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Fair starts today!



Free wheeling
After about three years of practicing, 13-year-old Peyton Sunderland can travel a whole city block on the back wheel of his bicycle. He performs his “wheelie” by balancing both the pedal pressure of his one-speed “cruiser” bike and the hand brake. He is shown above along Main Avenue in Bagley. He is the son of David Sunderland and Jodi Gene, of Bagley.

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playing at library

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Prevent tick-borne
diseases while you
enjoy the outdoors

Sign up for Music in the Pines

The Clearwater County Fair is coming soon, and musicians are wanted for the free Music in the Pines.

As of the morning of July 23, the roster included the following:

- Thursday**
4-6 p.m.: Wildfire
6-8 p.m.: Caleigh -- World Folk, Celtic and more
(April Larson, Dee Furfaro, and Lenore Siems)
- Friday**
5-6 p.m.: Ron, Twila and Friends
6-7 p.m.: Theresa & the Plowboys, C
- Saturday**
Noon: David Pierce C&R*
1 p.m.: Grace Community Church, Gospel
2 p.m.: Jim Fultz, C
3 p.m.: BS Valley Boys, C&OT
4 p.m.: 18 Wheelers, C
5 p.m.: Frank & the James Gang, C
6 p.m.: Cliff Johns, 50's & 60's
7 p.m.: Wynkoop Family Band, C
- Sunday**
9 a.m.: Cowboy Church Open Mic
- *C=Country, R=Rock, OT=Old Time

Highly contagious horse disease confirmed in Clay County

A six-week-old quarter horse was euthanized in Clay County on July 15, and post-mortem tests confirmed it was infected with the highly contagious disease *Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy* (EHM). The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is responding to the case by activating its EHM control plan and placing the Clay County farm under quarantine to closely monitor the remaining horses for EHM.

On July 15, the examining veterinarian observed the foal had worsening neurologic symptoms, including a loosely hanging lower lip, biting at his front legs, stumbling, circling, and an inability to rise on his own, leading to the decision to euthanize the animal. It was submitted to the University of North Dakota Veterinary Diagnostic

horse disease

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The 113th annual Clearwater County Fair runs July 31 through Aug. 4, and the grandstand entertainment lineup includes:

Wednesday: Christian music singer Kent Dudley at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Barrel racing, pole bending, and Rhythm and Riding. Rhythm and Riding starts at 7 p.m., with the racing events starting about 7:45 or 8 p.m.

Friday: Red River Valley Pullers and their modified tractors and souped-up pickup trucks in pulling contests at 7 p.m.

Saturday: Out-of-field tractors and semis, featuring all sorts of local favorites, in pulling contests that start at 1 p.m. (Please note that the fair premium list says noon, but this has been changed to 1 p.m.) Then at 7 p.m. street legal pickup trucks will pull the weighted sled.

Sunday: The ever-pleasing demolition derbies begin with the Chain & Go, Compacts and Full Size classes starting at 2 p.m. Then a new event, the pickup demo derby, will start at 7 p.m., along with the consolation and feature events.

More in store
Last year the featured vegetable was cucumbers. This year it's zucchini. The zucchini contest judging is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Petersen Pavilion. Enter

your best of zucchini breads, pies, cakes, muffins or other delicacy at the pavilion at 7 p.m.

Then on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., again at the Petersen Pavilion, the Zucchini Derby will be held. Build your best derby vehicle with a zucchini! Register your wheeled zucchini at the pavilion between 1 and 2 p.m.

Other contests at the pavilion include: Beer, wine and homemade liqueur at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday;

Hotdish contest at 7 p.m. Thursday;

Lego contest at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Specifics for the above contests are in the premium list, which you can pick up at any bank in the county.

The Emerging Leaders recognition takes place at the pavilion at 5 p.m. Friday.

Still more
The Senior Citizens of the Year will be recognized at the stage in the pines at 11 a.m. Saturday;

The fair flea market and craft show will be offered from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. on Saturday in the pines on the west side of the fairgrounds;

The 4-H Fashion Revue at 5 p.m. Wednesday on the stage in the pines;

Live music on the stage in the pines

daily;

Demonstrations on the stage in the pines from 2-4:30 p.m. Friday;

4-H Premier showmanship at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the livestock arena;

4-H awards program at 2 p.m. Sunday in the livestock arena;

Premier 4-H Livestock auction at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the livestock arena;

Emerging Leaders program at 3 p.m. Sunday in the livestock arena.

More horse shows at horse arena

4-H horse show at 9 a.m. Wednesday;

Little Tots horse show at 9 a.m. Friday;

Open horse show at 9 a.m. Saturday;

Draft horse show at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Dog shows

The 4-H dog shows will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 27, featuring obedience and rally, agility, and showmanship.

The 4-H fun dog show takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The open dog show takes place at 10 a.m. Sunday.

All the dog shows will be held on the west side of the hockey arena.

All sorts of other contests featuring crafts, horticulture, livestock and pets, and more are listed in the premium list.

Tick disease hits hard and fast

Terry Hoie tells how anaplasmosis took away his ‘steam’

By Tom Burford

After hearing of two individuals from our area who were diagnosed with the tick-borne disease called *anaplasmosis*, I contacted one of them to help alert the public to this health threat.

Terry Hoie, 72, of Bemidji (formerly of Bagley), recounted how anaplasmosis hit him so hard and fast.

It was a Saturday in early July and he and his “significant other,” Arden Stevens, were on their pontoon boat enjoying the sunny weather at Wolf Lake.

The day was so nice, however, that it was perfect for haying. His farmer brother Terry Hoie of Bagley called Terry and told him the “hay is ready.” Terry drove to Bagley and the farm and started up his tractor. Within a few hours he had baled 110 large round bales and he headed back to his camper at Wolf Lake.

“When I got back I felt super tired,” he said.

On Sunday morning he recalled, “I had no steam.” He told Arden to take him home.

Later that day he could talk, but it was more like mumbling. Arden drove him to the hospital in Bemidji, and doctors thought he had suffered a stroke.

He remained in the hospital four days. His fever reached 104 degrees, and doctors gave

him potent medication to bring his temperature down. During that time cultures were performed to see what was ailing him. The results finally pointed to anaplasmosis.

They prescribed a course of antibiotics and he gradually improved enough to return to work.

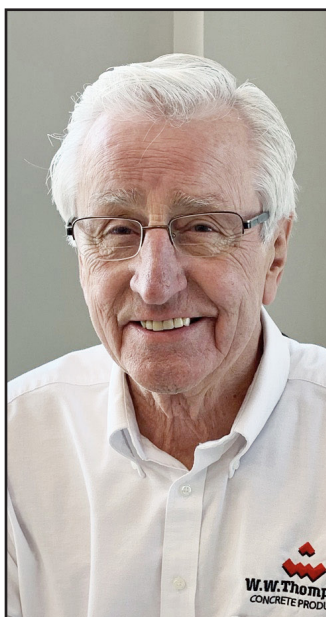
Very prevalent: The person on the front line of tick diseases is your neighborhood veterinarian. A call to the Bagley Veterinary Medical Center (Dr. John Rolfson and his wife Sandy) brought out the words from Sandy Rolfson that anaplasmosis is “very prevalent.” She said they are seeing a lot of anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and a myriad of other tick diseases in dogs and horses. Dr. Rolfson said the tick diseases are “way too prevalent.”

Jonathan Oliver, Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota specializes in vector-borne diseases. He said, “Anaplasmosis is pretty common in Minnesota, with about 500 cases reported per year and many more under the radar.”

The Centers for Disease Control provided the following information on its website in regard to anaplasmosis:

Signs and Symptoms

• Signs and symptoms of



Terry Hoie, still taking antibiotics for anaplasmosis, was back at work at WW Thompson (formerly Knife River Materials) in Bemidji when this photo of him was taken on July 25.

anaplasmosis typically begin within one to two weeks after the bite of an infected tick. Tick bites are usually painless, and many people do not remember being bitten.

• See your healthcare provider if you become ill after having been bitten by a tick or

having been in the woods or in areas with high brush where ticks commonly live.

Early Illness

Early signs and symptoms (days 1-5) are usually mild or moderate and may include:

- Fever, chills
- Severe headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite

Late Illness

Rarely, if treatment is delayed or if there are other medical conditions present, anaplasmosis can cause severe illness. Prompt treatment can reduce your risk of developing severe illness.

Signs and symptoms of severe (late stage) illness can include:

- Respiratory failure
- Bleeding problems
- Organ failure
- Death

Risk factors for severe illness:

- **Delayed treatment**
- **Age:** being older puts you at risk

• **Weakened immune system:** People with weakened immune systems (such as those receiving some cancer treatments, individuals with advanced HIV infection, prior organ transplants, or people taking some medications) are at risk for severe illness.

Farm by the Lake returning to its roots

By Tom Burford

The Farm by the Lake was drifting slowly away from its core mission, and it was time to get back on track.

Such was the thinking explained to me by Doug Sloan, President of the Farm by the Lake (FBTL) Board, and former Board Secretary Lee Furuseth as they told me about changes being made at the 100-acre non-profit retreat and nature center located on the northwest corner of Lake Lomond.

The first dramatic change occurred after the last caretakers, Marty Cobenais and Dawn Loeffler, resigned to take on new ventures.

At a meeting of the board following their departure, the directors decided to test out a new management method. Instead of having caretakers on site, the caretaker home would be turned into two rental units for the FBTL's guests. The caretaking assignment would go to an caretaker who lives off-site.

To help get that change moving, Lee Furuseth volunteered to resign from the board so he could take on the duties as interim caretaker. Furuseth stressed that his role is indeed temporary.

Handling reservations is



A view from the kitchen of the former caretaker house at the Farm by the Lake shows FBTL Board President Doug Sloan (left) and new interim caretaker Lee Furuseth. Beyond them is the view visitors get from the house: the spacious yard with an abundance of trees and Lake Lomond beyond. A large share of the furniture shown above was donated by Evelyn Waggoner after she sold her home in Bagley.

done via an organization called Airbnb. This allows travelers to look up places to stay while they are on the road, using a cell phone, I-pad or computer to handle the reservation transaction. Once a rental is booked, Furuseth receives a text message and lets the

renters know they will have access upon arrival.

Cleaning and maintenance duties are performed by hired help as well as volunteers.

The FBTL mission

Furuseth said that FBTL had allowed itself to become a hub of activity, hosting guest

musicians, storytellers, and other functions. These activities were all well and good, but they turned out to interfere with the stated mission of FBTL. That mission is to be a place where

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The library isn't always quiet



The children in attendance received a harmonica. The short lesson included blowing through a straw to create the correct embouchure for playing the harmonica. They also received a handout which included online resources for lessons.

The Everett Smithson Band performed at the Bagley Public Library on Wednesday, July 24 at 10 a.m. A combination of rockabilly, country and blues, the music performed was familiar to the Mississippi River region and included audience participation. Thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the performance was free to the public and all the children were given a harmonica and a short lesson.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Aug. 17, 1877, though only a teenager, Billy the Kid kills his first victim, an Arizona blacksmith. Just how many men the outlaw killed is uncertain. Billy himself reportedly once claimed he had killed 21 men.
- On Aug. 13, 1902, German engineer Felix Wankel, inventor of a rotary engine, is born in Germany. Wankel reportedly came up with the idea for a new type of internal combustion gasoline engine when he was 17 years old.
- On Aug. 16, 1920, Cleveland Indians shortstop Ray Chapman is struck in the temple by a ball pitched by Carl Mays of the New York Yankees. He died 12 hours later. It was the only death as the result of a pitched ball in major league history.
- On Aug. 14, 1945, an official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies is made public to the Japanese people. Even though Japan's War Council had submitted a formal declaration of surrender on Aug. 10, fighting continued. In fact, two days later, a Japanese submarine sank two American ships.
- On Aug. 12, 1964, British author and journalist Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, the world's most famous fictional spy, dies in England. His novels about the debonair Agent 007 were based in part on Fleming's real-life experiences. The first Bond book, "Casino Royale," was published in 1953.
- On Aug. 15, 1979, "Apocalypse Now," the acclaimed Vietnam War film directed by Francis Ford Coppola, opens in theaters. It told the story of an Army captain who is sent into the Cambodian jungle to kill a U.S. Special Forces colonel who has gone AWOL and is thought to be crazy.
- On Aug. 18, 1992, celebrated Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird retires. Bird entered the NBA in 1979 and was named Rookie of the Year after leading the Celtics to a 61-21 record.

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Along with Everett Smithson, the band included his wife on the accordion, a bass player and a very talented musician who played the trap set and the guitar at the same time!



Everett Smithson played the "washboard" and explained the history of this particular instrument. He was also the master on the harmonica.

Food Bank purchases new facility in EGF

North Country Food Bank, Inc., a non-profit organization that works to end food insecurity for thousands of low-income individuals and families living in northwest and west central Minnesota, and Grand Forks, N.D., announced recently it has signed an agreement to purchase a new facility in East Grand Forks.

