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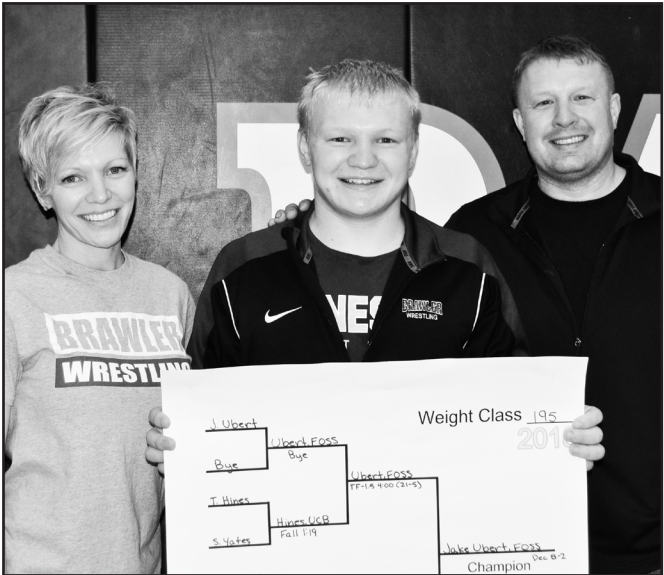
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Sets new BHS record
Not only did Jake Ubert take home a wrestling championship, he also broke the Bagley school record for career wins. The record of 130 wins was held for many years by Chris Essig and was surpassed by Ubert in his first round of action last Friday at Lake Park. Ubert is pictured with his biggest supporters: his mom, Lisa, and dad, Gary. Keep them coming, Jake, and congratulations!

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Pro-life marchers hear about providing a loving home for 'throw away' children

By Darlene Sawyer
Approximately 40 young and old citizens participated in the annual Clearwater County Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life protest march held on Saturday, Jan. 20. Their march route began at the Clearwater County Courthouse, continued on the sidewalks through the downtown Bagley area, and ended at the Calvary Evangelical Church located along Highway 2 near downtown Bagley.
The leader of the MCCL walk was Todd Lundell of Bagley who is the chairman of the organization, assisted by LeRoy and Carolyn Sundbom of Clearbrook, who have been long-time members and pro-life proponents. They were joined by many other marchers who shared their enthusiasm for the march. Many carried homemade protest signs and placards.
Kent and Shantel Dudley were featured as the special guests for the program at Calvary Evangelical Church. They sang several songs, mostly written by Kent. They also shared in testimony about their beliefs of being pro-life and how they put their beliefs into action. He began by introducing his wife Shantel and explaining how their philosophy eventually affected their lives. This included the decision to adopt 10 special needs children over the years. He added, "Our 10 children were not given much of a choice of how their lives would be. Most of our 10 kids were considered 'throw-aways.' Now, they are all living, breathing souls. But....don't judge....broken people need God's love and forgiveness. We want to be proactive. We need to think of all the children that have



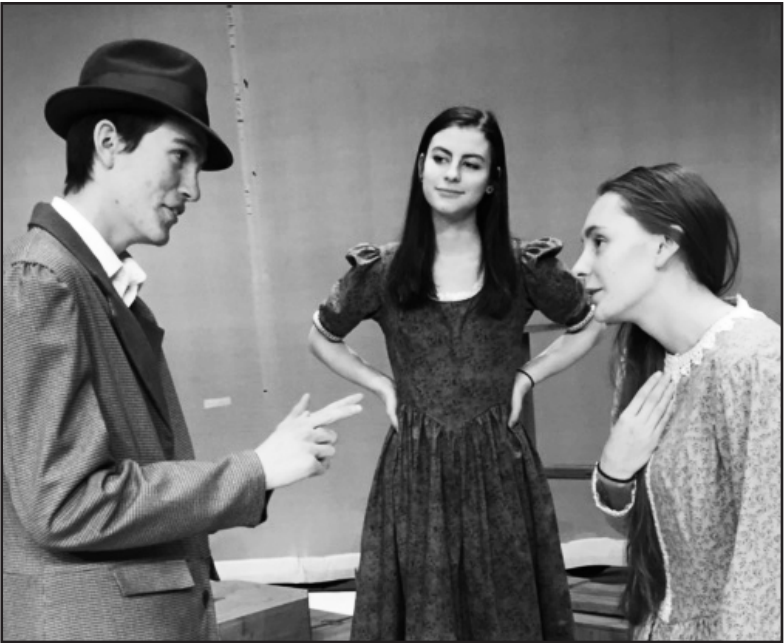
Todd Lundell leading the annual MCCL protest march as pro-life activists in Bagley

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One-Act Play is open to public this Thursday

Six schools will compete on BHS stage this Friday

This week will find students involved in Bagley High School drama activities very busy. They are preparing for the public performance of "Anatomy of Gray" on Thursday evening, Jan. 25, and the first level of One Act Play competition, which they will host, is on Friday.
Thursday at 7 p.m., students invite friends and family to support them in a public performance, which helps them to prepare for competition. The play by Jim Leonard is both drama and comedy. Set in the early 1900's in Gray, Indiana, young Juneey Muldoon's father has suddenly died and she asks God to send a doctor to their quiet town. When Dr. Galen Gray (Dimitri Frank) arrives, he receives a great deal of attention from townspeople who have many ailments. Juneey's mother Rebecca (Bria Halvorson), who is now a widow and pregnant, also receives attention from Dr. Gray, and a relationship sparks. However, when a mysterious illness begins to strike the town residents and Dr. Gray can't cure or stop it, he becomes the scapegoat.
"Besides the strong core of seniors who play lead roles, 15 support cast members are finding experience on stage and doing a great job," states director Marilyn Hood. "They play townspeople who each have their own identities, yet they also care for Juneey and Rebecca Muldoon."
On Friday, Bagley will host the sub-section level of One Act Play competition in the BHS Auditorium. Six teams will perform for judges who will award the top two plays the opportunity to advance to the sectional round the following Saturday, Feb. 3 in Roseau. The start times for the shows this Friday are



Dimitri Frank, Sierra Crist, and Bria Halvorson

4:30; 5:15; 6; 6:45; 7:30; and 8:15 p.m. Bagley's performance is set for 6:45 p.m. Other schools competing include: Blackduck, Clearbrook-Gonvick, Fosston, Red Lake County Central, and Win-E-Mac. The public is invited to attend Friday's competition and there is no ticket fee.

Snow clouds, ice have role in crashes

Bagley Squirts okay after collision near Baudette

A rash of vehicle crashes serves to remind motorists that winter driving presents serious hazards, and among these are ice and poor visibility from snow clouds.
Poor visibility, snow and ice were factors in a crash that occurred around 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, involving two vehicles carrying Bagley Squirts hockey players from Bagley toward Baudette.
According to the State Patrol, a 2009 GMC Yukon driven by Jared Lee Gerbracht, 36, of Bagley, was heading north, trailing a 2011 Ford Flex driven by Jessie Lea Engstrom, 38, of Bagley. The report notes that Engstrom was attempting to turn left off Highway 72 onto Lake of the Woods County Rd. 35. The report notes, "Due to near white-out conditions, the driver of the Yukon did not see the Ford Flex attempting to turn until the last minute. The driver of the Yukon attempted to avoid the Ford Flex by veering to the left, resulting in a T-bone angle crash with the front of the Yukon colliding with the left side passenger door of the Ford Flex."
All parties in both vehicles were evaluated for non-life-threatening injuries, and all were from Bagley.

Passengers in the Yukon were Angela Dawn Gerbracht, 42, Jackson James Gerbracht, 8, Reid Lewis Gerbracht, 9, Wyatt Lee Gerbracht, 9, Grant Landon Merschman, 10, and Peter Scott Merschman, 43.
Passengers in the Ford Flex were listed as Dylan Berg, 9, Amanda Arlene Egelund, 32, and David Alexander Kran, 9.
The report indicated that everyone in both vehicles was wearing a seat belt.
Fatal crash
Icy roads were again a factor in a fatal crash by Wilton on U.S. Highway 2 that took the life of 51-year-old Claudia Jeanne Leiby of Solway.
According to the Patrol's report, Leiby was heading east on Highway 2 east of 3rd St., Wilton, at about 10:40 a.m. when she lost control. The 2002 Ford pickup she was driving entered the south ditch and rolled. She was declared dead at the scene. She was wearing her seat belt.
Many off the road
The Bemidji Pioneer reported in its Jan. 16 issue that a stretch of U.S. Hwy. 2 from Wilton to Division St. in Bemidji was particularly bad. The Bemidji police chief reported black ice as a factor. The Pioneer said there were 30 crashes on Jan. 15, and six of those were vehicle rollovers.

Shevlin couple participates in Extension leadership program

Daniel and Shelley Johnshoy, Shevlin are Clearwater County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. Alumni of the program from the county nominated them to take part in the program because of their involvement in their community.
Daniel and Shelley own 90 acres of land and raise beef cattle on a small farm near Shevlin. Daniel has been the owner and operator of Johnshoy Repair, a diesel repair shop, in Bemidji for the last eight years. He runs the shop with one full-time employee and one part-time employee. Shelley is a licensed dental assistant and works at the Indian Health Services Hospital in Red Lake. She specializes in pediatric dentistry and has worked there for five years.
Daniel and Shelly have been taking part in educational sessions since November 2017. They are building skills for leadership and networking with other rural leaders from 16 counties in the region. Extension educators Lisa Hinz, Brian Fredrickson and Jody Horntvedt are instructors for the sessions, which focus on personal leadership styles, communication, community leadership, rural issues, life balance, dealing with



Daniel and Shelley Johnshoy

challenges, change, and facilitating effective meetings.
According to Horntvedt, "University of Minnesota Extension research shows one in 34 adults in rural counties must step up and serve in a leadership role, compared to one in 143 in metro areas. We are training leaders by helping participants gain competence, build connections, and increase confidence to lead." This is the 34th year the Emerging

Leadership Program has brought together individuals from across the region for training workshops. Nearly 1,100 leaders in northwest and west central Minnesota are alumni of the program, which was established in 1985 to enhance the King Agassiz Program of the Red River Valley Winter Shows.
University of Minnesota Extension, with their long history of excellence in designing, delivering and

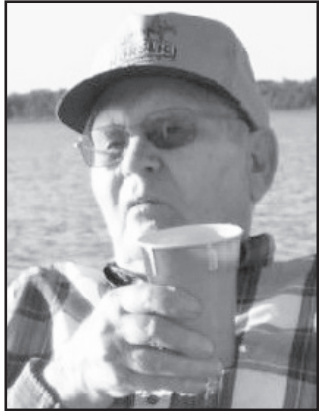
Giving hearts in Clearwater County

From the Clearwater Christmas Project
We live in a tremendously giving and generous community! Members of Clearwater County gave over \$15,000 to the Clearwater Christmas Project. These funds gave Christmas dinner to over 210 families and toys to over 750 children. We were able to reach out to over 266 more children than the year before! And, 37 additional families in our county! Many people in our community were given a little something extra this Christmas, thanks to the generosity of our neighbors.
The Clearwater Christmas Project was able to make all of this happen with the support of Good Shepherd Church, Tuesday Study Club, and Clear Waters Life Center. These groups dedicated hours into the success of this project.
A special thank you goes to Rod Skoe for donating five pounds of potatoes to each family and to Riviana Foods for providing rice to each family.
Many others were key to the success of the project: North

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Death Notices



Harlan Aakre, 83, of Clearbrook, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley. His funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 20, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook with the Rev. Bob Kirchman officiating.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, rural Clearbrook.

Harlan was born March 26, 1934 in Bagley to Ingvald & Ida (Moen) Aakre. He was the second of three children. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended the Rydeen School in Leon Township until 8th grade, when his dad asked him if he would like to stay home and help on the farm. It was from this moment on that he decided that farming was going to become his lifelong career and passion.

He took a break from farming to serve our country as a member of the Army. He always joked that because of his flat feet he was given the option of either being a mechanic in the motor pool or a cook, and that maybe he should have considered the cook's position instead of taking the mechanic assignment. It was during his time in the service that he was able to make his first trip to Norway.

Harlan Aakre

After his honorable discharge, he came back to Clearbrook and resumed farming. One Saturday night he attended a hall dance in Shevlin with some friends and met his future wife, Shirley Bjerke. Harlan and Shirley were married Feb. 17 1962. To this union three children were born: James, Kelly and Judy.

Harlan and Shirley had a special relationship working side by side on the farm for 40-plus years raising cattle, specifically registered Simmental cattle. They were some of the first people to raise them in this area.

Besides farming, Harlan had a deep love for nature and the outdoors that he shared with his kids and grandkids. He loved trapping, hunting and fishing. The love for this was evident in the building of a brand new hunting cabin this year in order for family members to carry on his passion for the outdoors, being so proud to tell people about the cabin. Harlan also in later years began guiding bear hunts with his grandson Devin, making many friends from this venture. Harlan and Shirley sold the farm to their son James in 1994, building their retirement home on 80 acres just south of the family farm.

In retirement he and Shirley traveled the country, going to Florida to visit friends multiple times as well as Tennessee with Jim, Joyce, Carol and Wayne. Besides travel in the United States, he and Shirley made two trips to Norway, the final one accompanied by Devin and Laura.

In his later years he wanted to publish a sort of autobiography/how-to book that he called "60 years of

Country living in Northern Minnesota." He and Shirley traveled to many craft shows selling books.

Family and Friends were very important to Harlan, always offering to lend a hand or a piece of advice. He was satisfied with the simple things in life, often joking that he could have all the money in the world and he'd be content with a cup of coffee and some sort of cookie or something at the lumber yard with friends.

He was a member of Good Shepherd church, serving on the council, and was a member of the Clearbrook American Legion.

Harlan died surrounded by family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Clearbrook, son James (Doreen) Aakre, Clearbrook; faughter Judy (Daryl) Bjerke, Bemidji; daughter-in-law Julie Aakre Wahpeton, N.D.; grandchildren Devin Aakre, Katelyn (Reed) Sander, Laura Aakre, Trevor Bjerke, Alesa Bjerke, Logan Bjerke, Matthew Aakre, Nathan Aakre, Nicholas Aakre; great-grandchildren Kylee, Blake, Mia, Bentley, Brodie, Destiny, Eliannah and Karleigh; sister Lois Molden, Clearbrook; brother Charles (Delores) Aakre, Clearbrook; along with numerous brother- and sisters-in-law, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son Kelly Aakre, and brother-in-law Don Molden. Blessed be his memory.

Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Fosston and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Mabel A. (Oien) Hilliard

Mabel A. (Oien) Hilliard, 88 of Lakota, N.D. died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Center, Larimore, N.D.

Mabel Anna, was born Nov. 10, 1929 at Bagley, to Sigurd and Mary (Goodmanson) Oien. She grew up and was educated in the Bagley and Clearbrook area, attending the Gateway District #3 school. She moved with the family to the Martinson farm at Edmore and worked beside her mother, helping with all the aspects of farming and also was a waitress at the Edmore Café for several years in order to help support the family.

Mabel was united in marriage to Elroy Hilliard on June 8, 1954 at Lengby. Elroy was serving in the United States Army and wherever he was stationed, the family was at his side. They made their home in many places, including Fort Worth, Texas, New York, Bremerhaven, Germany, Seattle, Inchon, Korea and Frankfurt, Germany and Fort Riley, Kan. Mabel was a devoted wife and mother and did the best she could with each move, keeping family as her priority.

In 1969, after Elroy's 20-plus years of service, the family moved to Lakota. Elroy was working construction and built the Miller Store -- "Little

Store on the Prairie" and Mabel began working in the store after it was completed.

Whenever Mabel had the opportunity for a garden, she planted one. She was involved from seeding to harvesting the produce, canning, processing and then sharing the bounty with her family and friends. She was always willing to share her talents, recipes and those helpful hints with her family. Mabel loved each of her children unconditionally, but she showed her humor in her famous line, "My favorite kid is always the one coming through the door."

After Elroy died, Nov. 27, 1995, Mabel felt so blessed to be close to her large family and she treasured all the family get-togethers, family trips, watching her children and grandchildren in all their activities. A trip to the Grand Ole Opry and to Mexico were very special to her. She loved all the old-time country singers and their songs.

Mabel's faith and family were her strengths throughout her life. She will be missed and loved always.

