security Administration offers three different ways you can apply for your retirement and/or spouse's benefits, depending on your preference and how much help you need. Here's a rundown of the options, along with a list of information you'll need to apply, and when to fill out the application.

**How To Apply?**

The easiest and most convenient way to apply for your Social Security benefits is to do it yourself online at [SocialSecurity.gov](http://SocialSecurity.gov). It takes less than 15 minutes to complete the application, as long as you've gathered all of the required information and documentation (more on that at the bottom of the column).

## NELL program will discuss 'Sharegiving' for Baby Boomers

NELL program about "SHAREGIVING" will be presented by Debra DeWitz on Wednesday, Oct. 12 beginning at 9:30 a.m. (coffee at 9) at the Gonvick Community Center, 170 Main St. She will discuss how "Baby Boomers" can plan for their futures.

Ten thousand Baby Boomers will retire each day for the next 15 years. One does not need to be a rocket scientist to see that how Baby Boomers planned for our future may not work out as we thought. There are too many of us, and too few of the generations after us.

Who will care for the Baby Boomers, and how will we care for ourselves? Sharegiving is a new (but very old!) model, designed to replace the model of "caregiving." Under the sharegiving model, a culture of shared responsibility for family returns, with the idea of "interdependence" as the goal replaced by a goal of "interdependence," and sharing of resources. We will look at several models of how Baby Boomers can plan for their future as it relates to housing and their future care.

Deb DeWitz is a social worker and a family therapist who spent the first half of her career in direct service to children and families in Minnesota and North Dakota. She then became a university faculty member and taught social work for the second half of her career at universities in North Dakota and Minnesota. She currently owns Family Resource Consultants, and has "retired."

She has three children who continue to teach her life lessons, even as adults. She provides presentations, workshops, and speeches nationally to lay and professional audiences. She is known for her humorous and down-to-earth style.

For more information contact NELL coordinator Tamara Edevold 218-694-2856

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If, however, you'd rather have a Social Security employee assist with the process, you can also apply by phone at 800-772-1213, or at your local Social Security office. If you apply in person, be sure to call ahead and schedule an appointment to cut your office wait time.

Whichever method you feel most comfortable using, your application will be reviewed and processed as soon as all necessary documentation and information is received. And, the Social Security Administration will notify you if it turns out you could qualify for higher benefits on your spouse's record, or if other family members can receive benefits on your work record.

**When To Apply?**

While full retirement age is currently 66 (for those born between 1943 and 1954) you can start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62 or as late as age 70, but the longer you wait the larger your monthly check. See [ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html](http://ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html) to estimate your benefits.

Social Security recommends that you apply for retirement benefits three months before you want your payments to start. So if you want your benefits to begin as soon as you turn 62, you should apply at 61 years and nine months old.

It's also worth noting that if you start receiving your Social Security retirement

benefits before age 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

But if you decide to delay your retirement benefits, you'll need to sign up just for Medicare at age 65, which you can also do at [SocialSecurity.gov](http://SocialSecurity.gov), over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you do not sign up, in some circumstances your Medicare coverage may be delayed and cost more.

**Need Information**

In order to apply for Social Security benefits, you'll need to be able to document some information about your identity and work history. So before applying, have the following information handy:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your birth certificate (original or certified).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you were not born in the United States.
- A copy of your U.S. military service papers if you had military service before 1968.
- A copy of your W-2 forms and/or self-employment tax return for last year.
- Your bank information (including your account number and the bank routing number) you want your benefits direct deposited to.

For a complete checklist of information you'll need to complete your application, see [ssa.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf](http://ssa.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf).

**Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.**

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**American Life in Poetry**  
By Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Travel can sharpen our awareness, can keep us on the alert, and here's a poem by Patricia Traxler from her new book Naming the Fires, from Hanging Loose Press. Traxler lives in Salina, Kansas.

**Last Hike Before Leaving Montana**

Late winter, almost spring. It's like finding a diamond; now I don't want to leave. I sit in the dirt and put my hands in your tracks. For the first time in a long time I don't doubt. Now I know I always knew you were here. You are the beginning of disclosure, the long-felt presence Suddenly incarnate. Behind me my friend warns, If we see the bear, get into a fetal position. No problem, I tell her, I'm always in a fetal position--I was born in a fetal position. Did you know, she says, the body of a shaved bear looks exactly like a human man? I skip a stone, feel a sudden bloat of grief, then laugh. I ask her, Who would shave a bear? We climb Farther up Rattlesnake Creek, watch winter sun glitter off dark water. No matter how high we go I look higher. Sometimes absence can prove presence. That's not exactly faith, I know. All day, everywhere, I feel you near at hand. There's so much to understand, and everything to prove. Up high the air is thin and hard, roars in the ears like love.

