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Concert to benefit Vets Transportation Fund

The annual "Give a Veteran a Lift" concert will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the Bagley High School Auditorium. Performing will be Wade and MaryLou Fradenburgh, Due North, and Caring Friends.

This year, *Quilts of Valor* will be presented to some area veterans.

There is free admission for this event. Free will offerings will go 100 percent to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Fund.

North Country ATV Club seeks approval to form routes in Clearwater County

By Karen Edelbach
North Country Riders ATV Club members were in attendance at the Clearwater County Board meeting of Feb. 9. They were Jay Vold and Paul Schummer of Bemidji, and Joe Mayer of Bagley. They discussed the possibility of extending ATV trails from Beltrami and Hubbard counties into Clearwater County.

Commissioner Dean Newland wanted to know what their plan is.

"The goal is to get members over here, so people know what we're doing. We keep trails and driveways clean, and want to keep homeowners happy," Schummer said.

It was stated that safety is

a main concern. They would receive grants from the state and Polaris Industries.

"We work with the foresters and DNR, who say where to go, which is on county and state lands usually. We don't do anything unless it is okayed by the foresters and DNR, and they map out trails for us," he added.

"By doing this," he said, "we can keep people off of roads and try to keep them on trails." (Now there is much riding on dirt roads in Clearwater County.)

Vold said they have 160 members in their club at this time. They want to connect Beltrami and Hubbard with Clearwater County.

Joe Mayer explained that

the primary goal is to tie in existing trails so riders can access the Buckboard Hills on the south end of Clearwater County. There is also a railroad grade heading into Leonard from Beltrami County. Mayer said eventually they would like to be able to link the northern and southern routes.

Mayer said the idea is "just getting off the ground."

Commissioner Newland said this is a controversial idea, and thinks there would be more against it.

Board Chairman Neal Illies thought it could bring patronage into our

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Forcing the play
Louis Larson forces a jump ball on a rebound to give Bagley possession late in the game vs. Fosstosn last Friday. It was the last regular season home game for the Flyers. (See more photos by Jane Crist inside.)

Loud seeks District 2A seat

Puposky resident Jerald "Jerry" Loud announced his candidacy for the Minnesota House of Representatives 2A seat. Loud will seek the DFL endorsement. District 2A includes most of Beltrami County except the city of Bemidji, all of Clearwater and Lake of the Woods counties and northern Hubbard County. DFL endorsement for Senate District 2 candidates will take place at the community center in Ogema on March 19.

Born and raised in Bemidji, Loud attended Bemidji area schools, and attended Bemidji State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Indian studies. Loud is also a 10-year veteran of the United States Navy and has three adult daughters.

Loud says he will bring a fresh voice to the Minnesota House because of his extensive educational and technical background. He has achieved stability and advancement throughout his career, and prides himself in a creative attitude to meet and even exceed career goals.

"I believe I have an ability to build working relationships and establish confidence within a team or individual colleagues," said Loud. Loud



Jerry Loud

worked in corporate America for a decade with Novartis Pharmaceuticals, and has 10 years working for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in various positions. He currently is the Executive Director of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program where he has established strong working relationships with

key opinion leaders, which has helped him understand how large organizations operate and maintain a productive environment. In addition he spearheaded the Red Lake Green Step Nation.

Loud's legislative priorities include:

- 1) Education - Curriculum that meets today's workforce
- 2) Economic development -

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Bus and car collide

A Bagley school bus and a car crossed paths at the intersection of 370th St. and 161st Ave. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, leaving vehicles damaged, but no serious injuries to the car's driver. The school bus driver and children on the bus were unharmed.

According to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, the car, a red Ford driven by a 16-year-old Bagley youth, was heading east on 370th St. at approximately 55 mph.

Meanwhile the school bus,

driven by Stephanie Lynn Syverson, began crossing 370th St. and the two collided. The car struck the bus on the passenger side towards the rear of the bus.

The driver of the car began to complain of some soreness and was taken by his parents to the Sanford Bagley Medical Center to be checked for injuries.

The children on the bus were transferred to another bus or picked up by parents.

Four cars collide on an icy Highway 92

Fifteen persons and four vehicles were involved in a crash Sunday morning seven miles south of Bagley on an icy Highway 92.

According to the State Patrol, three vehicles - a Honda Fit Sport, Buick LeSabre and Ford Excursion - were northbound on Highway 92 around 10:09 a.m. The fourth vehicle, a Ford Escape, was southbound.

The Buick rear ended the Honda, and then the Ford Excursion rear ended the Buick. The Ford Escape then slid into the Excursion and then entered the ditch. The Buick also landed in the ditch, while the Excursion was left setting in the middle of the highway.

Two persons were listed with non-life-threatening injuries: Jacqueline Teige,

60, of Shevlin, who was driving the Buick, and Tasha L. Listrom, 17, of Wendell, Minn., driver of the Escape.

Driver of the Honda was listed as Kayla J. Bowe of Bemidji, and driver of the Excursion was listed as Brian L. Franck of Bagley.

Passengers of the Honda, Finnegan M. Bowe, 14, and Freya J. Bowe, 3, were listed as having no apparent injury.

Passenger of the Buick, Alesha R. Madson, 8, was also listed with no apparent injury.

Passengers of the Excursion were also listed with no apparent injuries. They were all members of the Franck family: Tamee, 40, Zsaeve, 2, Zakara, 10, Zikita, 7, Zeanna, 12, Zohrak, 3, Zavior, 15, and Zerian, 18.

Icy patch leads to rollover

Nancy Brown-Colligan of Bagley stopped at the Farmers Independent last Wednesday to pick up her weekly copy of the newspaper. She mentioned she had rolled her car end-over-end the day before and her car was severely damaged but she was fine.

The State Patrol report notes that Brown-Colligan was westbound on U.S. Highway 2 just a little ways west of the Beltrami-

Clearwater county line, when her car, a 2008 Honda Civic, hit an icy patch and she lost control. The vehicle entered the north ditch and rolled. This all occurred shortly after 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 9.

The arrival of snow last weekend left many roads glazed with ice, and the State Patrol's website listed many crashes that occurred on icy roadways.

County crews train on snowplow simulator

Jet pilots use simulator training to gain exposure to the unexpected. The result is a well-trained pilot who can anticipate hazardous situations and react in the safest possible manner to extreme conditions.

Likewise, snowplow and safety simulator training uses state-of-the-art technology to prepare snowplow drivers to expect the unexpected and deal with the challenges of adverse winter driving and road conditions.

Recently, the state's newest snowplow simulator came to Bemidji, providing an opportunity for area plow operators, including those from the Clearwater County Highway Department, to practice operating a plow

in different, unexpected circumstances.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the simulator provides attendees with a basic plow cab control system with everything from a 15-speed max manual transmission to an automatic transmission. The plow and wing are operated with a touch screen. Like a real plow, the simulator has a steering wheel, fans, horn, turn indicators, mirror and seat adjustments, interactive dashboard, and other controls. The steering wheel is responsive and the sounds are realistic. The view screen gives a 180-degree view with realistic graphics.

Trainers use the snowplow simulator to create an unlimited combination of hazardous situations involving weather, traffic, and road conditions that a

Snowplow training
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A driver operates the simulator.

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Death Notices



Shelia Davis

until the time of service at the church. Rev. Ron Warnes will officiate.

Shelia Elaine Davis was born April 28, 1973 in Dodge City, Kansas, the daughter of Kenneth A. and Christie E. (Mayhill) Davis. She lived in several places with her family and she graduated from high school. Shelia was born with a heart condition and was never able to work. She lived in several places including Bagley, Ebro, Argyle and Warren.

She enjoyed quilting, houseplants and taking care of children. Shelia especially loved spending time with her daughter, Haleigh, and her

family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Haleigh; parents, Christie Davis and Kenneth (Nancy) Davis; siblings, Kenneth Ray (Lisa) Davis, Anthony Davis, Travis Davis and Tracy Davis; step-siblings, MarCee (Michael) Reed, Lori Buffington and Jon (Kim) Buffington and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Arrangements are with DuBore Funeral Home of Warren.

Messages may be left at the online register book at www.duborefuneralhome.com.

George Russell Cadwell

Marine Corps as a young man, stationed in Japan as an M.P. He married the love of his life Elizabeth (Betty) Genoff in August of 1957. He worked as a pipefitter with Local 597 until he retired and moved to Shevlin.

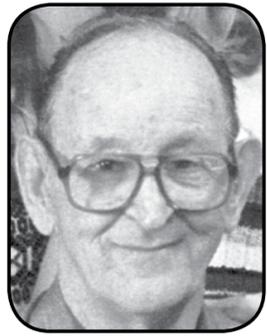
He is survived by his daughters, Georgia (Jim) Brown, Payton, Colo.; Donna (Hanson) Cadwell and Connie Cadwell of Shevlin, and Martha (Rusty) Heller of Solway; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jon Heller of Solway, Jessica (Sam) Wike of Bemidji, Laura Hanson's children, Hazel and Willa of Casper, and Tricia Hanson of Las Vegas; His

siblings, Stan Cadwell and Dora Jean Westbrook of Casper; also many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his brothers, Richard Cadwell and Wayne Gay; sisters, Patty Cadwell, Mardel Wilson and Willa Maves.

As per his wishes, there will be no funeral services at this time. Arrangements were with the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Bemidji.

Online guestbook at www.olsonschwartzfuneralhome.com



George Russell Cadwell, 83, of Shevlin, died on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, surrounded by loving family.

George was born Feb. 10, 1933 in Casper, Wyo., to Richard and Sarah Marie (Anders) Cadwell. He grew up in Casper. He joined the



John Birkeland

testify, and testified himself in Bismarck to have the "R" word taken out of the North Dakota Century Code. On April 19, 2011, John was part of the historical day for people with disabilities in the state of North Dakota as they were asked to witness Gov. Dalrymple sign Bill 2142 into law.

John was awarded the State Self-Advocacy Ally of the year in 2012. He also was a presenter at local, regional and state conferences in Minnesota and North Dakota. John was willing to share the message of equality and justice for all on any stage, including four National S.A.B.E. (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered) Conferences. John also worked at the Listen Drop-in Center in Grand Forks for 11 years where he was the founder of programs such as the LSPN, (Listen, Sports, Programs, Network.) He also was a co-founder of "Performing for Change," a performing arts group made up of people with and without disabilities who use performances to bring about social change. He did grant writing and was managing editor of the newsletters for SAS, N.D. and Listen.

In John's work with people with disabilities, his biggest attribute was his ability to listen to the needs, take action to see that change was made. He was patient and loved and respected each and everyone's gifts without limitations or conditions. He was a champion of fairness and justice for all people. Just as his title of "Favorite Uncle," John was the "Favorite Staff" at Listen. He moved to Roseville where he worked for Sprint and was currently residing there.

John was passionate about politics and loved discussing the issues. He enjoyed music and compiling CDs for family. John loved being with family

and was especially fond of spending time with his many nieces and nephews. He loved "Saturday Night Live." If you missed a great skit, he would be the first one to make sure you saw it on YouTube. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary; everyone always received a card. He was a member of Samhold Lutheran Church, a St. Cloud State Husky hockey fan, loved poetry, traveling (the bigger the city, the better), and he was proud that he had traveled to almost every state in the U.S.A.

Along with his many passions, John loved dogs, and he was the go-to for every family dog; he would teach them to shake, and at every family gathering, wherever John was that is where you would find the dogs. He was very proud of being a godfather to his niece Libbi. He had a heart of gold and everyone that met him loved him.

He is survived by his father Arlen Birkeland of Gonvick; brothers Dean (Teri) Birkeland of Fergus, Falls, Minn. and Richard (Julie) Birkeland of New Richmond, Wis.; sisters Ruth Ann (Craig) Haugen of Becker, Minn., Donna Ballard of Elk Grove Village, Ill., Diane (Craig) Malkovich of Phillips, Wis., Sandy Danielson of Reno, Nev., Barbara (Dean) Halvorson of Harwood, N.D., and Carla Tice of East Grand Forks; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Betty; his brother Neal Birkeland, and his sister Peggy Brovold; nephews Brandon Edevold and Benjamin Brovold; niece Dana Edevold.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

Alfred Raymond Fox

Alfred Raymond Fox, 78, of the Rice Lake Community near Bagley, died on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at his home north of Rice Lake.

His funeral was held on Friday, Feb. 12, at the Rice Lake Community Center in Rice Lake with Rev. Jackie Bernacchi officiating.

Interment was at the Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in NayTahWaush, Minn.

Alfred Raymond Fox was born August 16, 1937 in Beaulieu, Minn., the son of George and Louise Fox. He graduated from Bagley High School in 1956 and attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas for two years. He married Bernadine Thompson on Jan. 20, 1963 in Rice Lake.

Alfred served as a district representative on the White Earth Tribal Council and was

active in tribal affairs.

Alfred enjoyed hunting, fishing, cutting wood, gardening, feeding his birds especially hummingbirds and bird watching. During his lifetime here on earth he blessed us all by being a truly amazing dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, father-in-law and friend to many. His presence will forever be missed by us all.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine Fox of Rice Lake; daughter, Leah Tiley of Wellington, Colo.; sons, Alfred (Evette) Fox of Bagley, Henry (Mickie) Fox of Bagley, Louis Fox of Bagley, Dean Gunn of Red Lake; sister, Isabelle Thompson of Bagley; brothers, Richard (Lorraine) Fox of Bagley, Louis (Leah) Fox of Bagley and Earl Fox of Bagley; special grandchildren, Amber,

Roshell, Sarah, and Darrell Fox; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews; and Alfred's "Medicine Dog" Broozzer.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ernest Fox, Joseph, Norman and George Auginaush and Burdell LaRoque; sisters, Eldora Fox, Susan Headbird, Dorothy Stevens, and three infant sisters, Carrie, Evelyn, and Irene Fox.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with the arrangements. Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

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Joni Erickson

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In our home there's a photo of a face more precious than gold.

And to those who love and lost you, your memory will never grow old. We will miss and love you forever Parents Virgil & Arlis, family and friends

YOUR WEEKLY WEATHER & MARKET REPORT

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER READINGS

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Feb 6	35	16	---
Feb 7	33	12	---
Feb 8	9	3	---
Feb 9	8	-8	---
Feb 10	7	-14	---
Feb 11	12	-20	---
Feb 12	-1	-9	---

4-1/2" of snow mix fell Feb. 6-7, 3" snow on Feb. 11 at weather station 1.5 miles south of Bagley

Grain Markets

Bagley Co-op Elevator

Oats..... \$2.55
Corn..... \$3.15

Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	\$2.00-2.20
400-600	\$1.80-2.18
600-800	\$1.40-1.77
800-1000	\$ 1.31-1.51

Weight	Beef Heifers
200-400	\$1.60-1.80
400-600	\$1.50-1.70
600-800	\$1.41-1.59
800-1000	\$1.25-1.35

Weight	Holstein Steers
200-400	\$1.10-1.60
400-600	\$1.05-1.43
600-900	\$1.00-1.25
800-1000	\$ 1.00-1.15

Slaughter Cows

Top	\$0.70-0.80
Good	\$0.65-0.70
Low Yielding	\$0.55-0.65

Slaughter Bulls

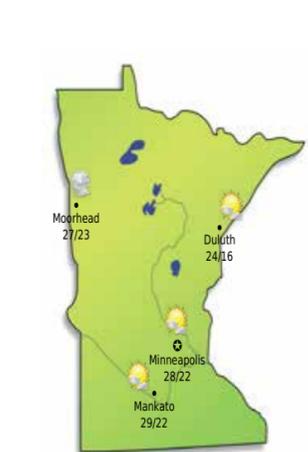
Top	\$0.90-0.99
Good	\$0.85-0.90
Low Yielding	\$0.75-0.85

Prices from latest sales at: Bagley Livestock Exchange, 2/11/16 and Winger Livestock Exchange, 2/6/16.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/17	Thu 2/18	Fri 2/19	Sat 2/20	Sun 2/21
25/19	35/33	38/27	35/20	23/5
A mix of clouds and sun in the morning followed by cloudy skies during the afternoon. High near 25F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 30s.	Mix of rain and snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 20s and lows in the mid single digits.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:53 PM

Minnesota at a Glance



Moon Phases

First	Feb 15
Full	Feb 22
Last	Mar 1
New	Mar 9

UV Index

Wed 2/17	2	Low
Thu 2/18	1	Low
Fri 2/19	1	Low
Sat 2/20	2	Low
Sun 2/21	2	Low

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	34	14	Cloudy	Grand Rapids	19	-7	M Cloudy	Red Wing	34	6	Cloudy
Alexandria	26	6	Cloudy	International Falls	14	-8	Cloudy	Redwood Falls	33	13	Cloudy
Austin	32	13	Cloudy	Little Falls	29	0	M Cloudy	Rochester	32	11	Snow Showers
Bemidji	19	-5	Cloudy	Mankato	33	14	Cloudy	Saint Cloud	29	5	M Cloudy
Blackduck	15	-10	M Cloudy	Marshall	29	15	Cloudy	Thief River Falls	13	-1	P Cloudy
Caledonia	34	13	Cloudy	Minneapolis	32	13	Cloudy	Two Harbors	27	3	M Cloudy
Crookston	16	2	P Cloudy	Montevideo	30	13	Cloudy	Wabasha	35	15	Cloudy
Duluth	27	5	Cloudy	Moorhead	24	6	M Cloudy	Willmar	31	13	M Cloudy
Fairmont	33	16	Cloudy	Owatonna	33	11	Cloudy	Winona	37	14	Snow Showers
Fergus Falls	23	8	P Cloudy	Pipestone	32	20	Cloudy	Worthington	29	18	Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	40	M Sunny	Houston	80	50	Sunny	Phoenix	89	57	Sunny
Boston	54	33	Cloudy	Los Angeles	88	58	Sunny	San Francisco	75	58	Sunny
Chicago	34	28	Cloudy	Miami	80	63	Sct T-Storms	Seattle	55	46	Cloudy
Dallas	70	43	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	32	13	Cloudy	Saint Louis	40	30	Rain
Denver	61	33	Sunny	New York	56	36	Showers/Wind	Washington	53	33	Rain

Free Obituary Policy

Obituaries in the Farmers Independent are published free of charge up to 375 words. After 375 words, a fee of 25 cents per word will be assessed, with a minimum of \$5. Usually, these fees are assessed via the funeral home handling arrangements.