"Our staff and board have been working hard over the past three years to plan for a much-needed new building," said John Thorson, chair of North Country's board of directors. "When this existing building came up for sale, we realized it was the perfect opportunity to meet our goals. It will not only allow us to improve service to those in need, but it will do so in a way that allows for the most responsible use of available resources," said Thorson.

The building being purchased by North Country is located at 10111th Ave NE in East Grand Forks. It is 35,000 square feet in size and was built in 1997 as a temporary location for Sacred Heart School after the flood in 1997. It has been partially occupied for the last several years, and became available earlier this summer. Since that time, North Country's representatives have toured the building on several occasions and have developed plans for modifications that will need to be made.

"We anticipate the total price of the building acquisition, remodeling, and move will be about \$2.5 million," said Susie Novak, executive director. "This represents a savings of more than \$3.5 million in comparison to our original plan to build. For that reason, we couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity. Every dollar saved in the acquisition of the new building frees up resources to provide enough food for five meals for those in need. We're deeply thankful to all the donors who have contributed to this project," said Novak.

"Even though we've made tremendous strides, we still need to raise close to \$1 million to reach the total campaign goal," said Novak. "To close that gap, we need contributions of all sizes, and we especially need partners who can help make a significant dent in our gap and demonstrate to other donors that this is a project worth supporting. We hope all local individuals, families, businesses, foundations, and local units of government will consider contributing. This is a project with the potential to impact thousands of lives. We also believe it's a once-in-a-generation opportunity and are excited about the progress that has been made over the past couple of months," said Novak.

In loving memory of MARIE HINRICHS

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I wrote your name in the sky, but the wind blew it away. I wrote your name in the sand by the river, but the waves washed it away. I wrote your name in my heart, and forever it will stay.

We miss you so much. Her children, grandchildren, other family members & friends

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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.
July 22	76	47	---
July 23	81	54	---
July 24	83	51	---
July 25	82	65	---
July 26	85	64	---
July 27	82	59	---
July 28	71	56	0.2"

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

Cattle Market Feeder Cattle

Weight	Beef Steers
200-400	\$1.50-1.75
400-600	\$1.40-1.60
600-800	\$1.30-1.60
800-1000	\$1.20-1.47

Weight	Beef Heifers
200-400	\$1.25-1.60
400-600	\$1.20-1.58
600-800	\$1.20-1.44
800-1000	\$1.00-1.28

Weight	Holstein Steers
200-400	\$0.75-1.20
400-600	\$0.70-1.00
600-800	\$0.65-0.85
800-1000	\$0.60-0.80

Slaughter Cows	
Top	\$0.64-0.74
Good	\$0.57-0.73
Low Yielding	\$0.47-0.56

Slaughter Bulls	
Top	\$0.90-0.96
Good	\$0.80-0.90
Low Yielding	\$0.70-0.80

Prices from latest sales at: Bagley Livestock Exchange, 7/18/19 and Winger Livestock Exchange, 7/20/19.

Death Notices



Bruce Lundmark

(McCollum) Lundmark. Bruce was the fifth of their six children. He went to various schools in his young life, as his family moved frequently with John's work.

In his senior year of high school he joined the military along with several other young men. He chose the Navy and was mainly stationed in San Diego, Calif., working on an aircraft carrier.

Bruce James Lundmark, 63, of Solway, died Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Sanford Bagley Medical Center.

There will be a private family service at a later date.

He was born Jan. 11, 1956 in Bagley to John and Elsie

Bruce held several jobs over the years from construction to making Christmas wreaths, but his love of painting brought him the most joy. The last couple years he spent his time painting, hunting, spending time with his dogs, plus trying

to learn how to use Facebook.

Bruce is survived by his daughter, Cherish Richards of Tennessee; sisters Sherryl (Morris) Love of Duluth, Minn.; Evonne Ulmer of Ionia, Mich.; Sheila Brustad of Lancaster, Penn.; brother Steve Lundmark of Solway, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Pam Kozitka; brother-in-law Bryan Ulmer II; and nephew Tyson Smith.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.



Sandra L. Dwight

1947, in Westwood, Calif., to Earl and Bernice Clark.

She graduated from Kennewick High School and moved to Boston, Mass. and then to Vancouver, Canada where she was a secretary. She returned to the Tri-Cities, Wash., in the 1970s.

During the 1980s she moved to western Washington and worked at U.S. West for approximately a decade. In the early 2000s, she moved to Minnesota, where her parents were born.

Sandra had a passion for crocheting, quilting, writing,

photography, and spending time on the farm.

Sandra was a loving and caring mother to her children and will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her companion Andy Damann of Shelvin; sister, Carolyn Baskett of Kennewick, Wash.; two daughters, Ingrid Duffy of Denver, Colo., and Kristin Myrick of Washington, D.C.; and her son William Kinzig of Renton, Wash. Sandra leaves one grandson Kevin Bobrowski of Denver.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Violet Annie Hagen

in Salol, Minn., the daughter of Ernest and Jennie Bardwell. She attended West Clover School and graduated from Clearbrook High School.

Violet received a B.S. degree in elementary education from Bemidji State University in 1968. She taught in rural schools of the Clearwater County area, such as Gully and Clearbrook District 161 for 32 years.

Violet married Roger Hagen on June 8, 1948 at Seljord Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. They lived on a farm in Leon Township, moving to Clearbrook in June of 2000, and to an apartment in 2016.

After retirement, they spent some of the winter months traveling in southern states, also taking a trip to Norway in 1985.

Violet was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary

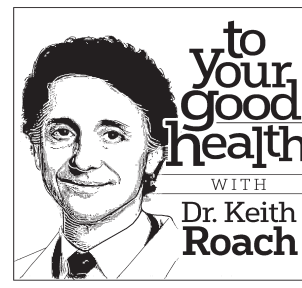
of Clearbrook and of Elim Lutheran Brethren Church.

She is survived by her children: sons Stan (Susan) Hagen of Little Falls, Minn., and Steve (Joni) Hagen of Clearbrook; daughter Lurae (Daniel) Erickson of Clearbrook; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; sisters Fern Jackson, Sylvia Johnson and Elaine Anderson; brother Glen Bardwell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Hagen; her sisters Adeline and Norma, and brother Ray Bardwell.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

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



When Specialists Disagree

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a snowbird who uses two different cardiologists for my health, and I am devoted to both of them. However, they have conflicting advice. I have coronary artery disease and had three stents placed in New York. I am an active 86-year-old woman who walks at least a mile daily and does light weights. My lab results are all normal. I take a daily baby aspirin and Plavix. I've done well with them.

My Florida doctor wants me to discontinue the Plavix and take just the aspirin, but my New York doctor thinks I should keep the Plavix forever. I honestly don't know the right course of action. — S.T.M.

ANSWER: Both aspirin and Plavix (clopidogrel) work by decreasing the activity of platelets, the specialized blood cells that start to form clots. They have been shown to reduce blockages of stents, which hold open blood vessels that have been unblocked via a catheter in the heart. There are several different types of stents, and some of them have medications embedded in them, which release slowly over many months. These "drug-eluting" stents require using both aspirin and clopidogrel for a longer period of time.

There is some debate about how long to continue these medications, but I have not read any recommendations to continue them for more than 30 months. A study (the DAPT trial) used exact information about the person and the type of stent to make predictions about balancing risks, and the results of the study showed that

in your case, using both aspirin and clopidogrel would reduce heart attack risk slightly, but at an increased risk of bleeding. Nonetheless, some cardiologists will continue both medications in some patients if there are no problems.

It sounds like your New York cardiologist may have more knowledge about the stent, as it was performed in New York, so I would try to get the two of them to reach a consensus. There may be something about your particular case that warrants long-term treatment with these medications.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few years ago, Johns Hopkins produced an article stating that possibly being hard of hearing and doing nothing about it could lead to Alzheimer's disease. Is that study still valid? — S.S.

ANSWER: It's been almost 30 years since a link between hearing loss and dementia was first published, and recent research has confirmed this link. It now seems clear that hearing loss increases the rate of decline in brain function by 30% to 40%, independent of other risk factors. Put another way, people with mild hearing loss had double the risk of dementia in 10 years; those with moderate hearing loss, triple the risk; those with severe hearing loss had five times the risk of dementia compared with people of normal hearing and the same age. The brains of people with hearing loss are more likely to atrophy as well. Of course, not everybody with hearing loss develops dementia, and people with normal hearing can.

There is some, but not conclusive, evidence that hearing aids protect the brain from dementia in people with hearing loss. However, it is clear that hearing aids can improve social functioning, well-being and some measures of memory. Despite this evidence, many older people with hearing loss do not get it treated.

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

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Pine Center All Class Reunion held



An all class reunion was held July 5 at the Pine Center School in Zerkel (formerly known as Pine Center, Minn.). The school was in operation from 1906-1964. Pictured are alumni who attended; however, three or four who attended left before the picture was taken. Over 80 people, including friends and family, came and shared many pictures, stories, and a BBQ. Original memorabilia was on display, with original desks still in the school. Donations were accepted to raise money for restoring the foundation of the school. \$1,185 was donated. The event was a success, thanks to the crew that made it happen.

4-H'ers build butterfly garden



This Summer the 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Team of Clearwater County has built a butterfly garden habitat at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. We would like to Thank Clearwater County Soil and Water Conservation District for the plants and W.W. Thompson Concrete for the blocks. You are invited to check out the garden when you come to the fair this week. Above are some of the 4-H'ers who worked on the project: (from left) Kayla Johnshoy, Hannah Johnshoy, Elyse Berg, Daniel Rankin, Matthew Rankin, Peyton Berg.



Here are more 4-H members who worked on the butterfly garden: (from left) Daniel Rankin, Bryce Haugen, Isaiah Tramm, Becca Dahl, Bella Dahl, Matthew Rankin, Micah Tramm, Collin Haugen.

Dukek completes Marine training



Josh Dukek

Josh Dukek, a 2017 graduate of Bagley High School, graduated from Marine Corps basic training on July 12 at MCRD San Diego.

Dukek, age 20, is now undergoing infantry training and then will enter training for engineering.

His proud parents are Stuart and Brenda Dukek of Bagley.

**For Ads
Call:
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Good Housekeeping

Veggie Kebabs

Balsamic vinaigrette adds zip to an assortment of colorful vegetables.

- 3 small (about 6 ounces each) zucchini, cut diagonally into 1-inch chunks
- 3 small (about 6 ounces each) yellow summer squash, cut diagonally into 1-inch chunks
- 6 plum tomatoes, about 1/4 pounds, each cut lengthwise in half
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinaigrette dressing
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3/4 cup (loosely packed) fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced

1. Onto 6 long metal skewers, alternately thread zucchini chunks, yellow-squash chunks and tomato halves, leaving about 1/8 inch space between each vegetable piece to allow even cooking. (Threading zucchini and squash through skin side gives vegetables more stability on skewers.)

2. In cup, combine brown sugar, vinegar, salt, pepper, cinnamon and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Brush kebabs with remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil.

3. Place kebabs on grill over medium heat; cook 15 to 20 minutes, until vegetables are browned and tender. Turn kebabs occasionally and brush vegetables with some vinaigrette during last 3 minutes of cooking.

4. To serve, arrange kebabs on large platter; drizzle with any remaining vinaigrette and sprinkle with basil.

• Each serving: About 120 calories, 7g total fat (1g saturated), 190mg sodium, 13g total carbohydrate, 3g protein.

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NEWS FOR VETERANS

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VA revises policies governing religious literature, symbols, & displays

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently revised its directives permitting religious literature, symbols and displays at VA facilities to protect religious liberty for veterans and families while ensuring inclusivity and nondiscrimination. The move aims to simplify and clarify the department's policies governing religious symbols, and spiritual and pastoral care, which have been interpreted inconsistently at various VA facilities in recent years, resulting in unfortunate incidents that interrupted certain displays.

Effective July 3, these changes will help ensure that patrons within VA have access to religious literature and symbols at chapels as requested and protect representations of faith in publicly accessible displays at facilities throughout the department.

"We want to make sure that all of our veterans and their families feel welcome at VA, no matter their religious beliefs. Protecting religious liberty is a key part of how we accomplish that goal," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

"These important changes will bring simplicity and clarity to our policies governing religious and spiritual symbols, helping ensure we are consistently complying with the First Amendment

to the U.S. Constitution at thousands of facilities across the department."

The new policies will: Allow the inclusion in appropriate circumstances of religious content in publicly accessible displays at VA facilities; allow patients and their guests to request and be provided religious literature, symbols and sacred texts during visits to VA chapels and during their treatment at VA; allow VA to accept donations of religious literature, cards and symbols at its facilities and distribute them to VA patrons under appropriate circumstances or to a patron who requests them.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently reaffirmed the important role religion plays in the lives of many Americans and its consistency with constitutional principles. This includes the following values: a display that follows in the longstanding tradition of monuments, symbols and practices, respect and tolerance of differing views and endeavors to achieve inclusivity and nondiscrimination.

