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Gonvick pumpkin sets record at 1,661 pounds! Pumpkin Day draws huge crowd

By Darlene Sawyer
Cheers and tears dominated Gonvick's Pumpkin Day when Wade Klema's pumpkin weighed in at a record 1,661 lbs. for the first place prize of \$1000.

Wade Klema of rural Gonvick has been a pumpkin-growing promoter since the Gonvick Pumpkin Growers club began promoting the event 26 years ago. Within the past two years, Wade has been diagnosed with ALS, so this particular event meant a lot to him. He and his wife Kelly raised the pumpkin from special certified seed and special care. Wade also gave credit to J.J. Solberg and his wife Kim of rural Gonvick who assisted Wade with the daily work of tending to raising a huge pumpkin.

When the weigh-in occurred in the afternoon on Sept. 28, a huge cheer went up from the audience when the scale registered 1,661 lbs. for Wade's pumpkin. That is a record so far for pumpkin growers here in northern Minnesota. There were nine other pumpkins which qualified for top prizes, too. The growers and their pumpkin weights include: Bob Edevold, 1,206 lbs.; J.J. Solberg, 1,132 lbs.; Frank & Annie Bergh, 975 lbs.; Matt Wickham, 787 lbs.; Chris Olson, 759 lbs.; Charles Bergh, 598 lbs.; Wayne Bergh, 418 lbs.; Keith Nelson, 386 lbs.; and Bryn Stefanich, 371 lbs. Each of the top ten pumpkin

winners received a plaque and monetary prizes.

Children were encouraged to enter pumpkins that they had personally grown. The top five winners for them were Jake Wickha, 240 lbs.; Tilden London, 72 lbs.; Bryson Fiedler, 65 lbs.; Bria Sather, 58 lbs.; and Luna Erickson, 26 lbs. The children received medals, plaques, and \$10.

There were many other events held in Gonvick during Pumpkin Day. At Samhold Lutheran Church, a pancake breakfast was held to raise money for the Samhold Youth mission trip to be taken in 2020. Many vendors were set up along the sidewalk selling their various wares. The Gonvick Fire Department sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. The Gonvick Lions Club featured a caramel apple stand, and the Gonvick-Trail Reunion Committee sold hot chocolate. Bed races occurred following the pumpkin weigh-ins.

A pumpkin candy drop featured a pumpkin being dropped several feet and the candy within it scattered over several feet for the children to dig for. The Northern State Bank featured a quarter dig held within a sand-filled container. Children's games and drawings were held. Several bikes were donated by individuals and businesses. The kid winners of the bikes included Una Erickson, Hunter Oraskovich, Zara Engebretson,



Wade Klema with his record-breaking 1661 lbs. pumpkin.

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Levy, trap shooting, upbeat reports on School Board agenda

By Brett Carter
The local levy and continuing negotiations filled the agenda at the Bagley School Board's most recent meeting.

The board approved the preliminary maximum levy allowed for now, with the intention of lowering it later, if possible, based on enrollment numbers which trigger the state's contribution to the budget.

"I consider us very fortunate where we're not in a position to be going out to ask for money from the community," Superintendent Erich Heise said. "(At least) 40 schools around the state are asking for increased funding. Heise recommended the maximum levy for the upcoming year, for now. "If you go with the max

levy allowed, you can adjust down later."

Related to budget matters, the board ratified work agreements with small increases for the Dean of Students/Activities Director and the Director of Indian Education. "We're making progress in continuing negotiations," board director, Jamie Grover said. Heise agreed that negotiations should be wrapped up soon.

The board also accepted donations totaling \$5,288 from Garden Valley, Sandra Brustad-Longfellow, and Wells Fargo. These donations go to student needs, the elementary library and the robotics program.

In hiring, the board approved Stacie Peterson as an Early Childhood Family Education Parent Educator and the termination of Noah Shegrud.

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USDA awards loan, grant for new firetruck

(WASHINGTON, DC) — Congressman Collin C. Peterson on Monday announced that the Bagley Fire Department has been selected to receive \$299,000 from USDA Rural Development to purchase a new firetruck. The funds come in the form of a \$249,000 loan and a \$50,000 grant.

The Fire Department will be replacing an aging truck that was originally purchased in 1978. The area surrounding Bagley has recently experienced growth and there is a casino only seven miles from town. This growth makes it necessary for the fire department to upgrade its equipment to be

able to adequately serve the population.

"We need to make sure our rural firefighters are equipped to face new challenges," Peterson said. "This new truck will help them better respond to the various emergency calls."

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

For this National Guardsman, path to farm ownership leads through the Middle East

By Tom Burford
In order to realize his dream of owning the family farm in Gonvick, Logan LeClair is taking a long detour — through the Middle East.

LeClair, 22, will be deploying to Kuwait and Iraq later this month for a tour of duty with the Minnesota Army National Guard's 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade. What this means for LeClair is he will be maintaining and repairing three different kinds of helicopters used by the Army: Blackhawk, Chinook and Apache.

Upon his return next fall,

the University of Minnesota Crookston student plans to complete his B.S. degree in aviation with an emphasis on agriculture. He has one semester to go, and he plans to earn a few credits via on-line courses while in the Middle East. Then he will complete his degree, find an aviation job and get to work building a cattle herd — from scratch. He hopes to land a job with Bemidji Aviation. As far as raising cattle goes, he has no experience and will rely upon the advice of experienced farmers and lessons from the school of hard knocks.

While LeClair grew up and

graduated from high school in Pine City, Minn., he has ties to a piece of land northwest of Gonvick. His great-great-grandparents, Albert and Lily Torgerson, purchased the farm in 1920. Then LeClair's great-grandparents, Billy Torgerson and Dorothy Torgerson, took ownership of the farm and built a new house on the property around 1965. The LeClair's grandparents, Steve and Deborah (Torgerson) Eck were next to own the farm but later divorced. Their daughter LeAnn married Jamie LeClair of Rhode Island and settled in Pine City. Deborah Eck still

uses the original farmhouse as a summer place. (This was remodeled about 14 years ago.)

With the family retaining continuous ownership for 100 years in 2020, they plan to apply for the status of a Century Farm.

LeClair has had ample opportunity to enjoy time with his grandparents -- as time allowed while attending UMC and the University of North Dakota. He had to take some

Logan LeClair
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A sign that winter is approaching

Club prepares trails for snowmobiling fun

By Tom Burford
You're gliding smoothly along a trail through the woods on your snowmobile, enjoying the sights of winter's glistening glory. You find yourself on a route from Bagley to Gonvick and then wind around through Leonard and Shevlin and back to Bagley.

This idyllic scene is brought to you by the hard workers of the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club.

The workers' season starts early. Last week they were out in a cool misty rain clearing a section of the 200-mile trail system in Clearwater and Polk counties. They used a brush hog and other tools to prepare the trail for the coming winter. This crew, comprised of Club President Lee Peterson, Secretary Gail Friborg, and club members Paul Friborg and Craig Strandlien, were working on the trail out by Fireside Grill

Trail Blazers
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A cool and rainy day provided ideal conditions for this crew to go working in the woods, cleaning up a section of a snowmobile trail near Bagley. They are (from left) Paul and Gail Friborg, Lee Peterson and Craig Strandlien.



Remember Your Roses!!

Pick-up your roses at Stems Floral on Oct. 4 & 5
Bagley Rotary Club ~ Working For A Better Community!

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



Proceeds will go towards local community projects.

Insulin Patient Assistance Program proposed

By State Sen. Paul Utke
Minnesota Senate Republicans unveiled the Minnesota Insulin Patient Assistance Program last week, a new plan to provide access to insulin for Minnesotans unable to afford the high cost of this life-saving medicine. The program requires insulin drug manufacturers to provide insulin to Minnesota doctors on behalf of their eligible patients.

To qualify, Minnesotans with diabetes must have a family income less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level and not be covered by another state or federal healthcare program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or MinnesotaCare. A key provision in the plan requires patients to work through their doctor's office to acquire free insulin from the manufacturers, fostering

stronger doctor-patient relationships that will improve care. Patients will use the MNSure web portal to receive an eligibility statement for the program that can be brought to their doctor's office. MNSure will have five days to determine eligibility for diabetes patients. Doctors will use the patient eligibility statement to order a 120-day supply of insulin from the preferred manufacturer.

Patients remain eligible for the program for one year and are allowed to reorder insulin during that time. Across our state, many Minnesotans are struggling because they can no longer afford the cost of the insulin they need for their care. The Minnesota Insulin Patient Assistance Program will address this problem, delivering needed relief, and ensuring that thousands of Minnesotans who rely on this lifesaving drug will have accessible options for care.

Senate Republicans will now work with the House leadership and the Governor to gain their support for this plan. Senate Republicans passed several measures to lower

the costs of insulin and all prescription drugs during the 2019 session:

- **Emergency Refills:** The HHS Omnibus Budget bill required pharmacies to provide emergency access to insulin and other life-saving drugs even if a prescription runs out. Pharmacists can now fill up to a 30-day supply of insulin for patients even if their prescription is not current.
- **Transparency in Insulin Pricing:** The HHS Omnibus Budget bill required Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to communicate regularly with all pharmacies the cost for prescription drugs, including any rebates or discounts available from a drug manufacturer.

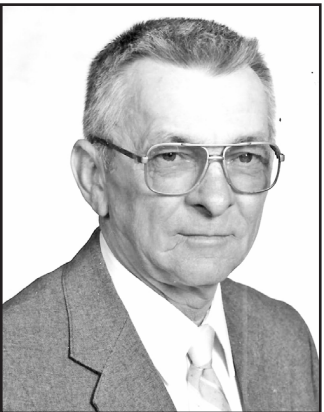
Cards of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all the people who supported our fall fundraiser. Special thanks go out to: the Itasca Rod & Gun Club; Riverwood Bank and Deerwood Bank of Baxter; First National Bank of Walker; American National Bank of MN, Brainerd; Off Grid Armory; Knutson Store; and Ty Zimprich. Buying and selling raffle tickets, as many local businesses did, attending the dinner, buying supplies and working to make it all possible are some of the ways our local community supports this department. We are truly grateful to each and every one for your support.

Itasca Volunteer Fire Department

Death Notices

Nels Gunderson



1957. Nels then entered the Army Reserves and was fully discharged in 1963. Nels married Shirley Sorensen on May 31, 1958 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Ebro Corner, rural Bagley, where he was confirmed on Dec. 16, 1958.

After the military, Nels formed a farming partnership with his brother Iver. For many years they milked cows, raised pigs, sheep, and beef cattle. After selling the milk cows, they kept their beef cattle. Nels and Iver farmed together until officially retiring in 2000. They sold the farm in 1999, and Nels and Shirley bought a home in the town of Bagley.

Besides farming, Nels loved woodworking. Because of his passion for woodworking, Nels built a wood shop at their new place. He learned to refinish and build furniture and built and refinished many pieces of furniture for his family, his friends, the Bagley High School Theater and the Faith Lutheran Church. Nels' preference was to work with Oak.

Nels and Shirley had many opportunities to travel, taking bus tours to numerous states in America.

Nels was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, and he served as the town board supervisor in LaPrairie Township. He was on the Board of Directors at the Bagley Co-op, and was a Clearwater County Extension Office Board Member. In 1997, Nels and Shirley

received the Clearwater County Valley Farmer and Homemaker Award, an honor they shared with Nels' brother Iver and his wife Alice.

Most importantly, Nels loved his family. He was very proud of his girls, sons-in-law, and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Mae (Sorensen) Gunderson of Bagley; four daughters, Kathi (Doug) Sloan of Bagley, Nancy (Todd) Pearson of Fosston, Marilyn (Joel) Hood of Bagley, and Judy (Scott) Morinville of Brooks, Minn.; sister Helen Norley of Bigfork, Minn.; brother Rollo (Lois) Gunderson of Virginia, Minn.; sister Doris Fultz of Bagley; brother Iver (Alice) Gunderson of Bagley; grandchildren Nick Sloan, Lindsey (Paul) Peterson, Leif (Kelly) Pearson, Reid (Miranda Leas) Pearson, Hillary (Tobin) Korpi, Katie (Zach) Larson, Andrea (Nick) Neeland, Steven (Kelsey) Morinville, Thomas Morinville and Mickala Morinville; great-grandchildren Luuka Korpi, Quinn Korpi, Regan Morinville; and two great-grandchildren on the way, one being named Soren Robert.

He was preceded in death by Arlo (his infant eldest brother); his in-laws, Axel and Adeline Sorensen, and his five brothers-in-law.

Memorials preferred to Faith Lutheran Church, Clearwater Hospice or Clearwater County Historical Society.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Carey interment set for Oct. 5

There will be a gravesite ceremony for Mary Lynn Carey, 68, of International Falls, Minn., at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct 5, in the Nora Township Cemetery south of Bagley, where her ashes will be interred in the Navratil family plot.

Mary died Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 at Essentia-St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth.

James W. Vicory

James W. Vicory, 77, of Clearbrook, formerly of Indiana, died on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 at his home in Clearbrook.

His funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Friendship Cemetery in Clearbrook.

He was born on March 29, 1942 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of William and Mary (Sharp) Vicory. James grew up around the Indianapolis area, graduating from high school there.

From 1960 to 1964, he was in the United States Navy. James had a nomadic soul and an unquenchable wanderlust. He moved to Minnesota in the late 1980s, and many years later invited Harriet (née Dodd) to join him in 2010. She agreed and they were married in Minnesota in 2011 and have enjoyed life together in the quiet of the woods ever since.

James liked to build racing cars and used to race them when he was younger. He loved collecting things and was quite a metal scrapper.

He was a good man and will

be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Vicory; his sister, Patricia Pennington of Indianapolis; his step children, Jeffrey Glover, Kathy Glover, Martha Compton, and Penni Spencer; 10 step grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; and his five biological children.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

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

Nels Gunderson, 89, of Bagley, died peacefully on Sept. 27, 2019 at his home in Bagley with his family by his side.

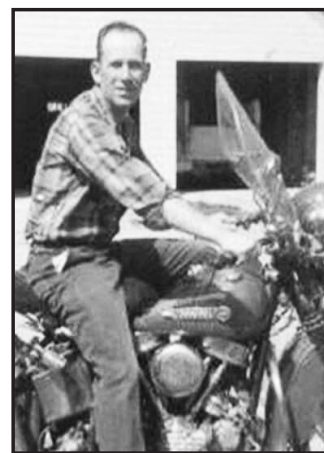
His funeral will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley, with Pastor Mark Olson officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at the Bagley City Cemetery.

Nels was born on Feb. 26, 1930 in Reliance, S.D., the fifth child of Gustav and Emma (Monson) Gunderson. He was baptized on Aug. 10, 1930 in Reliance.

In May 1933, the family moved to Minnesota near Jenkins. They farmed near Jenkins and Pequot Lakes. In March 1942, the family moved to a farm southwest of Bagley.

Nels enlisted in the United States Army in May of 1955. He honorably served our country until his discharge in

Donald 'Bob' Ophus



Donald "Bob" Wayne Robert Ophus, 81, of Leonard, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

His funeral was held on Monday, Sept. 30, at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley with Pastor Verlyn

Streng officiating. Interment was at the Mamre Cemetery in Fosston.