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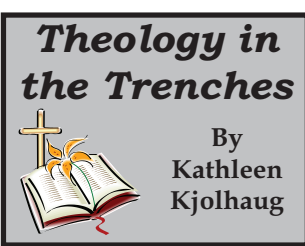
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**Theology in the Trenches**  
By Kathleen Kjolhaug  
Her name is LaFerne; she runs a flower shop. What a lovely name to behold in the midst of your calling. She plants, waters, and cares for the beautiful produce produced. Come spring, it's a delight to walk into her shop with colors dangling from the rafters. After the long winter months of fasting from anything but white, the refreshing palate renews energy to overflowing.  
"I'm so thankful for what you do and the ministry you offer our little community," I said to her one day. "I just don't like getting my fingers all soiled and dirty."



**Higher Ground**  
By Roger Campbell  
The enduring classic daily devotional guide, "Streams in the Desert," calls for giving thanks for the planned kaleidoscope we call the year, that the earth in its journey makes the one cycle a perpetual delight, emphasizing then how this is especially true in the season of splendor that arrives every October, asking: "Who with the least bit of love of nature in his disposition has not gone out of his way to see hills covered and the vales filled with the glory and splendor of falling leaves?"  
October abounds with lessons about life. While approaching the end of their cycle, leaves leave even more beautiful than when they arrived. Colors that have been hidden from spring until now suddenly burst forth, declaring the design of the Creator, reminding us that the later years of life have their own

# Digging deep

She began to explain why getting all soiled up and digging deep was really quite a fun thing to do. I looked at her and realized she thought her explanation of why it was so wonderful would make my brain take a liking to the messy process.  
"It's a texture thing," I replied. "You know...fingernails and all! I just like to walk in and get them in full bloom without having to dig in."  
I have a name for this. It is called, Someone has to appreciate it!  
And so, I appreciate lots in life. I appreciate music by listening to a variety of artists which keep me spellbound rather than learn to play. I appreciate quilts by purchasing them from others who artistically craft them rather than learn it myself. I appreciate

produce at farmers markets that others have spent months producing. And, I appreciate LaFerne's flowers come spring.  
Most oft though, life has a way of digging us deep, growing us if you will, whether we want it or not. Seeds sown from the Master Gardener have been planted within, and as life is not a spectator sport, we are rarely allowed to simply sit back without having to do a little digging.  
Since the seeds have been sown, sooner or later, they will bear fruit...or not. We will then see more clearly Whose we are and for Whom the seeds were planted in the first place. You know the story well.  
"A farmer went out to sow his seed. Some fell along the path, and the birds came and at it up.

Some fell on rocky places with little soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear" (Matthew 13:3-9).  
Unstop our ears. Help us see the unseen. Help us not be spectators or merely appreciators of Your Word, but planters...sowers...digging deep. May the texture thing not be a hindrance as we bear fruit, Your fruit, for Your glory. Amen.

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One night before climbing into bed, Brad knelt with his mother to pray. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray Thee Lord, my soul to keep; if I should die before I wake..." There was a long pause and suddenly he stopped praying.  
"Go on," said his mother to encourage him.  
"I can't," he cried and ran from the room.  
A few moments later he returned and finished the prayer, "I pray Thee Lord my soul to take."  
"What happened?" his Mother asked.  
"Well," he confessed, "just before we knelt to pray, I went into James' room and took all of his toy soldiers and hid them. Then I hid his tanks, cannons and trucks so he couldn't see them. And after I started to pray I had to stop and make everything right because I knew that God wouldn't hear me."  
Many times we pray and get no answers. Often we think that God is not willing to hear us or unable to help us. But that is not true.

We cannot knowingly have sin in our hearts and lives and go to God and expect Him to answer our prayers. If we expect God to hear and answer our prayers we must make things right first.  
Said the Psalmist, "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." It is only when we willingly confess and forsake our sins that we can expect God to answer our prayers. It may be time to stop in the middle of a prayer, right some wrongs and then pray.

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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10 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Coffee Hour  
Monday, October 10  
7 p.m. Church Council  
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Wednesday, October 5 & 12  
6 p.m. Confirmation  
Thursday, October 6  
8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
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9 a.m. Services  
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Sunday, October 9  
10:30 a.m. Services  
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# Enjoy October

special beauty.  
One of the wonders of this season is the preparation of birds to head to warmer places for winter. Flocks of these feathered friends fill the air and line up on utility wires awaiting some inner signal to sound before making their departure, seemingly wanting to capture a few more days of viewing October's colors before flying away.  
And then there's the beauty of the harvest. October's leaves add color to this special season, but the harvest contributes both beauty and bounty to our lives, providing food to enjoy and carry us through the cold winter season, another reason for giving thanks for God's great plan which, according to the Bible, leaves us all without excuse for unbelief (Romans 1:20). Creation's beauty and bounty are intended to bring us to faith and we'll be held accountable for ignoring their clear lessons of love.  
Generations past saw October as an ideal time for another kind

of harvest: a harvest of people being brought to their Lord. Churches regularly planned October revival meetings when outreach in communities ran in tandem with harvests in the fields. Traveling preachers and musicians were often scheduled months or even years in advance for these efforts and the year's program pointed to them, frequently involving weeks or months of prayer meetings expecting these to enlarge the harvest.  
Our Lord spoke often of this kind of harvest and urged His hearers to recognize its importance and get involved. "The fields are white already to harvest," he said and promised rewards to the reapers.  
Are we missing opportunities that those before us seized? What would happen in your church if October's beauty signaled the time for a spiritual harvest had arrived? What would the result be if this birthed a new vision of what could be accomplished