CVSO NOTE: I have submitted the three Calendar Year 2020 budgets this office is responsible for administering. I am pleased to report a projected 2 percent net decrease in total operating costs in the coming year. This follows the documented 2 percent net decrease of expenditures for total CY 2018. Additionally, this office is on track to operate well within the current CY 2019 budgets. The Clearwater County Auditor can provide information about budget approval process meetings dates and times. I am at the immediate convenience of Clearwater County residents to answer all inquiries regarding the CVSO, Veterans Transportation Program and Safety Controls budgets.

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

Hutch

Peterson & Anderson to wed



Maeghan Peterson and Kody Anderson, along with their parents, Terry & Jody Peterson and Kory & Jennifer Anderson, would like to invite family and friends to a reception and dance in celebration of Maeghan and Kody's marriage, Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at 15201 U.S. 2, Bagley.

The couple will be married in a private ceremony earlier in the day.

Pulse on People

Local students named to spring President's List at Bemidji State University:

Jasmin Crist, Carson Grover, Michelle Mathison, Jaelen Moen, Michelle Ryan, and Kari Stenseng, all from Bagley;
Madison Ulrich, from Clearbrook; and
Janelle Plaia, from Leonard.

Local students named to spring Dean's List at Bemidji State University:

Mekah Agnes, Briana Johnston, Javiann Lewis, Justina Nelson, and Kailee Stenseng, from Bagley;
Jacob Wiedemann, from Clearbrook;
Rachel Spray, Madison Stenzel, and Samuel Ternes, from Gonvick;
Ashley Harris and Stephen Nyegaard, from Shevlin.

Lukas Halberg, from Shevlin, achieved the High Honor List at Minnesota State Mankato on 2019 Spring Semester Dean's List.

Local students named to spring Dean's List at Northwest Technical College

Derek Doering, Morgan Furey, Angela Hanson, Hayley Larson, Aaron Patti, Jennifer Powell, Rebecca Swanson, of Bagley;
Lauren Lien, of Clearbrook;
Josephine Peterson, of Gonvick;
Emmaline Roy, Madison Schacher, Stacey Templin, of Shevlin.

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Cherish; 2. Tender; 3. Optical; 4. Dating
Today's Word

SENIOR CENTER CHAT ROOM

Do you have a few hours to help your neighbors?

Senior Center seeking volunteers to deliver Meals-On-Wheels

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help your neighbor? How about delivering Meals-On-Wheels? In the past several years the persons who need their noon meal delivered have grown considerably in our area. Not only are you helping others in the community, you also reap the benefits. Statistics show that volunteering lengthens your life, and it also gives you a sense of pride and identity. If you have a few hours once a week, or once a month, please call Kay at 694-6873.

Stop in the Thrift Room where the selection is updated daily. You never know what

treasures you will find!

The August calendar is now available.

DID YOU KNOW? On June 24, 1980 Mary Lou and Cliff Tygart became the new owners of the Viking Cafe. The Tygarts came here from Orange County, California. They were in the Bagley area three years ago when they visited their daughter and son-in-law Glenna and Donny Strandlien and grandchildren.

They plan to do some remodeling in the future and add some items to the menu, including Mexican food.

The cafe was purchased from Ethel Anderson who bought the Viking Cafe in 1973.

American Life in Poetry

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

Lately I've been worried about the welfare of a young groundhog who lives under our front deck. His back legs won't support him and he drags them behind. This poem has been a good lesson for me. That groundhog is neither MY groundhog, nor does he need my pity. This poem is by Gary Whitehead of New York, from his book *A Glossary of Chickens: Poems*, published by Princeton University Press.

One-Legged Pigeon

In a flock on Market,
Just below Union Square,
The last to land
And standing a little canted,
It teetered—I want to say now
Though it's hardly true—
Like Ahab toward the starboard
And regarded me
With blood-red eyes.
We all lose something,
Though that day
I hadn't lost a thing.
I saw in that imperfect bird
No antipathy, no envy, no vengeance.
It needed no pity,
But just a crumb,
Something to hop toward.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays - 8 p.m. Solway Lutheran Church, Solway
Tuesdays - 7 p.m. Lighthouse, Bagley
Fridays - 8 p.m. Shevlin Fire Hall, Shevlin
Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays - 7 p.m. At the Dome - west of Fireside
Sundays - 7 p.m. At the Dome - west of Fireside
Thursdays - 7 p.m. Lighthouse, Bagley
Alanon Mondays - 8 p.m. Solway Lutheran Church, Solway
Questions? Call Jeffrey at 218-255-3829

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!

Huge
GATER

Dainty
RENTED

Honor
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Visual
POLATIC

TODAY'S WORD



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NEWS BYTES

SUNDAY NIGHT HYMN SING: Invite your friends and neighbors. Join us every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. to sing together your favorite hymns.

Aug. 4 Minerva Town Hall Aug. 11 & 18 Pioneer Farmers Chapel
Aug. 25 Doug & Colleen's garage
Sept. 1 & 8 Alida Town Hall
Sept. 15 Pioneer Farmers (Levorsen) potluck

Senior Citizen Menu

August 5-9

Monday: Cabbage Casse-role, corn, and pudding.

Tuesday: Sausage/gravy, biscuits, peas, peaches, and cookie.

Wednesday: Pork loin, boiled potatoes, carrots, and ice cream.

Thursday: Picnic at The Park Weather Permitting: Bratwurst on a bun, Summer Pasta salad, baked beans, watermelon, and Root Beer Float.

Friday: Italian spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, and cake.

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

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

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

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

CLEARWATER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY will have a booth at the Kiddie Barn afternoons and evenings during the Clearwater County Fair.

The public/members meeting is Thursday, Aug. 8 at The American Legion in Bagley at 6 p.m.

THE SUMMER RECITAL SERIES presented by the Bemidji Area Church Musicians at noon Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 2508 Washington Ave. S. The concert will feature Jennifer Ellis, pianist and harpist, who grew up in Bemidji, and is now a stay-at-home mom in Fargo. Her program will include Variations on a Theme by W.A. Mozart, commonly known as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Also included is a piano sonata, and several pieces on Celtic harp.

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

Winners of \$20 each are Julie

Walker, Aurora, SD; Kathy Broman, Willmar, Minn.; Neal Illies, Bagley; Michael Okstad, Gonvick; Jim Dauner, Solway; Lowell & Edith Learn, Leonard; and Ken Haugen, Fosston.

The annual **BORDERLINE PHILHARMONIC** concert of orchestral and chamber music will be held Friday, August 9 at 8 p.m. at Hoot Owl Resort. Picnic on the lawn before the concert. Admission is free. Hoot Owl is located 16 miles west of U.S. Hwy. 71 on MN Hwy. 113.

Granlund Lodge 240 of the **SONS OF NORWAY** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Embassy Community Center, Fosston. The program will begin around 7:30 p.m. and will feature Wes Roland sharing a power point presentation on the beginnings of the Granlund Lodge, which goes back to 1926 in Gonvick! This is also the annual pie and ice cream social and all members are invited to bring a pie to share. Guests are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Wes at 435-1230.

Learn about soil health vs. erosion . . . Rainfall simulator at the Clearwater County Fair



The Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service are partnering to bring soil erosion demonstrations to the Clearwater County Fair.

The SWCD and NRCS will be conducting rainfall simulator demonstrations right outside the Horticulture Building at the fairgrounds starting on Friday, Aug. 2 at 3 p.m., then on Saturday, Aug. 3 at noon and 3 p.m. Each demonstration takes about a

half-hour from beginning to end. Producers and anyone that is interested in how different land management practices affect rain infiltration and erosion are encouraged to attend.

The goal of the presentations is to explain how rain falls on soil and dislodges it, causing soil erosion, and how healthy soils uptake rain at a much higher rate than conventionally tilled/bare soils. Bare soil is compared with various levels

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Healthful retreats

5 Meadow

8 "So be it"

12 Hay storage area

13 Plant bristle

14 Trademarked symbol

15 Emanation

16 Corral

17 Stench

18 Third-place medal

20 Honolulu's island

22 Waste time

26 Unexpected victory

29 Started

30 Nay opposer

31 Recording

32 Craze

33 Pack away

34 Rd.

35 One of the Brady Bunch

36 Starts

37 Jerry Herman musical

40 Comic Jay

41 Brother of Andrew and Charles

45 Reed instrument

47 Pal of Wynken and Blynken

49 Wings

50 Gloomy

51 Run-down horse

52 Frost

53 Connect the -

54 Exist

55 "Sports-Center" ainer

DOWN

1 Thick slice

2 Serve tea

3 Frizzy hairdo

4 Strap hanger

5 Boutonniere

6 Ram's mate

7 Peeved

8 20-Across greeting

9 Vary, as a tone

10 Freudian concept

11 "Neither snow - ..."

19 Pimple

21 Toss in

23 Grassy plain

24 French city

25 Some conifers

26 Hexagonal state

27 Macadamize

28 Make abso-lutely plain

32 "Material Girl" singer

33 Computer security threat

35 Garfield's owner

36 Antiquated

38 Lecherous looks

39 Sill

42 Muhammad and Laila

43 Freeway access

44 TV chef Paula

45 Peculiar

46 Scary cry

48 Rowing tool

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of residue to show that farming practices that emphasize residue management can truly reduce soil erosion.

The SWCD and NRCS cover conservation practices that can reduce soil erosion and provide wildlife habitat. Please stop by to view the demonstrations.



Disabled American Veterans Van to the VA

The DAV maintains a van service through Bagley to VA appointments for veterans. This van runs four days per week and could run five if needed. This van is free for veterans and costs the county nothing. To schedule a ride call **855-277-9787**

NOTICE OF FINAL RESOLUTION HEARING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOSE PRAIRIE WMA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT #45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Final Resolution Hearing for the Establishment of Goose Prairie WMA Enhancement Project #45 (Project #45) to be held on August 14, 2019, at the Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD) office at 11 5th Ave East in Ada, MN at 10:00 a.m.

Location: The proposed Project #45 is located just northeast of Hitterdal, MN, in Goose Prairie Township of Clay County. Project #45 will retain floodwaters that flow into the Red River of the North by way of Clay Co. Ditch #18 (CD #18), South Branch Wild Rice River, and the Wild Rice River. The control structure for Project #45 will be located approximately 2 miles northeast of Hitterdal, MN, along 115th Ave. N. Other modifications to CD 18 included in Project #45 are a 115th Ave. N. road raise, select areas of sediment removal, realignment of CD # 18 from Goose Prairie Marsh to the control structure, and a realignment of CD # 18 around an existing partially drained wetland area.

Purpose: The primary purpose of Project #45 is to improve wildlife habitat conditions in Goose Prairie Marsh while also reducing the risk of downstream local and regional flooding damage and maintaining an adequate outlet for upstream landowners. Project #45 will provide the ability to manage water levels on Goose Prairie Marsh to improve wetland wildlife habitat and water quality. A water control structure will be built to control water levels for Goose Prairie Marsh following a water level management plan. The operation of the water control structure will be based on a future operation and maintenance agreement to be approved by both the Minnesota DNR and the WRWD. The operation and maintenance plan will attempt to balance wildlife management goals with flood management goals.

Financing: The estimated costs for Project #45 will be split based on the following breakdown: 40% Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (\$600,000); 17% Red River Watershed Management Board (\$250,000); 10% Wild Rice Watershed District (\$150,000); 13% State of Minnesota -Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (\$200,000); and 20% Other Outside Habitat Programs -DNR/USFWS/Other TBD (\$300,000).

A copy of the Engineer's Report dated January 30, 2019, regarding Project #45 is on file at the WRWD office.

A preliminary resolution report dated February 13, 2018, was prepared at the direction of the WRWD Board of Managers and a hearing on that report was held on April 11, 2018. Following said hearing, the WRWD Board made an Order adopting the Preliminary Resolution and continuing with development of Project #45. Pursuant to the Board's request, an Engineer's Report dated January 30, 2019, was prepared and filed with the Board at the WRWD office with updated information/analysis regarding the proposed Project #45. At the Final Resolution Hearing, the Board will consider said engineer's report, together with all other evidence/testimony presented at the hearing, and determine whether the proposed Project #45 promotes the public interest, is practicable, and in conformity with the WRWD's water management plan.

All persons who might be affected by the proposed Project #45, or who may be interested in said Project may appear and be heard.