Donald "Bob" was born March 14, 1938 at Leonard, the son of Caleb and Esther (Matson) Ophus. He attended Birchmound Country School until the sixth grade. He then attended Clearbrook High School, graduating in 1957.

After he graduated, he lived with his mom and dad, taking care of them and helping them on the farm with crops and cows. Donald "Bob" farmed and lived on the family farm his whole life.

Bob was a Christian man, God was very important to him and he attended First Assembly of God Church in Bemidji. Bob loved to do anything with farming, going to farm expos, working on

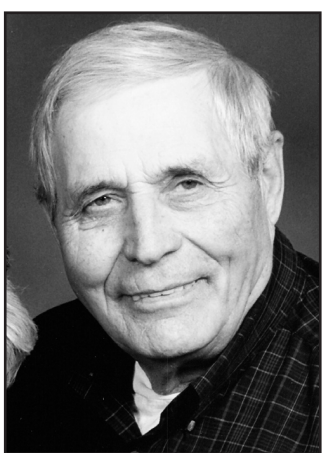
farm machinery and loved putting around on the farm. Most of all he enjoyed John Deere and Oliver tractors. In his younger years, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

He is survived by his sister, Marlene Westrum of Clearbrook; niece, Renetta (Rick) Rhen of Clearbrook; niece, Deb (Charles) Collins of Spokane, Wash.; niece, Darla (David) John of Lino Lakes, Minn.; nephew, Corey (Sue) Westrum of Leonard; and many great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, Donavon Westrum.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Charles Balstad



Charles Allen Balstad was born Nov. 15, 1931 on the Balstad home farm in Rosebud Township to parents Rudolph "Boots" and Ida (Galaason) Balstad. He grew up in Rosebud Township, attended Fosston schools and then the Crookston Agriculture College.

Charles farmed until he entered the United States Army on Oct. 23, 1953. After serving in the 82nd Airborne, he received his honorable discharge on Oct. 21, 1955. He returned home and continued farming with his father, 'Boots.'

Charles was united in marriage to Millicent "Mitzi" Erickson on July 5, 1958 in her hometown of Hallock, Minn. Together they farmed and raised their family of seven children near Fosston. His life was farming and ranching.

He was a member of Kingo Lutheran Church where he was active on church council. He served on the boards of directors of Central Livestock Exchange, the Federal Land Bank in Crookston, and the

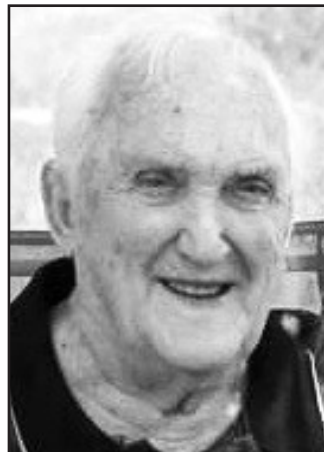
East Polk County Fair.

Survivors include his wife, Millicent "Mitzi" of Fosston; seven children, Charles, Jr. "Casey" (Twyla) of Austin Minn., Scott (Marlys) of Fosston, Richard (Susan) of Fosston, William (Liz) of Juneau, Alaska, Nathan (Lisa) of Sheridan, Wyo., Karl of Fosston, and Laurie (Brian) Schmidt of Tomahawk, Wis.; 16 grandchildren, Kyle, Jack (Miki), Sydney, Katlyn, Elizabeth, Shannon, Gina, Mary, Logan, Laurie Jayne, Emma, Rudi, Allison, Martin, Robin, and Galen; one great-grandson, Darby.

He is also survived by his sister, Marilyn (Darol) Melby of Bagley, and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert "Bud" and his wife, Juanita, and two sisters, Margaret Hoyt and her husband, Robert, and Marjorie Olson and her husband, George.

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

Gordon W. Shelquist



baptized on Nov. 10, 1928 in Clearbrook. Gordon graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1947.

From 1949 to 1952, he was in the United States Air Force. On May 19, 1956, Gordon was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary Lou Patterson, at Alida Lutheran Church.

He attended Bemidji State University and graduated from North Dakota State University with a civil engineering degree in 1959.

Gordon worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Grangeville, Idaho, before returning to Minnesota where he worked as a bricklayer, primarily with Shelquist Construction before retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Alida Lutheran Church and the American Legion, as well as being a lifetime member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

Gordon loved being in the woods, cutting and splitting firewood. He was a civil war buff and loved reading,

especially about history and WWII.

Family was the most important thing to Gordon, and he loved his tremendously. He will be missed by all who knew him.

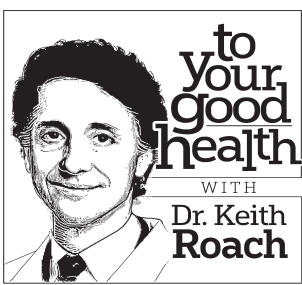
He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou; his daughter, Kari (Jim) Tompkins; his son, Greg (Jayne) Shelquist; his grandchildren, Emily (Isaac) Taplin, Liza Shelquist, and Leah Shelquist; his brother, Duane Shelquist; and special family Rick and Judy Evermoen.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, June Melbo and Donna Farber; and his brothers, William, Milton, Henning, and Leroy Shelquist.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Clearwater County Historical Society.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

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



Just How Safe Is Knee Replacement?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am thinking of having a total knee replacement done, as recommended by my doctor. I have bone on bone in my knee. What is your opinion? A friend of a friend had one done three months ago and has had nothing but trouble. He has had two manipulations because he cannot bend past 95 degrees. He goes to physical therapy, but has seen no results. Does this happen often with knee replacement? How about stiffness? How long before a patient is as good as new? Would you recommend the surgery, and what percentage of patients have the issues he is having? — Anon.

ANSWER: Knee replacement (also called "total knee arthroplasty") is one of the most effective surgeries performed, in terms of improving quality of life. Studies have shown that about 80% of people are satisfied with the outcome of their knee replacement. The reasons that the remainder are dissatisfied generally have to do with complications of surgery, including infection, nerve injury, instability and stiffness (the inability to properly flex the knee), which is the issue for your friend of a friend. Only about 5% of people have stiffness, according to a 2006 paper, and these mostly improved with manipulation, although some needed a second operation.

It is important to recognize the limitations of the surgery. You are never going to be as good as new — that is, as good as before the arthritis in the

knee developed. But most people are much better than where they started within three to six weeks of the surgery. Physical therapy after surgery is critical for success (but, as your friend shows, not a guarantee of success).

My own patients' experiences have been largely favorable. I have seen some bad complications, but most people are very satisfied, and the most common regret I hear is that they had not done the procedure earlier. Eighty to 90% of knee replacements are expected to last 15-20 years.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Last year, my husband was seriously ill from a bacterial infection in his gallbladder. After inserting a drainage tube, they removed his gallbladder. He has done quite well, except for a strange side effect: Whenever he eats, it causes his left shoulder to hurt. Also, when he lies on his right side, it seems to hurt his left shoulder. Do you have an explanation for this mystery? — L.F.

ANSWER: I have a possible explanation. The pain nerves to your skin and bones are referred to as parietal pain fibers, and these localize very well: If your left toe hurts, there's usually a problem with your left toe. The nerves to the organs are visceral fibers, and they do not localize well in the brain. Pain in the heart can feel like it's in the left upper arm, the left side of the chest or the upper abdomen, depending on who you are.

Pain from the gallbladder most commonly shows up in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen, where it is located directly under the liver, but frequently feels like it is coming from the shoulder. This is called "referred" pain. Right-shoulder pain is more common than left, but I still think that your husband is feeling some referred pain, perhaps from some scar tissue.

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.

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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.
Sept 23	73	42	---
Sept 24	69	54	---
Sept 25	60	47	---
Sept 26	63	37	0.15"
Sept 27	53	46	0.1"
Sept 28	54	28	0.5"
Sept 29	50	44	---

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

Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	\$1.50-1.80
400-600	\$1.40-1.63
600-800	\$1.30-1.63
800-1000	\$1.22-1.47
Weight	Beef Heifers
200-400	\$1.20-1.50
400-600	\$1.25-1.45
600-800	\$1.20-1.45
800-1000	\$1.00-1.27

Weight	Holstein Steers
200-400	\$0.70-1.12
400-600	\$0.70-0.90
600-800	\$0.70-0.90
800-1000	\$0.70-0.92

Slaughter Cows

Top	\$0.67-0.76
Good	\$0.58-0.66
Low Yielding	\$0.48-0.58

Slaughter Bulls

Top	\$0.88-0.92
Good	\$0.80-0.87
Low Yielding	\$0.70-0.80

Prices from latest sales at Bagley Livestock Exchange, 9/5/19 and Winger Livestock Exchange, 9/7/19.

Lost rice picker found after two nights in the woods

After spending two nights in a swampy, wooded area, Wilmar Hanks, 46, was located by rescuers.

He was found Monday, Sept. 23 around 4:50 p.m., in North LaPrairie Township, according to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's report notes that Hanks, of Ogema, Minn., had gone out on Friday, Sept. 20, along with another individual to harvest wild rice. Hanks was reported to have separated from his friend on

Saturday, Sept. 21.

On Sunday, Sept. 22 at 5:15 p.m., law enforcement was notified by Hanks' family members that he had not returned from ricing and they were concerned for his safety.

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, White Earth Tribal Police Department, and the White Earth Conservation Department began an immediate search for Hanks. A helicopter from the Minnesota State Patrol came to the area to fly overhead to assist in the

search. The Becker County Sheriff's Office assisted with their drone, and the Detroit Lakes Fire Department assisted by bringing an air boat. As the search continued into the late hours of the night, it was decided that search efforts would be suspended until daylight.

Search efforts resumed the next morning on Monday, Sept. 23. Another aerial search was performed by the Minnesota State Patrol. A search team consisting of members of the

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and White Earth Forestry were able to make a path to the swamp through the woods on ATVs and forestry equipment. The team then did search on foot through the swamp and woods, and were able to locate Hanks.

Hanks was in stable condition and was able to walk to a rescue vehicle, where he was transported to a waiting ambulance to be evaluated. Hanks was transported to Sanford Bagley Medical Center for a full examination after his prolonged stay in the woods and swamp.

Public Safety agencies assisting in this rescue included the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, White Earth Tribal Police Department, White Earth Conservation, White Earth Forestry/Fire, Becker County Sheriff's Office, Detroit Lakes Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol Aviation Section, Polk County Sheriff's Office, White Earth Emergency Management, Clearwater County Emergency Management, Bagley Fire Department, and Sanford Bagley Ambulance.

Robotics teams receive donation from Garden Valley Educational Foundation



Bagley Superintendent Erich Heise, Robotics teacher Sam Roepke and High School Principal Tony Kerr receive a Garden Valley Educational Foundation donation, presented by Tim Brinkman, CEO/General Manager, and Al Paulson, GVT Director.

Garden Valley Technologies is proud to be at the forefront of technology and to be able to provide students the opportunity to become technology leaders of the future by making a \$5,000 donation, with funding through the Garden Valley Education Foundation, to each robotics team at schools at Bagley, Fertile-Beltrami, Fosston-Lengby, Grygla, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County Central, Thief River Falls and Win-E-Mac in our service area.

CEO/GM Tim Brinkman and the GVT Board of Directors are excited to see the ingenuity kids express through the robotics programs. We wish all the school districts the best success this coming season!

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- Advanced Digital Technology
- Free Hearing Evaluation
- 60 Day Hearing Aid Trial

Fosston Essentia Health Hospital Entrance

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SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

What happened to September?

September sure went by fast. October is here! The Thrift Room has made the transition from summer items to fall and winter clothes -- lots to choose from. Stop in and check out all of the new merchandise.

The monthly Birthday Cake, donated by Riverwood Bank, will be served with the meatloaf and potatoes meal on Oct. 9.

DID YOU KNOW? In April of 1982, after 77 years, the Hans (H.C.) Peterson family hardware business was sold to Alden and Joan Hough. H.C. Peterson was originally a part of P.H. Pederson's general merchandise store. P.H. employed his brother H.C. Peterson, from 1901 to about 1903, when H.C. and Hjalmer Johnson bought out the hardware department of the general store. Johnson was bought out by H.C. in 1905.

Thus began a long association between the name "Peterson" and hardware in Bagley.

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NEWS FOR VETERANS

By Harry Hutchens
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2019 Flu shots

The Fargo VA Health Care System will hold several free influenza immunization clinics in October for Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare across North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. The Bemidji VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic dates are:

- October -- Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- November 1st -- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

VA E-HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION: Sept. 16 -- VA launches groundbreaking training program to fully leverage new electronic health record solution. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently launched an innovative new training program to support its electronic health record modernization (EHRM) effort that, as of Sept. 12, had selected 76 trainees who have begun projects that address real-world VA health care challenges.

Leveraging the experiences of the Department of Defense's (DOD) current EHR rollout, VA developed the VA Innovative Technology Advancement Lab (VITAL) training program, recognizing the importance of providing advanced training to selected

Good Housekeeping

Apple Pie in a Bag

Good Housekeeping's famous recipe from 1961. We've updated it to bake the pie in a plastic oven-cooking bag, which is safer and simple than the brown bag originally called for.

- 8 medium Golden Delicious apples
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, plus 3 tablespoons for every 1/2 cup
- 1 frozen 9-inch pie shell, thawed
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 large oven-cooking bag (20 by 14-inches) with nylon tie

1. Peel, core and thinly slice apples to make 8 heaping cups.
 2. In a large bowl, toss apples with cinnamon, 1/4 cup sugar and 3 tablespoons flour. Fill pie shell with apple mixture, piling them high in center.
 3. In small bowl, with hand, knead margarine or butter, remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup flour into a soft dough. Pull dough into small pieces; flatten each slightly and arrange on top of apple mixture. (It is not necessary to completely cover the apple mixture.) Insert several wooden skewers (about 4 inches tall) in pie so that oven-cooking bag will not touch top of pie during baking.
 4. Heat oven to 400 F. Place pie in oven-cooking bag. Close bag with nylon tie; cut six 1/2-inch slits in top of bag. Place pie in jelly-roll pan or on cookie sheet. Set pan on rack in center of oven (make sure bag does not touch oven walls or oven racks). Bake pie 1 hour and 15 minutes or until top of pie is golden brown.
 5. Remove pie from oven, bag and all. Carefully, with kitchen shears, cut bag open. Remove pie. (The bottom of the bag will be greasy!) Set pie on plate on wire rack to cool. Serves 10.
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end users who will support continuous performance improvement.

"VA established VITAL to specially train staff who can identify possible challenges and work across the entire VA organization to make improvements," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VITAL is an important component in our larger training strategy, which will help ensure efficient and timely user adoption of the modernized EHR system."

The new EHR solution will be the single source of Veteran health information. Its advancements will allow users who solve a problem at one facility to share the solution with other facilities in near real-time. The VITAL program, a 12-18-month training series, develops both the technical and supporting change management skills necessary to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects of Veteran health care.

VA identified key clinical and frontline staff who require advanced training to ensure smooth EHR modernization implementation, enhance functionality and support continuous performance improvement.

