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Bagley Bucks winners named

Total of $1,200 offered by Bagley Area Chamber

The second round of drawings for Bagley Bucks on Dec. 9 resulted in three winners of $100 each. The winners are Lillian Christenson of Shevlin, Rosella O'Bryan of Bagley, and Carole Tharaldson of Gully.

The winners can pick up their prizes at the Farmers Independent.

Registration began Nov. 29 for $1,200 in Bagley Bucks to be awarded through Christmas by the Bagley Area Chamber. Registration is free at participating Bagley businesses (see ad inside for list of sites). The more businesses you frequent, the more opportunity you have to win. While you stop in to register, you won't be able to help but notice the values and variety to be found in your Bagley stores.

The rules include that you must be at least 18 years old to register.

Three $100 prizes will be awarded on Dec. 9 and 16.

Registration continues until noon on Christmas Eve, when all the registrations from each of the first three weeks and the final week will be entered into the grand prize drawing for $300 on Christmas Eve.

School Board passes $13,179,858 budget and max levy, expresses frustration with Fair Board

By Brett Carter

The Bagley School Board voted to certify the maximum allowable levy for the upcoming school year, indicating at 10.28 percent increase. The board doesn't plan on using the whole amount, but with a continuing decline in enrollment, the budget is tight. Superintendent Dr. Erich Heise reported that 111 other districts in Minnesota are going to voters for increased funding. There is no immediate need for that in this district.

The board also approved the 2020 budget at $13,179,858 in operating expenses at a $13,176 per pupil cost. The primary area of concern for the budget going forward is enrollment. According to Heise, student numbers were up five in November/December. "We can hope and pray that people continue to have faith in our district," Heise said.

The board held an official public hearing on the previously approved World's Best Workforce plan. Heise said, "We face some challenges, and we know that." The decision was made to increase scores in all areas across the district by three percent in the coming year. To do that, elementary principal Kristi Moritz reminded the board of the work being done. "We're increasing preschool programming," she said, and identified the assessment tools and activities that push for success in reaching the goals.

Tony Kerr, high school principal, was particularly excited about the credit recovery program. "We can catch up students early, credit-wise, so they don't fall behind." The high school continues to work on graduation rates with a goal of 92.6 percent of students graduating.

The board took time to recap their meeting with the Fair Board about the ongoing negotiations for a lease agreement. The board hasn't paid the lease since its expiration and would like an invoice to catch up the bill. At a meeting on Nov. 22, the Fair Board presented a lease price of $6,000/year which is $4,000 higher than the current lease. The board's counteroffer of $3,000 was rejected and the Fair Board created an offer with a 15-year lease with annual payments at $3,500 for five years, $4,000 for the next five years and $4,500 for the final five years.

"I've done a lot of negotiations," director Jamie Grover said. "This is not a negotiation. They came in with a number and wouldn't move. I don't feel comfortable with 150 percent increase. That could mean another 150 percent increase 20 years from now."

Director Renee Benson asked what other options were available without an agreement. Heise replied, "We can make the athletic situation work, even though no one wants to, but we can't make the parking situation work."

"It's hard for me to believe that two entities can't work together to make something good happen for the community," director Amy Fontaine said.

The board continued discussing options, including creating another offer, or just letting the land go back to the Fair Board, neither of which the board could agree to.

"It's a bit of an impasse," Heise said. "We need direction (from the board) on how to proceed. There's no easy way out. We were hoping to find some middle ground and find some resolution and move forward. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

In other business the board approved two new policies on second reading with no discussion. The first involves Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults. The second deals with service animals in schools.

The next school board meeting is Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Traditions Concert this Sunday



Josh Gunderson, director of Clearwater County Community Choir, and accompanist Andrea Hood Neeland

The Clearwater County Community Choir is performing a Christmas Traditions concert -- their first-ever -- on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. in the Bagley High School Auditorium.

Directed by Josh Gunderson, the group includes musicians ranging from age 15 to… *experienced* singers. They have met weekly to challenge themselves in their talent, and to prepare an afternoon of entertainment for the community.

Accompanied by Andrea Hood, the concert will run just over one hour and will include an intermission. There is no admission, so be sure to put the concert on your Sunday schedule and enjoy the sounds of the season.

Vintage Snowmobile Show attracts crowd

By Darlene Sawyer

For the 10th year, the annual Bagley Vintage snowmobile show drew many exhibitors and guests to the Fireside Grill and Patio at Bagley on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The show was begun by Lee Peterson and other interested Bagley area snowmobile enthusiasts in 2009. What is unique about the show is that vintage and older snowmobiles are on display, so the show represents an ongoing history of all types of snowmobiles. This year, Peterson's assistants included Katie Bergquist, Ernie Braaten, Kyle Grover and Randy Sims, who registered the entries and assisted with the parking and displays.

To finance the event, many raffle items were offered as prizes, including a vintage snowmobile. Volunteers assisting with the raffles included Debbie Friborg and Gail Friborg. There were many other volunteers, too.

Of special interest this year was the story and appearance of a rescued vintage snowmobile. On hand to relate the story was Monica Dohmen of Baudette. She was speaking for her friend Mitch Magnusson of Roseau, as the story is about him and his amazing find and rebuild of a vintage snowmobile (See related story).

There were many trophies given to the winners of all the categories. Youth sled trophy went to Karde Thomas, age 7, from Frazee, for his 75-79 original Puma. Voted as People's Choice included 3rd place winner Steve Schmidt with his 1974 Arctic Cat Sno Pro; second place trophy went to Ron Peterson of Roseau with his 1975 Arctic Cat Z; and first place trophy went to Duane Kaiser with his 1971 Roma.

The vintage snowmobiles attracted a large crowd and all were reminded of the snowmobile races to be held this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15, at nearby Pine Lake near Gonvick.



The "star" of the 2019 Vintage Snowmobile Show was this special restored snowmobile and the owner Mitch Magnusson of Roseau with his friend Monica Dohmen of Baudette. Monica narrated Mitch's story of his miraculous restoration of this snowmobile. (See his story and more photos inside.)

Benefit meal aids Doreen Norgaard, who lost her son and home to a fire

By Darlene Sawyer

A benefit pancake breakfast was held at the Bagley American Legion on Sunday, Dec. 8 for Doreen Norgaard of Shevlin who recently lost her son Mike, two dogs, and her home to a fire. The fire occurred while she was attending an American Legion Auxiliary event in Mahnomen.

She has been very active in the American Legion Auxiliary at Bagley and for the 9th District.

Sponsors of the breakfast were the Bagley American Legion Auxiliary and the Clearwater Lutheran Church of Shevlin. The menu included pancakes, strawberries with ice cream, sausages, eggs, orange juice and coffee.

The volunteer cooks in the kitchen included Cal Larson, Eric Nelson, Mike Smith,

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Doreen Norgaard and her daughter Amber Marshall.

Pearl Harbor survivor:

'Never had I felt so helpless'



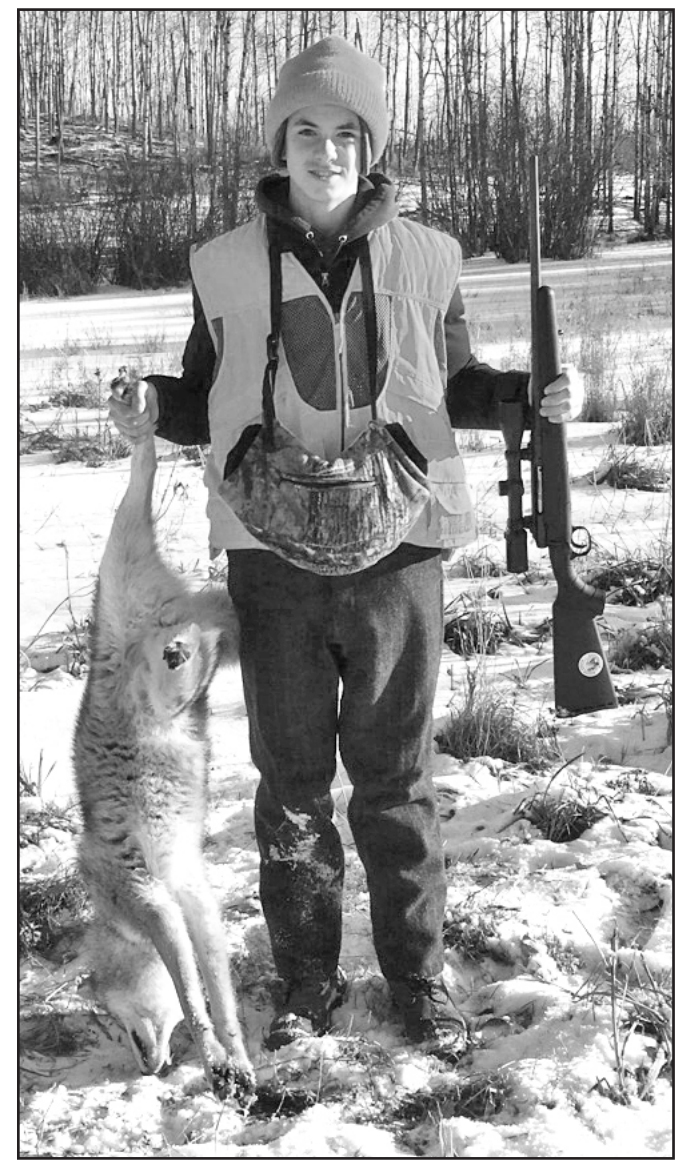
Leonard Stinar (a veteran of the Korean War) shakes Atwater's hand after the speech (Sarah is in the middle).

By Darlene Sawyer

December 7, 1941…. "A day that will live in infamy" is how President Roosevelt announced the news to the people of the United States that the Japanese had attacked our military stronghold at Pearl Harbor located in Hawaii. It marked the date of our entrance into World War II. It is a very significant date in the history of our country.

On Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, Cornerstone Assisted Living in Bagley sponsored a program featuring a veteran of that Pearl Harbor event. His name is Bruce Atwater. His daughter Suzan Kaufmann and his other children came to honor him and speak about his involvement and memories of that tragic Dec. 7, 1941 event. (Since the local newspapers have previously featured him, we will summarize parts of the special speech which he wrote and Suzan delivered at Cornerstone.)

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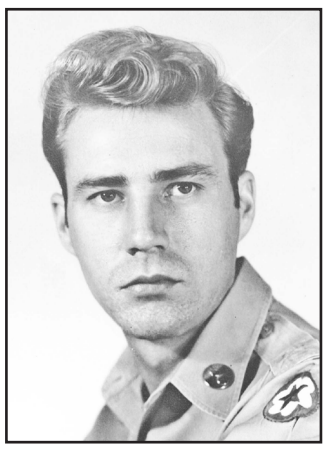


A future hat . . . .

Max Zorman, 12, of Bemidji, went deer hunting in the Alida area, but didn't see any deer. However, he did spot one of the reasons for few deer: a coyote. The fur-bearer was 100 yards downhill from his stand on a hay wagon. He took aim with his .243 and nailed the coyote with one shot. He and his father, Dan Zorman, plan to tan the hide and have Grandma Sheryl Riggs sew him a fur hat.

Death Notices

Duane Rouland





Duane Rouland, 91, of Gully, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center in North Dakota.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. at Lund Lutheran Church in Gully with a visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at Lund Lutheran Cemetery in Gully.

Duane was born on the family farm in Gonvick on Dec. 25, 1927 to Ole and Ethel (Sorenson) Rouland. He graduated from Fosston High School and at 18 was drafted into the Army during the Korean War.

When he returned home, he began working on the railroad, primarily on the Iron Range.

He met the love of his life, Arvilla Spicer, and they were so eager to be wed they got married the weekend after she graduated high school on June 2, 1956 in Trail.

Duane's work led them a few places around Minnesota. They lived in Silver Bay while he was still with the railroad, then moved to Baudette where he worked for MnDOT. There he was promoted to supervisor but turned it down to come home to Gully and begin one of the first wild rice farms with his brother, Bob.

During this time, Duane got into ranching, which he continued to do until Arvilla became ill. He wanted to be closer to her and worked for some time at the Clearwater Veterinary Clinic. After Arvilla's death in 1999, he went on to drive semi and hauled potatoes for a while.

Duane loved his labor, especially farming, and was an extremely hard worker. He put his all into what he did. He was a very kind man with a big heart. He loved deer hunting and dancing. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He will be tremendously missed. Blessed be his memory.

Duane is survived by his children, Dan (Leah) Rouland, Miles (Brenda) Rouland, and Lori (Bob) Burgess; his grandchildren, Brianna (Lee) Compton, Blake Rouland, MaCayla Rouland, Jonathan Rouland, Matthew Rouland, Brandi (Tyler) Hoie, Mitch Stinar, Angela Burgess, Luke Burgess, Lane Watne, and Danielle Watne; his great-grandchildren, Sophie, Jordyn, Sawyer and Harper; his siblings Franklin Rouland and Rosalind Pittaway; his special friend, Adeline Hugg; and many other loved family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arvilla Rouland; his daughter, Marcia Rouland; his siblings, Bob Rouland, Darlene Melander, and Estelle Bolgrean; and his parents, Ethel and Ole Rouland.

Messages of condolence may be sent to *ceasefuneralhome.com*.

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

Harry A. Moltzen, Jr.



Harry "Bozo" A. Moltzen, Jr. died on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital, surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Community Home Chapel in Sauk Rapids, Minn.

Harry was born on Feb. 5, 1966 to Harry and Tillie (Roshau) Moltzen, Sr. in Jamestown, N.D. He grew up in Bagley. He then lived in Jamestown prior to moving to Sauk Rapids 10 years ago.

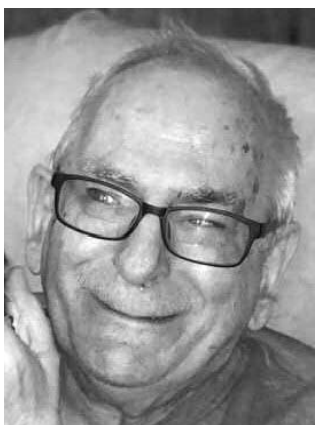
He enjoyed bowling, Bingo, happy hour, and visiting with all his friends and the staff at Good Shepherd Community.

He was an avid Twins and Vikings fan. He loved his nieces and nephew.

Survivors include his sister, Candi (John) Theis of Le Center, Minn.; nieces Amy (Matt) Jung, Brianna Theis (Thomas Pfiefer), Elizabeth Moltzen and nephew Cody Moltzen; and great-niece and great-nephew Lauren and Tyler Jung.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack "Butch"; great-nephew, Isaiah Pfeifer; and great-niece Ava Pfeifer.

Kenneth Rose



Kenny Rose, 82, of Fosston, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at Essentia Health Living Center in Fosston.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with Rev. Jane Ekholm officiating.

Interment will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Fosston, at a later date. Family and friends may gather for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Kenneth Marvin Rose was born August 13, 1937 in Crookston, Minn., to parents Thorvald and Laura (Torgerson) Rose. Kenny's father died at a young age and he and his mother moved to Fosston.

For a short time early in his life, Kenny worked traveling with the carnival. For his entire life, he loved going to fairs, carnivals and the circus.

Kenny has lived at Bethany Board and Care in Fosston for the past 14 years.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and was the faithful Sunday bulletin folder for many years. Kenny will be remembered as a positive person and one who always had an encouraging word and a smile. For several years, he enjoyed going to Fosston High School home sporting events with his Bethany friends.

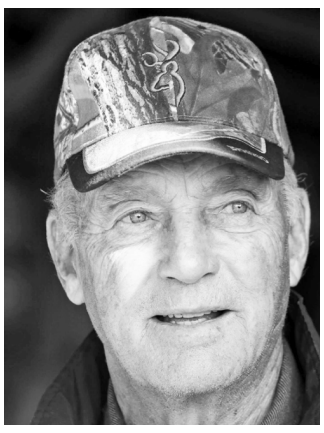
The constant in Kenny's life was his faith in his Lord, Jesus Christ. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his cousin, Charles Rose of Fosston; his long-time roommate at Bethany, Bill Kusmaul; and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston. Memorials are preferred to the Hope Lutheran Church radio fund.

Vernon Johnson



Vernon Johnson, 88, of Clearbrook, died on December 7, 2019 at his home in Clearbrook.

A time of remembrance and visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church.

Vernon Everett Johnson, was born November 9, 1931 to Marie (Vinji) and Henry Johnson in Pine Lake Township, Gonvick.

He married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen "Kitty" Filar, on June 16, 1950.