Dated: July 22, 2019
By: Curt Johannsen
Secretary of the WRWD Board of Managers

HEARING SET FOR PROPOSED BUDGET OF WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT 11 FIFTH AVENUE EAST ADA, MINNESOTA 56510 PHONE: 218-784-5501

Pursuant to Section 103D.911 of the Minnesota Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Wild Rice Watershed District will hold a Public Hearing on their proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2020 at the office of the Watershed District at 11 Fifth Avenue East in the City of Ada, County of Norman, State of Minnesota on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 8:40 o'clock a.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT	
Admin. Salaries	103,000.00
Annual Report	2,000.00
Advisory Board	2,000.00
Audit	5,000.00
Capital Improvements (10 Year)	12,500.00
Education Programs	4,000.00
Engineering	13,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	11,000.00
Legal Fees	11,000.00
Managers Per Diem & Expenses	18,500.00
Mediation Project Team	1,500.00
Meetings, Special Board & other	22,000.00
Office Equipment	10,000.00
Office Maintenance	6,000.00
Organization Dues	5,000.00
Overall Plan (10 Year)	1,500.00
Supplies, Publications and Postage	7,000.00
Technical Equipment/Support	10,000.00
Utilities	5,000.00
	250,000.00

Pursuant to Chapter 162. Laws of 1976, as amended, and under direction from the Red River Watershed Management Board, it is also proposed to levy .0003627 times the taxable market value of the property in each county in the District for the Wild Rice Watershed Management Fund, one-half which remains in maintenance of projects of benefit to the District, and one-half which is sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to more than one member district. Interested persons are invited to attend the Hearing and express their views.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2019.
Curt Johannsen, Secretary
Wild Rice Watershed District
11 Fifth Avenue East
Ada, Minnesota 56510

City of Bagley, Minnesota Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

TIF District Name/Number	TIF 2 - 1 <i>(Scattered Site Housing)</i>	TIF 2 - 2 <i>(Single Family Housing)</i>	TIF 2 - 3 <i>(Sandford Clinic)</i>	TIF 2 - 4 <i>(NW Rehab and Nursing)</i>
Current net tax capacity	24,631	16,029	22,118	27,746
Original net tax capacity	17,039	8,965	734	8,134
Captured net tax capacity	7,592	7,064	21,384	19,612
Principal and interest payments due in 2019	59,404	0	115,950	52,797
Tax increment received - 2018	18,153	11,515	39,829	18,282
Tax increment expended - 2018	16,263	0	39,829	17,070
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	July, 2010	July, 2011	June, 2015	June, 2016
Date of required certification	December 31, 2035	December 31, 2036	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2041
Increased property tax imposed for fiscal disparities	0	0	0	0

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from: Faye Jacobs, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Bagley, PO Box 178, Bagley, MN 56621. Phone: 218-694-2865 fjacobs@bagleymn.us

THESE FOLKS JUST STARTED OR RENEWED THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE FARMERS INDEPENDENT

Mark Nelson	Marilyn Lundmark
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BHS Fall sports meeting is Aug. 8

The Bagley High School fall sports meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 8, beginning at 7 p.m. in the BHS cafeteria. All students and their parents/guardians who are interested in participating in a fall sport are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting before participating. Eligibility paperwork and information will be provided in addition to specific sport information. Activity participation fees remain at \$65 per sports season for each student-athlete.

The Minnesota State High School League requires that participants receive a sports qualifying physical every three years for participation.

Practice schedule:
9-12th grade football begins August 12, at 8 a.m.-noon

7th & 8th grade football begins August 12 at 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

9-12th grade volleyball begins August 12 at 3:30-6:30 p.m.

7th & 8th grade volleyball begins August 12 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.

9-12th grade cross country begins August 12 at 9-11 a.m.

7th & 8th grade cross country begins August 19 at 9-11 a.m.

Girls' swimming begins August 12 - transportation will leave BHS at 8:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please contact Athletic Director Doreen Zierer at 218-694-6528 or e-mail - dzierer@bagley.k12.mn.us

Weeds

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done voluntarily. That's why when it comes to weed law enforcement, the often dreadful task is commonly left to the county ag inspector.

In Clearwater County, to initiate noxious weed law enforcement by the county requires a complaint to be filed against the offending landowner, including specific information to identify the weed species present and a precise description of the land that's infested. From there, the law is very clear and effective in allowing the county ag inspector to carry out the enforcement process. It's actually the *only* law I have to work with in my office that allows me to get the needed work done without the delay of working through the court system. As stated previously, the law is equally effective when a township or city official carries out the process, but it's an individual town board or city council decision whether or not filing a complaint is necessary as the county requires. That said, voluntary compliance with the law is always preferable and is often just a matter of making a phone call, where response to a complaint leading to enforcement is relatively uncommon and requires a good deal of staff time to work through.

Our most common weeds that are regulated noxious weeds are Plumelless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Spotted Knapweed, Leafy Spurge, Wild Parsnip and Common Tansy. A couple of weeds that aren't regulated but are causing some concern among landowners locally are Orange Hawkweed and Yellow Hawkweed.

Thank you for reading this column and have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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Local tractor, semi, pickup pulls set for Clearwater County Fair

You can smell and hear the tractor pull from outside the grandstand. But you have to go into the grandstand to appreciate the roar of engines, and black smoke and flames pouring from stacks during the semi and tractor pull. Those pulls will be the main event at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Clearwater County Fair.

But wait! There's still more in store! At 7 p.m. Saturday the pickup pull begins at the grandstand. Here you see drivers with their street legal pickups competing to see who

can pull the weighted skid the farthest. The crowd cheers on as they watch their favorite drivers make the attempt.

Local tractor and semi drivers who want to enter the 1 p.m. event need to register at the fairgrounds the day of the pull between 10 a.m. and noon. Registration for the pickup pull is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Eight tractor classes have been established, as follows: 4,500 lbs., 5,500 lbs., 6,500 lbs., 7,500 lbs., 9,500 lbs., 12,500 lbs., 14,500 lbs., and

16,500 lbs.

Semis are all in one class.

Six Pickup classes have been established, as follows: 5,500 lbs. 4x4; 6,500 lbs. 2WD Dual Wheel; 6,500 lbs. 4x4; 8,000 lbs. 4x4 Gas; 8,000 lbs. 4x4 Diesel; and 10,000 lbs. 4x4 Diesel.

Entry fee is \$20 for all the pulls and payback is 100 percent.

For information or rules, contact Neil Harmon at 218-358-0456.

Hopped-up tractor pull also at the Fair

Some call it a tractor, but you won't see too many like the ones out in the field pulling a plow. However, you will be able to watch modified tractors at the Red River Valley Pullers Association pull at the Clearwater County Fair.

The pull features tractors as well as pickups that have been vastly modified to run with high horsepower to see who can drag the weighted skid the farthest. To witness this event, come to the Clearwater County Fair at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 in the grandstand.

Farm by the Lake/Continued from page 1



A view of the deck that wraps around the front and side of the former caretaker house.

people can come for a peaceful experience, and a place to learn about the environment.

The actual mission statement reads: "Farm by the Lake was endowed by Bagley native, Richard C. Davids, upon his death. Richard was a naturalist, author, editor, and teacher. On Sept. 2, 1983 Richard wrote: *I wanted to figure out some way that Farm By The Lake could always remain a haven. This place is sanctuary, a place of meditation and companionship, where nature enriches our faith and growth. It is a place where hospitality will always reign supreme. It will welcome everyone - with one stipulation: that you leave off your conceits at the door; leave all the burden of trying to*

convert others to your own pat brand of religion. Leave that ego, that conceit outside. Enter as a little child, full of wonder, full of question, eager to learn.

"Within the applicable federal and state laws, these words shall guide the corporation in its activities."

So, in order to return to the FBTL stated goals, the directors decided to slow down the pace at the farm. They are expanding the capacity by adding rental units, and they have been busy cleaning up some of the grounds.

In the near future a second "sleeper cabin" type of shelter will be set in place. This is a site without plumbing, but it does have electricity, and is near enough to the bath house

for one to enjoy a shower.

In the works are the following: to remodel the attached garage at the former caretaker house so it can be a guest rental; to finish building a bog walk of about 100 yards length; and to enhance the educational aspects of FBTL.

Other directors serving on the FBTL Board are Vice President Mike Phaller, Treasurer Mark Edevold, Ken Sutherland, Nancy Weerts and Chris Arnold. One director's seat remains unfilled following Furuseh's resignation from the board. All are volunteers. Anyone interested in serving on the board can inform Doug Sloan.

Horse disease/Continued from page 1

Laboratory for a necropsy, which confirmed infection with Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1). The clinical neurologic signs described and positive EHV-1 test results resulted in a diagnosis of EHM.

"This case is a good reminder that despite the fact we've had no reported EHM cases in Minnesota since 2015, it still poses a significant risk to horses," said Equine Program Director Dr. Courtney Wheeler. "Horse owners should take this opportunity to review their biosecurity protocols, both on the farm and when traveling, to ensure they are doing their best to protect their horses and Minnesota's equine community from communicable and contagious diseases like EHM."

The most common way for EHM to spread from horse to horse is by nose-to-nose contact. EHM can also spread by contact with contaminated objects like tack, feed and water buckets, grooming equipment, and a person's hands or clothing. Horses may

appear healthy yet still spread the virus. Horse owners are reminded of the importance of adhering to stringent biosecurity practices to prevent the further spread of EHM and other contagious diseases. A general biosecurity steps flyer is available on the Board's website.

Multiple EHM cases continue to be identified throughout the United States. Due to the highly contagious nature of this disease, all cases

of EHM must be reported to the Board of Animal Health, which, in collaboration with Minnesota's equine industry, enforces an official control plan for EHM. Under the plan, the Board is required to quarantine, test and monitor all horses confirmed to have, or been exposed to, EHM. You can review the EHM control plan on the Board's website: <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/ehm-control-plan.pdf>

Barrel racing, pole bending and dancing horses coming to the Fair

Horses will take center stage at the grandstand on Thursday, Aug. 1 during the Clearwater County Fair, which runs July 31-Aug. 4. This year the audience will see not only the annual Rhythm and Riding event, but also the rodeo events called barrel racing and pole bending.

First on the program is the Rhythm and Riding in the grandstand starting at 7 p.m. This is where riders and horses move to the sounds of music. When the Rhythm and Ride is completed (approximately 7:45 p.m.) the arena will be cleared and smoothed and the barrel racing will start.

The peewees (ages 10 and under) will go first. Some of these are *leadline* (led by parents) and some run the pattern themselves, depending on ability. Following the peewees there will be the open class (anyone of any age that wants to enter), followed by the youth (18 and under as of Jan. 1, 2019), followed by the senior (50 and up), followed by pole

bending.

The barrel racing and pole bending should last about two hours (depending on how many enter). Riders are expected from near and far. These will include riders from the local area, 4-H'ers, and adults of all ages.

This is a National Barrel Horse Association and ProElite World Challenge sanctioned event, so there will be barrel racers coming from all over northern Minnesota. For more information, call Kris McBride at 218-368-4918.

Barrel racing exhibitions will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Registration of competitors is from at 5 to 7 p.m. at the fair office. Exhibitions are like practice runs for riders to get their horses familiar with the arena.

Registration fees are as follows: exhibitions \$4, peewees \$5, open \$20, youth \$15, 3D pole bending (all ages) \$10, National Barrel Horse Assn. fee for each run \$3, office fee \$5. Competitors are required to wear western attire.

Ojibwe culture camp set

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians will host an Ojibwe Language and Culture Camp from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 7-9.

The three-day camp will feature, lacrosse, moccasin game, Ojibwe bingo, rock painting, sand art, tobacco pouch making, traditional Anishinaabe teachings and more. The camp's location will again be at the Ponemah Round House. Transportation and meals are provided.

Great efforts are made to teach children the importance of kinship, language and culture; this helps to build confidence. Elders play a large role as teachers for the teachers.

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'Chili's on!' Discover the best chili at the Fair

By Karen Edelbach

Chili -- and lots of it -- was being cooked up for the Fair by an ambitious crew at Faith Lutheran Church this past Monday.

"I love to cook," says Lorraine Jelle, who supervises the annual event. This is her 35th year of working with a crew to get the 27 one-gallon buckets ready to go to the church's fair booth. That's about 45 pounds of chili.

"I'm the happiest in the kitchen," Lorraine says. One can tell this is a labor of love for the 94-year-old who still gets around the kitchen quite well.

Lyn Schroeder, Virgil Prestby and Jim Michel were on hand to help with the tasks needed to prepare their special recipe.

"This recipe is 50 years old. It was given to the church by a nutritionist from a California high school," says Lorraine. "But it is secret! We don't tell anyone what is in it (besides hamburger)."

"We can't tell you!" chimed Lyn and Lorraine.

Ice cream buckets are collected before the event to have available to fill with the scrumptious blend of flavors to



Lorraine Jelle and Lyn Schroeder are the 'Chief Cooks' for the 27 gallon buckets of chili that are cooked up for the Faith Lutheran Church booth at Clearwater County Fair. This is Lorraine's 35th year of supervising the project.

please the palate. This reporter even got a taste to verify the unique flavor. After the chili is prepared, it is stored in the large refrigerators of the church kitchen, waiting to be

transported to their fair booth in time for the opening.

Lynn says that many people say, "I'll buy a bucket after the fair is over."

"But it all goes. There is

never any left over!"

"Tell the readers to come and eat the best chili at Clearwater County Fair!" says Lyn.



Virgil Prestby breaks up the hamburger in the big cooker to get it ready for the rest of the ingredients. Three batches are made, each batch containing enough to fill around 9 one-gallon pails.

the track, with kids and fans allowed on track to meet their favorite drivers. Prizes, treats, and drawings will be held for lucky kids to win new school backpacks. Races will start at 5 p.m.

With just four regular race nights remaining, season points are very tight in each class. The racing season ends with the 40th Annual Paul Bunyan Stampede on Sept. 20-22.

