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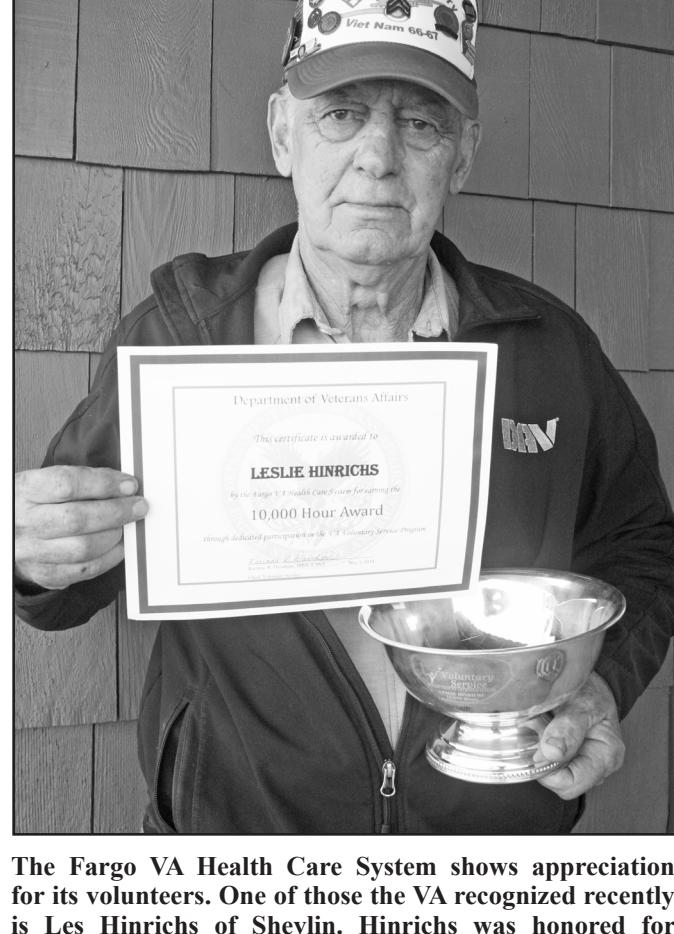
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## VA honors volunteer driver



The Fargo VA Health Care System shows appreciation for its volunteers. One of those the VA recognized recently is Les Hinrichs of Shevlin. Hinrichs was honored for having volunteered 10,000 hours for VA patients. He was presented a certificate to hang on his wall, and an engraved silver bowl. Hinrichs, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War in 1966-67, started driving patients to the VA in 2002. At first all he reported was his mileage. In recent years, however, he was asked to report his time, the number of patients delivered, plus his mileage. His 10,000 hours are those logged during the transport and waiting periods as he served patients at the Fargo and Bemidji VA facilities. His trips to Minneapolis and other destinations were not included. One of the fringe benefits Hinrichs enjoys is that when he arrives at the VA in Fargo, the cook already knows how he wants his eggs!

## Three vie for District 5 Commissioner

One more candidate threw his hat into the ring in the contest for District 5 Commissioner. Since last week's Farmers Independent was printed last Tuesday afternoon, Richard Djernes has joined the ranks of candidates for the District 5 seat, which is being vacated by outgoing Commissioner Dan Stenseng, who decided to not seek re-election.

The District 1 Commissioner race is contested by new candidates Mark Titera and Chris Arnold. The incumbent, Arlen Syverson, is not seeking re-election.

The only other contested office is that of County Attorney. Al Rogalla currently holds the seat, having been appointed by the County Board to fill the seat left vacant when County Attorney Rick Mollin retired. Rogalla and Cayle Halberg are both seeking election to that position.

Filing for elective offices closed Tuesday, June 5, with the following having filed for open

county offices:

### County commissioners:

District 1 -- Mark Titera and Chris Arnold  
District 3 -- Neal Illins (incumbent)  
District 5 -- Gary Eck, Mark Larson and Richard Djernes.

### Auditor-Treasurer

Al Paulson (incumbent)

### County Attorney

Al Rogalla (incumbent) and Cayle Halberg

### County Recorder

Brenda Knable (incumbent)

### County Sheriff

Darin Halverson (incumbent)

### SWCD

Marty Cobenais and Paul Rydeen, both unchallenged incumbents

### State Rep. District 2A

Matt Grossell (incumbent) and Karen Branden

## School Board begins search for high school principal, okays volunteer hall monitor program

By Brett Carter

The Bagley School Board met in regular session on June 4 and heard reports of a strong finish to the school year, the loss of the high school principal, the approval of an application for selecting volunteer hall monitors, and the hiring of a Head of Transportation.

"We finished the year strong and tight," Superintendent Steve Cairns said. Enrollment is at 983 students, a bit higher than the budgeted 975. Cairns added, "We're looking forward to next year."

One concern is the slowly dropping numbers of seniors at graduation. Although, according to Cairns, there is always a drop from sophomore to junior to senior year, "It warrants a little more research." Cairns says the numbers aren't dramatic, but he advised it's important to look into the reasons for the drop.

The board also approved a Volunteer Hall Monitor program that seeks "to enhance current safety and security by adding an additional set of eyes/ears in our hallways," as stated

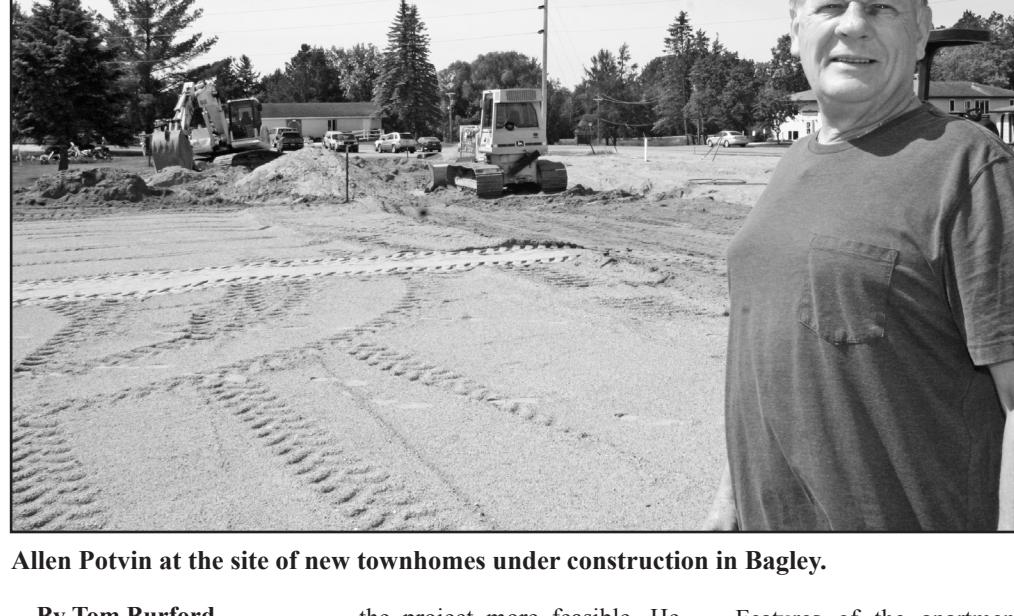
in the board's proposal. The application is part of a larger plan that involves recruitment of volunteers in the summer, background checks, and an orientation the week before school starts. Hall monitors will not be involved in student discipline or be armed. They might be able to participate in First Aid/CPR training at the same time as district staff. The plan is to have volunteers in the hallways this fall.

### School Board

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## Nine rental units going up in The Townhomes by Cornerstone

Another eight units are planned



Allen Potvin at the site of new townhomes under construction in Bagley.

By Tom Burford

Too many senior citizens were moving out of their own homes and into apartment buildings in Bemidji. Allen Potvin, who along with his wife Judy owns Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab, Cornerstone Residence of Bagley, and Cornerstone Residence Senior Care, decided to invest money into apartments so there would be more choices for people to retain their residence in Clearwater County.

The ground was broken on June 1 on Sixth St. NE in Bagley for new townhomes. The townhomes will be constructed in three different buildings on a large parcel of land directly south of the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab and Cornerstone Residence Senior Care.

In all, according to owner Allen Potvin, the four-unit and three-unit structures will house two-bedroom apartments with two bathrooms each. A third structure will house two 2-bedroom, one bath apartments. They are scheduled to be ready for renting on Nov. 1 of this year.

Potvin said one reason he is investing into these apartments is because the City Council of Bagley has been so cooperative, helping him to obtain Tax Increment Financing to make

the project more feasible. He noted that he is not aiming to make a profit off these townhomes, but he knows that the future of his senior care facilities depends upon an aging population that does not migrate from the community.

He also said plans are already made to break ground this fall in the same vicinity for another eight apartments. These latter eight will be available to rent for the general public at market rates. The other units will be available for persons age 55 or older at rental rates comparable or less than is charged for identical sized apartments in Bemidji. He said the two units with only one bathroom will be rented to moderate income persons for a lower rate.

Potvin is acting as his own general contractor on the project, with J&B Construction

Features of the apartments for those age 55 and over will include one bathroom with a shower and the other bathroom with a bathtub; wired-in radon, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; lower level cupboards with pull-out drawers to alleviate the need to stoop down for access to cupboard shelves; a vaulted ceiling in the living area; a patio with roof overhead; and an attached 1-1/2 stall heated garage. He commented, "There's room for a golf cart along with a car."

(The apartments are quite near to Twin Pines Golf Course.) Renters won't have to mow lawn or shovel snow.

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## Grossell, Green, Utke hold town hall in Bagley

### Not happy about governor vetoes

By Brett Carter

Three area legislative representatives visited Bagley recently and offered a mostly pessimistic report on the recent session, primarily because of Governor Dayton's vetoes. The group included Representative Steve Green, R-Fosston, Representative Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, and Senator Paul Utke, R-Park Rapids. Ten community members attended.

The session "goes real fast," Green said. "I just wish what we worked on wouldn't have gotten scrapped."

"We addressed 60 percent of what the governor had issues with (in the budget)," Grossell said, "but the bill was still vetoed."

"We can still put together a

budget bill in January," Utke said, "or more than half the taxpayers will pay more this year."

All three legislators expressed disappointment with the inability to negotiate with the governor. Concerns about the budget bill and the supplementary budget bill may make it hard for taxpayers to plan. According to Green, "A lot of people will be unhappy."

Green did emphasize, however, that since this is the second year of the biennium, "We are still funded. Nothing shuts down. We just have to go from here."

Rep. Grossell reported on his work with the Public Safety Committee. Work was done to introduce background checks for school bus drivers, to increase penalties for anyone arrested on child pornography charges, and to include more money for

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## Volunteers needed for the Fireworks Fundraiser

Volunteer ticket sellers are needed to help at the Fireworks Fundraiser to be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15 at Fireside Grill and Patio.

Volunteers can also partake of the food, beer and wine.

The Bagley Area Chamber is in charge of volunteers for selling tickets. If interested, please contact Tom Burford at the Farmers Independent (694-6265).

## Espeseth enters Miss Minnesota Pageant



Shayley Espeseth

The Miss Minnesota Pageant will be held June 13-16 at Eden Prairie Performing Center For The Arts, at Eden Prairie High School, Eden Prairie, Minn.

Shayley Espeseth, the 20-year-old daughter of Jim and Deb Espeseth, Bagley, is a 2016 graduate of Win-E-Mac High School in Erskine. Currently, she is a sophomore at Minnesota State University Moorhead, majoring in theatre arts.

Her personal platform; "Love Your Melon," provides hats to pediatric cancer patients and the Miss America official platform - Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Shayley will perform a musical theater performance, singing, "I Can't do it Alone," from the Broadway hit, "Chicago."

The Miss Outstanding Teen pageant will be held in conjunction with the Miss Minnesota pageant. Preliminary competitions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, with the final night and crowning on Saturday.

Ticket information can be found at [www.missminnesota.org](http://www.missminnesota.org).

school safety. "I'm trying to push forward legislation that will put a mandatory minimum sentencing (on those arrested for child pornography)," Grossell said.

Rep. Green commented on his work on the pension bill for public employees, emphasizing that both the state and public employees need to be picking up a bigger share of the costs. When asked about the recent request for tax refunds by utilities, including Enbridge, Green said, "It's a nasty mess caused by a state agency (Dept. of Revenue) that for whatever reason, didn't do their job."