A full obituary and messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

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

Pet Fixers spay/neuter program to be acquired by Great River Rescue

Pet Fixers, a nonprofit spay/neuter assistance program, has announced that the organization will be turned over to Great River Rescue. The two organizations are currently in the process of transferring equipment, technical knowledge, and all other assets including the Pet Fixers spay/neuter trailer with the goal of completion by early 2020.

Great River Rescue will continue providing low-cost spay/neuter services to low-income residents in the region as Pet Fixers has done for the last seven years. Pet Fixers board members will work alongside Great River Rescue staff and volunteers to ensure a smooth transition and high level of service to the community.

Pet Fixers has spayed/neutered 4,292 pets and feral cats since inception in July of 2012 with the goal of preventing pet overpopulation. Meanwhile, Great River Rescue is the primary animal adoption and rescue center for dogs and cats in Bemidji. With both organizations working to save companion animals and provide animal welfare related services to the community, Pet Fixers naturally turned to Great River Rescue to continue the spay/neuter service for Bemidji and the surrounding area.

"Ultimately, we wanted to keep this service local," said Pet Fixers Board Chair Paul Yule. "We've worked with the staff and Board of Great River Rescue for years and trust that they will continue to increase the positive impact that Pet Fixers has had on our community."

"We are humbled and excited," stated Great River Rescue Executive Director Brandon Mustful. "I have been amazed at what Pet Fixers has been able to accomplish, but know that together, we can do even more to save companion animals, and provide important services that people in this area need."

Eight spay/neuter clinics are currently planned for 2020. Dates, locations, registration information and other details will be released at a later date. Questions about spay/neuter services can be directed to Great River Rescue at 751-7910 or info@greatriverrescue.com.

Cards of Thanks

The Family of Molly (Muckala) Carter would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that was involved in the care and prayers for Molly and her family. We appreciate all the food, fellowship, gifts of money, visitors, and the prayers.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Cancer Department in Bemidji and Fargo, especially to Dr. Chalhoub who had an amazing rapport with Molly.

To the Sanford Bagley Hospital for the great care they gave her during her stay.

A very special thank you to the Class of 1971, you all were a huge part of her great memories in life.

Molly had amazing friends that were so willing to help her and to keep her spirits up. We thank you for taking time to bring her to many doctor appointments and chemo appointments. They were always willing to do whatever she needed, whether it was taking her out to eat, to go shopping, or just to come visit. She considered these friends to be part of her family.

And last but not least to her siblings. She loved you all very much and we appreciate everything you were able to do for her and our family.

Once again, thank you to all.

The Carter Family

The family of Gordon Jacobson would like to thank friends and family for all the kind words, prayers, flowers and memorials in Gordon's name. Thanks also to Dr. Swanson at Fosston Essentia Health and the nurses and staff at the clinic and hospital for all the care and kindness towards Gordon.

Thanks to those that called, visited and brought food. Dan and Ann's music was so appreciated. Thanks also to Grace Lutheran Church women on Friday and lunch on Saturday, to Rev. Klemma and Rev. Hjermstad for their words.

Bless you all for your kindness.

The Family of Gordon Jacobson:
Julienne Jacobson
Danvy & Mary and Family
Darwin & Lana and Family
Tim & Michelle and Family

Thank You to the Employees of the First National Bank for their $500 Donation!

Clearwater County Humane Society

Heartfelt Thank You from the family of Lesa Strandlien.

Lesa's family would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Bemidji EMTs, ambulance service, Sanford doctors, nurses and flight crew; Fargo Sanford ICU for their special love and care so freely given;

To all who brought food to our homes, calls of care, gifts of flowers, money and memories given in her honor.

Special thank you to Pastor Mark Kuleta for words of comfort, Butch Boe and Steve Gullicksrud for special music, Fireside for refreshments and Cease Family Funeral Home.

The Family of Lesa Strandlien

Ruth Calarese

Ruth Calarese, 91, of Lengby, passed away on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, N.D. There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements are pending with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston.

Gloria Olness

Gloria Olness of Bagley. passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 at Havenwood Care Center, Bemidji, at the age of 65.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Messages of condolence may be sent to *ceasefuneralhome.com*.

Helene Salvhus

Helene Salvhus, 91, of Bagley, died on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with the Cease Funeral Home of Bagley.

American Life in Poetry

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

Here's a poem about something that each of us receives, though only once. If you didn't get yours written into a poem, you've got it put away somewhere. Wyatt Townley lives in Kansas, and "First Kiss" is from her new book, *Rewriting the Body*, from Stephen F. Austin State University Press.

First Kiss

Here you are forty years
Later in a white coat
Examining my ears.

All I can think
Is how your tongue once
Turned in the tunnel

You're peering into. The
Fault is not in my ears,
But *between* them!

No one can see that far.
But could we gaze back
Through the years and dead stars

To the doorstep of my parents' house,
You bending down with your tall mouth
To make the softest landing on mine,

Having thrown off my balance
So tenderly, can you explain,
Good Doctor, how to regain it?

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Size Determines Risk of Aneurysm Rupture

DEAR DR. ROACH: My boyfriend recently was diagnosed with an aneurysm. The report says the abdominal aorta is 3.02 cm in largest dimension and recommends screening every six months. Do we need to see a cardiologist for a second opinion? Is there medication to help? — *B.S.*

ANSWER: The aorta is the largest blood vessel in the body. It comes directly off the left ventricle of the heart and supplies blood to the entire body. It may become enlarged either in the chest (a thoracic aneurysm) or in the abdomen.

Abdominal aortic aneurisms are more common in men, especially over 65, and smoking is the biggest risk factor. There are contributing familial conditions as well, such as Marfan syndrome.

Most people have an abdominal aorta that is no bigger than 3 cm, so your boyfriend is just barely over the cut-off. His risk for rupture, the dreaded complication of an AAA, is negligible at this size. I agree with the screening recommendations, and would advise tobacco cessation if he smokes, regular moderate exercise and control of blood pressure if high.

Seeing a cardiologist would be very reasonable: Your boyfriend could get personalized advice on risk reduction. Although aspirin and statin drugs may have a benefit, the evidence for it is weak. Most experts do not recommend them unless there are other indications for taking them.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I had a hernia operation in 2015. The repair included insertion of mesh patches that now have been recalled. Since the operation, I have had many health issues. Is there a blood test or other test to see if the mesh is the cause of my problems? Should I have it removed and replaced? I am 83. — *J.C.L.*

ANSWER: Surgical mesh is commonly used in hernia repair, as well as in many gynecologic surgeries. Mesh reduces the need for re-operation. However, there is an increased rate of long-term complications that partially offsets the benefit of using mesh.

Complications related to the mesh can be very serious, such as bowel obstruction, perforation or bleeding; these usually require urgent surgery. However, symptoms also may be less specific, and include pain, non-healing wounds and infection. Of people with a mesh repair, 4% to 6% had evidence of complications after five years of follow-up, according to a well-done study from Denmark.

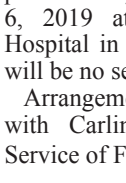
I am aware of recalled mesh products (49 out of the top 50 results on a web search were from personal injury law firms; the 50th was from the Food and Drug Administration) and reports of significantly higher complication rates from recalled (as well as from counterfeit) mesh.

Without knowing more about your health issues, it is difficult to weigh in on whether the mesh is likely to be causing it. There is no simple blood or imaging test that will give a definitive answer. However, if your symptoms are among those possibly related to mesh complication, it absolutely would be appropriate to have a discussion with your surgeon about the upsides and downsides of a re-operation. I would be cautious about recommending another surgery for an 83-year-old, unless the symptoms are significant and your surgeon feels they are likely due to mesh complications.

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Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On **Dec. 28, 1793,** British-born American revolutionary Thomas Paine, author of "Common Sense," is arrested in France for treason, having been tried in absentia and convicted. Paine was imprisoned in a former palace, where he had a large room with windows and catered meals.
- On **Dec. 24, 1851,** a fire sweeps through the Library of Congress and destroys two-thirds of Thomas Jefferson's personal literary collection. Jefferson had sold his personal library of 6,487 books to Congress after the British burned the Congressional library in 1814.
- On **Dec. 23, 1888,** Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor. He later documented the event in a painting titled "Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear."
- On **Dec. 27, 1900,** prohibitionist Carry Nation smashes up a bar in Wichita, Kansas, causing extensive damage and landing in jail. Nation became famous for carrying a hatchet and wrecking saloons, and sold souvenir hatchets to help fund her anti-alcohol activities.
- On **Dec. 29, 1915,** the French National Assembly passes a law formally ceding the land that holds the British war cemeteries to Great Britain, ensuring that its saddest and most sacred monuments would be forever protected.
- On **Dec. 26, 1946,** infamous gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel opens his Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. The grand opening was a flop, however, and the casino lost $300,000 in the first week. The hotel was named after Siegel's girlfriend, whose nickname was "The Flamingo" because of her red hair and long legs.
- On **Dec. 25, 1962,** "To Kill a Mockingbird," a film based on the novel by Harper Lee, opens in theaters. The Great Depression-era story of racial injustice and the loss of childhood innocence is told from the perspective of a young Alabama girl named Scout Finch.

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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.
Dec. 2	29	-7	---
Dec. 3	30	15	---
Dec. 4	30	19	---
Dec. 5	31	18	---
Dec. 6	20	4	---
Dec. 7	33	21	---
Dec. 8	28	15	3.5"Snow

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

Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	$1.50-1.79
400-600	$1.40-1.79
600-800	$1.30-1.52
800-1000	$1.30-1.50
Weight	**Beef Heifers**
200-400	$1.20-1.51
400-600	$1.20-1.51
600-800	$1.10-1.36
800-1000	$1.00-1.30
Weight	**Holstein Steers**
200-400	$0.50-0.75
400-600	$0.50-0.70
600-800	$0.50-0.80
800-1000	$0.50-0.70

Slaughter Cows

Top	$0.58-0.66
Good	$0.47-0.57
Low Yielding	$0.37-0.47

Slaughter Bulls

Top	$0.75-0.83
Good	$0.65-0.75
Low Yielding	$0.55-0.65

Prices from latest sales at: Bagley Livestock Exchange, 11/7 and Winger Livestock Exchange, 11/9.

Bankers help Humane Society . . . .



The First National Bank employees donated $500 from their Casual Day fund to the Clearwater County Humane Society. Pictured from left to right are Humane Society leaders Kelly Bellefy Jr., Joy Anderson, Sherri Maruska (First National Bank employee), Kayla Walberg and Sheryl Riggs.

Rotary boosts Santa Day . . . .



The Bagley Rotary Club was looking for a worthy recipient of their treasure, and they decided to open up to the tune of $300 for the Santa Day event held Dec. 7 at the Bagley Elementary School. Early Childhood programs and others host and staff the event. Bagley Rotarian Greg Leintz is shown presenting a $300 check from the Rotary to Corrie Uhilr, representing the Early Childhood programs.

City of Shevlin

SANTA CLAUS DAY!



Saturday, Dec. 14th
12 - 3 p.m.
at the
Shevlin City Hall
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Pulse on People

Kali Benson, from Pinewood, a graduate of Treknorth Junior-Senior High School, will receive a BFA Studio Art degree on Dec. 19 from the Minnesota State University Moorhead..

SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

Talented crafters supply items for the Senior Center Craft Room

The Senior Center is all decorated and ready for the holidays. The Thrift Room in addition to the Craft Room will be open for holiday hours, Thursdays and Fridays open until 6 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays through Dec. 21.

The Christmas meal (menu undisclosed at this time) will be held on Dec. 18.

A lot of talented crafters in our area continue to bring in many beautiful and unique items to sell in the Craft Room. Stop in and check everything out.

DID YOU KNOW? On Nov. 1, 1985 Red Offerdahl sold his ambulance service to Wayne and DeVonna Halseth. The staff at the hospital put on a surprise party in honor of Red for his 19 years of service to the Clearwater County Hospital and the surrounding area.

On Nov. 15, 1985 Jeannie Lee sold the House of Fabrics to Lorraine Brustad. Jeannie has run the House of Fabrics for the past 14 years, and Lorraine has been employed at the store for the last 13 years.

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Search; 2. Invest;
3. Tangle; 4. Chore

VACATION
Today's Word

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.

Season's sing-along

NOTE: TIME CORRECTION - Come and join in the Seasons Sing-along with Jeremy and Keith Davies. We will gather at the Bagley American Legion from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. This is always a joyous time to bring out our voices and enjoy the friendship of past and new acquaintances.

Friday, Dec. 6, a soup and sandwich fundraising event was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley. A long list of soups was available to choose from, along with an amazing choice of sandwiches. Chicken and dumpling soup seemed to be the favorite of most of those attending as was the first soup choice erased from the menu. A bake sale and raffle were also included in the event.

Following the service Sunday, Dec. 8, the Youth Group of Calvary Evangelical Free Church and Sunday School teachers Kathy Anderson and Heide Moore headed the yearly event of making and creating unusual gingerbread houses. A lot of graham crackers get used and the youth were kept busy in the frosting department. All sorts of candy and such made up the trimmings.

This is a good time of showing creative artwork along with the fun time of sharing. A lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes was served.

At 4:30 p.m., the Alida Free Lutheran Church Sunday School Children's Christmas Program was held. Beau, grandson of Sunday School Superintendant Mark Fredrickson, gave the welcome and introduced the play, "Make Room for Him."

All the children from the very young to teen and even several adults had a part in the program. With poetry, song and instrument, Pastor Dale Adams closed with prayer. Candy sacks were distributed to all. A pot luck supper was served following the program. Mark this on your 2020 calendar.

Age

I had it in my hand just a moment ago,
Leaning to retrieve it, "Say, where did it go?"
I move everything that lays on the table,
Don't know if "Old Age" is truth or a fable.
I continue my search, as if turning each page;
But it fell on my lap,
"Hum, can I just blame my age!"

By Marianne VanOort

Bagley Lions support Sanford Health Foundation



David Galloway, Bagley Lions Club treasurer (left), and Cole Young, development officer at Sanford Health Foundation.

The Bagley Lions Club recently made a donation to the Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota in support of its Bagley ambulance services. This kind of support will help our community with the purchase of a new ambulance ensuring our team of medical experts can swiftly reach patients across Clearwater Country when every minute matters.

The Sanford Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the enhancement and expansion of health care services, state-of-the-art technology and facilities to provide health and healing for our region.

Anyone interested in supporting the Foundation may do so by contacting the Sanford Health Foundation at (218) 333-5505. Partnering with the Foundation not only supports new services and technology, but also helps care for individuals within the community.

The Bagley Lions Club sponsors local projects through fundraisers and contributions. The club members are dedicated to serve the community they live in.

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Good Housekeeping

Five-Spice Nut Brittle

Wrap up this delicious brittle to go, and you have the perfect edible gift to hand out this holiday season!

1½	*cups sugar*
3/4	*cup light corn syrup*
1/3	*cup water*
2	*tablespoons margarine or butter*
3/4	*teaspoon five-spice powder*
1/2	*teaspoon baking soda*
1	*cup roasted salted mixed nuts*
1/3	*cup shelled pumpkin seeds, toasted*

1. Lightly grease large cookie sheet.

2. In heavy 2-quart saucepan, heat sugar, corn syrup and water to a full rolling boil on high, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium; set candy thermometer in place and continue cooking, without stirring, until temperature reaches 300 F, or hard-crack stage (when small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water separates into hard and brittle threads), about 20 minutes.

3. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in margarine, five-spice powder, baking soda, nuts and seeds (mixture will foam). Immediately pour onto cookie sheet. With 2 forks, quickly spread into a rectangle about 14-by-12-inches.

4. Cool brittle completely on cookie sheet on wire rack. With hands, break brittle into pieces. Store in tightly covered container up to 1 month. Makes 1 1/2 pounds.

• Each serving: About 130 calories, 5g total fat (1g saturated), 95mg sodium, 21g total carbohydrate, 1g protein.

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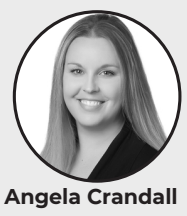
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" How many more days of the boss's _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ do we have left?"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Look — CHEARS
Provide — STEVIN
Snag — GENTAL
Duty — OCHRE

TODAY'S WORD

NEWS BYTES

COUNTRY & COUNTRY GOSPEL MUSIC JAMBOREE Sunday, Dec. 15, 1-4:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. NW in Bagley.

Bagley School Menu

December 16-20

Monday: Taco in a Bag, refried beans, black bean salsa, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday: Hot ham & cheese sub, baked beans, baked Lays, pineapple, and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh veggies with dip, Mandarin oranges, and milk.

Thursday: Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce, WG bread, and milk.

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, and milk.

High School: Choice of above menu **or** pizza line.