Wednesday night fair entertainment



Kent Dudley and Bended Knee will be the featured entertainment Wednesday Gospel Music Night at the Clearwater County Fair. The show featuring this well known group starts at 7 p.m. in the grandstand. Admission is by freewill donation.

Why I will vote for Brent Gish

I am supporting Brent Gish for Chairman in our White Earth Nation Special Election to fill the remaining term of our late Chairman Terry Tibbetts.

I read a comment on Facebook: "Mike Fairbanks is in over his head" and I agreed. I was elected as the District 1 Representative for 18 years, working with five Chairmen. I believe I am knowledgeable of the qualities a Chairman should have.

Yes, Mike Fairbanks is a very friendly person and has visited with many people. Yes, Mike has graduated from college but he doesn't have the degrees or experience that Brent Gish does. Mike Fairbanks is running using his cultural values and traditional way of life as his background to lead our Nation. He has made many friendly visits with people.

Mike dances traditionally and is at a Pow-wow every weekend. But that does not make a Chairman. In fact, at the White Earth 14th of June Pow-wow, Mike defrauded the Reservation's Election and Pow-wow Committee's ruling that we do not mix politics at our traditional Pow-wow. Mike walked from campsite to campsite handing out his campaign buttons, even to the children. I know, because he came to my campsite!

He held a "Meet & Greet" at the Community Center which is right next to the Pow-wow grounds. And people use it for many community events. That particular weekend, it was being used by and for the Pow-wow. Somehow, he convinced the Pow-wow Committee that he should be able to use it for his personal gain, campaigning. It showed me he will judge on rules and policies for his own advantage.

Mike worked with Tara Mason, who is being investigated for millions of dollars unaccounted for. When he was one of the first to be let go of his position when a new Secretary-Treasurer came in, he quickly turned on Tara and ran against her, not wanting to be associated with the investigation.

Brent does not dance at Pow-wows every weekend, but has with the Veterans group. Yes, Brent is a Veteran. As we all know, Veterans are held in high regard in Indian Country.

Brent has plenty of experience teaching

our children how to live good lives and respect the Earth, which are important components of living traditionally. Brent has years of experience working with Native children and families, living in the Naytahwaush village all his adult life. He cares deeply about education, helping our people to become knowledgeable in our traditions and language. Brent's work in Indian Education has been exemplary. He and his wife, Gayle, have dedicated their lives to Indian Education.

Brent has the experience of negotiation skills needed to work with County, State and National governments. I would be proud to be represented by Brent in hearings in Congress both at the state and federal levels. He has been a teacher, principal and superintendent, working with Native children in Native schools.

Brent Gish has served on the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools Association Board of Directors (currently serving as executive director). Impact Aid is a federal program that compensates a local school district that has lost taxing authority due to federal action as it is with Indian reservations. Those districts receive Impact Aid for school operations. Brent served on several boards and national committees: Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors (President), Northwest Minnesota Foundation (Vice Chair), White Earth District II Representative (1978-82). During those years he continued to be a full-time teacher at the Naytahwaush School. Brent made the decision not to run for a second term. In 2005, he retired from the Mahnomens School District.

One position I am very proud to inform the voters of this election is in March of 2005, the date of the tragedy at Red Lake High School. Brent was asked by the Minnesota Department of Education to go to Red Lake District to support their recovery efforts. What he thought would be a short commitment turned into six years. During those years, he was asked to serve as their superintendent. A very high honor to be asked.

Brent's dream for White Earth — thriving people, communities and the White Earth Nation.

Irene Auginaush

Prepared and paid for on her own behalf by Irene Auginaush.

Speedway rained out

Late morning showers continued into the afternoon and Sundays races at the Bemidji Speedway were cancelled. The postponed Roth RV Pure Stock special will take place Sunday, August 4, with all regular classes running.

In addition to the Roth RV Pure Stock special, the Wisconsin Modifieds, Super Stocks, Midwest Modifieds and Mod Fours will compete for the opportunity to race in the "Race of Champions" later this fall. Wisconsin racetracks throughout the Midwest will host the Race of Champions races to create the field for the Wisconsin 100.

On Aug. 11 the second Kid's Night will take place at

Law enforcement scholarships offered

Sheriff Darin Halverson of Clearwater County announced July 29 the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2018. Sheriff Halverson reported that the Minnesota Sheriffs Association (MSA) Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to fifteen \$600 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 sheriffs of Minnesota.

The members of MSA give special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two- or four-year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Sheriff Halverson. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

In making its selection of awards, the Scholarship Committee intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by Dec. 28 of the same year.

Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

- 1 - Mandated POST skills program
- 2 - In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program.
- 3 - In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff's office or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.

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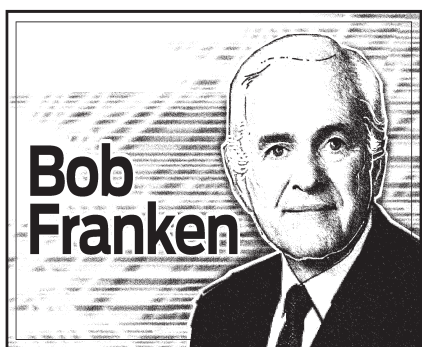
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The Trump Dump

What a sad debate between those who contend that Donald Trump fires off his increasingly hateful comments because he's cleverly trying to distract and those who insist it's because he simply has no impulse control. Is his racism uncontrolled or is it calculated, the worst form of demagoguery?

In spite of his halfhearted claim -- "I don't have a racist bone in my body" -- he really makes no bones about the fact that he's an out-and-out bigot. And here's the scary part: It works. Look no further than his massive rallies, where thousands of his fans rattle the roofpops with rabid hatred.

There he was recently in Greenville, N.C., where he thrilled his hordes by wrapping himself in jingoism and prejudice once again, this time by attacking "The Squad." That's the group of four hard-left congresswomen who are inexperienced but loud enough to have become cable news and social media (same thing) supercelebrities. President Trump, who never misses an opportunity to cause his rabid base to collectively foam at the mouth, stooped to new lows with his ugly dog whistles. But this time he did not even bother to waste time with subtlety. He started off by tweeting an old slur that critics of the U.S. face, particularly those of color: "Why don't they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came?"

Give him top marks for grammar. He didn't end a sentence with a preposition. But his proposition is fatally flawed. First of all, three of the four were born in the United States, and the fourth, Rep. Ilhan Omar, came over from Somalia as an 8-year-old. He focused his attention on Omar, revving up the anti-Muslim hatred of his followers. Thousands of voices responded loudly and frighteningly, chanting "Send her back!" Trump paused for 13 seconds, but by the next day, when there was an uproar, and when even Melania and Ivanka had conducted their intervention, he was backpedaling: "I was not happy when I heard that chant."

Nevertheless, such mass zealotry has totally intimidated most every politician in the Republican Party. Only a few dare challenge him. The rest meekly acquiesce to the opportunistic extremist who has taken over the GOP. They always do, timid officeholders and candidates marching in lock step with him. Make that goose step.

Of course, the Democrats themselves were also screaming. They even considered impeachment, although their failed resolution was curiously timed. They might have been better able to gauge the national reaction after seeing how sensational Bob Mueller's comments prove to be.

So far, Democrats have been shackled by their inability to really get down and dirty and play Trump's game. Perhaps they are encumbered by a sense of shame. Donald Trump definitely is not. He has been able to convince his mobs that he's fighting the good fight against the Washington Swamp from down in the gutter.

He's wagering that if he offers them enough sewage, they will turn up on Election Day. He's also betting that if the Democrats and whatever candidate they choose are bound by the rules of common decency, their voters will politely fail to show up. Then they can spend the next four years debating how they blew another chance. Politely, of course.

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

Bits & Pieces
Compiled by Tom Burford, editor

Cleaner fuel for ships = rising prices

Using the law of supply and demand, it can be safely concluded that when nearly one million ships are mandated to burn low sulphur fuel, such as diesel fuel, that means there will be less diesel fuel available for those hauling goods around the country in trucks, as well as for those with diesel-powered personal vehicles.

Dennis, a veteran over-the-road trucker from Clearwater County, stopped in my office to talk about how the price of diesel fuel and home heating oil is expected to increase by about \$1 per gallon as a result of high sulphur "bunker fuel" being outlawed in the near future. Bunker fuel is widely used in the oceanic shipping industry and has a high (3.5%) sulphur content. International mandates ordering a reduction in the sulphur level of that fuel (to 0.5%) are expected to affect the demand for cleaner burning fuel.

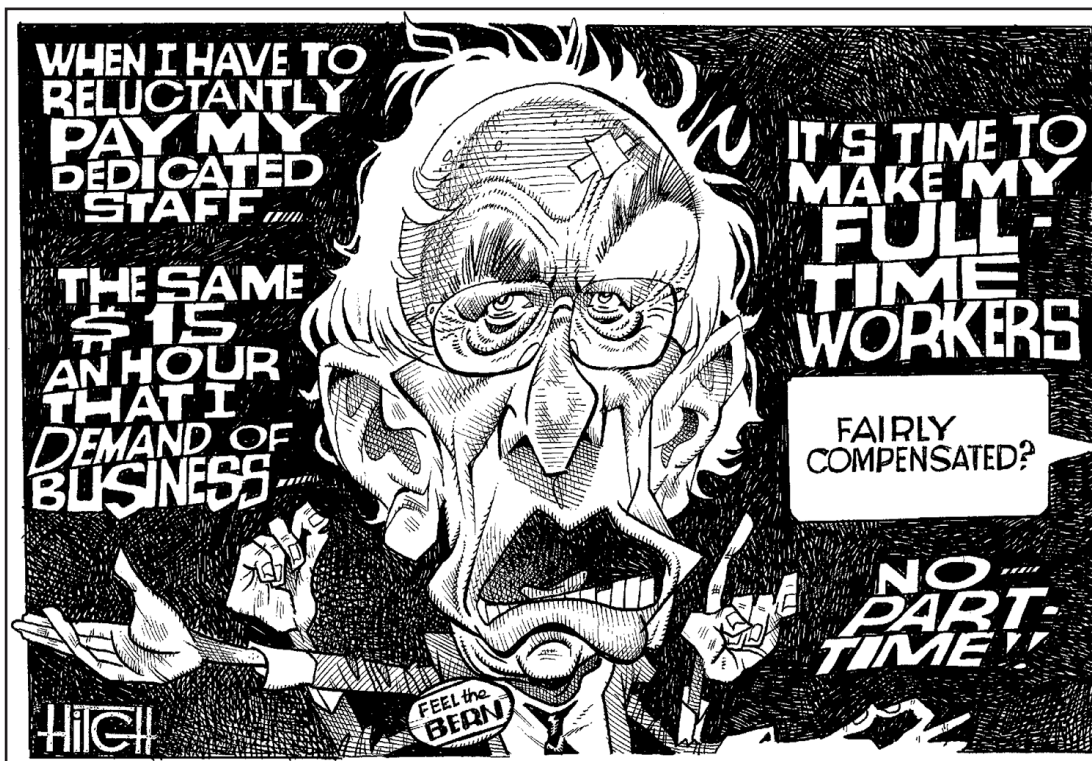
Even the ability of refiners to make the changes necessary in a timely fashion is not guaranteed.

Dennis said, "This will drive up shipping costs for everything."

He brought reports from the Seatrade Maritime News that went into the complexity of the issue. That report said ship owners have the option of installing scrubbers to reduce sulphur emissions, and refineries could gear up to produce more diesel fuel. However, the refiners, it noted, don't want to go to the expense of expanding their capabilities until they know if the demand exists. The refiners don't know if the ship owners will opt for scrubbers.

Another option is for ships to burn liquid natural gas (LNG). But, as Dennis noted, LNG needs more storage capacity, so using it would affect how much freight can be hauled in one trip.

Adding to the complexity was part of an economist's report in "Breakthrough," a



New media and censorship

"When any government or church for that matter, undertakes to say to its subjects, 'This you may not read, this you must not know,' the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motives." -- Robert A Heinlein

For those of us who follow Internet trends, something interesting happened last week. James O'Keefe's Project Veritas produced video recordings and internal emails of Google executives vowing to sway the next election against Trump by manipulating their search engine algorithm.

This came after Google vigorously denied any attempts to control public opinion.

Then something even more interesting happened, the video platform Vimeo appears to have deleted Project Veritas' account.

Then something really interesting happened, it didn't matter. The video is available on yet another platform: Bitchute.

We've been seeing this a lot lately. Lots of Facebook users complain about temporary bans for posting *wrongthink* on the social media platform, and YouTube (owned by Google) channels for gun nuts being canceled.

This prompted me to rummage through my old flash drives to find an academic paper I wrote years ago when I was a grad student in journalism and mass communication theory, about whether classical mass communication theories applied to

the Internet. I thought it aged pretty well, actually.

Mass communication theories fall into two broad categories: strong effect and weak effects. At the beginning of media studies back in the early 20th century we had what's called the "magic bullet" or "hypodermic needle" theory. Media prints/broadcasts it and we believe it, period.