Mabel is survived by her children, Steve (Sandy) Hilliard, Lengby; Elton Hilliard, Detroit Lakes, Minn., Erwin (Elaine) Hilliard, Missoula, Mont., Marvin (Debbie) Hilliard, Mapes, N.D., Linda Atherton, Lakota,

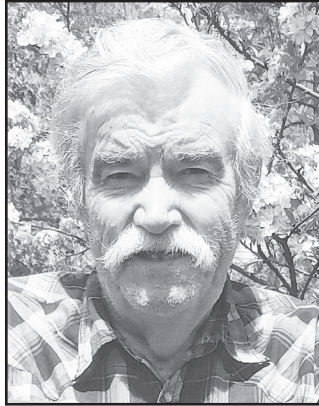
Larry (Vicki) Hilliard, Havre, Mont., Lorraine (fiancé John Renner) Larson, Washburn, N.D., Wayne Hilliard, Thompson, N.D., Earl (fiancé Laura Murphy-Zumwalt) Hilliard, Larimore, and David (Dinah) Hilliard, Center, N.D.; 37 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Linda Wade-Hilliard, Missouri and son-in-law Jim Larson, Grand Forks; brothers Andy Oien, Bagley, and Ole (Julie) Oien, Las Vegas; many nieces, nephews and their families also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sigurd Oien and Mary and Orris Martinson; husband Elroy; son Dennis; grandchildren Jeffrey and Jerod Hilliard; great-granddaughter Aubry Hilliard; brothers Sivert and Oscar Oien; sisters Hilda Olson, Olga Jordahl, Helena Flaherty and Mary Lundin.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Lakota Lutheran Church with Rev. Tedd Reike officiating. Burial will be in the Lakota Cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Lakota Lutheran Church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation on Friday will be one hour prior to the funeral.

Paul Maurice Linde



worker, the career he had always wanted. He worked hard for many long years and was highly respected.

In his spare time Paul enjoyed motorcycle rides with his best friend, Charlie. The two would go on long rides together, sometimes in groups, or just the two of them by themselves.

Paul was a Webelos denmaster. He loved teaching the young scouts and would often tell us of how he taught the boys about a hammer; what it does and how to use it. The scouts were excited to use this knowledge to build many projects out of wood.

Paul and Janice had the opportunity to travel in their motor home to many places in the country, visiting relatives and simply having a good time. The family did many things together, including going to the cabin at Little Cormorant Lake. Everyone enjoyed sitting in the outside hot tub, shooting fireworks, water skiing, tubing, and boating. These special times together created lasting memories for the whole family. Let's not forget all the family gatherings and reunions that were filled with joy and laughter, too.

Paul also became a student pilot of small aircraft. He loved flying and enjoyed

taking his sons on short flights.

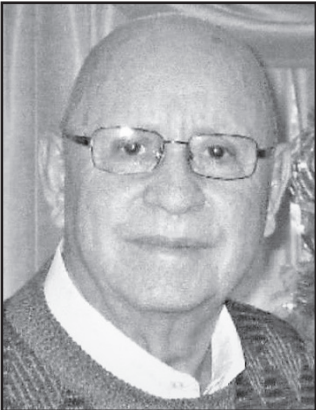
Having two wonderful grandsons and one granddaughter filled Paul's life with more joy. He loved spending time with them and doing what grandpas do, helping them to grow up as strong and beautiful human beings through fun-filled happiness.

On Jan. 15, 2018, it was his heart that took Paul's life at the age of 77. Still so young, we are blessed he left us with so many beautiful memories. His greatness, strength, love and kindness has touched family, relatives, and thousands of other people. It is devastating to see him go.

Paul has now reunited with his parents, Morris and Pearl; his daughter, Wendy; and his sister, Donna. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Janice; his sons, Michael (Danielle), Dale (Toni); his grandchildren, Adaire, Alec and Paul; his sister, LaVonne (Tony) McPhee; and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 20, at Cease Funeral Home, Bagley. Interment was at Our Lady of Victory, Shevlin. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Maurice LaFontaine



Maurice Mark LaFontaine, 86, of Bagley, died peacefully on Jan. 20, 2018 at the Gold Pine Home in Bemidji, surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of Maurice's life will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, with Pastor Wayne Hjermstad officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the services at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Motley Minn., in the spring.

Maurice was born May 23, 1931 in Bagley. He was the only child born to Mark Joseph LaFontaine and Bertha Mary (Johnson) LaFontaine. He was known by his nickname *Frenchy*. He attended Minerva Country School grades 1 through 8, Crookston AC and Thief River Falls Technical School. They farmed by Bagley and then he joined the Army where he served four years active duty and four years in the reserves and was honorably discharged February 1956.

He married Sharon Sandhoff in 1956. They had one daughter, Marcella Kay, in August 1957. They later

divorced.

He continued farming and was a heavy equipment operator for Hardrives Construction. He was injured in an accident at Hardrives Construction and went to work for Clearwater County where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Maurice married Ruth (Stewart Holub) LaFontaine in June 1988. He enjoyed hunting, keeping a meticulously neat yard, and even cut the thistle in his pasture. He enjoyed dancing and good county music. Maurice had a very loving, humorous personality. Everywhere he went he brought lots of laughter and fun.

He enjoyed playing Whist with his grandchildren and if he couldn't beat them in Whist they said he cheated. One of his favorite things he would do was go berry picking. He enjoyed gatherings with family and friends and would even go up town to have his coffee and ice cream with the kids.

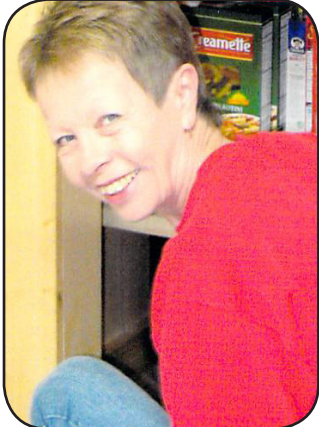
He is survived by his wife, Ruth LaFontaine of Bemidji; daughter, Marcella (Dan) Turville of Puvallup Wash.; and step children Robert (Kim) Holub of Becker, Minn.; Heidi (Ronnie) Holm of Rogers, Minn.; Julie (Christopher) Rodewald of Bemidji; Gregory (Jennifer) Holub of St. Cloud; and by 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Messages and condolences may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

Celebration of Life



A Celebration of Life will be held for Diane Fay (Landmark) Paulin at the Bagley American Legion on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 12-2 p.m.

Diane passed away on Nov. 4, 2017 from health complications.

All are welcome to attend.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 11, 1858, in France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, first claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The 18 apparitions occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes.
- On Feb. 7, 1914, the silent film "Kid Auto Races at Venice" premieres featuring the actor Charlie Chaplin in his first screen appearance as the "Little Tramp."
- On Feb. 9, 1942, the Normandie, the first major liner to cross the Atlantic in less than four days, burns and sinks in New York Harbor during its conversion to an Allied troop transport. A welder set fire to life preservers, and by early the next morning the ship lay smoking and capsized in the harbor.
- On Feb. 6, 1952, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of his two daughters, was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27. Today, Elizabeth has reigned for almost 65 years.
- On Feb. 8, 1978, a classic "Nor'easter" storm that brought a severe blizzard to New England finally subsides. The blizzard, the worst to hit New England since 1888, was blamed for 56 deaths and dumped 55 inches of snow in some areas.
- On Feb. 5, 1988, in Miami, Panama military strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega is indicted for drug smuggling and assisting Colombia's Medellin drug cartel in trafficking cocaine to America. Noriega was found guilty at his 1991 trial and sentenced to 40 years in prison. He later was imprisoned in France and Panama, where he died in 2017.
- On Feb. 10, 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer. Man ultimately defeated machine, however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.

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YOUR WEEKLY WEATHER & MARKET REPORT

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Jan 15	-3	-7	2"
Jan 16	7	-17	---
Jan 17	29	4	---
Jan 18	32	25	---
Jan 19	42	27	---
Jan 20	36	18	---
Jan 21	24	7	---

Snow-Rain Precipitation readings from weather station 1.5 miles south of Bagley

Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	\$1.76-1.91
400-600	\$1.70-1.88
600-800	\$1.46-1.73
800-1000	\$1.35-1.51

Weight	Beef Heifers
200-400	\$1.50-1.67
400-600	\$1.43-1.67
600-800	\$1.32-1.52
800-1000	\$1.20-1.30

Weight	Holstein Steers
200-400	\$0.70-0.90
400-600	\$0.70-0.90
600-800	\$0.70-0.90
800-1000	\$0.70-0.90

Slaughter Cows

Top	\$0.57-0.67
Good	\$0.50-0.57
Low Yielding	\$0.40-0.50

Slaughter Bulls

Top	\$0.74-0.80
Good	\$0.67-0.74
Low Yielding	\$0.60-0.67

Prices from latest sales at: Bagley Livestock Exchange, 1/18/18 and Winger Livestock Exchange, 1/13/18.

Headwaters Basketmakers Guild plans workshop

Headwaters Basketmakers Guild has invited Marilyn Moore and Emily Derke to teach at the annual *Weavin' Up North Workshop* held April 20-22 at Concordia Language Camp. They will be part of a team of teachers that includes Paul and Jill Scarpari, Eileen Spilman, Shirley Mount and Cathryn Jungroth Peters – "The Wicker Woman."

The workshop is open to all interested adults and includes special classes for first-time weavers. Registration for the Weavin' Up North Workshop is currently open, but will close Feb. 15. Persons interested in registration can contact: marcyweaver2005@gmail.com.

This year Marilyn Moore is a featured teacher. She is an award-winning fiber artist who explores color and form through her one-of-a-kind wire basket vessels which led her to creating fiber-related wire jewelry. Moore has worked with fiber medium since she was a child. Early on

she began her work with fiber by knitting, crocheting and sewing which led to weaving, basketry, and spinning. As a basket artist and teacher, she has shown her work internationally, nationally, and has taught at conventions and workshops across the country. Her articles are published in News Basket, Basket Bits, and Piecework. After living in Seattle for many years, she has recently moved to the Midwest.

Emily Derke is a local weaver and teacher. She spends much of her time weaving baskets, collecting material to work with, and harvesting, cooking and experimenting with local wild foods. Over the past decade, her search for knowledge and experience took her from her home in Minnesota to both the east and west coasts to learn from many experienced teachers. Emily will feature birch bark weaving in her classes. She will discuss harvesting using sustainable practices.



Beware Use of Prevagen for Alzheimer's Disease

DEAR DR. ROACH: Could you please discuss the use of Prevagen for Alzheimer's disease? My chiropractor wants me to take it because my mother had Alzheimer's. She says her father is doing well and not progressing. What do jellyfish have to cause this result? I have not seen any research from medical facilities that back this up. — L.C.

ANSWER: I could not find any peer-reviewed literature that supports the use of Prevagen for Alzheimer's disease or other neurological disease. The manufacturer has unpublished data on its website that suggests there may be a benefit in memory. There is also a study in rats that suggests the active protein, apoaequorin, may protect nerve cells against loss of glucose and oxygen. This protein was originally identified from luminescent jellyfish but is made synthetically in Prevagen. The rat research result is surprising, since proteins are normally broken down in the GI tract, and would not be expected to have activity in the brain.

There are reports made to the Food and Drug Administration of serious adverse events from this product. A supplement is not required to show its benefit; in fact, the product information for Prevagen clearly states that it is "not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease." I don't recommend using this product until there is clear, peer-reviewed evidence that it is better than placebo. In my mind, taking any treatment — drug or supplement — to prevent a condition requires the highest level of certainty.

Clearwater Quilters Guild raises \$500 during silent auction



Kathy Dreher of Bemidji was the lucky winner of the queen size quilt made by the members of the Clearwater Quilters.

The Clearwater Quilters Guild raised \$500 through a silent auction held during the Santa Claus Days annual craft sale. Each member is encouraged to make a handmade quilt related item for the silent auction. The group had designated Clearwater County Hospice to receive their donation. The guild would like to thank all those who support our annual silent auction. The guild is always looking for new members. If you are interested in getting involved or to learn more about quilting, please contact Judy Engebretson or Linda Holm for more information.



Clearwater Quilters Guild Silent Auction display during annual craft sale.



Shown accepting the check from guild member Judy Engebretson is Lynn Riggs from the Clearwater County Nursing Service.

A boost for the Fair



The dairy cow exhibition at the Clearwater County Fair received a needed boost last week, when a check of \$850 was presented to the Fair Board to help purchase an updated milking system for the dairy barn. Karen Gorentz of the West Central Holstein Club is shown handing the check to Mark Titera, a director of the Clearwater County Fair Board.

Heather LaFriniere promoted at Evergreen Implement



Heather LaFriniere Evergreen Implement Company is pleased to announce Heather LaFriniere has accepted the assistant store manager position at the Mahnomen location. Having Heather in this position will allow Store Manager Gale Pawlowski to spend more time in the field with Evergreen Implement's customers. Heather has been with

Evergreen Implement since 2015 as store administrator. Additionally, she provides employees from all four locations with required OSHA training. She brought with her six years of managing experience as office manager for ProAg Service and Insurance in Mahnomen. She has been a great addition to the Evergreen Implement team and helps out wherever needed in both the parts and service departments. Heather says, "I enjoy meeting and talking with customers. My goals are customer satisfaction and happy, productive employees." Evergreen Implement Co. has four locations: Warren, Thief River Falls, Mahnomen and Baudette.

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FARMERS INDEPENDENT, Bagley, Minnesota -- Page 10 U of M Beef Team to host Cow/Calf Days in Bagley, other sites

The University of Minnesota Beef Team is proud to host the annual Cow/Calf Days Seminar Tour and Trade Show at 10 locations across the state in January and February. This event has been held for over 40 years and continues to be the leading information, technology, and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota. The 2018 event will feature information on marketing calf value, genetic selection for commercial cow-calf operators, and backgrounding the calf crop on the ranch. The program also will feature a panel discussion on genetics and management. Updates from the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association will also highlight the event. The corresponding tradeshow will feature vendors with new information, technology, and products with a wide array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

The program is directed at cow/calf producers, allied industry representatives, and is open to the public. A meal will be served with the program, and a registration fee of \$10 will include the meal, proceedings book, and program materials. More information can be found at the Cow/Calf Days Seminar Tour and Trade Show website: www.extension.umn.edu/beef or contact Eric Mousel at 218-398-1916, emmousel@umn.edu. **Northern Tour** **JAN 23** – Staples, 9:30 a.m., Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road **JAN 23** – Bagley, 5:30 p.m., American Legion, 288 Main Ave. N. **JAN 24** – Lancaster, 5:30 p.m., Community Center **JAN 25** – Roseau, 5:30 p.m., Gene's Bar Grill, 1095 3rd St. NW **JAN 26** – Iron, 5:30 p.m., Cherry Community Center, 9831 Hwy 37

Pulse on People

Northland Community & Technical College, with campuses in Thief River Falls and East Grand Forks, Minn. is pleased to announce the following students graduated from Northland in the Fall 2017 semester: **Courtney Cosca, of Bagley**, majoring in Occupational Therapy Assistant field, graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree; and **Madison Stenzel, of Convick**, majoring in Liberal Arts and Sciences, graduated with Highest Honors with an Associate of Arts degree.

SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

'Come on down' to your Bagley Senior Center - Enjoy food, fun and fellowship

The Valentines Dinner of ribs and chicken will be served on Saturday, February 17 at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. We have room to seat 60, so make your reservations by calling Kay at 694-6873. After the Valentines Dinner, the Veterans Travel Fund fundraiser will be held at the High School auditorium. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Galen's grocery receipts to the Senior Center. They really add up quickly. Since the weather was warmer this last week it seems that more diners have enjoyed their lunch at the Senior Center rather than have it delivered. It is nice to see all of the smiling faces. If you have a few hours to give back to the community consider volunteering at the Senior Center. We are always looking for ways to get more people from the community involved.

DID YOU KNOW? The Bowl-Inn opened on September 1, 1961 on Main Street next to the American Legion. Earlier in March three large pine trees were removed from the lot and in June construction was started on the 50 feet by 140 feet, eight lane bowling alley with automatic pinsetters. The Bowl-Inn will be managed by Mr. and Mrs. Al Wallick. League bowling was started the middle of September with the men's league bowling on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and the women's league on Wednesday and Friday. Some of the top bowlers in the week of September 25 were: Don Niskanen, 231, Elmer Berentson, 217 and Dick Muckala, 227 for individual game. The high women's bowlers for three games were Fran Schmidt, 448 and Juanita Berg, 456.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Sundays - 8 p.m. At the Dome - west of Fireside

Thursday - 7 p.m. Lighthouse, Bagley

Mondays - 8 p.m. Solway Lutheran Church, Solway

Questions? Call Jeffery at 218-255-3829



Senior Citizen Menu

January 29-February 2 Monday: Chili, cheese sandwich, pears, bun, crackers, and Sherbet.
Tuesday: Cabbage casserole, carrots, and dessert.
Wednesday: Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetable, Mandarin orange gelatin, and brownie.
Thursday: Meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, and Lemon Cake.
Friday: Boiled ham, cornbread, and peaches.
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.