In May 2018, VA awarded Cerner Corp. a contract to replace the department's legacy patient record systems with the commercial-off-the-shelf solution currently being deployed by DOD. A single interoperable solution across VA and DOD will facilitate the secure transfer of active-duty service members' health data as they transition to Veteran status.

This modernization effort will create a lifetime of seamless care for service members and Veterans. For more information about VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization program, visit www.ehrm.va.gov.

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. Office (218) 694-6618, Cell/Text (218) 556-5340.

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President Reagan said in his 1986 State of the Union "Today there is a wound in our national conscience. America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is denied to the unborn."

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-a.m.opdahl

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GIRL SCOUTS will meet every Friday (when school is in session) at the American Legion Hall from 3:15 to 5 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 4.

BOY SCOUTS will meet Mondays, Oct. 7 and 14 at 6 p.m. at FHL Academy south of Bagley. Call Mary Ann Tricka at 651-357-5740 for further information.

CLEARWATER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY will be having their public meeting Oct. 5, at 9 a.m. at the D&R Cafe in Bagley.

The **CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR RAFFLE** has been changed. Rather than daily drawings, there will be a weekly \$100 drawing, with winners listed monthly. The winners for September were as follows: Sept. 2, Lori Randall of Ramsey, Minn.; Sept. 9, Candace Syverson of Bagley; Sept. 16, Brant Melbo of Bagley; Sept. 23, Dave Lorentz of Bagley; Sept. 30, Rick Bjornerud of Bemidji. The 2020 Fair will be held Aug. 5-9; please mark your calendar!

COUNTRY MUSIC JAM at The Embassy Community

Center, 603 3rd St. NE, Fosston on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will meet Tuesdays, Oct. 8 at 9 a.m., Oct. 15 at 1 p.m., and Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

THE CLEARWATER TRAIL BLAZERS will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in Leonard at the clubhouse. Trail and trail work will be discussed.

NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS is hosting Caregiver Support Group in Bagley the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Oct. 9, 2-3:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Residence, Hwy 2 & Sunset Ave. SW. Northwoods Caregivers also provides caregiver coaching, transportation, grocery shopping assistance, homemaking services and respite care to seniors and people living with a disability. For more information, call Carol at (218) 333-8265.

BEMIDJI ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING presents "Keep the Memories, Clear the Clutter" on Tuesday, Oct. 8 with Sara Zimmerman. Sara says "Physical objects of all types enter our homes constantly – how do we manage what stays and what goes? For some, it's important to maintain connections to people and the past through items that carry special memories; or, keeping on top of personal or business records is critical to being productive, and maybe even compliant." Sara of *Dandelion Vault* provides that *save space and eliminate clutter*, by creating and organizing digital files, accessible at any time! ALL is back at Beltrami Electric. Program runs 10-11 a.m. followed by Q & A. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments.

GATHERING OF HEARTS SUICIDE LOSS Survivor Support Group Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month, on Oct. 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Youth & Family Services Drop In Center at 610 Patriot Dr. NW in Bemidji. For more information please contact Stephanie

Senior Citizen Menu

October 7-11
Monday: Beef macaroni casarole, baked beans, and cinnamon apples.
Tuesday: Baked ham, AuGratin potatoes, Winter Blend vegetables, lime Jello with pears.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes, Corn O'Brien, and Birthday Cake.
Thursday: Lemon Pepper Fish, baked potato, candied carrots, and Mandarin oranges.
Friday: Beef stew, cole slaw, biscuits, and chesecake.

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.

Monday: Chicken filet, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce, WG bread, and milk.
Tuesday: Taco in a bag, refried beans, black bean salsa, peaches, and milk.
Wednesday: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, and milk.
Thursday: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh veggies with dip, Mandarin oranges, and milk.
Friday: Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, black Lays, pineapple, and milk.

Downey at 218-441-4565 or sdowney@evergreenyfs.org, Barb Bjerke at 218-556-9698 or Marcy LaCroix.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN impacted by sexual violence ages 18 and up will be held the second Tuesday of every month, Oct. 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the 4 West Building, in Bemidji. If you or a loved one has experienced sexual violence and looking for non-judgmental peer support, healing activities, and confidentiality, join in this free group. To sign up and for more information, call 218-444-9524 Support Within Reach or www.supportwithinreach.org, 404 4th St. NW Ste. 140, Bemidji.

Bagley School Menu

October 7-11
Monday: Chicken filet, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce, WG bread, and milk.
Tuesday: Taco in a bag, refried beans, black bean salsa, peaches, and milk.
Wednesday: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, and milk.
Thursday: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh veggies with dip, Mandarin oranges, and milk.
Friday: Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, black Lays, pineapple, and milk.

High School: Choice of above menu or pizza line.
Pizza Line Menu
Monday: Cheese Pizza
Tuesday: Sausage Pizza
Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza
Thursday: Cooks' Choice
Friday: Cheese Pizza

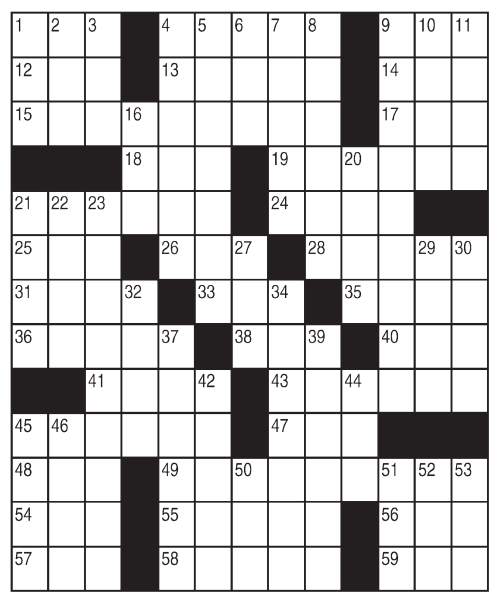
Milk choices include skim, 1% and low fat chocolate.
Fresh fruit and veggies are available with lunch as a daily choice.

Breakfast Menu
Elementary & High School
Monday: Fench toast sticks, syrup, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Tuesday: Hot/cold cereal, WG toast/bread, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Wednesday: Muffin, yogurt, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich, fruit choice, and milk choice.
Friday: Dutch waffle, fruit choice, and milk choice.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Donkey
- 4 Portion of an act
- 9 Mischievous tyke
- 12 Hawaiian garland
- 13 Overuse the mirror
- 14 Ultra-modern prefix
- 15 Clarified
- 17 Auto fuel
- 18 Upper limb
- 19 Lack
- 21 Uses tweezers
- 24 Long story
- 25 A billion years
- 26 Male offspring
- 28 Jockey's handful
- 31 "No - luck!"
- 33 Phone bk. data
- 35 Winter forecast
- 36 Different
- 38 Charlotte's creation
- 40 Greek H
- 41 War god
- 43 Muffin
- 45 Landi of 1930s movies
- 47 Plant bristle
- 48 Lair
- 49 Didn't vote,



- 8 Ingratiate
- 9 Deep-seated
- 10 Vegan's no-no
- 11 Luxurious
- 16 Fond du Wis.
- 20 A long time
- 21 Mexican money
- 22 Lummock
- 23 "Django -"
- 27 Promptly
- 29 Brief letter
- 30 Pavlova portrayal
- 32 Towel embroidery word
- 34 Tranquilizes
- 37 Auction, so to speak
- 39 Caveat word
- 42 Cavalry sword
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Cheese choice
- 46 Jeans-maker
- 48 Strauss
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Zero
- 52 First lady
- 53 Coloring agent

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Puzzle answers on page 5

Think about it: If you drink, drive and crash, who will be your victims?

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting held on October 8, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room in the Courthouse for Unorganized Township 143-36.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Farmers Publishing Co. will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, at the community room of the Bagley Public Library in Bagley. (In event of a weather event that prevents the meeting, the date will be changed to Oct. 30 at the same time and place.)
The business of the annual meeting will consist of a review of the annual financial report, election of four directors, and the handling of any other business brought properly before the board.

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IF YOU WITNESS A VIOLATION IN PROGRESS, TAKE THE LICENSE NUMBER AND VEHICLE DESCRIPTION AND CALL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT 694-6226.

Logan LeClair/Continued from page 1



Logan LeClair and his grandfather, Steve Eck, work on building a new shed at the farm that will one day be owned by Logan.

of his courses at UND after UMC dropped his program. He obtained his pilot's license and was looking at becoming a crop duster pilot, but had a change of heart after getting a taste of the actual work and seeing how many of those pilots crashed.

He and his grandfather

School Board

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Both the elementary and high school principals reported on the new school year. "We've had a great start to the year," Kristi Moritz said, adding, "The new 4-year-old room is a great addition." Moritz highlighted their positive action room that is used "to intervene before a student gets in trouble." Students work toward calmness and get back into the classroom as soon as possible. "We've had quite a successful start," Moritz said. "We're very pleased."

Tony Kerr emphasized the complete revamp of the class syllabi for usability and consistency. He also spoke of the 25-30 kids who went to BSU recently to look ahead at possible future activities. Kerr mentioned several options for student involvement in the upcoming year, "I expect to see really cool things in robotics," Kerr said. "It's awesome to see."

In other action, the board approved a request by Activities Director Doreen Zierer to explore the option of adding Trap Shooting as a school activity in the spring. "I'm just seeking permission to do some more work and report back to the Athletic Committee and return to the board later," Zierer said. Heise noted that Trap Shooting is the most requested activity in the state, and the board asked Zierer to bring details to a future meeting.

The board also approved the extension of the Sports Medicine Agreement to 10 years, still at no cost to the district. Several board members had positive reports of Sanford's work with the district, especially in providing a trainer. "They've been very generous to us," Zierer said. "It's been a very positive relationship."

The next regular school board meeting is Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Agenda items include more mandatory polity updates, remaining contract negotiations, and the first pupil counts of the year.

Steve Eck have been gradually remodeling the 1965 house that now belongs to LeClair. All that's left is to bring the kitchen up to par. LeClair will one day inherit the 550-acre farm, which is basically useful for pasture, having only 75 tillable acres and the rest being hilly and wooded. Steve Eck said the Torgersons used the land to raise cattle. For about 10 years, Dave Spray of Gonvick had been renting the land. In recent years Steve has been planting wheat on the tillable acreage.

To kick-start his dream of owning a cattle farm, LeClair said his stint in the Middle East will allow him to save money.

There are no guarantees that all will go smoothly. He is heading into a hostile part of the world. He will be among nearly 700 soldiers in the 34th who will deploy in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. They will operate out of multiple locations in the Middle East, including Kuwait and Iraq. LeClair said his destinations include Baghdad.

Kuwait is situated at the tip of the Persian Gulf, sharing borders with Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Iraq is bordered by Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Asked how his mother reacted to the news of his deployment, he said, "A lot of tears have been shed on that one."

Steve Eck and his wife Karie said, "We're kind of sad to see him go, a little nervous.... It's nice having him around here."

He feels the deployment will bring valuable experience. "It will provide a lot of

opportunity," he said. "It will be my income to help at the farm.... I'm not sure I'd want to do it twice...."

In regard to his own safety, he said, "I have no qualms about being safe in Kuwait. We will rotate into Baghdad; I'm not too worried."

He comes from a family with a history of Army service. His father's dad, Paul LeClair was in the European theater of World War II; his great-grandfather Billy Torgerson served during World War II; and his dad, Jamie LeClair, was an Army sniper in Desert Storm; and now it's Logan's turn.

Before heading to the Middle East, the 34th will go through final preparations at Fort Hood, Texas. They will arrive in Kuwait in December.

Why did he pick the National Guard?

"I always wanted to go into the military and go to college." Enlisting meant that approximately half of his tuition was paid (The Guard's share would have been higher, but flight lessons raised his cost significantly.)

"I always wanted to be a pilot," he said. He knows he won't be flying for the National Guard, but when he returns he has the pilot's license to help him find work.

He joined the National Guard just after high school, and in those four years he has learned that the commitment requires more than the advertised two days per month and two weeks per year. He just returned recently from four months in Virginia and one month in

Wisconsin.

What would he say to someone considering joining the National Guard?

"It shapes you and makes you an outstanding citizen.... I've seen a lot of places and made a lot of friends."

Who makes up the 34th Brigade?

According to the Minnesota National Guard's public affairs office, the 34th is composed of the following:

Age: the youngest is 19 and the oldest 56.

Previous deployments: The first for 482 soldiers, the second for 99, the third for 57, and the fourth or more for 13.

Dependents: 367 of those deployed have at least one dependent family member.

Civilian education: Of the deploying soldiers, 100 are in the process of earning a degree, 62 have an associate degree, 118 have a bachelor's degree, 25 have a master's degree, and four have a doctorate.

Gender: Nearly 18 percent are female.

Hometowns: They come from dozens of Minnesota towns, from Aitkin to Zumbrota, and from 11 other states.

The mission

According to the Minnesota National Guard's public affairs office, the 34th will provide Army helicopter, unmanned aerial system, and fixed wing support to the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces. They will fly UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47 Chinook and AH-64 Apache helicopters, Grey Eagle unmanned aircraft, and the fixed-wing C-12 Huron.

Gregory Fix, commander of the 34th, said, "We will provide support to Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve, using aviation assets to provide reconnaissance, transportation, and medical evacuation and partner with

other coalition military units.

The 34th is deploying as a multi-state Army National Guard Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade including soldiers from units in Iowa, Ohio, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Hampshire, Michigan, Mississippi and Montana. The brigade will stand up as an

aviation task force comprised of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers along with coalition forces from Spain and Italy.

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Cougars, T-birds dominate on V-ball court

On Tuesday, Sept. 24 the Bagley Flyers took a road trip to Ada, Minn., to take on the Ada-Borup Cougars in a Pine-to-Prairie Conference game.

The Flyers C-Team team had a successful night, picking up the 2-0 win.

The J.V. played a close match-up, winning the first set but falling the next two and losing 1-2 overall.

The Flyer varsity volleyball team lost all three sets, 11-25, 15-25, 17-25.

Coach Sarah Schwegel commented, "The Cougars are a very solid volleyball team and their hits were too big for us to keep up with. Each game I felt did get better for the Flyers as we began to pick up more blocks and also were able to anticipate and get in position to dig. I really thought the girls played hard and did some good things."

For the Flyers, Kylli Anderson led with 6 kills, Kennedy Grover had 5, Cori Bonik 3, Tessa Tramm 2, and Aleah Nelson and Hallie Lindgren each 1. Aleah Nelson had the only service aces for the Flyers with 2. Tessa Tramm led in set assists with 9, and Hallie Lindgren and Maria Melbo each had 2 for the Flyers.

The Flyers had another home conference match-up on Thursday, Sept. 26, against the Mahanomen-Waubun Thunderbirds. The C-Team and J.V. both lost in three close sets.

The varsity also lost in three games, 13-25, 18-25, and 16-25. The Flyers had too many unforced errors in this game to ever really get going. The second set was the best of the evening for the Flyers when they took an 11-4 lead to begin the set.

For the Flyers, Kylli Anderson had 6 kills, Cori Bonik and Kennedy Grover each had 3, Aleah Nelson and Hallie Lindgren each had 2. Serving for the Flyers, Tessa Tramm, Cori Bonik, and Maria Melbo each had 2 aces. Tessa Tramm led with 14 set assists.