The issue of corporate tax refunds created a heated conversation between community members and Grossell when a statement was made by a constituent that it was the representative's job to protect his constituents. Grossell took offense at the

# Sheriff's Log

A list of law enforcement activity provided by the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office

## CFS Date/Time Description

**City of Bagley**  
06/03/18 01:23 Traffic Stop  
06/03/18 04:01 Animal Related  
06/03/18 07:18 Alarm  
06/03/18 08:12 Traffic Stop  
06/03/18 15:55 ASSIST  
06/03/18 16:53 Medical  
06/03/18 19:17 Suspicious Activity  
06/04/18 02:48 Transport (Welfare/Civil)  
06/04/18 06:00 Parking Complaint  
06/04/18 11:14 Crimes Against Family  
06/04/18 11:20 Crimes Against Family  
06/04/18 14:04 Motor Vehicle Crash  
06/04/18 21:37 Suspicious Activity  
06/05/18 01:07 Vehicle Lock Out  
06/05/18 15:12 Sexual Conduct

06/05/18 16:28 Sexual Conduct  
06/06/18 05:05 Disorderly  
06/06/18 19:13 THEFT  
06/06/18 23:27 911 Hang Up  
06/06/18 23:51 Suspicious Activity  
06/07/18 08:22 Warrant Arrest  
06/07/18 15:17 Transport  
06/07/18 20:08 Medical  
06/08/18 09:46 Traffic Complaint  
06/08/18 13:12 Traffic Stop  
06/08/18 21:27  
06/09/18 09:52 THEFT  
**City of Bagley Total: 27**

**City of Clearbrook**  
06/06/18 19:12 Information Only  
**City of Clearbrook Total: 1**

**City of Gonvick**  
06/06/18 06:25 Medical  
**City of Gonvick Total: 1**

**City of Shevelin**  
06/07/18 16:10 Suspicious Activity

## City of Shevelin Total: 1

**Copley**  
06/03/18 04:05 Alarm  
06/06/18 17:37 Traffic Stop  
06/06/18 23:52 911 Hang Up  
06/08/18 14:51 Suspicious Activity  
06/09/18 12:12 Traffic Stop  
06/09/18 21:07 Suspicious Activity  
06/09/18 21:45 Motorist Assist  
**Copley Total: 7**

**Dudley**  
06/03/18 05:47 Assist Other Agency  
06/05/18 07:44 Alarm  
06/07/18 13:46 ASSIST  
06/07/18 19:44 Information Only  
06/09/18 18:11 Motor Vehicle Crash  
**Dudley Total: 5**

**Eddy**  
06/04/18 20:23 Animal Related  
**Eddy Total: 1**

**Falk**  
06/07/18 08:24 Medical  
06/08/18 15:01 Traffic Complaint  
**Falk Total: 2**

**Holst**  
06/03/18 16:34 Suspicious Activity  
06/09/18 11:52 Traffic Stop  
06/09/18 14:46 Traffic Stop

## Holst Total: 3

**LaPraire**  
06/03/18 13:35 Disorderly  
06/06/18 14:03 Traffic Complaint  
**LaPraire Total: 2**

**LaPraire N**  
06/04/18 11:56 Crimes Against Family  
06/04/18 20:00 Suspicious Activity  
06/06/18 08:21 Medical  
06/08/18 17:43 Welfare Check  
06/09/18 15:50 Medical  
**LaPraire N Total: 5**

**Leon**  
06/09/18 22:30 Animal Related  
**Leon Total: 1**

**Minerva**  
06/05/18 01:17 Assist Other Agency  
06/09/18 15:23 Fire  
**Minerva Total: 2**

**Moose Creek**  
06/07/18 09:57 Suspicious Activity

## Activity

### Moose Creek Total: 1

**Nora**  
06/03/18 10:07 Traffic Stop  
06/06/18 16:39 Traffic Stop  
06/08/18 22:37 Alarm  
**Nora Total: 3**

**Pine Lake**  
06/03/18 23:51 Animal Related  
06/04/18 21:23 Juvenile Misc  
06/05/18 06:46 Noise Complaint  
06/05/18 16:51 Medical  
06/07/18 22:53 Suspicious Activity  
06/08/18 21:45 Animal Related  
06/09/18 13:56 Traffic Stop  
**Pine Lake Total: 7**

**Popple**  
06/05/18 15:23 Suspicious Activity  
06/05/18 21:55 Animal Related  
06/08/18 14:40 Property Damage  
**Popple Total: 3**

## Rice

06/04/18 10:24 Property Damage  
06/04/18 12:04 Crimes Against Family  
06/04/18 14:08 Traffic Stop  
06/06/18 15:42 Suspicious Activity  
06/06/18 15:50 Juvenile Misc  
06/07/18 06:36 Animal Related  
06/09/18 08:58 Suspicious Activity  
**Rice Total: 7**

**Shevlin**  
06/03/18 13:25 Traffic Stop  
06/04/18 01:16 Assault  
06/06/18 12:45 Harassment  
06/06/18 20:57 Animal Related  
06/06/18 22:10 Traffic Stop  
06/06/18 22:37 Traffic Stop  
06/07/18 16:15 THEFT  
06/08/18 16:53 Suspicious Activity  
06/09/18 10:59 Suspicious Activity  
06/09/18 14:56 Traffic Complaint  
06/09/18 15:13 Traffic Stop  
06/09/18 17:26 Trespass  
**Shevlin Total: 12**

**Sinclair**  
06/05/18 18:04 Suspicious Activity  
06/05/18 19:20 Traffic Stop  
06/07/18 19:06 911 Hang Up  
**Sinclair Total: 3**

**Total Records: 94**

## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On June 27, 1829, English scientist James Smithson dies, leaving behind a will with a peculiar footnote. Smithson decreed that the whole of his fortune would go to the United States, to found an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge. Today, the Smithsonian Institution is composed of 19 museums.

• On June 26, 1945, delegates from 50 nations sign the United Nations Charter, establishing the world body as a means of saving "succeeding generations from the scourge of war." Four years later, the cornerstone was laid for United Nations headquarters, in New York City.

• On June 28, 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, hand assemble the first Corvette. The car carried a price tag of \$3,490 and could go from zero to 60 mph in under 12 seconds.

• On June 25, 1969, the U.S. Navy turns 64 river patrol gunboats valued at \$18.2 million over to the South Vietnamese Navy so that they could assume more responsibility for the war, raising the number of boats in its navy to more than 600.

• On June 30, 1975, less than a week after her divorce from Sonny Bono, Cher tied the knot with rock star Gregg Allman, only to file for divorce from him just nine days later. She then reconsidered and remained married to Allman until 1979.

• On June 29, 1989, in reaction to the Chinese government's brutal massacre of protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing earlier in the month, the House of Representatives unanimously passes a package of sanctions against the People's Republic of China. China remained largely unrepentant.

• On July 1, 1997, Hong Kong reverts back to Chinese rule, ending Britain's 99 years of rule over Hong Kong. In exchange, China pledged to preserve Hong Kong's capitalist system.

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## BHS boys golf ends at Sub-section Tournament

The Bagley High School boys golf team ended their season at the Sub-section golf tournament held on May 29 at Blueberry Pines Golf Course in Menahga. Jarret Merschman finished

## Tie score sends Izzy Gerbracht into playoff



Izzy Gerbracht

Izzy Gerbracht golfed a 106 at the Sub-section Tournament and was in a playoff for a chance to advance to the sectional contest. Madi Womble from UNC and Izzy tied on the first hole of the playoff. On the second hole, Madi scored better than Izzy to advance. It was a great experience for Izzy and a positive experience to end the season.

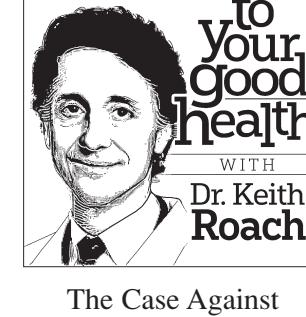
The Bagley girls golf team ended their season at the Sub-section tournament held on May 29 at Blueberry Pines Golf Course in Menahga. Izzy Gerbracht finished in 18th place with a score of 106, and Mackenzie Dahl finished in 21st place with a score of 109.

**Ads wanted!**  
**Call the Farmers Independent**  
**694-6265**

## Sandra Mootz

Graveside services for Sandra Mootz will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Norway Lake Cemetery west of Leonard at 11:00 a.m. Following the service a luncheon will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Sandra Mootz passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at her residence near Shevelin.



### The Case Against Hydrogen Peroxide

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My dental hygienist recommends rinsing your mouth with hydrogen peroxide to kill germs after flossing. Late ly I have heard the using too much hydrogen peroxide can be harmful. What are your thoughts? — T.W.

**ANSWER:** Hydrogen peroxide is a powerful antiseptic that has some usefulness for household objects; however, I don't recommend it as an oral rinse. It is too toxic to tissues. In a 1993 study, even hydrogen peroxide solutions diluted to half and quarter strengths caused damage to mucous membranes and caused "overwhelmingly negative subjective reactions."

Thus they were not recommended for oral care. A regular mouthwash is a much better choice, and your dentist can prescribe a medicated mouthwash if needed.

Incidentally, I don't recommend hydrogen peroxide for cleaning cuts and abrasions, either. It isn't effective at inhibiting bacterial growth. I recommend careful cleaning with mild soap and water or saline and an antibiotic ointment like Bacitracin.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have heard of yeast infections, but I don't know what causes them. How do they affect the body, and what can be done to get rid of them? — C.R.

**ANSWER:** Certain yeasts, especially the Candida species, are found on our skin, mucous membranes and GI tract. They normally live in balance with the 100 trillion or so bacteria we carry around. However, yeast can cause disease that ranges from fairly mild, like thrush of the mouth or vagi-

na, to life-threatening, like a blood-borne, widely disseminated invasive infection.

Candida infection of mucus membranes is usually caused by changes in our bacteria, especially after the use of antibiotics. The antibiotics kill the bacteria they are supposed to (hopefully), but they also may kill the healthy bacteria that assist us in digestion (leading to diarrhea or worse), and this allows the other bacteria and yeast to grow.

Some people with genetic faults in their immune system are predisposed to chronic candida infections. These are uncommon but can be severe, and may require treatment by specialists, such as infectious disease doctors and immunologists.

The life-threatening yeast infections generally happen in people with severe illness and with poor immune system function.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have been diagnosed with Fuchs' corneal dystrophy by an ophthalmologist, whom I saw for an eye exam recently. Would you please tell me more about this disease? Is there any treatment? What can I expect in the future? It is getting harder to read and do close work. — N.O.

**ANSWER:** Fuchs' dystrophy is a condition of older eyes, which happens when the cells in the innermost lining of the cornea (the translucent, colorless front part of the eye) degenerate, causing, initially, deposits in the cornea and later swelling of the cornea. The disease has a complex genetic pattern of inheritance, and tends to progress slowly. Treatments include soft contact lenses to "bandage" the cornea, and eye drops. Transplant surgery of the affected lining of the cornea (called Descemet's membrane), or the whole cornea, is the definitive treatment.

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*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.*

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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.
June 4	73	47	---
June 5	74	49	---
June 6	72	55	0.5"
June 7	73	40	---
June 8	78	50	0.6"
June 9	75	58	---
June 10	79	73	---

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

### Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	\$1.75-1.95
400-600	\$1.65-1.90
600-800	\$1.33-1.69
800-1000	\$1.15-1.34

Weight	Beef Heifers
200-400	\$1.35-1.62

**Dancing Light to perform at Farm by the Lake**

Dancing Light blends the musical talents of Kiki and Greg, who will perform at Farm by the Lake on Sunday, June 17 at 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Bring your own lawn chairs -- some folders are provided.

Kiki and Greg are two expressive singer-songwriters who met on stage at an environmental benefit in Florida. They are currently collaborating with their son, Sebastian, who

studies music composition at Berkley. All three have exceptional voices. Greg plays rhythmic and solo guitar, Kiki plays light percussion, and Sebastian embellishes their songs with silver flute, occasional keyboard, guitar, and bass. Their style fuses folk, classical, rock and pop.

Kiki and Greg write with strong lyric imagery, compelling rhythms and weaving harmonies. Their songs reflect a deep love for nature, each other, and the infinite. Greg and Kiki see themselves as being in the transport business.

"If we do our job well, we transport ourselves and the audience to a place where the vibe is a little lighter, and the world shines a bit brighter," says Kiki.

**Kids! Come and learn about lumberjacks**

Come to the Clearwater County History Center and make your own lumberjack beard that you can wear in the Shevlin Sawdust Dayz parade.

Wear your own lumberjack shirt and hat if you have one. We will talk about the different jobs lumberjacks did and the tools they used. We will also sample a lumberjack snack of *sinkers and swamp water* -- Don't know what that is? Come and find out!

This is open to kids ages 5-11 from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 7.

Use the north gate at the History Center in Shevlin and meet at the meeting room.

Cost is \$2 per child.

For more information call Bonnie at 218-785-2000.

**MOVING?**

Please give us advance notice of any address changes, along with the effective date of your address change.

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**SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM****Consider Senior Center for Father's Day gift ideas**

Father's Day is this Sunday. Maybe the perfect present would be a meal ticket for the lunch program at the Senior Center. The Craft and Gift Room could also carry the perfect gift.

The turkey dinners were practically flying out of the Senior Center last Tuesday. Thirty persons ate at the center, and another 34 were delivered by the meals-on-wheels carriers.

The Yarn Group meets at the center on Tuesday, June 19.

**DID YOU KNOW?** On

**FREE SPEECH/LANGUAGE SCREENING DAY****Choice Therapy will be providing FREE 15 min Speech/Language screenings!**

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Amber Nickerson



Kirsten Landmark

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**Choice Therapy****Lincoln Ray Teige**

Livy Teige proudly announces the birth of her brother, Lincoln Ray Teige, born on April 22nd, 2018 at 12:44 a.m. at Sanford Bemidji Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz and was 21 inches. Proud parents are Ray and Megan Teige.

Maternal grandparents are Vernon Johnson and Sandra Julin. Paternal grandparents are the late Arnie Teige and Jacqueline Teige.