The Farmers Independent had been shortening obituaries by eliminating non-essential items, but now those writing the obituaries for a loved one can have more control over the content.

Anything deemed of poor or questionable taste may be deleted by the editor.

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For Your Better Health

By Esther Potti, MD
Family Medicine
Sanford Bagley



When heart attacks happen, know the signs and what to do

It doesn't always begin with crushing chest pain, followed by a dramatic collapse like it's shown on TV or in the movies.

"Not everyone who has a heart attack will have the same symptoms or the same severity of symptoms," says Esther Potti, MD, Family Medicine at Sanford Bagley. "While some can have mild pain, others have more severe pain. And some have no symptoms, while others' first sign may be sudden cardiac arrest."

However, the more signs and symptoms you have, the greater the likelihood you're having a heart attack.

Here are some of the common heart attack symptoms:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back;
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck, back, and arms;
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea, or shortness of breath;
- Feeling very anxious or very tired.

So if you suspect someone is having a heart attack, quick action could save a life. Don't feel embarrassed or hesitate to call for help. It could mean the difference between life and death.

Many people delay treatment because they doubt they really are having a heart attack. They don't want to bother or worry their friends and family. But it is always better to be safe than sorry.

What you should do if a heart attack occurs:

- Call 911 or your local number for emergencies.
- Tell the person who answers where you are and that someone is having a heart attack. Don't hang up until you're told to do so.
- You should not drive, or let someone else who is having symptoms drive, to the

hospital.

- An ambulance is the best and safest way to get to the hospital. Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel can check how you are doing and start life-saving medicines and other treatments right away. People who arrive by ambulance often receive faster treatment at the hospital.

"The most important thing to remember is that every minute matters. Don't delay getting help, and put time on your side."

Tips for a Healthy Heart

By making some simple lifestyle changes, you can help protect or improve your heart health.

- Quit smoking
- Get regular exercise
- Eat a heart-healthy diet
 - Eat at least 2 cups of fruit and 2½ to 3 cups of vegetables every day.
 - Cut back on high-fat foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, trans fat, and saturated fat. Use liquid vegetable oils in place of soft or hard margarine or shortening.
 - Eat more seafood, and eat fish at least two times a week. Some of these should contain omega-3 fatty acids. Remember to bake or broil, instead of frying them.
 - Read and compare food labels.
 - Choose lean meats, and poultry with the skin removed.
 - Limit sugary beverages like soda or pop and juice with added sugar.
 - If you drink alcoholic beverages, limit your intake. Alcohol is high in calories. Limit to one drink per day for women and two for men.
 - Prepare foods with little or no added salt.
 - Choose whole grain breads and cereals instead of those with refined grains.
- Maintain a healthy weight
- De-stress. Learn stress-management techniques to help you deal with stress in your home and work life.

Senior Focus on . . .

Roger Person



Roger Person is right at home in the Senior Center kitchen where he still works at age 75. His advice, "Take care of your health, and do something you love."

By Karen Edelbach

Although Roger Person was away from this community for 38 years, he is a Bagley original. Roger is the middle of three children born to parents Andy and Betty Person, whose home was only two blocks from the site of the Senior Center.

"I practically grew up in this building," he says. "The Senior Center is same building where my dad, Andy Person, had a hardware store from 1938 to 1970."

Roger's wife, Ann, was a "Shevlin girl," as he puts it. They both attended the Bagley school where they met and eventually married. They have four kids, three in South Dakota, and one in Denver, and 13 grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 30.

"For 30 years I worked as a CPA in Minneapolis, Thief River Falls and then South Dakota, until I had it up to my neck," he stated. Then he and his wife went into a partnership to buy a restaurant in South Dakota. It was the infamous *Chef Louis* and considered the best in South Dakota.

"We were greenhorns, and we opened Oct. 1, 1989 during the busiest season of the year, as the pheasant hunting season was just starting," he said. "That was a big challenge, getting into the restaurant business with no background. We had to learn fast, and put in lots of 24-hour days."

"We had to learn how to bar tend (it was a restaurant and a bar), cook, present, and supervise people. Most of the help was half our age."

After 12 years in the restaurant business he retired. They came back home to Clearwater County in 2001, and after 10 years in Clearbrook are now residents of Bagley once again.

Roger learned about many different things through his lifetime. He says, "One thing is in order to sell anything you have to know your product. I had to sell myself to be a CPA."

One highlight Roger says he is most proud of is serving on the Board of Directors for six years for Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota.

"I learned a lot about the role of directors and what they should and should not be doing," he explained. "We provided meals on wheels,

had an adoption program and residential services for troubled youth.

"I also served on the School Board in Mitchell, S.D., and Board of Directors of a DAC residential services workshop there. They made fishing lures for K-Mart and several other retailers."

He was in the Jaycees for 10 years in both Minnesota and South Dakota. Here in Bagley he serves on the Board at Faith Lutheran Church.

Hobbies used to include hunting and fishing, which he has given up these days, and opts for quieter recreation, such as reading, and loves to read most anything. He also golfs a lot. Ann is a seamstress and a quilter. Their favorite place they've traveled is to New Orleans; and would like to visit Alaska someday.

Roger is a cook down at the Bagley Senior Center, where he once again spends much of his time. He puts together many tasty meals for the eager seniors who come daily for not only the meals, but the opportunity to make friends and fellowship together. In addition to cooking here, he is the dispatcher for Title III Transportation for Seniors, mostly arranging medical transportation, as well as for community events.

He says Salisbury Steak is one of the favorites among the crowd. And he is famous for his Fruit Cocktail Cake.

"Anyone who wants a recipe, I'll give it to them, he says. "There are no secrets," The primary reason they returned to the Bagley area was Ann's dad, who was 90 then, because they wanted to spend some time with him.

"Then the kids would say 'Come (live) by us,' but they are a 150 miles apart and which one do you pick? Maybe when we get 'old.' By that time we were entrenched in the community again."

Roger says, "My goal is to continue to work as long as I am able. I take things day by day now, at 75 years old, because you don't know what your health and stamina will be like in the future."

"It's good to come back here after 30 years," Roger concluded. "But while I often recognize the last names of people I meet, I find my connection is usually with their grandparents!"

Roger's advice is, "Take care of your health. Do

something you love to do, and if you get paid for it, so much the better!"

Salisbury Steak
Saute in ¼ cup margarine or olive oil:
2 cups chopped green peppers
2 cups chopped celery
2 cups onion
½ tsp. Garlic salt
Mix together 5 lbs. Hamburger with:
2 cups bread crumbs
2 Tbls. Worcestershire Sauce
¼ cup Lowry Salt
9 eggs
Add saute'd mixture and mix together well.
Divide into 6 oz. Portions and brown.
Place in pan and cover with

beef gravy.
Bake at 350 for 60 minutes. (Serves 40)
Fruit Cocktail Cake
Combine:
2 Eggs, beaten
4 cups Fruit Cocktail, drained
Sift:
2 cups Flour
½ tsp. Salt
2 cup Sugar
2 tsp. Soda
Combine with egg mixture and put in 9 x 13" pan
Batter should be thick.
Top with:
1 cup Brown Sugar
1 cup Chopped Walnuts
Bake at 350 for 1 hour.
Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY HARLI
(Feb. 22)

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Grandma Patti

HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY TREVOR
(Feb. 24)

Love,
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Grandma Patti

Getting to know: Kris Dahl



Kris with Avis Sandland

Here at Good Samaritan Society Clearbrook we are getting to know Kris Dahl. She started working here as a CNA in May of 2001. She trained as a Med aide and has been working in that area.

She and her husband Joel have five children and 10 grandchildren, with another grandbaby on the way.

Kris belongs to Elim Lutheran Church and plays piano and organ there. Her favorite food is pizza

and her hobbies include baking, gardening and being involved in her church.

Her childhood memories are playing outside from sun-up to sun-down, and when her parents owned the Clearbrook Motel and Drive Inn. Kris was a car-hop at the Drive Inn.

Best days in her life are when all 21 of her family can be together.

We appreciate Kris's willingness to help out wherever she is needed.

SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

Handicapped access door now at work in Senior Center

The new handicap-access door is now installed and in working order at the Senior Center.

A group of about 14 people as well as members of the Rotary Club enjoyed lunch and birthday cake last Wednesday. Sharon Braaten and Kay Peterson were on hand to greet everyone and give a little history of the building and the services of the Senior Center.

Remember, any group can join us for lunch, just call ahead so we can be prepared.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone who made reservations for the Valentine's Dinner on Saturday.

The menu for the monthly Saturday Breakfast is *homemade waffles*.

Did you know? In November of 1919 the Family Theatre was showing "The Forbidden Path," starring Theda Bara (anagram for Arab Death). Theda was born Theodora Goodman on July 29, 1885 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was a silent screen actress, starring in over 40 movies from 1916 through 1930.

Her nickname was "The

Vamp." At the height of her career she made \$4,000 a week. The price of admission to the movie in Bagley was 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. After the movie on Saturday, Nov. 29, there was a free dance given by the new owners Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Foss. The previous owners, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, established the Family Theatre. The theatre's (Family and PIC) were enjoyed by many for over 60 years. Aw.... the good old days!

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Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m. in the Bemidji Theatre West of town.

"The Train" movie is sponsored by the Beltrami County Historical Society.

All proceeds support exhibits, events and programs through the History Center.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and FREE for children 16 and under.

The story of Roy Hagstrom's hand built steam trains, the engine, the cars, tracks, tunnels and trestles, with the help of Todd Hafics. A marvel of workmanship and dedication. We will see and hear how Roy and Todd made the trains run. Each engine weighs about 3 tons and the tracks run over a 1/2 mile. We will go on a train ride through the 20 plus acres, stop for water, go over the handmade trestles and tunnel. Filmed near Lake George, MN (Movie runs 1 hr 30 min)
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Grocer's program puts dollars into local entities

The Charitable Rebate Program at Galen's SuperMarket recently awarded Bagley Flyer athletes a donation of \$641. The Charitable Rebate Program raises funds for local entities by providing a portion of receipts returned to Galen's SuperMarket in the name of the donor's choosing. Non-profit community organizations are eligible to participate. They encourage their members,

friends and family to shop at Galen's and save their receipts. The receipts are then collected by someone in the organization who then tallies all of the receipts up and turns them in to Galen's. Then Galen's mails them a check for 2 percent of the receipt total.

Greg Leintz and Kyle Crist started this independent program in 2006 and, it has been well utilized. As a result Galen's Supermarket has been able to help churches, community organizations, school activities, and other non-profit groups such as the Clearwater County branch of the Salvation Army. All of the funds stay close to home and are used in Clearwater and Polk counties.

From 2006 until the end of this past year, Galen's has contributed a grand total of



Bagley Flyer athletes Mitch Willard (left) and Aaron Leintz present a check to Bagley High School Athletic Director Doreen Zierer. Flyer Pride has been participating in the Charitable Rebate Program for several years now.

\$68,983 to these important and worthwhile non-profit organizations.

Greg and Kyle said that, thanks to the support of their

loyal customers, they plan to continue on with this great community program in the years to come.

Senior Citizen Menu

February 22-26

Monday: Tater tot casserole, with vegetable, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday: Mexican casserole, green salad, apple crisp.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, corn, cake.

Thursday: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, spinach, bar.

Friday: Vegetable soup, cheese sandwich, cookie.

Meals include: vegetable, dessert, fresh baked bread, coffee, milk. Please register for meals at least the day before so we can plan our quantities. However, we will accept registration up till 10 a.m. the morning of the meal. Call 694-6873.

Suggested donation for those age 60 or above is \$4; more for those younger.

Gift certificates are available for meals at the center or for Meals on Wheels. Call Kay 694-6873.

Bagley School Menu

February 22-26

Monday: Taco salad with fixings, black bean salsa, tropical fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Pulled pork on a WG bun, baked sun chips, creamy coleslaw, pears and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, fresh veggies w/dip, Jello with fruit and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, baked apples and milk.

Friday: Fish burger on a WG bun, green beans, pineapple, juice bar and milk.

High School: Choice of above menu or pizza line.

Pizza Line Menu

Monday: Cheese Pizza

Tuesday: Sausage Pizza

Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday: Cook's choice

Friday: Cheese Pizza

Milk choices include skim, 1% and low fat chocolate.

Fresh fruit and veggies are available with lunch as a daily choice.

Breakfast Menu

Elementary & High School

Monday: French toast sticks, syrup, fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday & Thursday: Hot or cold cereal, toast/bread, fruit choice, and milk choice.

Wednesday: Muffin, yogurt, fruit choice, and milk choice.

Friday: Cinnamon roll, fruit choice, and milk choice.

Menu is subject to change without notice.

Save the Date

Bagley Lions

Fishing Derby

Sunday, Feb. 28

Tickets now available from Lions Club members

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF ITASCA TOWNSHIP

Clearwater County would like our input on having Mail Ballots for Primary and General Elections. If not possible to give me your input at the ANNUAL MEETING, please call or e-mail Kathy Anderson, clerk, ggsota@gvtel.com

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF SHEVLIN TOWNSHIP

The Shevlin Board of Audit will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:45 p.m. in the Shevlin Township Hall.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES:

Register today for upcoming classes by calling 694-3232.

Indoor Gardening begins March 1.

Bread Making is Fun & Easy begins March 8.

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 the daily \$20 for last week were Ava Larson, Ada, Minn.; Neal Illies, Shevlin; Rich Stormo, Clearbrook; Gail Friborg, Bagley; Kenny Rose, Fosston; Spinal Health Professionals, Bemidji; and Katie Grassell, Shevlin.

MUSIC JAMBOREE

Country & Country-Gospel Music Sunday, Feb. 21 1-4:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. NW in Bagley.

Everyone is welcome!

THE HEADWATERS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CLEARWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL



The check is in the mail

The Farmers Publishing Co., which publishes the Farmers Independent and provides printing services to our community, recently issued checks to five different entities serving our area. Farmers Publishing Co. Board President John Arneson signs one of the checks, made out to the Clearwater County Food Shelf, in the amount of \$361.40. Four other organizations also received the same amount for a total of \$1,807, and these are: Bagley Senior Citizens, Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizens, Clearwater County Historical Society, and Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning.

NOTICE OF MINERVA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MINERVA Township, Clearwater County, State of Minnesota will, on Tuesday March 8, 2016, conduct its Annual Meeting and Election at the Minerva Townhall located at 19716 Upper Rice Lake Road, Bagley, MN.

The Election polls will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. to elect one Supervisor three-year term and one clerk for a two-year term. Board of Canvass to meet from 8:00-8:15 p.m. The Annual Town Meeting will be convened at 8:15 p.m. In case of bad weather, the Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held at the same time and place on the third Tuesday of March.

Some items on the Annual Meeting agenda are:

*230th and 240th Street - Bridge Project, everyone should come and see the Bridge plans and what it consists of in getting this project completed in 2016.

*Overall road issues and concerns, packet on 2015 costs.

*Cemetery updates and discussion.

*What is your opinion on mail in ballots for General and Primary Elections; County Auditor wants to know.

*Levies *More discussion on other topics.

We Invite you to Attend this Meeting and get involved, Informed and meet with the voters of Minerva Township.

Susan Sunderland, clerk
Minerva Township
February 9, 2016

NEWS BYTES

COMMISSION will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Meeting Room, 4111 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji.

CLEARWATER COUNTY FIRST LADY event tickets are now available. On Saturday March 12 at a morning reception hosted by the women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, a new name will be added to the honor roll. The \$10 tickets can be purchased at Northern State Bank in Gonvick, First State Bank in Clearbrook, Thrifty White Drug in Bagley, and The History Center in Shevlin.

Seating is limited. No tickets will be available at the door.

The deadline to submit your nomination for the next "First Lady" is Feb. 26. Send your letter of nomination to: 2016 First Lady, History Center, P.O. Box 241, Bagley MN 56621.

Call the History Center at 218-785-2000 for information.

SOCIETY FUNDRAISER to be on Sunday Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bagley American Legion.

A roast pork dinner with all the trimmings will be offered for a free will donation. A Silent Auction of donated items will also be held. Proceeds will support several projects the society has in progress. If anyone has items to donate to the auction, please call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA):

Bemidji State University students are donating their time to offer free services as part of the Internal Revenue Service's VITA.