Pizza Line Menu

Monday: Cheese Pizza
Tuesday: Sausage Pizza
Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza
Thursday: 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: French 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 pizza, fruit choice, and milk choice.

Friday: Dutch waffle, fruit choice, and milk choice.

Senior Citizen Menu

December 16-20

Monday: Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, mixed vegetables, and rhubarb sauce.

Tuesday: Scalloped potatoes/ham, peas, and tropical fruit.

Wednesday: Christmas Meal

Thursday: Chicken soup, sandwich, pears and cookie.

Friday: Spaghetti, cauiflower, garlic bread, and peaches.

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

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

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

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

Everyone is welcome!

CHILD-SIZED SNOWMEN will be the product of children who come to Bagley Elementary School from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. This event is for families with children ages 0-5. The snowmen will be made with boards cut to your child's height, and that height must be reported at the time of registration so boards can be pre-cut. Dress for mess! You will be working with materials that may not be washable! Call 694-3232 to register.

HISTORY CENTER OPEN THIS WEEKEND, Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10-2 and Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1- 4. This will be the last weekend of the year that the museum will be open, and one of the last times to see the "Women Win the Vote" exhibit as well as several other 2019 exhibits that will close on Dec. 20, and will remain closed until Jan. 6 for the holidays. Appointments can be made to tour the museum during the holidays by calling 785-2000. Regular museum hours are Tuesday- Friday 10- 4 and by appointment.

FRIENDS IN THE KITCHEN will meet on Monday, Dec. 16 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Bagley American Legion. Join us monthly for free sessions and learn how to prepare affordable, nutritious meals. Make new friends, too. Conducted by Angie Ness and Connie Nunemaker. (Note: Usual date is last Wednesday of the month.)

PIANO CONCERT will be given on Monday, Dec. 16 beginning at 4 p.m. by piano students of Anna Larson and Linda Tikkala at Cornerstone Assisted Living, across from Dairyland. The students will present some Christmas music and a surprise or two for the residents and all who would like to come and listen!

CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS: Clearwater County Fair Board conducts a year-long raffle to help raise funds for general purposes and improvements at the fairgrounds.

November Winners of $100 each are Judi Engebretsen of Clearbrook; Linda Gulbranson of Bagley; Schamp Family of Clearbrook; and Bob Larson of Wilton.

ECFE WINTER SESSION - If you know of families that are interested, registration for an 8 week winter session begins on Wednesday, Dec. 11, held on Wednesday mornings 9-11.

Winter open gym-sports – Sundays 1-3 p.m.

Snowman workshop – Dec. 19 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information or to register for class please call Chris at 694-3232.

OPEN GYM: On Sundays, the large Bagley Elementary gym will be open and supervised from 1-3 p.m. for youth during the winter months. New this year: the first Sunday of the month is open to PreK & Elementary students only.

From 1-2 p.m. ages 4-7 are welcome to join an activity, such as basketball, soccer, yoga, obstacle course and more. These activities will take place Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and March 1.

Fee: $1 per time; or a season pass at $3 per person or $10 for a family pass.

Students second grade and under must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Open gym won't be open during holiday weekends or inclement weather.

Budget forecast reveals positive signs for Minnesota's economy

The budget forecast for Minnesota brought about the following reactions:

State Sen. Paul Utke (R-Park Rapids) – On Thursday, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released its annual November budget forecast, showing an estimated budget surplus of $1.332 billion for the 2020-2021 biennium. The forecast, which is updated twice each year, reports on the state's financial health.

Today's surplus announcement is excellent news for the people of Minnesota showing that the Republican leadership and our conservative approach of lowering taxes and slowing down the growth in government spending have paid off in a big way.

Our new surplus is one of the largest the state has ever seen, and the state reserve is not only at its highest amount, but it has also met its "Fully Funded" goal for the first time ever. Both of these details point to the current strength of our state's economy. We should continue to give more economic freedom to Minnesota's middle class, giving you more control, and allowing us to focus on issues that impact you, such as health care and education, without the threat of jeopardizing your bottom line.

In addition, we can look into other ways to help Minnesota families with additional middle-income tax cuts, a further phase-out of the Social Security income tax, and long-term road and bridge enhancements.

In accordance with Minnesota law, the forecasted surplus accounts for an automatic transfer to the state's budget reserve, which is now fully funded at $2.359 billion. The next legislative session is scheduled to convene on Feb. 11, 2020.

State Representative Matt Grossell (R-Clearbrook) -- The large surplus is great news, showing we have a thriving economy in Minnesota but it also means we are taking far too much out of the wallets of Minnesotans. One thing we can do once session begins is to repeal the sick tax, which adds a 1.8% tax to the cost of most medical procedures, to help Minnesotans with the cost of their health care."

Repealing the 1.8 percent provider tax is estimated to cost about $875 million for the remainder of this biennium…. The surplus news should eliminate any talk of tax hikes next year at the Capitol.

It's now clear as day, the tax cuts at the federal level and past cuts by Republican majorities generate growth — we need to take tax hikes off the table, and look at giving as much of this surplus back to taxpayers as possible.

Governor Tim Walz DFL) – This budget forecast is good economic news for Minnesota. And the people of Minnesota have themselves to thank for that. For living here, raising their families here, and contributing to the state's economy.

Minnesota's economy is working because Minnesotans are working.

Minnesota's economy is also working because we have made smart budgeting decisions. We have been disciplined, kept our eye on the long-term, and invested in the things that make our state grow.

Last session, we invested in our children's education. We protected Minnesotans' access to affordable health care. And for the first time in nearly 20 years, we gave more than 1 million middle class Minnesotans a tax rate cut.

Clearly, this responsible approach to budgeting works. We are in a healthy economic position and we must protect it.

We must think toward the future. We must ensure Minnesota is in the best position possible to weather whatever economic uncertainties may come our way. We must budget for the next generation.

That means exercising caution and continuing to protect our fiscal stability.

That means paying back the budget reserve.

That means continuing to drive the economy and protecting our state's infrastructure by passing a robust bonding bill.

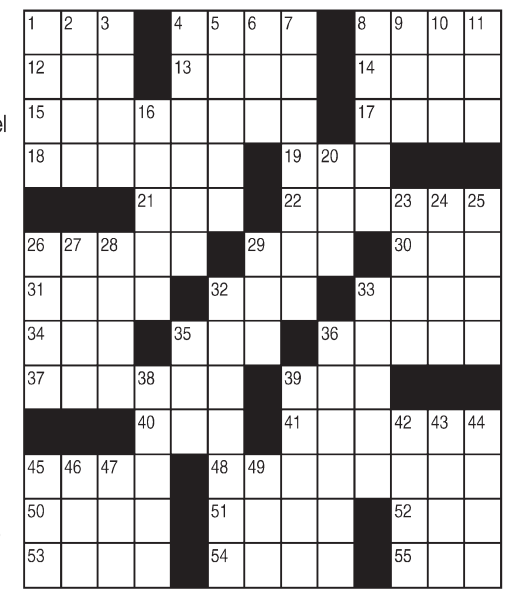
And it means making intentional, strategic investments to ensure we are creating opportunity for all Minnesotans — especially those who feel left behind from the state's strong economy. Whether that's farmers who are struggling to make ends meet, neighbors who don't have a place to sleep at night, or businesses who can't find the workers they need.

Because One Minnesota means *everyone* has the opportunity to thrive.

To do this, as Minnesotans who are heading out on the ice this winter to play hockey know: you don't go to where the puck is, you go to where the puck is going to be.

I look forward to working together with the legislature this session to get there. By working together to provide stability, we can continue to make Minnesota a great place to live and raise kids.

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Chum
4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel
8 Faction
12 Whatever amount
13 Dermatology subject
14 Horn sound
15 Related to summer theater
17 "That hurts!"
18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style
19 Old Olds
21 "— the fields we go"
22 Trite
26 McCartney cohort
29 See 4-Across
30 Praise in verse
31 Doves' place
32 Eviscerate
33 Actress Cannon
34 Commotion
35 Trot
36 Part of a Santa costume
37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie
39 Oppositionist
40 Swelled head
41 Pester
45 Oodles
48 Western hero's trademark
50 Suitor
51 Draftable
52 List-ending abbr.
53 Complain
54 Peruse
55 "Quiet!"

DOWN

1 History
2 Oppositionist
3 Orpheus' instrument
4 Attorney
5 Earth tone
6 Genetic stuff
7 Midwestern city
8 Remained upright
9 Debtor's letters
10 Elmer, to Bugs
11 Biblical verb ending
16 Worship
20 Shade source
23 Georgetown athlete
24 Hebrew month
25 See to
26 "Shoo!"
27 — list
28 On
29 Moonshine container
32 Commence hostilities
33 Thick
35 Binge
36 Went by water
38 Excited
39 Porcelain
42 "I'll have what — having"
43 Wooden strip
44 Leave an impression
45 "The Chew" network
46 Meadow
47 Rowing need
49 Weeding tool

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Puzzle answers on page 5

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
City of Bagley

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES

The Bagley City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the city will provide in 2020.

ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING

All Bagley City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2020 property taxes. The hearing will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
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December 18, 2019

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Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner

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Bagley Community Forum & Support Outreach

Wednesday, December 18 -- 6-9 p.m.

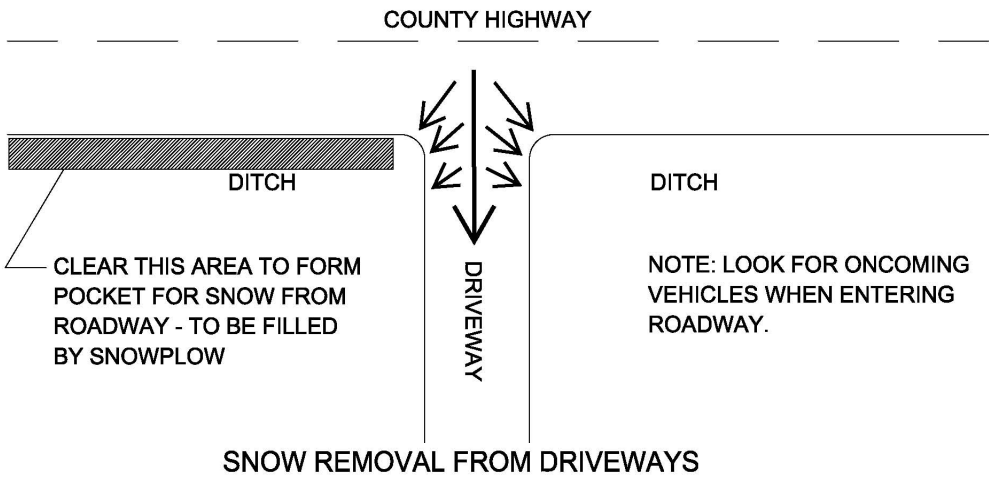
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Legal Process - Jeanine Brand (Tentative)
- MOU between Clearwater County Sheriff's Office & Bagley School District - Sheriff Darin Halverson
- Bagley School Going Forward - community trust, communication and support - Bagley School Superintendent, Dr. Erich Heise
- Resources within the Bagley School - Belinda Schermerhorn
- Grooming & Predatory Crimes - BCA Special Agent Nicholas Riba
- Q & A

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.
Please join us! Everyone is welcome
Co-Facilitators: Misty Bjerklie - Bagley Family Safety Network
Tanya Vold - DOVE Program
Jodie Sunderland - White Earth Tribal Child Advocacy Center

Snow Removal Safety Concern



SNOW REMOVAL FROM DRIVEWAYS

A safety concern was brought to the Clearwater County Highway Department's attention recently; the concern has to do with snow removal from private driveways. Individuals have been removing snow from their driveways by pushing the snow out of the driveway and across the roadway, or leaving windrows and piles of snow on the road. This is causing a serious safety issue by creating a driving hazard. In accordance with MN Statute 160.2715, it is unlawful and considered to be a misdemeanor to push snow across the roadway or deposit snow on the roadway.

Instead of pushing snow across county roads, driveways can be cleaned by pushing the snow into the county ditch on the same side of the road as the driveway. The snow on the left side of the driveway can also be removed to form a "pocket". The majority of the snow from the roadway will go into this "pocket" so as to reduce the amount of snow being redeposited in the driveway from the county snowplow.

If you must enter the roadway to clear snow from the driveway it is very important to remove any and all snow that is carried out onto the roadway. Please don't leave that snow for the snowplow operator. The snowplow may not come back to that area for several days and any snow left on the road will be a hazard. The snow will freeze in the windrows and ridges and is very difficult to remove.

If you have questions or concerns about this issue please contact the Clearwater County Highway Department at (218) 694-6132. Thank you for your help in keeping our roadways safe.

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Drawing for Three $100 prizes on Dec. 2, 9 & 16
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Norgaard benefit/Continued from page 1

Lowell and Betty Philp, Cheryl Grover, Amanda Brustad, Phyllis Baumann and others.

Of special note: Doreen lost many of her wreath-making supplies in the fire, but she is spending this Christmas season making wreaths again for veterans, and has replaced her supplies. She explained, "We will be making 650 Christmas wreaths and five big ones to send to the Pequot Lakes, Breezy Point, and Camp Ripley American Legions. They will be used on veterans' graves. The five big ones are for the crematory at Camp Ripley. We have been doing this for the past 12 years. We use balsam, white pine, and cedar boughs. This activity will keep us (including my daughter Amber) busy.

"Thank you all for your messages of sympathy and support."

Doreen's plans for the future include rebuilding her home sometime in 2020.



Volunteer cooks of the Norgaard pancake breakfast include: Cheryl Grover, Mike Smith, Betty Philp, Lowell Philp, Phyllis Baumann, and Eric Nelson.

Donations illuminate Love Lights

The Love Lights a Tree sign displayed at the Bagley City Park this Christmas season is again offering an opportunity to honor the memory of the dear ones in our lives who have experienced cancer.

Lights glowed brightly this past week, when the following people were remembered:

Molly Muckala Carter from Janet Schafer; also in memory of Greg Olson, Class of '66, and David Tibbetts, Class of '66;

Ron Hanson, Frances Hayes, Irene Loftus and Bette Vaccaro from Bertina Hanson;

Grandson Lynn Melby, who died of spinal cord cancer at three years old in 1988 at a Fargo hospital, son of my daughter Susan; in memory of Fred Rogers of "Mister Roger's Neighborhood" who died of stomach cancer in 2003, from Marianne Van Oort.

For a suggested donation of $5 per name, the name of the donors and those being remembered will be listed in the Farmers Independent and the Leader Record each week until the end of December. Donations should be made to the American Cancer Society and sent to:

Kim LaVine
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One hundred percent of donations will be sent to the American Cancer Society. We have been able to designate our donations specifically to support the Hope Lodge in Rochester to benefit families that need a place to stay during cancer treatment, many of whom are from our local area.

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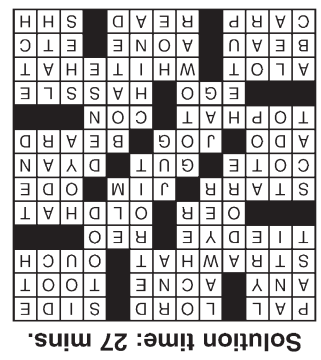
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Pearl Harbor/Continued from page 1



(Front row) Atwater's family -- daughter Janelle with Veteran Bruce Atwater; (back row) Bill, Sarah, Steve, and Suzan (children of Bruce)



Newspaper from Hawaii after the attack

"Dad volunteered for the military (Yeoman First Class with the U.S. Coast Guard) on Oct. 21, 1941.

Boot Camp was at Port Townsend, Wash., in a little town at the tip of Olympic Peninsula right on the confluence of Puget Sound and the straits of Juan De Fuca. Our stay in boot camp lasted only from Oct. 23 to Nov. 21…just long enough to get the immunizations and learn something about military etiquette….We arrived in Pearl on the morning of Dec. 4, 1941. We had to wait for two hours for the submarine nets to open to admit us, and then we proceeded to Sail 19 for docking.

"The work of unloading the ship began immediately, but all we had to do was watch….. Since the receiving ship had no other use for us, they gave us all 48-hour passes…good until Monday morning at 8 A.M. I still have that pass! We were broke but managed to scrape up about six dollars between four of us and off we went on the Navy bus to see Honolulu. It was a fantastic sight. We caught the last bus back to Pearl and hit the sack about 2 A.M…..

"I was just getting engaged in sweeping the floor of the patio when something began to happen. I heard someone yell that it was just a training exercise. I looked up and saw a plane with a huge rising sun painted on the side and yellow spurts of fire coming from its wings. I ran out to the front of the building facing the harbor, Battleship Row now in plain view and watched the disaster unfold. I still carried my broom as if to sweep the enemies out of the skies. Never had I felt so helpless….A couple of the tables on the patio where I was turned over from being hit, so I ran inside the building. … came back out….and watched in helpless rage….