**Houghs to mark 50th Anniversary**

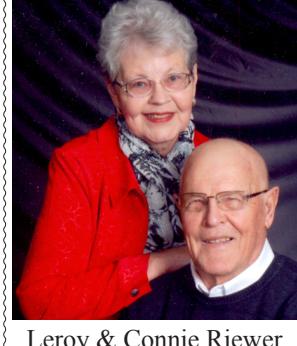
You are invited to Alden and Joan Hough's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. It will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley.



**Kirah Otting**

Friends and family, please join us to celebrate Kirah's graduation from Bagley High School.

An open house will be held Saturday, June 16 from 2-5 p.m. at Grace Chapel, 10 miles south of Bagley on 92.

**Riewers to celebrate 60 years of marriage**

Leroy & Connie Riewer will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 21. In honor of this occasion, their children will be hosting a party on

**Saturday, June 23**

**Noon-4:00 p.m.**

at the home of Steve & Cathy Riewer, 11593 110th St., Wadena. (4 miles south of Wadena.

Turn right on 110th Street, turn left at the Riewer sign).

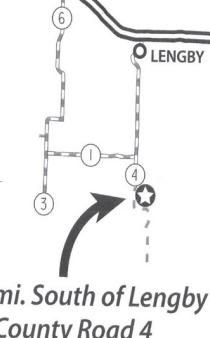
We will also be celebrating mom's 80th birthday.

All are welcome.

No gifts, please.

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New Stock Arriving Regularly

**SCRAMBLERS****Good Housekeeping****Grilled Pork Chops With Mango Sauce**

A smoky, but still sweet, mango sauce adds brilliant, sunny color and a kick of flavor to these simply grilled pork chops.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 small (4- to 6-ounce) onion, finely chopped
- 1 chipotle chile in adobo, seeded, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 large ripe mangoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 4 (6 ounces each) bone-in pork loin or rib chops, 3/4-inch thick
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced, for garnish
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish

1. Prepare outdoor grill for covered direct grilling on medium.

2. Prepare mango sauce: In 12-inch skillet, heat oil on medium-high. Add onion and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Add chipotle and oregano; cook 1 minute, stirring. Add mangoes, water, and sugar; cook 10 minutes or until mangoes are soft, stirring occasionally.

3. Meanwhile, sprinkle pork with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper to season both sides. Grill, covered, 8 to 9 minutes or until browned outside and still slightly pink inside, turning over once.

4. Transfer pork chops to cutting board; let rest 5 minutes.

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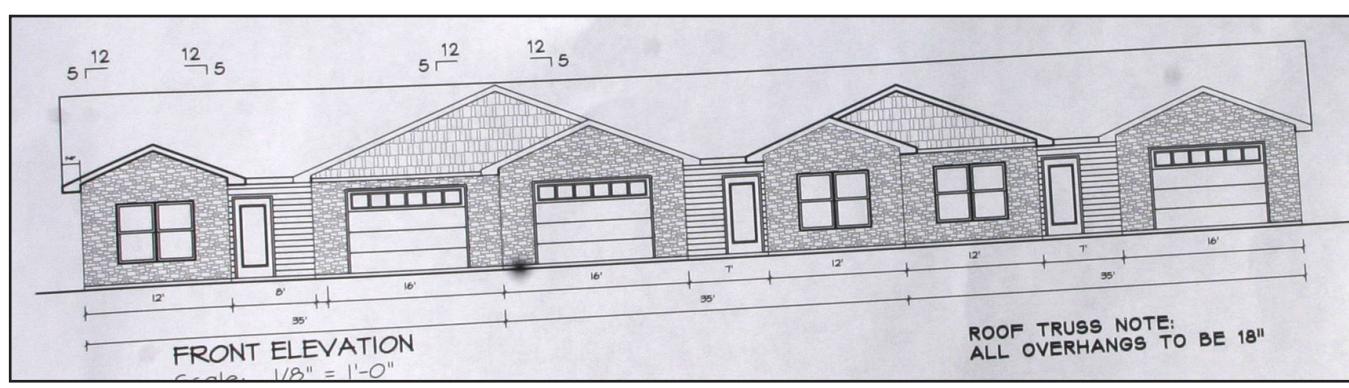
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TODAY'S WORD

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"Looking for someone to join you in a toast, Feeney?"

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A sketch of the front on the four-unit townhome.

## New apartments

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of Pinewood as the builder. Ground was already prepared for concrete as of this writing on June 7. When all is completed, the four-unit structure will face west along Hallan Avenue; the three-unit structure will face north along Sixth St.; and the two-unit structure will face south, located to the east of the four-unit structure.

All the two-bedroom, two-bath units are about 1,200 square feet in area; the one-bath, two-bedroom units are about 900 square feet. All are only one story buildings, with the garage attached in the front.

The heating system is fueled by natural gas, but Potvin said it is a new technology that provides more efficiency for both heating and cooling.

Even though his cell phone number is not public, he said people have been finding the number and calling him to get on the list for renting the apartments. He can be reached at 218-766-4732.

## News Bytes

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY** at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 13 at 4 p.m. Bring a shovel, or rakes and brooms to clean up the grounds, buildings and plant flowers.

This is a Modern Woodmen Good Neighbor Project. Thanks for your help.

**CLEARWATER COUNTY REPUBLICANS** will meet Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at DaRoo's in Bagley. Items on the agenda will include convention reports, (both 7th CD and State); fair planning, regular reports, and election plans. For more information, call LeRoy Sundbom 694-6966.

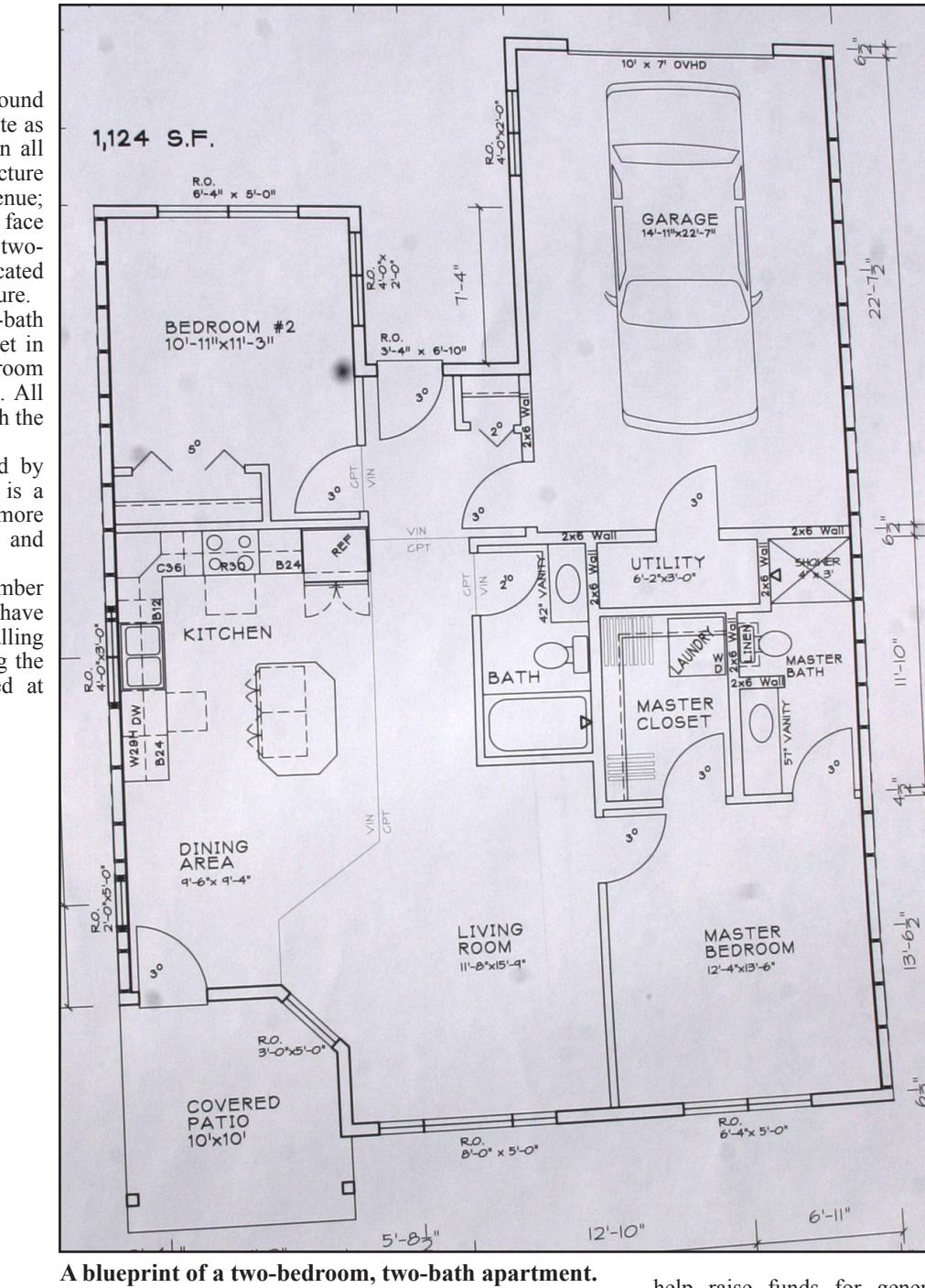
**MUSIC JAMBOREE:** Country & Country-Gospel Music at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave NW, Bagley on Sunday, June 17 from 1-4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

**"THE MANY TECHNIQUES OF NEEDLE ART" BRUNCH:** Wednesday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Journey Church, 505 9th St. NW, in Fosston. The speaker will be Joyce Buseman from Centerville, S.D. sharing "Insurance for a Secure Future."

Reservations are due by Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. Call Arlene 563-2085, Barbara 687-3431, Beverly 776-3897, Avis 935-5307 or Judy 563-2205. Sponsored by Pine to Prairie Christian Women's Connection.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. in High School Room 100. The special meeting is to hold High School Principal interviews and the public is welcome to attend.

**HISTORY MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN SATURDAYS:** The Clearwater County History Center in Shevlin has extended its hours this summer. Museum



A blueprint of a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment.

hours until Labor Day are: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The museum staff will also give tours by appointment in the evenings and on Sundays. Admission to the museum and historic buildings is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call the History Center at 218-785-2000 for more information.

**THE CLEARWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will hold its June quarterly potluck supper and membership meeting at the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmer Show Grounds on Tuesday, June 26 beginning at 4 p.m. with tours of several buildings at the grounds. Potluck supper in the Levorsen building at 6 p.m. followed by a short business meeting.

Part of the meeting will include recognition of Mark and Tamara Edevold, recently awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards by the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums. Members are encouraged to attend and friends are invited. Bring a dish to share. For more information contact the History Center at 218-785-2000.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** (official women's auxiliary

of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) of the Minnesota North District will be gathering June 18-20 in Bemidji to hold its 28th Biennial District Convention. Registration begins Monday, June 18, 11 a.m. at Sanford Center; with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 29th Street, Bemidji.

**BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS** third recital will be on Wednesday, June 20, at noon featuring Ryan Webber, bass trombone, and Dan Will, piano. The concert at Evangelical Free Church, located at 115 Carr Lake Road SW, will include Adante by Russian composer A. Tcherepnin; and the Four Serious Songs by J. Brahms and other music.

**NORTHERN MINNESOTA ROBOTICS CONFERENCE** first-ever summer robotics programming camp Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26, in Bridgeman Hall, held on the campus Bemidji State University. For more information contact NMRC President, Jesse Frost, at (218)-556-8978.

**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: Jane Jorgensen, Clearbrook; Paul Ehlers, Leonard; Nelson LaFerriere, Bagley; Dana Thomas, Frazee; Kyle Grover, Bagley; Tom and Emily Woodson, Parker, Colo.; and Sharon Dyrdahl-O'Bryan, Bagley.

### Senior Citizen Menu

June 18-22

**Monday:** Tate Tot casserole, corn, fruit salad, and cookie.

**Tuesday:** Chicken cream sauce with noodles, peas, and dessert.

**Wednesday:** Taco salad, fresh fruit, and bar.

**Thursday:** Pork loin, potatoes, carrots, and frosted cake.

**Friday:** Italian spaghetti, lettuce salad, green beans, and ice cream.

Meals include: vegetable, dessert, fresh baked bread, coffee, milk.

Please register for meals at least the day before so we can plan our quantities. However, we will accept registration up till 10 a.m. the morning of the meal. Call 694-6873.

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

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

### Clearwater County Food Shelf Hours

Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the basement of the Bagley American Legion (go to the back door).

Monetary contributions can be mailed to Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Wednesdays or at the Bagley Public Library.

### Disabled American Veterans Van to the VA

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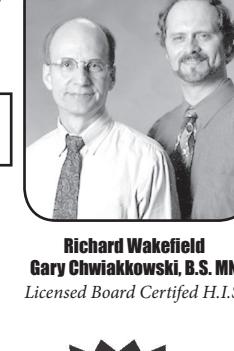
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## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Bagley High School

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

5:30 p.m.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bagley Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on June 25, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Bagley City Council Chambers.