Bagley School Menu

January 29-February 2 Monday: Chicken filet, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce, WG bread, and milk.
Tuesday: Taco in A Bag, refried beans, black bean salsa, peaches, and milk.
Wednesday: Turkey & cheese sub, baked beans, Scooby snacks, pineapple, and milk.
Thursday: Garlic cheesy bread, meat sauce, fresh veggies with dip, Mandarin oranges, and milk.
Friday: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, 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: Elementary: French toast sticks, syrup, fruit choice, and milk choice.
High School: Breakfast pizza, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Tuesday: Hot/cold cereal, WG toast/bread, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Wednesday: Muffin, yogurt, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Thursday: Blueberry waffles, syrup, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Friday: Cinnamon roll, fruit choice, and milk choice.

NEWS BYTES

BAGLEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Register today for upcoming classes at 218-694-3232. Classes offered:
Crush Worthy Valentine Card Making, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in Community Room B @ Elementary; Fee: \$5 plus \$3 per project.
First Aid/CPR, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Feb. 6 in BHS Room 100, fee \$45.
Women's Self Defense, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 8 in Community Room B @ Elementary, fee \$15 individual or \$25 per couple.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2017 annual meeting & pie social will be held Sunday, Jan. 28, at the American Legion in Bagley at 2 p.m. with a short business meeting. Agenda items include election of three directors, financial and society reports. Several "Friends of the Museum" will be recognized during the meeting. At approximately 3 p.m. guest speakers Bonnie Kirchman and Tamara Edevold will talk about Clearwater County during World War I.
The public is invited to all society meetings. You do not have to be a historical society member to attend. For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS: Clearwater County Fair Board conducts a year-long raffle to help raise funds for general purposes and improvements at the fairgrounds.
Winners of \$20 each: Susan Sandland, Gonvick; Levi Drews, Bemidji; Jon Maki, Bagley; Julie and Patty Theis, Bagley, Doug Thompson, Shevlin; Janice Stormo, Clearbrook; and Glen Bardwell, Clearbrook.

HEADWATERS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION is offering a homebuyer education workshop in Bemidji from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, and Tuesday, Jan. 30. Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 26. Cost is \$35 per household. For more information and to register, call Headwaters Regional Development Commission at 218-333-6542 or go to www.hrdc.org.

USDA'S DIRECT HOME LOAN PROGRAM offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants unable to qualify for traditional financing. The maximum loan amount for home repairs is \$20,000. Grants of up to \$7,500 are

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For additional information, please call the Bemidji office at (218) 751-1942, Ext. 4 or visit the USDA website at www.rd.usda.gov/mn.
The **YOUNG ARTIST GRANT** provides 8th-12th grade students residing in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods or Mahnommen counties the opportunity to study art with a practicing professional artist, attend an arts workshop, take a class, or attend an arts camp in the state of Minnesota. Grant recipients are reimbursed up to \$600 for work with a mentor artist/instructor or for costs associated with attending an arts camp/class/workshop. Applications are online at r2arts.org. Contact Grants Manager Holly Alcott, at 218-751-5447 or at holly@r2arts.org for more information.

COMMUNITY ARTS SUPPORT GRANT Awards: \$2,000 to \$6,000 per year for up to two years (award amounts are based on an arts organization's averaged expenses for the past two years). For more information and applications, or with questions, call Region 2 Arts Council at 218-751-5447 or toll-free at 800-275-5447. You can also email us at staff@r2arts.org. Deadline is Feb. 15 by 11:59 p.m.

Dick Roue to spin his yarns this Sunday in Bagley

Farm by the Lake's storyteller series will present Dick Roue on Jan. 28 at 3 pm at the Bagley Public Library meeting room. This event is free and open to the public.
Dick Roue comes to us from the Fosston area, a local hometown storyteller who has been spinning tales for more than 50 years. He explains, "I talk about experiences from life – childhood on the farm, years in the military, years in law enforcement, etc. with maybe a touch of exaggeration, and quite a bit of humor thrown in."
He tells stories for the pleasure of his audience, and his own enjoyment. That's the same, whether he is reading poetry for senior citizen groups or schools, giving lectures on events in history, speaking in church, or just telling jokes.

NOTICE OF 2018 RICE TOWNSHIP Meetings

The following is a list of meetings for 2018:
February 20 - Board of Audit
March 13 - Annual Meeting with regular meeting immediately after
Regular meetings
May 8
July 10
September 11
November 13
January 8, 2019 - Regular meeting, 7:00 p.m.
All meetings at the Rice Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.
Dan LaVine, Clerk

King Crossword

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- 1 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 5 Apprehend
- 8 Colorful fish
- 12 Clay-rich soil
- 13 Blunder
- 14 Portrayal
- 15 Democrat or Republican
- 17 Radiate
- 18 Faucet
- 19 Arouse
- 21 Fireworks reaction
- 22 Delany or Carvey
- 23 Venomous viper
- 26 Zodiac cat
- 28 Passenger
- 31 Prosperous time
- 33 Knock
- 35 Pepsi competitor
- 36 Soothe
- 38 Tatter
- 40 Actor Danson
- 41 A long time
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- 51 Impulse carrier
- 52 Multiple marriage
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- 58 Oklahoma city
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- 10 Lotion additive
- 11 Chopped
- 16 Implement
- 20 Card game
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- 27 Rowing need
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- 30 Primary color
- 32 Purplish
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- 34 Kneecap
- 37 Longing
- 39 Indiana city
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- 44 Heathen
- 46 World's fair
- 48 Wise one
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- 53 On in years

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SANFORD BEMIDJI PARENT CONNECTION support group for parents of kids with special health needs meets the last Thursday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. in the 1611 Anne St., Clinic Conference Room. Free childcare is provided. An upcoming gathering takes place Jan. 25. No registration is required. Visit sanfordhealth.org, keyword: Parent Connection or call (218) 333-4710.

SANFORD BEMIDJI is hosting free exercise classes tailored for those with Parkinson's disease from noon to 1 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month, Sept. through May, at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center on the fourth floor (Acute Rehab Gym). The next class takes place Feb. 6.
Registration is not required. For more information, contact Sanford Bemidji Outpatient Rehab at (218) 333-5899 or visit sanfordhealth.org, keyword: Parkinson exercise.

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- Travis Larson
- Kathryn Graf
- Charlie Reddick
- Edna Wraa
- Don Vorderbruggen
- Mardelle & Gary Johannessahn
- Harold Anderson
- Leroy Merschman
- Lori Harrison
- Barbara Feeken
- Phyllis Peterson
- Bloyd L. Ness
- Allen LaFontaine
- Sally Navratil
- Glenn Larson
- Richard Blomberg
- Jeanette Anderson
- Timothy Lindow
- Clarice M. Hanson
- Zack McCollum
- Melvyn M. Reed
- Carol Tollefson
- John Torgerson
- Robert A. & Elaine Johnson
- Dianne Moen
- Melva Larson
- Jeffery Folscher
- Pamela Everhart
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- Greg Boe
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- Don Luggar
- George Titera
- Bill McKinley
- Steve Ames
- John Eidsmoe
- Stanley Ramsrud
- Kaylia Erickson
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Snow Week, fundraiser requests, and land survey lead Bagley School Board agenda

By Darlene Sawyer
The Bagley School Board met Tuesday, Jan. 16. The agenda included the BHS Student Council plans for upcoming Snow Week.
Supt. Steve Cairns presented new policy #511 which had been modified and was given its first reading at this meeting. The policy addresses accountability for school fundraisers. All fundraisers are to be approved prior to the activity. The Superintendent must provide supervision and students/participants must adhere to school rules. The supervisor of the fundraising activity must provide accountability of the fundraiser, vendors and who benefits. It also tells the board if a fundraiser has been worthwhile. It provides the board with a glimpse of what's being raised. It prevents having from six to eight fundraisers occurring at the same time. This policy will be discussed in further detail before being officially adopted.
BHS Student Council Treasurer Breanna Nelson and BHS Student Council Vice President Cali Olson sought

permission for activities being planned for Snow Week to be held Friday, Feb. 9 through Thursday, Feb. 15. Part of the activities will continue on Friday, March 2, which will be the final collection of items for the Clearwater County Food Shelf, and a "Glow" dance on Saturday, March 3. Coronation of Snow King and Queen will take place at 2:25 p.m. in the gym on Monday, Feb. 12. As part of their fundraising effort, the student council will be selling flowers, heart beads, and winter Flyers hats/ear bands during the lunch periods. These will be delivered on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Their community service project will be to have a 12-day fundraising and non-perishable food drive from Feb. 13 through March 2. The two student council members also reported on their Clearwater Christmas Project which raised \$1,536 and collected 13 toys. Mrs. O'Beirne's class won the competition and enjoyed a pizza party for their efforts. The girls thanked the board for supporting their student council activities. After a brief discussion, the board

approved their requests.
Maranda Pula, advisor to the BHS Math League, sought permission to hold two fundraisers to raise money for sweatshirts for the Math League. Her proposal included having Feb. 9 be declared as Hat Day. Students would pay \$1 to wear their hat. Once they pay, they are given a sticker and need to have it visible throughout the day. Another idea was to have a Corn Hole tournament at a date yet to be announced (before March). They plan to have teams and are looking to get prizes donated for the winning team. After a brief discussion, the board approved the requests.
BHS Music teacher Josh Gunderson sought permission for his music students to have a fundraiser which would include selling frozen cookie dough and magazine subscriptions. They have done this in the past and it has been successful. The board approved the request.
BHS Science teacher Sam Roepke sought permission for an overnight trip for four of his robotics students who qualified to attend the MN State VEX Robotics

competition on Feb. 2-3 in St. Cloud. Mr. Roepke requested the district pay for a sub for one day and for three hotel rooms for Friday night. He will drive the students to St. Cloud in a school vehicle. After a brief discussion, the board approved his request.
The BHS Registration Guide for 2018-2019 was presented to the board for approval by Principal David Gooch. There were only a few modifications needed for the upcoming year. Also of importance is the section on "Choosing a Career" and "Career Pathways." There was a discussion of math and general requirements. The board approved the BHS Registration Guide for 2018-2019.
A certificate of survey was presented to the board concerning the land in west Bagley on which the school bus garage is located. It was

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surveyed by Amanda Brustad and now each property knows its own boundaries. Ms. Brustad was able to find monuments in steel casings which marked the properties. The board was presented with a quit claim deed based on the new boundaries which it adopted after discussion and an aerial photo of said property. The board authorized the execution of the deed transfer on the real property described to Terry L. Jesness and Barbara Jesness as joint tenants. This resolution ratifies and confirms all prior action taken by ISD No. 162 to effectuate this transfer. The board adopted/approved the documents/agreements.
As to staffing, the board approved the hiring of Christina Gubrud as a paraeducator; the resignation of Dave Maruska as a two-hour cook; the hiring of Dave Maruska as a paraeducator; the hiring of Julia Mathison as a paraeducator; requests for two additional days of unpaid leave for Karla Knutson, paraeducator; request for three additional days of unpaid leave for Shawna Hermiston, paraeducator.

March for Life/Continued from page 1



Kent and Shandell Dudley were guest speakers at Bagley's annual MCCL rally

been aborted and have not had a chance to live. They haven't been given the choice of life. Our church body has been *reactive*, not *pro-active*. Being proactive is not the same as being anti-abortion. My wife and I believe our call is to be pro-life. *Every* life is valuable. There are approximately 150,000 children in the U.S. today ready to be adopted. There are approximately 300,000 churches in the U.S. Just think, it would only take two churches to adopt each child. We need to know what *our call* is." They concluded their program by introducing three of their adopted children and then sang "Thank God for Kids."
LeRoy and Carolyn Sundbom, long-time MCCL

members, concluded the program. Carolyn, who is treasurer of the Clearwater County MCCL chapter, gave a brief financial report of the local organization and its fundraising efforts. LeRoy reported on what the MCCL has done with funds and the platform for Pro-Life. He explained that the Republican Party tends to have a pro-life platform. He encouraged everyone to attend the Clearwater County caucus to be held on Feb. 6 in the Bagley High School cafeteria. The caucuses are important because important work gets done at the grassroots level. He thanked everyone for coming to the program at Calvary. Pastor Rick Moore concluded the program with a final prayer and explained, "We have been touched by the Dudley children." A delicious lunch was served by volunteers after the program.

It is important to note that there is help available for anyone who is dealing with an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. The name of this organization is called the Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center located in Bemidji at 609 Bemidji Avenue North. Their theme is "You don't have to face life's challenges alone." They provide free and confidential services such as pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, individual counseling/education, free prenatal vitamins, ongoing pregnancy and post pregnancy support, post abortion counseling, free mother and baby items, support groups for men and women, and transportation services. According to their brochure, they have been successful in

providing services for this special program and their client numbers have doubled. Last year their services were used 796 times -- up from 420 the previous year. You can get additional information on this center by calling 218-444-3035 or text *helpline* to 313131.

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evaluating leadership programs, is the primary sponsor of the Emerging Leadership Program. Additional financial support for the program comes from the Red River Valley Development Association, and from a variety of other sources including agricultural producer groups, electric cooperatives, community businesses, financial institutions and individuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Minnesota who contribute each year. The Emerging Leadership Program is supported by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation which manages the program's project and endowment funds.

Daniel and Shelley will be honored for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Emerging Leadership Program's annual recognition banquet on Saturday, March 24 in Crookston. Family and friends are invited to join program alumni at the event. Tickets can be ordered from the Extension Regional Office in Crookston by calling 218-281-8696 -or- toll free 1-888-241-0781.

Giving hearts Continued from page 1

Country Hardware, Galen's SuperMarket, Kubiak's Family Foods, Hometown Market, the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Impact Club, Bagley High School Student Council, the Bagley American Legion, and numerous individual and business donors. Whether raising funds, providing discounts, hosting toy drives or other ways, the groups above all were key components to the *Merry Christmas* had by all.
As our reach increases, our needs do as well. We will have increased needs for toy and monetary donations for the 2018 project. Donations can be sent to PO Box 133, Gonvick, MN 56644.
Thank you again to all that gave so generously to the Clearwater Christmas Project...a lot of people enjoyed a little more this Christmas, thanks to our community!



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Front Row (from left): Sterling Seyller, Jasmine Dakota, Gabriel Trapp, Micah Armstrong, Antonio Auginaush, Mia Hagen, Paige Hilliard, Peyton Smith; back row: Kaydence Jorgenson, Lindsey LaFerriere, Theodor Tollefson, Silena Paulson, Allyn Johnson, Brian Sargent, Aiden Auginaush. Not pictured: Kianna Strong.

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Brawlers claim title at Lake Park tourney



The Brawlers took home another tournament championship as a team this past Friday in Lake Park. The Brawlers led the pack of 10 teams with 205.5 points, with DGF in second with 189.5 points and Pequot Lakes in third with 155 points. Pictured are the Brawlers and their coaches with the trophy. This week, the Brawlers travel Tuesday to Roseau and host Crookston Thursday in the Fosston old gym. Wrestling starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and it is Parents' Night.