"All hell was breaking loose down there. The Oklahoma was capsizing and turning over. The Maryland was sitting on the bottom and at some point the Arizona blew up. Smoke and flames were coming from everywhere…Small craft were running all over the harbor pulling sailors from the oily and burning waters. About this time, I looked up and saw bombs falling from bombers and wondering where they were going to fall…..When I walked in to the receiving station, I was immediately drafted to go to sick bay to help care for the wounded. Besides the visible wounds, most of the sailors were suffering from shock. The smell of oil permeated the whole area. Trying to scrub that sticky substance from the injured bodies was a difficult task.

"About 9:30 a.m., the Receiving Station was strafed…..At 10 o'clock the all clear was sounded but there was no end to the wounded coming into the sick bay…. We were all called to the armory and issued rifles and cartridges….The fires in the harbor were burning out of control and provided a beacon for any attacking force. I never saw Honolulu lighted up again…..one of the best signs that we were not going to be invaded occurred about Christmas. I was standing watch on our roof when a squadron of planes flew overhead and they had our insignia on them……These planes meant that the Japanese blockade had been broken."

"Looking back," he continued, " I will never forget the events that I've related to you here.

"My two brothers brought me back to Pearl Harbor for the 70th anniversary in 2011. In 2016, our whole family went for the 75th anniversary. In 2021 I hope to go back for the 80th celebration."

Following the remembrance of Pearl Harbor, a large crowd who came to hear about his experiences was treated to goodies and beverages by the staff at Cornerstone. We also had the time to chat with Bruce about his teaching career following his military experiences. A big "Thank You" to the staff for honoring veteran Bruce Atwater.



Relics from Atwater's life with the Coast Guard

Gov. Walz orders flags flown at half-staff in honor of three Guardsmen

In honor and remembrance of the three Minnesota National Guard soldiers who were tragically killed in a helicopter crash near Kimball, Minn., Gov. Tim Walz has ordered all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, beginning Friday, Dec. 6 until Monday, Dec. 9.

The Minnesota National Guard lost contact with the UH-60 Black Hawk around 2:05 pm on Thursday, Dec. 5, after the helicopter took off from St. Cloud on a maintenance test flight. The names of the crew members have not been released, pending family notification.

"On Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, three Minnesota National Guard soldiers were tragically killed in a helicopter crash in Central Minnesota," reads the proclamation from Gov. Walz. "These fine soldiers served with distinction and put others before themselves. The people of Minnesota honor these soldiers for their dedicated service, pray for their loved ones, and recognize their ultimate sacrifice to our state and country."

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ASSORTED
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24 PK - 12 OZ CANS

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GATORADE..... 8 PK-20 OZ BOTTLES 3/$10

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SUGAR SNAP PEAS.. 8 OZ $2.49

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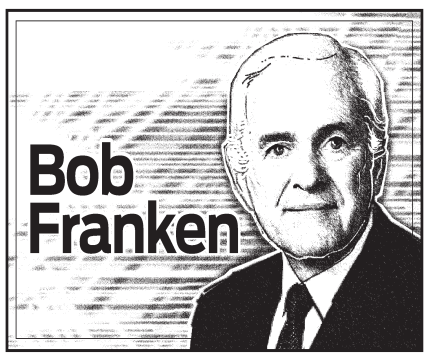
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Bloomberg: The power and pitfalls of money

This will be sacrilege to "Never Trumpers," but Michael Bloomberg and Donald Trump share some similarities. It is true that Bloomberg's charitable foundation actually does good work, while Donald Trump had to pay a $2 million fine for basically using his for self-promotion. And it is true that Bloomberg has financed gun control efforts, while Trump, as president, has groveled before the National Rifle Association.

It is also true that the Donald now calls himself a Republican -- in fact, he's taken over the party -- but he has switched between GOP, Democratic and even Independent in his past. The Michael has a similarly checkered past, running as a Democrat in his current incarnation, but he was mayor of New York City as a Republican.

Bloomberg is filthy rich, worth more than $50 billion, and Donald Trump claims to be, although he refuses to release his tax returns, so we just have to take his word on that, and we know how much his word is worth. Bloomberg also has been stingy about making his tax returns public, but what he has shared is enough for the astute accountants to estimate he could buy Trump's holdings out of petty cash.

It's what they do with their wealth that is the same -- obnoxiously the same. What they do is mishandle what they own. Much has been made of the Trumpster refusing to divest his properties and facing lawsuits charging him with violating the "emoluments clause." The founders believed that a president must avoid profiting from the office, so much so that they made it part of the Constitution. It sure looks like his administration is for sale, to the point that it's surprising he doesn't do TV ads that come with a 1-800 number. What could be worse than that, you ask?

How about a superrich guy who accumulated his massive wealth mainly in the media biz -- most notable publicly are Bloomberg News and Bloomberg Opinion. The boss has decreed that neither will do investigative pieces on him or any other Democratic candidate, nor will they do any unsigned editorials about them. That basically cuts the heart out of any organization that pretends to do journalism, reducing it to what several have called "stenographers," reporting candidate PR releases and doing "he said, she said" news.

Bloomberg's explanation is that it's the only way he could guarantee credibility for his properties. Besides, as he said last year: "I don't want the reporters I'm paying to write a bad story about me. I don't want them to be independent."

Here's how he could save its credibility, and here's where he's also similar to Trump: Both can dispose of their properties or at least place them out of their reach, thereby avoiding the stigma of wealth. Trump wears it proudly, and Bloomberg is spending hundreds of millions of dollars mainly on TV to foist himself on the American public. Of course he's also antagonizing the American public, because no matter where viewers watch, they see the same ad, almost as much as Black Friday commercials. Actually, did Donald Trump let a good merchandising idea pass him by?

Unfortunately, it occurs to so many really, really rich guys that their superwealth means they could be president. They should know that buying an election is not the American way. Is it?

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Stories I didn't get

I've had kind of a backwards career in journalism, all my great coups were stories I got while I was still an amateur.

I once interviewed the widow of murdered Belarusian dissident Anatoly Karpenko in Minsk, and covered the election that brought down Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic from the streets of Belgrade.

These produced hard-hitting stories that I sold for beer money or just flat gave away to "journals of much passion and small circulation," in Prince Kropotkin's fortunate phrase.

After a while even I could see this was stupid, so I packed up my little family and went back to school in Oklahoma to study journalism on a graduate fellowship and turn pro.

Since then I've worked for small rural newspapers in flyover country. Which provided the title of my Kindle ebook "The View from Flyover Country" – shameless plug.

You might think this would leave me bored and restless. Nothing of the kind!

Call it sour grapes if you will, but local newspapers are where real solid journalism is done. By poorly paid but honest and conscientious men and women.

But like any journalist, I keep my eye out for a story that might get me noticed beyond our little communities, I'm only human.

In particular, I've been trying for years to get an interview with any young woman working in certain vice and confidence games.

Confidence games; women who prey on lonely old guys.

It starts on a dating site, or sometimes an email appeal out of the blue: A young lady – or alleged young lady, will express an interest in you with a declaration that for her, "age is just a number."

The stories are always similar enough that there appears to be a script. Often orphaned, just out of an abusive relationship, hints of a fortune they have been cheated out of but any day, etc.

Oh, and they're going abroad for business or school.

Then, "Omigod I just got robbed and I'm in Lagos, Nigeria, and can you please send me some money to get home. I'll pay you back, I swear!"

It seems odd that a con artist would even breathe the word "Nigeria," given how famous for con games it is, but experts say that's how they avoid wasting time with people who are onto them.

What I like to do is string them along, then when the appeal for money comes, I tell them I've been onto them from the beginning – but that I'd like an interview. I offer to pay for their time and guarantee anonymity, but so far no takers.

Steve Browne
Independent Writer
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Vice: this involves a straight up pitch for online porn/chat. I've never patronized such in case you wondered, but I got a lead I've tried to follow up.

I found out the girls selling online porn/chat were recent college graduates who'd previously been working as waitresses. (Very few people realize how much of your life is an open book in the Internet Age.)

My theory is that young girls graduate college with heavy debt loads and no job prospects, an all too common story these days.

Somehow they get recruited into online porn. It's not exactly prostitution, there is no physical contact with customers. It's possibly not even illegal.

But it's degrading. I want to know how it happens, who's profiting and how they recruit. Or is it just an idea that gets passed around?

Again, I guarantee anonymity and offer to pay for their time -- but no takers. I can hardly blame them.

Bits & Pieces

Compiled by Tom Burford, editor

Barr's speech on religious war; 'the greatest gift'

Columnist Dr. Glenn Mollette wrote about the stress we put upon ourselves and our household budgets at Christmas. He had a few comments to help adjust our behavior. To wit:

Think about ways to give that you can afford or that might be more meaningful.

How about make lunch or share your evening meal with someone? Offer babysitting for a night as a gift. Write a letter of recommendation for an unemployed friend. Write someone a note and let them know what they have meant to you over the years. Offer an hour or even an evening of your time to a friend or family member to chat over a snack. Relieve a relative who spends hours and days at the nursing home. Go and take their place for a day to help out. You might be thinking, "I'd rather just send or give them a gift." Exactly, because time is our most precious gift and asset.

One of my best friends died not too long ago. He had a lot of money. He said, "Glenn, the only thing I want is just one more day." As we face this life and look at all our stuff, how much does it really mean to us in comparison to our time and relationships, love, friendship and the ability to enjoy life?

Keep in mind Christmas is about someone -- Jesus. He gave us his time, his life, and what he did and became for all humanity continues to be the greatest gift.

Attorney General William Barr presented a speech on Oct. 11 to students at Notre Dame University. His speech was focused on the religion and the persistent campaign of progressives to undermine and destroy it. A few excerpts of his speech follow:

Today, I would like to share some thoughts with you about religious liberty in America. It's an important priority in this Administration and for this Department of Justice.

From the Founding Era onward, there was strong consensus about the centrality of religious liberty in the United States.

The imperative of protecting religious freedom was not just a nod in the direction of piety. It reflects the Framers' belief that religion was indispensable to sustaining our free system of government.

These practical statesmen understood that individuals, while having the potential for great good, also had the capacity for great evil.

Men are subject to powerful passions and appetites, and, if unrestrained, are capable of ruthlessly riding roughshod over their neighbors and the community at large.

No society can exist without some means for restraining individual rapacity.

But, if you rely on the coercive power of government to impose restraints, this will inevitably lead to a government that is too controlling, and you will end up with no liberty, just tyranny.

How does religion promote the moral discipline and virtue needed to support free government?

First, it gives us the right rules to live by. The Founding generation were Christians. They believed that the Judeo-Christian moral system corresponds to the true nature of man. Those moral precepts start with the two great commandments – to Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind; and to Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself.

But they also include the guidance of natural law – a real, transcendent moral order which flows from God's eternal law – the divine wisdom by which the whole of creation is ordered. The eternal law is impressed upon, and reflected in, all created things.

From the nature of things we can, through reason, experience, discern standards of right and wrong that exist independent of human will.

By the same token, violations of these moral laws have bad, real-world consequences for man and society. We may not pay the price immediately, but over time the harm is real.

Religion helps promote moral discipline within society. Because man is fallen, we don't automatically conform ourselves to moral rules even when we know they are good for us.

But religion helps teach, train, and habituate people to want what is good. It does not do this primarily by formal laws – that is, through coercion. It does this through moral education and by informing society's informal rules – its customs and traditions which reflect the wisdom and experience of the ages.

In other words, religion helps frame moral culture within society that instills and reinforces moral discipline.

I think we all recognize that over the past 50 years religion has been under increasing attack.

By any honest assessment, the consequences of this moral upheaval have been grim.

Virtually every measure of social pathology continues to gain ground.

Along with the wreckage of the family, we are seeing record levels of depression and mental illness, dispirited young people, soaring suicide rates, increasing numbers of angry and alienated young males, an increase in senseless violence, and a deadly drug epidemic.

I will not dwell on all the bitter results of the new secular age. Suffice it to say that the campaign to destroy the traditional moral order has brought with it immense suffering, wreckage, and misery. And yet, the forces of secularism, ignoring these tragic results, press on with even greater militancy.

Today – in the face of all the increasing pathologies – instead of addressing the underlying cause, we have the State in the role of alleviator of bad consequences. We call on the State to mitigate the social costs of personal misconduct and irresponsibility.

So the reaction to growing illegitimacy is not sexual responsibility, but abortion.

The reaction to drug addiction is safe injection sites.

The solution to the breakdown of the family is for the State to set itself up as the ersatz husband for single mothers and the ersatz father to their children.

The call comes for more and more social programs to deal with the wreckage. While we think we are solving problems, we are underwriting them.

We must be vigilant to resist efforts by the forces of secularization to drive religious viewpoints from the public square and to impinge upon the free exercise of our faith.

I can assure you that, as long as I am Attorney General, the Department of Justice will be at the forefront of this effort, ready to fight for the most cherished of our liberties: the freedom to live according to our faith.

How do we keep our democracy healthy?

By Lee H. Hamilton

Representative democracy is based on a simple premise. It's that ordinary citizens can judge complex public policy and political issues — or at least grasp them well enough to decide who should be dealing with them.

But the significance of that premise isn't simple at all. It means that our country's future depends on the quality of democratic participation by its citizens. So, in an era when our democracy appears to be under great stress, what must we do to keep it healthy? Here are some steps I think we need to take.

First, we have to protect our elections. It's clear that malign actors want to hack them or at least influence them. In the past we tended to assume that our elections were fair and accurate, but we can't take that for granted any more. This also means ensuring the independence of the judicial branch, which is critical to protecting the integrity of elections, and of the media and sources of fair, unbiased information.

Second, we need to expand our democracy in appropriate ways and fight efforts to restrict the vote. Plenty of politicians want to handicap or exclude voters they don't like, and this sort of manipulation of our system is as big a threat to its integrity as outsiders' attempts to hack it.

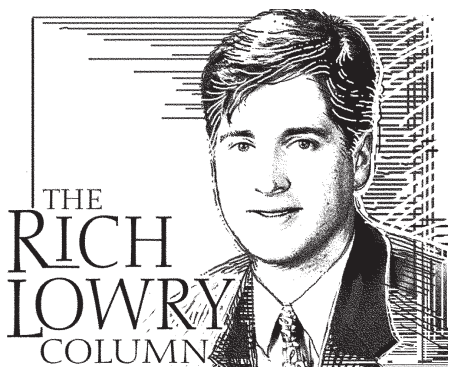
Third, keeping money's role in elections within bounds is crucial. Money will always have a place in elections, but we need to keep it from disproportionately affecting voting outcomes.

Organizations that urge their members to vote play an important role, too. They're "special interests," of course, but that's what it means to live in a pluralistic society. The more different groups are active, the more diversity you get in office and the better the representation for the entire population.

Individual participation also matters, which is why civic education is vital. We need always to be mindful about how we teach and encourage people to participate — through efforts to educate and register voters, citizen-led advocacy, and the like.

When Lincoln wondered at Gettysburg whether a "nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure," it wasn't just a rhetorical question. It's an undecided one, and each generation has to answer it. Just because we've come through the challenges of days past doesn't mean we're destined to now. We need to pay attention and do our part to keep our democracy healthy.

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Our faltering social vitality

The economy is in robust good health, but our social fabric isn't.

By two basic measures of social vitality, births and deaths, American society is faltering. Both the fertility rate and life expectancy are declining, in a sign that people feel less secure and, in some cases, have no hope at all.

We are attuned to headline-grabbing economic statistics -- GDP growth, the unemployment rate, wages -- as monthly and quarterly metrics of American well-being, but they aren't as telling as these more fundamental indicators.

To put it bluntly, contemporary America is characterized by less pro-creation and more self-destruction. This suggests something is profoundly wrong with the state of the union, although it doesn't receive the attention and the debate it deserves.

The fertility rate in 2018 dropped for the fourth straight year. It has hit a record low, and has fallen 15% since 2007. With the recovery after the Great Recession, the rate bumped up a little in 2014 before receding again.

Part of the story is a steep drop over the years in teenage pregnancy, a welcome and long-sought development. Women in their 20s have also been having fewer children, though. The trend is toward women delaying having children and having fewer of them.

As demographer Lyman Stone notes, the survey data tends to show that women still want kids, in fact perhaps more children than before. But later-in-life childbearing is inherently more difficult, and student debt, high housing costs and intense parental investment in children make having kids more burdensome (or at least feel that way).

While we now have fewer births, the death rate is increasing. A new study published in JAMA notes that after stalling out in 2010, life expectancy in the country has been declining since 2014, down from 78.9 years to 78.6 in 2017.