Defensively for the Flyers, Aleah Nelson had 11 digs, Tessa Tramm 10, Kylli Anderson, Cori Bonik, and Emma Mattfield each 8, Maria Melbo and Kennedy Grover each 4, and Sloan Merschman and Brigg Abraham had 2 apiece.



Aleah Nelson slams one over the top. She made 2 kills and 11 digs.



Tessa Tramm goes low to make the save. She tallied 14 set assists, 2 aces, and 10 digs.

The Flyers will next face up against Climax-Fisher on Monday, Oct. 1, and Fertile-Beltrami on Thursday, Oct. 3 in continued Pine-to-Prairie Conference action.



Kylli Anderson returns the ball in recent action at home vs. the Thunderbirds. She tallied 8 digs and 6 kills. (Photos by Jane Crist)



Cori Bonik counted 3 kills, 2 aces, and 8 digs.



Maria Melbo on the serve. She counted 2 aces and 4 digs.



Kennedy Grover goes hand-to-hand with an opponent.



Emma Mattfield goes to the floor to make a play.

BHS honors Student-Athletes of the Week



Kylli Anderson

Sept. 18 -- Bagley High School has recognized two student-athletes as BHS Student-Athletes of the Week.

Kylli Anderson (Sr., volleyball) is a senior middle hitter. Kylli has been doing an excellent job this season for the Flyer volleyball team. Against Blackduck she led the team with 16 kills and 4 service aces. Kylli is a hard worker and a very positive teammate. Kylli is a spark for the team on both offense and defense.



Aiden Hanevold

Aiden Hanevold (8th grade, football) always has a good attitude at practice and gives a full effort. Aiden is always willing to help others and help out with team tasks, even without being asked. Aiden plays hard on the line during games and he is a solid lineman on both offense and defense. Aiden is a great example to others with his work ethic.

Congratulations to both Kylli and Aiden.

Despite loss, Flyers show 'bright spots'

The Bagley Flyers football team traveled to Pine River-Backus on Friday, Sept. 27, to take on the Tigers.

The Flyers got off to a quick start when Kenly Gordon returned the opening kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful, but it put the Flyers up 6-0.

The Tigers responded early in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run. The Tigers took an 8-6 lead with the two-point conversion. The Tigers held their 8-6 lead until 9:16 remaining in the third quarter when they completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to put them up 16-6.

The Tigers then increased their lead to 23-6 when they found the end zone on a 7-yard touchdown pass with 11:51 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Flyers put together a solid drive and responded on the scoreboard when Justus Brtek found the end zone on a 1-yard touchdown run with 7:24 remaining in the contest. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful, bringing the score to 12-23.

The Tigers capped off a long drive with an 8-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds remaining in the game to put the Tigers up 29-12.

The Flyers were not done yet. Sparked by a 44-yard

kickoff return, Justus Brtek found the end zone one more time by connecting with Kenly Gordon on a 30-yard touchdown reception with 0:11 remaining in the contest. Alec Norum connected on the extra-point.

In the end, the Tigers defeated the Flyers by a final score of 29-12.

Despite the loss, the Flyers had a few bright spots. "I thought our special teams played very well, specifically our kickoff return team. We had a couple of great returns, and had good field position throughout the evening," said Coach Brandon Schwegel.

The Flyers were led by Justus Brtek, who passed for 149 yards, Kenly Gordon who had 3 receptions for 78 yards, and Andrew Agnes who had 1 reception for 55 yards. Alex Rolfson had 48 yards rushing on 15 carries, and Jaden Sunderland had 23 yards rushing on 5 carries.

Defensively, Kenly Gordon had 12 tackles, Tristan McCoy had 9 tackles, and Andrew Agnes, Remington Aufforth, Sam Scherzer and Jaden Sunderland each had 8 tackles.

The loss brings the Flyers' overall record to 1-4 on the season. The Flyers will be in action next on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. when they play host to the Red Lake Warriors.

Seals win invitational, plus home dual

The Fosston-Bagley Seals swim team won in two meets last week. On Sept. 25 they hosted Warroad/Roseau/Greenbush/Middle River and tallied 55 points to the visitors' 39 for the win. The JV team lost, 53-37.

On Sept. 28 the Seals hosted their invitational meet, with four teams competing. The Seals claimed the win with 337 points, followed by Perham/New York Mills with 316, Crookston with 138, and Staples-Motley with 105 points.

Seals results vs. Warroad et al

200 Medley Relay JV: 1st Karly Peterson, Embla Abild, JoLyn Geray, Kayla Zitzow.

200 Medley Relay Varsity: 1st Emma Vig, Olivia Blaser, Kiana Anderson, Ashten Wolfe; 3rd, Emily Chalich, Faith Balstad, Mara Halland, Oliviyah Keller.

200 Freestyle JV: 3rd Alexis Bailie.

200 Freestyle Varsity: 1st Hannah Noel; 4th Chalich.

200 IM JV: 1st Zitzow.

200 IM Varsity: 2nd Vig; 3rd Balstad.

50 freestyle JV: 2nd Abild.

50 freestyle Varsity: 2nd Keller; 4th Kyla Pederson.

100 butterfly JV: 2nd Geray; 4th Bailie.

100 butterfly Varsity: 1st Anderson; 2nd Halland.

100 freestyle JV: None

100 freestyle Varsity: 1st Wolfe; 4th Pederson.

500 freestyle JV: 1st Zitzow; 2nd Peterson.

500 freestyle Varsity: 1st Noel, 3rd Keller.

200 freestyle relay JV: 2nd Geray, Bailie, Abild, Peterson.

200 freestyle relay Varsity:

2nd Halland, Anderson, Wolfe, Noel; 3rd Chalich, Blaser, Balstad, Keller.

100 backstroke JV: None

100 backstroke Varsity: 2nd Vig; 3rd, Chalich.

100 breaststroke JV: 1st Abild.

100 breaststroke Varsity: 1st Blaser.

400 freestyle relay JV: 1st Zitzow, Peterson, Bailie, Geray.

400 freestyle relay Varsity: 1st Halland, Anderson, Wolfe, Noel; 2nd Balstad, Pederson, Vig, Blaser.

Seals varsity-only Invitational

200 Medley Relay: 1st Vig, Blaser, Anderson, Wolfe; 5th Chalich, Balstad, Halland, Keller; 9th Peterson, Pederson, Geray, Zitzow.

200 Freestyle: 1st Noel; 6th Peterson.

200 IM: 2nd Anderson; 3rd Balstad; 9th Geray.

50 freestyle: 2nd Keller; 4th Chalich; 7th Abild; 10th Bailie.

100 butterfly: 1st Anderson; 3rd Halland; 10th Bailie.

100 freestyle: 1st Wolfe; 4th Pederson; 9th Geray.

500 freestyle: 1st Noel; 4th Balstad; 7th Zitzow; 8th Peterson.

200 freestyle relay: 1st Blaser, Chalich, Wolfe, Noel; 3rd Halland, Keller, Pederson, Vig; 7th Abild, Zitzow, Geray, Peterson.

100 backstroke: 2nd Vig; 8th Chalich.

100 breaststroke: 2nd Blaser; 6th Pederson; 7th Zitzow and Abild tied.

400 freestyle relay: 1st Vig, Anderson, Wolfe, Noel; 2nd Balstad, Halland, Blaser, Keller.

BHS Sports Schedule

-- Football Varsity --

Friday, October 4 Red Lake 7 pm

Friday, October 11 Cass Lake-Bena 7 pm

-- Junior Varsity Football --

Monday, October 7 Fosston 5 pm

-- Junior High Football --

Thursday, October 10 Mahanomen/Waubun 4:30p/5:30 pm

-- Volleyball --

Thursday, October 3 @ Fertile-Beltrami 5/6/7:30 pm

Monday, October 7 Warroad 5/6/7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8 @ Win-E-Mac 5/6/7:30 pm

Thursday, October 10 @ Fosston 5/6/7:30 pm

Cross Country Running

Tuesday, October 8 @ Northwest Minnesota XC 4 pm

Conference Meet @ West Marshall

Tuesday, October 15 @ Bemidji (Greenwood GC) TBA

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Swimming Girls Varsity

Thursday, Oct 3, dual @ Crookston 5:30 PM

Thursday, Oct 10, Staples/Motley @ Fosston 5:30 PM

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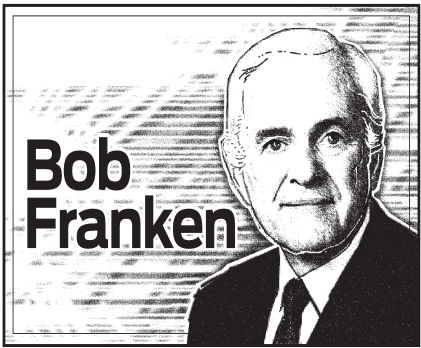
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The Shining Example of Cokie Roberts

Let's take a break from our society's normal crudeness for a brief moment to honor civility. Cokie Roberts epitomized civility.

She was no pushover -- far from it. When it was required, she was as hard as nails. In today's nasty society, she sometimes needed to be. But somehow, she maneuvered through all of our disagreements in ways that were entirely agreeable.

Yes, I know: By now, you might be tired of hearing about Cokie from her colleagues and buddies. But Cokie's life is a symbol of what it will take to prevent the toxic atmosphere from poisoning our environment. For good.

First of all, although she was far too down to earth to realize it, Cokie was a pioneer. The tributes following her death from breast cancer highlight her trailblazing for women in journalism. She did do that, smoothly knocking down so many of the obstacles that males had put up to block females from invading our cozy bastions in the media. She didn't appear to be a hard-nose, but she was one. She and her talented "founding mothers" led a revolution by simply out-reporting her competitors, day by day getting the facts straight, and providing the proper context. In that regard, she was a role model for the women who dominate our craft today.

But she hasn't been simply a female role model; she was an equal-opportunity one. She demonstrated the ideals that all of us should follow. She avoided shortcuts and followed all the tedious standards that are necessary to get the story right. And she did it without antagonizing the fragile egos that permeate Washington.

"If you want a friend in Washington," Harry Truman famously said, "get a dog." Obviously, he didn't know Cokie Roberts. She was a friend to everyone she encountered, and not only those who could benefit her, but anyone fortunate enough to meet her. What's so amazing is that she grew up in a world of D.C. privilege, in a family that was a part of Washington's wheeler-dealer power structure. Somehow, that same family imparted commonsense values in her. She was considerate to everyone.

And that laugh! She had a lusty laugh. If you heard it from a distance, you would have thought she'd just been told a very funny dirty joke. But that wasn't necessary to have a stimulating conversation. She was really smart, but didn't flog you with her awesome intelligence. She was simply fun, except when it came to her work ethic and persistence.

She and her husband, Steve, who is also a media giant, were particularly rough on Donald Trump, who has been criticized for his response to her death. "I never met her. She never treated me nicely. But I would like to wish her family well. She was a professional, and I respect professionals," Trump told reporters.

Actually, they met several times. In fact, she interviewed him.

Those of us who were privileged to know her benefited from her inherent decency. Those of the millions who admired her work can take from her life well-lived the lesson of that same decency, which will be required to save us from ourselves. Whatever your beliefs about where she is after her death, the traditions Cokie Roberts embodied should continue to live on.

(Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN. (c) 2019 Bob Franken. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Are we being uncivil or enduring a civil war?

To the editor:

The source of the following essay is not truly known, but the following excerpts from it are worthy of sharing:

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge. That's the basic issue here.

Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war.

The Mueller investigation, calls for impeachment and all the other hype is about removing President Trump from office and overturning the results of an election.

But it's not the first time they've done this. The first time a Republican president was elected this century, they said he didn't really win. The Supreme Court gave him the election. There's a pattern here.

What do sure odds of the Democrats rejecting the next Republican president really mean? It means they don't accept the results of any election they don't win. It means they don't believe transfers of power in this country are determined by elections. There's no shooting, but the Democrats have rejected our system of electing our government.

You can hate the other party. You can think they're the worst thing that ever happened to the country. But then you work harder to win the next election.

When you consistently reject the results of elections that you don't win, what you want is your very own dictatorship.

The only legitimate exercise of power in this country, according to Democrats, is their own. Whenever Republicans exercise power, it's inherently illegitimate. The Democrats



The UN speech

I am again seriously impressed by the disconnect between the reality star in the White House and the President of the United States.

Is it possible there are two Donald Trumps? Does he have a twin brother who's in charge of Twitter while the president writes speeches?

What else could explain the chaotic undisciplined twitterstorm versus the focused, well-organized, down to earth yet inspiring speeches?

If you like Trump, you should watch the entire speech.

If you loathe Trump, you must watch it.

Agree or disagree, Trump defined the issues and made his case without rancor or rage, in marked contrast with the disturbed child who also spoke at the UN recently -- or even his own public persona.

Globalism versus nationalism: Trump argued that every nation has the right and the responsibility to serve their own interests first. Which, among other things, means control over their borders.

He furthermore said that this is the only basis for peace, respect, and friendship between nations.

Then he said nice things about how Mexico has been cooperating with us on that problem.

On the trade war with China, where he is most at odds with his own supporters, he outlined China's arrogance, currency manipulations, and theft of

intellectual property -- with concrete examples. He made the case for sanctions, but on a hopeful note that it will be worked out, and massaged the ego of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

That's a nice balance between a message of "we're not going to tolerate you messing with us anymore" and "but we respect you" so necessary for dealing with leaders from cultures notoriously touchy about face.

He called out Iran and Venezuela as brutal dictatorships, but affirmed our sympathy with the suffering of their people.

And significantly he mentioned there is food waiting for the starving people of Venezuela once the walls come down. Which incongruously made me think of Charleton Heston playing El Cid at the siege of Valencia where he wheeled catapults up to the walls -- and flung loaves of bread over them.

And here is where he defined the difference between two views of the world order.

"Like my beloved country, each nation represented in this hall has a cherished history, culture, and heritage that is worth defending and celebrating, and which gives us our singular potential and strength."

There is a great deal of talk about "diversity" and "multiculturalism" these days. Which sounds great except the people who do most of the talking expect a rigid

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intellectual conformity among all the best people, and who seem to have little real understanding that other cultures really are quite different from ours. Their vision of a globalist future seems monotonously bland, like the world remade into a California suburb.

And he repeated his previous statement that, "America will never be a socialist country" and called out socialism for the murder of a minimum 100 million people in the past century.

I realize many people have a different definition of socialism more like the capitalist social democracies of Europe. Well if you do, now you have to explicitly define what you mean and defend your position because Trump has drawn a line in the sand.

If you agree with Trump, I think you'll be heartened that your position is not being represented by the bombastic idiot he is portrayed as, with some justification to be sure.

If you disagree, I'd say watch it more than once, analyze it, and formulate your answers to it point-by-point. Because this is an argument that cannot be answered by a screaming hissy fit.

Video brings quick education on energy issues

landfills, and the emissions that result from the construction of various systems.

He shows the absurdity of politicians thinking we can simply will our way to carbon-neutral energy sources.

He also points out that the power consumption in the United States has declined, largely because we have exported our factories to China. We can't pretend that we are producing zero emissions, he says, because we are merely purchasing our goods from somewhere else, from where the emissions are created. The emissions are shared around the world in one atmosphere. When we buy a pair of shoes or some other product made in some foreign country, we are contributing to emissions into that atmosphere. It counts little that we can say we are *going green* in our little corner of the world.