Students who have completed the Tax I course and passed IRS certification tests will offer free tax assistance every Wednesday and Thursday from 3-6 p.m. each week through April 14. Sessions are held in room 250 of BSU's Memorial Hall, located at 1406 Birchmont Drive NE. Due to the university's spring break, sessions will not be offered March 16-17.

Property tax town hall meeting Feb. 19

On Friday, Feb. 19, Property Tax Division Chairman Steve Drazkowski and State Rep. Steve Green (R-Fosston) will hold a town hall meeting in Park Rapids to explain what was accomplished last session on the property tax relief front, and to gather feedback from area residents.

The meeting will be held at Northwoods Community Bank, 1200 East First Street in Park Rapids, beginning at 5 p.m.

Last session the Minnesota House approved omnibus taxes legislation that would have eliminated the statewide business property tax for small business owners, cut school district construction levy burdens on farmers in half, and provided over \$2 billion in tax relief to hardworking Minnesotans. That bill awaits full legislative action during the 2016 session.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CLEARWATER COUNTY will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Gonvick American Legion in Gonvick, MN for the purpose of electing directors and taking care of any other business that may rightly come before the meeting.

There will be door prizes and lunch will be provided following the meeting. All policy holders are invited.

Benjamin Berg, Sec.

BAGLEY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the BIDC on Friday, February 19th at 8 a.m. in the Bagley City Council Chambers. All those interested in the Economic Development of the City & the Bagley Industrial Park are invited to attend. Questions? Call Colleen at 694-2865 or Les Liljedahl at 694-6233.

CITY/TOWNSHIP FIRE CONTRACT MEETING

The Annual meeting of the City Council, Fire Dept., and local Townships covered by the Bagley Fire Dept. for fire protection, will be held on Monday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Bagley City Council Chambers. Townships under the City Fire Protection agreements are: Nora, Rice, LaPrairie, Popple, Copley, Moose Creek, Minerva and Falk. Meeting is open to the public.

Questions? Call City Clerk Colleen Lindgren at 694-2865.

CLEARWATER COUNTY DFL PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Commons Area

16770 Clearwater Lake Road

Clearbrook, Minnesota

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Caucuses convene at 7:00 p.m.

***Vote for Democratic presidential candidate preference**

***Elect delegates to County Unit and Senate District Conventions**

***Adopt resolutions for consideration in the State DFL Platform**

Participants must agree with DFL principles and must be 18 by Nov. 8, 2016 to run/vote for a delegate or alternate position or vote on the preference ballot.

For more information, please call Clearwater County DFL Secretary Becky Colebank, 218-968-2268 or email her at clearwatercountydfl@gmail.com

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One Act Play team headed to State Festival



The one-act play cast with their first place trophy from the sectional contest: (from left, front) Sierra Crist, Maija Hecht, Bria Halvorson, Camryn Cooper and Brenna Bellefy; (row 2) Chase LaVine, Marilyn Hood, Blake Erickson, Mekah Agnes, Eva Pierce, Kennedy Willis, Jaelen Moen; (standing) Brody Paggen, Payton Hinrichs, Dimitri Frank, Matt Skansberg, Kylie Syverson and Brady Brueland.

The Bagley High School drama group's One Act Play "Radium Girls" placed first in the Section 8A competition on Feb. 6 and earned a trip to the State One Act Play Festival in St. Paul this week. Roseau placed second with "The Spirit of Life," and East Grand Forks placed third with the production, "The Green Hill."

Bagley students will perform their play at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the campus of the College of St. Catherine.

"When we perform at the state level, we are no longer ranked, but still receive written and oral critiques on our performance," stated director Marilyn Hood. Judges choose to give the award of "star" performance to some of the best productions. The State One Act Play Festival is not a contest, rather a celebration of fine arts activities in our public schools.

The Bagley team's play, "Radium Girls," is a historical drama and true story about young women who suffered from radium poisoning after working for a clock factory that used the chemical to make the paint for the clock faces glow in the dark. Yet it is also about the perseverance of the human spirit and the power of the press, the main strategy used by those who defended the girls in their fight against the corporation.

"We are very thrilled to represent our community at the state festival," stated Hood. "The students and I also appreciate all of the community support expressed by all who attend the plays at BHS."

According to the Farmers Independent photographer Jane Crist, who has a daughter in the cast, "It was a nail-biter with some good competition from Roseau (2nd place) and Warroad especially. I believe the highlight of the evening was the escort into town from the Sanford Ambulance, Bagley City Police, Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department with lights and sirens. I as a parent think it's great they do that for the students and I know the kids thought it was awesome as well."

Correction!

The article above is being reprinted from last week's Farmers Independent with the correct photo. Last week the wrong photo was placed above the caption, so for the sake of people keeping a clipping in their scrapbooks, we are reprinting the entire article with the correct photo.

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establishments in the county.

Commissioner Dan Stenseng said they would need a sponsor, must be organized with bylaws, and have insurance. Schummer confirmed they have insurance. Further discussion is expected at a future meeting.

Greenwood Twp. Tower: The Commissioners discussed the proposed tower in Greenwood Twp. north of Clearbrook, west of Hwys. 5 and 7. This tower would be for the transmitting of ARMER, the new radio system the state is using.

Director of Nursing

Marissa Hetland brought a motion to delegate the Clearwater County Nursing Service (CCNS) Director to administer the CCNS quality improvement programs for home care and hospice, which was approved by the commissioners. A services list and organization chart was provided to the board members, which she said had no changes from last year.

A request for approval for phased retirement option for CCNS employee Vicki Hanson starting March 1, 2016, was passed by the Board.

County Engineer Dan

Sauve received authorization to pay the Highway Department bills in the amount of \$109,994.

Motions to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise projects for milling, bituminous surfacing, and culvert replacement; Minerva Township bridge replacements on 230th and 240th Street; pavement markings; aggregate surfacing; and supply fuel in Bagley were all approved.

Commissioners authorized the County Highway Department to purchase crack sealing material off the state contract and rent associated placement equipment, with the goal of saving some money.

"We will buy a semi load and the Highway Department will put it down on our own," said Sauve.

Chairman Neal Illies asked what kind of savings there would be.

Sauve replied, "I don't know yet. The biggest savings is keeping the crew busy. It takes a big crew, and spring is the only time to do it."

Commissioner John Nelson requested that Highway Department employees use safety precautions in where

they park.

The Commissioners authorized the Highway Department to purchase *RoadEng* with license in the amount of \$4,525 from Softree in North Vancouver, B.C.

Deputy Ryan Solee brought a motion from the Sheriff's Department that a salary increase be approved for Sheriff Darin Halverson. The annual salary of \$72,821 was approved, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Commissioners authorized the County Sheriff to promote Rodney Felt to full-time permanent correctional officer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Aaron Jensen, effective Feb. 1.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

NFO elects officers

Joe Neaton of Watertown was re-elected state president of Minnesota National Farmers Organization at the annual reorganization meeting in Sauk Centre Saturday, Feb. 6. Joe and his wife LuAnn operate 450 acres of alfalfa, corn, and soybeans near Watertown and raise Holstein steers. They have two sons with separate farming operations and a third son who has a maintenance business for horse owners. Their daughter Kelly is married and lives near Wausau, Wis.

Harold Marthaler of Sauk Centre was re-elected vice president of the organization. Marthaler milks 72 cows and farms 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans. He is the father of six children and has been a township supervisor for 16 years.

Pam Henry-Neaton of Watertown was re-elected state secretary. She is a sister-in-law to State President Joe Neaton. She and her husband Brian also farm near Watertown.

Bruce Zeidler of Eagle Bend was elected to his 19th year as state treasurer. Zeidler and his wife Cindy have four children and operate a dairy and crop farm.

John Zschetsche of Mountain Lake was re-appointed public relations director and editor of the Upper Midwest NFO Newsletter.

Other state board members are Mark Rohr of Bluffton, a national director and dairy department employee; Reed Christensen of Battle Lake, national director; Doug Suhr of Kasson, first district president; Gregg Klinkner of Sleepy Eye, second district president; Todd Steeke of Perham, seventh district president; and Steve Koering, Fort Ripley, eighth district president.

Trustees on the board are Bob Arndt, Echo; Don Koep, Clitherall; and Harold Marthaler, Sauk Centre.

This year's state convention will be held August 27 at ElmerZ in Sauk Centre.

Old Timer Hockey Players Wanted

The annual Bagley Old Timers Hockey Alumni Game is coming up in March. It's time for you old-timers to sharpen your skates and hone your skills! Come to the arena at 7 p.m. Sundays, starting Jan. 31st.

Please join us for not only the practices but also our big game day! Everyone is welcome! Cost is \$8 per session, must be 18 or older. Please contact Zach at 218-766-1688 for details or check out their website at <http://bagleyhockeyot.blogspot.com/>.

Come out and support BFCG Youth Hockey.

School Board Recognition Week

February 15-19, 2016



Meet the Bagley School Board members: (from left, front) Wendy Fultz, Toby Anderson, Kathy Clark; (back) Adam Broden, Darcie Kaiser, LeAnn Agnes, and Amy Fontaine.

The Bagley Public Schools will join school districts throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Minnesota's annual School Board Recognition Week February 15-19.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Minnesota's school board members, including the Bagley Public Schools School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Minnesota school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multimillion dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 825,000 students in approximately 2,000 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 52,000 teachers and thousands of administrators and support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of the Bagley Public Schools School Board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible: Adam Broden, Wendy Fultz, Amy Fontaine, LeAnn Agnes, Toby Anderson, Kathy Clark and Darcie Kaiser.

Please join us by saying thanks to our school board members during Minnesota's School Board Recognition Week.

Jerry Loud

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"I believe my background as an educator and the diversity of my accomplishments enables me to relate to multiple levels of business from C-level executives to blue-collar employees," said Loud. "I understand state and federal procedures, and how the corporate environment works, and knowing how to negotiate contracts with the State of Minnesota makes me believe that I am a good choice for the Minnesota State Representative 2A seat."

The 2A seat is presently held by Republican Dave Hancock of Bemidji.



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Bagley High School

Tuesday February 23, 2016

4:00-7:30 p.m.

TO ALL PARENTS OF 8-11 GRADE MUSIC STUDENTS. The music department is holding an informational meeting regarding the upcoming music trip to Chicago in 2017.

This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb 23, in the Choir Room (504), near the end of Parent/Teacher conferences.

If your child is involved in music next year and wants to travel to Chicago, attendance is advised.

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Flyers add two to win column to stand at 14-9



Walker Cage had a fast break and a 2-point layup for Bagley.



Ben Anderson slips past the Greyhound defense to put in 2 points for Bagley in the Flyers' last regular home game of the season. The guest team, the Foston Greyhounds, went home with a win by only two points. (Photos by Jane Crist)



Travis Willberg along with parents Danny Willberg and Shelly Willberg in one last Parent's Night.



Senior John Conger with his parents Kathy and Chris and his niece Harper at Parent's Night last Friday night.

Falcons, Hounds outshoot Flyer ladies

The Bagley Flyers girls basketball team travelled Fertile-Beltrami on Monday night. This was the second contest this season vs. the Falcon ladies. The game was close early in the first half, but the Falcons' hot shooting from the perimeter gradually increased their margin. In the end, the Flyers lost the contest by a final score of 70-38.

The Flyers were led in scoring by Kaci Schultz-Reese who scored 13 points, Camille Merschman added 12 points, Val St. Clair added 9 points, and Liz Anderson added 4 points.

On Thursday, the Flyers played their final home game

of the season, hosting the Fosston Greyhounds. The Flyer JV won their third game of the season. The Flyers kept the game close much of the first half, and went into the locker room trailing by a score of 24-13. The Greyhounds were able to pull away in the second half by scoring 42 points. In the end, the Greyhounds topped the Flyers by a score 66-30. The Flyers were led by Val St. Clair who scored 12 points and Kaci Schultz-Reese who scored 11 points.

The Flyers traveled to Park Rapids on Tuesday for their next contest.



Senior Hunter Syverson sinking a 3-pointer to shorten the Fosston lead over the Flyers.

The Bagley Flyers boys basketball squad enjoyed two wins in three games, topping the Frazee Hornets 53-48 and Mahnomens Indians 80-72, and being edged by the Waubun Bombers 72-68. In the game vs. Mahnomens, the Flyers came back in the second half, scoring 59 of their points.

Leading the charge against Waubun were Ben Anderson with 27 points and Walker Cage with 16. Also adding points were Lucas Culkins with 7, Hunter Syverson 5, Scott Lundsten 2, and Travis Willberg 1.

The Flyers shot 47 percent from the field, sinking 27 of 57 attempted field goals, including 7 of 18 three-

pointers. At the free throw line the Flyers shot 47 percent on 7 of 16 attempts. The statistics showed one other unidentified player sinking 10 points.

Waubun shot 35 percent (26 of 74) including 9 of 20 three-pointers, and shot 55 percent (11 of 20) from the free throw line.

On the boards, Bagley grabbed a total of 32 rebounds, led by Lundsten and Culkins with 8 each and others adding as follows: Anderson 5, Cage and Willberg 3 each, and Syverson 2. Waubun gathered a total of 45 rebounds.

Vs. Mahnomens: Three Flyers tallied 18 points each against Mahnomens: Cage, Syverson and Louis Larson.

Culkins added 14 points Anderson 9, and Willberg 3.

The Flyers shot 44 percent (27 of 61) from the field, including 12 of 26 three-pointers at 46 percent. From the line, Bagley sank 14 of 30 attempts for 47 percent.

Mahnomens shot 37 percent from the field (22 of 59) including 14 percent (2 of 14) three-pointers. At the free throw line the Indians sank 26 of 41 for 63 percent.

In the rebound department Culkins led with 15, followed by Larson 6, Cage 5, Syverson 3, and Anderson and John Conger 1 each. Mahnomens tallied 44 rebounds.

No stats were available yet for the game vs. Frazee.

No ordinary hat . . .
Bantam players
earn right to wear
'The Hat'



By Bagley Hockey Bantams Coach Tim Hamel
"The Hat" is a symbol of honor for the Flyer Bantam hockey players. It represents that the player who wears it has displayed respect, effort, leadership, and has been a good teammate.

The hat is presented after each game to the player who shows all of the qualities mentioned above. Each game after that, the player who

has the hat presents it to the teammate who shows those qualities.

The Hat shows that the player's peers have noticed those attributes -- which can boost confidence and build a solid team foundation.

They have shown that when their number is called, they remember that "It's not what's in it for me, it's what's in me for it!"



Adam Olson

Adam Olson earned The Hat for the Flyers. He suited up in the goalie pads for two games for the Bantams and showed great poise in a position he normally doesn't play. The team appreciated his unselfish act of stepping in when they needed it most. That's a great team ethic to carry into later years. Good job!



Trey Netland

Trey Netland gets to wear The Hat out of another locker room. Every game is a marathon when you are short on the bench, and he shows he can work shift after shift. Trey was first to the puck on a lot of races even late into the game. Puck control leads to scoring opportunities, and it starts with the race. Keep up the pressure on the puck and win your battles!

BHS Sports Calendar

Wednesday, February 17

Athletic Grade Check

Thursday, February 18

Hockey - Section 8A Quarterfinals - TBA

JV/V Girls Basketball @ Pequot Lakes - 5:45 pm/7:15 pm

Friday, February 19

Wrestling - 8AA Individual Championship @ Fergus Falls

Saturday, February 20

Boys Basketball - Pine to Prairie Championship Game - 4 pm @ Win-E-Mac

Girls Basketball - Pine to Prairie Championship Game - 2 pm @ Win-E-Mac

Hockey - Section 8A Semifinals

Wrestling - 8AA Individual Championship @ Fergus Falls

Thursday, February 25

Hockey - Section 8A Finals

Varsity Boys Basketball - Section 8AA Playin @ High Seed

Wrestling - State Tournament

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ON THE LEFT — BILL PRESS
 Host of CNN's 'Crossfire' and former chairman of the Democratic Party in California
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Where Hillary goes from here

It wasn't supposed to work out this way. After the perils of the Iowa caucuses, New Hampshire was supposed to be a safe haven for Hillary Clinton. This is the state that brought her husband back from the political dead in 1992. This is the state that resurrected her own political campaign in an upset win over candidate Barack Obama in 2008.

And New Hampshire's the state where Hillary's previous friends and supporters were supposed to rally behind her once again to crush Bernie Sanders and propel her forward into the upcoming cascade of primaries. Except it didn't work out that way. Bernie Sanders crushed her instead by a stunning 60-38 percent margin, beating her among men and women, young and old. The only two voter groups Hillary won were people over 65 and those making more than \$200,000 per year.

There were several factors behind such a humiliating defeat. Yes, it helped that Bernie comes from neighboring Vermont -- though not nearly as much as the Clinton camp claimed, and only in certain northwestern parts of the state, not in the vote-rich, Massachusetts-oriented south. Clinton was also handicapped by the fact that 44 percent of New Hampshire voters are independent, or "undeclared." By their very nature, they tend to favor the outsider in any race. Plus, 30 percent of Granite State voters were different from 2008: either had come of age or had moved into the state since. Hillary was a stranger to them.