The U.S. has been losing ground to other countries in life expectancy since the 1980s. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, it now has the lowest life expectancy among comparable advanced nations.

The decline isn't hitting older Americans, who are still making improvements, but is cutting down people in the prime of their life, ages 25-64. "The odds," Lyman Stone writes, "that a 32-year-old will die in a given year rose by almost 25% between 2012-14 and 2015-17. American adulthood has suddenly become more lethal than it has been in decades."

Drug overdoses are a major driver (midlife mortality from drug overdoses has increased almost 400% over the past 20 years), with liver disease and suicide also contributing.

In 2017, an astonishing 150,000 Americans died from drug or alcohol abuse and suicide, more than U.S. combat deaths in World War I, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined. Evidence suggests that the increased mortality is concentrated among persons with lower levels of educations and income.

If we can get a handle on the opioid crisis, it will make an enormous difference, but the trends in life expectancy and fertility ought to occasion soul-searching. How is it that a society as technologically advanced and affluent as ours can't provide a more inviting environment for childbearing or the supports to keep people from doing themselves grievous harm?

Even if there are no ready policy answers, the question must be asked.

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Bagley Dance teams take home trophies and prepare for their annual home show

The Bagley Dance teams were busy last weekend competing in both Frazee and Detroit Lakes. Friday night they traveled to Frazee to debut their kick dances at the Heart O' Lakes Conference Meet.

The JV team competed against three other teams and took home first place honors with their Gladiator dance. The Varsity team competed against six other teams and took home third place honors with their USA dance.

Saturday, the teams were on the road early to compete in both Jazz and Kick at the Detroit Lakes Invitational. In the JV Jazz division, the girls competed with five other teams and six teams in the kick division. Debuting their Jazz dance, "I Lived Red," they did not place, but took home the second place trophy in Kick.

The Varsity team debuted their "Karaoke Night" Jazz routine and placed fifth of the six teams in that division. They were able to snag third place honors in the Kick division, placing in front of their section rivals Aitken and Crosby Ironton.

The girls will be busy this week preparing for the Frazee Invitational Friday night and their home show Saturday.

The home show starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, with dance teams from Bagley High School and Blackduck. Dancers from Raise the Barr Studio, Bemidji First City Dance Studio and Just For Kix will also be there. Let's not forget the boys who are busy preparing their "Footloose" routine and the dads are sure to wow you with their Christmas rendition of "The Grinch"! We hope to see you all there for this entertaining event!



Meet the Varsity: (from left, front) Lilly Jesness, Hallie Lindgren, Sarah Pullins, Demi Keough, Brigg Abraham, Sophia Jesness, Ellie Bonik; (middle row) Maci Binder, Kia Nelson, Izabell Gerbracht, Macy Strandlien, Ali Netland, Aleah Nelson; (back row) Tiffany Gerbracht, Tessa Tramm, Taylor Pearce, Brooke Haman, Cori Bonik.



Meet the JV team: (front row from left: Alesha Teige, Haylie Anderson, Sadie Larson, Navaeh Rose, Brooke Erickson, Abbi Christenson, Isabelle Torgerson; (back row) Coach Savannah Conger, Hayden Camp, Maddie Hamel, Gabby Jesness, Kara Maruska, Lia Gerbracht, Caitlyn LaVine, Mary Anderson, Amelia Beltz, Madisyn Bennett, Jazzy Harwood, Kensie LaCroix, Kaydence Jorgenson.

Flyers open season with 77-60 win

The Bagley Flyers boys basketball team caught fire offensively and played much better second-half defense to pull away from Crookston last week in the season opener.

The first half was close to even, with Bagley leading 39-35 at the break. The flyers outgunned the Pirates 38-25 in the second half and went on to win 77-60 and go to 1-0 on the new season.

"We were the quicker team in the second half and that showed, with the Flyers beating Crookston to the loose balls and attacking the basket most of the half. We also knocked down the open shots if there was a kick out," noted Coach Darin Carstens.

The Flyers have a busy week at home hosting LPA, Clearbrook-Gonvick, and conference favorite Ada Borup West.

Scoring for the Flyers went as follows: Alec Norum 24, Cole Derby 20, Kenly Gordon 11, Zachary Anderson 9, Justus Brtek 8, Jaxsyn Lewis 3, and Myzel Bellefeuille 2.

Slow start for the Lady Flyers

By Coach Brett Nordquist

The Flyers had to forfeit their first two games of the season this year as seven of the nine girls in the varsity rotation were hurt or not available. Those games were on Nov. 22 and 26. Games were scheduled to be at Fosston and East Grand Forks.

The girls did play in their third scheduled game of the year on Dec. 6. They fell short to Red Lake Falls 75-38. Kathryn Agnew led the team in scoring with 12 points. Hillary Maruska added 9, Shelbie Hanson had 7, Kyra Frank 3, Sadie Spaulding 3, and Kelby Fultz as well as Adrienne Leferriere both added 2.

The Flyers are now 0-3. They have a busy week coming up. They were at home with Lake Park-Audubon on Tuesday, play at Roseau Thursday, and home again Friday against Ada-Borup (NCW).

The Flyers were able to play one JV half vs. Red Lake Falls. They fell short 25-17. The Flyers JV squad consists of Amanda Huschle, Zowie Willette, Julia Estey, Isabella Warmbold, Peyton Proulx, Adrienne Laferriere and Hilliary Maruska.

The girls are showing a lot of improvement. They have endured a number of injuries to start the year. They continue to work very hard in practice and have had very positive attitudes so far.

Amanda Huschle was named Bagley Girls Basketball Player of the Week for Dec. 2-6.

Ole looks for a job

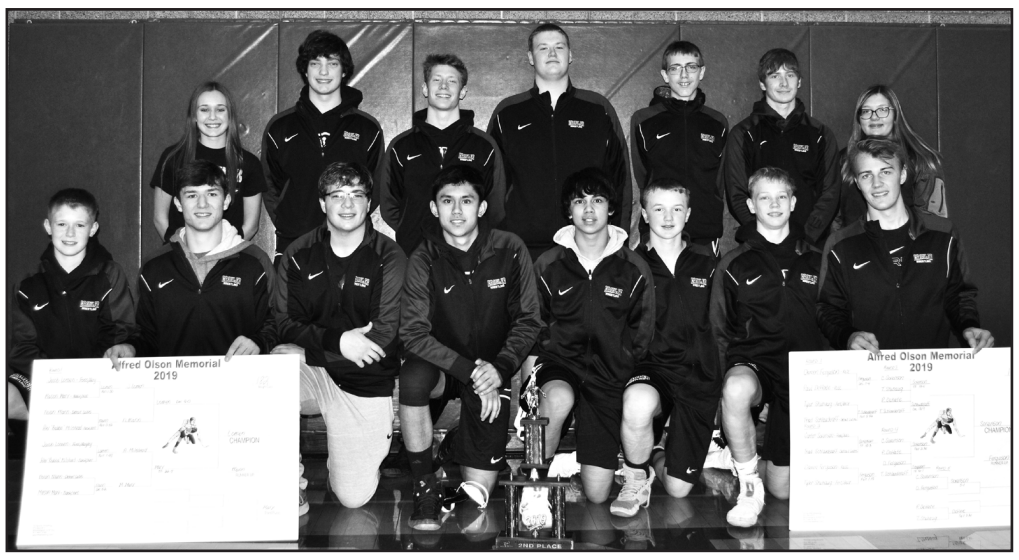
Ole was interviewing for a sales job. The manager talking to him suddenly handed Ole his laptop computer and said, "I want you to try to sell this to me."

Ole immediately stood up, put the laptop under his arm and went home. It wasn't long before the manager called and he was angry.

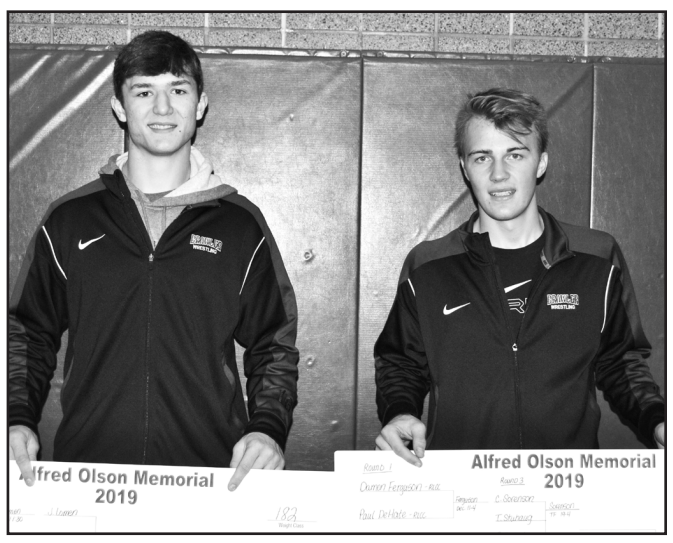
"What do you think you're doing? Bring that laptop right back here!" he said.

Ole replied, "Vell, yew give me $500 and yew can have it!"

Two claim titles at Olson tourney



Brawler wrestlers Jacob Lomen (182 lbs.) and Carter Sorenson (160 lbs.) took home titles at the Alfred Olson Memorial Tournament this past weekend in Fosston. Other place winners for the Brawlers included: Keegan Senger 2nd at 120 lbs, Axel Munter 2nd at HWT, Tegan Larson 3rd at 138 lbs, Henry Burrack 3rd at 170 lbs, Jayce Thompson 3rd at 152 lbs, Aiden Wolfe 4th at 106 lbs, Mason Erickson 4th at 132 lbs, Kaden Sanford 4th at 145 lbs, Zach Thompson 5th at 126 lbs, Dane Schoenborn 5th at 170 lbs, Evan Chalich 5th at 195 lbs, and Tristan McCoy 5th at 220 lbs. Congratulations, Brawlers!



The Brawlers took home second place as a team as they hosted the Alfred Olson Memorial Tournament this past weekend. Pictured is the team with their trophy. This week the Brawlers travel to Fertile for a dual on Tuesday and to Grand Forks for the Sertoma Team Dual Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

Bagley High School Sports Schedule

Bagley/Fosston Boys Hockey
Saturday, December 14
Prairie Centre 3pm
Friday, December 20
Kittson County Central 6pm
Boys Basketball
Thursday, December 12 Clearbrook-Gonvick 6p/7:30pm
Friday, December 13 Ada-Borup West (DH w/GBB) 6p/4:30p/7:30pm
Monday, December 16 @ Fosston 5p/6p/7:30pm
Thursday, December 19 Climax-Fisher (DH w/GBB) p/4:30p/7:30pm
Friday, December 20 @ Thief River Falls 6p/6p/7:30pm
Girls Basketball
Thursday, December 12 @ Roseau 6p/7:30pm
Friday, December 13 Ada-Borup West (DH w/BBB) 4:30p/6pm
Thursday, December 19 Climax-Fisher (DH w/BBB) 4:30p/6pm
Friday, December 20 @ Park Rapids 4:30p/6pm
Junior High Boys Basketball
Thursday, December 12 @ Crookston 4:30p/5:30p
Monday, December 16
Junior High Girls Basketball
Friday, December 13 @ RLCC (Oklee) 4:30p/5:30p
Monday, December 16 @ Crookston 4:30p/5:30p
Friday, December 20 @ Fertile-Beltrami 4:30p/5:30p
Fosston 4:30p/5:30p

Fosston/Bagley Wrestling
Friday and Sat., Dec. 13-14, Tournament at Grand Forks Central TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 17 Dual vs. United North Central at Fosston 6:30 p.m.
Friday and Sat. Dec. 20 and 21 Tournament at Cass Lake'Bena 11 a.m.

Cheer on the Flyers!







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Snowmobile lost for half a century reemerges!

By Mitch Magnusson
December 2016

Exactly 50 years ago to this very day, Friday, Dec. 9, 1966, my father took me from our farm home outside of Roseau Minn., up to the Canadian border crossing to watch two men come through on snowmobiles. At about 9:15 p.m. the pair pulled into the port. They were met by local snowcat riders and carloads of excited well-wishers of whom I was the latter. I am the boy on the right (in the photo) with the headband.

I had never seen this photo until a couple weeks ago while researching this story at the Roseau museum.

The sleds were lent to them and built just for them by the Polaris factory in Roseau. They were fitted with specially modified equipment to comply for road travel when there was no snow. They had wheel/ski kits, turn signals, headlights, tail lights, windshield wipers, a horn, seat belts and a Minnesota State regular car license plate that would allow them to travel on highways in any state or province. I had a good long look at those sleds while the drivers were off getting the keys to the city from the mayor and visiting with the crowd.

Move ahead 50 years later to November of 2016. A mile down the road from my home I purchased acreage that belonged to the family of Donny and Marlene Kveen, who have since passed. Donny had been the Polaris dealer in Roseau some years back. I had actually worked for him there at the K&S Sports Center when I was in high school.

I was on my new property doing some clearing and cleaning of old stuff from the woods, including some old Polaris test chassis. The skid loader easily scooped them up for the trailer to haul them home. I have a small collection of old snowmobiles that I keep running and take to shows on occasion, but these new finds were headed to my graveyard of old sleds that are used for parts.

The sleds were sitting on the trailer under the yard light that night. As I walked by several times my eye kept going to that one "odd "sled -- A 67 Colt chassis. It had two big tail lights on it.

"Look at these lights," I said to my girlfriend who was visiting for the weekend. "These are not lights that some farmer welded on here. This bracket was rolled and formed to fit perfectly," I said.

Slowly a memory came back of the sleds at the border. I told her about that night with my dad and the men doing the sled trip across the country. Those sleds had tail lights just like this…. and license plates…..they had license plates! Two tabs stuck up in the air between the tail lights.

"Looks like a license plate would fit right in those tabs," she said, begging me to grab an old plate to see if it fit.

It did! Could this be one of "THOSE" sleds? Perhaps. Still not sure, though. There were also other things on this chassis that a normal '67 Colt did not have. A battery box bracket and dual drivers. There was definitely something different about this sled. We visited some more about the story and looked it up in a vintage snowmobile book I had. We reviewed all of the things that were done to the sleds to make them roadworthy.

The next morning she took the dogs out while I was cooking breakfast. A few minutes later she came running in....."Mitch! Mitch! Come out here!"

"Can't I have my breakfast first?" I said. "No! Come out here right now!" she insisted as she drug me over to the trailer with the sleds. Pointing to a bracket on the rear of the seat riser she said "Look! Look!"…… It was a seatbelt bracket. This *was* one of the two sleds!

The two men mentioned above were Jim Langley and Clark Dahlin. Fifty years ago they set out on a cross country run trying to set a record snowmobiling coast to coast. Starting in Vancouver, British Columbia after backing the back ends of their sleds into the Pacific Ocean, they were east bound to dip their skis in the Atlantic Ocean in Portland, Maine. They traveled over 4,000 miles in 24 days. They were on two 1967 Polaris Colts that were loaned to them from Polaris for the trip. After the trip was completed, the sleds were returned to Polaris.

No one is sure what happened to the sleds after that, but somehow one chassis ended up in Donny Kveen's woods. The chassis was on a sand ridge, and although covered with oak wilt, is structurally very sound but missing many parts, including the unique hood. Both of the hoods were signed by many governors, magistrates and dignitaries and have license plates on the front. One of the hoods was on display for a time at The Great North Trading Post in Blaine, Minn., which was a sporting goods store that helped sponsor the trip.

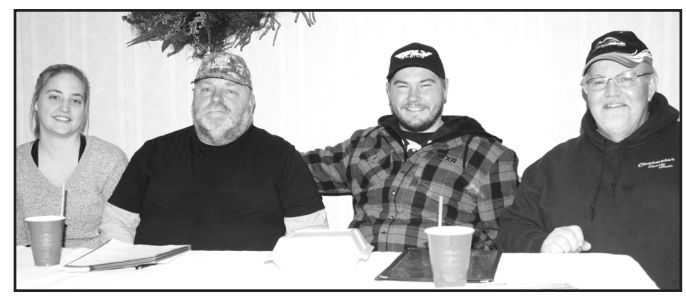
Fifty years after this historical trip was successfully completed, the sled that was saved in the woods by a snowcat enthusiast found its way to someone who remembered and recognized it for what it was. And whether it was destiny or dumb luck, another piece of snowmobile history has survived.



Monica Dohmen of Baudette spoke about the amazing rescue and restoration of a vintage snowmobile by her friend Mitch Magnusson of Roseau.



Winners of the People's Choice trophies include 3rd place winner: Steve Schmidt with his 1974 Arctic Cat Sno Pro; 2nd place winner Ron Peterson with his 1975 Arctic Cat Z; and 1st place winner Duane Kaiser with his 1971 Puma.