if everyone in the congregation decided to labor in the harvest?  
One of October's most moving sights is a large flock of Canadian geese flying from lake to lake, increasing their number for the long trip to their winter home. The trip ahead will be difficult, and massive organization and cooperation will be required to make it safely, but they've been divinely equipped for this journey.  
We're also divinely equipped. And as we allow October's splendor to remind us of God's love, we'll enjoy this October more than ever. This will be especially true if we share in the joy of a harvest of people whose lives have been changed, enlarging the flock and filling our churches with people who now know they're on their way home.  
(Roger Campbell was an author, broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. Contact us at [rcministry@ameritech.net](mailto:rcministry@ameritech.net))

# Living your faith in a hostile world

**By Pastor John Swanson  
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If you are like me, you get up in the morning and grab your cup of coffee, then turn on the news to see what has happened in our world overnight. Usually, it doesn't take too long until you are discouraged by what you hear. It seems like our world has become more hostile than it ever was. We have demonstrations turning violent, people being killed by police, train accidents, car accidents, terror alerts, and it goes on and on. It has a tendency to instill fear and uncertainty in all of us.  
The Bible tells us that we are not to fear; "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT. We are to be certain; "...for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to

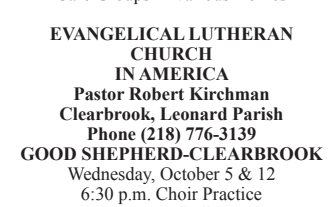
# Not what I want, but what He wants

guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return." 2 Timothy 1:12 NLT. And so that leaves us the question, how do we live out our faith in Christ in this hostile world?  
The Apostle Peter gives us the answer in the book of 1 Peter. It is important for us to remember the setting in which Peter wrote. The church had suffered from local pockets of persecution since its inception, but now things were beginning to change. On July 18 of 64 AD a fire broke out in Rome. The fire ravaged the city for six days until it was finally brought under control, having destroyed 70 percent of the great city. The widespread devastation caused a great uproar among the citizens and, in order to divert responsibility, Emperor Nero blamed the Christians. This began a widespread, government sponsored, persecution of the church. This persecution led to

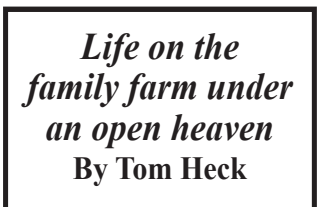
many Christians being fed to the lions and the deaths of both Peter and Paul.  
It was in this environment that Peter addresses this letter, "To those who reside as aliens..." 1 Peter 1:1. Peter is telling us that this place is not our home. He goes on to explain, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3. And therefore, "to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you," 1 Peter 1:4.  
You see, no matter what happens in this world, we must realize that we are just passing through. This is not our final destination. We have the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ and that salvation gives

us the hope of heaven. What we have here on this earth pales in comparison to what awaits us in heaven. Therefore, let us live as beacons of light in this hostile world, with the assurance that our faith is not in vain and that God will accomplish His word.  
So when you wake up in the morning, grab your cup of coffee, and turn on the news, don't let fear and uncertainty take root in your life. Remember that God has placed you here for a time and a purpose. Therefore, let us boldly stand firm in our faith, knowing that God has given us new life and a living hope and He will protect us until he calls us home.  
For more words of encouragement attend a local church this week. Finding a community of believers who will support and uplift you is a great way to live your faith in this hostile world.

without it. I've done that a lot of times in the past. But to drive 224 miles down to Iowa and then turn around and come all the way back home is a lot.  
Well, I wasn't finding a tractor close by, and I really wanted to please my son, so I called the owner of the tractor up that my son had found and asked him a lot of questions about it. From the answers he gave me, it sounded like a very good tractor. I also called on a couple other tractors in the area down there in case this one fell through. Then I called a friend of mine up that does a lot of trucking to see if he would be able to haul it home for me. Eric was more than willing to do it.  
We got up way early one morning and started the barn chores, and then I left with Eric while it was still dark. It turned out to be a bright sunny day, and we arrived at the tractor place shortly before noon. I checked the tractor over good and ran it some. There were some small issues with it, but buying a tractor that old, I kind of expected that. I bought the tractor and we headed home with it.  
My whole family was anxiously waiting for us to get home to see if we had a tractor with us or not. Well, they weren't disappointed; they were all smiles when they saw it.  
We went to work getting it fixed up and modifying it some



**Life on the family farm under an open heaven**  
By Tom Heck  
We had a way-old Farmall tractor that we used for years on the farm here to do a lot of light work. My son, Joshua, ran it a fair bit and actually owned half of it. Over the last few years though, we started to have a lot of problems with it. We liked the tractor and so we tried to get it fixed. We took it to an experienced mechanic several different times to get it fixed, and yes, he would get it running decent for a little while, and then it would quit again. It really gets frustrating having it quit in the middle of the day when we're using it to put up crops.  
So the decision was made by all of us that we should start to look for a different used tractor. Now in the past when we went tractor shopping, I would normally decide what model I wanted to buy. So this time, I was thinking of a couple different model numbers we should be looking for. To my surprise though, Joshua told us that he was interested in a 656 Farmall. That was not what I was expecting at all. I had absolutely no experience with that model tractor. So we talked it over. It turns out that he has a friend who has one and he really likes it.