The combination of those factors certainly contributed to Clinton's lopsided loss. But they were far outweighed by the number one factor: Sanders' message resonated with New Hampshire voters, and hers did not. For many, among those both inside and outside the Clinton campaign, that raised the obvious question: How should Hillary adjust as she moves on to more friendly territory in Nevada and South Carolina?

That speculation was fueled by an article by Politico's Glenn Thrush and Annie Karni, forecasting an imminent "shake-up" in the Clinton campaign. Citing 10 sources inside or close to the operation, Thrush and Karni reported that both Hillary and husband Bill were so frustrated by their razor-thin win in Iowa and their failure to connect in New Hampshire that they were determined to make some big staffing changes immediately after the Feb. 9 primary. Clinton immediately denied the rumors, but that only raised the question: If not, why not? Because what they'd been doing so far clearly wasn't working.

As results poured in Tuesday night, former Al Gore campaign manager Donna Brazile was seated alongside me on the set of CNN. Around one o'clock in the morning of February 10, Donna nudged me and pointed to a commentary she'd written on her iPad, titled: "What Clinton Must Do Now." When did you write that," I asked. "While we've been sitting here," she smiled. "I'm always multi-tasking."

So, following my friend Donna's example, I offer my own suggestions on "what Clinton must do now." First: Chill. The odds are still strongly in your favor to become the Democratic Party nominee and the next president. There are still 49 states to go. No time to panic.

Second: Call off the dogs. Stop the daily string of attacks on Bernie Sanders and tell your surrogates, starting with your husband, to do the same. They make you look like just another politician. And, besides, they're just not credible. Two examples. You accuse Bernie of running a "smear" campaign by questioning your independence from Wall Street because you've raised so much money from financial institutions. Yet you accuse him of being in the pocket of the NRA because he voted against the Brady Bill. Both are legitimate questions. Neither is a smear. Drop it.

Or the latest charge, perhaps the silliest of all: That Bernie's actually the one who can't be trusted to tackle Wall Street because he once accepted \$200,000 in campaign funds from the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee. Oh, really? That presumes that every dollar of DSCC money comes from Wall Street firms, which is simply not true. And it invites more scrutiny of the \$21.4 million in campaign contributions you've received directly from hedge funds, banks, insurance companies and other financial services firms, as reported by the Washington Post. Drop it.

Third piece of advice: Be positive. Do what you do best: Talk about your own vision, where you'd like to take this country as president, and how you'll fight for the American people. Instead of saying, "No, we can't," start saying, "Yes, we can." It worked in 2008. It'll work again in 2016.

(Bill Press is host of a nationally-syndicated radio show, the host of "Full Court Press" on Current TV and the author of a new book, "Buyer's Remorse," which is available in bookstores now. You can hear "The Bill Press Show" at his website: billpressshow.com. His email address is: bill@billpress.com. Readers may also follow him on Twitter at @bpressshow.)



Scalia and originalism

Judge Antonin Scalia is dead, though not cold yet.

As we probably should have known, some people are dancing in the streets singing, "Ding dong the witch is dead," while others are howling, "Foul play!"

I think Scalia would have enjoyed the controversy over his death as he enjoyed the controversial issues he grappled with in life. He by all accounts enjoyed the good life and had a robust sense of humor. A trait he shared with friends in the legal profession, both liberal and conservative.

You see, Scalia lived his life by the precept first written in the Jewish scriptures that a man's duty in any issue is first to hear your opponent out. He made a practice when hiring legal interns to include at least one liberal in every batch.

Yet a great many on the left are vociferously happy to see him go. Because Scalia was an originalist. He despised the idea of a "living Constitution."

"The constitution is not an organism. It's a legal text," Scalia said at a talk at Princeton University. "It means today what it meant when it was adopted."

Scalia opposed the idea of the judiciary deciding issues that he thought ought to be settled legislatively. For example that the court cannot rule the death penalty unconstitutional because the judges think it ought to be. His position was that if the Constitution

doesn't require abolishing it, it must be sent to the American people to be abolished in the legislature.

This is anathema to those who demand injustice be remedied *right now*.

Scalia knew what seekers of justice with a capital "J" lose sight of, that how a thing is done in a free society is at least as important as what is done.

And this is why I think originalism is important, and why I fear the vacancy in the Supreme Court left by Scalia. Because the left hates originalism, and the right often doesn't understand it.

Why should we cling to legal precepts enshrined in a document written by men who could not possibly have foreseen the technology of today? When the First Amendment was adopted no one could have imagined the Internet, they barely understood there was such a thing as electricity!

For an originalist, there is a process by which the courts can adapt established law to new circumstances, but without inventing new law and imposing it by judicial fiat. And in extreme there is a process by which the Constitution can be amended.

Surprisingly for me, Scalia thought the process of amending the Constitution should be made easier.

There is something conservatives didn't always like about Scalia, his respect for *stare*

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decisis, a fancy Latin word for precedent. Even when he thought an issue had been wrongly decided in the past, it is not a good idea to attempt to turn back the clock and undo long established precedent without dire necessity.

This is why I think it is important to have originalists on the bench. A common trait of extremists from the totalitarian left to the libertarian right is a burning desire for perfect justice.

There is no such thing this side of the grave. Since the time of Socrates philosophers have been trying to come up with a definition of justice, without getting any closer to universal agreement.

Beyond a certain minimum, it is more important that the law be consistent than it make perfect sense or be perfectly just. There are any number of inconveniences and stupidities we can put up with in our system -- if we know what to expect from day to day.

To make plans and investments, to establish careers, we must know that the rules we play by are not going to change capriciously. When laws and regulations are in a state of constant flux, we defer planning and hoard our resources rather than investing them productively.

This is not to say nothing should ever change. It means we have an established and reliable means of adapting to change, according to law and not the passing whims of men.

When is it too cold for our school children to play outside?

To the editor:
 My 11-year-old daughter came home from elementary school so cold the other day she was almost in tears. She said she got so cold because she was made to play outside when it was only 3 degrees, and her legs have not warmed up yet (she does have all the proper snow gear).

I sent a note asking if the school could keep her in when it was so cold.

Instead of honoring my note, I got a call from the principal saying that it is school policy that the kids play outside until it is colder than 10 degrees below zero. It is not for me, the parent, to decide. I guess the school knows when it is too cold for my child -- not me! I explained that I think that is too cold and she is very skinny and that might have a factor on why she gets so cold.

He said that it is up to the school board and we would have to have the policy changed. The fact that they would not honor my note made me angry! If she has a health condition like asthma she can get a doctor's note to stay in when it is 0 degrees or lower. She does not have asthma.

After some time of me not letting up on the issue, he said if I amended her note to say that the health issues she has been having could be a factor and we will have more info when her tests from the hospital come in, she can stay in until it is 0 degrees

or warmer -- if you can call that warmer, but would need further information from the doctor for long-term inside recess when it was cold.

Meanwhile, what about the other kids? I was told by a former paraprofessional that the kids will huddle together by the door just shivering and trying to stay out of the wind and some of the paras will make them move and tell them they have to go play.

I looked up some weather guidelines for children that tell us what temperature is dangerous for our children to go outside. It basically says that temperatures lower than 10 degrees above zero are dangerous for children to be outside.

According to these weather guidelines for children developed by the Iowa Department of Public Health, at temperatures below 20 degrees with a wind speed of 10 mph, the wind chill factor is 9 degrees. According to this chart, any wind chill factor below 9 degrees above zero is in the "danger zone." On this chart, minus 10 degrees with a wind of 5 mph carries a "significant risk of frostbite." With a wind speed of 10 mph the wind chill factor is minus 28 degrees and "frostbite is likely."

On behalf of all the shivering children, including mine, I think the policy should be changed to 10 degrees above 0, as the guideline states.

Gina Pierce
 Bagley

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 Conservative writer
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Bernie and Hillary's America

Watching last Thursday's debate between Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders one might have thought a Republican had been in the White House for nearly eight years.

Hearing their complaints about the economy (bad), discrimination (rampant), health care (too many without it), unemployment (too many not working, or working at low-paying jobs), it appeared hope had died and change is all we have left in our pockets.

To hear these two ultra-liberals tell it, we are a horrible, miserable, evil nation. We are bigots, we are greedy because we won't surrender more of our income to the government gods, we hate anyone who isn't white, male and heterosexual, and we want to deport everyone who isn't a Christian.

I wouldn't want to live in a country like that, would you? But that is not who we are. It is only who Democrats think we are.

Hillary Clinton hasn't yet released transcripts of speeches she gave to Wall Street bankers and hedge fund managers. When asked why not, she reverted to familiar Clinton obfuscation, promising to "look into it."

In fact, Laura Myers, of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, writes that, according to Clinton's standard speaking contract, she "... won't allow any press coverage or video- or audio-taping..." of her speeches, for which she charges six figures. McClatchy DC adds that the former secretary of state "routinely demanded that a stenographer be present at her events so she could maintain a record of what she said." So we know the transcripts exist. Want to bet they're never released? Look how long and how many lawsuits it took to pry her emails from the State Department. And we still haven't seen them all.

She didn't ask for those big speaking fees, she said. They just gave the money to her. Why would anyone expect those generous Wall Street brokers and hedge fund managers to ever ask for anything in return? How dare you!

During this and in previous Democratic debates, we heard nothing about what you can do to make your life better. It is all about government. Clinton and Sanders would never qualify for membership in the Optimist club. There is a steady stream of gloom, doom and pessimism. America's best days are behind us and they weren't so good after all. Slavery, racism and denial of women's rights ... the list goes on.

In Bernie Sanders' America no one will ever have to work again. College will be "free," as will health care. The "rich" will pay for it all. Never mind that taking away their incentive to work and make a profit will reduce the amount of money they make and the government can take. Bernie will just borrow it from others and America will become like Greece. Socialism seems nothing more than mutually shared poverty. Adopt it, and we will all be equally poor.

At last Thursday's National Prayer Breakfast, Mark Burnett, president of MGM Television and Digital Group, and his actress-wife and co-producer Roma Downey, told stories about immigrating to America -- he from England and she from Northern Ireland. Burnett, fresh from service in the British Army, took a job as a chauffeur and part-time nanny in Los Angeles. Downey's first job was checking coats at a fancy New York restaurant where she said she could not afford to eat.

Burnett can now see the house where he once worked from his office window in Beverly Hills. He and Downey are producing biblical and family-friendly television programs. They own a home in Malibu.

These are the kinds of success stories we used to tell and examples we used to urge Americans to follow. No matter one's present circumstances, you could make it in America. Success stories aren't in the Democratic playbook. For Democrats, the only way to improve your life is for you to rely on government led by Democrats. Those who make it on their own it seems are punished by higher taxes and more regulations.

"The sun will come out tomorrow," sings an optimistic Annie in the Broadway musical. For Hillary and Bernie, it's a "hard knock life" and it's always Midnight in America.

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com.)

Going against the groundhog

Letter to the Editor:

Well, February 2 has come and gone and I bet you didn't remember it was Groundhog's Day. It's not an important date in the big scheme of things, but I find it kind of interesting, especially this year.

Punxsutawney Phil crawled out of his hibernation at Gobbler's Notch and he did see his shadow. That generally means there will be six more weeks of winter but now there are several cities that celebrate Groundhog Day and they can't seem to agree whether or not he saw his shadow, hence, not knowing if spring is on its way or six more weeks of winter.

Well, I can tell you one thing. We had 29.5 inches of snow on the weekend of Jan. 23-26. Today it is snowing again, so I have a feeling that we are stuck in a winter pattern. But we are a tough bunch out here and are adapting quite nicely to this white mess that ties things up for days.

Kathryn Gordon Graf
 Arnold, Maryland

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Snowplow training/Continued from page 1



Members of the Clearwater County road crew pay attention before operating the simulator (in background). Supervisor Joel Stenseng said they were tested in various areas. First, it measured reaction time; then it measured how a driver reacted to split second instructions and maneuvered around obstacles; it brought drivers into a scene where they reacted after cars on the left or right pulled out; and it brought drivers through a town with obstacles to operate around. "Everybody did real well," said Stenseng. It was very good training for the guys." Attending from the Clearwater County Highway Department were Kevin and Jeff Sunderland, Chad Netland, Jerry Titera, Joel Stenseng and Trent Prestemon.

driver may rarely encounter in the real world. This prepares the snowplow driver to handle potentially dangerous situations without being involved in an actual accident. The training, which is tailored to local agencies, consists of a four-hour class divided into three parts: a PowerPoint presentation, a self-paced computer-based training, and simulator driving performance.

Training Benefits

Snowplow and safety simulator training provides a safe environment in which students can experience hazardous weather conditions, varied road conditions, heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and difficult maneuvering. The simulator also provides training in an off-the-road setting, which reduces insurance, training, and fuel costs; fleet maintenance; liability exposure; and vehicle damage. Other benefits include:

- Ability to evaluate performance after each simulation;
- Decision-making skills

are challenged in a safe environment;

- Ability to practice maneuvers repeatedly until mastered;
- Training is standardized, so each attendee can learn the same techniques in a controlled environment.

Success of the simulator training has been proven by studies done by the Ohio and Iowa Departments of Transportation, Iowa State University, and the San Antonio, Texas, and West Covina, Calif., police departments. A study done by the University of Utah found that simulator training significantly reduced the severity and number of accidents.

Star-Tribune reporter Tim Harlow wrote in a Jan. 26 report, "Looking kind of like a video game on steroids, the simulator replicates conditions plow drivers are likely to encounter while cleaning the streets — everything from light snow to a pounding blizzard with common hazards such as cross traffic, pedestrians,

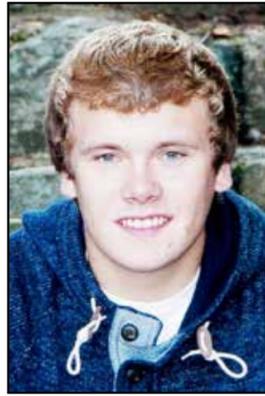
road signs and low clearances mixed in.

"The simulator controlled by five computers and featuring four 55-inch monitors is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. MnDOT spent \$670,000 and hired Doron Precision, a New York firm that got its start by developing flight simulators for pilots, to create the vivid graphics that accompany each scenario. Steering wheels and controls that drivers use to operate the plows and blades while in the simulator are identical to those on MnDOT's 30,000-pound orange trucks."

Sponsors

The Bemidji workshop was presented by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and hosted by the Minnesota Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) at the Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota. Minnesota LTAP is sponsored by the Minnesota Local Road Research Board (LRRB) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Bagley High School honors Student Athletes of the Week



Ben Anderson



McKaila Coyle



Jarret Merschman



Lamarco Pemberton



Abby Stevens



Cheyanne Swenson

(Feb. 3) -- Bagley High School has recognized six student athletes for their dedication and efforts on behalf of their respective teams.

Ben Anderson (Sr., boys basketball): Ben is an outstanding leader and player for the varsity boys basketball team. He is like a coach on the floor. Ben has been a key contributor to the boys basketball team's success this season. Ben is also very involved in school activities and works very hard in the classroom.

McKaila Coyle (Jr., girls basketball): McKaila has improved her shooting form tremendously over the past two seasons. She works hard in both practices and games. Additionally, she easily learns and retains knowledge of

both offensive and defensive schemes. She is a very positive peer for her other teammates both in and out of basketball.

Cheyanne Swenson (7th grade, girls basketball): Cheyanne has worked very hard to improve her basketball skills this season. She was recently voted as one of the Most Improved Players on the team. Cheyanne had her best game of the year during the final game of the season against Clearbrook-Gonvick. Cheyanne is extremely positive and is a great teammate.

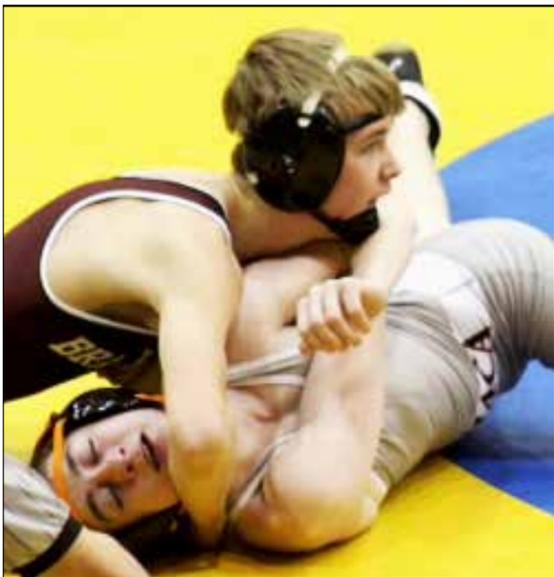
Jarret Merschman (So., hockey): Jarret has improved greatly over the course of the season and is one of the hardest workers on the team. He doesn't always get rewarded for his play

offensively, but defensively he is one of the players that the team can count on.