One argument he presents is the fact that efficiency and conservation are two of the major ways the United States has reduced its energy consumption. And, he added, we waste about 60 percent of our energy.

At the *SwitchOn.org* website you will be able to read things like this: "Our expert leadership team's commitment to excellence provides the structure to motivate the public to learn about energy, engage in informed conversations, and make smart decisions about our global energy future...."

"...Energy fuels the engine of the modern world and has the power to bring billions more out of abject poverty. Because energy reaches into every facet of our lives, it is highly political. Biases and emotions run deep, and facts and data are often distorted, or worse."

Switch Energy Alliance invites teachers of science to utilize their resources. The website tells of its global video- and web-based approach that engages students and general viewers "in a positive conversation to work collaboratively on energy challenges."

Here is the link to Mr. Tinker's presentation. It is well worth your time. <https://youtu.be/SwXJqzDOC>

Good news for Ag: After the United States and Japan announced last week that they reached an agreement on a trade deal that further opens

Bits & Pieces
Compiled by Tom Burford, editor

I just dedicated a little over an hour of my time to watch a video of a presentation by Scott Tinker, chairman of the Switch Energy Alliance. Mr. Tinker admits that he believes mankind has a role in climate change, but he adds that the level of change being touted is not connected

Tinker begins his presentation to an audience of rural electric leaders with pictures of remote areas of the world where there is no electricity, or very limited electricity. One scene is from a remote village in Colombia. Solar panels were put into place, which allowed the people to have bright one light at night. It changed their potential for education and what follows.

Another scene was a remote village in Nepal, where women and children die frequently from pneumonia. A contributor to their lung disease is the fact they cook inside the home using wood and dung for fuel. Gas was introduced so they could cook with a cleaner indoor environment.

He showed how energy use lifts people from poverty, boosts education, and reduces the birth rate.

He then shows how much energy is provided from various sources -- around the world.

He shows how miniscule the combined roles of renewables, wind and solar actually are. He points out that there is no energy that doesn't have its pros and cons. For example, storing power in batteries means lots of mining, lot of batteries going into

lost Congress. They lost the White House. So what did they do? They began trying to run the country through federal judges and bureaucrats.

Our system of government is based on the constitution, but that's not the system that runs this country. The Democrat's system is that any part of government that it runs gets total and unlimited power over the country.

If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. He can use the IRS as his own police force and imprison citizens who speak against him. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator.

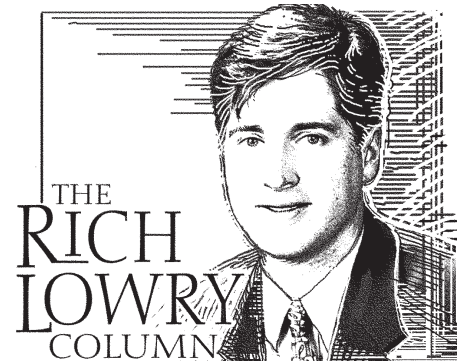
But when Republicans get into the White House, suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has "discretion" to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him.

When a Democrat is in the White House, states aren't allowed to enforce immigration law. But when a Republican is in the White House, states can create their own immigration laws. Under Trump, Jerry Brown can go around saying that California is an independent republic and sign treaties with other countries.

The Constitution has something to say about that. Donald Trump has caused the shadow government to come out of hiding, and these shadowy members use the tools of power to bring their opponents down.

That's not a free country. Have no doubt, we're in a civil war.

Joe Baron
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No, Don't Listen to Greta Thunberg

Greta Thunberg needs to get a grip. The celebrity teen climate activist addressed the United Nations and excoriated the assembled worthies for coming "to us young people for hope. How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words."

Someone may have stolen her childhood, but the guilty parties can't be found at Turtle Bay. A 16-year-old from Sweden, Thunberg thundered, "I should be back at school on the other side of the ocean," which would have been easy enough to achieve, beginning with not taking two weeks to sail across the Atlantic last month in a jet-travel-eschewing publicity stunt.

Greta Thunberg is the leading edge of a youth movement against climate change that is being promoted and celebrated by adults who find it useful for their own purposes.

Kids are powerful pawns. The catchphrase "for the children" has a seductive political appeal, while kids offer their adult supporters a handy two-step. The same people who say, "The world must heed this 16-year-old girl" will turn around and say to anyone who pushes back, "How dare you criticize a 16-year-old girl."

There's a reason that we don't look to teenagers for guidance on fraught issues of public policy: Kids have nothing interesting to say to us. They just repeat back what they've been told by adults, with less nuance and maturity.

Much of their climate advocacy boils down to the plaint that all parents know well: "I want it, and I want it now." As a National Geographic headline put it, "Kids' world climate strikes demand that warming stop, fast."

Behind the foot-stomping is the idea that a long-running global phenomenon can be quickly stopped, if only adults cared as much as the kids. This fails to account for such recalcitrant factors as costs and complexity, but when do children ever think of those? (And who can blame them? They're children.)

Instead, the youthful climate activists claim they've been sold out by their elders. Greta Thunberg put it with her usual accusatory starkness at the U.N.: "You are failing us, but young people are starting to understand your betrayal."

This is laughable. By no global measure of social and economic well-being have we failed kids. According to HumanProgress.org, the global poverty rate fell from 28% in 1999 to 11% in 2013. Life expectancy increased from 63.2 years to 71.9 years from 1981 to 2015. The same benign trends hold for hunger, child labor, literacy and so on.

If climate change proves a significant challenge, today's youth will have more resources and technology to grapple with it than any other generation in the history of mankind.

Of course, the adults they listen to don't tell them any of this. Instead, they feed the kids a diet of apocalyptic warnings that children repeat back as if they were urgent insights. One speaker at the youth climate rally said we have just 18 months -- yes, only until the beginning of 2021 -- to forestall irreversible environmental harms.

This is nuts, and it's the adult enablers who are ultimately responsible. As for the kids, they'll be all right. One day, they will grow up, even in a warming world.

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agricultural markets for both countries, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap had this to say:

"Minnesota Farm Bureau is very pleased to see the announcement of a trade agreement with Japan. Japan is the fourth-largest buyer of Minnesota agricultural products, despite tariffs currently being in place. With the provisions included in this agreement, we expect our agricultural exports to significantly grow in a marketplace of 127 million Japanese consumers."

"Minnesota Farm Bureau has been a vocal leader in protecting and expanding market opportunities for farmers. Once signed, this will lower tariffs and put U.S. farmers on a level playing field to compete in Japan with countries that participate in the Trans-Pacific Partnership. We are thankful the administration has reached this deal with Japan and urge trade negotiators to achieve more like this."

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Pumpkin Day/Continued from page 1

Brynley Earl, Annemarie Engebretson, Elsie English, Emil Bjerklie, Boyd Maruska, Emma Nyland, Brentley Erickson, and Tia Wickham.

As part of the Pumpkin Day celebration, the 14th annual Vintage Collectors' Auto Show was featured on Gonvick's Main Street. A record number of 65 vintage auto lovers from all over the region registered their vehicles to be admired by everyone. Devin Aakre, Dennis Johnson, and Stacy Halvorson were in charge of this event. During the car show, the disc jockey from Sundown played 50's and 60's music over the loudspeaker. Viewers were asked to vote for their favorite vintage vehicle. The five top favorites included Starla Como with her 1964 Ford Mustang; Pam Shaw with her 1964 Ford Mustang; Arden Niemi with his 1966 Ford Fairlane; Rick Myrum with his 1935 Chevy pickup; Bob Zeman with his 1955 Dodge pickup. Each one was given a trophy and monetary award.

As a finale to the day, a dance featuring Crosswater Band was held under the tent as part of The Trap's entertainment.

The Gonvick Jubilee Committee and the Pumpkin Growers wish to say "Thank You" to all the families and people who helped to celebrate their 26th Pumpkin Day. The Pumpkin Growers also wish to tell anyone interested in growing pumpkins that they provide free certified seeds for growing pumpkins (and free advice) at their headquarters, The Trap in Gonvick.



A view of the adult pumpkins submitted for weighing.



These youngsters posed with their prize-winning pumpkins-Jake Wwickham, Tilden Lindom, Bria Sather, and Luna



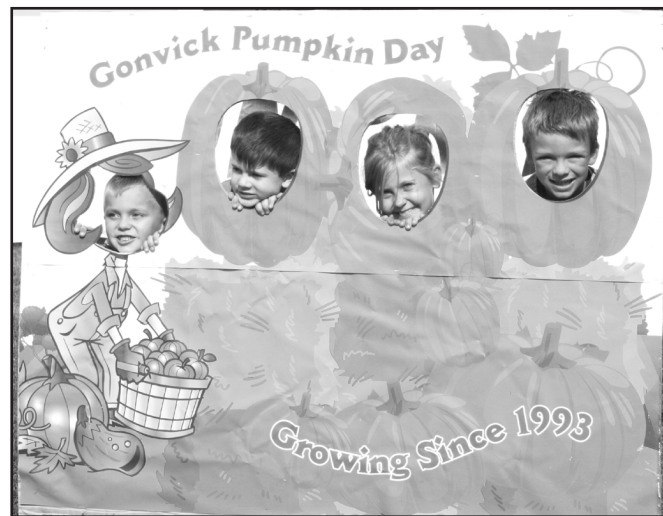
Devin Aakre, Stacy Halvorson, and Dennis Johnson were in charge of the Vintage Car Show held in Gonvick on Main Street.



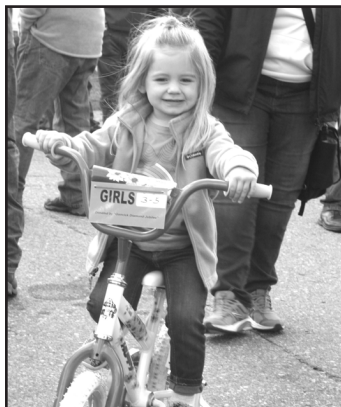
Top vintage car exhibitors; Starla Como, Pam Shaw, Arden Niemi, Rick Myrum, and Bob Zeman



This 1922 Ford bucket T (hot rod Model T) was rebuilt in the 1980's It is owned by Jane Schjeldank of Grand Forks. Caretakers are Jason & Dottie Sparks of Arvilla, N.D.



A fun way to have your picture taken



Brynley Earl, age 3-1/2, with her new bike that she won in the bike drawing

While your were busy texting, the car you are driving traveled the length of a football field. Imagine what could have happened in that span!



Mike Warner is admiring this 1929 Ford Model A owned by Tilford Crane.



And the winner is.....1661 lbs.....Wade Klema!

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Grand Forks CC meet: another wet run



Zach Anderson



Dylan Gray and Bentley Ubert

By Coach Peterson

The Bagley/Fosston cross country teams traveled to Grand Forks Lincoln Drive Park for the East Grand Forks Invitational.

The golf course that usually hosts the meet was unavailable so the meet was held in Grand Forks. Grand Forks Central and Red River high schools also competed in the meet, along with the usual teams and made for a very good test for all runners.

The varsity boys team took 6th overall, led by Boysen Olson's first-ever finish as the team's number one. He took 15th place and was followed closely by Grant Hemberger in 19th. Liam Hagen, Cullen Norland and Gavin Halverson rounded out the top five for the team. Palmer Olson

and Zachary Anderson were the 6th and 7th runners for the team.

Jenna Manecke ran one of her best times of the year to take 26th overall. There was a mist most of the meet, which made it very similar to a lot of the meets the team has competed in this year. It was not nearly as muddy as the Milaca Mega Meet, but shoes still were wet at the end of the race. It was a flat course that led to fast races for all.

In junior high action, Ayden Hagen led the way with his best 3000m time and Bentley Ubert and Dylan Gray also ran their best 3000m times. The junior high usually runs a 3200m course, but have run two 3000m this season.

The teams will compete in the NW

MN CC Conference meet at Warren next Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season on Oct. 15 at Greenwood Golf Course in Bemidji.

EGF Invitational

B/F JH Boys 3000m: 25 Ayden Hagen 12:07; 29 Bentley Ubert 12:30; 41 Dylan Gray 12:38.

B/F Varsity Girl: 26 Jenna Manecke 21:45.

B/F Varsity Boys (6th as a team): 15 Boysen Olson 17:41; 19 Grant Hemberger 17:57; 38 Liam Hagen 18:36; 47 Cullen Norland 19:07; 59 Gavin Halverson 19:39; 73 Logan Hemberger 20:17; 111 Palmer Olson 23:18; 119 Zachary Anderson 25:14.

Bands tell a story of duck and goose travels, and more

If you hunt ducks or geese long enough, and harvest many — or are just fortunate — you may harvest one with an aluminum band on one leg, fastened like a bracelet above its webbed foot. It's a rarity, because only a small number of waterfowl are ever banded by biologists or the technicians who assist them.

You will probably see more leg bands in print than in person, in photo-illustrated ads selling equipment for duck and goose hunting, like shotguns, ammunition, calls, clothing, or other gear. The bands will typically be strung like beads on a lanyard that holds a waterfowler's duck or goose calls, this lanyard being a standard item of hunting accoutrement. By marketing logic, the bands imply hunting success and prowess, and the gear being advertised just might have had something to do with it. Or so the ads suggest.

The purpose of these leg bands is to help biologists understand the patterns of duck and goose migration, the routes they travel, and where they over-winter. When — or more probably, if — a band is recovered, the person who recovers it will hopefully call the toll-free number engraved on it, this being the number for the federal Bird Banding Laboratory at Patuxent, Md. With the identification number on the band, the laboratory can match it with the place, date, age, sex, and species of the bird as it was recorded when banded.

In times past, the communication was by mail. But these days the more timely — and reliable — means is by telephone. The finder may keep it; all that matters to the laboratory at Patuxent is the knowledge of where the bird's life story ended. As a thank-you, the recipient is sent a certificate with the information on the date, location, and vital statistics of the bird when it was banded.

While the band is a trophy treasured by hunters, the real value in the process is the gold mine of information such bands have yielded to the Bird Banding Laboratory; information about the distribution, migratory paths, and life span of the various waterfowl and other migratory bird species that are banded.

While most of the waterfowl band numbers reported are from birds harvested by hunters, some are not. According to author George Reiger in his excellent book *The Wildfowler's Quest*, migratory bird bands have been found in such unexpected places as the stomach of a shark, in polar bear feces, and embedded in the lip of a catfish! Though the number is now probably much larger, Reiger noted that there were more than 40 million records of banded migratory birds on file at the laboratory in Patuxent when his book was published in 1989.

Among the more important results of this research is a gauge of how long some



migratory birds can live. Some ducks harvested by hunters were over a decade old. The potential life expectancy of a goose can be measured in decades. Of course, the age of a hunter-harvested duck or goose is not a measure of how long it *could* live, since — by definition — it did not die of old age. Then again, it is the rarest of rare birds that dies of old age. Most wild creatures end their days in the talons or jaws of a predator; either when immature, in the prime of their life, or in decline when their vigor has left them.