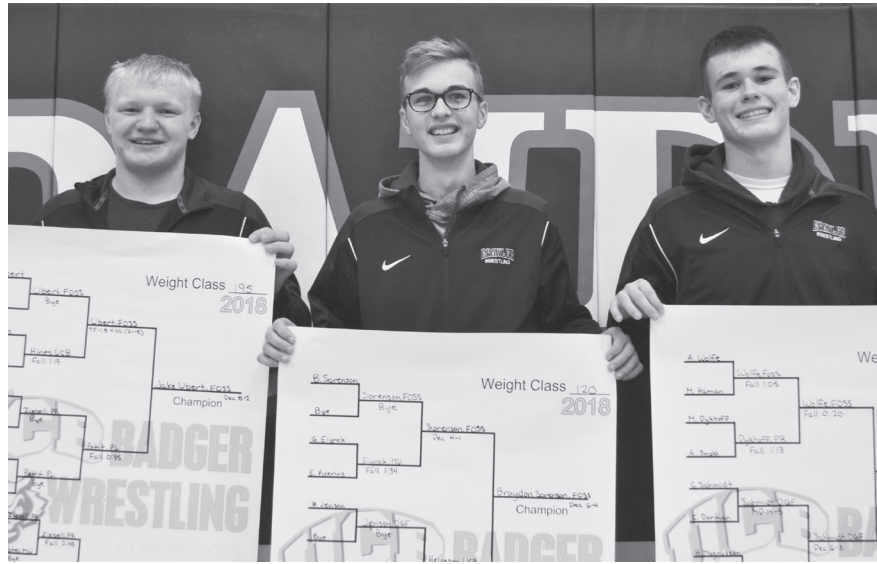


Photo at left: The Brawlers took home three individual championships at the 41st annual Terry Teiken Invitational this past Friday in Lake Park. Pictured are seniors Jake Ubert, Brayden Sorenson and Alex Wolfe, who each took home the wall chart from their 195 lb., 120 lb. and 145 lb. weight classes, respectively. Also placing for the Brawlers were Keegan Senger – 5th at 106 lbs., Christian Schmidt -- 2nd and 113 lbs., Carter Sorenson -- 3rd at 126 lbs., Kaden Kappedal -- 6th at 132 lbs., Dane Schoenborn -- 4th at 138 lbs., Henry Burrack -- 4th at 152 lbs., Cole Olson -- 2nd at 160 lbs., Teigen Hextell -- 3rd at 170 lbs., Jacob Lomen -- 3rd at 182 lbs. and Axel Munter -- 2nd at Hwt. Congratulations, Brawlers!

Bagley High School Recognizes Student-Athletes of the Week

Bagley High School has recognized four student-athletes for their recent efforts on their respective teams. Kirah Otting (senior, dance team) has been very determined to push herself hard this year to her fullest potential. Kirah always stays positive, no matter the circumstances. Kirah leads by example and is always encouraging to others and is very dedicated to the team. Cameron Broden (7th grade, boys basketball) works very hard and has a positive attitude in both games and practices. Cameron excels on defense and takes pride in playing hard on every possession. Cameron has not missed a practice and is always willing to help wherever needed. Jory Fultz (8th grade, girls basketball) has worked hard and has become an outstanding leader. Jory always gives her best effort in practices and games and also



Cameron Broden

is constantly trying to help her teammates get better as well. Jory's offensive skills have really improved this season, which is a direct reflection of her hard work. McKenna Melbo (7th grade, girls basketball) has really worked hard and has shown a great deal of improvement this season. McKenna knows



Jory Fultz

and can play every position on the court. McKenna is extremely coachable and a true student of the game of basketball. McKenna is a wonderful teammate. Congratulations to Kirah, Cameron, Jory and McKenna for your outstanding efforts!



Kirah Otting



McKenna Melbo

An Eye on the Vikes!

Minnesota Vikings Football Round-up

By Jordan Wright

How do you spell h-u-m-i-l-i-a-t-i-o-n?

Well... that was embarrassing. The Minnesota Vikings, coming off a miraculous win, were thoroughly destroyed by the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday night, 38-7. The loss is the third largest blowout in NFC championship history, surpassed only by the Carolina Panthers' 49-15 win over the Arizona Cardinals in 2015 and the New York Giants' 41-0 victory over the Vikings in 2000.

The Vikings offense started the game off right. They received the ball to start the game and drove down the field, capping off a 75-yard drive with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Case Keenum to Kyle Rudolph. The Eagles punted on their opening drive, and it looked like the Vikings were going to cruise through the game. Unfortunately, Keenum ended up throwing his first pick six of the season on the Vikings' ensuing drive and suddenly the game was tied. The Vikings got the ball back, went three-and-out, and the game was essentially over at that point.

Case Keenum completed 28 of 48 passes for 271 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Even though he was only sacked once, the Eagles did a good job of making him uncomfortable in the pocket. Outside of the opening drive, the Vikings were unable to get anything going on the ground to help the struggling pass attack. The team only had 70 rushing yards, led by Jerick McKinnon's 10 carries for 40 yards. The Eagles also did a great job of keeping Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs in check, allowing the duo only 11 catches for 98 yards.

The Vikings offense had their worst outing of the season, but they still played considerably better than the Vikings defense. The defense which finished the 2017 season as the best in the league looked out of sorts from the beginning. They gave up 456 yards and 38 points to the Nick Foles-led Eagles, which was by far the most this season. The team was unable to put any pressure on Foles; they were unable to cover Philadelphia's mediocre wide receivers, and they were unable to tackle. The whole game was very uncharacteristic of this Vikings defense, and I'm sure head coach Mike Zimmer will have nightmares from this performance for years to come.

Vikings fans young and old are accustomed to heartbreak but this loss feels particularly painful. This year felt special. The team lost their starting quarterback after week one and lost their starting running back in week four, yet they still went 13-3. The Super Bowl is in Minneapolis this year, and Vikings fans around the globe had good reason to believe this would be the first time in NFL history a team would play for a championship in their home stadium.

Once again, fans had hope. Once again, we were let down.

If you are a Vikings fan, it's important to remember that the season may be over, but the future is bright. If you aren't a Vikings fan, make sure to go and give any you know a hug or a pat on the back – because I assure you we need one right about now.

Have any questions, comments, or just need to vent? Reach out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@[SkolJWright](https://twitter.com/SkolJWright)).

BHS Sports Calendar

Thursday, January 25
JH BBB vs. Fertile-Beltrami - 4:30p/5:30p
JV/V GBB vs. NCE/U-H - 4:30pm/6pm
C/JV/V BBB vs. NCE/U-H - 6p/4:30p/7:30pm
Hockey @ Wadena-Deer Creek - 7pm
Wrestling @ Crookston - 6:30pm

Friday, January 26
Dance Team @ Heart of Lakes Conference Championships @ Pelican Rapids - 7pm
JV/V GBB @ Blackduck - 6p/7:30pm

Saturday, January 27
Hockey vs. Whapeton/Breckenridge - 2pm

Monday, January 29
JH GBB @ Clearbrook-Gonvick - 4:30p/5:30pm
JV/V GBB @ Mahnomen/Waubun - 6p/7:30pm

Tuesday, January 30
JH BBB @ Fosston - 4:30p/5:30p
C/JV/V BBB @ Mahnomen/Waubun - 5p/6p/7:30p
Wrestling vs Triangular - BGMR/RLCC - 5pm - Fosston High School Old gym

Master Naturalist volunteer training to be held in Bemidji

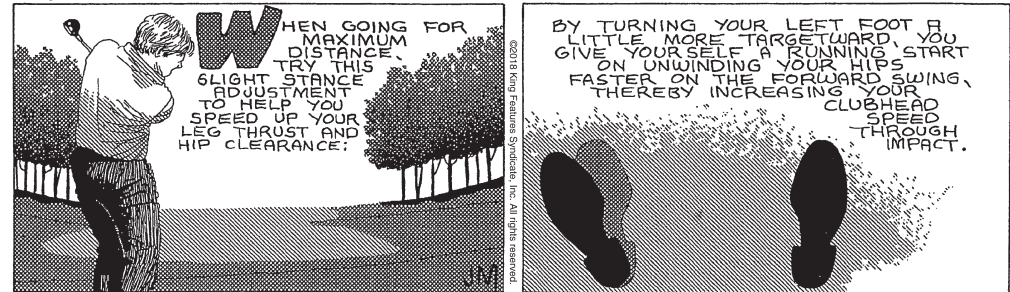
Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? If so, consider becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer! Headwaters Science Center, Bemidji, and Lake Bemidji State Park are hosting a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training beginning Feb. 13. Master Naturalist volunteers complete a 40-hour hands-on course with expert instructors and fellow learners – studying natural history, environmental interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Final certification comes with the completion of 40 hours of volunteer service. The program offers three courses that correspond to Minnesota's three major ecosystems – entitled 'Big Woods, Big Rivers,' 'Prairies and Potholes,' and

'Northwoods, Great Lakes.' This course will cover the natural and cultural history of the "North Woods, Great Lakes" region. We will provide an in-depth overview of the boreal forest ecosystem, and participants will observe and learn about the variety of plant and animal communities of the region. Through the course, participants will develop their ability to observe nature and will learn tools to improve these skills. In addition, participants will improve their communication skills by sharing knowledge with other participants and working on a group project. The classes will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 13-April 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Two Saturday field trips are scheduled for Feb. 24 and April 7. The cost for the course is \$275, including materials. Instructor is Janet Moen,

janetkellymoen@gmail.com, 218-280-0324. Register on-line at <https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org/courses/register/?courseId=733>. For registration assistance call Julie Larson at 320-589-1711 Ext. 2120; 1-888-241-4532, or e-mail info@minnesotamasternaturalist.org. Scholarships are available. Minnesota Master Naturalist is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension Service

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Give me your tired, your poor – as long as they’re white

We are a nation of immigrants. For almost three centuries, America has stood as the Promised Land, where beleaguered people from all around the world came to escape persecution, start a new life and pursue their dreams -- black, white, brown; Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa. We were the melting pot that welcomed and assimilated them all: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

But now America has a new immigration policy, as pronounced last week by President Donald Trump: “Welcome to the United States of America ... as long as you’re white.” That’s the clear message he left bipartisan senators with at a hastily called Oval Office meeting on immigration.

Here’s the full story. At a packed White House meeting with lawmakers on Tuesday, Jan. 9, Trump said he’d only sign an immigration bill that dealt with four issues: border security; the Dreamers; chain, or family migration and the lottery system for immigrants from countries with temporary protected status (TPS). Immediately following the meeting, six senators -- Republicans Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Cory Gardner (R-CO); and Democrats Dick Durbin (D-IL), Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) -- got to work and hammered out a compromise bill.

When they walked into the Oval Office on Thursday morning, Jan. 11, invited by the president to outline their plan, Durbin and Graham were surprised to discover immigration hardliners Tom Cotton (R-ARK) and David Perdue (R-GA), who had already convinced Trump to oppose the bipartisan bill. Whereupon, instead of talking, as expected, about how to solve the immigration problem, Durbin and Graham sat there as Donald Trump made it even worse with his vulgar, inflammatory and now infamous language.

Once informed, apparently for the first time, that immigrants of certain countries considered extremely dangerous, including Haiti, El Salvador and certain African countries, enjoyed priority status, Trump exploded. “Why do we want all these people from s-hole countries coming here,” he reportedly asked repeatedly, adding that what we really needed were more people from countries like Norway.

Those comments triggered one of the strangest political debates this country’s ever seen. At first the White House applauded Trump’s comments, with one official telling CNN: “Though this might enrage Washington, staffers predict the comment will resonate with his base, much like his attacks on NFL players who kneel during the national anthem did not alienate it.”

Sen. Durbin meanwhile condemned Trump for saying such “hate-filled things.” Sen. Graham, seconding Durbin’s outrage, said he rebuked the president on the spot. But Sens. Cotton and Perdue defended the president, first by saying they didn’t “remember” hearing him say “s-hole” and then by insisting he never said it at all. That’s when things really got bizarre.

As first reported by the Washington Post, citing several White House aides, Trump actually called them “s-house” countries not “s-hole” countries. So Cotton and Perdue might have been technically correct. And, believe it or not, official Washington then tied itself in knots for three days over whether the president of the United States called Haiti and other countries “s-hole” or “s-house” -- as if it made any difference.

Puh-leeze. The point is not whether Trump said “s-hole” or “s-house.” Either description’s equally wrong. Either way, Trump is saying we don’t need any more black or brown people here; we need more white people, like residents of Norway. It’s offensive. It’s wrong. And it’s outright racist.

This, of course, is only the latest evidence of Trump’s inherent racism. He has a history of it. He first made news in 1973, when he and his father were sued by the Justice Department for refusing to rent apartments to African-Americans. In 1989, after the rape of a female jogger in Central Park, he took out full-page newspaper ads demanding the death penalty for five African-American teenage suspects -- all of whom were later exonerated. For five years, Trump personally led the Birther Movement, denying the legitimacy of our first African-American president.

Nor has Trump changed his stripes in the White House. He hailed white supremacists and KKK members who marched in Charleston as including “some very fine people.” He called black NFL players who took a knee “sons-a-b--s.” He’s put in place a Muslim travel ban. And now he wants to end protected status for black and brown immigrants so we can let more white people in.

There’s no dancing around it. Tell it like it is. His words and actions prove: Donald Trump is a racist.

(Bill Press is host of a nationally-syndicated radio show, CNN political analyst 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 @bpshow.)



The Trump Economy

The numbers don’t lie, the Trump economy is the best in years.

At the end of Trump’s first year in office the economy has seen three percent growth for three successive quarters, which we haven’t seen for 13 years. The Dow hit 25,000 which we’ve never seen before. Wages and employment are rising, most significantly at the bottom end of the income distribution and most concentrated in the blue state heartland.

Moreover, the confidence of small businesses as measured by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, is the highest it’s been since they started doing the survey 45 years ago!

There has predictably been a lot of grumbling. “This is Obama’s policies finally kicking in.”

After eight years of assuring us that two percent growth is the new normal.

“Almost a quarter-million employees have been notified of plant closings and layoffs!”

That may be true -- but so what?

Sorry, that sounds callous for those going through job loss, but the fact is, when the economy is expanding and employment increasing, layoffs in certain sectors mean the economy is changing, not static. The slack will be taken up in new more dynamic sectors and Americans will do what we always have; move somewhere else, learn new skills, and get a new job.

So why has this happened and what does it mean?

Because a great many of the Wise and Wonderful on both right and left predicted gloom, doom, and disaster.

In the past when

we’ve seen the economy improve with a new and more business-friendly administration there has usually been a year’s lead time before we’ve seen improvement, but this has been immediate.

Some have proposed the first effects were largely psychological, and there is something to this. The Democratic Party is more than ever before dominated at the national level by hard leftists ferociously hostile towards free enterprise.

A change to an even tepidly pro-capitalist administration is like a shot of espresso to the economy.

And this change has been more than token. Trump promised to remove two business regulations for every one passed. At last count 22 regulations have been removed for every one imposed.

It’s not just that the regulatory burden on business is difficult and expensive, we could live with that. It’s that it’s so complex it’s nearly impossible to understand.

Want to start a business or move yours into a new market? If you don’t have lots of lawyers and accountants on your payroll to navigate the regs -- good luck! Complex regulations and tax laws favor big business over the little guys, and that’s how the big guys like it.

And thennnn there’s the hot button issue, climate change.

Whatever your opinion of climate change, the fact is the proposals for addressing it these days consist almost entirely of political theater. The least burdensome proposals cripple the economy and accomplish nothing. The most radical

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proposals amount to dismantling industrial civilization, resulting in impoverishment and mass starvation.

If we are going to find alternatives to fossil fuels, the only thing that can accomplish this is a rich and dynamic economy that can support the research, development, and large-scale implementation of new technologies.

That’s a job for businessmen and engineers, not bureaucrats.

Probably the biggest thing the Trump administration has done is to remove a lot of the uncertainty of doing business. A thriving economy can stand a lot of stupid regulation -- if they are consistent from day to day.

What it can’t stand is the uncertainty of a business environment where regulations are imposed capriciously by a chief executive who overturns settled law to pick winners and losers, and decides who has to obey and who gets special exemptions.

And I must say I did not see this coming. Trump seemed like the archtypical crony capitalist, leveraging political influence for his own advantage, even to the point of trying to use eminent domain for private projects.

It never occurred to me that a player skilled in that game could still realize it is horribly bad for the economy, and once in power act on that knowledge. And if you’d told me, I wouldn’t have believed you.

What a pleasant surprise!

Secretary Simon highlights key election dates

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Secretary of State Steve Simon is highlighting important 2018 election dates in Minnesota and encouraging all citizens, regardless of political affiliation, to get involved, stay informed and, most importantly -- vote!

“This is going to be an important and historic election year in Minnesota, beginning with precinct caucuses in three weeks on Feb. 6,” said Simon. “I encourage all Minnesotans to get involved in the civic process and make their voices heard in 2018 -- whether by attending a local precinct caucus, asking friends and family if they are registered to vote, or by voting on Election Day.”

In 2018, Minnesotans will be voting for their choice for both U.S. Senate seats, their member of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as their choice for Governor & Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, and State Representative. This will be the first election in Minnesota since 1978 that both U.S. Senate seats and the governorship are up for election in the same year.