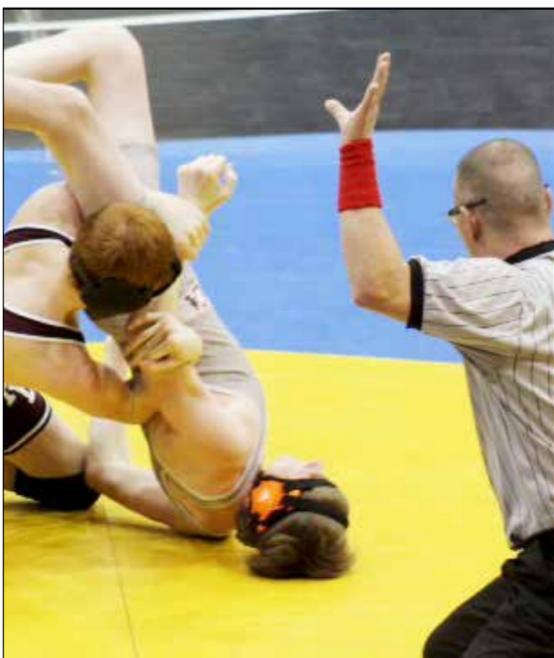
Abby Stevens (7th grade, girls basketball): Abby works very hard every day to improve her basketball skills, both in practices and games. She pays attention to the little details of the game. Abby is also an excellent role model for younger players. Abby has volunteered to help with the elementary basketball program. Abby is an outstanding teammate.

Lamarco Pemberton (So., boys basketball): Lamarco has had a great season as a member of the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams. Lamarco is one of the leaders of the junior varsity team and has played a major role in the team's success.

Brawlers work for pin, points



Brawler Brayden Sorenson gets back points in his match versus Ben Travis of MAHACA. Sorenson went on to win the match by the score of 9-2. This Friday and Saturday, the Brawlers travel to Fergus Falls for the Section 8AA Individual Tournament. Opening round begins at 3 p.m. Friday.



Brawler Henry Burrack works a tilt versus Gideon Joos of MAHACA. Burrack pinned Joos in 0:40 during the Brawler loss to MAHACA this past Saturday at the Team Section Tournament in Thief River Falls by score of 44-25.

Commentary

Environmental squeezing, Viking funerals and education's failure

Don't squeeze out people

Heard at the environmental listening session at the D&R Café on Feb. 3: An unidentified man was talking about who decides what is best for managing natural resources. "I want experts to decide, not politicians," he said.

Later, Rep. Green commented, "Experts, who are they?" He said it is all great and wonderful to take care of our natural resources, but he added, "People are part of this world, too!" He would like to see protections come "without squeezing out the people."

An old-timer at the hearing told me that carbon dioxide's value to the environment is something most learned (and maybe forgot) in seventh-grade earth science class. Carbon dioxide is necessary for photosynthesis in which plants absorb carbon dioxide and water and then sunlight provides the energy to convert the carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates. Photosynthesis maintains atmospheric oxygen levels and supplies all of the organic compounds and most of the energy necessary for life on Earth. (More on this topic is available in Jr. high science texts and on the internet.)

Another visitor to my office noted about the hysterical cries of ocean levels rising as floating ice melts. He noted that 90 percent of floating ice is underwater, and ice expands about 12 percent of its original volume. So, when ice melts, its overall volume decreases by 2 percent. Where is the rise in sea levels from this?

He further noted, ice on land would have to be tremendously large in volume to raise all the world's sea levels by even an inch!

Viking funerals

For the Norse descendant who wants to cling to the traditions of the old country, there's an outfit in Alaska that now provides Viking funerals. According to a news

Bits & Pieces Compiled by Tom Burford, editor

release they issued recently in Minnesota (home of many would-be Vikings and Viking fans), the deceased's ashes are placed in a scaled down replica of a Viking ship and then the ship is burned (but not over water). The ceremony includes burial in a cemetery at the site overlooking an Alaskan fjord. You "Sons of Norway" can look it up on the internet at www.AlaskaEternalRest.com.

Education's failure

University of Oklahoma Prof. David Deming wrote in The Oklahoman on Jan. 30: It's disheartening that an avowed socialist is a viable candidate for president of the United States. Socialism is a dead end. For hundreds of years, it has failed everywhere it's been adopted. The enthusiasm of our youth for the candidacy of Bernie Sanders is a symptom of our failure to educate them, not only in history, government and economics, but also basic morality.

"You don't have to be a student of ancient history to know socialism doesn't work. The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 was an unequivocal demonstration of the moral and economic superiority of capitalism. The misery caused by socialism is unfolding today in Venezuela. Since Venezuela embraced socialism in 1999, poverty, crime and corruption have all increased. Grocery shelves are empty and the annual inflation rate is estimated to be as high as 200 percent....

"There are no property rights under socialism. Goods and services are distributed by force through political means. Everything you possess is subject to confiscation and redistribution. Industrious and productive people are

punished; parasites are rewarded. When people come to believe they have a right to goods and services produced by other people, society disintegrates into squabbling factions. If socialism is allowed to progress to its logical extreme, it culminates in a military dictatorship like North Korea....

"Socialism isn't so much a legitimate economic system as it is a moral failing. It will always exist because ignorant people will always want something for nothing. If we want to retain our freedom and prosperity, then we must educate our children that the purpose of government is to secure liberty, not provide free lunches.

Deming (ddeming@ou.edu) is a professor of arts and sciences at the University of Oklahoma.

Oil tax, anyone?

Marita Noon, Executive Director of the Citizens Alliance for Responsible Energy, said, "President Obama says his 2017 budget reflects his 'priorities.' In case there was ever any question, it does make his energy positions perfectly clear. Once again, in proposing an outrageous \$10 a barrel tax on oil and making the tax credits for wind and solar permanent, he's shown that his priorities are more expensive energy, which would take away one of America's competitive advantages provided by cheap energy.

"Increasing the cost of transportation fuels and electricity hurts consumers and our ability to make and sell goods. Hopefully, the next president will understand the important role energy plays in making America great."

Why do people steer clear of politics?

To the editor:

What are some of the influences that steer people away from the political arena? One is the bias of the mainstream media. Another is the ability of a suggestion or rumor to be taken for fact without any proof. Yet another is the power that drives some politicians.

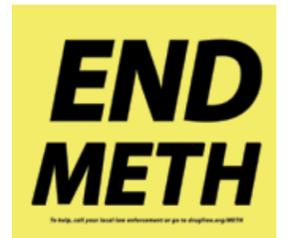
This makes it difficult if not impossible for the grassroots individual to separate fact from fiction. We then try to separate campaign promises from action taken by those we elect. And, unfortunately in most cases, the action of the elected official, no matter which party, becomes something that is contrary to their campaign promises and is spun into that which is needed to accomplish unity or needed to keep the government running.

So principles get

compromised to get along in the bi-partisan arena.

We are never going to agree in every area, but it is important that we do not compromise our basic principles. It becomes unfortunate that so much legislation is put forth by the staff people, rather than actually being written by the elected legislator, and that so much is put into one bill that there are items in it that everyone is in favor of, so it gets support from the majority.

LeRoy Sundbom
Clearbrook



An historic political moment

To the editor:

We are at a truly pivotal point in our national political system, prior to election 2016. Who could have envisioned this a short while ago? There has not been a moment like this since the *Great Depression*. Not the most recent, but the real one great-gramps suffered. The real one, where the boys on Wall Street jumped out the windows without a golden parachute. Gramps said they sure weren't covered in green after those leaps.

Afterwards gramps said times were bad for a long time. By bad he meant things like no food, shelter, heat, medical care. It kind of puts a new perspective on the present day definition of bad.

Then WWII happened. America truly shined in the ensuing years and all Americans helped put an end to some truly evil people. After the war things steadily improved for all Americans. We sailed right along, trusting the Washington navigators to

take us to the promised land.

Horrors, now in 2016 we find ourselves on a guano (that's bat dung) covered isle called Washington, D.C. (district of crap).

Forgive me for my digression, we were talking about an historic political moment. The 2016 Primary is by any definition that moment. They said 2008 was historic, but it doesn't hold a candle to this one. It was actually business as usual, the only difference the color of one contender. Black or White, the corruption reeked Right and Left.

Bear with me, this is going somewhere interesting and historic.

Let's do a fun experiment: 1) Turn off your TV, computer, cellphone, smartphone, radio, and throw that partisan printed crap in the garbage. Try to stretch it for a couple days. Don't worry, you have all the info you need stuffed into your bean. Probably way more than you need.

Now picture Bernie "The

Truth" Sanders and Donny "The Great" Trump as the candidates for President of the United States. If that's not historic, nothing is. Both have been more or less rejected by their party of choice. And the closer it gets to reality the louder the pigs at the trough are squealing. They finally agree on one thing: you don't want to stir the septic tank, unless you plan to pump it.

Now comes the hard part. Kick back and ruminate, vegetate, and individuate (I made that one up). Picture it as Election Day 2016; you're at your precinct; time to make that historic decision. Don't worry, you have all the info you need to make the right decision. The last two days have probably cleared your mind from some of the blizzard of BS.

In *Your Best Interest* you can now make an *Intelligent Choice*. Who do you vote for?

Robert Greener

Leonard

Supreme Court appointments and the Constitution

To the editor:

Why do the supposed defenders of the Constitution — Republican office holders and seekers, conservative commentators and talking heads — so often get it so very wrong? The passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia gave them yet another opportunity display how they — as Harry Truman used to say — play fast and loose with the Constitution.

Plebiscite requirement? Both Mitch McConnell and John Kasich, once and former legislators, would have the nomination wait for the 2016 election to "allow the public to have a unique role in choosing (Scalia's) successor," a sort of direct vote. These who have served in the legislature should know that our constitution establishes a *representative* democracy, where legislators and executives are elected to make decisions for the people. Plebiscite requirement? An unconstitutional addition.

Ideological continuity? Jeb Bush would add ideological continuity to the requirements, that only an arch conservative should follow Scalia. Ironically, it was his father, George H.W. Bush, who nominated a very conservative soulmate to Scalia, Clarence Thomas, to follow the liberal civil rights lawyer, Thurgood Marshall. Jeb claims to have learned much from his father, but apparently not that there is no ideological continuity requirement in the Constitution.

Out of the mainstream? Ben Carson and others constantly claim they know the will of the American people. These candidates have spent so much time among the radical right they might think they are swimming in the mainstream. Even if they were correct — which they are not — some ideological litmus test would be extra-constitutional.

Unpopular president? Lame duck president? In spite of Republican claims, President

Obama's Gallup approval rating pattern has stayed remarkably constant (about an even split since 2009). Some presidents have sunk far lower (Nixon and G.W. Bush, for example). We do not live in a parliamentary democracy, where a vote of no confidence can prematurely end an executive's term in office. In our system, the president is given a full term by the voters, and his or her constitutional powers are not diminished by low approval ratings. Nor does the lateness of the term decrease the things a president can do.

Precedent? The Republicans are now citing a "sense of the Senate" resolution from 1960 that the president "should not make *recess* appointments to the Supreme Court" when Congress is not in session. First of all, such a resolution has no force of law. Republicans have tried to make hay out of this by dropping the modifier "recess" out of their quotations. A recess appointment is an antiquated constitutional provision made necessary by the extended travel times to the capitol from New England and Southern states in the 18th Century. All American presidents beginning with George Washington have used recess appointments. American presidential icon Dwight Eisenhower used recess appointments three times for Supreme Court justices, one just one week before the 1956 election. So can President Obama, with almost a year to go in his term.

Advice and consent of the Senate? Nominations either by recess or regular appointments eventually have to be confirmed by the Senate. Since the Clinton Administration, Senate Republicans have abused this power to hold up or defeat all sorts of presidential appointments — treaties, cabinet officers, federal judges, etc. They have turned this wise separation of powers

provision in our Constitution into an instrument of obstructionism. The proof is in their words. Donald Trump calls for "delay, delay, delay." Ted Cruz promises to filibuster *any* Obama nominee regardless of qualifications. And that is obstructionism in any sense of the term.

What does the Constitution say on this matter? Article II, Section 2, Clause 2: "The President ... shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court..."

That's it. The key word here is "shall." The Framers knew the meaning of the words they used when they wrote the Constitution. As they knew, *shall* "indicates an order, a command. It is often used in writing laws."

So did Jehovah: "Thou shall not kill." He did not mean "should not kill" or "ought not to kill." He did not inscribe on those tablets the Ten Guidelines.

Any President and Senate are commanded by the Constitution to appoint Supreme Court justices. And in a timely manner. When my commanding officer in the Navy gave me an order, it was to be carried out "with all deliberate speed." In its wording, the Constitution expects the same of officials elected under it.

Not one of the provisions suggested by Republicans is found in the Constitution. It is more than ironic that the very officials claiming to defend the original meaning of that document now want to add all this political clutter onto it. These political spinmeisters and taletellers might want to remember the wisdom of King Solomon in Proverbs 6:19. Among those things the Lord especially hates are, "A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Peter Hovde
Bagley

County Democrats to caucus in Clearbrook on March 1

Clearwater County Democrats will gather on Tuesday, March 1, in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School commons area to participate in a preferential ballot, elect new precinct chairs, and select delegates for the upcoming conventions. Caucus attendees may also introduce resolutions to debate for possible inclusion into the Minnesota DFL Party's platform.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the caucuses will convene at 7 p.m. (All county precincts will meet at the school.) The Clearwater County DFL Convention will follow two weeks later on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m., also in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School commons

area.

The Senate District 2 Endorsing Convention will be held Saturday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center in Ogema. The State DFL Convention will be held on June 4 at Orchestra Hall in downtown Minneapolis.

These meetings are a great way to get involved in the democratic process and make your voice heard — even if you've never attended before. In order to qualify to vote in your precinct's caucus, you must be eligible to vote in the November election, live in the precinct, and be in general agreement with the principles of the DFL Party.

Have a scheduling conflict on caucus night? Minnesota Statutes Section 202A.19

permits Minnesota residents to take time off from work without pay to attend precinct caucuses, provided they give their employer written notice at least 10 days in advance. State universities, community colleges, and public schools may not hold classes or events after 6 p.m. on the evening of precinct caucuses. State agencies, school boards, county boards, township boards, city councils and all other political subdivisions may not conduct meetings after 6 p.m. on caucus night.

If you have any questions or need a ride to the caucuses, please call Clearwater County DFL Chair Pat Ward at 785-2201 or Becky Colebank, Clearwater County DFL Secretary at 968-2268.

Pastors should encourage church members to vote

To the editor:

In that you are in a unique and responsible position to ensure that people exercise their God-given right to vote, I am reaching out to you in order that you may participate in keeping our country the God-loving country that it was designed to be.

The Bible teaches us the importance of personal responsibility and says that you must be concerned for the welfare of your neighbor. In fact, Christians are commanded to be "salt and light of the world." At the very least in a free country I feel that means being a responsible informed voter.

Facts are stubborn and often embarrassing things. According to the Pew Research Center in 2000, 24 million of the nation's 59 million evangelicals who were qualified to vote were not registered. Of the 35 million who were registered, only 15 million actually cast their ballots. This is shameful!

Polls tell us that people of faith are more satisfied with their lives than the population as a whole. It is unfortunate but true. Complacency leads to apathy.

Clearly, the founding fathers intended and expected Christians to participate in, as well as lead in the political process.

John Jay, First Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court said: "Providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as privilege of a Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Thomas Jefferson, our third President, spoke of our right to speak into the political process when he said: "Should things go

wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights."

Truly feel that churches and pastors have First Amendment and statutory rights to speak out on the moral issues of the day, even if those moral positions mention or touch upon a political campaign or candidate. Simply becoming a pastor does not mean you give up your free speech rights under the First Amendment.

Indeed, there are clear First Amendment rights for Christians to share information with one another on issues of public policy. Although a church's status under current tax law, does limit the amount of political activity in which it may engage, it does not prohibit a church from encouraging citizenship, including voter registration and voter turnout.

As long as the church is neutral and is not conducting on behalf of any candidate of a political party they are not only permitted, but encouraged to engage in voter registration as well as encouraging their people to vote.

A church may actually do the following:

- Conduct non-partisan voter registration drives
- Distribute non-partisan voter education materials, such as Christian Coalition voter guides and scorecards, Right to Life and Family Council voter guides.
- Host candidate or issue forums where all viable candidates are invited and allowed to speak.
- Allow candidates and elected officials to speak at church services.
- Educate members about pending legislation.
- Lobby for legislation

Unfounded fears vs. historical facts

To the editor:

After the environmental listening session sponsored by three legislators in Bagley on Feb. 3, I have completed a bit of research inspired by the unidentified NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) fellow from Park Rapids. He was very critical of Enbridge Energy for following established practices of putting in a pipeline.

The record of pipeline companies in Minnesota is stellar when you consider that 65,000 miles of pipelines are presently in use, crossing rivers and lakes along the way.

Consider all the jobs (paychecks) and taxes (to the state and counties and school districts) the pipeline companies pay — a real benefit to families and communities. The Sandpiper pipeline is estimated to bring 1,500 to 2,500 jobs (1,500 for Minnesota) and taxes of \$25 million.

Historically, any problems that have developed on any pipelines have been resolved professionally, quickly, and with no permanent damage to

the environment.

If the Park Rapids group is so concerned about oil in their lakes and streams, perhaps they should outlaw all the gas-fueled motors on their lakes. After all, one broken lower unit on a boat motor will spill more oil than they will ever see on a pipeline. Mandate only electric motors and see what happens to your tourism dollars.

Meanwhile, 95 percent of landowners along the Sandpiper route have signed easements allowing the pipeline to cross their property, with the promise of the rest signing once the pipeline gets all its permits.