Discussion to be heard on an Application For Variance from Todd & Brenda Gabrelcik. Gabrelcik's plan is to increase the size of their garage which would go over City Utilities and closer to the street than allowed by ordinance.

Legal description: Block 4 lot 6 South 1/2 & Lots 7 & 8.

Subdivision: Bagley City. R23.300.0350.

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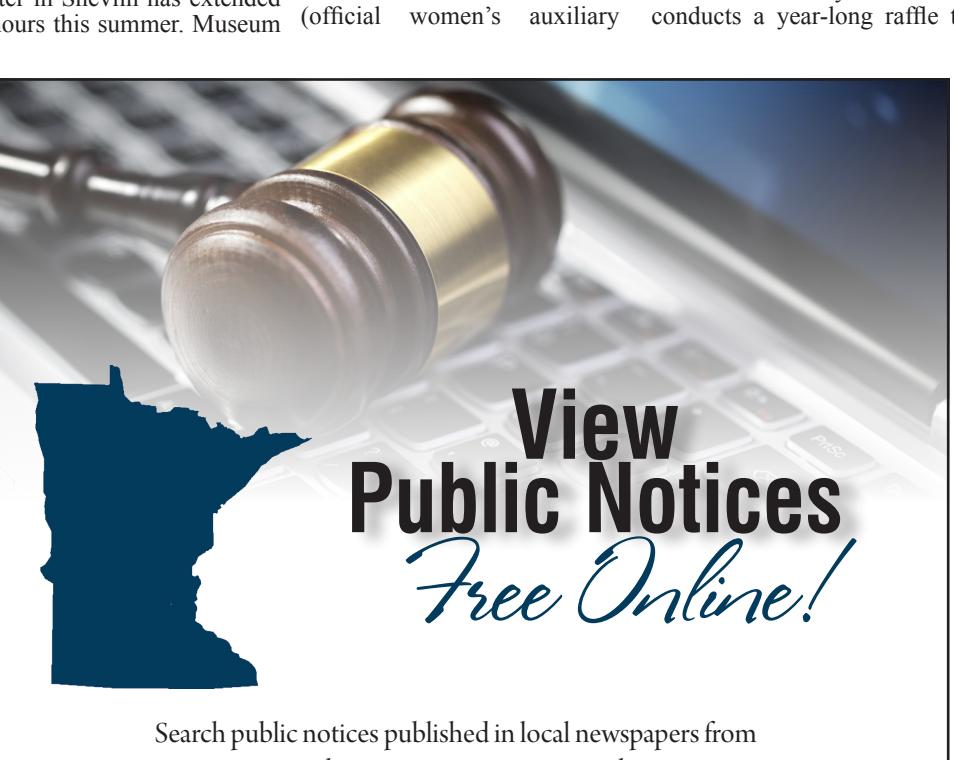
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# Elementary principal retiring with memories of many successes



Lee Furuseth

By Brett Carter

"Kids are way more fun than adults — hands down."

With those words, Principal Lee Furuseth prepared to step down after six years at the helm of Bagley Elementary. That's not to say the adults aren't fun. Furuseth has a career full of memories from directing curriculum and programs for 100 teachers in Warroad, to working as a teacher on staff teaching Title 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade before finishing his career as a principal.

In Bagley, Furuseth jumped right in when he started in 2012. "We spent the first two years focusing on relationship-building." This ongoing part of his job involved creating positive interactions within the

school and in the community. For his part, Furuseth learned that the answer to the question, "Do you have a minute?" is always, "Yes." When teachers ask for your time, Furuseth said, "It's important." And the hope is that relationship-building leads to higher student achievement.

About the time the fruits of that labor were ready for harvest, the school needed a major remodel.

It took 18 months.

"At one point," Furuseth said, "every single item in the school was in the gym." The upheaval created opportunities for change. Almost every teacher moved, so there was a chance to organize classrooms in a new way. Things like length

of school year and school days were "up for grabs," according to Furuseth. And because there was no place for a normal in-service, Furuseth said, "Everything for the start of the year went out electronically."

This tied in well with the superintendent's one-to-one initiative. Since every student had a device, every teacher had to learn to use those devices in a meaningful way. "It became," Furuseth said, "a two-year journey of changing the way you teach. And I changed the way I administered." This included the addition of smart boards and smart TVs and the consistent electronic delivery of instruction, as well as all or most communication happening through email.

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In between all the regular business, the board heard a presentation by Elena Larson and Brett Berg of the Jackpine Pals 4-H group proposing the addition of a "Buddy Bench" at Bagley Elementary. Larson described the purpose of the bench, "If you need a buddy, sit on it. If you see someone on the bench, you can go to them."

Berg added, "It helps when you are lonely. You can just go to the bench and get a buddy." The club will show the bench at the Clearwater County Fair, and then install it on the east playground of the school.

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## School Board

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One key staff position became available when the board accepted the resignation of High School Principal David Gooch. Gooch served as principal for the past two years. His last day will be June 30. He has accepted an assistant principalship at Jean Dillon Elementary School in Bemidji. The board encouraged the principal interview committee to set a date soon for interviews with potential candidates.

The board also approved the hiring of Stuart Dukek as Head of Transportation with a new contract and the hope of having Dukek start prior to his official date of hire. Dukek will hit the ground running by working to complete his school bus driver's license, assisting in finishing the annual report, and preparing for the bus state inspections that need to be completed before school starts. The board was eager to get

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## Town hall

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challenge and said, "My door is always open. Send me an email. I try to get back to my constituents as soon as possible."

On the same tax refund issue, Green said, "We're not going to allow Clearwater County to be bankrupted."

Senator Utke added, "Enbridge was the first utility to appeal with the Department of Revenue (for tax court). We expected what we got. The appraisal came back under what Enbridge suggested." Utke reminded the group that this was just the first part of the process. "We don't expect a final result into next year." And in response to negative comments about Enbridge, "We need to treat all our utilities respectfully."

Beyond the day-to-day work with teacher and students and staff, Furuseth always celebrated March 2 (Dr. Suess's Birthday). "It should be a national holiday," Furuseth said. Bagley schools go all out for the day. "It's the largest non-sporting event in the community. The focus is on literacy and involves many people from all parts of the community." Events like that make the job "terrifically fulfilling," Furuseth said.

He's had his hair colored more times than he can remember for reading contests and other events. He's camped out at the school, and even though he may not recall the specific causes involved, he remembers the fun and the interaction with the students and the community.

After all he's been through as a teacher and an administrator, he will carry good memories forward. Things like observing teachers teaching, "It's great to have the opportunity to give feedback that enhances the teaching." He also enjoyed hiring teachers and walking through the process to set up a new teacher for success. It is satisfying for Furuseth to have seen so many successes.

Maybe that's part of the reason Furuseth has no specific plans for the future. "Jane (his wife) will pick the next place," Furuseth said. He described his job as 80 percent fulfilling and 20 percent fun. "It's time to turn that around."

Furuseth's last day will be June 30.

several bills to be passed. "The bonding bill passed which included many important projects." Utke also reminded the audience that "Last year's tax reduction plans are starting to take effect. Tax receipts have already gone up. And they're going to keep moving in the right direction."

All three legislators voiced optimism about the next session. "We've got a lot of work to do. We'll do it," Green said.

"With tax conformity on the federal level," Utke said, "everyone has seen a reduction in their taxes. We need to conform to that as a state." He looked forward to making that happen in the next session.

"The vets homes in Bemidji, Preston, and Montevideo are one step closer to reality," Grossell said. "A lot of veterans won't see the home, but they're working for their brothers and sisters coming behind them."

Representatives held additional town halls in Park Rapids and Lake Park. The next session is scheduled for Jan. 8 following the fall elections.

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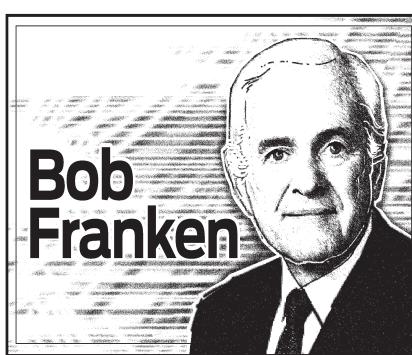
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## Roseanne, Samantha and Kim Jong Un

By now, you're probably tired of hearing about Roseanne Barr and her racist tweet. It was another case where the usual bottom-line-feeding corporate executives were forced to display a flash of conscience. Or they calculated that her show, which has made ABC millions of dollars, would now make them nothing but trouble if they didn't get rid of her in a big hurry. So, Roseanne Barr is now in the dumpster.

What's interesting is the Trumpster's reaction. Even Donald Trump seemed to heed the advice of a grown-up; either that or he was taking his meds. Whatever the reason, he didn't directly defend Roseanne or her sense of humor, even though he previously has bragged about her big success and big ratings -- mainly because she's such a rarity in show business, a Donald Trump admirer.

Instead of standing up for his bigoted soulmate Roseanne, he defaulted to his victim role and tossed a little nastiness at Bob Iger, the CEO of Disney, which owns ABC, as well as much of the world. What about the "double standard," he complained, in not firing any number of ABC personalities who have made remarks that offended Donald Trump or his supporters, some of them really tacky?

But he is going bonkers, crying "double standard" about Samantha Bee, who is definitely not a Trump supporter. That certainly was clear with what Samantha called Ivanka Trump during her TV monologue. Frankly, it's a term I wouldn't use in polite company. I wouldn't even use it in impolite company. Since she did, the executives at TBS, her network, have been agonizing over whether to fire her.

Meanwhile, Trump was forced to pay attention to a variety of distractions. "The president's focused on North Korea," said his flack Sarah Huckabee Sanders, "and he's focused on trade deals and he's focused on the economy." He's also focused on stuff like the Robert Mueller criminal investigation, where he and his accomplices -- notably Rudy Giuliani -- are using big-lie techniques, trying to make something out of nothing and call it "Spygate."

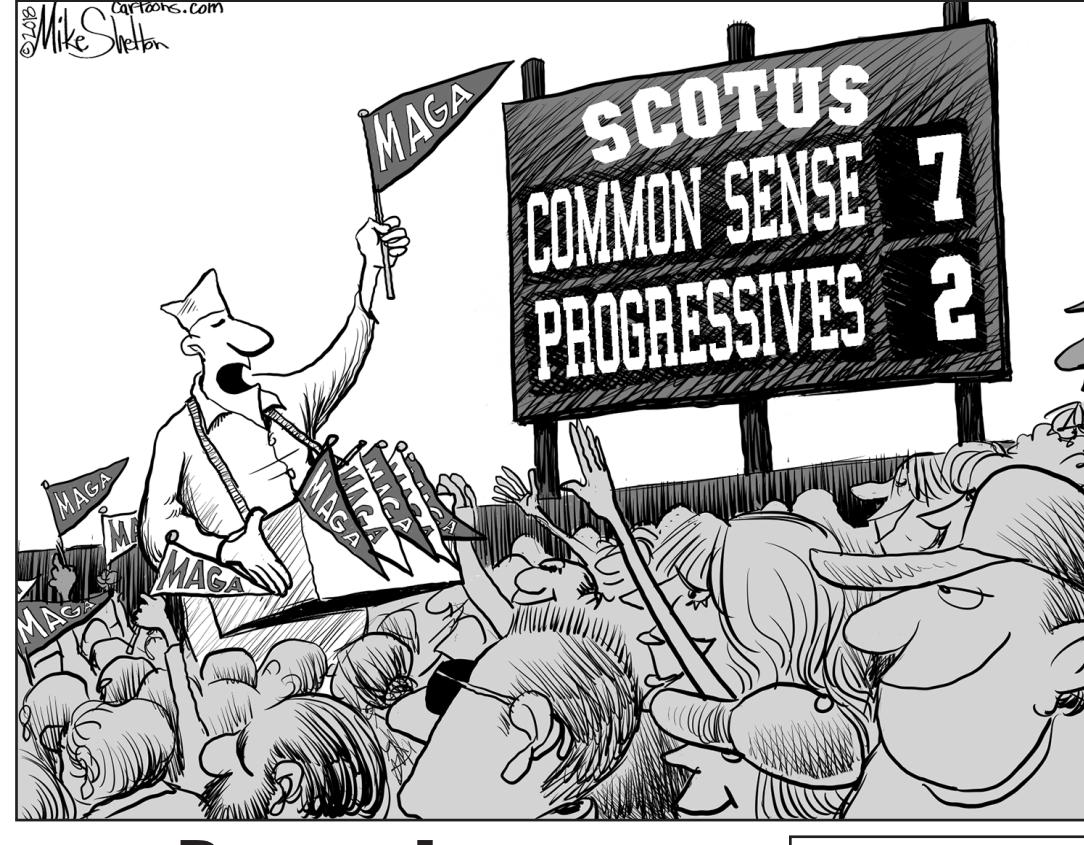
But let's take Sanders at her word, which is often dangerous. Let's suspend disbelief and accept that he really is dealing with substance, particularly the ins and outs of actually meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un. If the face-to-face really does happen, the usual bluster isn't going to cut it.

Great tangles of hostility would have to be unknotted, for starters, and the issues involved are terrifyingly complicated. What inducements will it take to persuade Kim to give up his nuclear arsenal and defuse the Korean flashpoint? It is a dilemma that has baffled great geopolitical thinkers for generations.