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I'm sure it's no more than rumor that John Steinbeck's celebrated novel *Of Mice and Men* began as an essay on mouse-proofing the family cabin. You know how it is once rumors get started. Obviously, Steinbeck knew where the money was, and came out way ahead by writing an enduring, if controversial, piece of American literature.

But that's not to say there isn't merit in giving some deserved attention to the reliable autumn phenomenon encountered by those who have cabins, or who simply live in rural areas. This is the time of year when deer mice and white-footed mice seem most active in their search for snug winter quarters. At least it seems that way to us, based on the frequency of

# Of mice, and more mice

our removing luckless mice from the traps we set in the family cabin, nestled between Norway pines and birches on the shore of a lake here in North Central Minnesota.

Over the last month, with each of our visits – once or twice weekly – we've had to muster a "mouse removal detail." Trap and mouse are carried out to the de facto cemetery, the cabin's brush pile where lawn trimmings and fallen branches are deposited. If we're ambitious, we turn over a spade's worth of earth with a shovel and cover the furry corpse beneath it; not out of reverence so much as to avoid any chance of our Labrador catching one of the diseases for which mice are carriers. Fortunately Bella seems to have little interest in mice to begin with. They don't bounce or float, and thus have little usefulness in retrieving.

The most unnerving thing about the removal process is

the fact that the little critters have large, glossy eyes out of all proportion to their body, and no eyelids. As a result, no matter how recent or how long since that trap spring pinned them in a death grip, they always seem to be staring you right in the face with those huge but sightless eyes. If rigor mortis has not yet set in, you half expect them to spring to life and make a dash for it when you pull back the spring to release them.

As unnerving as they are to look into, there is evolutionary purpose in those huge mouse eyes. Camera buffs know that there is a direct relationship between the size of glass elements in a camera lens and its ability to gather light. Generally speaking, the larger the lens the more light it gathers, and therefore the greater its ability to capture images on film or digitally in low-light conditions. Since mice do much of their active living in low light or

in darkness, all the more valuable are those eyes that protrude so prominently from their little faces, like a large light-gathering lens mounted on a camera.

Besides having great ability to see things in low light, these two most common of Minnesota mice are experts at crawling through tight spaces. As plump as their fur makes them seem, mice can pretty much get through any space their tiny skull can pass through. They remind me of cave explorers who can contort their bodies, control their breathing, and otherwise "skinny" themselves when confronted with a narrow passage that would stop most of us in our tracks with a case of claustrophobia.

On one level mice are an annoyance. They get into our food supplies, leave untidy little black "calling cards" to let us know they visited, build

nests in furniture or other places they're unwanted, and chew up upholstery or even electrical wiring. Of course, from their perspective it's a case of our interposing our dwellings and garages and boats and vehicles in places where they happened to be living first.

Unfortunately for them, as top predators we're in a better position to do something about them than they are to do something about us. Between traps and poisons and our house cats, we definitely have the upper hand. Their defense is not intelligence or power, but in being prolific; strength in numbers, as it were. That's why when I de-mouse a trap on Thursday there is likely to be another in the same trap on Saturday. Whereas some species seem able to communicate danger to others of their kind, mice – based on the evidence I've seen – seem

not to. Perhaps the demise of one is not so much as loss as it is a thinning of competition for food and nesting sites.

Though we associate "mouse" with "house," mice actually serve a much more valuable purpose in the wild, where they are a prolific part of the base of the food chain that feeds predators above them. Predators like hawks, owls, foxes, coyotes, and even an occasional timber wolf, northern pike, bass and trout, too, should a hapless mouse find itself having to make a swim for it. The wooden Creek Chub Mouse in my tackle box, and the deer-hair mouse in my fly box, testify to the fact that this happens to mice more often than one might think.

Humans may not agree, but "more mice" is a good thing for the many creatures who find them a dependable item on their menu.

## DNR Question of the Week

**Q:** What species of fish run into North Shore streams during the fall?

**A:** The Minnesota waters of Lake Superior provide fall spawning runs of Pink Salmon, coaster Brook Trout, Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon and Brown Trout. These runs are generally smaller and less consistent than other areas in Lake Superior. That's because North Shore streams have limited spawning habitat available for migratory fish due to steep waterfalls that act as natural barriers to fish passage. Most fall spawning fish caught in Minnesota are the result of limited reproduction below natural barriers, fish migrating to

the lake from above those barriers, and fish originating from other states.