Katie Bergquist, Ernie Braaten, Kyle Grover and Randy Sims assisted with the registration and parking of the vintage snowmobiles.



Karder Thomas, age 7, of Frazee, was honored for his original snowmobile in the Youth 1975-1979 division.



Lee Peterson of Bagley was in charge of the vintage snowmobile show.

Snowmobile show brings in rare power sleds

Approximately 70 snowmobiles of varying ages were entered into the annual Clearwater Classic Sleds snowmobile show on Saturday, Dec. 7. Snowmobile enthusiasts and collectors came from near and far to display their special machines at Fireside Grill and Patio, Bagley.

The weather was mild, making for a good day to wander about the parking lot and admire these machines. From the oldest Arctic Cat with a one-cylinder motor mounted behind the driver's seat, to souped-up racers, there were snowmobiles to bring a viewer back in time.

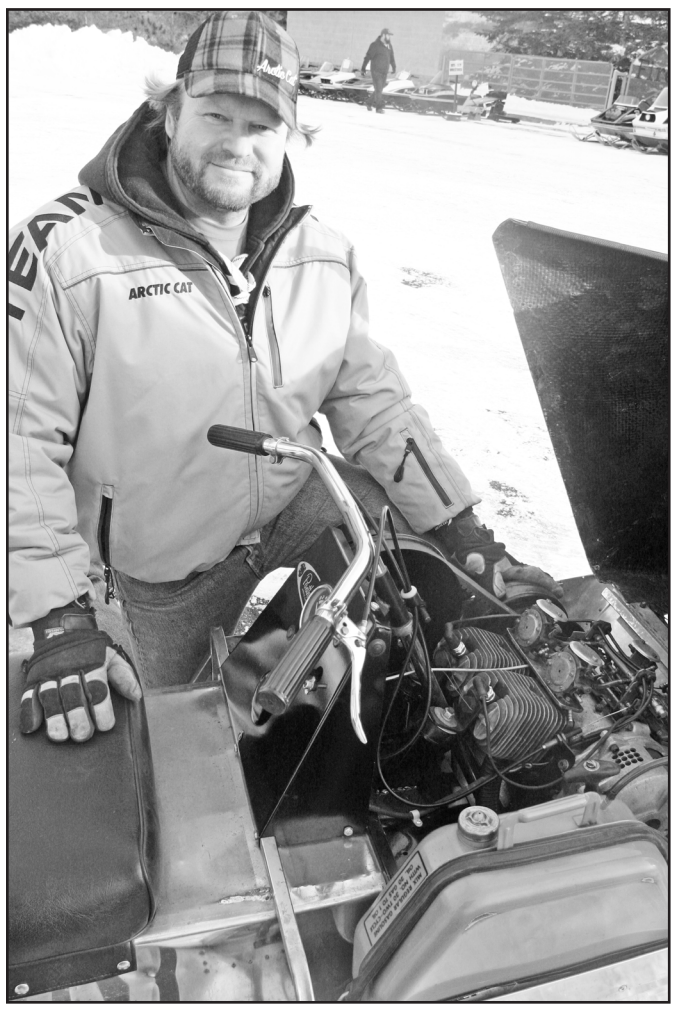
Show organizer Lee Peterson said, "We had a good turnout with a lot of snowmobiles. We had sleds in all but two of our classes. We've had to increase the number of classes since we started this adventure."

Two very rare snowmobiles were part of the show.

One was a 1966 Polaris Colt that traveled from coast to coast (see separate article).

The other was a 1967 Arctic Cat Panther Drone. According to Wyatt Anderson of Goodridge, owner of this model, only six Panthers were made with such a motor. He told how it was built by Arctic Cat workers Ken Beito, Roger Skime and Tubby Lund. The Hirth engine was from a drone airplane that was used to help train fighter pilots. This particular machine, he noted, was raced by Arctic Cat for two years.

Anderson said he located two other Arctic Cat Panther Drones, but their owners were not letting them go. He told of trading a few of his prized snowmobiles to obtain his Drone.



Wyatt Anderson of Goodridge with his 1967 Arctic Cat Panther Drone. This snowmobile was equipped with an airplane drone 4-cylinder engine and is only one of six such Panther Drones made.

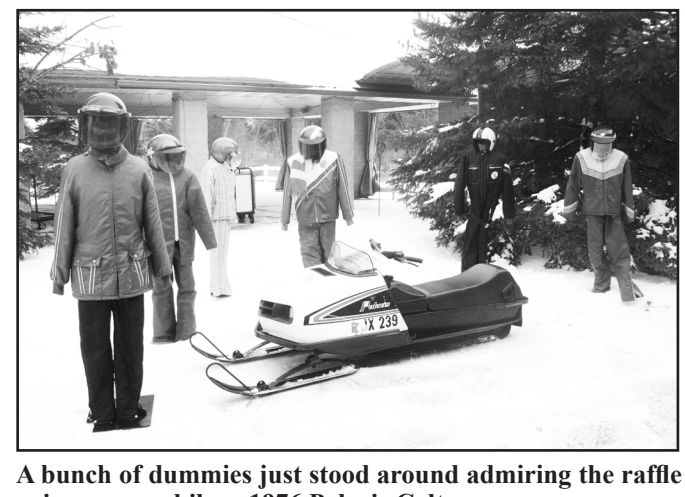
Lifting the hood on his machine, he let visitors look at an unassuming, small four-cylinder engine. However small it is, the motor has great compression and is built so two people can start it by pulling simultaneously on ropes on both sides of the motor.

When the judging at the show was all said and done, this list of winners was compiled (in order of place):

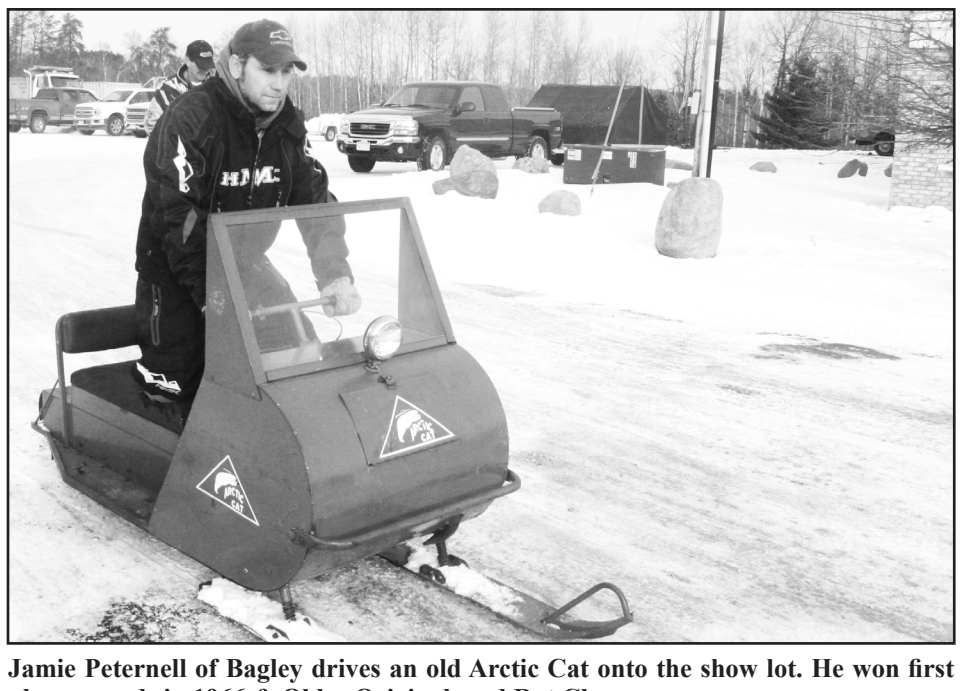
Custom class
1973 Arctic Cat 440 EXT, Joe Koch, Detroit Lakes
1971 Arctic Cat EXT Special 800, Duane Kaiser, Bemidji
Rat class
1976 Polaris TX 500, Jamie Peternell, Bagley
1966 & Older Original
1966 Arctic Cat 1,000, Jamie Peternell, Bagley
1966 Arctic Cat 4600, Wyatt Anderson, Goodridge
1966 & Older Restored
1965 Ski-Doo Chalet, Steve Schmidt, Verndale
1965 Polaris Prototype, Mitch Magnusson, Roseau
1967-1969 Original
1969 Arctic Cat Panther 303, Brian Seppala, Chisholm
1969 Mercury 220E, Tim Knapp, Bemidji
1986-1996 Original
1993 Arctic Cat EXT-Z, Scott Peterson, Thompson, N.D.
1996 Yamaha Phazer, Daryl Olson, Warren
1986-1996 Restored
1996 Polaris Trail Indy, Craig Strandline, Shevlin
1994 Polaris Indy Sport, Craig Strandlien
Youth Class
1970 Polaris Playmate, Mitch Magnusson, Roseau
1965 Polaris Lil-Andy, Monica Dohmen, Baudette
Cutter class
1978 Ski-Doo CarryBoose, John Kubat, Ponsford
1970 Arctic Cat Kutter, Lyle Peterson, Rice
Race Retired
1967 Arctic Cat Drone 600, Wyatt Anderson, Goodridge
1972 Arctic Cat 340 EXT, Phil Klopp, Argyle
Race Current
1974 Arctic Cat Snowpro 440, Steve Schmidt, Verndale
1981 Polaris TXL, Randy Sims, Gonvick
1970-1974 Original
1971 Ski-Roule Rt. 500, Mark Olson, Devils Lake, N.D.
1972 Speedway Blue Max, Darren Erickson, Cross Lake
1970-1974 Restored
1970 Arctic Cat Puma 340 Mod, Phil Kloppe, Argyle
1973 Chaparral SSIII, Steve Schmidt, Verndale
1975-1979 Original
1975 Suzuki 440 Fury, Steve Schmidt, Verndale
1975 Arctic Cat Jag 3000, Karder Thomas, Frazee
1976-1979 Restored
1976 Arctic Cat Z440, Phil Kloppe, Argyle
1975 Arctic Cat Z340, Ron Peterson, Walker
1980-1985 Unrestored
1984 Arctic Cat Panther, Russ Landrus, Thief River Falls
1981 Yamaha Enticer, Cody Lafayette, Wahpeton, N.D.
People's Choice
1971 Arctic Cat Puma 634, Duane Kaiser, Bemidji
1975 Arctic Cat z340, Ron Peterson, Walker
1974 Arctic Cat SnowPro 440, Steve Schmidt, Verndale
Raffle drawing winners
John Kubat, Ponsford, 1976 Polaris Colt
Chad Dyrdahl, Bagley, $100 cash and $50 cash
Bruce Sieling, Audubon, Fireside gift certificate



Greg Rosenberg of Wilton brought his 1971 Polaris Charger to the show.



A bunch of dummies just stood around admiring the raffle prize snowmobile, a 1976 Polaris Colt.



Jamie Peternell of Bagley drives an old Arctic Cat onto the show lot. He won first place awards in 1966 & Older Original, and Rat Class.

The Farmers Independent Makes a Great Gift for Christmas!

Christmas Day dinner to celebrate 20th anniversary

By Gladys Luecken

The history of the community dinner dates back to the year 2000 when a group of concerned citizens approached the Bagley Ministerium with the idea to host a dinner on Christmas Day to enable everyone to participate in a meal if they wished. Two of the charter members, Norris and Lila Strandlien, continue to be a very active part of this celebration.

The idea, as I understand, was that the host site would rotate with most churches, with volunteers from all churches coming together to make this special meal possible.

Once the menu was decided upon, a list of food items was compiled and lists sent to each church to bring the items needed to have a well-balanced meal.

As time has evolved and church attendance has declined, members aging, some things have taken a little different turn.

Even though some things have changed, the mission remains the same: to provide a holiday meal for the community, either dining and socializing in-house or having the opportunity to have a meal delivered to the homebound or perhaps even picking the meal up.

Some have the misconception that you need to be alone or homeless to participate in the meal. That is far from the truth. We encourage all who want to join in this holiday meal to come. It is okay if you meet the above criteria, but we welcome couples and families to enjoy the meal with your neighbor or perhaps meet someone new.

For a variety of reasons, the host site has always been Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley. It is a great central location and we still receive volunteer help from other churches. Faith Lutheran Church welcomes the opportunity to open their doors to all.

One change is that we now solicit financial donations from churches, banks, civic organizations and individuals to cover the cost of the meal. This allows the committee to purchase all food items needed and prepare them at the church.

Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, meal preparation, meal deliveries, serving the meal and clean-up, as this is a huge undertaking and takes many willing hands. Anyone wanting to volunteer can call Faith Lutheran Church at 218-694-2631 or Gladys Luecken at 218-694-2432 to indicate the day or days you can help.

Speaking of deliveries, we have historically delivered about 100 meals within a 7-mile radius of Bagley to the homebound and most recently have added delivery to those that are working that day at such places as the hospital, jail and convenience stores. Those dining at the church number between 150 and 200.

This being the 20th anniversary, we are doing something special in that everyone will go home with a holiday treat bag with that big red apple and other goodies (no ribbon candy). Many remember coming to town to see Santa arrive on his sleigh where the elementary school is now. It was always 30 degrees below zero. The ribbon candy would have the peanut shells adhered to it. Thanks for the convenience of wrapped candy today.

As previously mentioned, the holiday committee is in need of financial donations, and anyone wanting to donate can make a check payable to Faith Lutheran Church earmarked for Christmas Day dinner and drop off at the church or mail to PO Box 297, Bagley MN 56621. There is separate accounting for income and expense of the dinner aside from their general fund.

All are welcome to come and enjoy this holiday meal of baked ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, buns, lefsa, and carrot cake for dessert, served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day Dec. 25 at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley. Those unable to come to the church and want a meal delivered are asked to call the church at 218-694-2631 by Thursday, Dec. 19.



Setting up a good example for the community, the Bagley Rotary Club and Sanford Health Bagley both donated to the upcoming Christmas Day community dinner. Shown above (from left) are founding dinner committee members Lila and Norris Strandlien, dinner committee member Gladys Luecken, Rotary President Jane Gregory, and President-elect Aaron Leintz. (Photo below) The Strandliens and Luecken accept a check from Sanford, presented by Dr. David Galloway, D.C.



We need to rein in the power of state agencies

Legislative Report

By Rep. Steve Green
R-Fosston
District 2B



Minnesotans rightfully grow wary when government fails to provide the quality customer service people deserve. This can range anywhere from state paperwork headaches to agencies seemingly singling people out and wrapping them in red tape over permitting.

I crashed a meeting of an "interagency group" in St. Paul last week to address the latter. I say I "crashed" the meeting because, when I was nearly to St. Paul, I was informed the meeting was not open to the public. I requested to attend anyway and was granted time on the agenda.

The meeting group was to be made up of nine people who would decide the fate of certain Minnesota land owners. That cast was to include:

- Four Department of Natural Resources employees;
- Three Minnesota Pollution Control Agency employees;
- One Minnesota Department of Health employee;
- One Department of Agriculture employee.

When I arrived, it became clear the agency staff in the room did not match the list of people I was told would be participating. I relayed background information to those in attendance anyway.

I requested the minutes for this meeting and any future meetings – which are scheduled every two weeks – be forwarded to me. I was informed there would be no minutes taken, only notes. The group would decide if they would post their notes on a website or not.

This is the very reason for the frustration and mistrust Minnesotans have toward state agencies. No one knows who these agency people are, just that they are not elected and, therefore, do not have to answer to the public. They hide behind the cloak of huge bureaucracy and wield undue power over the lives of the very people they are supposed to work for.

Make no mistake, these agencies were given this power by legislators unwilling to deal with hard decisions. Culpability is shared by those who gave the agencies this level of authority and those who refuse to see the damage and take it back.

The Legislature has the power to change this. I have had bills to do so and will continue to seek hearings for them. I also am drafting legislation requiring any meeting to be open to the public with minutes taken and posted. Something we do have now, but apparently not required by interagency groups.

A couple of other quick side notes:

Minnesota Management and Budget issued an updated state economic forecast today and it calls for a $1.3 billion surplus for the 2020-21 biennium. This also brings the state's rainy-day reserve account to around $2.4 billion – fully funded per state statute.

My initial reaction is that it sure is good we didn't let House Democrats and the governor get away with all the tax increases they wanted last session or government would be sitting on even more of our money.

In fact, Republican-led tax cuts on state/federal levels are spurring economic growth and continue to increase revenue. Tax increases of any kind should be off the table in the 2020 session. In fact, our focus should be on providing Minnesotans with tax *relief*. For starters, the surplus is more than enough to fully repeal the Democrats' $875 million health care tax.