I reside right by a pipeline and have only seen the great care given to the landowner.

If people would consider that the anti-everything organizations are negatively impacting the public good, perhaps they would learn to ignore or oppose their hysterical arguments which are based primarily upon unfounded fears.

Terry Maddy
Shevlin

Deadline Feb 26 to submit CRP offers for competitive enrollment

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is reminding farmers and ranchers that the competitive sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is Feb. 26. This will be one of the most competitive general sign-up periods in history, in part due a statutory limit on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the program. The most competitive applications will be those that combine multiple conservation benefits, such as water quality and wildlife habitat.

For the past 30 years, CRP has provided financial incentives to farmers and ranchers to remove environmentally sensitive agricultural land from production to be planted with certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Since 1985, CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road; prevented 9 billion tons of soil from erosion,

enough to fill 600 million dump trucks; and reduced nitrogen and phosphorus runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively. CRP also protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough to go around the world seven times. The program has allowed for the restoration of 2.7 million acres of wetland.

In 2015, a record number of continuous CRP acres were enrolled, totaling over 830,000 acres. These high-value acres provide multiple benefits on the same land including water quality, wildlife, carbon sequestration and others. For example, the acres dedicated to pollinators have almost tripled to over 190,000 acres and support the National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators.

For more information on Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

and spend no more than an insubstantial amount of their budget (5 percent is considered safe) on direct lobbying activities.

What churches may not do:

- Endorse candidates directly or indirectly from the pulpit on behalf of the church.
- Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees.
- Distribute materials that clearly favor any one candidate or political party.
- Pay fees for partisan political events from church funds.
- Allow candidates to solicit funds while speaking in a church.
- Set up a political committee that would contribute funds to political candidates.

What pastors may do:

- Endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens. A pastor does not lose his right to free speech as he is an employee of a church.
- Participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church.
- Lobby for legislation in their private capacity.

What pastors may not do:

- Endorse candidates directly or indirectly from the pulpit on behalf of the church.
- In closing, Calvin Coolidge, our 13th President, said: "If the people fail to vote, a government will be developed which is not their government. The whole system of American government rests on the ballot box. Unless citizens perform their duties, such a system of government is doomed for failure."

Kevin G. Maddy
Clearbrook

Supreme Court halts Obama's Clean Power Plan

To the editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Supreme Court halted the enforcement of President Obama's Clean Power Plan in a 5-4 decision until legal challenges have been resolved. To date, 27 states have filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the proposal, citing federal government overreach, skyrocketing rates for consumers and high costs of implementation as serious concerns. In addition, Minnesotans have expressed concerns about the plan's negative impact on industry jobs and electrical system reliability.

House Republicans asked Attorney General Lori Swanson to add Minnesota to the coalition of states who filed suit against the EPA in October, but she did not move forward on behalf of the state. Utilities, including some serving Minnesota, have filed separate lawsuits against the EPA as well.

The Supreme Court halting President Obama's Clean Power Plan is great news for folks in our state, and the families, businesses and communities that will see skyrocketing energy prices if this new rule is implemented. This plan was crafted by non-elected government officials in the EPA, and with more than half of states suing the federal government, it's clear how devastating this expensive and overreaching new rule would be for citizens. By pausing the implementation of Obama's Clean Power Plan, taxpayers and state governments are protected from wasting money on expensive new mandates that could soon be overturned.

Minnesota is already a leader when it comes to protecting our natural resources, and this significantly expanded scope of federal power under EPA rulemaking would undermine our state's regulatory authority, as well as impact the availability of affordable energy for consumers.

State Rep. Dan Fabian
R-Dist. 1A
Roseau, Minn.

Turning Back the PAGES

2010: Over 300 people came to see the crowning of the Grand Lady of Clearbrook and Miss Clearbrook 2010 in preparation for the town's upcoming Centennial Celebration in late June 2010.

Nine women vied for the title of Grand Lady of Clearbrook. They were Betty Johnson, Betty Langseth, Charlotte Stoker, Harriet Holm, Harriet Tweitbakk, Muriel Halvorson, Norma Olson, Phyllis Engen and Sybil Bergman.

Six candidates vied for the title of Miss Clearbrook: Veronica Knutson, Ashley Hoffman, Brandi Sather, Calli Westrum, Kate Aaker and Kayla Nyegaard.

Grand Lady of Clearbrook Centennial 2010 is Norma Olson with her number one escort, husband Ted Olson.

Miss Clearbrook is Kayla Nyegaard. She was pictured with judge Vanessa who is a cheerleader for the Minnesota Vikings.

Following the ceremony the audience was invited to enjoy a treat of cake and punch served by volunteers.

2006: The father and son team of Leonard and Lyle Lewis took top honors in the fishing contest on Lake Lomond. Lyle took first with a 2 lb. 7 oz. northern, while father, Leonard, took second with a 2 lb. 6 oz. bass. He also landed a 2 lb. bass that threatened third place until a larger fish was captured. Their fish were worth \$100 and \$75 in cash and merchandise.

Willie Larson, age 73, of Bagley, won the honor of being the oldest angler on the ice, and Marge Swenson of Bagley was the lucky one to win the grand prize drawing of \$200. We can't forget to mention

the third place winner was Dave Anderson of Bagley, who landed a 2 lb. 3 oz. northern.

Professor Walley von Bluegill sends his apologies for not making the journey. The weather was severely cold, the octogenarian felt the temperatures would be too penetrating for his old bones, finding out the conditions were not as bad as predicted, except for the wind chill factor.

1991: Harvey and Marilyn Erie have been chosen as this year's Honored Dairy Couple by the Clearwater County Extension office.

The Eries live in Gonvick on the farm that was once owned by Harvey's family. Mrs. Erie is the former Marilyn Halvorson of Bagley. She, too, grew up on a dairy farm. So you can see that dairy farming has indeed been a lifetime occupation for the couple.

The Eries have been married for 35 years. They have three sons, David, 34, Douglas, 31, Mark, 27, and a daughter Dawn, who is a senior at Clearbrook High School. The Eries milk 62 head of cattle, an average of 50 of those year round. Harvey found that Holsteins produce more milk, so the switch to that breed is gradually being made. (About one-half of the herd consists of Shorthorns, while the other half are grade Holsteins.)

They ship about 4,500 pounds of milk out every other day on the AMPI truck. The Eries will be among the honored guests at a banquet held during the Red River Valley Winter Shows on Feb. 15. Congratulations!

1966: Recently married. Wedding vows were exchanged on Jan 14, 1966, by Mary Jane Courtney and Everett Sorensen at the home of Rev. G.F. Guldborg at Lengby. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hammer; the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Sorensen, all of Bagley.

Mrs. Wally Matson was Matron of Honor. Best Man was Ronnie Bestul. A reception was held at the Legion Hall in Bagley. Mrs. Robert Stenseng of Clearbrook baked the wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen are

making their home in Bagley.

Your new JEEP dealer invites you to stop in and drive the "Unstoppables;" Jeep Wagoneer station wagon; Jeep Gladiator truck; and the Jeep Universal and Tuxedo Park Mark IV. Kenny's Sales and Service, Bagley

1949: According to an announcement in this issue, the Aune Motor Co. of Bagley has been appointed the Hudson car distributor for Bagley. The agency amendment was made by the Amundsen Oil Co. of Bemidji, Hudson distributors.

A bit of action took place in the Bagley-Clearbrook game last Friday at the local gym. Stoker, Clearbrook ace, is shown going up to bat the ball out in one of Arlie Larson's under-the-basket shots. No. 50, Josephson, waits for possible rebound, along with Johnson of Clearbrook; Balk (54) Bagley, Klongerbo (22) Clearbrook, Moen, and Lillegaard. Bagley won the game, 44-42.

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1937: John Ricke, well known Nora Township farmer, passed away at the Bagley hospital early Monday morning after a very brief illness. His death was a shock and surprise to his family and the community. He became suddenly sick Sunday morning at 4 a.m. and was taken to the hospital as soon as possible, but died the following morning.

At the request of Coroner P. C. Bjorneby and County Attorney O. E. Lewis, Dr. L. J. Larson performed a post mortem examination, and death was found to be solely the result of an infected thyroid gland.

Mr. Ricke was born in Rice County, near Faribault, Minn.

In 1908 he came to Clearwater County and homesteaded a farm six miles south of Bagley. In 1913 he was united in marriage to Clara Severson.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

2016 Tax Filing

Requirements for Retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
What is the IRS income tax filing requirements going to be for this tax season? Due to health problems I stopped working early last year, so I'm wondering if I need to file.

Unintended Retiree

Dear Unintended,

There are a number of factors that affect whether or not you need to file a federal income tax return this year including how much you earned last year (in 2015), and the source of that income, as well as your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS filing requirements. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2015 gross income - which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately - was below the threshold for your age and filing status, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

• **Single:** \$10,300 (\$11,850

if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2016).

• **Married filing jointly:** \$20,600 (\$21,850 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$23,100 if you're both over 65).

• **Married filing separately:** \$4,000 at any age.

• **Head of household:** \$13,250 (\$14,800 if age 65 or older).

• **Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child:** \$16,600 (\$17,850 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554), or see irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Special Requirements

There are, however, some other financial situations that will require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had earnings from self-employment in 2015 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine

if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund.

You can access this tool at irs.gov/filing - click on "Do you need to file a return?" Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See irs.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax Prep Assistance

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit 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

After my mother died, her best friend told me that they were so close that they could sit together in a room for an hour and neither felt she had to say a word. Here's a fine poem by Dorianne Laux, about that kind of silence. Her most recent book is *The Book of Men* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2012) and she lives in North Carolina.

Enough Music

Sometimes, when we're on a long drive,
 And we've talked enough and listened
 To enough music and stopped twice,
 Once to eat, once to see the view,
 We fall into this rhythm of silence.
 It swings back and forth between us
 Like a rope over a lake.
 Maybe it's what we don't say
 That saves us.

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SUNDAY, February 21
9 a.m. Worship/Communion
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2 p.m. Bible Study
Tuesday, February 23
7 p.m. Hymn Planning Committee

Wednesday, February 17 & February 24
5 p.m. Soup & Bread
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:45 p.m. Lenten Service
7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice

JOINT
Wednesday, February 17
6 p.m. Confirmation
OUR SAVIOR'S-LEONARD
Wednesday, February 17 & February 24

5:15 p.m. Lenten Service
6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich
Sunday, February 21
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Coffee Hour

11 a.m. Worship/Communion
Thursday, February 18
2 p.m. WELCA
6 p.m. Church Council

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Theology in the Trenches



By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Anderson: "Wouldn't it make sense that we truly worship that which we most fear?"

McCoy: "Yes, it does make sense. Our fear drives us to adjust our behavior so that we honor the object of our fear."

Anderson: "Many Christians fear Satan more than God... and, that which you fear most becomes a god to you."

McCoy: "I was guilty of allowing my fear to drive me to worship a lesser god."

Anderson, Dr. Neil, is a worldwide best-selling author on spiritual warfare.

McCoy, Leighann, has written "Spiritual Warfare for Women: Winning the Battle for Your Home, Family, and Friends." The

Higher Ground



By Roger Campbell

Fear is as old as Eden and as current as the daily paper or television news roundup. Trembling times have been around throughout history; but you may think today's panic producers outnumber those of the past. Name your areas of anxiety in this troubled time and you'll undoubtedly find many others who agree with you and share your fears.

How shall we cope with this barrage of worry makers?

Where can we find an antidote for anxiety?

Try the "Fear not" book: the Bible.

Fear and faith are opposites so it makes sense for fearful people to take steps to build their faith and conquer their fears.

Faith is positive. Doubt is negative. And there are doubt producers on every hand: hypocrisy, betrayal

Life on the family farm under an open heaven

By Tom Heck

My grandmother, Otilie Heck, was born in 1902 on her parents' farm in Pepin County, Wisconsin. Her parents, Wilhelm and Margaretha Roetter, were actually both born in Germany and attended church there. They met and got married in Pepin County and farmed there for many years. They had several children which they faithfully took to church and school just a half mile down the road from their home. So following their religious traditions, shortly after my grandmother was born, they took her to the little country church and had her baptized. The pastor assured them that she was now a Christian and going to Heaven.

Grandma, along with her brothers and sisters worked very hard on their parents' farm. But there was also time for fun and play. One of the things they enjoyed doing was going fishing in the little creek that ran through their farm. Grandma said they would catch beautiful native trout out of it that were the best tasting fish that she had ever eaten.

The children all attended country school when they weren't needed on the farm. And the family always attended church whenever possible. Grandma was eventually confirmed in that church, and then several years later got married to my grandfather, Paul Heck, in that same church.

They bought a small farm a mile up the valley from that church, and thus attended that church for many years until it eventually closed its doors and merged with a larger one in town. They worked very hard on that new farm to make it go. Grandma shared with me, years later, how she would take the team of horses out to the field with a one bottom walking plow,

An attraction for all things good

book has been organized into four parts: 1) McCoy desires to help us discover the inexhaustible love of God. 2) She exposes the enemy for who he is. This may not seem like a pretty package at first glance, but it will prove to be a useful tool. 3) She looks more in-depth at the specific areas of a woman's life that is targeted for attack: marriage, children, friends, health, and church. And finally, part 4) is where she shows us how God has already equipped us to live triumphantly while doing some serious damage to the spiritual forces which come our way.

Beginning with a verse and ending with prayer, each chapter equips us in areas we like to pretend do not exist. Blessing us with powerful insight, the author writes, "Jesus called Satan a liar. Satan is the worst kind of liar. He doesn't merely lie; he deceives by twisting and contaminating truth. Your best defense against the lies is the Word of God. When

Jesus prayed for His disciples, He prayed, 'My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one...Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth'" (John 17:15, 17).

The author's prayer is that as you read, you will unwrap a powerful understanding of how much God loves you. "Perfect love casts out fear" (1John 4:18). She explains that spiritual warfare is really all about love. The warfare, the battle, the victories, and the defeats; they are all driven by God's relentless pursuit...fueled by His uncompromising love. God loves you. And in His love, He has invited you to face your fear, for there is another who "loves you not."

"God loved us, Satan didn't like it. In fact, you wouldn't even be reading this if God didn't initiate a love relationship with you. You are reading this right now because 'He first loved us'"

When faith wins fear loses

by those we trust, family problems, financial reverses, employment uncertainties, natural disasters, and the casualties of war. Even the sight of modern hospitals and well kept cemeteries remind us of the sorrows and shortness of life.

To stay positive in this negative world, I begin my day quoting Bible verses that build my faith. When we feed our faith our doubts starve to death. And when faith wins fear loses.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, former president and late chancellor of Wheaton College wrote: "Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success. Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and on earth. Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook

favorable, and the future glorious."

Faith adds a new dimension to consider in the face of difficulties. When Thomas Edison began developing the phonograph, he grappled with many problems. The high tones were harsh and the low tones muffled. Edison hired a man to help him solve the problems, but after working for two years, the man went to Edison, discouraged and ready to give up on the project. Edison answered, "I believe that for every problem God has given us, He has a solution. We may not find it, but someday someone will. Go back and try a little longer." We all know the results that grew out of Edison's faith in God's ability to reveal answers to all of the problems of life.

Faith provides an alternative to fear.

Trials then are not the enemies of faith but are

(John 4:19).

"As you learn to identify and embrace God's love, you will then be ready to learn more about your 'enemy's' ways. In fact, you do not have to be an excellent student of evil in order to avoid it. You simply need to develop an attraction for all things good. For when you do that, the mere hint of evil will become apparent (and disgusting) to you. The best place to anchor your understanding of spiritual warfare is in the firm foundation of God's constant love. And God loved us first when He created us. So we will begin our discussion of God's love 'in the beginning.'"

Thus begins the journey of reading, Leighann McCoy's, "Spiritual Warfare for Women: Winning the Battle for Your Home, Family, and Friends." I pray you join me in doing so... Amen.

opportunities to prove God's faithfulness.

Faith makes us triumphant in trouble, but the faith that wins and moves mountains doesn't rest in itself. Instead, it is anchored securely in God, who is faithful. Strong faith would be worthless if the object of our faith was not strong.

The quest for peace then rests on the answer to this question: Is God big enough to solve the problems I'm facing?

And the answer is obvious.

Since the great Creator becomes the Savior of all who place their faith in Him, they need not fear what the future holds because they know the One who holds the future.

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When Grandma faced reality

and plow all afternoon with them while Grandpa was busy doing other work. My grandparents didn't lack ambition or strength when it came to work.

They were blessed with four sons, all of whom they took to church and had baptized as infants, the pastor assuring them that they were also now Christians. After farming there for many years and really building the farm up, they turned it over to their youngest son, Leroy, and moved into town.

But even then they didn't retire; they slowed up a bit, but they certainly didn't retire. Grandpa in the spring, summer and fall would always be going out to his sons' farms to help them. In the wintertime he would work in his basement making beautiful things out of wood for his 14 grandchildren. Grandma kept house, of course, but she also made quilts, afghans and other things for her 14 grandchildren. We grandchildren were blessed with many wonderful gifts from them over the years at Christmastime.

Another thing that I must say about my grandparents is that their door was always open. I could stop in and talk to them anytime, or in the evening after chores were all done, stop in and play a game of cards. I was very blessed in that I got to know them very well.