Pink salmon are the most abundant species observed in the fall spawning run. Beginning in September, they begin migration and seek spawning areas in Lake Superior tributaries. "Humpbacks," as pink salmon are often called, can be found congregating near river mouths. Pink salmon spawning runs fluctuate widely from year-to-year and high numbers are commonly observed every third year.

In October, native coaster Brook Trout will migrate to spawn in tributaries and shoal areas of Lake Superior. Although few

Coho and Chinook salmon reproduce on Minnesota's North Shore, limited runs of these species also enter tributaries in October. Lake-run Brown Trout are rare, but can be found in limited numbers (typically in large tributaries on the lower shore) throughout the fall. Additionally, a small number of steelhead Rainbow Trout make their migration during fall in preparation to spawn the following spring. The timing and frequency of fall runs on the North Shore is highly dependent on individual river conditions, including water temperature and fall rains.

*Nick Peterson, DNR migratory fish specialist*

## Drowning is biggest safety risk for waterfowl hunters

*Live to hunt another day by wearing a life jacket or float coat*

Hunters preparing to hit the water this fall in pursuit of ducks, geese and other wild game are reminded to include life jackets on their hunting gear checklist.

"Hunters in Minnesota are trained from a young age to always put safety first. For duck and goose hunters, that means always wearing a life jacket on the water, no exceptions," said Lt. Col. Greg Salo of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division.

Each year, more waterfowl hunters die from drowning than from other types of hunting accidents. Swamping, capsizing and falling overboard are all common factors leading to these deaths, but in nearly all cases the hunter would have survived had they been wearing a life jacket.

"Before launching the duck boat, make sure everyone

on board is wearing a life jacket or float coat," Salo said. "It's the one item that greatly increases your odds of surviving a water emergency and living to hunt another day."

The wide variety of comfortable, camouflage life jackets designed specifically for waterfowl hunting includes inflatable vest and belt-pack styles, insulated flotation jackets, and foam-filled shooting vests with quilted shoulders and shell loops.

"Typical foam-filled vests or float coats provide optimal insulation against cold air and the effects of hypothermia, but without question, the best life jacket for waterfowl hunting is the one you will actually wear," said Lisa Dugan, DNR boating and water safety outreach coordinator. "Choosing a life jacket style that works for you, and wearing it every time you're on the water, is not only a good choice, it could save your life."

At the very least, all boats

must carry one U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each passenger, and boats longer than 16 feet must also have a throwable flotation device immediately available. Children under 10 must wear a life jacket.

Other water safety tips for duck hunters include:

- Don't overload the boat; take two trips if necessary.
- If wearing hip boots or waders, learn how to float with them on.
- Stay near shore and avoid crossing large expanses of open water, especially in bad weather.
- Share your trip plans with someone and advise them to call for help if you don't return on schedule.
- Use a headlamp, spotlight or navigation lights to alert other boaters of presence in dark and/or foggy conditions.
- Carry a cell phone or personal locator beacon in case of emergency.
- Don't drink and boat and don't drink and hunt

Visit [mndnr.gov/boatingsafety](http://mndnr.gov/boatingsafety) to download the DNR's Water Safety for Duck Hunters' brochure and to learn more about boating safety for hunters.

## Early voting available to hunters away from home on Election Day

Minnesota's absentee voting law makes it easy for hunters who plan to be in the field on Election Day to make their vote count on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Minnesota's firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 5.

Minnesotans can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them, or they can vote absentee in-person at their county or local elections

office. Ballots must be returned on or before the Nov. 8 general election.

Details about early voting are available on the Minnesota Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote), or by calling 877-600-8683, or 651-215-1440 in Twin Cities area.

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(Below is part of an article written by Lizbeth Stahl, Extension Educator – Crops; Fabián G. Fernández and Daniel E. Kaiser, U of M Extension Nutrient Management Specialists. It explains why the Haney soil test should not currently be used in making fertility recommendations for crop production. The Haney soil test is an enhancement to CSP contracts and other NRCS programs that some producers have enrolled in. Some research has been conducted in 2015 and 2016 in Minnesota with results showing very little correlation to current N-P-K fertility recommendations for the Haney soil test. For the complete article and the results of the research go to Extension's "Minnesota Crop News" home page at <http://blog-crop-news.extension.umn.edu/>)

Soil health and how to improve and maintain it has been a hot topic in agriculture recently. Soil tests, including the Haney Test, have been developed to help measure indicators of soil health such as microbial activity, the amount of carbon in the soil, and nutrient availability. As more farmers use soil health tests, the question arises if results from these tests can or should be used in determining

## Should soil health test results be used when determining fertilizer needs in Minnesota?

fertilizer needs for crops like corn in Minnesota.

The importance of correlation and calibration: To help address this question, it is critical to recognize the importance of correlation and calibration in developing fertilizer recommendations. When soil is sent to a laboratory for analysis, specific procedures and extractants are used to determine the estimated availability of nutrients. Different extracts and procedures typically result in different estimates of nutrient availability. The process of correlation helps determine the relationship between plant nutrient uptake or yield and the amount of nutrient extracted from the soil. A soil test is considered "correlated" when lower yield and plant growth can be predicted at lower soil test values, and higher yield and plant growth can be predicted at higher soil test values.