Perhaps the Donald Trump unthinking approach might do the trick. If his advisers can buttress his impulse control, maybe the North Koreans will be charmed by his unorthodox approach. Or it could blow up in their faces. It could blow up in all of our faces if Kim decides to keep playing the weapons-of-mass-destruction game.

Donald Trump has been known to try intimidation tactics of his own. If the talks hit a snag, maybe he can bring in Roseanne Barr and Samantha Bee to forge a compromise. That should work.

*Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN. (c) 2018 Bob Franken. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.*



## Do you know how old I am?

Just the other day I accidentally created a new parlor game. It all started when I remembered something progressive intellectuals used to believe, and I framed it as a question.

Do you know how old I am?

I'm old enough to remember when progressive social scientists believed homosexuality was a product of repression, that there were some societies on earth which didn't have it, and when it did appear it was the fault of Christian missionaries introducing "repression" into their societies.

Nowadays, of course, Christian missionaries are blamed for introducing homophobic attitudes into other societies. An almost complete reversal of attitude and opinion.

It's fun, and anyone can play. Well that is if you're at least middle-aged.

We all know people used to believe things that now seem breathtakingly absurd.

Take the notion that diseases were caused by "bad air." Such as malaria, which means "bad air."

However, for the purposes of this game these have to be things once widely believed within one's own lifetime.

Remember when respected public intellectuals thought world capitalism was headed for collapse and the Soviet Union was eternal?

I recall that assumption appearing in respected magazines

in the late 1980s, just a few years before the collapse of the USSR.

Famed economist John Kenneth Galbraith wrote in the pages of *The Atlantic* about "the incredible health of the Soviet economy," in 1985.

Do you remember when the great threat to civilization was the Next Ice Age?

Robert Ardrey, author of the pop anthropology best-sellers "African Genesis" and "The Territorial Imperative" told us all that our descendants in America would be hunting game on the edge of glaciers.

A friend contributed that he remembered when schizophrenia and autism were claimed to be the results of bad parenting. Which is a reminder that not all mistaken beliefs are harmless. How many unfortunate parents tortured themselves over that one?

Do you remember when it took real courage to proclaim yourself to be an atheist? And that if you did you could kiss your career in primary or secondary education goodbye?

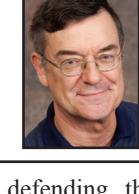
These days while it's not exactly dangerous to be a self-identified Christian, it could definitely hamper your career in academia if it were known you took it seriously.

Do you remember when the left was overwhelmingly pro-Israel, and to voice any criticism of the country would get you labeled "anti-Semitic"?

Now the left is overwhelmingly

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anti-Israel and defending that country's right to defend itself gets you labeled "Islamophobic." More than that, it can get you physically assaulted on some progressive campuses.

And hoooor boy! We could have fun with dietary fads! Remember when eggs were bad for you?

Remember when most social ills could be fixed with a big dose of self-esteem? A lot of that is still with us, but the notion is faltering in the face of research in criminology that shows the problem the incorrigibly criminal have is not low, but rather entirely too much self-esteem.

Start thinking like this and all kinds of things occur to you. How much have beliefs about science, politics, mental and physical health, and social phenomena changed over the course of just one lifetime?

Which suggests the question, how much more will change? How many things now widely believed will be regarded as nonsense in the not-so-distant future?

Which paradoxically might give one a renewed respect for tradition. To give the benefit of the doubt to long-standing beliefs and hesitate to abandon them for what may be passing fads.

Now the left is overwhelmed by管道 have option on old pipeline

been anticipated for a couple of years, and our small communities in Northern Minnesota look forward to seeing their men and women who work in the pipeline industry back in our state and close to home.

Al Monaco, President and CEO of Enbridge Energy, recently announced that landowners with the current Line 3 crossing their property will have the option of leaving the pipe in the ground or having it removed. This announcement shows that Enbridge does listen to the concerns of Minnesotans. I hope that the landowners consider all the additional risk to the environment that removing the existing Line 3 from the ground will create. Line 3 currently lies in the middle of six or seven

pipes (depending where you are) crossing Minnesota, and the process of removing the pipe is far more dangerous than deactivating the pipe in-place and building a new Line 3 in a new trench next to, but not in the middle of the other operating pipelines.

The final PUC decision on Line 3 is coming. Landowners across Minnesota have watched and listened along with the PUC and regulators, and look forward to the final decision expected in late June.

Cheryl Grover

Bagley

(Mrs. Grover is a community ambassador to Enbridge for Environmental Resource Management, a public affairs firm.)

# Two letters -- Enbridge vs. Faith Leaders

### To the editor:

There were two recent noteworthy letters concerning Enbridge's Proposed Line 3 Pipeline of which you should be aware.

One you likely saw as Enbridge chose to print their letter last week as full-page ads in many Minnesota newspapers, including the Farmers Independent. They noted their commitment to "protect communities and the environment" and to "bring opportunities and lasting economic benefits."

I'm not sure how they reconcile their commitment to protect communities with their pursuit of a lawsuit that is seeking tens of millions of dollars from Clearwater County alone, which

would literally bankrupt the county. And their notorious history of oil spills has done nothing but harm the environment. When it comes to job opportunities, most of the jobs will go, not to Minnesotans, but to out-of-area experts. And the economic benefits will mostly bypass America entirely, instead filling the pockets of Canadian business owners.

The Enbridge letter fails to mention that 1) the tar sands products they want to push through Minnesota will almost entirely go to foreign markets, having little effect on gas prices in our state; 2) their preferred route will pass through 41 wild rice watersheds, potentially affecting

4,000 acres of wild rice; 3) they are actually ignoring tribal sovereignty as all five affected indigenous nations are opposed to the new Line 3; and, 4) their proposed route may affect less populated areas of the state, but the people in this area are no less important than those along the I-94 corridor.

Enbridge says they will "work with any landowner who would like us to remove the old line from their property" but has made no apparent strides in a months-old request from Red Lake Tribal Council to immediately remove their pipelines from tribal lands. They also fail to mention that they have yet to put in writing to the State of Minnesota how they will guarantee financing to clean up any spills that will occur here when their new Line 3 fails. With the Canadian tar sands pipeline in South Dakota failing after only seven years of operation, this is a valid concern, especially since Enbridge's lawsuit hopes to snatch from our coffers what amounts to over two years' worth of Clearwater County revenues.

The other letter you may

have missed. It was sent to the Public Utilities Commission from 554 faith leaders. That's 554 rabbis, imams, priests, pastors, deacons, elders and other people of faith who oppose the Line 3 Pipeline who wrote to express their concern that approving Line 3 would continue the "long tradition of taking positions against politically marginalized Indigenous communities" and that Enbridge's "history of pipeline spills" could bring devastation to wild rice areas.

They note: "Even if there were no spills (an implausible outcome), this pipeline would be a massive new investment in fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when the threat of climate change requires a new direction." They close by saying, "All signers of this letter wish to join together in stating our clear opposition to Line 3 and ensuring it is never approved. We are ready to open a new chapter in how we treat our environment and how we relate with our Indigenous neighbors."

I implore each of us, as people of faith, as stewards of the Earth, to consider what is

more important to our future. Clean, drinkable water and a healthy environment rich with fresh fish, abundant wildlife, and healthy plants that sustain us? Or a pipeline to carry corrosive tar sands, much of which will be refined and exported to China to enrich Canadian oil executives?

Don't trust Enbridge. Their own actions show that they will take every penny they can from our community while leaving us with the bill when -- and it is not if, but when -- their pipeline fails.

But you want some good news? Canada recently put themselves in the pipeline business, purchasing a Kinder Morgan line for \$4.5 billion and promising to take it through to the Pacific. They did this just two days after it leaked a reported 100 litres, which turned out days later to actually be a 4,800 litre spill. If that pipeline goes through, there may be little need for the Enbridge line to come through Minnesota at all.

Jami Gaither Shevlin

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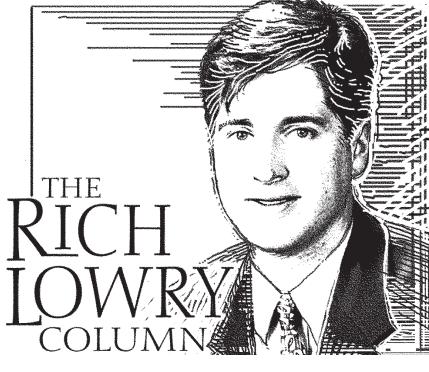
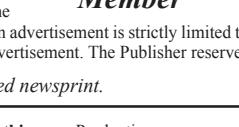
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## THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

### Roseanne's lunacy tells nothing about America

Valerie Jarrett, the former Obama aide targeted by Roseanne Barr, says the comedienne's train wreck should be a "teaching moment." And so it should -- about the poisonous kookery of Roseanne Barr.

Given the political freight piled atop the hit revival of her TV program, it was inevitable that Barr's spectacular Twitter flameout would be interpreted as a portentous statement on Donald Trump's America.

Chris Hayes of MSNBC says that her "problem turned out to be that she far too authentically represented the actual worldview of a significant chunk of the Trump base." Activist Michaela Angela Davis said on CNN that Trump had enabled Barr -- a common theme on the left -- and then went all the way: Asked point-blank if all Trump voters are racist, she said, "Yes."

Nothing so perfectly encapsulates the dynamic of the Trump era than a TV show that was supposed to be a sympathetic portrayal of Trump supporters by liberal America leading -- once again -- to the ritualistic denunciation of Trump supporters by liberal America.

Barr is not a typical Trump voter just because she played one on TV. She shares much more in common with a celebrity culture that never lacks for its share of nut jobs and toxic personalities, especially among comics. Her wild ramblings don't tell us anything about what Trump voters think, about the state of race relations in America, or about working-class culture. Her crackpot views are all her own.

Roseanne was a kook long before President Trump showed up. She maintained that Sept. 11 was "an inside Bush job." She used to call Israel a "Nazi state" and denounce "warming American rabbis," before turning around and calling Hillary Clinton "anti-Semitic" and Huma Abedin "a filthy Nazi whore."

Her subsequent explanations for her heinous Valerie Jarrett tweet should make it clear -- she thought Jarrett was a Saudi, or a maybe a Jewish Persian -- that this is fundamentally a story about an unhinged person advertising her lunacy on social media.

Of course, Trump gave his critics reason to associate him with Barr by calling her to congratulate her on her show and eagerly trumpeting its success. Trump's boosterism was typical of him -- it's all about the ratings -- but also reflects an endemic weakness of the right. We have low regard for pop culture, but crave its validation. If it must come via a program that is a 1990s throwback reliant on a ticking time bomb of a star, so be it.

The genesis of the "Roseanne" revival was innocent and laudable enough. The president of Disney-ABC Television Group explained the show's inception after the 2016 election: "We looked at each other and said, 'There's a lot about the country we need to learn a lot more about, here on the coasts.'"

He was right. The appetite for the show, which partook of none of the toxicity of Roseanne's real-life personality, speaks of the hunger for more programming about Red America. Surely, there must be other vehicles for that -- assuming Hollywood doesn't internalize the critique of Roseanne Barr as a characteristic Trump voter.

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# Readership is recognized at Bagley Elementary School



Bagley Elementary School held an Accelerated Reader recognition program on May 29, during which those who excelled at reading were honored for their accomplishments. Drew Nelson, fifth grade, was honored for setting the new record: 14 million words! He was featured in the June 6 Farmers Independent.



Drew Nelson stands before his admiring peers after receiving his medals.



One Million Words: (from left, front) Karten Neeland, Mariah Mathison, Hannah Wilcowski, LaDainian Leines, Noah Marmorine; (row 2) Lillian Lee, Wylie Wilson, LilyAnn English, Annebelle Weller, Maci Kaasa; (row 3) Emme Ekre, Claire Haugan, and (not pictured) Marshall Stinar.



Multi-Millionaires: Genevieve Lundberg – four million words; and Ayden Hagen – eight million words.



Two Million Words: (from left, front) Nora Stout, Sadie Larson, Elliana Ekre, Brooke Erickson; (back) Preston Hanson, Treyton Broden.

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250,000 Words: (from left, front) Jensen Tibbets, Paige Hilliard, Kaden Bowman, Gunner Nolan, Reid Gerbracht; (row 2) Cheyenne Harr, Jayla Jones, Jacob Molde, Azariyah Stevens, Kaylie Bjerke, Mason Dahlke; (row 3) Genesis Halliwell, Kirrah Francis, Payton Bennett, Wyatt Gerbracht, Jackson Jones, George Neeland; (back) Wyatt Hilden-O'Beirne, Hope Knopf, Nathan Plumlee, Ben Tollefson, Alessa Stately, and (not pictured) Domanick Bahr.

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100,000 Words: (from left, front) Amaiya Fraley, Arian Shegrud, Charisma Mathison, Kaley Thompson, Khloe Barge, Zoe Halliwell; (back) Brendan Melvie, Brycen Merschman, Evelyn Warmbold, Jewel Hendrickson, Aiden Rolfsen, Lily Sandretzky, and (not pictured) Dawson Bromaghin.