What Patuxent's longevity findings suggest is that hunting mortality *does* make a difference in the abundance of ducks and geese. There is a wildlife management theory called "compensatory mortality," which states that if a hunter did not harvest an animal, it would die of some other natural cause, like predation by a mink, a hawk, or a fox. But when you discover that a bluebill can live seven years — as one banded bird harvested by Reiger did — you have to think twice. Few young ruffed grouse will survive to reach two years of age, and most brook trout live only about three. But band returns have told us that waterfowl can make the migratory journey time and time again. If a bird's population status warrants harvest restraint, requiring it can make a difference.

The origins of bird banding are not found in America. In England, King Charles II and his successor James III in the mid-17th century banded waterfowl with silver or copper bands. But these were indicators of crown ownership, not an interest in research. John James Audubon, the renowned naturalist and painter of bird life, is credited with attaching silver threads to the legs of songbirds, and thereby learning that they returned to the same place to breed.

But it was reformed market hunter Jack Miner in Ontario in 1909 who began the practice of banding waterfowl and recording the results of recovered metal bands. With the point of a pair of scissors he scratched his mailing address in a strip of aluminum that he bent around the leg of a black duck he captured. A hunter in South Carolina later shot it, and penned a letter to Miner to report the harvest. This revealed the migratory path and destination of the bird.

Today most waterfowl banding is done by state and federal agencies. But the object is the same: learn the birds' life history secrets that only such stratagems can reveal.



Boysen Olson and Grant Hemberger



Gavin Halverson

BHS Honors Student-Athletes of the Week

Sept. 25 -- Bagley High School has recognized six student-athletes as BHS Student-Athletes of the Week.

Jackson Kaiser (7th grade, football) is a great asset to the junior high football program. As the 7th grade team quarterback, he is a leader for other student-athletes. Jackson is always respectful and has a great attitude. He is willing to go above and beyond to help others. Jackson has great speed, endurance and agility, making him an amazing athlete.

Tessa Tramm (Jr., volleyball) is a phenomenal leader on the court for the Flyer volleyball team. She is the varsity setter and also leads in service aces and is one of the leaders in kills as well. Tessa works hard every day and is a very dynamic player. She never gives up and helps her teammates become better players every day.

Boysen Olson (Jr., cross country) has really turned it on in the last couple of weeks and has been right behind the number one runner in many of the meets. He usually is only seconds behind the team's number one runner, which really helps the team score. Boysen works hard in practices, always has a good attitude and is a positive leader for the team.

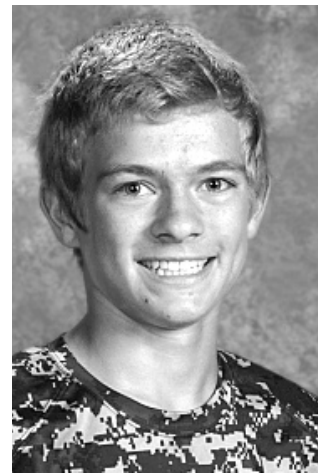
Dylan Gray (8th grade, cross country) has made great strides this season, his first in cross country. Dylan's times are continuing to improve. He comes to practice every



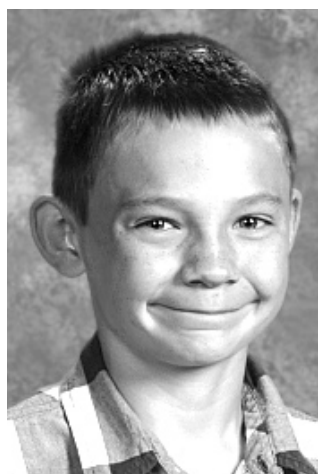
Jackson Kaiser



Tessa Tramm



Boysen Olson



Dylan Gray



Kennedy Grover



McKenna Melbo

day and is working on learning how to pace himself to run his workout and race most effectively.

Kennedy Grover (Sr., volleyball) is a student-athlete that demonstrates leadership skills both on and off the

volleyball court. Kennedy is a positive role model for other members of the volleyball team every single day.

McKenna Melbo (Fr., volleyball) has been working hard on improving her hitting. Last week, McKenna led the C

team in service aces. McKenna has also worked hard to become an effective passer.

Congratulations to Jackson, Tessa, Boysen, Dylan, Kennedy, and McKenna.

History Center resumes 'HistoriKids' programs Oct. 12

On the second Saturday of each month, the History Center in Shevlin will host a one-hour "HistoriKids" program. Each month beginning in October, outreach coordinator Greg Powell will lead a discussion and craft project that tells the story of the people and history of Clearwater County. Each program will be appropriate for ages 6-11 and their parents.

The first program will be Saturday, Oct. 12 and will be an Interactive Music Program for parents and their children, in honor of World Music Day.

What kid doesn't like listening to or making music? Well here's your opportunity! From 10 to 11 a.m. Powell will give a short presentation on

the ethnic music of our early pioneers and the instruments they played. Afterwards the children and parents will have a choice of making a number of different instruments that they can take home. Most supplies will be provided by the History Center. If your child desires to make two bongos or a drum, please bring one short Pringles can and/or one small coffee can per drum.

A donation of \$2 per child is requested to help pay for materials. The program will be in the meeting room of the History Center, so come in the north gate. For more information call Greg at 218-785-2000.

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Cider-making event tantalizes the tastebuds of Garden Club and guests

By Karen Edelbach
Shevlin Garden Club members and guests from Clearbrook, Shevlin, and the surrounding Bagley area recently had the opportunity of seeing first-hand what goes into cider-making at the home of Jeff and Angie Ness in rural Bagley.

They started by washing the apples, using mostly Prairie Magic apples, a large, round blush apple, and some Breakkeys, an older, hardy variety which originated in Ontario, Canada. Other varieties good for cider-making are Haralsons, Hazen, Dogos, a crab apple which is egg-shaped, and some of what he calls "ugly" apples which are good for pressing.

"A good combination is to use 10-30 percent crab apples, and 70 percent of the other varieties. I try hard to get all the leaves out, but I don't care about the core or the stems," Jeff says. "I fill up the sink, about two gallons of apples at a time. They oxidize very fast and turn brown once ground up."

His high class venture uses a 3/4 horsepower garbage disposal rigged on a sink, which grinds up the apples and empties the pulp out into a bucket below. It becomes a puree the consistency of applesauce, unlike the older method of just crushing the apples.

"Puree is better than crushing (or grinding). This way you get every bit of the juice out of the apples when I press them," Jeff said. "I fill the press one-half to three-quarters full. The first juice is called 'the virgin press.' I don't like to add any water, as I don't want to water it down."

The pulp is transferred into the press. The plunger is made

of white oak flooring, a very hard wood, which is necessary because it takes lots of pressure to excrete the apple juice. There is a 4x6-inch board for the top for strength. He adds balance pieces of wood to gain height so the 12-ton jack will fit under the angled brace, then pumps that by hand to begin the flow of the golden liquid, using a

piece of rain gutter to catch it and make the transition into a bucket below.

"Sometimes I run around and do other stuff for an hour and then come back and press some more. Press, press, press!" he says.

Jeff talked about last year's crop and the production they did on a grand scale, making

some 136 gallons of cider. Some was made into wine, using a champagne yeast, and some became apple cider vinegar (by neglect they said), which they store in the basement. Sometimes he adds cloves and ginger to the juice.

"I tried storing some of it in beer bottles, but it still had yeast in it, and a lot of them exploded!"

"We really had a bumper crop last year. This year there are a lot less. Some of the trees had no apples. Some were just exhausted," Jeff says.

"I like the wine better than cider," Angie said.

Some questions asked:
What about bruised apples?
"I leave in bruised ones, as you can see they turn brown by oxidation very soon after they are turned into pulp."

What is the difference between apple cider, and apple juice?

"Apple cider is only the juice. Apple juice that you get at the store most likely has water and sugar added to it and is pasteurized."

Where should you plant apple trees?

"The best location is where they don't get hard winds." Jeff says it's good if they get some shelter on the north side to reflect the heat of the sun in the winter.

What is the sediment at the bottom?

"What settles to the bottom is protein."

Samples of the "virgin juice" were passed out for everyone to taste and enjoy.

Thanks, Jeff and Angie, for hosting this educational and fun event, and the taste test that our taste buds passed with flying colors!



Jeff and Angie Ness, hosts of the recent cider-making event in rural Bagley, with Jeff's custom built press.

October 9 NELL Program: Journey to the 'Land of the Rising Sun'



Linda Nordlund

In March and April of 2017 Linda Nordlund travelled to Japan and will share her experiences there. She will share Japan's unique culture and cuisine and how it combines modern with ancient traditions.

Linda will share her travels to Japan at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 9 at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley.

Known for its shrines, temples, and efficient trains, we will travel from

the busyness of Tokyo, to Hakone viewing Mt. Fuji, visiting mountain gassho style villages. Exploring Kanazawa, a historic city, we will see castles and gardens, and visit a local Japanese family to get a glimpse of Japanese life at home. We also visit a teahouse with Geishas. Ending in Kyoto, an ancient capital known as the most popular tourist place in Japan.

An accomplished photographer, Linda combines her photos with detailed information and history about the places she visited.

NELL programs are free and open to all ages. For more information contact Tamara Edevold, program coordinator at 694-2856

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Minnesotans rally to protect kids 'from comprehensive Sex Ed'

An outpouring of parents, grandparents, and concerned citizens travelled from counties across Minnesota to participate in a *Protect Kids Rally* at the state Capitol on Sunday, Sept. 22. They assembled in force to send a strong message to legislators and political activists: Don't you dare mandate comprehensive sex education on Minnesota's children.

Child Protection League Action (CPLA) began organizing the rally following the passage of legislation (HF1414) in the Minnesota House last April. HF1414 mandates 'comprehensive' sex education (CSE) on every pre-K through 12th grade public/charter school in Minnesota. Proponents of the bill vow to pass it in the Senate in 2020. Governor Walz has said he would sign the bill if it gets to his desk.

Former State Rep. Cindy Pugh from Chanhassen is Chairwoman of the Protect Kids Rally, and she was Emcee of the event. Pugh introduced 18 Minnesota lawmakers who were present and who are committed to opposing comprehensive sex education in Minnesota.

"People see this comprehensive sex ed material that comes straight out of Planned Parenthood and they think it would never pass in Minnesota," said Pugh. "But it did pass the House. And no one outside the Capitol bubble knew. This all-out assault on the safety, health and character of our precious children was passed with no notice to the public, no town halls to take the temperature of families and taxpayers, and with no accountability to constituents. This is a brutal attack on children."

Keynote speaker Karen England, Executive Director of California's Capitol Resource Institute, described to the crowd of close to 800 the disturbing California experience of comprehensive sex education now being fully implemented in their schools.

"This is really nothing more than pornography that is wrapped up in a bow and called sex education," England said. "But there is no condom for the heart, mind and soul of our kids. Once they are exposed to this offensive, visual information, we cannot get it back. It repeats over and over in their heads."

"This rally was a shocker," Pugh described of the event. "When Karen England was speaking about the material children are exposed to in California as part of their comprehensive sex ed, a silence fell over that huge crowd. She didn't mince words. We, the adults of our communities, need to hear it," she continued, "so we know that this is what our very young children and our teens are being subjected to. The newspapers won't print the words describing CSE content, because it's indecent,

corrupting and salacious. Our moms and dads, our grandparents and families are incensed to hear it. This battle is for our children, and silence is not an option anymore."

Tamara Scott, Republican National Committeewoman from Iowa, described CSE as 'grooming.' "Comprehensive sex education, CSE, should be called *Calculated Sexual Exploitation*, Scott told the crowd. "The FBI will tell you this is what they do to groom children to be trafficked," she said. "In your schools, we have high numbers of teachers now molesting students. Your children are being prepped to be someone else's victim."

Michele Lentz, president of Child Protection League Action, sent the crowd home with a powerful message. This rally is just the beginning. She referred to coming actions and urged those present to stay connected. "We are committed. We are determined that CSE will soon be too toxic to touch in Minnesota."

In addition to keynote Karen England, Tamara Scott, and Michele Lentz, speakers were Rep. Eric Lucero, leader of the CSE opposition on the House floor; Senator Matthews reading a statement from Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka; Noah Maldonado from *Students for Life*; Rev. Brian Walker with *Prolife Action Ministries*; Anne Taylor of *MN Advocates and Champions for Children (MACC)*; and Jeff Flicker from *Turning Point USA MN* with an announcement about Jacob Booyens coming into Minnesota to speak in October.

(Editor's note: I heard from one Bagley couple that did attend the rally in St. Paul. They were shocked at the material that this sex education program would bring to children. A brochure they obtained at the rally notes, "CSE actually grooms children for early sexual activity, making them vulnerable targets for sexual abuse, experimentation and trafficking." The brochure notes that CSE "promotes multiple sexual orientations and gender identities; gets referrals for abortion and gender counseling with no parental involvement or notification..."

It also notes: "According to the FBI, sexual predators 'groom' children with pornographic images and explicit sexual instruction to remove natural defenses. We call that criminal. Planned Parenthood calls it 'education' and says it's perfectly normal." The literature that is to be handed to children, according to what was sent to me by a legislator, depicts having "safe" sexual contact via any orifice of the body.)

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Guests enjoyed the demonstration of cider-making and seeing the various stages of the process, as well as the taste test of the delicious results. (Photos courtesy of Bernis Ingvaldson)

4-H'ers participate in state horse show

Four youth and their horses represented Clearwater County at the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show Sept. 13-16 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Courtney Lietz represented Clearwater County in the Grand Entry.

The Minnesota 4-H horse program has the largest participation of all 4-H projects statewide. Through this project members learn hard work, dedication, teamwork, sportsmanship, financial management, nutrition, health and so much more!

The bond that these young people develop with their animals is something like no other. The amount of time and work it takes to get to the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show is incredible. Placing at the event, takes even more.

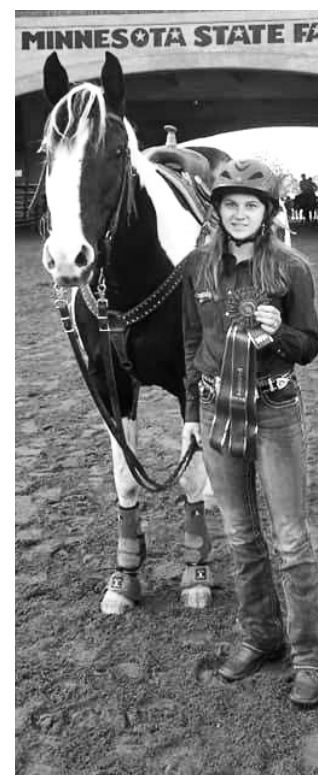
We are so proud of the placings our participants earned this year and can't wait to see what next year brings them!

If you have questions about joining the 4-H horse project, or 4-H in general, contact the Clearwater County Extension office at 218-694-6151 or nveg0007@umn.edu.