But one thing really upset my grandmother: that was when I repented of my sins and asked Jesus to forgive me, and to be my total Lord and Saviour. There was a total change in my life and everyone that knew me could see it. Grandma was glad over the wonderful change in my life, but upset that it went against her religion. Every time I would see her, she would start in on me over what her church taught, or over what this or that pastor had said years ago. It didn't matter if it was Christmastime or a birthday party, or whatever, she would lay into me with all the relatives present. I loved and respected her greatly, all I could do was

tell her what Jesus had done in my life and what the Bible said to all the things she brought up - especially infant water baptism and salvation.

Grandma was getting well up in years and starting to battle cancer. On a number of occasions, unknown to me at the time, her pastor stopped to see her. She would always bring up her sinful past and tell him that she didn't think she was going to make it to heaven. He would always try to reassure her that she had been saved in infant water baptism, and that her sins were all washed away.

The time came when Grandma was real close to death. The doctors told her that she had only a few days left to live, unless she had surgery. With surgery they figured she could spend a week in the hospital and then go home for about five weeks and die there. Grandma was in a lot of pain and suffering, but she chose the latter because she was terrified of dying. Although she didn't let anyone know it except her pastor.

A couple days later after her surgery, it was Sunday. I did the normal farm chores and headed out to church. But something strange happened on the way to church: the closer I got to church, the more impressed I felt not to go to church, but rather go and see my grandmother in the hospital.

I got there and had to wait outside her room for over a half hour as the nurses changed a bunch of her bandages. I could hear her just groaning in pain as she did it. I thought, "Boy, did I ever miss it in coming here instead of going to church." But I was wrong!

Once the nurses got done, they told me I could go in and see her. As soon as I stepped into her room her face lit up and she said, "Tom, I've been chewing you apart for five years, but you got something that none of the other Hecks have and I want it!" I must admit I was surprised, even though I had been praying for her. And there on that Sunday

morning I opened my Bible up and led my precious grandmother to the Lord. Her face lit up with great joy and the tears just ran down her face. It was the first time I had ever seen her cry in my life.

When I left her room that day, she made me promise her that I would tell the rest of the family what happened to her that day. I told her that she could tell them, but she insisted that I do it because she knew her time was very short. And she was right. Three days later, this woman who had been so terrified of dying, died in perfect peace and entered the gates of Heaven.

I'm so grateful that Grandma faced reality; she realized her infant water baptism, church attendance and all her good works wouldn't get her into Heaven. She also realized what her pastors had told her was wrong. On that day, when she repented of her sins and accepted Jesus as her Saviour and Lord, she passed from death to life, from Hell to Heaven. The Bible calls it being, "Born again." And for good reason, it's a totally new life. The Bible says it well in 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

I'm so glad that I also faced reality years ago. For I, too, was a sinner on the road to Hell, but I cried out with all my heart and Jesus saved me. And I know He's waiting to do the same for you. I can't urge you strongly enough to come to Christ today; it doesn't matter how good or how bad a life you've lived, only Jesus can save you. And He's waiting for you to come.

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Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (Sept. - May)
Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

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Phone (218) 766-1752

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Sunday, February 21
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday, February 21
9:00 Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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10 a.m. Worship
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THIS WEEKLY SCHEDULE</

Inside the OUTDOORS by Mike Rahn

In the hierarchy of public opinion, politicians are generally viewed as ranking somewhere toward the bottom. Surveys have repeatedly told us that politicians are held in pretty low esteem. There are exceptions, of course; politicians – statesmen, they may be entitled to be called – whose temperament and good judgment remind us of what can be accomplished by someone really dedicated to the process of governing. But revered, highly respected politicians do not seem to “grow on trees,” as the saying goes.

One of the latest examples of things that give politicians a bad name is a bill in the Minnesota Legislature that would be comedic if it were not tragic in

Politicians never tire of resource management power grabs

its potential consequences. The bill, House File 2589, would strip the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency of their authority to make and enforce rules, including – for DNR – those related to hunting and fishing. Instead, as Rep. Steve Green of Fosston apparently believes, those rules should be made by the Legislature. Taken to its logical ends, politicians would decide such things as fish stocking strategy and policy, and our deer and waterfowl hunting regulations. The Legislature would be in charge of monitoring and making sure toxic chemicals and pesticides don't find their way into the groundwater that feeds our residential and municipal wells. Or course, given this new and weighty responsibility, we would be asked to have full confidence that they would make sound and unbiased decisions in the interest of public health and welfare. Of

course.

It was ironic, and timely, that I heard about this piece of legislation soon after I had spent the better part of an afternoon with a DNR Fisheries Section biologist. We spent that time discussing such things as the importance of ciscoes to healthy walleye populations, the effects of major summer rainstorms on stream trout survival, and various other things. He was extremely knowledgeable, and more than willing to share his time and expertise. There is a longstanding joke that the initials “PhD” behind the name of a person with a doctorate degree stand for “piled higher and deeper.” It's an uncomplimentary reference – as in “manure” – to the educational process that leads such a person to an advanced academic degree.

Having dealt with this and many other natural resource professionals, I've come to the more-than-obvious conclusion that owning and using a fishing

rod, and a duck gun or deer rifle, doesn't come close to equipping the average person to manage fish and wildlife. Having a fireplace and a log splitter doesn't necessarily qualify a person to manage our state's timber. That's not to say that professional resource managers never make mistakes. But the work they do involves a lot of factors and variables they can't completely control. Extreme and unpredictable weather, technological advances in the tools of fishing and hunting, invasive species, disease, and other unknowns, make the field of resource management one that is both science and art, and – yes – even luck sometimes.

Resource management is not a field for amateurs. And when it comes to the scientific disciplines that underpin the management of our waters, forests, air quality, wetlands, fish and wildlife, there are but a handful of state lawmakers who have even limited exposure to these sciences. To ask us to

believe that our politicians have the technical expertise to make sound scientific decisions within these disciplines is asking for a huge leap of faith.

One of the arguments advanced by Rep. Green for vesting such regulation-making authority in the Legislature is that such things should be done by “...elected officials who are accountable to the public.” One of the things politicians do not eagerly advertise is that they are often held accountable by their own political party, and are expected to align their votes with the leanings of party leadership. Accountable, too, to those who support and contribute to their election campaigns. That's not to say that there are not politicians who consistently vote their conscience, even if it is in opposition to their party's leadership, or the interests of their campaign donors. But even if most did so, most of the time – which is a long-odds bet, at best – that would not make

up for the resource science expertise that is absent from most legislators' resumes.

One would like to assume the most sincere motives for Representative Green and his bill's supporters, to believe that they really do have more effective natural resource management at heart. However, as reported in the February 12 edition of the Minnesota Outdoor News weekly, Rep. Green has also drafted legislation that would amend the state constitution in order to divert currently-dedicated Clean Water, Land, and Legacy funds intended for fish and wildlife habitat projects, to be used for state road and bridge projects. That may be the clearest indication of the ultimate goals of those who sponsor and support this kind of legislation.

Second of 12 North Country Trail Hikes to occur near dusk, Lantern Lit Ski, Snowshoe and Snowboot Walk will feature music, plus soup and sandwich sampling

Owl Hooting Snowshoe Hike: Exploring the North Country Trail at Dusk Saturday, February 20 3-6 p.m.

Meet at the North Country Trail Head at the South Entrance Itasca State Park (along Highway 71)

Join us for a late afternoon invigorating snowshoe hike along the North Country Trail as we make a loop past Sibilant, Iron Corners and Josephine Lakes. February is the time of year that owls begin to call as they establish nesting territories. The hike will go past the shores of

several lakes, over a rolling landscape and through a mature mixed pine and deciduous forest, an ideal area to potentially see and hear barred owls. Portions of this 3 mile route will be a strenuous.

Meet at the North Country Trail Head Parking at the South Entrance to Itasca State Park at 3 p.m. The route will follow the North Country Trail west, parallel the Ozawindib trail to the north and return across Red Pine Trail to the South Entrance Road.

Notes: Dress for being outdoors, bring along your snowshoes, water and

sunlasses. A limited number of snowshoes are available at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center for use during the program and are first-come-first-serve. Please check out the snowshoes before the start of the hike. Route may change based on weather and snow conditions.

Lantern Lit Snowshoe and Ski Event

Saturday, February 20 5:30-8 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Come out and ski or snowshoe by the light of the moon and the kerosene

lanterns along the trail. Trail follows the Many Lakes Road (South Entrance). Classic ski, skate ski or snowshoe at your own pace along the lantern lit route during this drop-in program. For added fun, bring along your s'mores fixings or hot dogs for cooking at the campfire or stop in and warm up at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center and cast your vote for this summer's soup and sandwich flavors (see below).

NOTES: Program is held outdoors. Dress warmly for outdoor winter conditions. If snow conditions are poor, the event will become a snow

boot walk.

Soup and Sandwich Sampling

Saturday, February 20 5-6:30 p.m.

Inside the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Join the Douglas Lodge staff and cast your vote for your favorite soup and sandwich samples. Help choose the next flavors for the upcoming summer season at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Café! This is a great way to charge up before going out on the Lantern Lit hike.

Itasca's Music Under the Pines: Lori Goulet Reich

Saturday, February 20 6:30-8 p.m.

Meet in the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Lobby

Warm up by the fireplace in the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center and join Lori Goulet Reich, a Lake Itasca transplant from the suburbs of Minneapolis. Lori performs a variety of music best described as acoustic folk and alt-country flavored music. She also has played in various bands both classic rock and country, so come enjoy a variety of well-known tunes.

Trumpeter swans continue as conservation success story

Results from a recent statewide trumpeter swan survey show that Minnesota's population continues to grow. It is now estimated to be around 17,000 swans, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program.

Once eliminated from Minnesota and across much of the United States in the 1880s due to overharvest for food and value as a fur trade item to make powder puffs, trumpeter swans now grace the skies of Minnesota year round. The largest concentrations of breeding swans occur in north-central Minnesota and west of the Twin Cities.

“We are extremely pleased and encouraged by the results of this survey,” said Carrol Henderson, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program supervisor. “The survey was the first to occur in Minnesota during the trumpeter swan nesting season and is part of a cooperative effort to survey and monitor the status of trumpeter swans in North America.”

The survey was funded by the Nongame Wildlife Program, The Trumpeter Swan Society, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, all longstanding partners in the reintroduction effort.

In the early 1980s, after a previous attempt to reintroduce trumpeter swans in the state was met with limited success,

the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program decided to fund the restoration with Nongame Wildlife checkoff donations from state income tax forms. The DNR partnered with the Hennepin County Park Reserve District (now Three Rivers Park District), The Trumpeter Swan Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, White Earth Indian Band, U.S. Forest Service, the Dellwood Foundation and many other swan enthusiasts to continue efforts to restore these birds to Minnesota.

For more than 20 years, reintroductions occurred in various areas throughout the state. By 2010, the state's winter population estimate was about 6,000 birds and Minnesotans could easily observe them throughout much of the state.

Today, Minnesota has the largest population of trumpeter swans in the Upper Midwest. “Minnesota is one of the best places in the nation to see them,” Henderson said. “The restoration of these magnificent birds has been made possible by donations to the Nongame Wildlife checkoff on state income tax and property tax forms, and the many trumpeter swan volunteers and enthusiasts who worked hard to recover this species.”

The trumpeter swan is the largest native waterfowl species in North America. While the

DNR believes the trumpeter swan population is doing well in Minnesota, these birds are facing continued threats. Risks include loss of wetland habitat, being shot illegally, and poisoning from lead shotgun pellets and fishing weights.

People can help support Minnesota's trumpeter swans by making a tax-deductible donation using the Nongame Wildlife checkoff this tax season.

For more information on trumpeter swans and the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program, its success stories, and ways to volunteer and donate, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame.

Tips from the FIELD OF AG



By Jim Stordahl
Clearwater County Extension

What's better on large round bales - net wrap or twine? Of course, the question is largely a matter of personal preference, but it has been objectively researched by Dr Kevin Schinners, Agricultural Engineer at the University of Wisconsin. Some of the suggested advantages of net wrap include faster baling; lower baling losses, better bale integrity during handling and transport, better water shedding ability and lower outdoor storage losses. The net wrap material and equipment do add to the costs of baling, but Schinners' research results justify the added costs in many situations.

Faster Baling

Only 1½ to 2½ turns of the bale are required to wrap a bale with net wrap, compared to 20 to 30 turns with twine. According to the their research, a baler set up to net wrap can bale 32% more bales per hour than one using twine. This speeds up the baling process, allowing more to get done when the weather is good. It also saves fuel and labor. This significantly greater productivity is the main advantage of net wrap balers, particularly for farmers with large acreages and custom operators who can pass on the higher costs to their customers.

Reduced Baling Losses

Because you are spinning the bale in the chamber

Net wrap or twine?

significantly fewer times while wrapping with net wrap rather than with twine, there is significantly less leaf loss dropping out of the baler. In the WI research, wrapping losses were 1.0% of dry matter with net wrap and 2.9% with twine.

Reduced Outdoor Storage Losses

Outdoor hay storage results in a great deal of spoilage. Storing hay inside is recommended, but not always possible. Tarps can work, but can be challenging to maintain. The reality is that there are often lots of bales stored outside uncovered. “Water shedding ability” for outdoor bale storage is frequently cited as a perceived advantage of net wrap.

In the Wisconsin trials measuring moisture levels in the “outside rind” of the bales, net wrapped alfalfa bales did shed rainfall better than twined wrapped bales and were lower moisture. Finer stemmed grasses seemed to form a better thatch. However, some of the advantage of improved water shedding ability is lost if bales are not stored on a well-drained surface (crushed rock, pallets, etc). Otherwise, rainwater will run off the bales and accumulate at the bottom.

In this study, in the outside hay rind, nutrient composition was significantly higher and dry matter losses were lower for net wrap compared to twine, but the core was generally unaffected. Average total dry matter losses for bales stored outside on the ground were 11.3% for plastic twine wrapped

bales and 7.3% for net wrap. However, both of these options have significantly higher losses than inside storage and net wrapping bales for uncovered storage outside does not substitute for inside storage.

Other Advantages

If you are selling hay, net wrapped bales have greater aesthetic appeal and marketability, particularly cover-edge net wrap. Net wrapped bales have better bale integrity during handling and transport. This is particularly the case with round bales of chopped straw.

Additional Costs & Other Disadvantages

Balers can be easily equipped to net wrap bales. The wrapping mechanism can increase the initial cost of the baler by 15 to 25%. For example, it could add \$5,000 to the cost of a new \$30,000 round baler. The net wrap material also costs more. Depending on the number of wraps and other assumptions, the cost may be approximately doubled from about 50 cents to about \$1 per bale, or about \$1.25 to \$1.75 more per ton of dry hay.

In addition to the cost, some producers have found that net wrapped bales are more inclined to freeze hard to the ground. Although removing frozen twine from an iced-over bale during the dead of winter is nobody's favorite job, this can be even more challenging with net wrap.

A net wrap system costs more than twine, but in many situations, including large volume operators, hay producers marketing large round bales, and farmers using some outdoor storage, those costs can be recovered by faster baling and reduced dry matter losses. For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu Source: Joel Bagg - Forage Specialist/OMAFRA

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 3, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,490.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Dawn L. Glime and John D. Glime, wife and husband

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100200104102018427
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: EquiFirst Corporation

SERVICER: Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 21, 2007, Clearwater County Recorder, as Document Number A 150808

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for One William Street REMIC Trust 2008-1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot Ten (10) of Block Five (5), First Addition to Bagley, less the following described parcel, to-wit: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 10, Block 5, First Addition to Bagley, as a point of beginning; thence running West on the South line of said Lot 10, Block 5, a distance

of 20 feet; thence running North parallel with the East line of said Lot a distance of 10 feet; thence running East parallel with the South line thereof, a distance of 20 feet to the East line thereof; thence running South on the East line thereof a distance of 10 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 114 Sand Lake Ave NW, Bagley, MN 56621

P R O P E R T Y IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 23.301.0320

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$79,871.61

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 16, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N., Bagley, MN 56621

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which

Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the Fifth P.M.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 17784 400th St, Bagley, MN 56621

P R O P E R T Y IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09.031.0820

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$384,799.64

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 9, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N., Bagley, MN 56621

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 12

the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on September 16, 2016, or the next business day if September 16, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: January 11, 2016
U.S. Bank National Association,

as Trustee for One William Street REMIC Trust 2008-1

Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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Dated: December 30, 2015
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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against the estate are required to present the claims to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

February 8, 2016
Robert D. Tiffany
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Camille Bessler
Court Administrator
Angela Soderslom
Senior Court Clerk
ALAN B. FISH, P.A.
Alan B. Fish, #238120
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be the will of Decedent, dated October 30, 2015, and for the appointment of Alicia Reed, whose address is 30948 340th Avenue, Roseau, Minnesota, 56751, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims

care providers to their coffers. If you are a child care provider who has received CCAP funds in the last year, your ballot should arrive shortly in the mail. A vote “yes” is a vote in favor of unionization, and a vote “no” is a vote against forming a union.