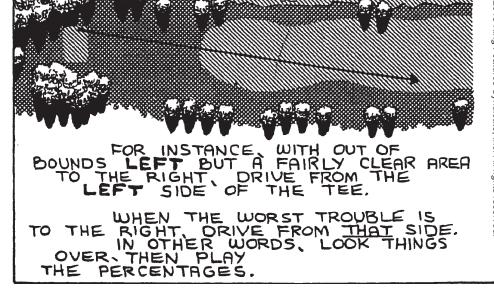


25,000 Words: (from left, front) Logan Burford, Wyatt Leavitt, Gracie Riewer, Sebastian Thompson, Kailynne Maruska, Kali Derby; (row 2) Iris Holmstrom, Isabella Klusken, Khloe Knutson, Antwone Mickiel, Kylie Reeves, Katelyn Soli; (row 3) Rylan Walker, Migizii Malmo, Eli Phrakankham, Clayton Sauer, Jonathan Cole, and (not pictured) Todd Carner and Aiden Auginaush.



50,000 Words: (from left, front) Alaina O'Beirne, Emma Merschman, Keegan Evans, Isla Mullan, Haven Sulzer; (row 2) Kiptyn Thompson, Mazine Hoie, Eliya Elgersma, Alexa Martine, Preston Busse; (row 3) Brookston Hildebrandt, Blake Colgrove, Izack Girtz, Hailey Kortan, Cassidy Lykins, and (not pictured) Tarren LaFriniere.

### Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



10,000 Words: (from left, front) Kyle Harr, Beau Berg, Logan Burford, Gavin Friborg, Gunnar Hilliard, Jaylee Jones; (row 2) Wyatt Leavitt, Gracie Riewer, Alexis Schmidt, Sebastian Thompson, Katy Thoreson, Chloe Bushelle, Bailey English; (row 3) Harley Fowler, Colten Klasse, Jack LaCroix, Eva Watts, Dawson Leavitt, Brennen Melander, Marcus Roy; (row 4) Elizabeth Sandretzky, Hudson Hood, Mason Johannesson, Mason Nattrass, Kylie Reeves, Jamie Jones, and (not pictured) Jet Irwin and Jared Lofgren.

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## Several retire from Bagley Schools . . .



Several staff members retired or resigned from the Bagley School District at the end of the school year. Most of them are pictured above: (from left, front) Julie Paulson, Kathi Sloan; (back) Sheri Minske, Dave Christensen, and Matt Cage. The retirees are Sheri Minske, 38 years starting in 1980; Julie Paulson, 36 years starting in 1982; Michael Larson (not pictured), 29 years starting in 1990; Dave Christensen, retired after 25 years in 2015 and then continued for another three years to make it 28 years, starting in 1980; and Kathi Sloan, 22 years, starting in 1996. Matt Cage resigned as he is moving elsewhere in Minnesota after teaching for 24 years in Bagley. Not pictured is Mark Aamodt, who drove school bus in Bagley for 28 years, starting in 1990. (Photo submitted)

## Vietnam Memorial at State Capitol June 21-24

Rep. Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, is encouraging Minnesotans to come to the Capitol and visit The Wall that Heals, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The wall will be at the Capitol June 21-24, and there will be a number of events including an opening ceremony, a daily reading of the names of Minnesota's fallen, museum exhibits, film screenings, a mobile education center, and more.

"This is a fantastic oppor-

tunity for Minnesotans to learn more about the Vietnam War and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation," said Rep. Grossell. "The opening ceremony will take place on June 21. The event will honor and remember Minnesotans who served in the Vietnam War."

The wall will be open 24 hours a day. You can learn more about the Wall that Heals Event at [www.mnvietnam.org/thewallthatheals/](http://www.mnvietnam.org/thewallthatheals/).



Carl Jacobs taught at Bagley Elementary for three years after "retiring" elsewhere. He is now once again officially retired!

## Rustic Art Festival coming to Lengby

The Second Annual Roadhouse Rustic Art Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Ruffed Grouse Roadhouse of Lengby.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a relaxed and fun day watching demonstrating artists and musicians share the what, why and how of their craft. The seemingly effortless skill that these artists display is breathtaking and they will also offer their one-of-a-kind pieces for sale. Admission to this event is free.

Joining the Roadhouse Rustic Art Festival group this year are:

**Klondike Carvers of Red Lake Falls.** Joe Wavra and his wife Chris live in a log home they built themselves in a beautiful area of Red Lake Falls known as the Klondike. The land between the Clearwater and Red Lake rivers that they call home has been a special place for centuries. Home of Native American settlements and a prominent trading post in the age of the voyageurs, this place has a spiritual presence.

Carving has become a part of Joe's life as he tries to capture some of the history of this unique place he calls home.

**Olson Iron Works of Fosston.** Jeff Olson is a metal artist who uses a forge, anvil and traditional blacksmithing tools to create ornamental sculpture and jewelry.

Jeff has been creating contemporary works of art since he returned to Fosston in 2009 from working as a civilian contractor in Iraq. Jeff has created custom jewelry for New York fashion designer Mathew Sabatino as well as medieval costume pieces for the video game giant Blizzard Entertainment.

Jeff has also worked as a primitive technology consultant for the Discovery Channel's survival

show "Dude You're Screwed."

**Rock Water Forge of Bemidji.** Joe Skjaret comes to us from his Rock Water Forge near Bemidji and joins our prestigious group of metal workers who aim to entertain and educate at this event.

Education being a huge part of this event, Joe wants you to walk away with a better understanding about the skill that goes into every piece he creates.

Skjaret is a 2006 Bemidji High School graduate who moved back home after serving more than eight years in the U.S. Air Force and is looking forward to participating in this event.

**Spiked Air Studio of Grand Forks.** Armed with the philosophy, "If it sits still, I'll paint it," and a perfectionist's eye for detail, Mike Hoekstra is a multi-media artist with a wide interest in varying art forms and is inspired by fellow artists. His primary artistic medium is airbrushing, but is also experienced in the use of watercolor, acrylics, pastels, oils, pencil & ink, and enamels.

Born and raised in Northwood, N.D., he moved to Grand Forks when he was 12 and where he still lives and has his studio. Mike has been artistic since his youth. As a self-taught artist, he took art classes throughout junior high and high school. He began airbrushing at age 14 while still working in traditional art mediums and drawing a lot of Kustom Kulture (also called Low Brow) Ed Roth style hot rod art.

After graduating high school in 1994, college, life, and family took up his time until 2011 when he returned to airbrush painting.

After renewing his love of airbrushing, Mike has continued his self-instruction,

taken courses from industry professionals, and studied

under local talent to expand his skill set.

**Jerry Hobbs Blacksmithing.** Jerry Hobbs lives in New York Mills with his family. He has had a spark for knife making since the first one he made in Boy Scouts, and it certainly has come a long way since then. He is a welder by trade but a metalsmith at heart.

He loves the way he can see a knife in a piece of metal and go for it. No two blades are ever the same and that makes things fun. He has been working hard at trying new things, from animal head steak turners and fire pokers to crosses and such.

There is always something new to learn and work on and he just loves his work.

**Angela Ness Art.** Angela Ness was born in Bemidji and grew up mostly in Puposky. She spent some of her teenage years in the Thief River Falls and Goodridge area. She moved to Cold Spring, Minn., when she started a family with husband, Mark.

Angela is a self-taught artist and takes her inspiration from the beauty of the northern and now central parts of Minnesota. She is a mixed media artist, always wanting to learn new techniques and growing artistically!

She started selling and showcasing her work in 2016 with the encouragement of her children and has never looked back!

**Tumbleroot Studio of Bemidji.** Tumbleroot Studio is the art-space of author and illustrator Susan "Sparky" Kedzie. Susan will be offering A Thousand Purring Cats, her first children's book, that warmly embraces the healing power of positive relationships.

Playful text and images invite smiles and laughter with a surprise tug at your heart, while lively characters gently nudge your child closer when they

need it most. Curious cats can "peek inside" the book at her website [www.susankedzie.com](http://www.susankedzie.com).

Susan enjoys exploring the art of drawing but works in acrylics, pastels, and watercolors. She specializes in sensitive and emotional renderings of people and animals but is open to creative commission pieces that fit your style and needs. Fine art prints in charcoal, conte, pen and ink, pastel, and watercolors are available upon request. She also enjoys painting murals.

**Stony's Custom Designs of Fosston.** Tony Roed is a knife maker and metal artist from Stony's Custom Designs.

Self-described as a blacksmith with a modern twist, Tony creates custom works of functional metal art for his local community and makes custom knives for a client list that stretches across the country. Tony enjoys making gas forges of his own design for other blacksmiths and collaborating with other artists for community projects. He is also instrumental in teaching blacksmith classes to the young

and old with the Fosston Area Metal Arts.

**Tradewell Decoys of Erskine.** Ryan Gast grew up on a small farm outside of Beltrami, Minn. Since the age of 10 his dad would drag him out to the darkhouse to go spearing. At first, he hated it. But, over the years he began to love it. And now, Ryan can't imagine life without it. On February of 2001 Ryan's dad passed away from cancer. Being very close to him, Ryan found himself anxious and grieved from the loss and needed something to occupy his mind and hands. Ryan started attempting to make fish decoys. Over the next few years he tried to perfect a good working fish decoy that could be used for spearing. The decoys Ryan makes are intended for use for many years.

Tradewell Decoys is named after Ryan's Grandpa, Chester Tradewell, an avid spearer, who taught his father how to spear. Every decoy he makes has an anchor mark burned in to honor his father who trusted Jesus as the anchor of his life,

as he does.

**Art by Jason Steinbrenner, Fosston.** Jason is an abstract expressionist painter who works in acrylics. With no formal training as an artist he uses the internet, books, and TV for inspiration and instruction, but he believes that time spent experimenting with painting has been his best education.

Jason's work was featured at the Thirteen Towns Newspaper offices for the Fosston Arts and Culture Commission's inaugural Third Thursday Art Walk held in October 2017.

**The Acoust Hicks of Bemidji.** Well known acoustic rock tribute band from Bemidji, The Acoust Hicks, will be performing at the close of the Roadhouse Rustic Arts Festival on June 23, at 5 p.m. The band pays tribute to the legacy of rock n roll and are well known in this area.

The Ruffed Grouse Roadhouse is located five miles south of Lengby on County Road 4. Questions regarding this event can be directed to Gail Straub at 218-533-0300.

## BackPack campaign aims to feed local children

Feeding America sponsors a program to make sure that children do not go hungry in America! For more than 15 years the Feeding America BackPack Program has been helping children get nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need to get enough to eat on the weekends. Items are discreetly placed in students' BackPacks on Fridays or before the weekend.

One way you can help make sure no child goes hungry in Clearwater County is to help fund the Clearwater County BackPack program. This program provides kid-friendly snacks for children at risk of not having enough food over the weekend. The

Bagley and Clearbrook/Gonvick school children benefit from this program.

Local sponsor, the American Legion Auxiliary, depends solely on donations from individuals, churches and businesses. If no donations are received in the near future, then funds will be depleted and the Auxiliary will no longer be able to fund this program.

There couldn't be a more meaningful time than now to take a stand against hunger. No child should have to worry about whether or not they are going to be able to eat when they are not in school. Any contribution you can make will help ensure that no

child in our community goes to bed hungry.

Donations may be sent to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 16, who sponsors the program through their community project work. Please send your donation to:

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Thank you in advance for your support of this much needed program in Clearwater County. The Auxiliary needs to raise \$4,000 to fund the 2018-19 school year.

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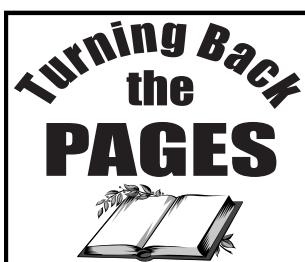
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The 4x200m relay team was third in a time of 1:46.47. The relay team members are Mariah Berg, Katrina Rasmussen, Lynsey Bardwell and Analisa Huschle. The efforts were all school records.

Analisa also placed fifth in the high jump. Her height of 5 feet 5 inches ties her personal best and the school record.

Mariah Berg competed in the long jump and finished with a best jump of 15 feet 5 inches.

Mariah, Analisa, Katrina, Lynsey, and Emily Julin were also awarded All State Academic honors for their efforts on the track and in the classroom.

Congratulations!

1993: Black Powder Bandits Host Shoot in Bagley...

There they were again, the teepees and white canvas tents, decorating the hillside just north of the Clearwater County Landfill, site of the annual black powder shoot hosted by the Black Powder Bandits.

The shooters talked to me about turkey shoots, pitting their expertise with one-shot firearms against the most modern repeating rifles. One related how the black powder muzzle loaders came out tops against modern weapons in shooting targets so small as a nail head or a card turned sideways to be split in half.

Another told how the world record for the longest distance target shot is 1,000 yards into a 10-inch bull's eye — yep, shot with a black powder rifle. Shooting a muzzleloader is just plain fun. It's competitive shooting, but even if one loses, it's still enjoyable.

For any shooting enthusiasts, I recommend they give black powder a shot.