Problem is, researchers found very little evidence to support strong effects. People stubbornly insist on thinking for themselves.

But wait a minute! Media is everywhere, that can't be true, can it?

In an attempt to salvage some kind of strong effects, researchers came up with theories such as *Gatekeeping* and *Agenda Setting*. Which have been summarized as, "Media isn't very successful at telling you what to think, but is quite successful in telling you what to think about."

The charge against Google is all about Gatekeeping and it's the same as when we got everything from newspapers, magazines, and radio. Every news item passes through a series of gate keepers who decide what's fit to print, or now post.

It used to be editors, now it's search engine designers. And by the way, that video of Google's Head of Responsible Innovation Jen Gennai, shows they are pretty up front about finding ways of telling you what to

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think. But will it work?

I don't think so, it's just too easy to "publish" on the Internet and too hard to control the lines of communication.

There's an old saying that freedom of the press doesn't matter much unless you own a press. But that was back in the days when presses were expensive, and that dam began to leak when Xerox replaced mimeograph machines.

Years ago in Poland I heard that back in the communist days you could get 15 years hard for possession of an unlicensed mimeograph machine.

A Chinese grad student I helped defect after Tien an Min Square told me there was precisely one copier on the University of Beijing campus, and it was kept in a locked room that you had to fill out a lot of paperwork to access.

But notice something? Poland isn't communist anymore. Total control of official media couldn't prevent the fall of the Soviet Union, and China is finding it harder and harder to control the flow of information.

There will always be people who want to tell you what to think. That doesn't mean you have to let them.

Enough is enough

(Editor's note: This letter was inadvertently left out of the 7-24-19 issue of the Farmers Independent, so it's timeliness has been affected.)

To the editor:

This morning on television I saw something that I never thought would happen in the United States. Our President was attacking congresswoman Omar from Minnesota and a crowd behind the President was chanting his words "send her back!" Trump was all

smiles and obviously enjoying the moment.

Later on in the day, Trump disavows the chant, but did nothing to stop it. A typical two-faced approach.

Enough is enough. Trump insults people, calls people names, he apparently has very little respect for the rule of law and the basic principles of our country. And this person wants to be re-elected?? I hope not.

Ed Rasmussen
Bagley

Service may teach troublemakers, liars respect for others

To the editor:

Our "incredible President" is still attacking our congresswoman Omar. He now calls her a racist and a troublemaker. The North Carolina crowd that chanted his words "send her back" are incredible patriots, according to him.

It is too bad this spoiled rich kid was never in the service. Maybe he would now have respect for others and a sense of decency. Can you imagine him saying "yes sir" and "no sir" and taking orders?

Mueller has now testified. Trump attacked Mueller ahead of his testimony. Why? Because Trump had lied when claiming Mueller exonerated him (said he did nothing wrong).

We heard it straight from Mueller: "Trump was not exonerated." Of course, now Trump says Mueller did a lousy job.

A lying president who preaches hate and division and a crowd of Republicans who think that's great.

newsletter for the shipping industry. The economist told how some nations, such as Norway, won't allow ships equipped with scrubbers in their fjord waters. The same report said China and Singapore plan to ban scrubber technology in river and coastal ports.

What all this does is apply upward pressure on the price of diesel fuel. And most of the goods moved around the world are moved with petroleum based fuels, including trucks that deliver goods around the U.S.A.

According to a news item by Tony Smithson of the Janesville, Wis., Gazette, prices of shipping goods on trucks is expected to increase because of a lack of truck drivers. He wrote, "Far from the joy of the open road... truck drivers note the long hours, the unhealthy lifestyle and the stress caused by unsafe drivers with whom they share the road. While some truck drivers can make in excess of \$100,000 per year, the median income for over-the-road truck drivers in 2018 was \$44,260, with a 60- or 70-hour week."

Such a level of income means the current shortage of truck drivers will likely worsen, unless wages increase -- and that means even more upward pressure on the price of food and everything else.

Technology, of course, may come in to provide a counter-effect, such as natural gas or battery powered trucks in urban areas, and there are already some turnpikes out East with the capability of hooking electrical power directly to trucks. And, as Dennis noted, self-driving trucks are already being used on some express-type routes.

While the point of his visit was not to promote the Line 3 Replacement Project, Dennis said, "This (increased demand for diesel) is another argument for Line 3."

What has happened to liberty and justice for all?

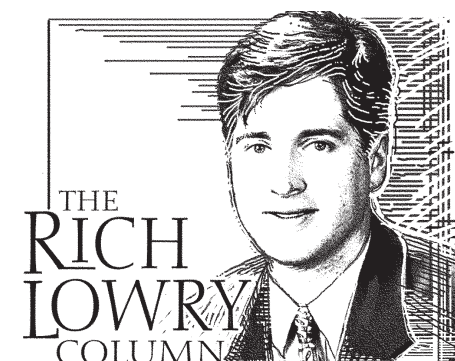
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Boys will be girls and Collin Peterson endorses it

To the editor: If you have been watching the news as of late, you have most likely heard that some politicians in Washington want to allow boys who identify themselves as girls to use women's bathrooms and showers. Now that Democrats are the majority in the House, they have done just that -- they passed what is known as the "Equality Act," House Bill H.R. 5. This bill allows gender-confused boys to choose whichever restroom they please, and -- on top of that -- allows them to join girls sports teams.

Does Collin Peterson support such nonsense? The voters of Minnesota's 7th District have kept him in office for nearly 30 years and he should know what we stand for and believe in. Why then did he hide the fact that he not only voted for the bill, but also sponsored it as well? At a town hall meeting on June 1 of this year in the town of Lancaster, Peterson denied that he knew what the bill was about. He later backtracked on this to say that he had co-sponsored it to keep his senior position on the Agriculture Committee. "The bill wouldn't have passed anyway," was his excuse. But, if Democrats ever again control the Senate and the Presidency along with the House, it certainly will pass and become law.

The Equality Act is a simple rewrite of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act. The Democrats added sexual identity and gender



Ilhan Omar Holds America in Contempt

Beto O'Rourke, the losing Texas senator candidate who bootstrapped his way into becoming a losing presidential candidate, had a message for refugees who had come to America: Your new country is a hellhole.

The former congressman told a roundtable of refugees and immigrants in Nashville, Tennessee: "This country was founded on white supremacy. And every single institution and structure that we have in this country still reflects the legacy of slavery and segregation and Jim Crow and suppression."

Just in case the newcomers were inclined to believe that they had escaped to the greatest country on Earth, an open, dynamic, generous society that, whatever their struggles now, will afford them opportunities unimaginable back home -- Beto was there to tell them of all its sins.

He had made himself into an instrument of woke assimilation.

This is the backdrop of the controversy over Ilhan Omar, the Somali-born left-wing member of Congress whom Donald Trump urged, in particularly noxious tweets, to return to her native country and fix it before presuming to tell us what to do.

It's a mistake, though, to think that Omar is anything other than on her way to total assimilation, only on the terms set out by Beto O'Rourke.

America has two assimilation problems. One is immigrants feeling only a tenuous connection to America, and getting isolated in ethnic enclaves. The other is immigrants like Omar -- and some of her second-generation colleagues -- assimilating into the America of identity politics and grievance.

They have learned to speak not just English, but the language of oppression. They understand our system (at least no less than the average officeholder), but hold it in low regard. They know our history, as taught by an instructor cribbing from Howard Zinn.

They may be citizens, but they are certainly outraged victims.

According to a profile in The Washington Post, Omar felt betrayal immediately upon getting to America.

"I arrived at the age of 12 and learned that I was the extreme other," she explained to The Post, noting bullying when she was in school in Arlington, Virginia, an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb. "I was black. I was Muslim. I also learned I was extremely poor and that the classless America that my father talked about didn't exist."

Somehow, despite all the depredations, she gained a seat in Congress. Omar doesn't represent a majority-minority district. She started her elected career, as The Post puts it, by getting to know "older peace-and-justice hippies." She attended Black Lives Matter protests, and established relationships with all the left-wing groups in Minneapolis.

Omar's default is to blame America first. She explained that local Somali-Americans attempted to join the Islamic State as a function of "systemic alienation." She contends that she has met American veterans "who say the most horrendous things, who have complete disregard for life." And she accuses her congressional colleagues of singling her out for demonization.

Anyone who thinks these attitudes are alien to America has never been to a college campus or watched MSNBC. In short, whatever foolhardy things Trump may tweet, Ilhan Omar is not suited to return and fix Somalia, rather to join a segment of the American elite.

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Bird Habits and Habitats sometimes trade places

It's a thoroughly human practice to classify things, to put them in neat compartments that make sense to us. We often do it with people. We give them labels: they're shy, or they're outgoing; cautious, or reckless; an optimist, or a pessimist.

We classify plants and animals, too, grouping them based on their appearance, their behaviors, or their genetic similarities or differences. We develop expectations about where we'll find them, what they will look like, and, for members of the animal kingdom, especially, their behaviors.

Sometimes, though, a critter doesn't quite follow the rules as we've come to understand them. It's a reminder that the only thing that matters

in Nature is survival, by whatever means are necessary. It's definitely not about a wild lifestyle that conforms to what humans expect.

I've seen this in the wildlife I watch, and sometimes photograph, in my travels between home and other destinations. Within just the last few days I've had it demonstrated by two wild creatures that I thought I knew pretty well. So much so, that when I found them in roles that seemed unexpected, I mistook each for the other.

Two of the more interesting birds in my neighborhood from spring through fall are Sandhill Cranes and Great Blue Herons. My late mother-in-law, Betty, and no doubt others, routinely called the herons she saw winging over the lake beyond



area where I live. Only within the last dozen years or so have they become a common sight feeding, or engaged in their leaping, pivoting, wing-flapping mating ritual, or having their rattle-like calls in several variations heard regularly.

I've almost always seen them in a crop field or pasture, striding on long, bone-skinny, stilt-like legs in search of whatever insect, reptile, amphibian, or hapless small mammal prey might be found there. The few times I had seen them near water they were skulking through cattails at the margin of a large, shallow pond, whose water ultimately drains into the lake where the family cabin stands. I assumed they were there for a drink of water, important for any

her cabin window "cranes." But science-minded people like me who sometimes know too much for our own good, would point out that the two aren't even in the same family of birds, despite their similar size, coloration, stilt-like legs, and long sharp beaks.

Sandhill Cranes are a relatively recent addition to the birdlife of the fields, forest, lakes and wetlands in the rural

creature that can't get enough from dew on vegetation, puddles of standing water, or in what it eats.

Recently, workplace-bound in the early morning, I was passing this pond as I usually do: camera on the front passenger seat, window down, driving at a pace slow enough to irritate anyone following close behind. It's a place where I've photographed loons, swans, ducks, and geese, so I try to be prepared for any opportunity it presents.

Nearly past the pond, I spotted a pair of large, gray-blue birds well out from shore, beyond the edge of a thin stand of bulrushes. This is a place where you'd expect, where I've seen and photographed Great Blue Herons stalking fish, frogs, or other victims of opportunity that are likely to be found there.

Despite the similarity in plumage tones, these were not Great Blue Herons. They were Sandhill Cranes, identifiable – even at a distance – by the bright red patch of bare skin on their heads. This telltale feature begins at the base of their upper bill, and extends back over the forehead to the crown of their skull. I had overshot them, but made a U-turn at a driveway beyond the pond, returning with window down and camera at the ready. The photo images I got may not make the cover of National Wildlife Magazine. But they had revealed an aquatic side of Sandhill Cranes that I had not seen.

Great Blue Herons can play the double-agent game, too. Along this same county road, but in the opposite direction, are several fields of small grains, planted by a farmer whose well-maintained barn on a hill above the shore is a welcome anachronism as today's lakeside properties go. One of his fields — rye or barley, I'm not sure which —

follows the broad curve of this road.

A day or so after the Sandhill Crane incident I was returning from a visit to a local produce stand. Rounding this curve, my attention was caught by a tall gray bird standing still as a statue. It was in a narrow strip between the field of waving grain and the road ditch, a strip where it appeared the farmer's crop was stunted and short. It was a Great Blue Heron, not the Sandhill Crane I would have expected; far from any pond, wetland, or the margins of the lake. What was it doing here?

As the car slowed and I angled onto the road shoulder, I lowered the passenger-side window and raised the camera with its long telephoto lens. In my experience, herons are one of the birds least tolerant of human disturbance, and this one was no exception. As I struggled to frame the bird in the camera viewfinder, it wasted little time taking flight. Instead of a photo of a statuesque heron, I got a freeze-frame shot of its wings raised above its head, just before their down stroke launched the heron into the air, and escape.

With the heron gone, I looked closer at where it had been standing. There, from that narrow strip where the grain was stunted, came a reflection of sunlight off a film of standing water. It was likely left by recent rain in this poorly-drained corner of the field. Just enough to suggest to a heron the possibility of frogs, or another menu item it might find appealing.

As if to underscore the unpredictability of such bird world juxtapositions, the next day I drove past the same field, and, instead of a heron, a pair of Sandhill Cranes were ambling along the edge of the small grains, intent on finding their next meal. Just as one would have expected!