Finally, I want to mention that Democrats are drafting a bill to require presidential/vice presidential candidates to release their last five years of tax returns at least 11 weeks prior to a general election in order to be placed on the ballot in Minnesota.

This would be a mistake. Our state's founders went to great lengths to frame a Constitution for Minnesota that has thrived for more than 160 years of statehood. It would be highly inappropriate and just plain foolish to undermine the foundation our forefathers put in place just because liberals are in a tizzy over the current White House occupant.

Unions, Enbridge sign Line 3 Project labor agreement

Enbridge and representatives from four pipeline trade and labor unions held a ceremonial signing of a project labor agreement last week, guaranteeing the Line 3 Replacement Project will be built in Minnesota solely by union labor. The Line 3 Replacement project will support approximately 8,600 jobs during construction; over 4,000 of those will be construction jobs filled primarily by trained local union workers building at the highest industry standards.

The United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Teamsters International, and the Laborers International Union of North America signed the agreement with Enbridge and two of the project's construction contractors: Precision Pipeline and the Michels Corporation.

"Today is another important illustration of Enbridge's commitment to building the Line 3 Replacement Project to the highest quality and safety standards in the industry. Building a safe pipeline requires a well-trained and highly skilled workforce, and that is why we are committing to use union labor to build this $2.6 billion project," said Barry Simonson, Director of the Line 3 Project. "We know that the Laborers Union, the Operating Engineers, the Teamsters and the United Associations' Local 798 will ensure that quality, safety and environmental standards are met every step of the way."

After four years of regulatory and permitting review, the replacement of Enbridge's Line 3 is the most studied pipeline project in Minnesota history. It is a $2.6 billion private investment in the state's critical energy infrastructure.

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Turning Back the PAGES

2013: The General Store on Main and Highway 2 has brought a breath of new life to the Shevlin Community. While some of the Village Café signs remain on site, the west side of the building has been transformed into a place to pick up a cup of coffee and shop for many other items.

As with many old-time stores, this General Store packs a lot of items into a small space, but without being crowded. The new owners, Weston and Amanda Ramsrud, wanted to keep the rustic western décor of the old Café dining room.

The General Store is happy to carry locally produced products.

They hired two high school students part-time, Travis Cleveland and Marye Carlson. With Ramsruds working weekends, they are able to be open seven days a week. The feedback from the community has been very positive so far.

Weston and Amanda are going to offer a fish fry on Dec. 14, so if you haven't stopped in yet, they invite you to come on out for some tasty walleye, potatoes, vegetables, and more.

2009: 1-Horse Open Sleigh Mounted on Nebraska Farmhouse…

North Bend, Neb. (Dec. 19) – Mike Eason has a piece of history combined with some holiday flair on his roof. Atop Eason's roof is a one-horse sleigh that's more than 80 years old. It was the sleigh his dad, Tom, drove from his farm to school back in the 1920s. Now, a plastic Santa stands nearby the sleigh and eight wooden reindeer, plus Rudolph, appear ready to pull it to destinations far and wide.

Tom Eason graduated from North Bend High School in 1928 and the sleigh was stored in the family's barn for decades. Then about 12 years ago, the barn was removed, but not before Mike Eason took out the sleigh to have restored.

Miller and Sons Buggy Restoration and Sales in Scotia completely rebuilt the sleigh, which is made of wood and has metal runners.

"It looks nice and it's a family heirloom," Eason said.

Eason said he has gone for a ride in the sleigh, but a snowmobile – not a horse – pulled it.

1998: Approximately 50 head of dairy cattle were killed in a fire that destroyed the barn at the Bert Ingvaldson farm last Friday morning. The barn was already an inferno when the Ingvaldsons arose at their usual hour. Flames rose 15 feet above the rooftop, and the main floor was red with fire. The call for help came to the Bagley Fire Department at 4:40 a.m. Fire trucks and 13 firefighters rushed to the scene, where they dumped about 15,000 gallons of water onto the fire, according to a report by Fire Chief Larry Olson.

Firefighters returned to Bagley at about 7:30 a.m.

As far as the Invaldsons' dairy operation is concerned, Bert said they lost lactating cows and some calves, but they still have some heifers, although they lack a place to milk them.

He displayed his determination to continue dairying by stating, "Us guys, we don't give up that easy."

1970: Three persons escaped with only minor bruises early Sunday morning when their car was struck by a Burlington-Northern westbound coal train at the Bagley elevator crossing.

The car driven by Gordon Johnson, who lives south of Bagley, was struck at the front left fender, then spun around and away from the train. The car was nearly a total loss.

Two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ramberg, were shaken up but apparently unhurt.

Village police officers were just a block away when the crash occurred. They heard the crash and saw the sparks from the breaking train wheels and knew that an accident had happened. They sped to the scene fearing the worst but were relieved to find the occupants alive and only shaken up.

Brian Gunderson, 8 years old and in the third grade, was the winner of the first bike given away by the Bagley Civic and Commerce Association, following the free movies Saturday afternoon. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Gunderson of southwest Bagley.

1953: Cheryl Maureen, a 7 pound 6 ounce girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Engen of Clearbrook on Nov. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson of Clearbrook are the parents of Darrel lee, a 7 pound 9 ounce boy born Friday, Nov. 27.

A 7 pound 9 ounce boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lanners of Shevlin. He had been given the names of Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Michel of Bagley are the parents of a 10 pound 4 ounce boy born Saturday, Nov. 28.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, an 8 pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Traaseth of Bagley. He has been named Peter John.

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1939: Baby Announcements…

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Fittji Dec. 6.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skinner of Wilton Nov. 29.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Midbo of Ebro on Monday, Dec. 4.

A 9 pound 8 ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Swenson of Popple Township, Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Visit to St. Paul…

Mrs. Charles Cohick, her daughter Ettie Grace Cohick of Bagley, and Miss Effie Hamry of Thief River Falls went on a recent visit to the Central Cooperative Association at South St. Paul. They were there specifically to purchase some feeders for Mrs. Cohick's farm near Bagley.

Born Dec. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nachart is a baby girl.

What to do when Medicare tells you No

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Dear Savvy Senior,

How do I go about appealing Medicare when they won't pay for something that they covered in the past?

Rejected Rhonda

Dear Rhonda,

If you disagree with a coverage or payment decision made by Medicare, you can appeal, and you'll be happy to know that around half of all appeals are successful, so it's definitely worth your time.

But before going that route, talk with the doctor, hospital and Medicare to see if you can spot the problem and resubmit the claim. Some denials are caused by simple billing code errors by the doctor's office or hospital. If, however, that doesn't fix the problem, here's how you appeal.

Original Medicare Appeals

If you have original Medicare, start with your quarterly Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). This statement will list all the services, supplies and equipment billed to Medicare for your medical treatment and will tell you why a claim was denied. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at *MyMedicare.gov*, or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227.

There are five levels of appeals for original Medicare, although you can initiate a fast-track consideration for ongoing care, such as rehabilitation. Most people have to go through several levels to get a denial overturned.

You have 120 days after receiving the MSN to request a "redetermination" by a Medicare contractor, who reviews the claim. Circle the items you're disputing on the MSN, provide an explanation of why you believe the denial should be reversed, and include any supporting documents like a letter from the doctor or hospital explaining why the charge should be covered. Then send it to the address on the form.

You can also use the Medicare Redetermination Form. See *CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/CMS20027.pdf* to download it or call 800-633-4227 to request a copy by mail.

The contractor will usually decide within 60 days after receiving your request. If your request is denied, you can request for "reconsideration" from a different claims reviewer and submit additional evidence.

A denial at this level ends the matter, unless the charges in dispute are at least $160 in 2019. In that case, you can request a hearing with an administrative law judge. The hearing is usually held by videoconference or teleconference.

If you have to go to the next level, you can appeal to the Medicare Appeals Council. Then, for claims of at least $1,630 in 2019, the final level of appeals is judicial review in U.S. District Court.

Advantage and Part D Appeals

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage health plan or Part D prescription drug plan the appeals process is slightly different. With these plans you have only 60 days to initiate an appeal. And in both cases, you must start by appealing directly to the private insurance plan, rather than to Medicare.

If you think that your plan's refusal is jeopardizing your health, you can ask for a "fast decision," where a Part D insurer must respond within 24 hours, and Medicare Advantage health plan must provide an answer within 72 hours.

If you disagree with your plan's decision, you can file an appeal, which like original Medicare, has five levels. If you disagree with a decision made at any level, you can appeal to the next level.

For more information, along with step-by-step procedures on how to make an appeal, visit *Medicare.gov* and click on the "Claims & Appeals" tab at the top of the page.

Get Help

If you need some help contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which has counselors that can help you understand the billing process and even file your appeal for you for free. To locate your local SHIP, visit *ShiptaCenter.org* or call 877-839-2675. The Medicare Rights Center also offers free phone counseling at 800-333-4114.

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

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
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Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

He chose Her

He, God, chose her, Mary, to bring forth His only begotten Son. We know He chose her because He chooses us. "You did not choose me. I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will remain." John 15:16.

And she, Mary, did bear fruit. Elizabeth even said so as she exclaimed in a loud cry that was documented in Luke 1:42. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Foreshadowed back in Deuteronomy 28:4 it was. "The fruit of your womb will be blessed, as well as the produce of your land and the offspring, and the lambs of your flocks." Jesus Christ was the Lamb who was slaughtered but ended up as the Lamb upon the throne. Deuteronomy points to the blessed produce and that the fruit to come would be sweet indeed.

Oh, it wasn't without scuttle-butt when He chose her. Even Michael the archangel whose name means, "Who is like God?" questioned the angel who questioned God. With bated breath all of Heaven heard him ask, "Who is like God?" In other words, how dare anyone question the authority, might, and power of God? Yup, God managed to tick off even the angels who could not bear to bow down to a God who would honor a woman for such a time as this. That was the straw that broke the camel's back for Lucifer, so-to-speak. After all, his name at one time meant "Light bringer" but he was about to shed light onto a matter which he took into his own hands, according to Dr. Mark Miravalle, *Angels Explained*.

When God chose how salvation would be brought forth, and it was questioned, the questioner and troops were tossed out on their ear. One third of the angels fell that day. Yup, dethroned they were over the announcement that He would be born as a man, brought forth through a woman. (Dr. Mark Miravalle)

As God now asks us to be like His Son, Jesus, let's look at one way we might do that. If He asks us to be like Jesus in thought, word, and deed, what did Jesus do? One of the things He did was that He honored His mother not only as a son, but as the One who chose her for this particular role. And, in turn, I choose to honor her as well.

Clarity brings truth rather than misconceptions about the Immaculate Conception which could, in turn, find us bearing false witness against our neighbors. You see, "It is not that Mary is honored more than Jesus, or is even equal to Him. That would be an intolerable heresy." (Louis De Montfort). Rather, I choose to emulate her heart by praying, "Be it done unto me according to Thy Word" (Luke 1:38).

At various times throughout the year, the price of fruit within the store is too high for me to make a purchase. I must go with the fruit that is in season. Literally, the cost is too great. Mary didn't count the cost. She merely said to the angel, "Be it done unto me according to Thy Word" (Luke 1:38).

Fast forward Mary's life and she not only received a sacred calling to bear the fruit of her womb, but she stood with heart breaking while that fruit she bore was crucified, died and was buried. There was no way God did not know that her heart would eventually be crucified with Him on that cross. Thus, He took care of her and this is how that went down.

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother'" (John 19:26-27). Thus, He honored her every step of the way by giving her not only a caregiver, but another whom she could care for. That, in turn, became a gift for all and for that I am forever grateful.

Had He chosen me for that role, the role which Mary was given, we never would have had a Savior. Why? Had it been my son on that cross, I would have died in his place because this mama would never have been able to bear witness to such an occurrence this side of the veil.

I am thankful He chose her. I am thankful He honored her in such a role for such a time as this. She truly was the handmaid of the Lord, and, like Mary, I too can pray, "Lord, be it done unto me, according to Thy Word (Luke 1:38). Amen.

Higher Ground

By Roger Campbell

Selfishness: The un-Christmas attitude

Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the best-selling book, *The Five Love Languages*, was once asked to name the number one challenge facing married couples today. He answered, "The greatest challenge facing marriage today is the same as it's been for hundreds of years: learning to live a life of love rather than selfishness."

Explaining his conclusion, Chapman said, "Most marital problems are rooted in selfishness. I don't get what I want, so I lash out in anger. My spouse fights back or withdraws and the marriage suffers.

"Two selfish people will never create a successful marriage. But two people who choose to love each other and look out for each other's well-being will learn how to build a good marriage."

A woman once told me I had changed her marriage of fifteen years with one statement. "What did I say that caused this change?" I asked.

She replied that I had said, "You may be asking if you are getting all you deserve out of your marriage when that is not the question. You should be asking if your husband or wife is getting all he or she deserves out of your marriage." That simple and unplanned line in my sermon moved her and her husband to trade selfishness for love and changed the focus of their relationship from getting to giving.

Marriage isn't the only area of life diminished by selfishness. Upon entering a bookstore, I asked the gracious salesperson if she was having a good day. Suddenly, her gaze moved downward and tears were near as she shared with me how many customers had said mean things to her that very day.

What causes irritability in most of us?

Selfishness.

We're more interested in our own agendas than in the needs of those around us.

Sadly, this "me-first" attitude can even be found in churches, showing itself in caustic and critical comments about ministers and other members who don't cater to the carnal desires of those who are more interested in their own welfare than the needs of others.

Christmas ought to be the most selfless season of the year, the ideal time to give and forgive. Songs and sermons now center on a baby born in Bethlehem's stable manger who later spent his life reaching out to hurting people, often being criticized for taking time to show his love to the outcasts of society. He was characterized by compassion, frequently weeping over the sorrows and needs of others. Who are we, then, to be demanding and difficult to be around, feeling persecuted when things don't go our way?

Looking back, Chapman recalled that he and his wife struggled during the early years of their marriage, saying they were both selfish, but neither of them realized it. He says they spent a great deal of their time hurt, angry and disappointed. Then, in answer to their prayers, God enabled them to exchange their selfishness for giving love.

The same miracle attitude change awaits all who desire and ask for it.

So ask!

And in your asking and receiving you will give your family, your church and others the gift of love, the greatest Christmas gift of all.

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

Life on the family farm under an open heaven

By Tom Heck

So much to be thankful for

With Thanksgiving come and gone, it's a good time to look back on the year and see how the Lord has safely brought us through another year and blessed us. This year certainly wasn't an easy one. We had a hard winter with lots of snow and ice. When spring came, we found out that most of our hayfields had winterkilled. And spring into summer was very cold and very wet. It was a real challenge getting the crops planted, and there were some spots we didn't get planted at all. I did manage to get my big tractor planted twice, which wasn't hard to do. It was hard to get out, though! My neighbor, Dean, pulled me out with his big, four-wheel drive tractor. I'm thankful for good neighbors.

First crop hay came, and we knew it wouldn't be near as much as normal because of the winterkill, but we were disappointed at how little there was. Right after we had it off, we sat down as a family and talked the situation over, and decided we had better sell off a portion of our dairy herd to stretch our feed supply further. It was a tough thing for us to do, but it was the right thing. Unfortunately, it also made for smaller milk checks this summer. We do have a good group of springing heifers coming in over the next three months so we're hoping to get our barn back full. That will be wonderful. We hate seeing so many empty stalls in our barn.

Second and third crop hay did fair and we got two cuttings off of our new seeding.

And then in the middle of all that, July 19th came. It was late afternoon and the skies turned very dark and the yard light came on. The skies then turned a pale green, and we knew we were in for a terrible storm. We headed to the basement and for the next hour prayed and watched out the window as the storm raged. When it was all over we went out to do evening chores and to survey all the damage.

We thanked the Lord, that we, along with all of our animals were all safe. Our sheds sustained a fair bit of damage and our electrical system was almost knocked out. We had lots of big trees down; one even went down across our township road, totally blocking it. It was dark that night by the time we, along with our neighbors, got the road opened back up. I must say that there were other people who had a lot more storm damage than what we had. Our hearts and prayers go out to them.

We spent most of our summer fixing up our buildings, upgrading our electrical system, and cutting up trees. We have a lot more trees in our woods that will need cutting up. It'll take at least a couple years to do all of them, but they will make good firewood to heat our home with.

With the cold, wet, late spring, our corn crop really struggled. We wondered if it would make it to maturity, so once again we turned to the Lord in prayer asking His blessing on it. It is so wonderful walking under an open heaven with our Lord, so that we can take all our cares to Him. He answered, and sent us some nice warm, sunny weather late in the season that really brought our corn crop along. We were amazed at how much corn silage we harvested per acre and at how well the corn yielded for grain.