It is then important to determine how much fertilizer is needed to meet crop nutrient needs at different soil test levels. This is called calibration. The University of Minnesota has conducted extensive correlation and calibration research across Minnesota in developing fertilizer guidelines, using standard soil testing procedures and extractants, and this research continues.

Little to no correlation and calibration research has been done with the procedures

and extractants utilized by nonstandard tests like the Haney Test in Minnesota.

It is also important to note that soil test results from a lab may include fertilizer recommendations that are not based on correlation and calibration research conducted in Minnesota and that recommendations listed as a "University" recommendation may not be from the University of Minnesota. This is important as soil type, soil pH, precipitation, temperature, soil organic matter, cropping rotation, and soil parent material influence soil nutrient availability and ultimately fertilizer application needs.

Avoid the risk of over- or under-application of nutrients. Soil health tests can give a snapshot of soil characteristics not typically measured by standard testing procedures and they can be used to help demonstrate contrasts in management practices. Using non-standard soil tests to determine fertilizer application rates, however, can result in higher input costs, potentially negative environmental impacts from nutrient over-application, or reduced yield and profits if nutrients are applied below crop needs. When determining fertilizer needs for your crop, it is recommended to stick with soil testing procedures and fertilizer guidelines that have been correlated and calibrated through many years of research in your own state.

For more details, check out the "University of Minnesota Extension Fertility Guidelines for Field Crops" publication and other crops-related information on the University of Minnesota Extension Crops website.

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## BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Bagley, Minnesota 56621

### A BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 SUMMARY

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in High School Room 101. Members present: Adam Broden, Wendy Fultz, Amy Fontaine, LeAnn Agnes, Toby Anderson, Kathy Clark and Superintendent Cairns. Members absent: Jamie Grover.

Chairman Broden called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. M/S Fultz, Agnes to approve Employee A medical leave request that will start approximately October 19 for six weeks. MP 6-0.

2. M/S Anderson, Clark to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. September 6 Minutes
- B. September 2016 Invoices - \$320,051.46 - Ck# 57347-57438
- C. August 2016 Hand Payables - \$431,427.98 - Ck# 31390-31434
- D. August 2016 Statement of Cash Balances - \$4,049,303.55
- E. August 2016 Budget Comparison
- F. August 2016 Wires Payments - \$51,515.25
- G. Elementary School and High School Auxiliary Accounts MP 6-0.

3. M/S Fontaine, Agnes to adopt resolution accepting gifts/donations to Bagley Public Schools:

**WHEREAS** the following; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District #162 - Bagley School Board does hereby accept the following donations:  
 \* \$3,400 from NW Minnesota Foundation for ECI  
 \* \$2,300 from NW Minnesota Foundation for Banner Board MP 6-0.  
 4. M/S Fontaine, Anderson to correct Carol Vik's job title from Title VII Director to Indian Education Director in the September 6th minutes, item

#15. MP 6-0.

5. M/S Anderson, Clark to approve the work agreement between the District and Clearwater County Nursing Service for the 2016-2017 school year. MP 6-0.

6. M/S Clark, Anderson to approve the AMI application and budget for the 2016-2017 SY. MP 6-0.

7. M/S Clark, Agnes to approve the Title VII budget for the 2016-2017 SY. MP 6-0.

8. M/S Fontaine, Fultz to levy the "Maximum" for the 2016 Payable 2017 Proposed Levy Limitation. MP 6-0.

9. M/S Fultz, Agnes to hire Kati Martin as a paraprofessional contingent upon meeting the No Child Left Behind requirements and receipt of a satisfactory background check. MP 6-0.

10. M/S Fultz, Anderson to accept the coaching resignation of Adam Broten. MP 6-0.

11. M/S Fontaine, Anderson to revise Policy 506 Student Discipline and 506F Student Discipline form. MP 6-0.

12. M/S Agnes, Fontaine to revise Policy 520 Student Survey Policy. MP 6-0.

13. M/S Fultz, Clark to revise Policy 529 Notification to Staff Regarding Placement of Students with Violent Behavior and to adopt 529F Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students form. MP 6-0.

14. M/S Clark, Anderson to revise Policy 714 Fund Balance. MP 6-0.

15. M/S Fontaine, Agnes to revise Policy 533 Wellness Policy with correction and adjustments. MP 6-0.

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:  
 A. Staffing

17. The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in High School Room 101.

18. M/P Fontaine to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Adam Broden, Chairman  
 Wendy Fultz, Clerk

All reports, budget information, bids, etc. may be viewed and/or questions answered at ISD #162's District Office, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN. 218-694-6184.

## Knowing what Medicare covers helps you plan ahead

**Karin Haugrud**

Sooner or later, Medicare, the nation's major federal health insurance program, will affect everyone. In fact, if you pay taxes, Medicare already affects you because a portion of your taxes goes to finance part of the Medicare program.