Some Minnesotans will also be voting for their local officials.

Key 2018 election-related dates

- February 6 -- Precinct caucuses. The Precinct Caucus Finder will be available in mid-January on the Office of the Minnesota

Secretary of State website, mnvotes.org. The Finder displays caucus locations provided by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Republican Party. Voters may also contact their preferred political party to find caucus locations.

Caucuses in Clearwater County will be as follows:

DFL -- Bagley High School room 100; register 6:30 p.m., caucus starts 7 p.m., convention 8 p.m.

GOP -- Bagley High School cafeteria; register 6:30 p.m., caucus starts 7 p.m., convention at a later date.

- May 22-June 5 -- Candidate filing period. Candidates running for partisan office need to file for office during this window of time.

- June 29 -- Minnesotans can begin to vote early via absentee ballot, by mail, or in person for the August 14 Primary Election. To vote early by mail, Minnesotans can apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. To vote early in person, Minnesotans can get and cast an absentee ballot at their county election office (In Clearwater County go to the Auditor-Treasurer’s business office). Minnesotans who are military and overseas voters who want to vote absentee can learn more from Sec. Simon’s office.
- July 24 -- Pre-registration deadline for the Primary Election. Voters are encouraged to pre-register to vote to avoid lines at the polling place. Voters who miss this deadline may still register at their

ON THE RIGHT — **CAL THOMAS**

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Blame us for government shutdown

If we don’t like what is happening in Washington -- and few do -- the blame must be placed squarely where it belongs. It is “we the people” who send these people here.

We send people of different and often opposing viewpoints to Washington and expect them to get along. Many quickly turn opportunities to represent us into opportunities to represent themselves. They become careerists, statist and hypocrites, first supporting one cause or policy when it suits them and then with whiplash intensity turning around and supporting its opposite when it is politically expedient. It is why my favorite lecture circuit laugh line is “I’m happy to be here tonight from Washington, D.C., where the only politicians with convictions are in prison.”

Is that too cynical? Perhaps. There are a few good men and women in Washington, but they are often overtaken by the swamp, which is more like quicksand, dragging everyone down. If re-election and fundraising become primary goals rather than promotion of the general welfare, everything else becomes secondary.

The greatest frustration for voters comes from knowing how a problem can be solved, but then witnessing politicians refusing to solve it because they prefer to retain the issue as a weapon in the next election, and the one after that.

Perhaps a cynic would say that the refusal by Senate Democrats to pass a continuing resolution last week, much less a budget, is a device to turn attention from the great economic successes attributed by many to the Trump administration. But it is not cynical when one has observed how the “game” is played here. And to many it is a game, which serves only those who are playing it, not the rest of us.

The appeals to the “base” on the left and right rob the nation of a real debate on issues and an eventual resolution that benefits the majority. Is gaining and holding political power by a handful of politicians worth the sacrifice of faith in our government? And is this government, whether headed by Democrats or Republicans, what the Founders had in mind? Any high school history student, if taught the facts, must conclude it is not.

The Founders wanted limited government so that the people could be unlimited in pursuing their aspirations, consistent with their abilities and desire to take reasonable risks. What passes for government and governing today is a sham, a ruse, an embarrassment to their intentions and to ourselves, if we could be embarrassed about much these days. Even China mocks our dysfunction.

Hypocrisy is practiced by both parties and is the exclusive property of neither one. Republicans are now quoting Democrats, who spoke out against a government shutdown when it was politically advantageous and who now are for it. Democrats have their own list of quotes about Republicans.

The only benefit from this, if one can call it a benefit, is that Republicans are at last fighting back. During previous threats to shut down government, Republicans have covered and allowed Democrats and the media to blame them. It’s nice to see them refusing unconditional surrender this time.

There must be a better way. There is, but the public must demand it. Given the divisions in the country, which are reflected in the Congress, don’t look for that to happen anytime soon.

This is why we need term limits. Meantime, here’s one idea: shut Congress down and don’t pay them until they start behaving like adults and serve American citizens first.

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

polling place on Primary Election Day, August 14.

- August 14 -- Primary Election Day.
- September 21 -- Minnesotans can begin to vote early via absentee ballot, by mail, or in person for the November 6 General Election. The same early voting and absentee voting information as noted above for the primary applies.
- September 25 -- National Voter Registration Day.
- October 16 -- Pre-registration deadline for the General Election. Voters are encouraged to pre-register to vote to avoid lines at the polling place. Voters who miss this deadline may still register at their polling place on Election Day, November 6.
- November 6 -- General Election Day.

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY. The voter registration process in Minnesota is easier and more convenient than ever before. Minnesotans can register to vote from the comfort of their own home by going online to mnvotes.org.

Voters can register at the polls on Election Day or when applying for or renewing their driver’s license. Voter registration applications are also available at every state agency, all 87 county offices throughout the state, and online in English, Amharic, Chinese, Hmong, Karen, Khmer, Lao, Oromo, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Minnesotans who are already registered to vote should confirm their voter registration information is up to date, and encourage their friends, family and co-workers to do the same.

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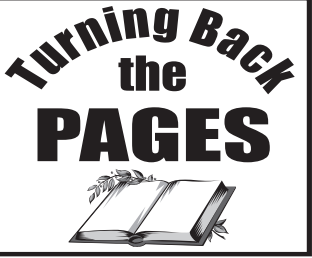
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2012: A story of success and disaster came from Bagley dairy farmer Mark Titera last week. The good news is that the genetics of a Red and White Holstein bull from his family farm have gone global. He showed on the internet nine or 10 daughters of his bull in the top 10 of a heifer show in Lausanne, Switzerland on Jan. 13.

Daughters of the Titera bull, Orbe-view S Strm HVEZDA, included the Jr. Champion heifer and the Honorable Mention Jr. Champion heifer. Besides these two in high rankings, there were several others in the same show that earned honors.

Titera said he has been on the internet and seen photos of the bull's daughters in Germany, Portugal, and all over the United States.

"It's kind of humbling and gratifying all at once," he said of learning the prize winning ways of his bull's offspring. "Here's a bull born on your farm that is famous internationally."

Here's one more way the folks of Clearwater County

are making their mark in the world.

The disaster in this story is that the bull broke his leg and had to be destroyed.

2008: Bryan Dyrdaahl's domination over the United States Cross Country (USCC) FXR Pro 600 field continued on Jan. 18 through 20 in the Red Lake I-500. He won the race by almost 10 minutes. It was Dyrdaahl's fourth I-500 victory, making him the winningest racer to compete in the storied race.

Dyrdaahl, Bagley, set out Sunday for the third and final leg with a 4 minute, 39 second lead over Polaris driver Josh Davis, also of Bagley. Rather than dial back his quick pace to reduce his risk of a crash or broken machine, Dyrdaahl put the hammer down and tacked on another 5 minutes to his lead. He finished 9 minutes, 35 seconds over Davis. Greg Hyde was third, also on a Polaris.

Bryan grew up in a snowmobile racing family, under the leadership of his father, the late Gerald Dyrdaahl. His two brothers, Chad and Brady, also have made their marks in the racing world.

1993: Bald Eagle Numbers Are On The Increase In Northwestern Minnesota... The Minnesota DNR documented 12 new bald eagle nests in 1992, bringing the total number of active territories in the northwest region to 103. This does not

include nesting sites in the Chippewa National Forest, where federal authorities track a steadily increasing population of nesting pairs. Statewide, Minnesota's bald eagle population has increased to more than 450 nesting pairs, compared to only 50 pairs in the late 1960s.

Eagles usually mate for life and return to the same area every year to nest. A pair will often build two or three nests in the same area and rotate among them, using a different one each season.

The DNR noted, donations to the non-game wildlife checkoff are one way to help assure that eagles continue to soar in future years.

1969: A low-rent housing building will soon be built in Bagley. This apartment building will be located within walking distance of shopping areas, park, hospital and medical facilities. The apartments will be available to persons over 65 who have limited income.

The First Eagle Scout Award presented to a Bagley Scout in over 30 years was awarded at a Court of Honor recently to David Lhotka of Troop 51. Paul Bunyan District Executives were present for this ceremony.

Scoutmaster Arnold Higdem, David Lhotka, and Dave's parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lhotka were shown with David.

"Who Stole My Pot?" – Bagley Study Club members desiring the solution to the mystery are urged to attend the next meeting where Mrs. Albert Gordon and Mrs. John Fjelstul will provide the answers. The time is 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Genhart Ollestad residence.

1952: Chester Traaseth of Mentor recently was hired as the new manager of the Bagley Cooperative Creamery. Mr. Traaseth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Traaseth of Shevlin and is a graduate of Bagley High School. Following graduation he was employed at the Shevlin Creamery where he worked until 1942 when he entered the Armed Services.

Upon his return to civilian life he again worked for the creamery at Shevlin but later took a position as manager of the creamery at Mentor where he has been employed since. Mr. Traaseth and his wife have two children. They plan to move to Bagley as soon as a house can be secured.

The Bagley Courthouse gang will take on the Gonvick businesses in another benefit game next Wednesday evening. The proceeds of this game, too, will be given to the March of Dimes. The Courthouse outfit doesn't know what they will run into at Gonvick, but after their "warm up" game at Bagley, no doubt they are ready for any and all comers.

1937: President Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday was inaugurated President for the second time, the inauguration taking place in front of the National Capitol. Chief Justice Hughes administered the oath.

Seated on the platform where the President took the oath of office were senators and representatives, members of the Supreme Court, Cabinet members, diplomats, governors of states and high military officers. Vice President Garner took the oath at noon. President Roosevelt was inaugurated immediately following.

Water is again being flowed into the skating rink at the fairgrounds in Bagley in an attempt to build a good ice rink for lovers of that sport. The work is going forward under a Youth Administration project, and five persons are on this job.

Ludvig Aamodt and Jack Dunn have been in charge of the work. As usual, the project is in cooperation with the village, which furnishes the horse and water for the work.

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THE SAVVY SENIOR

What to do when a loved one dies

Dear Savvy Senior, This may seem like a strange question, but can you tell me what steps need to be taken after a loved one dies? My 80-year-old father has a terminal illness, and I would like to find out what I will need to do when he passes.

Only Daughter

Dear Only,

I'm sorry about your father's situation, but this is a great question many families inquire about when a loved one's death becomes imminent. Here's a run-down of some things you can do now, and after his death, that can help keep a sad event from becoming even more painful.

Before Death Occurs

There are several tasks you can do now while your father is still living, that will make things a lot easier and less hectic for you after he dies.

For starters, find out where your dad keeps all his important papers like his will (also make sure it's updated), birth certificate, marriage and divorce certificates, Social Security information, life-insurance policies, military discharge papers, financial documents, and keys to a safe deposit box or home safe.

Also, if your dad doesn't have an advanced directive, help him make one (see CaringInfo.org for free state-specific forms and instructions). An advanced directive includes a living will that specifies his end-of-life medical treatments, and appoints a health-care proxy to make

medical decisions if he becomes incapacitated.

In addition, you may also want to get a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order, which will tell health care professionals not to perform CPR when your dad's heart or breathing stops. Your dad's doctor can help you with this.

You should also pre-arrange his funeral and burial or cremation.

Immediately After Death

Once your father dies, you'll need to get a legal pronouncement of death. If no doctor is present, you'll need to contact someone to do this. So, if your dad dies at home under hospice care, call the hospice nurse, who can declare his death and help facilitate the transport of the body.

If he dies at home without hospice care, call 911, and have in hand his DNR document. Without one, paramedics will generally start emergency procedures and, except where permitted to pronounce death, take the person to an emergency room for a doctor to make the declaration.

If no autopsy is needed, you will need to call the funeral home, mortuary or crematorium to pick up the body. If your dad is an organ or tissue donor, contact the funeral home or the county

and fly free. To help restore the honor, dignity, pride, and purpose each deserves.

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coroner immediately.

Within a Few Days

If funeral plans were not pre-arranged, you'll need to make arrangements and prepare an obituary. If your dad was in the military or belonged to a fraternal or religious group, you should contact those organizations too, because they may have burial benefits or conduct funeral services.

Up to 10 Days After Death

To wind down your dad's financial affairs, you'll need to get multiple copies of his death certificate. These are typically provided by the funeral home.

If you're the executor of your dad's estate, take his will to the appropriate county or city office to have it accepted for probate. And open a bank account for your dad's estate to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

You also need to contact your dad's estate attorney if he has one; tax preparer to see if estate or final income taxes should be filed; financial advisor for information on financial holdings; life insurance agent to get claim forms; his bank to locate and close accounts; and Social Security (800-772-1213) and other agencies that provided benefits to stop payments and, if applicable, ask about survivor benefits. You should also cancel his credit cards and, if relevant, stop household services like utilities, mail, etc.

For more information on the duties of an executor, a great resource is "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" available at Nolo.com for \$32.


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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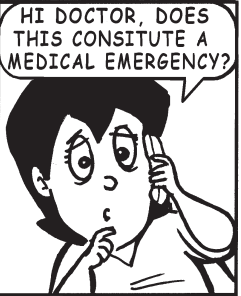
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GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT: Save the date! Tim Johnson informs the 2018 "Give A Veteran A Lift" music program fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the comfy Bagley High School Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. immediately following the Bagley Senior Center Sweetheart Dinner.

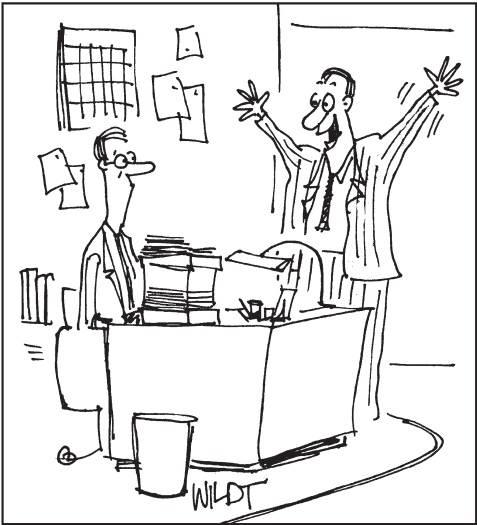
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"Here's the key to the bike rack."

Clearwater County Board of Commissioners Proceedings

Board of Commissioners'
December 12, 2017

The December meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on December 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Stenseng presiding and Commissioners Illies, Syverson and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Minutes for the month of November.

Public Hearing Buffer Ordinance
–Dan Hecht and Nathan Nordlund were present to discuss the draft of the Clearwater County Buffer Ordinance.

FUND	GROSS LEVY	CPA	NET LEVY BASE
Revenue	4,959,212	482,000	4,477,212
Reg. Lib.	99,970	9,716	90,254
DHS, SS	833,565	81,017	752,548
DHS, IM	527,443	51,264	476,179
Road & Bridge	1,107,288	107,621	999,667
SWM	475,000	46,166	428,834
Totals	8,002,478	777,784	7,224,694

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the proposed Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget for fiscal year 2018, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the Departmental Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2018, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the fiscal year 2018 Nursing Service Budget, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2018 Ditch Fund Budget, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the fiscal year 2018 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to pass the Clearwater County Resolution to accept the County Attorney's resignation, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve application of Linda Knutson for the 2018 Off Sale Beer license for Knutson's Store.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve application of Julie Sauer for the 2018 On and Off Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Lobo's Bar & Grill Inc. with continuance of insurance.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the County Auditor-Treasurer to apply for a \$5,000 per precinct maximum funds grant for voting equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$120,811.24 for the County Revenue Fund and \$18,044.58 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Al Paulson scheduled interviews for the Attorney position with the Board for December 19th at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to hire Mr. Dwight Newland to the HEO position at the Salary of Grade 12, Step 1 as identified in the IUOE Local 29 Union contract.

Ayes: Nelson, Stenseng, Syverson & Illies Abstain: Newland

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to hire Mr. Dustin Olson to the

Several citizens were present for this discussion.

Chairman Newland was present at 5:15 p.m. and then presided over the meeting.

Auditor-Treasurer/Truth-in-Taxation meeting – Al Paulson and Jamie Freeman were present for the Truth-in-Taxation meeting. Also present were some citizens with concerns on their proposed tax statements.

Al Paulson presented information on the Levy and Net Tax Capacity for 2018. He presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the levy for county purposes and instruct the County Auditor-Treasurer to spread this levy on the taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2018.