CCAP funds help low income families afford daycare services for their children. By taking union dues from providers receiving CCAP funds, daycare providers will be forced to increase charges to families for their necessary daycare services. This will further stretch family budgets and reduce the number of daycare providers who will care for children from families receiving CCAP, especially in rural areas. The net result is that unions will increase their coffers at the expense of low income families and their children. Unfortunately, Gov. Dayton and a majority of DFL members support the union’s

efforts.

In other states, similar unionization attempts have been successful, mainly due to low voter “turnout.” If the majority of the ballots returned are votes in favor of unionization, providers receiving CCAP will be unionized. AFSCME is working hard to insure that only providers who are likely to vote “yes” return their ballots. It is essential that providers do the same in opposition, and encourage a “no” vote on this measure.

The Republican caucus has raised questions about what criteria was used by the Department of Human Services to determine who was qualified to vote, and I hope those concerns will be addressed. I will continue to look into this issue. Please do what you can to prevent this union takeover of yet another part of our workforce.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 27, 2016

The Bagley City Council met on January 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmen John Sutherland, Jon Brovold, Chad Bonik, Dennis Merschman via Skype, City Clerk Treasurer Colleen Lindgren, and Deputy Clerk Faye Jacobs.

Also present: Mike Karvacko, Street Supt. Bill Masterson, Police Chief Larry Peterson, and Laura Straw.

Motion was made by Brovold to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Council meeting. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Mike Karvacko, Karvacko Eng., was present to update the Council on the Airport Crack Sealing project and the bid opening date of February 23rd. He is still looking into grants for a projected Street Project. Mayor asked Karvacko to explain what having a designated City Eng. would comprise of. Karvacko stated that he would look at the best interest of the City and it is very common to have an Engineer designated for a city our size. Fees would be structured but negotiable. Karvacko stated that his company has more to offer than just doing the airport projects. Having one Eng. is more organized than having a number of them. He would like to look at a capital plan for the City if the City has one. He does not have a specific grant writer on his staff but he himself has written many grants. Municipal projects are his background which he spends

approximately 90% of his time. Karvacko said that he would not be working blind for the City as he started working with the City airport projects 8 years ago.

Discussion was held on a resolution concerning the Bemidji HRA to provide section 8 housing assistance in the City of Bagley, according to HUD’s regulations and approval. Laura Straw, Bemidji HRA was present to fill the Council in on what is happening with this program. Motion was made by Sutherland to approve Resolution #5-16 HUD/HRA OF BEMIDJI. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Council was given a form which shows all vacation and sick leave accumulated for city employees. Motion was made by Brovold to approve Clerk Lindgren to attend the 2016 MCFOA Education Conference in St. Cloud on March 15-18, 2016 and to pay expenses. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Police Chief Larry Peterson spoke with the Council about a position the Council had spoken about before. After discussion it was stated the position would be Assistant Chief/ Investigator. The City Attorneys would need to be involved. Motion was made by Merschman to allow Chief Peterson to move forward on the position and to work with the City Attorneys for job description, pay equity, etc. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried. Brovold would also like to know what the Attorneys would charge for this project.

Mayor Michel reported there is an interested party wanting to build a motel in the City. More information will be gotten and brought before the

Council.

Mayor reported on the Firemen’s Relief meeting which he attended. Group asked if the Council would forecast out purchasing a new pumper truck. No decision can be made at this time. Relief Board is working on the Firemen’s Ball which is to be held on April 2nd in the American Legion Auditorium. Motion was made by Brovold to approve the Gambling permit for the Firemen’s Relief to hold a raffle for the Firemen’s Ball pending receipt of all paperwork. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Motion was made by Bonik to pay the outstanding 2015 invoice of \$700 to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and also the 2016 invoice for \$700. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Clerk Lindgren brought up the fact of looking at new Christmas decorations for the street poles for in the future and asked the Council about putting funds aside during the next budget session for 2017.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve payment of the special assessments on the Liquor Store property with funds to come out of the liquor store savings account. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Being there was no further business to come before the Council; motion to adjourn was made by Brovold. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Mayor Sidney F. Michel

ATTEST:

Colleen R. Lindgren, MCMC

City Clerk Treasurer

Faye Jacobs, Deputy Clerk

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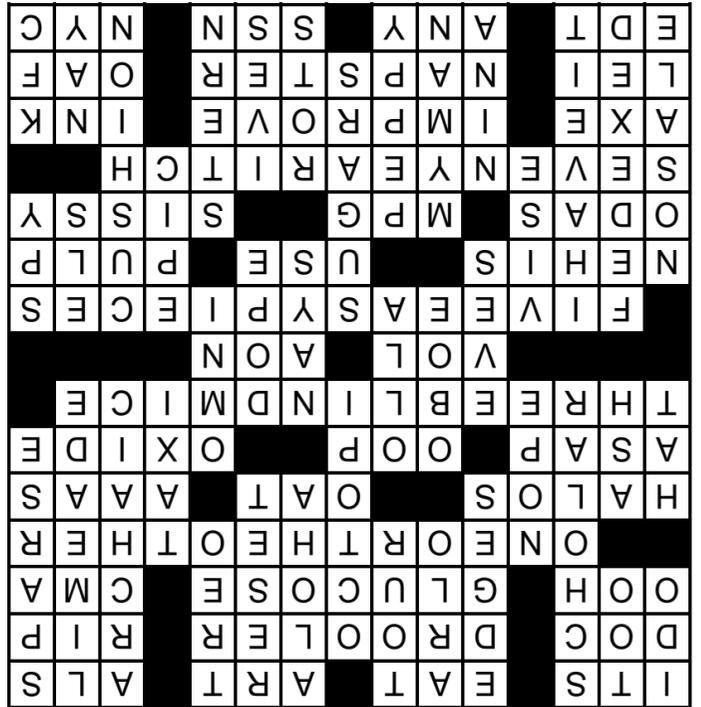
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**Pamela Edevold
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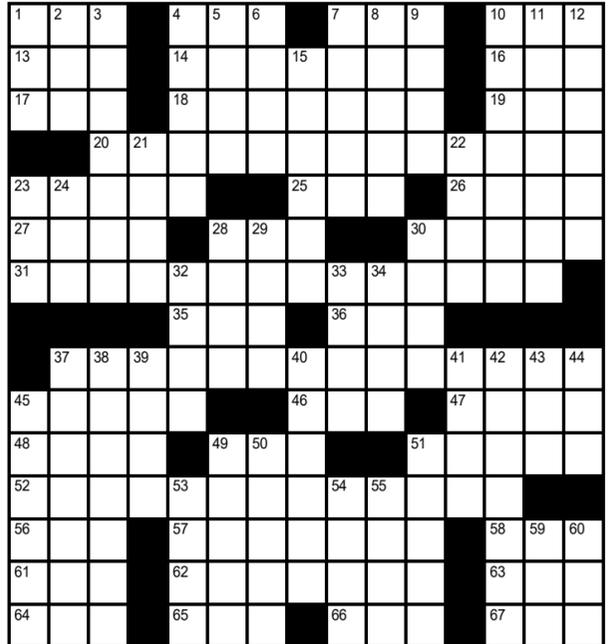


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- 1 "___ show time!"
- 4 Graze
- 7 Tricky
- 10 Capp and Capone
- 13 Vet
- 14 Panting dog, e.g.
- 16 Upholstery problem
- 17 "I'm impressed!"
- 18 Insulin regulates the amount of it in the blood
- 19 Nashville-based awards org.
- 20 "You choose"
- 23 Meteorological effects
- 25 Kind of grass
- 26 Some small batteries
- 27 Rush job notation
- 28 "Alley ___!"
- 30 Heavy water, for one
- 31 Classic children's nursery song
- 35 Remote abbr.
- 36 "I got an ___ my test!"
- 37 1970 Jack Nicholson film

- 45 Some grape sodas
- 46 Put to work
- 47 Orange juice feature
- 48 Harem rooms
- 49 Car ad abbr.
- 51 Hardly a he-man
- 52 1955 Marilyn Monroe movie, with "The"
- 56 Chopper
- 57 Better
- 58 Publicity, slangily
- 61 Hula hoop?
- 62 Early MP3 sharing site
- 63 Ninny
- 64 Summer hrs. in D.C.
- 65 "___ luck?"



- 15 Cousins of squids
- 21 Slangy denial
- 22 Kind of stand
- 23 Pillbox, e.g.
- 24 Volcano output
- 28 Wind up on stage?
- 29 Earthen pot
- 30 All: Prefix
- 32 Nights before
- 33 Those opposed
- 34 Numbskull
- 37 Overnighted, perhaps
- 38 "Eureka!"
- 39 Workbench attachment
- 40 Body substances
- 41 Huge
- 42 Banquette item
- 43 Golfer Ernie
- 44 007, for one
- 45 Key on some registers
- 49 "Homey!"
- 50 Full of energy
- 51 Unsmiling
- 53 Columbus ship
- 54 Goes bad
- 55 "Concord Sonata" composer
- 59 "Uh-uh"
- 60 No Clue

Child care unionization ballots in the mail

By State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen
R-District 18B

An issue that has come to light recently is the childcare provider unionization vote.

On Jan. 22 of this year the Child Care Providers Together, a branch of the union AFSCME, submitted valid signature cards from 30 percent of the providers who received child care assistance funds (otherwise known as CCAP) in the last year, triggering a unionization vote. On Feb. 8, ballots were mailed out to 2,384 child care providers, which constitutes approximately one-third of all child care providers in Minnesota. These ballots must be received by the Bureau of Mediation Services no later than Feb. 29 to be counted in the final vote tally.

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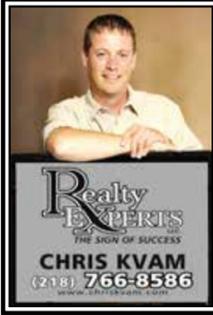
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Bagley School District is currently accepting applications for the following:
The Bagley Elementary School has an anticipated opening for a long-term substitute Art Instructor with responsibilities for both primary and intermediate students. The position is currently available. The ideal candidate will have a K-12 Certificate/License for Art Education. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume', teaching credentials, and three letters of reference to: Lee Furuseth, Elementary Principal, at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621, or e-mail: lfuruseth@bagley.k12.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Paraprofessional Position: Full time In-School Suspension Paraprofessional opening in the High School. Candidates must be highly qualified, which includes either 2 or more years of college, an AA Degree, or the ability to pass the Para Pro Exam. Interested candidates should complete a paraprofessional application, available on the school website: www.bagley.k12.mn.us under Employment Opportunities or by calling the District Office at 218-694-6184.

Substitutes needed for Teacher, Clerical and Paraprofessional positions; if interested please call or email Angie Gerbracht at 218-694-6184 or agerbracht@bagley.k12.mn.us

Please contact Helen Kennedy High School Principal at 218-694-3120 or hkennedy@bagley.k12.mn.us or Lee Furuseth Elementary School Principal at 218-694-6528 or lfuruseth@bagley.k12.mn.us

The Bagley Elementary School has an anticipated opening for a long-term substitute Early Education Teacher. The anticipated first day of teaching will be late March or early April. The position is part-time and involves afternoons. Length of subbing assignment will be about six weeks. The ideal candidate will have an Early Education Teaching Certificate. Also accepting candidates with a license in Elementary Education. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume', teaching credentials, and three letters of reference to: Lee Furuseth, Elementary Principal, at 202 Bagley Ave. NW, Bagley, MN 56621, or e-mail: lfuruseth@bagley.k12.mn.us. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2016

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SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED

Bagley Public Schools is accepting applications for substitute food service support staff. \$12.56/hour starting. Applications can be picked up at the District Office. Please contact Jennifer Hecht in the Superintendent's Office for an application or by calling 694-6184. "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer." Ms21

Bagley School District Opening

Bagley School District has an opening for the part-time position of Community Education Youth Recreation Director. This position will work with the Athletic Director to coordinate and supervise the Elementary Sports programs, Summer Recreation programs and Summer Youth Enrichment programs.

Preferred qualifications: Experience in working with youth sports programs including: day to day operations of youth sports programs, oversee youth recreation coaches, coordinate home event management – officials, schedules, volunteers, site preparation, organize and scheduled transportation, and represent Bagley Youth Sports in various settings. Other duties may be assigned.

Review of applicants will begin on March 2, 2016 and remain open until filled.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume of experience and list of reference to: Doreen Zierer, Athletic Director, Bagley High School, 1130 Main Ave. N., Bagley, MN 56621. Or email to : dzierer@bagley.k12.mn.us

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Garden plant residues can improve soil

Intentionally or unintentionally, many gardeners have left plants in their gardens over the winter. The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) Feb. 15 Soils Matter blog post explains this is actually a good thing... and something everyone should consider on a yearly basis.

According to blog writers Kelley House and Kate Norvell, both certified professional soil scientists, plant "litter" that remains after a harvest is called residue. Leaving the residues in place over the winter, instead of pulling them up or tilling them into the soil surface, provides numerous benefits for the soil and your garden.

- Plant residues reduce erosion and the loss of valuable topsoil.
- Having plant residues on the soil surface prevents soil crusting.
- Residual plant material reduces weeds by covering and shading the soil.
- Plant residues provide shade, regulating soil temperature.
- Cooler soil temperatures also aid in the retention of soil moisture, which in turn is favorable for seed germination in the spring and crop growth.

• Crop residues provide micro-habitats that protect and benefit the germinating plant seeds and establishing seedlings.

• Plant residues provide a source of organic matter for the soil.

To read the entire blog post, visit <http://soilsmatter.wordpress.com>.

Follow SSSA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SSSA.soils>, Twitter at [SSSA Soils](https://twitter.com/SSSA_Soils). SSSA has soils information on www.soils.org/discover-soils, for teachers at www.soils4teachers.org, and for students through 12th grade, www.soils4kids.org.

The Soil Science Society of America is a progressive international scientific society that fosters the transfer of knowledge and practices to sustain global soils. Based in Madison, Wis., and founded in 1936, SSSA is the professional home for 6,000-plus members and 1,000-plus certified professionals dedicated to advancing the field of soil science. The SSSA provides information about soils in relation to crop production, environmental quality, ecosystem sustainability, bioremediation, waste management, recycling, and wise land use.

In this month's article I want to take a look at the DARE program and how it is operated in Clearwater County. At the end of the month, I will begin teaching DARE to our fifth grade students in both Bagley and Clearbrook/Gonvick schools. This will mark my 20th year of teaching this program to our youth. I have gotten to know many students over the years and it always makes me smile when I come across one who remembers me as being their "DARE Officer." Let's take a look at what the DARE program is all about.

First, DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It was started in 1983 in Los Angeles Calif. as a cooperative effort between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles School District. The reason for this effort was because of the rampant drug use going on in their communities and they wanted to try to curb

History of the DARE program



Thoughts from the Sheriff
Clearwater County Sheriff
Darin Halverson

the epidemic. The thought was to start educating the youth about the dangers of drug use and how not to get involved in it.

The DARE curriculum is taught by trained law enforcement officers. Each officer must go through a rigorous 80-hour training course to be certified to teach the program. All officers are taught to deliver the lessons exactly as they are written. They are not to interject their personal views or opinions in the delivery or alter the lessons in any way. With that said, officers often give real life examples that they have witnessed or been a part of personally to make a lesson more relevant.

In its infancy, there were 10 officers teaching the DARE

program. Today, more than 50,000 law enforcement officers are teaching the program to more than 36 million students in 43 different countries.

The early DARE lessons focused on teaching students the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco and marijuana and how to say no to the temptations to start using them. Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana were focused on because they are thought of as gateway drugs. Studies over the years have shown that most people will not experiment with harder drugs before they experiment with a gateway drug. The premise is that if you can prevent underage kids from experimenting with a gateway drug, you can prevent them from abusing drugs as adults.

There were 16 lessons in the early years of the DARE program. The program has been transformed and now consists of 10 developmentally-specific lessons. Today's lessons, called "keepin' it real," are designed to engage the students in real life scenarios and teach them how to make healthy, wise decisions. Other topics covered are bullying and peer pressure. We do role playing so the students have the opportunity to practice what it might feel like in a real life situation if they are being bullied or facing peer pressure. The effects of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are talked about, but not as in depth as previous years.

Decision making is the primary focus now. The decision making skills the students learn are beneficial

in every aspect of their life. We talk about consequences to choices they make and how those choices can impact their life now and when they get older. A decision making model is introduced as a way to help the students think their way through a problem.

Creating healthy, confident young adults is our goal in DARE. We want to teach students the skills necessary to succeed in life at a young age, which in turn will result in a more productive society in the future.

I have heard some negativity over the years about DARE. I've heard that it doesn't work or it isn't effective. Studies have proven that it works and, as I see it, even if the life of only one student in a classroom is changed, it was worth it. I've heard that DARE teaches kids to not listen to their parents. This is far from the truth. The students are taught how to make healthy, wise decisions and to think about the consequences of their actions before making a decision. If a child thinks it is a good choice not to listen to their parents, then they have not made a good decision. Teaching the youth of our communities the skills to become positive young adults is very rewarding. In my opinion, doing nothing to educate our youth would be the biggest failure.

As I begin to teach our fifth graders in the county this year, encourage them, ask them questions and most importantly, support them. We cannot do this alone. Parents, guardians and extended family all play an important role. Working together in this endeavor will undoubtedly see the best result. I believe we all want what's best for our children.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

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