1969: Fred Seaberg, owner-operator of the Bowl Inn, and Melvin Hough, local contractor, were notified last week that

they were winners of the doubles event at the New York Mills, Minn., annual bowling tournament which runs for 10 weeks and attracts bowlers from throughout northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

In the doubles event, Mervin opened with a pace-setting 276, giving the local bowlers a strong start. Taking advantage of the lead, both bowlers settled down to 200-plus average during the final three games for a total of 1,775 pins and were rewarded with first place and \$200 prize money for their efforts.

News Items From Minerva: We had snow flurries June 1. Rather chilly weather for this time of the year.

1952: Mary Randall of Gonvick has been engaged by the Village Council of Bagley to have charge of Lake Lomond beach activities for the summer season. The season program is expected to get underway Monday, June 9.

Mary Randall has both senior and junior life-saving certificates and is fully qualified to both teach swimming, sign the Red Cross Certificates and to take care of life guard duty.

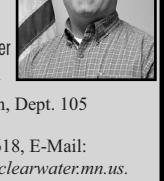
For safety sake, it would be well if parents would try to keep their children off the beach at times when the life guard is not on duty. The life guard will be on duty starting at 2 p.m. and will remain on duty until 5 p.m. The guard will return at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Dedication Sunday: Ham dinner with all the trimmings served by St. Ann's Ladies Aid of St. Joseph's Parish, Sunday, June 8, at the Legion Hall — Bagley. Serving starts at noon. Adults \$1 Children 50 cents. Everyone Welcome!

1937: Hugh H. Muckala, hired Monday evening as manager and butter maker for the Bagley Cooperative Creamery, comes to Clearwater County with a wealth of experience in the dairy industry. He takes charge July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Harry Roes of Bemidji, formerly of Gonvick and well known here, was one of four persons rescued with a large fishing net last Sunday after they were thrown into Lake Bemidji when their outboard motor boat capsized. The others were Robert Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball, all of East Grand Forks. As the four were returning from fishing, their boat made a sharp turn, shipped water and sank in 30 feet of water about a mile out from the Shorecrest Resort. Three men nearby used a large fish net to pull them out of the water when they came up.

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**Minnesota Veterans Homes provide excellent quality care**

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about the benefits of choosing a Minnesota Veterans Home for elder care as compared to a private sector nursing home or an assisted living facility. Probably the most important difference financially is the ability of a potential Veterans Home resident to transfer assets to the spouse up until day of admission and thus be admitted to the Veterans Home with no assets of record.

NOTE: All five of the Minnesota Veterans Homes have some sort of admissions waiting list. As with all extended care planning, contact with the Admissions Office of the Minnesota Veterans Home of choice well in advance of expected or desired residency is very, very important. Since these facilities are Veterans Homes, most of the residents are male veterans — spouses are allowed admission as well, but there are space limits on the number of spouse clients. This means the residents already have many things in common with the other residents.

The Minnesota Veterans Homes are blessed by very gracious relationships with their local and statewide Veterans Service Organizations, who are very generous with donations of time and money to the facility. Because of this generosity, the residents are able to travel out of

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## How to make a living will

Dear Savvy Senior:  
What's the best way to go about making a living will? I recently retired and would like to start getting my affairs in order, just in case.

Approaching 70

Dear Approaching,

Preparing a living will now is a smart decision that gives you say in how you want to be treated at the end of your life. Here's what you should know, along with some resources to help you create one.

### Advance Directive

To adequately spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment you need two legal documents: A "Living Will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated, and a "Health Care Power of Attorney" (or health care proxy), which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to.

These two documents are known as an "Advance Directive", and will only be utilized if you are too ill to make

a facility as often as 250 times a year. The Minnesota Veterans Homes also bring in music groups, bingo games and lots of activities on a weekly basis to help enhance the quality of life of the residents. Many local veterans also donate their own individual time to volunteer at these facilities, which really means a great deal to the residents.

These are just a few of the reasons the Minnesota Veterans Homes provide excellent quality care for their residents. If you ever plan to be in the vicinity of any Minnesota Veterans Home, please call ahead so they may assist in setting up a tour for you with the facility to let them show you what a great place they are to live in comfort, security and dignity.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (please — not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries.

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directories to help you find someone. Costs will vary depending on the state you reside in, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$500 to get one made.

### Do Not Resuscitate

You should also consider including a do-not-resuscitate order (DNR) as part of your advance directive, since advanced directives do little to protect you from unwanted emergency care like CPR. Doctors and hospitals in all states accept them. To create a DNR, ask your doctor to fill out a state appropriate form and sign it.

Another tool you should know about that will complement your advance directive is the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST). Currently endorsed in 22 states with 24 more in some phase of development, a POLST translates your end-of-life wishes into medical orders to be honored by your doctors. To learn more or set one up, see [POLST.org](http://POLST.org).

### Tell Your Family

To insure your final wishes are followed, be sure you tell your family members, health care proxy and doctor so they all know what you want. You should also provide copies of your advanced directive to everyone involved to help prevent stress and arguments later.

For convenience, there are even resources — like [DocuBank.com](http://DocuBank.com) and [MyDirectives.com](http://MyDirectives.com) — that will let you and your family members store your advanced directive online, so you can have immediate access to them when you need them.

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

## Minnesota receives \$1.8 million federal grant to expand apprenticeships

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The federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) State Apprenticeship Expansion initiative is the second major grant awarded to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). In 2016, DLI's Apprenticeship Minnesota received a \$1.5 million grant from USDOL.

This additional funding will continue to help develop the state's workforce by supporting pathways to registered apprenticeship and career readiness training, outreach and employer engagement to increase participation in registered apprenticeship opportunities across the state.

"We believe apprenticeship programs are a solid path for workers to establish career opportunities and for employers to build a motivated, highly skilled workforce," said Ken Peterson, DLI commissioner. "This grant will help us strengthen and build partnerships with employers, labor, education and government to develop apprenticeship programs across Minnesota."

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## Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Is it possible for one to miss the Gospel while at the same time appearing to be living it? It's a question that randomly arose this a.m. and a thought that would not go away until it was penned upon paper.

Into the desert went many who have pondered Christ in order to better understand how He lived out that which He proclaimed. Literally, many a saint has face-planted in the sand while waiting on the Lord for provision. Longing for a closeness that forsook all worldly possessions, they were often mocked, scoffed at and martyred for their faith. These who have gone before us are our brothers and sisters. Some we know by name, many we do not.

Jesus is the Gospel. He lived it out. So, how is it possible to

**Higher Ground**  
By Roger Campbell

I invited my son, Tim, to join me in the creation of my Father's Day column. Tim is a father and a professional counselor with editorial experience so it's not surprising that, in my opinion, the strongest line in the column came from his pen; though which line will remain a family secret.

In his article "Our Fathers Who Are on Earth," appearing in an issue of Christianity Today, Roland Warren (president of the National Fatherhood Initiative) says the relationship people have with their fathers may directly affect their ability to relate to God the Father.

One out of three children in America grows up without a father. Add to this scary statistic the fact that some fathers are abusive or simply self centered and it's easy to see how important it is to develop fathers who are not

The prodigal's father,

# Missing the Gospel

miss the Gospel while at the same time be living out portions of it so beautifully?

Case in point. A young woman returns from serving along-side one of Mother Teresa's homes for the dying in Calcutta. The fruit of the Spirit is evident. Her voice gives way to compassion, her demeanor mimics kindness, gentleness, mercy, and grace. She has a voice for the immigrants and desire that they have homes. She is abounding in steadfast love and reaches out with an obvious heart for the poor.

The topic of conversation shifts. She is surprised to hear that there are women in this world who give voice for the unborn. She has never had a conversation with one. Adamantly, she pursues the topic through a series of questions. Her unwavering convictions that little ones need no one to speak up in their defense surprises even me.

So easy it is to dismiss and

box the young woman into a category that she in turn wants to box me into. So easy it is to slay one another with the Good News of the Gospel by pointing out the wrongs within a thought process. Neither of the two talking can understand how the other thinks and could full well give up altogether in hope that there might be any hope found within the other that is worthy of praise.

Years back, there was a similar instance where sides appeared to be polarized. Paul, who is not only found in the Gospel texts, but who eventually wrote many of them, had a past which contrasted sharply to the hope to which Christ eventually called him.

And the questions remain. What would have happened if Stephen, right before he died via stoning, would have grabbed a David sized pebble and slung it at Saul, later turned Paul, watching on as one of those who were persecuting?

What if Stephen had chosen an eye for an eye form of retribution just before he went down in history as the very first martyr?

I'll tell you what would have happened. By placing prior judgment upon Saul, taking him out as an evil doer, taking out someone who God was still very much working on, in, and through, Stephen would have destroyed the very voice God would eventually use as Paul, the apostle.

So, what are we to do with those who are not proclaiming the fullness of the Gospel just yet? I'll tell you what we are to do. We are to love. Cutting off those who appear to scoff and torment, finds us in the very shoes of the scoffers and tormentors.

"And these three remain, faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is Love (1<sup>st</sup>Cor. 13:13). Find a way through that, to do that. Amen.

## Great role models for Fathers

only there but care. Here are some role models for men who long to become the fathers they ought to be.

Joshua was a military dad who came to power after the death of Moses. His responsibilities were mind boggling. Imagine taking over the tasks of the great law giver who had led his people out of slavery and through the Red Sea to the border of the Promised Land.

The pressures of Joshua's position (military captain and political leader of the nation) must have been almost overwhelming. But this working father was determined he wouldn't lose his family in the process of successfully fulfilling his role on the job. Keeping his priorities right seems to have been the secret of Joshua's fatherly success: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," he said (Joshua 24:15). And centuries later, this dedicated dad's enduring declaration decorates many front doors.

Now consider the greatest role model of all.

Consider the many times Jesus referred to God as His father: in the Lord's Prayer, on

described in a parable told by Jesus (Luke 15), was approachable, affectionate and assuring in every situation. When his younger son wanted his inheritance early so he could travel and test his ability to succeed, he felt free to approach his father. Some might have slipped away at night, but this son was so confident of his father's love that he simply asked for and received his share of the family fortune. When he found himself out of money, friends and food, he headed for home and upon nearing the old homestead saw his father running to meet him with open arms.

The father in this parable represents God and this is the only example we have in the Bible of God running. One writer says the prodigal's father was out of breath but he wasn't out of love.

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Consider the many times Jesus referred to God as His father: in the Lord's Prayer, on

the cross, at the ascension, to name a few. Indeed, the whole plan of redemption rests on the Father sending His son to redeem us, paying for our sins.

A few years ago, before the proliferation of smart phones so dramatically altered the way we communicate, it was said that the one day on which the most phone calls were made was Mothers Day, while the most collect calls were made on Fathers Day.

Call your father; don't text – call and speak with him. He's worth the investment.

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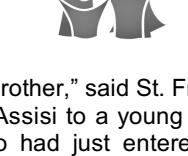
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The young monk wondered what was going on and after waiting for what seemed like an eternity he finally broke his silence and asked, "I thought we were going to town to preach. When are we going to preach?"

"We have been preaching," replied St. Francis. "As we walked, we were observed: people watched our manners, our faces, our behavior, and our clothes, what people thought we stood for. We have been preaching."

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New life breaks out this time of year in such forms as goslings and ducklings following their parents on feeding expeditions, tiny loons hitching a ride on a parent's back, or a spotted fawn close by its mother's side. New life also happens on a much smaller scale, sometimes in forms we might find less endearing: less "cute," as we're inclined to say.

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## Dragons a Sign of the Season, maybe even good luck

New life is happening in the insect world, too, much of it out of sight of more conspicuous and dominant creatures, like us. With fishing and time on the water in the plans of so many, we just might stumble onto some pretty interesting and unexpected developments in this less visible domain of the animal kingdom.

One new life event that I find fascinating is in full swing now on many Minnesota lakes. It's the emergence of dragonflies, which leave their first home underwater to become the flying creatures we're far more familiar with. It's not a transformation that rivals the butterflies for color and variety, but it's a dramatic demonstration of Nature's ingenious designs, and – if you have the typical Minnesotan's dislike of mosquitoes – has a welcome impact on humans.

The stage that leads up to the butterfly – the caterpillar – couldn't be more harmless to other creatures, unless you're a milkweed plant, or an aspen tree denuded of its leaves by an infestation of tent caterpillars. Creatures other than target plant species have little to fear from any of the many varieties of caterpillar.

Not so the immature dragonfly, which is an underwater predator of the first order. In its aquatic stage

– called a nymph – it obtains oxygen entirely underwater as a fish does, but through gills along its abdomen rather than in its mouth. When it leaves the underwater world behind for an adult life in the atmosphere, it will obtain oxygen from the air as it feeds and prepares to complete its life cycle.

But during its underwater stage the dragonfly is a fearsome looking creature, despite being well under two inches in length. In the era of B-grade 1950's science fiction horror movies, one might imagine it being magnified several hundred times to star in a film that could have been entitled "Invasion of the Giant Dragonflies." (Consider, too, that 300 million years ago, dragonflies were the size of seagulls.)

If you happen to be an underwater insect, a very small fish, or even an immature amphibian – like a tadpole – you could well be on the menu for its next meal. The dragonfly nymph has an extendable, hooked, lower jaw, called a ladium. When a water beetle, mosquito larva, tadpole, or small minnow gets too close, this jaw can be extended in a rapid strike to secure the unsuspecting victim.