HEO position at the salary of Grade 12, Step 1 as identified in the IUOE Local 29 Union contract.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve of the Highway Department 5 Year Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the Highway Department 2018 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Resolution for Agency Agreement between Clearwater County and Minnesota Department of Transportation, on file. - 3 -

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the purchase of a semi-load of Maxwell Nuvo Gap Modified #201 from Midstates Equipment and Supply of Mountain Lake, MN on the Winter Buy Program at a reduced State Contract price of \$27,667.50. Also, authorize the purchase of a 55-gallon drum of Gap Primer at the State Contract price of \$2252.25.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the rental of a Mastic Melter and tools from Midstates Equipment and Supply of Mountain Lake, MN at the reduced State Contract price of \$5295.00 monthly, to be scheduled for mid April to early May 2018.

Open- The following motions were made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to adopt the draft ordinance entitled "Clearwater County Buffer Ordinance", dated December 12, 2017, with the ordinance becoming effective upon passage of this motion.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved hiring Merry Charles as Senior Assessor Clerk effective December 27, 2017 at Step 5 of Grade 10.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on December 19, 2017.

December 19, 2017
Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on December 19, 2017 with Chairman Newland presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with changes.

US Fish & Wildlife Service – Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 3 wetland easements on file. Neil Powers would like to set up a date in May or June to give a tour of some of the wetland easements in the County to the

Board.

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, CCNS may advertise for the following position – RN part/full time.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign and participate in the 2018-2019 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Program through the State of Minnesota. The amount of the grant is \$3,919.00 for each year for a total amount of \$7,838.00 for the grant period.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the 2018 Tobacco Licenses for the following businesses: Clearbrook Municipal Liquor Store, Northern Bait & Convenience, Bagley Coop Association, Westside Express, Inc, Orton's Bagley, Strand's Store, Bagley Municipal Liquor Store, Y92 Convenience, Silver Creek Saloon, Inc., Bakken's Market, LLC, Kubiak's Family Foods, Rock Creek General Store, Inc., Knutson's Store, The Trap, Family Dollar, Inc., Bagley American Legion, Sportsman's Lodge, Side Track Tap Bar & Grill, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to designate the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office located in the Clearwater County Courthouse as the polling place for the South Clearwater 143-36 and Red Lake Reservation precincts.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve a 2% increase starting January 1, 2018, to the non-union and department Head employees.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve a 2% increase starting January 1, 2018, to elected officials: Darin Halverson, Brenda Knable and Allen Paulson.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the step increase of Darin Halverson to step 8 range 25 effective January 1, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2018 salary for the Commissioners to remain the same as 2017, 20,742 annually.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$37,666.47 for the County Revenue Fund and \$4,858.27 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Attorney – David Hanson was present for discussion on the County Attorney position. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to offer the position of County Attorney to Al Rogalla for an annual salary of \$99,000 effective January 2, 2018 or as soon as he can start.

David Hanson came back after offering the salary to Al Rogalla and said he offered to take the position for \$100,000 annually. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to hire Al Rogalla for the County Attorney position at an annual salary of \$100,000 effective as soon as he can start in January 2018.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state

contract a 2018 Western Star 4700 SF Tandem Truck from Boyer Ford Trucks, Inc. of Rogers, MN in the amount of \$117,097.13 plus, licensing, taxes, and delivery charges.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state contract a Dump Body, Hoist, and Snow and Ice Equipment for the truck from Bert's Truck Equipment of Moorhead, MN in the amount of \$90,179.00.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state contract a 2018 John Deere 6155 Cab Tractor from Deere and Company with the delivery dealer being determined through 2 separate unit quotes on the trade. Trading in units 17 & 18.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a Dymax 360 Rotating Grapple from Titan Machinery of Winger, MN in the amount of \$16,750.00.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state contract a XH1500 Series 4 Rotary Cutter from Edney Distributing Co. Inc. with the delivery dealer being Titan Machinery of Winger, MN in the amount of \$24,778.00. Special price below state contract price.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state contract a 60" Skid Steer Forestry Brush Cutter from Diamond Mowers of Sioux Falls, SD in the amount of \$22,580.00.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Highway

Department to purchase off of the state contract a Boss 9'2" VXT Steel V Plow from Bert's Truck Equipment of Moorhead, MN in the amount of \$6,354.00.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase an Air Compressor from Ramsrud Auto Parts, Inc. of Bagley, MN in the amount of \$1,109.00.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the County Engineer to contract out to remove a beaver dam near Station 90 on the Main Ditch of County Ditch 2, and to designate this area as a beaver control area to pay trapping incentive per the county beaver control policy. The work and beaver incentive shall be paid out of the County Ditch 2 funds.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to withdraw the letter objecting to the abandonment of Judicial Ditch No. 5, dated July 22, 2015 to the Red Lake Watershed District and to allow the abandonment proceedings to continue. Also, to direct the county Engineer to inform the county board of any significant changes to the lake levels from the current level and how those changes are affecting CSAH 2, including recommendations on how to remedy the change in those levels. Also, if the Flood Reduction Project continues for Four-Legged Lake after the abandonment, the county engineer will continue to be involved in the project and will update the county board of the progress.

Ayes: Syverson, Newland, Illies and Nelson Nays: Stenseng

Assessor – Jamie Freeman discussed having an outsourcing company do the mailing of the valuation notices to free up

time in her office. She will bring a motion to the next meeting.

Commissioner Newland absent at 2:34 p.m. Commissioner Stenseng then presided over the meeting.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve a contract amendment to the current Contract for Services of Rural Solid Waste collection sites and recyclables collection sites by adding one 8-yard solid waste collection canister at each of the Itasca, Minerva and Moose Creek solid waste collection sites, increasing the contract payment amount by \$3,562.00 yearly or \$296.83 monthly, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the amendment. This amendment is to take effect January 1st, 2018.

Ayes: Syverson, Nelson & Stenseng Abstain: Illies Absent: Newland

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the agreement for roadside spraying 2018-2019 between Clearwater County and Roy Abraham/Noxious Weed Control at the hourly rate of \$135.00.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agreement for Roadside Right-of-Way spraying 2018-2019 between Clearwater County and Roy Abraham/Noxious Weed Control at the hourly rate of \$115.00.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Dated: January 16, 2018
Daniel C. Stenseng,
Board Chairman
Emily McDougall,
Board Coordinator

Theme nights draw diners to Clear Waters Life Center

A taste of island life experienced at Hawaiiian event



Volunteer staff members sing and clap for a birthday celebrant.

By R. Eggert

On January 5, the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick had its Hawaiiian dinner amid the freezing arctic air of early January as a perfect getaway from the work-week and 20-degree-below-zero (plus some!) weather and direct it toward fine dining, tropical music, fellowship, and personable waiters and waitresses, and camaraderie between volunteers, staff and the community. The menu included pulled-pork, homemade dinner rolls, BBQ sauce, fresh fruit cups, fruit punch, stir-fried rice, and coconut milk and custard dessert. The music entreated those who entered by sweet voices, ukuleles and island cheer.

The Clear Waters Life Center has been hosting these dinners which are open to the public for a suggested donation of \$15 for about two years after a grant helped to furnish their kitchen for events such as these. They feature monthly meals, music, and decor which focus on certain ethnic favorites, backgrounds or traditions. Most of the food is made from scratch, including the bread. With a team of approximately 20 volunteers, they decorate, cook, host and serve up to 100-plus people throughout the evening with an amazing degree of friendliness, helpfulness, and cheer.

During my time spent in this delightful evening, the volunteers and staff rallied at least three times to recognize and celebrate given birthdays among the guests by a "cook's parade" type of gathering around these special guests! One guest named Shirley indicated to me that in spite of the number of miles from which she comes, the events at the center are considered "to be home and familiar" to her, as though she would not miss them.

Sherry Hjelle, who is on-staff, explained that Thrivent Financial helps to support such events, donating funds to help



Darien Northrup was one of those waiting on diners.

with provisions, and offers a volunteer base as well. The volunteers work toward building "community" by events and services that bring people together for entertainment, learning and culture of popular interest. These "action teams" which are under the "umbrella" of Thrivent, also represent a variety of denominations from area churches.

So, if you have been postponing your participation in these events, consider checking the schedule for the next internationally-focused cuisine and decor and bring family and friends of all ages. There will be a fine time of fellowship for all, whether at a small family-style table or a full large-group table. Call to make your reservation at 218-776-2789.

Snowmobile safety course offered here in Bagley by Sheriff's Office

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota DNR are holding a youth Snowmobile Safety Training Course. The course is being held at Bagley High School and is open to any interested snowmobile operators, age 11 and older. Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1976 must have a snowmobile safety certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.

The course includes two parts:

Part 1
Complete the online course on your own and print the completion certificate. Go

to snowmobilecourse.com (fee for the online course is \$29.95) or go to snowmobile-ed.com (fee for the online course is \$29.50)

Part 2
Bring printed certificates to the field day at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Bagley High School. A parent/guardian needs to sign the registration form, and then may leave. A review session will be held, and then students will be going outside for a riding exam. Students must have their own helmet and proper riding attire (coats, boots, gloves, etc.). Snowmobiles are provided. Ending time will be

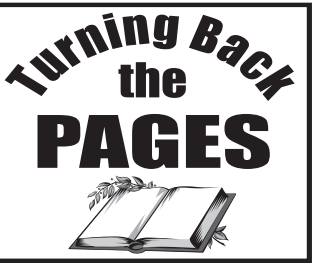
approximately at noon.

If the temperature with wind chill is below -40 F at 8 a.m., the class will be cancelled and re-scheduled for another date.

There is no cost to attend the class; a course fee is paid online after passing the class to obtain a safety certificate. No pre-registration is necessary.

Students must be at least 11 years old by the class date, and the certificate won't be not valid until the student is 12 years old.

December 2017 Claims Over \$2,000		
Anderson Disposal	10,955.23	Solid Waste
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Bagley Co-op Association	5,729.36	Road & Bridge
Bagley Co-op Association	3,815.79	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Nursing Service
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN	49,980.00	County Revenue
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	2,967.00	Human Services
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	20,000.00	County Revenue (Appropriation)
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	205,814.50	Human Services
Clearwater County Highway Dept	2,657.33	County Revenue
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	2,430.69	Human Services
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Clw Trailblazer Snowmobile Club	29,465.95	County Revenue (Pass Thru)
Commissioner of Transportation	4,641.02	Road & Bridge
Dennis Drewes Inc	362,803.95	Road & Bridge
Department of Human Services SWIFT	39,218.08	Human Services
Equipment Blades Inc	4,415.24	Road & Bridge
First National Bank	85,974.00	County Revenue
Roshell Fox	2,004.30	Human Services
Future Forests Inc	5,542.00	Tax Forfeited
Garden Valley Telephone Co	3,258.39	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Higgins Heating Inc	4,550.00	Energy
Itaskin Juvenile Center	6,528.55	Human Services
Itaskin Juvenile Center	9,401.45	Human Services
Keepers Inc	2,216.59	County Revenue
Kris Engineering Inc	2,388.00	Road & Bridge
Listrom's Disposal	13,714.48	Solid Waste
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Loffler Companies Inc	2,042.60	County Revenue
Marco Technologies LLC	2,322.66	County Revenue
MEND Correctional Care PLLC	5,038.19	County Revenue
Jonathan Morey	6,732.00	Human Services
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	12,180.60	Human Services
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	10,586.00	Human Services
North Homes Inc	7,446.61	Human Services
North Homes Inc	2,392.90	Human Services
Monica Olson	2,298.30	Human Services
Pine Manors Inc	2,600.00	Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	25,318.80	Solid Waste
Public Utilities Commission	4,349.37	County Revenue
Regents of the University of MN	44,266.32	County Revenue
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	7,379.55	Human Services
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	34,261.25	Human Services
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	18,376.06	Human Services
Sanford Health	3,880.10	County Revenue
Sanford Medical Center Thief River Falls	5,351.00	Human Services
Sanford Medical Center Thief River Falls	10,510.00	Human Services
Thrifty White Pharmacy	2,194.20	County Revenue
David & Sherri Trombley	2,002.40	Human Services
Preston & Brittany Zornes	2,187.60	Human Services



2012: A story of success and disaster came from Bagley dairy farmer Mark Titera last week. The good news is that the genetics of a Red and White Holstein bull from his family farm have gone global. He showed on the internet nine or 10 daughters of his bull in the top 10 of a heifer show in Lausanne, Switzerland on Jan. 13.

Daughters of the Titera bull, Orbe-view S Strm HVEZDA, included the Jr. Champion heifer and the Honorable Mention Jr. Champion heifer. Besides these two in high rankings, there were several others in the same show that earned honors.

Titera said he has been on the internet and seen photos of the bull's daughters in Germany, Portugal, and all over the United States.

"It's kind of humbling and gratifying all at once," he said of learning the prize winning ways of his bull's offspring. "Here's a bull born on your farm that is famous internationally."

Here's one more way the folks of Clearwater County

are making their mark in the world.

The disaster in this story is that the bull broke his leg and had to be destroyed.

2008: Bryan Dyrdahl's domination over the United States Cross Country (USCC) FXR Pro 600 field continued on Jan. 18 through 20 in the Red Lake I-500. He won the race by almost 10 minutes. It was Dyrdahl's fourth I-500 victory, making him the winningest racer to compete in the storied race.

Dyrdahl, Bagley, set out Sunday for the third and final leg with a 4 minute, 39 second lead over Polaris driver Josh Davis, also of Bagley. Rather than dial back his quick pace to reduce his risk of a crash or broken machine, Dyrdahl put the hammer down and tacked on another 5 minutes to his lead. He finished 9 minutes, 35 seconds over Davis. Greg Hyde was third, also on a Polaris.

Bryan grew up in a snowmobile racing family, under the leadership of his father, the late Gerald Dyrdahl. His two brothers, Chad and Brady, also have made their marks in the racing world.

1993: Bald Eagle Numbers Are On The Increase In Northwestern Minnesota... The Minnesota DNR documented 12 new bald eagle nests in 1992, bringing the total number of active territories in the northwest region to 103. This does not

include nesting sites in the Chippewa National Forest, where federal authorities track a steadily increasing population of nesting pairs. Statewide, Minnesota's bald eagle population has increased to more than 450 nesting pairs, compared to only 50 pairs in the late 1960s. Eagles usually mate for life and return to the same area every year to nest. A pair will often build two or three nests in the same area and rotate among them, using a different one each season.

The DNR noted, donations to the non-game wildlife checkoff are one way to help assure that eagles continue to soar in future years.

1969: A low-rent housing building will soon be built in Bagley. This apartment building will be located within walking distance of shopping areas, park, hospital and medical facilities. The apartments will be available to persons over 65 who have limited income.

The First Eagle Scout Award presented to a Bagley Scout in over 30 years was awarded at a Court of Honor recently to David Lhotka of Troop 51. Paul Bunyan District Executives were present for this ceremony.

Scoutmaster Arnold Higdem, David Lhotka, and Dave's parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lhotka were shown with David.

"Who Stole My Pot?" – Bagley Study Club members desiring the solution to the mystery are urged to attend the next meeting where Mrs. Albert Gordon and Mrs. John Fjelstul will provide the answers. The time is 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Genhart Ollestad residence.

1952: Chester Traaseth of Mentor recently was hired as the new manager of the Bagley Cooperative Creamery. Mr. Traaseth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Traaseth of Shevlin and is a graduate of Bagley High School. Following graduation he was employed at the Shevlin Creamery where he worked until 1942 when he entered the Armed Services.

Upon his return to civilian life he again worked for the creamery at Shevlin but later took a position as manager of the creamery at Mentor where he has been employed since. Mr. Traaseth and his wife have two children. They plan to move to Bagley as soon as a house can be secured.

The Bagley Courthouse gang will take on the Gonvick businesses in another benefit game next Wednesday evening. The proceeds of this game, too, will be given to the March of Dimes. The Courthouse outfit doesn't know what they will run into at Gonvick, but after their "warm up" game at Bagley, no doubt they are ready for any and all comers.

1937: President Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday was inaugurated President for the second time, the inauguration taking place in front of the National Capitol. Chief Justice Hughes administered the oath.

Seated on the platform where the President took the oath of office were senators and representatives, members of the Supreme Court, Cabinet members, diplomats, governors of states and high military officers. Vice President Garner took the oath at noon. President Roosevelt was inaugurated immediately following.

Water is again being flowed into the skating rink at the fairgrounds in Bagley in an attempt to build a good ice rink for lovers of that sport. The work is going forward under a Youth Administration project, and five persons are on this job.