4-H youth learn about civic engagement

Forty-three Minnesota youth, including four from Clearwater County, attended the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) experience in Washington, D.C., June 22-29.

"4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is a national 4-H experience designed to challenge youth to think about how they can use their voice to create positive, sustainable change in their communities," said Jacquie Lonning, Civic Engagement & Leadership Director at the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is held every summer at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, youth explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level. CWF participants get a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital, meet members of Congress, hear from motivational speakers, and participate in educational workshops and assemblies that increase their individual commitment to civic involvement -- building skills for a lifetime of success. Through CWF, youth strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills, and learn about the democratic process and the importance of becoming active and engaged community members.

CWF was truly the experience of a lifetime! In the



From left: Kara Bowman, Annabell Phillips, Tessa Tramm, Izabell Gerbracht

short amount of time that I was in Washington, D.C., I learned that by working with others, everyone can benefit. You can help your community grow and change in positive ways. Along with how much I learned, I also made so many new friends and experienced so many new things that I will carry with me forever. I am so thankful for this opportunity and would encourage anyone that has a similar chance to take it! – Izabell Gerbracht

"All the CWF delegates participated in a Civil Discourse class where we learned and practiced problem-solving strategies with people who don't share your same opinions. I really enjoyed that class. I also enjoyed meeting and working with 4-H'ers from around the nation." – Tessa Tramm

"I enjoyed interacting

with the youth as we toured Washington, D.C. It was encouraging to witness the patriotism in the young citizens." – Sara Tramm

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4-H offers leadership and civic engagement experiences throughout the year. To learn more, visit z.umn.edu/4HLeadership.

About Extension 4-H: 4-H is a youth development program of the University of Minnesota Extension. Available for

youth in kindergarten through one year after high school, 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, leadership & civic engagement, animal science, creative arts and much more. Through the 4-H learn-by-doing process, youth grow essential life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating that help them succeed in school, college, community and career. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have better grades and are more emotionally engaged with school, are more than twice as likely to be civically active and contribute to their communities, and are 47 percent less likely to have risky or problem behaviors.

Garden Valley announces construction plans

The media and public are invited to join Garden Valley Technologies as the company breaks ground on an expansion and updating of the headquarters building in Erskine on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. Garden Valley has been in its existing building since 1964 with very little changes done to the business office since the late 1980's.

Once completed, the headquarters building will have an updated HVAC system and LED lighting that will result in improved efficiency and lower annual costs.

Garden Valley Technologies has seen tremendous growth in the past several years with its products and services, as well as the expansion into the Mahnomen and Thief River Falls areas. The expanded building will increase the amount of physical space needed to fill current and future needs, which will include a larger retail space on Main Street with expanded product and service offerings, expanding the existing training center, and adding additional office space.

This project will ultimately improve the work efficiency for GVT employees, allowing the cooperative to better serve its members.



Garden Valley will break ground Aug. 13 on its expanded and updated headquarters building in Erskine.

Pollinators are key to Minnesota's environmental health

Without them, we wouldn't have some of our favorite foods. They are vital to a healthy environment. They're also beautiful and fascinating to watch. They're pollinators, and this week is dedicated to understanding, appreciating and helping them.

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are needed to pollinate plants that provide Minnesota food crops such as fruits, vegetables and herbs. Some of these foods are important for wildlife, too. Black bears, for example, eat raspberries that are pollinated by bumble bees. Honey bees and native pollinators contribute millions of dollars to Minnesota's agricultural economy.

Pollinators play a critical role in keeping our environment healthy. They help maintain the health of the many plants that stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. These plants also buffer waterways, store carbon, and provide habitat for other wildlife. Plus, flowering landscapes are beautiful. Without pollinators, our environment would look very different.

"Pollinators are so important, not just to flowers but to our whole environment, and there are many simple things Minnesotans can do to help pollinators," said DNR invertebrate ecologist Jessica Petersen.

To help pollinators:

- Plant a variety of flowers, especially those that are native to the area.
- Keep gardens blooming all season long; choose plants that provide pollen and nectar in the spring, summer and fall.
- Provide nesting sites by allowing dead branches and logs to remain, leaving bare earth for ground-nesting insects, or installing bee nesting blocks.
- Reduce pesticide use.
- Become a citizen scientist and help researchers collect data about pollinators and their habitat.
- Tell friends and family about pollinators and inspire them to take action.

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Walter Dahlberg farm is named Century Farm

By Darlene Sawyer

The family of Walter Dahlberg of Clearbrook has been notified by the Headwaters Farm Bureau Federation and the Minnesota State Fair that their farm has been designated a Century Farm in Clearwater County. What this means is that the farm has been under the ownership of a Dahlberg family member for 100 years.

To understand this award, we need to go back into one hundred years of history for Clearwater County and the surrounding area.

Hans Dahlberg was born in 1869 in Rittvik Dalarna, Sweden. At age 23 (in 1892), he joined other Swedish immigrants and came to the Cambridge, Minn., area to work with some cousins. He met his wife in Cambridge and married her in 1901. They raised three children: Walter, Mary Ann, and Henry.

In January 1919, Hans and son Walter, age 17, loaded four freight train cars in Cambridge with their horses, cows, chickens, pigs, hay, grain and wood to burn at the farm that they had bought in Clearbrook. It took them three days to come from Cambridge to Clearbrook. Hans' wife Anna, son Henry, and daughter Maryann came later in the spring.

Hans bought the farm in 1919 from John Asplund, secured a loan, and paid him off. In their early years at Clearbrook they raised potatoes, and within four years paid off the loan, built a new barn, and bought a new car. Walter met his wife Ellen Sjolander when she helped pick potatoes for the Dahls.

Walter and Ellen married in 1939 and bought a farm in another township. They raised four daughters: Linda, Dianne, Pam, and Cindy. All four girls

attended Clearbrook High School. In 1953, Walter bought the Dahlberg farm from his dad.

Ellen graduated from high school at the age of 16, and after one year of normal training at Bemidji began teaching country school. She taught from 1929-1939. She quit teaching when she married Walter.

When World War II started, Ellen was recruited by Supt. Mae Barnes to return to teaching at the Winsor School (north of Gonvick). When the war was over, she again quit teaching but returned to the classroom in the 1960's. By then, country schools were closed. She went back to college and earned her teaching degree, graduating in 1966, the same year their daughter, Linda, graduated from high school. She taught in Lengby for two years and then in McIntosh until she retired at age 65.

After Walter retired from farming, his nephew David Dahlberg rented the Dahlberg farm and he continues to rent the pasture and fields today.

Besides teaching, Ellen raised raspberries and a big garden. Their daughter Dianne explained, "We canned everything, all kinds of fruit, including the raspberries. We also raised chickens and helped gather the eggs. Dad cut the heads off the chickens and we plucked and canned them."

"Mom loved to entertain and we had company almost every Sunday. The standard meal was fried chicken with lemon pie for dessert. Mom was famous for her cooking... especially her desserts." Pam's favorite was angel food cake with a chocolate sauce over it; Diane's was pumpkin pie.

The Dahlberg family belongs to the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook. Hans was one of the founding fathers of the First Baptist Church. Dianne's husband, Rick Moore, is also a pastor.

Walter enjoyed music, too. He was part of a male quartet called The Four Swedes. He sang tenor, along with Bill Anderson, Emil Nelson, and Elmer Anderson. Their pianist was Selma Nelson. They sang at many events around this area for over 30 years.

Life was much easier for the whole Dahlberg family when electricity was brought to rural farms by the REA. Before electricity, lanterns were a common source of light for the family. Diane added, "I still have one of the lamps that my father used."

Walter also drove school bus for many years. In the early years he used a sleigh and horses. He would heat bricks for the children to put their feet on to keep warm. He also drove bus for Lewis Emmel and later for Harlyn Johnson.

Dianne said, "Both Mom and Dad spoke Swedish, especially when they didn't want us girls to know what they were saying. Dad didn't learn to speak English until he went to grade school because his family spoke only Swedish all the time at home."

In 1995, Ellen went to Sweden as a tourist with Mary Eddy so she "could see her roots."

Today, Dianne's daughter Heidi and granddaughter Anna live in the original farm house. Dianne and her husband Rick own a home on the Dahlberg property. Anna is the fifth generation to live on the Dahlberg farm.



1951 -- Hans and Anna Dahlberg's family: Walter, Mary Ann KenKnight, and Henry; (front row) Anna and Hans



Remodeled Dahlberg home



1948 Hans and Anna Dahlberg



Ellen and Walter Dahlberg



Walter and Ellen's family: Cindy, Dianne, Walter, Ellen, Pam, and Linda -- 1985

Talking roadway safety and the new hands-free law with U of M

On August 1, the hands-free bill passed this spring will become law in the state of Minnesota. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts, and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone.

Nichole Morris, director of the HumanFIRST Lab at the University of Minnesota, speaks about what it means for a vehicle to be hands-free, what defines distracted driving and how drivers can drive hands-free.

Q: What does it mean to drive hands-free?

Dr. Morris: Hands-free is a general term to describe interacting with your phone while driving that does not involve holding or manually interacting with the phone for purposes of dialing, talking, or any other type of input or engagement. Depending on the combination of the driver's phone and vehicle, the hands-free phone use could be through vehicle manufacturer's onboard features, such as microphones, speech recognition software, speakers, and steering wheel buttons; or through aftermarket products, such as headsets or Bluetooth adapters. All of these features may help to reduce, but not completely eliminate, the amount of physical and visual engagement drivers have with their phones while driving.

Q: How can individuals with older vehicles retrofit them to be hands-free?

Dr. Morris: There are three main methods to retrofit your car to enable you to interact with your phone hands-free — with a single push of a button. The first — but perhaps

more expensive method — is to upgrade your vehicle radio to one with Bluetooth capabilities. Installing a Bluetooth-enabled, after-market radio will help get you closer to an integrated system made by a vehicle manufacturer and is likely to be more reliable than other methods.

Second, you can purchase a Bluetooth car kit or adapter to sync with your smartphone that may have its own speaker system or transmit to your radio. These products tend to be inexpensive and should not require professional installation. However, be sure to check for compatibility with your phone operating system and your vehicle input options.

Third, there are vehicle-specific adapters that may allow you to add Bluetooth and microphones to your existing stereo system. This will have additional costs, including installation.

There are secondary methods to control your phone through voice activation or one-touch, such as smartwatches or single earbud headphones that have a microphone that do not require drivers to retrofit their vehicle. Remember that these fall under the same restrictions under the law and cannot be used for reading texts or manually inputting information.

The most important thing with any retrofitting method is to install and practice using your new system before you begin driving.

Q: How does having a hands-free vehicle help with decreasing distracted driving?

Dr. Morris: The best way to reduce the risk of phone-related distracted driving is to start any processes (e.g., launching navigation) before you leave; wait until you reach your destination to return

messages; pull over to a safe location to use your phone; and employ "do not disturb" functions to block texts from coming in while you drive.

Drivers should always treat the primary task of driving as one that demands all of their mind, eyes and hands. If you must use your phone while driving, hands-free driving is safer than manually interacting with your phone. This is because tasks that involve taking your eyes and hands away from driving increases crash risk and can have fatal consequences.

Research studies have linked some of the largest crash risks to tasks like texting while driving or reaching for an item in the vehicle while driving. In contrast, tasks like simply talking on the phone (not including dialing) or conversing with passengers are considered less risky tasks while driving. Drivers can use one-button push, hands-free technology to limit the amount of time they may look away from the road at their phones and limit dangerous reaching to grab their phone in the vehicle. Using voice-activated texting, which is allowed under the new hands-free law, frequently requires visual verification and corrections of what had been said to the phone — which is still a dangerous activity that I cannot recommend.

I encourage drivers to go "old school" and talk to their friends and family through Bluetooth or onboard features while driving instead of voice-activated texting.

Q: How can individuals with hands-free vehicles further decrease their distracted habits while driving?

Dr. Morris: We tend to hear discussions about distracted driving and texting while

driving as interchangeable terms, but distracted driving includes a wide variety of behaviors such as eating, grooming and daydreaming. Although reaching for an object that has fallen to the floor may seem innocuous, it can take your eyes and hands away from driving for long enough that you may wind up in a fatal collision or run-off-the-road crash. Pull over to retrieve any objects that you cannot reach without looking or moving your torso.

Passengers can also impose a distraction to drivers. Drivers should firmly let passengers know when they are feeling stressed or overwhelmed with their driving environment and that they need silence to focus. Due to the pronounced risks, I encourage parents to prohibit their teen drivers from having any teen passengers in their vehicle for the first year of independent driving, longer than what is required by Minnesota's teen driver laws.

Daydreaming or getting lost in thought may be one of the hardest distracted behaviors to control. I encourage drivers to be more engaged in scanning their environment to help keep their mind busy and fully focused on driving. I like to count the number of pedestrians and bicyclists I see in my commute to help be sure I'm always looking for them and quiet the part of my brain that gets antsy for other things to do.