- Results:**
Courtney Lietz
Poles, Grade 13 - 1st Place
Key Race, Grade 13 - 2nd Place
Brooke Haman
Key Race, Grade 8 - 10th Place
Western Pleasure, Grade 8 - 6th Place
Elizabeth Grandbois
Showmanship, Grade 7 - 6th Place
Trail Grades 6-7 - 6th Place
Hunt Seat Equitation, Grade 7 - 2nd Place



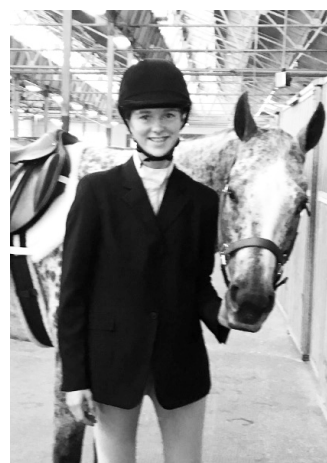
Courtney Lietz, Kylie Evenwoll, Brooke Haman, Elizabeth Grandbois



Courtney Lietz with her black and white Paint.



Brooke Haman



Elizabeth Grandbois



Kylie Evenwoll at left

Turning Back the PAGES

2013: Interesting Stuff... Bagley old-timer Ken Foldoe appeared at Farmers Independent's summer to show some 1 interesting things he had turned over the years. He had an old hatchet years ago the woods on his land. The old inscribed says "Davy Crockett." Now old Davy has been dead a long time, so it is likely isn't his, but the hole of the head and blade are interesting. Several pumpkins were weighed during the annual Pumpkin Day that was held in Bagley on Saturday, Sept. 28. Despite the gloomy day, the event was a success and plans are going ahead for next year. Tucker Johnson, Clearbrook, is the \$1,000 winner for winning the largest pumpkin at 11 pounds. Andrea Friborg competed for the State 4-H Horse Show held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Sept. 13-16. She and her horse, Bo, competed in four gaming events. They took first place in three of the

four events – barrels, jumping, figure eight, and keyhole.

2009: The Bagley High School 2009 Homecoming Coronation was held in the BHS gym on Monday, Oct. 5, and was the official "Kick-Off" of all of the Homecoming activities to be held this week, Oct. 5-9.

The eight Senior Homecoming Candidates were introduced by Amber Cloose and Dillon Spray. They were Kali Dahlke, Tyler Davidson, Kati Grossell, James Shongo, Kathryn DeMaris, Austin LaFriniere, Sarah Schwegman, and Nick Melander.

This year, the Candidates were treated to a chemistry demonstration. The king candidates had to pour water into a beaker filled with a chemical; whoever's beaker fizzed over was the new king. James Shongo's beaker fizzed all over the table. The same was repeated for the queen candidates. Sarah Schwegman's beaker fizzed all over the table, too. They were both crowned by Cloose and Spray and re-introduced to the audience as the 2009 BHS Homecoming King and Queen.

1994: After managing the business for 10 years, Bryan Godwin decided it was time to take the big step. He and his wife, Jody, purchased the NAPA Auto Parts store in

Bagley, taking over on Oct. 1.

They purchased the business from its founder, Mike Busch. Busch has decided it's time to go into semi-retirement, so he has sold three of the four stores he once owned, and the last store is being operated by his sons in Erskine. He established the Bagley NAPA store in 1983. Bryan was an employee in the shop that year and took the management job the next year, operating the store since then.

The only change they plan is in the name. The new name bears the initials of their family members: BAJA (Bryan, Alyssa, Jody, Amanda). The first event they plan for BAJA NAPA is a grand opening on Oct. 24.

1970: The Bagley Flyers' first win of the season spoiled the Blackduck Homecoming celebration. The final score was Bagley 12, Blackduck 8. Coach Malm said the team as a whole played inspired football.

Some of the outstanding players on defense were Steve Hallan, Curt Backer, Jim Hood and David Snobl. The outstanding offensive lineman was Danny Larson and there was fine running by backs Jon Rasmussen and Dave Bergquist.

Flyers controlled the game defensively and moved the ball well on offense but were

not able to score. In the third quarter Bagley again controlled the ball but did not score until Blackduck fumbled deep in their own territory.

The Flyers took over and Jon Rasmussen ran the ball over from the three yard line, the extra point failed and the Flyers still trailed 8-6 in the 4th quarter. With 5 minutes remaining, Rasmussen scored the winning touchdown. Again the Flyers were unable to add the extra point, but the lead of 12-8 was enough to spoil the celebration for the Drakes.

1953: Bagley High School Driver Training Car...

Ernest Jasperson of the Jasperson Chevrolet Company handed the keys of the new driver training car to Superintendent Harry Jorgenson.

Up to this week students have been schooled in driving from textbooks by Mr. Rossi,

the instructor for this course. Starting the first of this week the students started getting the behind-the-wheel training in the new Chevrolet furnished by the Jasperson Brothers.

The car is equipped with dual controls so that the instructor has control of the car at all times. The school board of Independent School District No. 2 authorized this training course for the first time this year, thus making Bagley one of the many schools in the nation who give this course, but also among the first in this area to give actual behind-the-wheel driver training to students.

1939: Clearbrook's school addition is well underway, although it will be some little time yet before the gymnasium and stage on the main floor, and the class rooms on the second floor can be used. The work is going forward as fast as possible, however, as

the addition is badly needed. The school enrollment there increased again this fall, and is now estimated at around 275 pupils, making the old building quite crowded.

Next Thursday, Oct. 12, is the date toward which many Clearwater County residents are pointing, as plans to dedicate their new Courthouse near completion.

Free lunch will be served for all visitors between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the old gymnasium.

Just before the afternoon program starts at 2 p.m., the Bagley drum corps will parade. The program will be at the school auditorium.

For the dedication ceremony the court house and grounds have been undergoing an extra special cleaning up.

Cremation: An Affordable Way to Go

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior, How much does cremation cost and how can I find a good deal in my area? I would like to get a simple, basic cremation that doesn't cost me, or my family, a lot of money.

Frugal Senior

Dear Frugal, Cremation costs can vary widely. Depending on your location, the provider and the services you request, cremation can range anywhere from \$500 to \$7,500 or more. But that's a lot cheaper than a full-service funeral and cemetery burial that averages nearly \$11,000 today. Here are some tips to help you get a good deal.

Shop Around

Because prices can vary sharply by provider, the best way to get a good price on a

simple "no frills" cremation is to call several funeral homes in your area (most funeral homes provide cremation services) and compare prices.

When you call, ask them specifically how much they charge for a "direct cremation," which is the basic option and the least expensive. With direct cremation, there's no embalming, formal viewing or funeral. It only includes the essentials: picking up the body, completing the required paperwork, the cremation itself and providing ashes to the family.

If your family wants to have a memorial service, they can have it at home or your place of worship after the cremation, in the presence of your remains.

If you want additional services beyond what a direct cremation offers, ask the funeral home for an itemized price list that covers the other service costs, so you know exactly what you're getting. All providers are required by law to provide this.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local yellow pages, or Google "cremation" or "funeral" followed by your city and state. You can also get good information online at *Parting.com*, which lets you compare prices from funeral providers in your area based on what you want.

Or, if you need more help contact your nearby funeral consumer alliance program (see *Funerals.org/local-fca* or call 802-865-8300 for contact information). These are volunteer groups located in most regions around the country that offer a wide range of information and prices on local funeral and cremation providers.

Pricey Urns

The urn is an item you need to be aware of that can drive up cremation costs. Funeral home urns usually cost around \$100 to \$300, but you aren't required to get one.

Most funeral homes initially place ashes in a plastic bag that is inserted into a thick cardboard box. The box is all you need if you intend to have your ashes scattered. But if you want something to display, you can probably find a nice urn or comparable container online. *Walmart.com* and *Amazon.com* for example, sells urns for under \$50. Or, you may want to use an old cookie jar or container you have around the house instead of a traditional urn.


Free Cremation

Another option you may want to consider that provides free cremation is to donate your body to a university medical facility. After using your body for research, they will cremate your remains for free (some programs may charge a small fee to transport your body to their facility), and either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year or two.

To find a medical school near you that accepts body donations, the University of Florida maintains a directory at *Anatbd.acb.med.ufl.edu/usprograms*.

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

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Theology in the Trenches
By Kathleen Kjolhaug

The phone on the kitchen wall vibrated throughout the house. It startled me, reminding me of the reaction one of ours had the last time they were home. They literally jumped when it rang as they mentioned something like, "Oh, that's right. You still have one of those!"

As I walked over to pick up "one of those" that was ringing upon my wall, I greeted the caller with a friendly "Hello."

The voice on the other end responded in kind, but soon I could sense the vocal intonations were that of a solicitor. "It's nice to hear a friendly voice for a change," he

Higher Ground
By Roger Campbell

"This is like driving in a beautiful painting!" Pauline exclaimed while we were on one of our annual October color tours. Well said!

The brilliant blending of autumn's artistic hues is enough to make the blues leave. No wonder millions break away from the rush of routine living, driving thousands of miles to see this annual show of splendor. Design dominates the landscape. And design declares the existence of the Designer.

Colorful rolling hills and breathtaking views of quiet valleys entertained by flocking birds prove the ingenuity of the Master Planner. Mirror images of maples, oaks and birch beside still waters, dotted by leaf boats of red, yellow and brown, create a seasonal wonderland that cries for recognition of the Creator.

And even after sundown, the wonder remains. Harvest

said. Although my voice may have sounded friendly enough, my response was to the point. "I suppose I might sound that way but what I'm actually wondering is what it is that you want me to support and how much it will cost to do so."

He began stating his case, and ended with, "So, can we count on you for support by mailing you an envelope?"

"Sure," I confirmed. If you send it to me, I will commit to ten dollars."

Thinking that I'd made his day, I was surprised by his response. "Sorry, ma'am, but the minimal amount of support we are asking for is twenty-five dollars. Can you help us out today?"

On this bright and sunny day

Give thanks for changing seasons

moons inspire poets and lovers, reminding us that the One who created all this loves us all.

Still, some are so troubled by adverse circumstances in their lives that they allow present problems to color their thinking about God. Surrounded by countless evidences of His power, they mistakenly conclude they are beyond help and doubt that He cares. Having become problem conscious instead of power conscious, they are unable to see any way out of their difficulties.

Recent natural disasters add to our need of a peaceful haven. Threatening clouds call for a refuge from raging storms. High numbered hurricanes and killer earthquakes under seas and on land increase the tensions of our time. Terrorists take their deadly toll on innocent people longing to be free, and threats of plagues that defy miracle drugs, possibly killing millions, seem to be ever on the minds of those who feed our fears. But creation's wonders should soothe our minds, lifting us

The Caller

I didn't want to be the one to take away teddy bears from school children if their budget had a shortfall. And, I certainly desired to show support to each and every person trying to keep our communities safe. But the truth is, I didn't have the amount he was asking for in my budget. To be perfectly honest, he rattled off some large monetary amounts I had to choose from as part of the giving club. Soon, I was feeling as though he was the giver and I was the receiver as he offered the selection from which I could choose.

While speaking clearly into the receiver, I simply reiterated what I would be able to give. Quickly, he signed off and in no time I heard an unfriendly CLICK!

I was flabbergasted...taken

from every valley of despair.

King David, who went through many dark valleys in his eventful and often troubled life, found his faith increased by observing evidences of God's work everywhere. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork," he wrote (Psalm 19:1).

Commenting on David's soothing statement of faith, the 19th century English minister, Charles Spurgeon, wrote: "In his earliest days the Psalmist, while keeping his father's flock, had devoted himself to the study of God's two great books -- nature and Scripture. The book of nature has three leaves: heaven, earth and sea. Any part of creation has more instruction in it than human mind will ever exhaust. Every moment God's existence, power, wisdom and goodness are being sounded abroad. Even the changes of night and day equally reveal the Invisible One."

Our Lord often used illustrations from nature to

aback, and thrilled all at once. I was taken aback because he signed off so quickly, thrilled because I was ten bucks richer, and flabbergasted at the audacity that someone would not think that ten dollars was not worth their time.

It was, perhaps, the friendliest non-exchange of money there ever was.

It puts a whole new twist on Matthew 22:14: "For many are called, but few are chosen."

On a more serious note, Isaiah 43:1 assures that He not only knows my name when He calls, but that I am His. "I have called you by name; you are mine." For this I am forever grateful. Amen.

build the faith and quiet the hearts of His hearers. He spoke of birds that do no farming but are fed by their heavenly Father and of lilies that neither toil nor spin yet are clothed more elegantly than kings. Why then should we allow worry to take away the joy of living?

True, the earth is in travail, causing upheavals of nature (Romans 8:22), but even these promise the birth of a new day. Meanwhile, wherever we live, we can give thanks for the beauty of changing seasons, announcing better things are on their way.

(Roger Campbell was an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. An anthology containing over 100 of his best columns, "Everywhere You Go There's a Zacchaeus Up a Tree," is now available at your local or online bookseller. Contact us at rcministry@ameritech.net.)

Bridal shower held for Barbara Maxwell

As Barbara opened gifts and acknowledged new friends, Billie Jean Weinert assisted with the guest book.

Barbara will be married to Bob Vajko Oct. 27 at Northern Bible Church in Bemidji.

The Writers Group met Tuesday evening, Sept. 24 at the Fosston Public Library. Eight people were in attendance for this first gathering of the

season. Six people shared in writings they had finished, while some shared in the works not yet completed. Many good suggestions were given for improvement and encouragement.

Visitors are invited to join us at any time. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Wendell Affield will be the featured speaker.



The Grapevine

by Marianne Van Oort

Call Marianne at 317-509-4272 to report news about your family, such as new jobs, moving to a new home, prayers wanted for those who are ill, good news and more.

Barbara Maxwell was honored at a ladies tea and bridal shower on Wednesday morning, Sept. 25 at Calvary Evangelical Free Church. Barbara is associated with Continental Missions and

works with the Native Americans at Ponemah. She presently lives in Bemidji.

About 25 guests attended, some of our area, the surrounding communities and Northern Bible Church.

Turning the page to a new chapter

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

My dad worked in underground coal mines for about 35 years. He retired and was done with that part of his life. He never sighed that he missed the good old coal mine. He lived 30 more years and he was very active. There is something powerful about putting a period or an exclamation point at the end of one juncture or chapter of life and then beginning a new chapter with the sun burning brighter than ever before.

Some people can't turn the page. It's possible to get stuck in life's thoughts and never be able to create a new state of mind that celebrates life and experiences happiness.

I do not want to be hard on people who experience life's mental prisons. It can happen

to anyone. Grief is hard to put down. A family that buries a young family member or experiences tragedy will spend the rest of their lives wondering "what if" or if we had "done such an such" then life might have been different. It's easy to second guess and to look back.

Life's failures are hard to forget. A business failure, marriage failure, personal failure or career failure haunts us sometimes. We know if certain decisions had been made, the chances of a different outcome would have been great. So, we spend time second guessing and regretting.

A lot of us who spend 30 years in a career find comfort and enjoyment in staying with some aspect of what we know as long as possible. Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, Tony

Bennett keep on singing. Billy Graham preached as long as he could. School teachers often sub or even continue on for years into retirement. Carpenters, plumbers and ministers stay in some form of their work often into their eighties. A business friend is still building hotels into his eighties.

It's common for us to continue what we enjoy or what we know how to do. Thus, making a life or career transition is normally not easy unless a person is sick and tired of something and ready to move forward. When a person reaches this state of mind, then there is eagerness to learn and go forward with a change.