The stage when we see dragonflies, as adults, is a small fraction of the creature's life.

**'No registration weekend' postponed until September 7-9**

Minnesota's "no registration weekend" for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), which was scheduled for June 8-10, has been postponed until Sept. 7-9, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The change will allow for the completion of new trails, including a 159-mile route that will connect several communities in northwestern Itasca County and a trail that will connect Balsam and Bigfork.

On Sept. 7-9, Minnesotans with an ATV registered for private or agricultural use, won't need to pay the additional registration fee (\$53.50 for

three years) to ride the state's public ATV trails. Out-of-state riders can explore Minnesota ATV trails that weekend as well, without the need for a nonresident trail pass (\$21 annually). This will be the fifth year Minnesota is providing ATV riders with free access to more than 3,000 miles of state forest and grant-in-aid trails.

There are a variety of great ATV-riding opportunities in the state, according to Mary Straka, off-highway vehicle program consultant for the DNR Parks and Trails Division.

Among them:

• The Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area, which is

• The 100-mile trail system in Necedah State Forest, which connects to the Matthew Lourey State Trail and the Gandy Dancer Trail.

• The 29-mile Spider Lake trail system in Foot Hills State Forest, where riders can curve around lakes and ponds, go up and down a variety of hills, and view overlooks from the ridges throughout the forest.

• The 200-mile Northwoods Regional Trail System in Aitkin and Itasca counties, where riders can

use the Soo Line Trail to connect to great communities and trail loops.

The DNR advises riders to keep safety in mind when out on the trails. In particular:

• Safety training is required for ATV riders born after July 1, 1987, and it is recommended for everyone that operates an ATV.

• Kids under age 18 must wear a DOT-certified helmet.

• Kids age 16 and under must fit the ATV they are operating and be able to properly reach and control the handlebars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the ATV.

• A Lake Lodge, which will serve as a visitor center.

• A trail-oriented campground, south of Highway 169 that will connect to the Mesabi, Prospectors Loop and Taconite trails, as well as grant-in-aid and state forest trail networks nearby.

The recently completed campground features three group camps and 33 drive-in campsites, all with electricity and Wi-Fi. Other park recently completed amenities at the park include hiking trails, a public water access in Cable Bay, and a new segment of the paved Mesabi Trail that connects the park to the nearby town of Tower. Another highlight of the park is the Armstrong Bay Day-Use Area, completed in 2013, which includes boat dockage, a fishing

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"We are excited that park visitors who come for a mine tour, a family picnic or a day of fishing can now extend their stay by camping overnight," Rivers said. "The Vermilion Ridge campground is a beautiful addition to the park, with many energy-saving features and easy access to miles of hiking trails in Minnesota's newest state park."

For a map of the park and other information, contact the DNR Information Center by emailing [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us) or by calling 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

**DNR officials announce next phase of construction at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park**

Progress is continuing on the development of recreation opportunities at Minnesota's newest state park, and there is more to come.

At a June 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new campground at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, Minnesota State Parks and Trails Director Erika Rivers provided an update on current projects, along with a preview of future development planned at the park, contingent on funding.

"Today we realize a decade-long dream of returning this land to all people to enjoy," Rivers said. "This northern Minnesota state park provides a new place for everyone to call their place at the lake. Visitors can watch in awe as the sun sets

over stony island outcrops, the lake glowing in a Vermilion hue. They can also rest peacefully—tired from a day's exertions of hiking, biking, boating or fishing—under the stars, as humankind has done here for centuries."

Projects currently underway or starting this year at the park include:

• Eight camper cabins that will each sleep up to six people.

• Accessibility updates to a boat-in cabin on Blue Heron Island in Mattson Bay.

• A hiking trail from the campground to Onumuni Overlook on Cable Bay.

• A picnic shelter designed for large groups near the historic mine.

Future construction will include:

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**Citizen input wanted on Lake of the Woods management plan**

Woods. Not only does it provide excellent recreation for area residents, but it also contributes to tourism and our local economy. It's an outstanding asset, and we want to be sure it remains that way for generations to come," said Rep. Fabian. "I would encourage residents in Northwest Minnesota to share their input on the plan with the DNR."

Public commentary will be

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**Lueck reacts to Dayton veto of sulfate bill**

Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, said he is disappointed yet retained a measure of encouragement following Gov. Mark Dayton's veto of a second bill (H.F. 3422) designed to improve the wild rice sulfate standard that has been in effect since 2004.

# Zerkel hosts Ride for the Troops lunch break



The annual motorcycle Ride for the Troops left Bemidji about noon on June 3 for a very cold ride, stopping in Zerkel around 12:45 p.m. Then the riders headed along a route to Naytahwaush, Hwy. 113, Hwy. 39, and Hwy. 200 back to the north entrance of Itasca State Park and then back to Bemidji. The number of participants was lower than usual, with actual counts not yet known. There was once again a stop at Knutson's Store in Zerkel for lunch. A thanks is due to those who helped the riders: White Earth Police Department, Clearwater County Sheriff's Department, Bagley American Legion Color Guard, LaVine's fire roasted pizza, and all of the hard working volunteers. The lunch break at Zerkel couldn't be done without them. (Photo submitted by Chris Dow)



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• "Turn a regular bra into a racerback strap with a simple paperclip. Just tuck both arm straps into the paperclip and adjust the point on your back where they come together. This has saved me when I had a nice tank top under a light jacket but then wanted to remove the jacket without my straps showing." —A.J. in California

• A paintbrush makes it really easy to clean out the crevices in your car. You can tape it to a ruler to get a longer reach and use it between the chairs and the center console, where there are a lot of crumbs but it's hard to reach.

• "I found an all-plastic mattress cover, meant to be a protection against spills or wetting the bed. I use it instead to protect my outside picnic table when the kids are doing messy crafts, like painting or working with glue or dyes. Because it's a fitted sheet, it grips the table in any amount of wind, so it never flies up. I can hose it off to clean up, and when it's dry I just store it until next time." —M.W. in Minnesota

• Thrift store pillowcases make an excellent dust cover for stored purses and bags. They can be trimmed to size, if necessary, and tied closed with a bit of string.

• "For fun pancake shapes, use a turkey baster. Fill it with pancake batter, then spell or draw on a heated and oiled pan. Just make sure your letters are backward to start with; they look better when flipped!" —E.L. in Washington

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## Minnesota Wild Mascot Nordy coming to Bemidji on July 1

The Hockey Day Minnesota — Bemidji 2019 announcement ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 1 at 11 a.m. at the Lake Bemidji Waterfront. Representatives of the Minnesota Wild, Fox Sports North, and the teams will be on hand as the date and participating teams for Hockey Day Minnesota Bemidji 2019 are revealed. All are welcome.

Following the announcement ceremony, Minnesota Wild's mascot, Nordy, will be the Grand Marshall of the Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival parade at 1 p.m. and he will be joined in the parade by representatives from the participating teams and the Hockey Day Minnesota Bemidji local organizing committee.

According to the Minnesota Wild, Nordy is A Wild animal born in the north woods of the Iron Range. Nordy was found skating the frozen lakes and ponds near Eveleth. While no one truly knew what sort of Wild animal he is, it was clear that Nordy encompassed the true spirit of the Wild. So in 2008, Nordy proudly accepted the offer to become the mascot for the Minnesota Wild. He stays true to his "up north-y" roots but has moved into his own lair at Xcel Energy Center so he can be closer to his favorite hockey team. Nordy wears the number 18,001 to



represent his place as a member of The Team of 18,000. To date, he has the largest number ever allowed on an NHL jersey! Nordy lives for hockey and is one of the last players to still sport his "hockey hair" mullet. He loves to visit kids and get high fives, but be careful...he can be a rascal and play jokes on anybody!

Hockey Day Minnesota originated in 2007 by the Minnesota Wild to celebrate the game that has made Minnesota the State of Hockey. Bemidji's festivities will be part of a day-long television event broadcast

on FOX Sports North, designed as a celebration of the game from peewees to pros. It is produced in partnership with FOX Sports North, Minnesota Hockey and the respective local community that serves as host each year. Previous locations include Baudette Bay (2007, 2008), Phalen Park (2009), Hermantown (2010), Moorhead (2011), Minnetonka (2012), Grand Rapids (2013), Elk River (2014), St. Paul (2015), Duluth (2016), Stillwater (2017), and St. Cloud (2018). For more information, visit [www.wild.com/hockeyday](http://www.wild.com/hockeyday).

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1. Date of Mortgage: November 16, 2007

2. Mortgagor: Larry Bellefy and Lisa Bellefy, Husband and Wife

3. Mortgagees: The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation

4. Recording Information: November 26, 2007, as Document Number A151772 in the Office of the County Recorder of Clearwater County, Minnesota

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None

**INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES**

6. Tax parcel identification numbers of the mortgaged premises: 23.300.0200

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

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8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 124 N. Main Avenue, Bagley, Minnesota, 56621

**OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA**

9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

10. The name of the residential mortgage servicer or the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is: The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation.

11. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is: The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation.

12. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

13. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$90,000.00

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# Friends of Itasca State Park receives \$5,000 grant to complete habitat restoration project in Itasca State Park

Volunteer-led Friends of Itasca State Park has begun work on a project to construct and place tree cages at Itasca State Park with support from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and funds issued by the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

These tree cages will be placed around young red pine, white pine and jack pine to keep deer from damaging the trees, allowing for quicker and healthier growth. The project will include volunteer opportunities for community members until the work is completed.

Friends members are assembling the cages and invite groups to place them at designated sites in the park. Anyone interested in scheduling a work session is asked to contact Tim Holzkamm at 218-573-3442 or John LaFond at 218-573-3709.

The Friends of Itasca State Park was one of five groups selected to receive \$5,000 from the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota under a statewide grant program that seeks to restore habitat in state parks. This grant program was made



The Friends of Itasca State Park have had two work sessions to cut wire for cages to protect trees in the park from deer browsing. Cutting wire at a work day in May were Charlie Hovde (left) of Long Lost Lake and Candy Malm of Park Rapids.

possible by the Henry S. Crosby Foundation, which issued grant money to Parks & Trails Council to advance protection of state parks through land acquisition and habitat restoration projects.

Others awarded grants were



About 800 cages will soon be assembled, and community groups are invited to place them around young trees in Itasca State Park. The Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota awarded a grant to the Friends of Itasca State Park to purchase the necessary supplies. Friends members at a work session in June were (from left) Harold Fenske of Tenstrike, Eric Haugland of Park Rapids and Tim Holzkamm of Bad Medicine Lake.

Friends of Maplewood State Park, Friends of Nerstrand Big Woods State Park, Friends of Wild River State Park and Frontenac State Park Association.

Parks & Trails Council worked with Minnesota DNR

to identify potential projects and overlap them with active Friends groups. These projects complement long-term, natural

resource management goals of the parks and fit into the wide variety of activities of Friends groups. Friends groups

support state parks in various ways, from raising money and promotion to advocacy and programming.

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## MNHS to decide future of Grand Mound historic site this fall

The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) will make a decision about reopening Grand Mound historic site this fall, after meeting with Native American communities this summer. So far, 17 communities across the Midwest have provided feedback with two more meetings scheduled. In 2017, MNHS expanded outreach efforts to Native people who may have ancestors buried at the mounds site.

Their input will be considered alongside feedback gathered from local business, civic, educational and cultural leaders to make a decision about access at the site.

"We have to approach this work with the utmost respect," said Joe Horse

Capture, director of Native American Initiatives at MNHS. "There are thousands of human remains buried at the site, and because the site predates the Ojibwe people who live in the area now, it is critical that we speak with as many descendants of the people buried at the mounds as possible to determine its future."

"After speaking directly with people from more than a dozen communities — including Ojibwe and Dakota in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and other tribal groups in Canada — it has become increasingly clear that Native people today have strong feelings about this site as a sacred place," said Mattie Harper, program and outreach manager in the Native American Initiatives department. "Their connections to this place

cannot be denied. We need to find a way to be respectful of this place as a burial ground and sacred site. We also want to work with Native partners to find the best ways to share the history of the site with the people of Minnesota through interpretation."

Once all feedback is gathered, MNHS will make a decision about reopening the site. The decision will also take into account the state of the current visitor center, which is in significant disrepair, and the expected number of annual visitors.

While much work has been done, meeting with additional Native Americans who have ancestral ties to the site, including all seven Ojibwe and four Dakota tribes in Minnesota, is crucial in order to have a full understanding of the importance of this sacred place.

MNHS closed the site to the public in 2002 due to budget cuts, but has continued

to preserve and care for the historic mounds.

Located 17 miles west of International Falls, the Grand Mound Historic Site comprises five sacred burial mounds, ancient villages and sturgeon fishing sites developed approximately 2,000 years ago. The site's biggest burial mound is the largest earthwork mound in the upper Midwest. The Grand Mound Historic Site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2011.

The Minnesota Historical Society is a nonprofit educational and cultural institution established in 1849. MNHS collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and book publishing. Using the power of history to transform lives, MNHS preserves our past, shares our state's stories and connects people with history.



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Sat., June 9: Wynkoop Band, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Sat., June 16: TNT Karaoke, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

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