So what can I say? It's been a very challenging year, and yet a very blessed one. God is so good. He's kept us all safe in His care this year, and our animals are doing well. I believe we have enough crops to see our animals through the winter ahead. We've gotten our buildings all fixed up, and God has provided all that we have need of. And in the middle of all that, what did we do? Our neighbor, Harley, took us fishing, and we caught a bunch of big, beautiful bluegills. That was a lot of fun – thanks, Harley.

There's a song that says, Count your blessings, name them one by one, and you'll be amazed at what God has done. The longer I live, the more I find this to be true. Every year on Thanksgiving Day we sit down at our table, with so much good food on it that Joanne has lovingly prepared, we go round and round giving thanks to the Lord for so many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. It would be good if everybody did that. It's easy to look at the negative, but we here in America have so much to be thankful for. If you will be thankful for all that God has given you, it will change you and your outlook for the better.

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Recent tornados that have wreaked havoc across the central United States have been devastating. The loss of loved ones, the scope of injuries that will take years to overcome, the destruction of homes and businesses, the feelings of grief and hopelessness that grasped individuals as they sorted through piles of rubbish that at one time represented their entire life is beyond understanding.

In the midst of these great tragedies, however, were the stories and pictures of some who were prepared for such an event. From past encounters with powerful winds and driving rain and hail storms were those who came to the conclusion that preparation for such a time was a top priority. They were the ones who built sturdy shelters beneath the ground where they were sure to be safe. They did not trust their lives to fate or chance. They recognized their need to prepare for the assaults of life.

The author of Psalm 91 spoke of the need we have to prepare for the assaults of life. "He," wrote the author, "will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge."

While storm shelters can protect us from wind and rain, flying objects and falling buildings, only God can protect us from the destructive forces of sin. In Him we have the assurance that He will meet all of our needs - spiritual, emotional and physical - every day of our lives. And through Him we have His promise that He will give us His power and strength, presence and protection to overcome the attacks of the devil.

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Inside the OUTDOORS
by
Mike Rahn

Native Cookbook weaves a cultural and culinary tale

My wife and I are regular listeners to public radio. Not just for the classical music that soothes frayed nerves on my lengthy drive home from work, but also for some of the features that you don't get on commercial radio.

We don't consider ourselves gourmet cooks, but one show we regularly listen to is The Splendid Table, which—according to its tag-line—is "a show for people who love to eat."

One of its shows happened annually on Thanksgiving Day for many years, and was called "Turkey Confidential." It featured listener call-ins from cooks seeking advice on how to make their holiday meal a success, or—occasionally—needing help to rescue their meal from impending disaster.

But most weeks the show dealt with more general food-centric issues. Sometimes they were ethnic in nature; not surprising since the French, Italians, Greeks, Koreans and other ethnicities have unique foods that have found their way into the culinary melting pot that is international cooking. Entire cookbooks are written with one ethnicity's food heritage and tastes in mind.

Most cookbooks could be called "mainstream" like the first one to be a genuine critical success, Julia Child's 1961 *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, which has been reprinted many times over. But my wife came across a very different cookbook a few days ago, while she was indulging her weakness for regularly stopping at a local second-hand store.

The volume she found is called *The Rural and Native Heritage Cookbook*, published by Totem Books, which—at least when this plastic-ring-bound edition was printed in 1987, was a publishing enterprise located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. With such a title and publishing origin, you might expect a cookbook like this to include recipes featuring foods from the wild, and you would be correct. It's divided into section titles like Big Game, Small Game, Game Birds, Fish, and Wild Edibles.

These are followed at the book's conclusion with the chapter titled Miscellaneous, wherein are found such things as moose and venison marinades, several fish batters, and that staple flatbread of early voyageurs, bannock. Especially interesting there in the Miscellaneous chapter are graphs that depict the nutritional value of many wild foods. They depict how certain foods would satisfy a recommended daily intake of fat, carbohydrate, protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A, and the other dietary building blocks.

The foods whose nutrition is graphed here include stewed black bear, roasted venison, deer liver, cooked muskrat and beaver, roasted geese, raw eel, steamed pike, broiled whitefish, raw dandelion greens, and cooked fiddlehead ferns. Reflecting the concern that native peoples have for the welfare of their children, the graphs show how these foods would satisfy the nutritional needs of a young teenager.

Especially interesting to me is how neatly this cookbook—published more than three decades ago—dovetails with a growing movement today in wider America that is advocating the harvest, preparation, and consumption of foods from the wild. Not just vegetarian items like wild asparagus, blueberries and raspberries, dandelion greens, mushrooms and ferns, but also fish and game. The movement emphasizes not only the genuinely healthful aspects of wild foods, but also the integrity of participating in the cycle of life as harvesters of the creatures we consume.

High-end, "big city" restaurants in the Twin Cities and elsewhere have cautiously but steadily been integrating wild foods into their traditional menus; entrees like venison, rabbit, wild boar, and elk, complemented by ferns, watercress, or spruce tips. Web sites like Minnesota native Mark Norquist's *Modern Carnivore* unapologetically promote the sustainable harvest and consumption of wild game and fish. Part of their mission is to reaffirm ancient bonds that—for most—have been replaced by the bond of convenience as shoppers and buyers in local grocery stores. This movement's message is that humans are part of, and participants in, the cast and processes of Nature.

It's risky to generalize, yet not inaccurate to say that North America's native peoples have not set themselves apart from Nature as have many of us who are not of their communities. For them there has never been a breach in the straightforward logic of humans' need to obtain their sustenance from the land and its bounty. The cookbook that my wife serendipitously found in her second-hand store clearly reflects that reality.

Members of my generation may remember Euell Gibbons, viewed by many as the father of the foraging movement that took off in the 1960s when he published the landmark *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*. Many think his book was only about the identification, collecting, preparing and eating of wild plants, fruits and nuts. But Gibbons also wrote in that book of dining on bluegills and carp, crayfish and turtles, frog legs, even woodchuck, opossum, raccoon, and muskrat.

Clearly he knew something that the rest of us did not.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
CONDEMNATION
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 15-CV-19-521
JUDGE ROBERT D. TIFFANY
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation,
Petitioner,
vs.
Tim Orton Properties, LLC
Respondents.
IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES
NOTICE

To the Respondents hereinabove named:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on February 26, 2020, at 1:00 o'clock pm., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge Robert D. Tiffany, in the Courthouse at Bagley, Clearwater County, Minnesota, the above named petitioner will present to the above named Court a petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. A copy of said petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, That at the above time and place the above-named petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to petitioner of the parcels described in the petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of April 1, 2020.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE PREMISES AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM SAID PREMISES ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2020. All advertising signs or devices located on the property being acquired must be removed by April 1, 2020.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that (1) a party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objection or must appeal within 60 days of a court order; and (2) a court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after service of the order on the party.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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CONDEMNATION
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NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation,
Petitioner,
vs.
Tim Orton Properties, LLC, County of Clearwater, Broadstone FD Portfolio II, LLC, City of Bagley, Family Dollar, Inc., Christopher J. Arnold, Unknown heirs of Ed Mattson, deceased, Weston S. Ramsrud, Amanda Ramsrud, Douglas J. Lindgren, Colleen R. Lindgren, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.
IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PURPOSES
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PETITION
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To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:

I.

That Trunk Highway numbered 2, being Route numbered 8, has been located according to law and passes over the lands herein described.

That it is duly covered by Center Line Orders numbered 33512 and 36632, Width Order numbered 98006, and Temporary Orders numbered 98005 and 98008.

II.

That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute, together with the following rights: to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned.

It is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit in an interest bearing account payments from the petitioner to the court pursuant to Minnesota statutes.

Further, it is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §117.042.

The petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.

III.

That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Clearwater County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:

Parcel 55 C.S. 1502 (2=8-39)
S.P. 1502-28RW

The right to use the northerly 10 feet of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2021, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes:

Tract A. Lot 16, Block 1, Bagley, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Clearwater County, Minnesota; excepting therefrom the existing canopy, sign, and storage shed situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Tim Orton Properties, LLC -- Fee
County of Clearwater -- Taxes and Special Assessments

Parcel 235N C.S. 1502 (2=8) 839
S.P. 1502-28RW

The right to use that part of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2021, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes:

Tract A. Lots 15 and 26, Block 3, Larsons Subdivision, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Clearwater County, Minnesota; which lies between two lines run parallel with and distant 50 feet and 65 feet northerly of Line 1 described below:

Line 1. Commencing at the center of Section 30, Township 147 North, Range 37 West; thence easterly along the east and west quarter line thereof for 682.7 feet to the point of beginning of Line 1 to be described; thence deflect to the right on a 02 degree 00 minute curve (delta angle 08 degrees 00 minutes) for 400.0 feet and there terminating; excepting therefrom the existing sign, fence, and circled lights situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Broadstone FD Portfolio II, LLC -- Fee
City of Bagley -- Easement
Family Dollar, Inc. -- Lessee
County of Clearwater -- Taxes and Special Assessments

FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 335P C.S. 1502 (2=8-39)
S.P. 1502-28RW

That part of Tracts A and B described below:

Tract A. That part of the East Half of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 147 North, Range 37 West, Clearwater County, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as "said tract", described as follows: Starting at a point 315 feet east of the southwest corner of said tract; thence North and parallel to the west line of said tract, a distance of 360 feet; thence East and parallel with the south line of said tract, a distance of 108 feet; thence South and parallel with the west line of said tract, a distance of 360 feet; thence West along the south line of said tract, a distance of 108 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

Tract B. That part of the East Half of the West Half of the Notheast Quarter of Section 30, Township 147 North, Range 37 West, Clearwater County, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as "said tract", described as follows: Starting at a point 300 feet east of the southwest corner of said tract; thence North and parallel to the west line of said tract, a distance of 360 feet; thence East and parallel with the south line of said tract, a distance of 15 feet; thence South and parallel with the west line of said tract, a distance of 360 feet; thence West along the south line of said tract, a distance of 15 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; which lies southerly of the northerly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 2 as now located and established; containing 3724 square feet, more or less, which is encumbered in its entirety by an existing highway easement; also a right to use the following described strip for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2021, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes:

A strip being that part of Tract A hereinbefore described, adjoining and northerly of the above described strip which lies between two lines run parallel with and distant 50 feet and 65 feet northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the center of said Section 30; thence easterly along the east and west quarter line thereof for 682.7 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence deflect to the right on a 02 degree 00 minute curve (delta angle 08 degrees 00 minutes) for 400.0 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for 285.0 feet and there terminating; excepting therefrom the existing shrubs situate thereon; containing 1881 square feet, more or less.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Christopher J. Arnold -- Fee
County of Clearwater -- Taxes and Special Assessments

FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 338B C.S. 1502 (2=8) 839
S.P. 1502-28RW

All of Tract A described below:

Tract A. That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30,Township 147 North, Range 37 West, Clearwater County, Minnesota, lying north of the northerly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 2 as now located and established; containing 445 square feet, more or less.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Unknown heirs of Ed Mattson, deceased -- Fee

Parcel 306A C.S. 1503 (2=8-26)
S.P. 1502-28RW

The right to use that part of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2021, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes:

Tract A. Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 15, First Addition to Bagley, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Clearwater County, Minnesota; which lies between two lines run parallel with and distant 40 feet and 45 feet northwesterly of Line 1 described below:

Line 1. Beginning at a point on the north and south quarter line of Section 29, Township 147 North, Range 37 West, distant 84.25 feet north of the center of said Section 29; thence southwesterly at an angle of 62 degrees 44 minutes from said north and south quarter line (measured from south to west) for 40.5 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 04 degree 00 minute curve (delta angle 27 degrees 17 minutes) for 682.1 feet and there terminating; excepting therefrom the existing canopy situate thereon.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Weston S. Ramsrud, Amanda Ramsrud -- Contract for Deed
Douglas J. Lindgren, Colleen R. Lindgren -- Fee
County of Clearwater -- Taxes and Special Assessments

WHEREFORE, Your petitioner prays that commissioners be appointed to appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.

Dated: 11-07-2019
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BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
Bagley, Minnesota 56621

BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
SUMMARY

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on November 18, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in High School Room 101. Members present: Adam Broden, Jamie Grover, Amy Fontaine, Renee Benson, Wendy Fultz, and Superintendent Heise. Members absent: Jeremy Davies, and Don Nordlund.

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

1. M/S Fontaine, Grover to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes – November 4

B. November 2019 Invoices - $452,944.97 – Ck #60347-60529

C. October 2019 Hand Payables - $223,529.21 – Ck #33221-33305

D. October 2019 Statement of Cash Balances – $4,079,405.04

E. October 2019 Budget Comparison

F. October 2019 Wires Payments - $371,893.14

G. Elementary Auxiliary Account

MP 5-0.

2. M/S Grover, Benson to accept the 2018-2019 School Year Audit as presented by Brian Opsahl of Brady Martz & Associates, P.C. MP 5-0.

3. M/S Fultz, Fontaine to authorize the Student Council Clearwater Christmas Project fundraiser as presented by Jane Merschman. MP 5-0

4. First reading and comments of the following policy was held:

A. Policy 415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

B. Policy 535 – Service Animals in Schools

Policy 535F – Approval Request Form for Use of A Service Animal

5. M/S Fultz, Grover to adopt resolution accepting gifts/donations to Bagley Public Schools:

WHEREAS the following; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District #162 – Bagley School Board does hereby accepts the following donations:

* $250.00 from Jacobson Auto Shop for the Angel Fund Donation

MP 5-0.

6. M/S Benson, Fontaine to revise Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. MP 5-0.

7. M/S Fontaine, Grover to revise Policy 205 – Open Meeting and Closed Meeting. MP 5-0.

8. M/S Grover, Fultz to revise Policy 402 – Disability Nondiscrimination. MP 5-0.

9. M/S Benson, Fontaine to revise Policy 506 – Student Discipline. MP 5-0.

10. M/S Grover, Benson to revise Policy 515 – Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. MP 5-0.

11. M/S Fontaine, Fultz to revise Policy 602 – Organization of School Calendar and School Day. MP 5-0.

12. M/S Benson, Grover to revise Policy 806F – For Assistance in Drafting a Crisis Management Plan. MP 5-0.

13. M/S Fultz, Grover to revise Policy 904 – Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons. MP 5-0.

14. M/S Benson, Fultz to ratify the Principal 2019-2021 work agreement. MP 5-0.

15. M/S Fontaine, Benson to approve the MOU to the BEA Master Agreement concerning ECFE-SR. MP 5-0.

16. Items for the Next Agenda:

A. Public Hearing – World's Best Work Force

B. Presentation of 2019-2020 Bagley School Budget

C. Final Levy Limitation 2019 payable 2020

17. Future Meetings:

A. Negotiations with the Fair Board – November 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

B. School Board Meeting – November 4, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in High School Room 101

18. Motion by Fontaine to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. MP 5-0.

Adam Broden, Chairman
Jamie Grover, Clerk

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2016 Ford Fusion SE Ecoboost – 4 dr, 1.5 Turbo, at, w/od, 6 spd, pb, ac, ps, Pl, tw, cd, rear defrost, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, leather seats, Sunroof, tint glass **(40,841 Miles – White)**
2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4 – 4 dr, 3.6L, 6 cyl, at, w/od, pb, ac, ps, Pl, pw, tw, cd, rear defrost/wiper, trailer hitch, alloy wheels, tint glass, Anti-lock brakes **(74,103 Miles – Blue)**
2012 Chevy Silverado 4x4 LTZ – 4 dr, 5.3L, w/pb, ac, pl, pw, cd, rear defrost, Anti-lock brakes, leather seats **142,806 Miles – Teal**
2012 Ford Taurus Ltd – 4 dr, 3.5L, 6 cyl, at, w/pl, pw, cd, rear defrost, Alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, leather seats, tint glass **(185,827 Miles – White)**
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2005 Honda Odyssey EXL – 4 dr, 3.5L, 6 cyl, at, w/od, pb, ac, ps, pl, pw, tw, cd, Rear defrost, auto side doors, leather/heated seats, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, sunroof, tint glass, rear side shades **(208,004 Miles – Maroon)**
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5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Open Mic /Jam Session - Featuring Frank & the James Gang, 8:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

Wed. 11th: Club Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 13th: Steak & Shrimp Supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Open Mic Night Featuring Frank & the James Gang, 8:00 p.m.
Mon. 16th: LSS Cooking Class, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Wed. 18th: Post Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 20th: BBQ Ribs or All You Can Eat Fish, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tues. 24th: Christmas Eve. Open Noon-6:00 p.m. Tom & Jerry's, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR:
Monday - Friday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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