Ludvig Aamodt and Jack Dunn have been in charge of the work. As usual, the project is in cooperation with the village, which furnishes the horse and water for the work.

Share the Memories of Your Loved Ones!

Remind others of that special person who passed on at an earlier time. It's easy to share those memories with the community by publishing a memorial in the Farmers Independent!

Cost is a mere \$10 for up to 200 words. Additional words are 5 cents each.

We have a booklet of samples to guide you if you like.

Hand deliver, mail or email your memorial note, with payment, to the Farmers Independent, PO Box 130, Bagley MN 56621.

Email: farmmpub@gvtel.com. Please mark emails: "Memorial."

S THE SAVVY SENIOR

What to do when a loved one dies

Dear Savvy Senior, This may seem like a strange question, but can you tell me what steps need to be taken after a loved one dies? My 80-year-old father has a terminal illness, and I would like to find out what I will need to do when he passes.

Only Daughter

Dear Only,

I'm sorry about your father's situation, but this is a great question many families inquire about when a loved one's death becomes imminent. Here's a run-down of some things you can do now, and after his death, that can help keep a sad event from becoming even more painful.

Before Death Occurs

There are several tasks you can do now while your father is still living, that will make things a lot easier and less hectic for you after he dies.

For starters, find out where your dad keeps all his important papers like his will (also make sure it's updated), birth certificate, marriage and divorce certificates, Social Security information, life-insurance policies, military discharge papers, financial documents, and keys to a safe deposit box or home safe.

Also, if your dad doesn't have an advanced directive, help him make one (see CaringInfo.org for free state-specific forms and instructions). An advanced directive includes a living will that specifies his end-of-life medical treatments, and appoints a health-care proxy to make

medical decisions if he becomes incapacitated.

In addition, you may also want to get a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order, which will tell health care professionals not to perform CPR when your dad's heart or breathing stops. Your dad's doctor can help you with this.

You should also pre-arrange his funeral and burial or cremation.

Immediately After Death

Once your father dies, you'll need to get a legal pronouncement of death. If no doctor is present, you'll need to contact someone to do this. So, if your dad dies at home under hospice care, call the hospice nurse, who can declare his death and help facilitate the transport of the body.

If he dies at home without hospice care, call 911, and have in hand his DNR document. Without one, paramedics will generally start emergency procedures and, except where permitted to pronounce death, take the person to an emergency room for a doctor to make the declaration.

If no autopsy is needed, you will need to call the funeral home, mortuary or crematorium to pick up the body. If your dad is an organ or tissue donor, contact the funeral home or the county

and fly free. To help restore the honor, dignity, pride, and purpose each deserves.

Mission Statement: Eagle's Healing Nest's mission is to provide assistance with the healing of the invisible wounds of war carried by our service men and women, past, present, and future.

Team: Our team at Eagle's Healing Nest is here to ensure we do not lose another generation of veterans to homelessness, broken family units, or suicide.

Education: Our education on suicide prevention,

coroner immediately.

Within a Few Days

If funeral plans were not pre-arranged, you'll need to make arrangements and prepare an obituary. If your dad was in the military or belonged to a fraternal or religious group, you should contact those organizations too, because they may have burial benefits or conduct funeral services.

Up to 10 Days After Death

To wind down your dad's financial affairs, you'll need to get multiple copies of his death certificate. These are typically provided by the funeral home.

If you're the executor of your dad's estate, take his will to the appropriate county or city office to have it accepted for probate. And open a bank account for your dad's estate to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

You also need to contact your dad's estate attorney if he has one; tax preparer to see if estate or final income taxes should be filed; financial advisor for information on financial holdings; life insurance agent to get claim forms; his bank to locate and close accounts; and Social Security (800-772-1213) and other agencies that provided benefits to stop payments and, if applicable, ask about survivor benefits. You should also cancel his credit cards and, if relevant, stop household services like utilities, mail, etc.

For more information on the duties of an executor, a great resource is "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" available at Nolo.com for \$32.

Send your senior questions to: [Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070](mailto:SavvySenior,P.O.Box5443,Norman,OK73070), or visit SavvySenior.org. **Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.**

substance abuse, dependency and treatment of PTSD, TBI and other disorders will only be the best. Their website is <https://eagleshealingnest.org/>

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office (218) 694-6618/Cell (218) 556-5340.

Hutch

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

I'm writing this column on a very cold day, and it's nice to be inside with a board game to play, but better yet, for me at least, to be inside with a poem about a board game. This Monopoly game by Connie Wanek is from her book *Rival Gardens: New and Selected Poems*, from the University of Nebraska Press.

Monopoly

We used to play, long before we bought real houses.

A roll of the dice could send a girl to jail.

The money was pink, blue, gold, as well as green,

And we could own a whole railroad

Or speculate in hotels where others dreaded staying:

The cost was extortionary.

At last one person would own everything,

Every teaspoon in the dining car, every spike

Driven into the planks by immigrants,

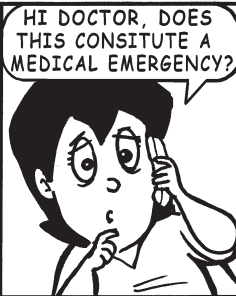
Every crooked mayor.

But then, with only the clothes on our backs,

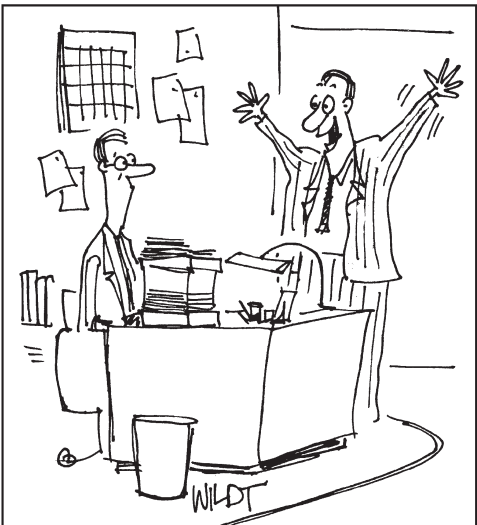
We ran outside, laughing.

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by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF - A - DAY




"C'mon, James! You gotta laugh at your problems! Everybody else does!"

GRIN & BEAR IT



"Here's the key to the bike rack."

**ST. PHILLIP'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
The Rev. George Ross, Supervising Priest
The Rev. Lisa White Smith, Assistant Priest
Wednesday: 7 p.m. AA Meeting.
Sunday: Sunday School 10 a.m., 1-6 grade;
Worship at 11 a.m.
NEE GON NEE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Roy Lake, Star Route
Mahnomen, Minn. 56557
Sunday: Join us for Worship at 9 a.m.;
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
LENGBY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rt. 1 Box 1376, Lengby, MN 56651
Pastor Mark Erickson
Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship
Services/Children's Church.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study/Kid's Time.
LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP
(Pentecostal)
Pastor Stephen Bennett
(218) 785-2706, Shevlin, Minn.
Sunday: Worship 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group;
7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
GRACE CHAPEL
Hwy 92, 10 Miles. South of Bagley
Pastor Chris Conger
Phone: (218) 657-2222
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Prayer time;
9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible School;
10:45 a.m. Worship service.
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer meeting.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Awana.
ALIDA & RICE
FREE LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Parsonage (218) 657-2790
Church (218) 657-2576
ALIDA
Sunday: 9 a.m.. Morning Worship.
RICE
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
and Bible Study.
**KINGDOM HALL OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
204 Sand Lake Ave. NW
Bagley
Phone: (218) 694-2075
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.
Congregation Bible Study;
Theocratic Ministry School;
Service Meeting.
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible Discourse &
Watchtower Study.
**RICE LAKE AREA FELLOWSHIP
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
5 miles west of Bagley on Hwy. 2
and 10 miles south on Cty. Rd. 7
Pastor: Timothy Brown from Assembly
of God in White Earth, MN
Sunday Evening Services at 4 p.m.
Potluck Fellowship following.
**LANDSTAD FREE LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
220 2nd Street E, Shevlin, Minn.
Pastor Arlo Feiock
218-556-2210
9 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Corner of Central St. W. &
Red Lake Ave. N.
Bagley, MN 56621
(218) 694-6416
Pastor: Fr. JohnMelkies Suvakeen
St. Joseph's Church
Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's, Fosston.
Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.
**CALVARY EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH**
13 Bagley Avenue NW
Rick Moore, Pastor
776-2434 Home (218) 694-2517 Church
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study at church
Wednesday: Adventure Club 6:15 p.m.
Youth Group 6:15 p.m.
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1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles
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on County Road 6.
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
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Sunday Morning Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School
September - May
10 a.m. Jr. Worship Service
Kids Worship & Jr. Church Follows
Most Sundays
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

“You need to replace that light above the kitchen counter.”
“You need to paint the cupboards, mom.”
“You need to update the hardware on your cupboard doors.”
“You need to replace that carpet upstairs in the hallway.”
“You need to redo that old bathroom.”
As I sat one Sunday afternoon, upon the couch that also needs replacing, I put my feet upon the wobbly narrow bench in front of me. Somehow, this piece of furniture has become part



Higher Ground

By Roger Campbell

Today's timely interest in the lives of American founders has sent me again to the record of an auction held in April, 1891, where a remarkable collection of Washington relics was sold. Among them was found a little manuscript book entitled “Daily Sacrifice,” containing the handwritten prayers of George Washington.
These records of Washington's personal communication with his Lord reveal the depth of his devotional life during his youth. He was approximately twenty years old at the time of recording the following prayers:
“Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings and direct my thoughts unto Thyself, the God of my

of our décor as my husband hauled it in one day to the tune of, “This was always a part of grandpa's cabin.” At that moment, it automatically made it a part of our home as well.
Making the list and checking it twice, I pondered each “need.” The light above the kitchen counter which doubles as a fly catcher, contrasts nicely with the popcorn ceiling that is now on the endangered species list as well. If I update the fixture, sure as shootin’ someone's going to think we need to smooth out that texture.
The cupboards are made of a beautiful wood and one does not paint over the beauty of wood. It's sort of a silent code in the family. Thus, no white cupboards for me. Besides, long before the decorating

George Washington's lesson in love

salvation. Teach me how to live in Thy fear, labor in Thy service and ever to run in the ways of Thy commandments.”
A letter to his brother, John A. Washington, dated July 18, 1755 reveals some of the answers to his prayers for increased faith. After a severe battle, he wrote: “I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat and two horses were shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me.”
A recorded experience at Valley Forge, however, may have been the most powerful example of the answer to Washington's prayer to be Christlike.
A man named Michael Wittman had been convicted of spying and more than once attempting to do great harm to Washington's forces. On the evening before he was to be executed for his crimes, an old man appeared at Valley

committee arrived, we did have white cupboards. We tore them out. Reverting to the days of old in order to update just isn't in the cards.
The hardware upon them was tastefully selected years back on the hunch they would never go out of style...but apparently they are...but then again they do go nicely with the out-of-date countertops... so if I change one...the other must go...and so it goes.
The carpet in the upstairs hallway was chosen as a reminder of the old movie theater in the small town from which we hale. The deep maroon swirls and twirls secure the fact that no dirt will ever show, thus, must not exist...pretty much sealing the deal that it is all but maintenance free.
Redoing the bathrooms

Forge asking to see
George Washington so his name, “Peter Miller,” was announced by one of the general's staff.
“Peter Miller?” asked Washington.
“Certainly. Show him in at once.”
Miller had done many favors for the cause of freedom and his name was well known to the commander; now he had come to ask a favor that surprised Washington: he said he had come to request a pardon for the spy soon to be executed.
Upon hearing the surprising plea from his friend, Washington became troubled and said in the light of the prisoner's crimes it would be impossible to grant the request.
“I cannot pardon your friend,” Washington replied. “Friend!” the petitioner replied. Why he is my bitterest enemy! He has persecuted me for years. He has beaten me and spit in my face knowing

might be a necessity, but then, who wants to have their cash flow...flow in and out of bathrooms? It just doesn't beat out spending it on trips to see the grandkids.
The old saying that you don't get something for nothing rings true. Giving up the old means giving up the memory marks embedded within. Perchance tomorrow the swirly carpet, the popcorn ceilings, and the green handled cupboards will all be in style once again, and I'll be well ahead of the game.
The space we've been given is sacred. Enjoying it in ways everlasting may mean updating, or, not. For now, I am choosing to be content.
Philippians 4:11-13 gently speaks, “...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...” Amen.

full well that I would not strike back.”
Puzzled, Washington asked why Miller would plead for the pardon of his cruel enemy.
“I ask it because Jesus did as much for me,” was the old man's reply.
Washington turned silently away and went into another room, soon returning with a pardon for Michael Wittman. “My dear friend,” said Washington, “I thank you for your example of Christian charity.” No wonder this tender and teachable man of faith became known as the father of his country.
Roger Campbell was an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. A new book containing over one hundred of his best columns, “Everywhere You Go There's a Zacchaeus Up a Tree,” is now available at your local or online bookseller. Contact us at rcministry@ameritech.net

Statewide unemployment rate at 3.1 percent, lowest level in more than 17 years

Black unemployment rate hits all-time low

Minnesota employers added 8,900 jobs in December, with 8,700 of them coming from the private sector, according to seasonally adjusted figures released last week by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).
The state gained 44,200 jobs during the calendar year, a growth rate of 1.5 percent. The U.S. rate of job growth last year also was 1.5 percent.
Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December was 3.1 percent, down slightly from the revised rate of 3.2 percent in November and the lowest level since July 2000.
Additionally, the 12-month average unemployment rate for Minnesota's black population fell to 7.5 percent, its lowest rate on record since DEED began tracking that data in late 2001. DEED recently added a section to

its website that examines the unemployment rate by demographics (race, age and gender) and looks at alternative measures of unemployment.
“Minnesota's economy had a strong year, with nine of 11 major industrial sectors adding jobs in 2017 and unemployment at a 17-year low,” said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. “As we enter 2018, we continue to make progress on ending Minnesota's economic disparities, and all economic indicators point to continued growth in the state's labor market. Still, we have more work to do to connect all Minnesotans, specifically people of color, indigenous communities and people with disabilities, to employment and training opportunities to ensure that they succeed in today's economy.”
Construction led all sectors

last month with 5,700 new jobs. Other industries adding jobs were education and health services (up 2,500), trade, transportation and utilities (up 1,800), leisure and hospitality (up 1,800), government (up 200), logging and mining (up 100) and information (up 100).
The following sectors lost jobs: professional and business services (down 1,400), other services (down 1,100), manufacturing (down 600) and financial activities (down 200).
Education and health services led all sectors last year with 12,626 new jobs, followed by construction (up 9,394), trade, transportation and utilities (up 7,027), professional and business services (up 4,424), manufacturing (up 3,889), other services (up 3,452), government (up 2,120), leisure and hospitality (up

2,095) and logging and mining (up 677).
Financial activities (down 808) and information (down 696) were the only two state industries that lost jobs in 2017.
In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, all regions gained jobs in the past 12 months: Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA (up 2.4 percent), Duluth-Superior MSA (up 2.1 percent), Rochester MSA (up 0.1 percent), St. Cloud MSA (up 1.2 percent) and Mankato MSA (up 1.7 percent).
DEED is the state's principal economic development agency, promoting business recruitment, expansion and retention, workforce development, international trade and community development. For more details about the agency and its services, visit the DEED website or follow DEED on Twitter.

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**Inside the
OUTDOORS**
by
Mike Rahn

In the final days before
Christmas, as many of us were
double-checking our gift lists
to make sure we were set for
the holiday, Americans also
got a gift – so-called – from
the U.S. Department of the
Interior. This department
has primary responsibility
for drafting regulations
by which environmental
laws are interpreted and
enforced. Though down
through the years its directions
have shifted somewhat,
depending on which political
party held the White House,
on balance it can be said
that the agency has done a
pretty good job of guiding the
nation's stewardship of our
wildlife and natural resources.
That direction took
what many see as an
ominous turn on December
22 when the Interior
Department announced
in a legal memorandum a
new interpretation of the
Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
This treaty dates back exactly
100 years, to 1918, and is now
a pact with Canada, Mexico,
Russia and Japan. These are
the participants in the treaty
because many migratory
birds travel to, or over, these
nations on their sojourns
from breeding to wintering
grounds.
The original treaty in 1918
was between the United States
and Great Britain, which a
century ago was still formally
acting on behalf of Canada in
treaty matters. Canada was –
for the greater part of several
centuries – an extension of
Great Britain, with ties even

closer than those we have today with Puerto Rico, or the Philippines.