A lot happens to us that we never emotionally ever really heal from or move on from. Oftentimes we go through

the motions of going forward, but that's important. We can't bring people back from the grave. Old life partners move on. Our children become adults and have their own lives. The mirror reminds us that life is changing.

Remember this truth. You either turn the chapter or it is turned for you. Make turning the chapter your decision. This applies to your career, retirement, relationships, hobbies, your health, preventive care and everything.

As you turn the chapter, be excited about the new experience and the new opportunity for personal growth, happiness and possibilities.

Cost sharing makes organic certification more affordable

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 75 percent of the cost of their organic certification through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Organic Cost Share Program. Applications are now being accepted until Oct. 31, 2019.

Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations.

Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year.

Funds for the cost share program come from a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA). Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between Oct. 1, 2018 and Sept. 30, 2019 are eligible for reimbursement of

up to 75 percent of certification-related expenses.

The maximum rebate available is \$750 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). The MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning to organic.

To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. The MDA has already mailed application packets to all certified organic operations in the state.

Any certified organic farmer or processor who did not receive a packet can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the Organic Agriculture section of the MDA's website or by contacting Cassie Dahl, Organic Agriculture Specialist, at 651-201-6134 or cassie.dahl@state.mn.us. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local USDA-FSA Office.

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He was late for church and slipped quietly into his regular place for Sunday morning worship. He listened as the pastor prayed: "We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done." After a moment of silence he continued, "You know, Lord, I believe I've found my kind of people. I belong here."

No one escapes failure but our Lord. Whatever He said He would do, He did. Whatever He has promised, He has or will fulfill - in the past, present and future.

The Bible contains about 5,000 promises. As the One who created the universe, all of its laws and living beings that are under His control and command, no one or no thing can stop Him from keeping His promises. "Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave," said Solomon.

His compassion for His children never fails. His Son has experienced suffering and humiliation that is beyond us and has endured them with grace. So, He can be sympathetic with us in the deepest, darkest moments of our lives. Jeremiah reminds us that "His compassion never fails."

Equally important is His faithfulness. He is not strong one day and weak the next, nor attentive one moment and indifferent the next. When He created us He did so with the knowledge that He would be faithful to us. Said the Psalmist, "I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness!"

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State trampled Rep. Grossell's rights

To the editor:
My letter is another perspective of the recent news coverage concerning the unfortunate occurrence of my state representative, Matt Grossell.

Rep. Grossell fell victim to a set of laws, concerning "vulnerable adults" that allow for unconstitutional and unwanted encroachment of a "vulnerable adult's" rights.

In reading the events, of the law enforcement (state actor) interaction with Rep. Grossell, he had returned to his temporary home (hotel room), and the state actors forced their way upon him. Even though Rep. Grossell repeatedly objected, the state actors ignored his wishes and forced him, against his wishes, to go to a hospital where it was found he needed no medical treatment.

Once at the hospital, the state actors refused to return Grossell to his hotel room and charged him with trespassing.

The entire situation smells of overreach and unwanted encroachment by state actors, which is authorized by MN 626.557 or the taking of the rights of an adult (who appears to be vulnerable) against his own will.

The only vulnerability Grossell had was that he was inebriated, and from that vulnerability he lost all human rights and control of his personal self, and was placed in the control of the state.

Seeing this can happen to a state representative, the readers should consider what these "vulnerable adult" laws do against the average citizen.

Rep. Grossell has a powerful voice, and yet he was forced to succumb to the power of the state, resulting in him being charged for a crime that the state actions thrust upon him, such as the charge of trespassing at the hospital, which visit to the hospital was forced upon him by the state.

The "vulnerable adult" laws force a citizen into conditions to allow wrongful

encroachment, by state actors, where the state actors then use the law to take all rights from the "vulnerable adult" in the pretense of protecting the "vulnerable adult's" rights. In Grossell's case, it was even more ridiculous. Grossell went to his hotel room, to retire for the night, in which hotel room he should have been safe and secure.

Shortly after, unwanted to Grossell, law enforcement entered his room by using a report of him being a "vulnerable adult."

Grossell was then forced against his will, regardless of his protestations, and was forcibly taken to the hospital, where he was found with no medical condition needing immediate care. Grossell then demanded to be returned to his hotel room.

When at the hospital, Grossell was charged with the crime of trespassing for being where the state actors forced him to be.

How ludicrous is that? Grossell was in a hotel room, yet it doesn't really matter where an adult is once a "vulnerable adult" report is made.

Grossell's rights were immediately taken. Citizens' rights may be wrongfully taken, via the "vulnerable adult" laws, at one's home, in one's vehicle, at one's place of work, etc.

In my experience with the "vulnerable adult" law, there are both honorable and dishonorable enforcement state actors.

There are those who do their duty and those who act on political and private grudges as the driving force for their

enforcement actions. These "vulnerable adult" laws allow a reporter, with a grudge or political animus, to report on an unsuspecting citizen, wherein, the law then protects the grudge-filled, malicious reporter with anonymity even after it has been proven that the report was made for malicious purposes.

I have first-hand experience of this grudge-filled, malicious use of the "vulnerable adult" laws. The Sheriff, of Beltrami County reported to my husband that up to 18 to 23 false reports were made against my home (by grudge-filled, malicious reporters).

Each time, just like Grossell's, the reports were found to be false (note that no immediate medical attention was needed for Rep. Grossell).

Yet, there is no mechanism

Muzzleloader hunt at state park

Lake Bemidji State Park will host its annual muzzleloader deer hunt December 6-8 this year. The hunt is either-sex with a bag limit of 2. A number of permits are still available; if interested please call the park office at 218 308-2300.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 06, 2019

The City Council met in special session on September 6, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmembers Dennis Merschman, John Sutherland, Chad Bonik and Jon Brovold and City Clerk Faye Jacobs.

Also Present: Chris Arnold and Renee Benson

The purpose of the special session was to review and update the proposed 2020 City and Liquor Store budget.

Starting with the proposed income, the Clerk explained the changes that were made with 2 alternative

adjustments for wage increases for city employees.

The Council reviewed each city department with the changes that were requested at the first budget meeting. With a few adjustments including a change to the transfers of funds on the proposed income from \$55,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

After review and discussion of wages it was decided that a one-step raise to city employees will be given on January 1st, 2020 and an additional step on July 1st, 2020. The Mayor and Councilmembers pay will increase \$500.00 each per year.

After adjustments are made to department incomes and the

proposed income adjustments are made, the final proposed budget will go before the Council for approval at the regular City Council meeting on Sept. 11th.

The Liquor Store proposed budget was reviewed.

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

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2019

The Bagley City Council met on September 11th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmembers Dennis Merschman, John Sutherland and Chad Bonik, City Clerk Faye Jacobs and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson, Jon Brovold joined the meeting at 5:30.

Also Present at 5:00: Police Chief Renee Benson, General Manager Bill Masterson and Fire Chief John Gerbracht.

In attendance at 5:30: Kristean Marshall, Arlen Marshall, Zack Thoma, Chris Arnold, Andy Ubert and Brett Carter.

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2020 proposed budget. Jacobs explained the proposed budgets with changes that were requested by the Council at the prior budget meeting held on September 6th.

Gerbracht gave an update on the new fire truck the price is at \$485,000.00; this price will be valid through September 30th. An additional \$25,000.00 equipment allowance can be added if approved by the Council, some of those options were painted side panel, sliding drawers and peg boards for organization. The Council requested an itemized list for the work session at the end of the month.

Masterson explained to the Council a need for a new blade for the snow plow, it has been budgeted for in Capital Outlay for the 2020 budget however he will need it before then, so it will be ordered and paid for out of the existing equipment fund and the fund reimbursed in 2020.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2019

The Bagley City Council met in special session on September 20th, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Sidney Michel, Councilmembers John Sutherland, Dennis Merschman, Chad Bonik and Jon Brovold and City Clerk Faye Jacobs.

Also present: Fire Chief John Gerbracht.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the additional features requested for the new fire truck. Chief Gerbracht supplied the Council with an itemized list with prices for the Councils review totaling an additional \$25,000.00. Many of the items were for the added safety of the volunteer fire fighters and to make the truck more functional.

Each item was reviewed and after much discussion and consideration items totaling \$8,000 were deducted from the list.

All of the other departments were reviewed. The final total for each department budgets were as follows:
City Hall-\$250,750.00
Fire Dept.-\$80,713.00
Police Dept.-\$354,600.00
Street Dept.-\$347,623.00
Park Dept.-\$67,475.00
Cemetery-\$5,098.00
Pound-\$13,689.00
Zoning-\$15,261.00
Community Service-\$2,400.00
Other Expenses-\$136,317.00
Economic Development-\$58,329.00
Airport-\$13,330.00
Capital Expenses-\$92,970.00
Bonds-\$171,777.00
Total Expenses for 2020-\$1,610,332.00----- Total Income for 2020-\$1,610,332.00. The levy will remain the same as 2019, no raise to taxes.

After review by the Council; Merschman made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting began at 5:30. Motion was made by Sutherland to approve minutes as written for August 28th, 2020. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried. Council heard concerns of citizens on zoning issues.

Andy Ubert thanked the Council and shared an update of the Way-Festival that was held at the City Park on September 7th. It was a success with about 800 people in attendance though out the day, about 600 were served a meal and 350 to 400 staying for the concert and many staying for the movie. Plans are being made for another event next year.

Zach Thoma with Karvako engineering reviewed the bid submissions for the Industrial Park

Lift Station Project. Five bids were received with Tom's Backhoe Service, Inc. the lowest. Motion was made by Merschman to approve the low bid by Tom's Backhoe. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

City receipts totaling \$30,577.50 were reviewed. City budgets were also reviewed with total expenses of \$331,919.58.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve the checks written in August for the City and Liquor Store. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Motion was made by Bonik to approve payment of outstanding invoices for the City and Liquor store. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Department reports were heard, with updates from department heads.

Brovold made a motion to approve Resolution #29-19 Acceptance of Donation. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Sutherland made a motion to approve Resolution #30-19 Acceptance of Donation. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

A Payment from Enbridge for the airport easement was received on September 10th, the funds to be put to economic development for the airport.

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

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer
Priscilla Johnson
Deputy Clerk

Merschman. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer



• "If you have a beautiful planter that has no drainage holes, you can pot your plant in a second pot that will fit inside. Put a few pebbles in the bottom of the pretty planter, then put your potted plant in. This way, the roots won't rot in any excess water. You can cover any gap between the pots with a bit of moss or more pebbles." —K.D. in Georgia

• Consider this your fall reminder to schedule a visit from a chimney sweep, if you haven't already. As temperatures drop, you'll be tempted to light up the fireplace, and you'll want it checked for any animal intrusion, creosote buildup or mortar that needs repairing.

• "My dresser came with a glass panel that sits on top to protect the surface, but I didn't like the look of it and just use a table runner across the top. Well, my daughter likes to play with slime (made from glue and other materials), and the glass is the perfect size when set on a table to make a protected, defined work surface. It's easy to clean up after and very portable. Even though it's glass, it's very sturdy." —C.H. in Illinois

• Flat paint will show fewer defects in a surface than glossier paint, experts say. When refinishing a piece of furniture or a wall that has seen better days, try to stay with a finish that's less light-reflective.

• "Puzzles are fun and rewarding, but you need a dedicated surface. Try using the back of a canvas. You can find one with a size big enough for your puzzle, and the frame keeps everything contained and portable from room to room." —B.B. in Florida

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Trail Blazers/Continued from page 1

and Patio. They put new signs into place, too.

The rented brush hog will next go to a group of club members who will tend to another section of the trail.

The point of their work is to allow individuals, groups and families to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling. The trails in Clearwater and Polk counties include one that heads from Bagley through the school forest and ties into a route that leads to either Shevlin or Leonard. From Leonard you can ride to Clearwater Lake on a loop or head east into Beltrami County. You can also make your way to Clearbrook and then Gonvick. From Gonvick you can head south to Highway 2 and back to Bagley. From Shevlin, one can

also head south to Alida. From Bagley one can head south to trails that link to Itasca State Park or west to Naytahwaush and Mahnomen, or east to Becida and Bemidji.

All of the trails tie in to those managed by other clubs. You can head to Lengby and Fosston, to Trail, Oklee, Gully, Goodridge, Grygla, Fourtown and Thief River Falls; to Baudette and International Falls.

On some of these stretches you have to plan ahead or you just might run out of gas!

The club keeps some shelters along the route so people can relax, have a snack and even a fire. Most of the routes lead past places where one can enjoy a meal and refreshments. For those who might be

tempted to have too many alcoholic beverages, they have signs posted to warn of the associated danger.

These routes of opportunity don't come without a degree of sweat and money. The club has about 100 members who pay their dues, but they are always looking for those willing to perform a task or two (or three) to keep the trails up to par. Many of the workers are sporting grey hair, and their muscles and backs are looking for a degree of relief – a younger generation to volunteer. Most of the work

entails the annual fall clean-up, and then running the trail groomer during winter.

If you are looking for a good time in the snow this winter, write down these numbers: Lee Peterson, 218-556-1122; Gail Friborg, 218-935-9613; or Craig Strandlien, 218-368-0242.

Governor is coming

By the way, Friborg is a director on the Minnesota United Snowmobile Association. She noted that Minnesota Governor Tim Walz is scheduled to make the Governor's Snowmobile Run in Beltrami and Clearwater counties in February. More on that later.

Meanwhile, it's time to tune up your snow machines!

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What is a fair & profitable farm rental agreement?

Landlords, farmers, Agri-business professionals should make plans to attend this informative meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Northwoods Bank in Park Rapids. Free and open to the public, this class is sponsored and provided by the University of Minnesota Extension.

Farmland rental rates have started to lower as corn and soybean prices continue to decline. Determining a fair

farm rent agreement is a challenge in today's economy, with current significantly lower corn and soybeans prices in 2019 compared to recent record corn and soybean prices and record farmland values.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the landowner and the farmer is a challenge. Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways, by examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2020 will be presented along with current 2019 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2020 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2020, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible rental agreements.

Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2020 farmland rental.

Please register by contacting Hubbard County Extension office at 218-732-3391 or email sshearer@umn.edu.

Knowledge of soil lands U of M grad a 'dirty' job

What was in Autumn Boxum's backpack this past year? "A color book," says the 2019 environmental sciences, policy, and management grad.

The guide to soil colors is an essential tool for soil judging, a competition in which students climb into prepared pits, analyze various aspects of the soil, and determine its suitability for various uses (septic tanks or roads, for example). The students whose answers come closest to those of faculty experts who have analyzed the same pits win. "It's one of the best things I've ever done," says Boxum. "It's very hands-on stuff that you would never learn in the classroom."

Boxum finished first in a national soil judging competition in April, and the University of Minnesota also took the top spot in the team category.

She says that a scholarship allowed her to focus on meaningful learning experiences outside of class. In addition to being part of the soil judging team, Boxum played the French horn and mellophone in the U of M's marching band.

And she says her experience in those soil contests led to the job she landed after graduation: doing soil mapping for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wyoming. She'll be out in the field, analyzing soil to help ranchers determine how much grazing their cattle can do in a given area.

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Fri. 11: Steak and shrimp supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Open Mic Night- Frank and the James Gang 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 12: Wedding Reception and Dance for Rachel Anwiler & Jeremiah Lund, 4:00 p.m.
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