Even though you're paying into the Medicare program during your working years, and will probably rely on its services in the future, you may not be aware of what benefits the program offers — and what it doesn't offer.

Whether you are receiving Medicare benefits, or will soon be eligible for Medicare, or maybe you are assisting your parents to make decisions about their coverage, this article will provide an overview of what Medicare covers and what it doesn't.

What is Medicare? How does it work? Medicare is a federal healthcare program, managed by the Social Security Administration, which provides health insurance to retired individuals, regardless of medical condition.

Medicare A provides coverage for hospital bills (inpatient hospital care, hospice care, and home health care).

Medicare B provides coverage for doctor bills (physician care as an inpatient at a hospital, at a doctor's office, or as an outpatient at a hospital or other health care facility). Laboratory tests, physical therapy, and ambulance service are also covered under the Medicare B plan.

Medicare C (Medicare Advantage) Generally, a plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits to people with Medicare who enroll in the plan. Medicare Advantage Plans may offer extra coverage, like vision, hearing, dental, and/or health and wellness programs.

Any individual receiving Social Security benefits will automatically be enrolled in Medicare at age 65 (age of eligibility). If you decide to delay your Social Security benefits because, for example, you are still working, you must sign up for Medicare yourself by going to your local Social Security office.

There is a seven-month window in which you can obtain Medicare; the three months before you turn 65, the month of your 65th birthday, and the three months after you turn 65. The best time to sign up is during the three months before your 65th birthday.

Medicare A is provided when you sign up, generally without a premium. This was paid as part of you or your spouse's Medicare taxes. Part B, for doctor bills, requires a monthly premium of \$121.80.

Medicare provides basic health care coverage, but it doesn't pay all of your medical expenses. Some items are considered custodial and are not covered by Medicare including most nursing home care, dental care and dentures, routine foot care, tests for, and the cost of, eyeglasses or hearing aids, personal comfort items, such as a phone or TV in your hospital room and services outside the United States.

If you have questions about Medicare and what it covers, please call the Senior LinkAge Line for more information.

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College Knowledge Month is a statewide effort to provide every graduating high school senior, especially underrepresented students, with the opportunity to apply to college.

"Minnesota State is proud of our commitment to offer all Minnesotans an extraordinary education that is an exceptional value," said Steven Rosenstone, Minnesota State chancellor. "An important way we keep that commitment is by making

it easy high school students to take the first step on their higher education journey. That's why we are waiving our application fees as part of College Knowledge Month."

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The Home Health Aide course, approved by the Minnesota Department of Health, covers a variety of topics such as care of special needs populations, including mentally challenged or mentally ill, chemically dependent or developmentally disabled persons; caring for children; homemaking skills; food and meal management, nutrition and time management; and hospice care.

The 15-hour online course can be completed at a student's own pace between Nov. 1-30.

Total cost for the course is \$285, which includes a \$195 registration fee for the course and \$90 for a post-course certification

exam. The instructor will provide more information about the testing fee during the course. Registration is available online through Optivation at [optivation.org](http://optivation.org).

The course requires that students be registered on the Minnesota Department of Health Nursing Assistant Registry at the time of the course, and students must have completed a Minnesota Approved Training Program for Nurse Aide Training. A copy of the original certificates or official transcripts confirming completion of these prerequisites must be sent to Optivation before registration for the course will be confirmed. Scanned documents can be emailed to [optivation@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:optivation@bemidjistate.edu). If certificates or transcripts are not provided, registrations will be canceled and fees fully refunded.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

The Bagley City Council met in special session on September 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present Mayor Sidney Michel, Council Members John Sutherland, Jon Brovold, Dennis Merschman, City Clerk Treasurer Colleen Lindgren, and Deputy Clerk Faye Jacobs. Councilman Chad Bonik was absent.

Also present: Street & Utilities Supt. Bill Masterson and Police Chief Larry Peterson.

Lengthy discussion was held on the proposed 2017 City budget. Clerk explained figuring in the salary differences according to the new wage scales, and the difference in the benefit sections. Fire Dept. #'s were figured the same as 2016, dropping off the shortage of 2011. Police Dept.: the funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> Officer were taken out, which dropped the salaries, benefits, clothing allowance, etc. Mayor Michel stated that his main goal is not to raise the taxes, but also not lower them. These changes lowered the overall budget around \$10,000. Roads & Bridges: Bill Masterson asked about raising the wages for the winter call-in help. Members discussed raising the wage to the beginning wage of a street crew worker. Animal Pound: discussion was to raise the Pound Masters wages to \$11.00 per hour for 2017. This would be in line with the other wage increases. \$10,000 will be put into the Economic Development for infrastructure projects. Clerk reported with her earlier changes the levy would have been down approximately 4%. With the new changes it will be lower and changes will be brought to the next Council meeting.

Keith Larson was present to inform the Council on a project he is working on with the school. The Media Class is looking into using a drone during football games. Clerk was asked to check into the matter with the FAA and what the rules are on it.