The most important benefit of the original treaty was its ending of unrestricted market hunting of migratory birds. Sport hunting of ducks and geese quite probably could not have been sustained into present times were it not for this treaty ending ungoverned exploitation of migratory birds for commercial sale. Some species were hunted for food, including serving in some of the nation's finest restaurants. Nests were plundered of their eggs for consumption, too. Some birds – like herons, egrets, and sea birds – were hunted for their feathers, used to adorn fashionable ladies' hats, or to stuff pillows and quilts.

Inevitably, and fortunately, the original nations – and those that entered the agreement later in four supporting treaties – came to place similar value on birds that were not hunted, but were valued for their place in the web of life and biodiversity. These, too, needed protection to sustain their populations and shield them from the threat of extirpation or outright extinction. They include not only the songbirds that are part of the daily lives of so many of us, but such nongame species as herons, gulls, eagles and other raptors, many of which travel across international borders.

The language in the Migratory Bird Treaty states that "...it shall be illegal to hunt, take, capture, kill... by any means whatever...at

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Thought for the Day: "Pride, like laudanum and other poisonous medicines, is beneficial in small, though injurious in large, quantities. No man who is not pleased with himself, even in a personal sense, can please others."
— Frederick Saunders

Signs point to weakening wildlife & environment protections

any time or in any manner, any migratory bird..." As we know, exceptions were built into the treaty to allow for the regulated harvest of traditional game birds, such as ducks and geese, at reasonable levels that do not threaten their survival.

We've all heard the expression "there's a new sheriff in town." Nothing could be more apt as a description of the memo issued by the Interior Department just before Christmas. It was drafted by the U.S. Solicitor General, the office that represents the administration before the Supreme Court, and which answers to the U.S. Attorney General – the latter appointed by the president.

In the legal jargon familiar in such pronouncements, the Solicitor General's memo states that the Migratory Bird Treaty will only be considered violated if a person – or a company – is "...engaged in an activity the object of which is to render an animal subject to human control."

In plain English, this means that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act will be considered violated only when a person or company *intentionally* does something that harms or controls wildlife. If migratory birds are killed by some other activity – like open storage of oil drilling waste, or routing a power line through a wildlife sanctuary – the harm done would not be a treaty violation because it was unintended, in military terms, "collateral damage." This Interior Department memo created

**EXTENSION NEWS
AND VIEWS**

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Hello, everybody! I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in the last year! I feel very fortunate here in my position serving you all on your horticultural and agricultural questions, setting up meetings and working with other agencies on topics. I have made it through year one on the job. Yes! With a new year comes more programming and ideas for

Gov. Mark Dayton has proclaimed Jan. 20-28 as Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week in Minnesota.

This an opportunity for the Department of Natural Resources, volunteer safety instructors, the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MNUSA) and its 250 member snowmobile clubs to join together to recognize the importance of safe, responsible snowmobiling.

"It's a fun and exciting

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted educator and civil-rights activist W.E.B. DuBois who made the following sage observation: "The theory of democratic government is not that the will of the people is always right, but rather that normal human beings of average intelligence will, if given a chance, learn the right and best course by bitter experience."
- Those who make the finest wigs from human hair typically avoid buying hair from Americans. Evidently, hair grown in the United States is more likely to have damage caused by hair-spray, hairdryers, dyes and pollutants.
- You might be surprised to learn that the tiny nation of the Netherlands, located barely 1,000 miles from the Arctic Circle, is the world leader in yield for tomato production, producing 144,352 tons of tomatoes per square mile under cultivation.
- In 1900, a prairie dog colony was found in Texas. That's not surprising — prairie dogs are fairly common out West — but this colony was unique. Researchers say it was the largest colony ever discovered, providing a home to 400 million prairie dogs and stretching over 25,000 square miles.
- If you're planning a summer trip to Maine, be sure to visit Peaks Island; the town is home to what is quite possibly the world's only museum devoted to umbrella covers.
- The first seven presidents of the United States were not born American citizens.
- Thanks to continental drift, the Atlantic Ocean is getting about a centimeter bigger every year, and the Pacific Ocean is shrinking by the same amount.

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new areas/topics I can help provide information on. All ideas are considered; please let me know where you want continued education.

Crookston Research Updates – Various sessions including: small grain weed control strategies, soybean aphid developing management control, small grain disease management toolbox, small grain variety update, potassium research in western MN. Jan 24th 12:30-4:40 p.m. at Northwest Research and Outreach Center.

Private Applicator Training (for renewing): PPAT are scheduled throughout NW

Events you should attend!

Minnesota. You will need to renew your certification every three years. If you apply pesticides to land or sites you own, rent or lease for the production of agricultural commodities AND plan to use Restricted Use Pesticides AND reside in the state of Minnesota AND your certification expires 1, 2018. These trainings are here for education so bring your questions! Also, BE ON TIME. If after 15 minutes you show up the door will be locked. The certification costs \$75.

- 2/6/2018- Mahnomen 9 am- 12:30 pm Mahnomen Service Center
- 2/7/2018- Roseau 9 am-

stance now being taken by the Interior Department.

If this step toward relaxing laws that protect wildlife were unique, it might be troubling, but could be viewed as an isolated case of questionable judgment. But it is consistent with other actions recently taken by the Interior Department. One is a plan to scale back the size of several remote or wilderness areas with National Monument status – similar to national parks – so that oil, gas, and mineral exploration can be done there. Another was the agency's recent statement that it will no longer object to copper and nickel mining leases in an area through which rivers flow directly into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). The agency favors, and recent legislation now authorizes, opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and natural gas exploration.

There's no denying that there should be a reasonable balance between the needs of wild creatures and the needs of humans who share the planet with them. But it's equally undeniable that it's not just "tree huggers" who are concerned about the direction we seem to be taking in environmental stewardship. Objectors include many who have served in high places in both conservative and liberal administrations. When such fears are so clearly bipartisan, they seem much more convincing than Chicken Little's cry that "the sky is falling."

1:30 pm Roseau City Center

- 2/8/2018- Crookston 1 pm – 4:30 Youngquist Auditorium, Northwest Research and Outreach Center U of M Campus
- 2/15/2018 McIntosh 9 am – 2:30 pm McIntosh Community Center
- Starts with a soybean program. Recertifies must be present for whole meeting to obtain certification.
- 2/20/2018 Thief River Falls 1-4:30 p.m. Northland Community & Technical College in the Theater

Snowmobile safety awareness week set for Jan. 20-28

activity, but snowmobilers should always remember to make safety a top priority," said Conservation Officer Bruce Lawrence, DNR recreational vehicle coordinator. "They should also always use common sense and keep a clear head when riding."

Here are some other key safety points:

- Snowmobiling and alcohol don't mix - don't drink and ride.
- Smart riders are safe riders – take a snowmobile

Apply through Jan. 26 for spring turkey A and B lottery permits

Spring turkey hunters hoping to bag a tom during the first two weeks of the season have until Friday, Jan. 26, to apply for a lottery permit.

The season runs from April 18 to May 31 and is divided into six hunt periods, A through F (see table below). Hunt A and B licenses for firearms hunters age 18 and older are limited in availability and assigned via lottery drawing.

Turkey lottery applications cost \$5 and can be purchased online at mndnr.gov/licenses, by phone at 888-665-4236, or in person from

Walk-In Access generates revenue for landowners

Landowners can generate revenue by allowing public hunting on their private land in 46 Minnesota counties through the Department of Natural Resources Walk-In Access Program. Sign-ups are Monday, Jan. 22, to Friday, April 27.

"This program is a win-win for landowners and hunters," said Scott Roemhildt, DNR Walk-In Access coordinator. "And what's more, by signing up for three years, landowners can qualify for habitat enhancement on their Walk-In Access acres."

For Walk-In Access, eligible parcels must be at least 40 acres and covered by high quality natural vegetation. Landowners are paid by the

safety training course.

- Always wear a helmet and adequate clothing.
- When night riding slow down – expect the unexpected.
- Know before the ride – always check local trail and ice conditions.
- Cross with care.
- Know risks and be prepared – make every trip a round trip.
- One is the loneliest number – never ride alone.
- Ride safe, stay on the trail – respect private property.

acre to allow hunting access from Sept. 1 to May 31. Bonuses are paid on parcels that enroll in a three-year contract, are more than 140 acres and are located near a state wildlife management area or federal waterfowl production area.

"This may be an opportune time for landowners to sign up for this program because there is some uncertainty about how it will be funded in the 2018 Farm Bill," Roemhildt said.

In a change this year, landowners who enroll in a three-year contract also may qualify for up to \$20,000 in habitat enhancements on their land for prescribed burning, removing invasive

trees and brush, or planting native species.

Walk-In Access parcels are for public hunting only and no motorized vehicles are allowed on conservation land. Bright yellow-green signs identify area boundaries and parking is along roads or in designated parking areas. Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for acres enrolled in Walk-In Access.

Walk-In Access began in 2011 and has grown to more than 26,700 acres in 2017. Landowners should contact their local soil and water conservation district office for enrollment information. Details can be found at mndnr.gov/walkin.

Nursing Home residents enjoy stories about hunting with hounds and tasting samples of wild game



Guest speaker Kyle Conkle of Bagley explained the different fur pelts that he brought for display.



Cornerstone resident Glen Wagner admired this buffalo hide that Ruth showed him.



Cliff Johns and Wayne Johnson examine the fox pelts.

By Darlene Sawyer

How many of you readers and Cornerstone residents remember the song, “You Ain’t Nothin’ but a Hound Dog...barkin’ all the time” made famous by Elvis Presley back in the 1950s.?

Well, Cornerstone featured two real hunters who talked about their real life adventures of hunting with hound dogs. Both of them brought furs, skeleton heads of hunted animals, and pictures to show their adventures.

Activities Director at Cornerstone is Ruth Anspach. Her goal is to bring interesting people from the surrounding communities into the residents’ entertainment venue. On Saturday, Jan. 20, Kyle Conkle of Bagley, who is employed by Knife River Materials, and his hunting buddy Alex Gray of Bagley, who is a nursing student, spoke about their hunting experiences around Minnesota and the surrounding states. Conkle brought several animal skins from foxes, coyotes and cougars. Gray brought his one buffalo skin and a mystery

animal skull. Residents were asked to guess from what animal did the skull come?

Conkle explained, “These skins that we brought today were harvested while hunting with my coon hounds over a period of three years. I became interested in collecting my hunting skins in 2014. Most of the animal skins on this table were caught in Clearwater County. Although I use several types of guns, it’s my three dogs who will “tree” a wild animal and then I shoot it. Speaking to you today about my hunting experiences is a hobby for me. The biggest thing I enjoy is watching my coon hounds track a scent and “tree” an animal. The dogs’ reward is catching the animal. They love to “fetch.” As a kid, I always wanted to do this, but couldn’t. My favorite book in school was “Where The Red Fern Grows.” That movie and book illustrates what I do. Hunting is a full-time job in the winter.”

Conkle continued, “I love talking to people about this hobby. I sometimes will take a hunter out with me when I hunt. I send in my animal

skins to be tanned. However, I skin and clean them. I send my hides to a place in Idaho because they do a nice job. The scariest thing about hunting with hounds is when one of them gets hurt or bitten or gets stuck in a culvert unable to back out.”

Alex Gray explained, “The farther you get out West, the bigger the cougars. We usually go to the Black Hills in South Dakota to hunt the cougars. Our mountain lion hide came from a hunting trip to Wyoming. Mountain lions are very easy to catch because when they’re scared, they climb trees. My buffalo hide came from a herd of buffalo in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. While we were hunting other animals, we came upon this herd of buffalo. Since buffalo act as a group, the whole group will attack you, so we need to keep

a tree between us and the herd. The buffalo carcass was so heavy we had to haul it out with a tractor. I got 300 lbs. of meat from that buffalo after everything was cut up. Wild boars are more difficult to hunt. They grow tusks which can injure a hunter or his dogs and they are good at hiding. They can smell you and they run away really fast. Bobcats smell, so we don’t eat the meat.”

Visitors and residents were encouraged to ask questions about hunting or about their own hunting experiences. Wayne Johnson brought some pictures to show everyone about his hunting foxes during his teen years. He explained, “I used to hunt fox because they are very hard to catch. They are sensitive to smells. It’s hard to ‘outfox’ a fox. The red fox is not as abundant in our area anymore. The



Activities Director Ruth Anspach shows the buffalo skull that her nephew Alex Gray gathered from a hunting trip to Upper Michigan.



Hunter Alex Gray showed this mystery skull and asked the residents if they knew from what animal it came?

grey fox are scarce, too. The coyotes are killing off the red fox. The black bears are being killed off by wolves. They attack them in their dens.”

Following the question and answer program, Conkle and Gray brought fresh samples of cooked wild game for the residents to sample. The samples included venison,

bear, buffalo, and jerky. It was sampled by everyone. Following the program, cake and coffee were served to everyone. The residents continued to enjoy looking at the furs and the skulls of various animals.

Meeting state recycling goal can be challenging

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Jan. 16.

Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht reported that the department has received a letter of compliance from Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) regarding adoption of the Buffer Ordinance.

The Solid Waste Management Plan for 2018-2028 is in final review by MPCA at this time, after which it will go into a 60-day public notice; then it’s due for final adoption in April.

“I have let them know of some of the things we might be able to do, but did not say (exactly) what we will do,” Hecht stated.

The state expectation is to recycle 35 percent by 2030, and he said that it is difficult to determine how this can be achieved.

“What hurts us most is that TEAM recycles tons of metal in the category of auto salvage, so it is not counted as recycling. Schools, TEAM, and businesses need more bins or containers,” he added.

Food to animals is another category where it is not counted as recycling but he says this is not going on here. Homes in rural areas may be doing some recycling, but the county can’t afford to go and collect it he said.

Some do bring their recyclables to the bins provided in town, but it hasn’t worked to supply bins in the country.

Polk County brought their waste grinder to Clearwater County’s landfill last month to demonstrate its capabilities and potential for helping to conserve landfill space and

possibly recycling certain materials. Hecht said the machine did an excellent job on things such as shingles and mixed demolition, but not so well on tires, which are still shipped away for recycling.

He said that some recycling efforts elsewhere have been shut down as conflicts have occurred with the EPA.

“One area encourages us to do something with this waste, and another is shutting down!”

Opening of the printing bids by County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson to designate the legal paper for 2018 was one of the first items of business to be covered.

Farmers Independent in Bagley submitted the low bid for first publication of the Clearwater County Financial Statement from the Auditor-Treasurer, thus securing the designation as the legal paper for 2018. Richards Publishing in Gonvick will do the second publication. The bids were accepted by the commissioners.

Publications of the county board proceedings, legal notices of the county and all other publishing requests or needs of the county during 2018; and publications of the list of delinquent taxes will be done by the Farmers Independent. The County Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway projects on the County Website.

These publications are all within the requirements of Minnesota statutes.

Veterans Service Officer Hutch Hutchens reported to the commissioners that a third Eagle’s Healing Nest in the state of Minnesota is coming to the former site of

the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. The other two are located in Sauk Centre and Anoka.

It is a private, non-profit organization, and not affiliated with the federal Veterans Administration or the State of Minnesota.

The Eagle’s Healing Nest website makes it clear that they have been handed the keys.

This is considered to be “good news” for the area in general.

Mr. Hutchens attended the Northwest Minnesota Region Safety Council Meeting Oct. 10, 2017 in Bemidji and facilitated the Clearwater County Safety Committee meeting for November 2017, as well as regular office and

home visits, calls and other business.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized by the commissioners to purchase a 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD from Midway Ford for \$28,376 and have it equipped, with a total cost not to exceed \$48,000. A portion of the funds, about \$10,000, will come out of the vehicle forfeiture/drug and alcohol account, with the balance from the budget.

“This will include a new camera, as the cameras are getting older in the squad cars,” the sheriff said.

Joel Stenseng brought a motion for approval of the Highway Department bills to be paid, which was approved by the commissioners in the

amount of \$29,774.

Public Health Agreement was to be signed after approval of the Commissioners agreeing to pay the administrators for the North Country Community Health Services organization from received grant funds as described in the agreement.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$107,280 for the County Revenue Fund and \$6,564 for the Nursing Service Fund.

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

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COUNTY OF
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APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(INTESTATE)

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56621 to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent’s estate.

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BY THE COURT

Dated: January 9, 2018

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Registrar
Camille Bessler
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
E.H. Rasmussen, Lawyer
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