Next meeting of the City Council is on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk was instructed to prepare a letter to Officer Chet Carlson, stating the last date of full time work with the City of Bagley will be December 31, 2016.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brovold. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

Mayor Sidney F. Michel  
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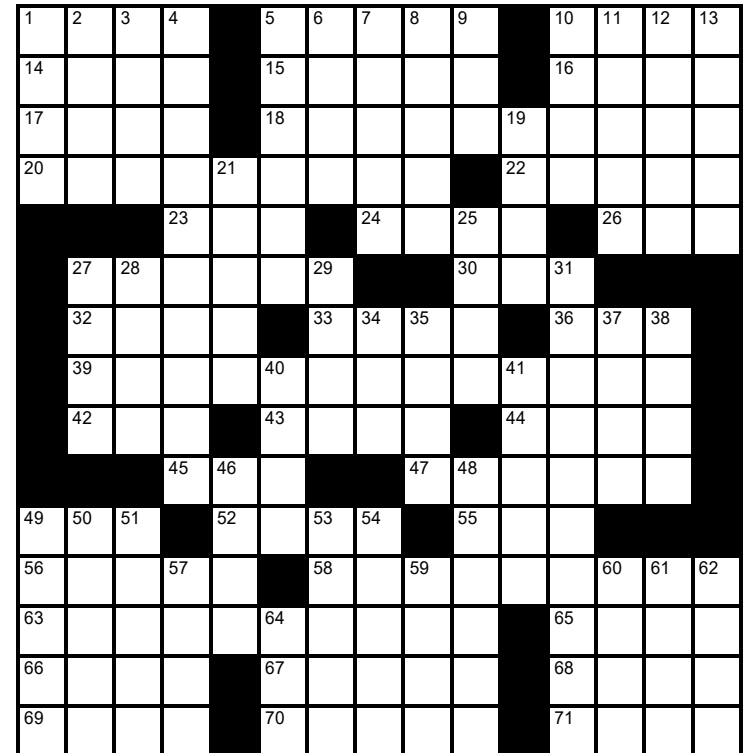
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**HUGE GARAGE SALE:** Oak entertainment center, Kenmore dryer, microwave, stove, couch, recliner, outdoor patio set w/ cushions, adult men/women brand name clothing, boys clothing 0-6 yrs, girls clothing 0-3T, diaper changer, toys, household items, Too numerous to mention! Come on out, see for yourself! Brittany Olson residence, approx. 2-1/2 miles - 18520 330th St. Fri., Oct. 7 & Sat., Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. O5-10s

**GARAGE SALE:** Sat., Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 5 miles south of Bagley, East on 310th St., South on 201st Ave. #30444. Exercise bike, treadmill, elliptical, makeup vanity, microwave, DVD player, household items, teen girls clothes, womens med. & mens 4XL. Roads will be marked. O5-10s

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**FOR SALE:** Cute Pomeranian puppies, family raised, shots & vet checked. 218-694-6172. O12-17s

**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED:** Small country church in the Bemidji area looking for a pastor. Send resume with a statement of faith to The call committee, 215 Paul Bunyan Dr NW #121, Bemidji, MN 56601 by Oct. 14th. O5c-10s

**REAL ESTATE**

**LOTS FOR SALE:** Whispering Pines; 1 mi. west of Fireside Rest. in Bagley on Hwy. 2. 4-12 acres. 218-760-8753. O19-24s

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**Sat, Oct. 8th: 9am. Chuck Baker.** 21956 CR#121, Osage. Real Estate sold @1pm. 3BR,2Ba home on 40+ acres, excellent hunting, 3-stall garage, heated wood shop, pole building & other outbuildings. Also, JD Tractors & Machinery, JD Gators, Vehicles, ATV's, Boats, Goats, Antiques, Lawn & huge amount of woodworking tools!

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**Openings for PART TIME AWAKE NIGHT DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS at Pine Ridge Residence, Inc.**

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**MAJOR DUTIES:** This is a 3 night a week position with the ability for more if need be. A person in this position is required to work in conjunction with other staff in the overall care of adult persons with developmental disabilities. Hours are 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. (morning hours are negotiable). Duties will include household chores and helping clients during the night if need be. Applicants can apply at 419 Olson Avenue, Bagley, MN, by telephone at (218) 694-6541 or by email at [rbdac@gvtel.com](mailto:rbdac@gvtel.com).  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016**  
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**Where:** Imagine It! Event Center in Gonvick

Located: 226 Elm Street  
 Cost: \$10 Adults, 18 & under FREE  
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 Tickets available at Clearwaters Life Center in Clearbrook or Gonvick, or call either 218-487-5290 or 218-776-2789.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota, through a grant from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Solway Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Fall Meatball Dinner**  
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**Sat. 8th:** Wedding Reception & Dance for Pat Jones & Scott Loy, 5:00 p.m.  
**Wed. 12th:** Club Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m.  
 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
**Fri. 14th:** Steak & Shrimp Supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Tues. 19th:** Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
**Fri. 21st:** Country Fried Steak, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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