Sheriff's Log

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

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity Report	07/22/19 20:47 Suicide Related	07/23/19 17:14 Harassment
Date/Time Description	07/25/19 19:50 Welfare Check	Clover Total: 3
City of Bagley	07/21/19 15:18 Medical	07/21/19 07:17 Medical
07/22/19 22:44 Suspicious	07/23/19 01:13 Medical	07/24/19 10:27 Harassment
07/23/19 01:13 Medical	07/23/19 07:08 Medical	07/24/19 12:17 ASSIST
07/23/19 07:08 Medical	07/24/19 00:35 Traffic Stop	07/25/19 19:35 Information
07/24/19 04:32 Traffic Stop	07/24/19 04:32 Traffic Stop	07/25/19 21:56 Welfare Check
07/24/19 13:26 Medical	07/24/19 19:04 Traffic Stop	07/26/19 03:05 Traffic Stop
07/24/19 19:04 Traffic Stop	07/25/19 21:59 Search Warrant	07/27/19 00:38 Court Order
07/25/19 21:59 Search Warrant	07/26/19 00:25 Traffic Stop	Violation
07/26/19 00:25 Traffic Stop	07/26/19 14:06 Medical	Copley Total: 7
07/26/19 14:06 Medical	07/27/19 23:49 Trespass	Dudley
07/27/19 23:49 Trespass	City of Bagley Total: 12	07/21/19 01:13 Motor Vehicle Theft
City of Clearbrook	07/21/19 09:00 Medical	07/21/19 11:40 Suspicious
07/21/19 09:39 Welfare Check	07/21/19 09:39 Welfare Check	Activity
07/21/19 16:42 Fire	07/21/19 16:42 Fire	07/27/19 12:53 Animal Related
07/21/19 17:53 Disorderly	07/21/19 17:53 Disorderly	07/27/19 13:25 Traffic Stop
07/21/19 21:32 Suspicious	07/21/19 21:32 Suspicious	Dudley Total: 4
Activity	07/22/19 13:15 Welfare Check	Eddy
07/22/19 13:15 Welfare Check	07/23/19 20:08 Suspicious	07/23/19 02:12 Assist Other
07/23/19 20:08 Suspicious	Activity	Agency
07/25/19 19:22 Welfare Check	07/25/19 19:22 Welfare Check	07/27/19 13:38 Traffic
City of Clearbrook Total: 8	City of Clearbrook Total: 8	Complaint
City of Gonvick	07/24/19 21:12 Vehicle Lock Out	Eddy Total: 2
07/24/19 21:12 Vehicle Lock Out	07/26/19 01:07 Disorderly	Falk
07/26/19 01:07 Disorderly	07/26/19 12:26 Animal Related	07/24/19 15:46 Suspicious
07/26/19 20:09 Welfare Check	07/26/19 20:09 Welfare Check	Activity
07/26/19 21:25 Civil Complaint	07/26/19 21:25 Civil Complaint	07/25/19 07:29 ASSIST
City of Gonvick Total: 5	City of Gonvick Total: 5	07/25/19 10:11 Disturbance
City of Shevlin	07/22/19 13:22 Suspicious	Falk Total: 3
07/22/19 13:22 Suspicious	Activity	Holst
07/23/19 19:29 THEFT	07/23/19 19:29 THEFT	07/25/19 15:35 Traffic Stop
City of Shevlin Total: 2	City of Shevlin Total: 2	Holst Total: 1
Clover	07/22/19 17:57 ASSIST	Itasca
07/22/19 17:57 ASSIST	LaPraire Total: 1	07/26/19 17:29 Traffic Stop
LaPraire Total: 1	LaPraire Total: 1	Activity
		07/26/19 16:03 Alarm
		07/26/19 16:15 ATV Complaint
		07/26/19 19:51 Vehicle Lock Out
		07/26/19 23:57 Disorderly
		Rice Total: 4
		Shevlin
		07/21/19 06:57 Animal Related
		07/22/19 18:21 Medical
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		Sinclair
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		Sinclair Total: 1
		Total Records: 78

U of M researchers deploy a novel, cutting-edge mobile lab for rapid, real-time pathogen testing

On the hunt for ticks

ITASCA STATE PARK --- The relationship between humans, domesticated animals, and wildlife is complex, the health of which is often referred to as One Health and is essential to the survival of all species on earth. Many diseases have adapted to spread across this web of animals and humans, infecting our food supply, wiping out endangered species, and shaking our ecosystem at its core. Researchers at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) are responding to this age-old phenomenon in a new and innovative way — by heading into the forest to more closely marry sample collection and lab work through a new, deployable mobile lab.

Into the woods
Peter Larsen, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, recently spent two days following two researchers from his lab through the deep woods of Itasca State Park on a hot July day. The scientists are Kenwyn Shriner, a second-year DVM/MPH student and current Summer Scholar, and Laramie Lindsey, PhD, a postdoctoral associate in the Larsen lab. “Kenwyn’s project is geared toward refining existing methodology of testing for tick-borne disease in the field,” he says. Shriner’s project truly shines because it is not only testing for the presence of tick-borne disease, but it is also performing genetic sequencing of key pathogens to better understand how they move, evolve, and function.

Shriner and Lindsey tucked their pants into their socks, zipped up their painter’s suits, and fashioned drag clothes to pull through the woods to collect ticks. They purposefully did not apply insect repellent, as ticks won’t approach with any present. After an hour and

a half, the pair collected 39 adult ticks. “I was shocked by the amount of ticks we found in our first location on this trip,” says Shriner, who later spent another hour and a half in other parts of the park, rounding out her sample collection to about 50 ticks in total. “It was almost a little scary. On previous trips I have been on, I have collected 40 adult ticks after a full eight-hour day of collecting.”

Later, the scientists set up their mobile lab to test the various species of ticks they collected for Borrelia, the bacteria responsible for Lyme disease.

The impact of tick-borne illness

“The Minnesota Department of Health recognizes about 1,000-1,400 cases of Lyme disease per year,” says Jonathan Oliver, PhD, assistant professor in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, “but this number likely underrepresents the actual number of cases. Nationwide, about 33,000 cases fit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention definition of Lyme disease, though the agency admits there are probably around 300,000 cases per year.” Oliver is a public health entomologist specializing in vector-borne diseases. His research expertise lies primarily in the relationship between ticks and emerging tick-borne pathogens relevant to human health.

While Lyme disease is the most prevalent tick-borne disease that impacts humans in the U.S. each year, there are many more. These include human granulocytic anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other spotted fevers, tick-borne relapsing fever, q-fever, Colorado tick fever, Powassan virus, Bourbon virus, Heartland

virus, Southern tick-associated rash illness, and babesiosis.

Nuts and bolts

Itasca State Park is a hot spot for ticks and tick-borne disease and the University of Minnesota owns a field station in the park, equipped with a lab space. After collection, the team assembles their mobile lab, setting out miniaturized technology and plugging it into a power strip. The entire lab fits into just two, medium-sized suitcases.

“Everything you see here can run on battery packs, too,” says Larsen. “So, if we wanted to test for disease in a more remote location, we could easily do that in real time.” According to Larsen, the effort in Itasca is “ground truthing” the efficacy of his team’s approach. Up next, the team is heading to Borneo, Malaysia, to use the mobile lab to test and better understand emerging foodborne pathogens in small mammals, such as rodents, which are reservoirs of zoonotic disease.

“The region we are going to is in some of the oldest rainforest in the world,” says Shriner. “It’s an area where there is a lot of ecological diversity that is unexplored because the infrastructure of gathering samples in the rainforest, keeping them cool, and transferring them back to a traditional lab is too high of a barrier. Now, we can access so much by bringing the lab into the rainforest and produce data. More importantly, we’ll create relationships with the students and professors working in Malaysia and start an international collaboration that hopefully lasts for many years to come.”

Picking up the pace

Not only has the Larsen lab increased biological access to testing an endless number of diseases, they have also



Peter Larsen, PhD, with his researchers Kenwyn Shriner (left) and Laramie Lindsey, PhD.

streamlined the process of the testing itself. At the crux of Shriner’s project is an effort to refine the methodology of testing material for pathogens. Previous to Shriner’s expertise and Larsen’s high-end technology, the process for performing a similar test on ticks in a traditional lab would have taken at least three days, not to mention how long it could take to ship samples and then wait in a lab’s queue for the test to be performed. Now, the Larsen lab is getting DNA sequencing results from individual ticks in less than 12

hours. According to Larsen, the U of M is one of the first in the U.S. to use this technology for tick-borne pathogens in this specific way. “I think that as time goes on, you are going to hear more and more about how the miniature technologies we are using will be used for research, education, and outreach efforts,” says Larsen. “But it’s still in its infancy. So, this project is especially novel in the sense that we are able to collect ticks on one day and spend the next day confirming presence or absence for Lyme

disease and then sequence the DNA of the pathogen to understand its genetic make-up.”

The approach the Larsen lab is refining could help mitigate a wide range of emerging threats. “The true power of the mobile lab is that it doesn’t matter if it’s Lyme disease, Ebola in Africa, or African swine fever on swine farms — the possibilities are applicable for any molecular diagnostics in the field,” Larsen says. “All of this is part of a bigger picture to address emerging threats as they evolve.”

Prevent tick-borne diseases while enjoying the outdoors

By Melinda Myers

You’ve grabbed your water bottle, sunscreen and hat for a hike in the park or some gardening. Add a bit of tick protection to your must-have items when you head out the door for an adventure, to garden or play.

Continue enjoying the outdoors by enlisting a variety of strategies to limit your risk of exposure to ticks and the disease pathogens they transmit. Here are just a few of the ways to increase your safety and enjoyment.

Wear light colored clothing to more easily spot the tick before it moves onto your skin. Wear long pants and tuck them into your socks and tuck your shirt into your pants. Ticks often gain access through pant legs or shirttails and crawl up looking for a place to settle in and feed.

Consider spraying your clothing with an insecticide labeled for repelling and killing ticks. Spray your clothing and let it dry before wearing. Or invest in pre-treated clothing for gardening, hiking or other outdoor activities. Read and follow label directions carefully.

Always conduct a tick check on yourself, children and pets after spending time outdoors. Studies show that regular tick checks are the most effective way to prevent diseases transmitted by ticks. Ticks can feed anywhere but are often found in and around the ears and hair, inside the bellybutton, under the arms, around the waist, back of the knees and between the legs.

Check your clothing inside and out. Ticks can survive for several days in the house and even when washed in warm or hot water. An hour in the dryer on high heat will kill them.

Shower within two hours after spending time outdoors. The water can help dislodge any unattached ticks plus this provides a second opportunity to conduct a tick check. Studies found this practice greatly reduces the risk of tick-borne diseases.

Manage your landscape to reduce the tick population. Keep the grass mowed and



Ticks, including the black legged tick, often gain access through pant legs or shirttails and crawl up looking for a place to settle in and feed. Photo credit: Scott Bauer, USDA ARS, Bugwood.org

remove brush, groundcovers, firewood piles and birdfeeders near the home or where the family frequents. Keep swing sets away from the woods and placed on woodchip mulch. Eliminate invasive barberry, honeysuckle and buckthorn that create a tick-friendly habitat.

Many of us are doing the opposite. We are eliminating lawns, increasing groundcover, planting more trees, shrubs and flowers to create more diverse wildlife-friendly habitats. There is limited evidence that increasing animal diversity may help reduce the rate of tick associated diseases. Unfortunately, the fragmented woodlands and ecosystems do favor deer and white-footed mice that are key to the maintenance and transmission of tick-borne diseases.

Consider creating a tick safe zone area where your family frequents and limit your time in tick infested areas. Widen pathways, prune trees to increase light, exclude deer and discourage rodents to reduce

the risk of exposure.

And if additional control is needed to create a tick safe zone, consider using a pesticide like Summit Tick & Flea Spray that contains permethrin. You’ll only need small amounts at the right time of the year for effective control. One application in spring or fall is usually sufficient for managing the ticks that can transmit Lyme disease. For the dog tick, also known as wood ticks, an application can be made any time after the adults emerge. As always read and follow label directions.

Make these practices part of your routine, so you and your family can continue to safely enjoy all your favorite outdoor activities.

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Turning Back the PAGES

2013: July 8 – Have you noticed the purple martin house at the Bagley City Park near the beach? The house has 18 apartments and is about 15 feet off the ground. The purple martins arrived here from South America on April 27 this year and there was still ice on Lake Lomond. They have been busy building nests, laying eggs, and catching insects for the last two months. At the last house check on June 25, there were 66 eggs in 14 different apartments in the house. There appear to be 28-30 adult birds around the house, which is twice as many as last year.

Did you know that purple martins are the largest swallows of North America? They are seven to eight inches long and have a wingspan of 16 inches. They migrate 5,000 miles from South America, taking two to three months. One martin (fitted with a tracking device) flew from the Yucatan in Mexico to Brainerd in just three days! Amazing!

2009: The bulls, the bucking broncos, and the beautiful weather attracted a large audience of young and old on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12 at Gonvick for the 19th Annual Lions Club Rodeo. Lions Club members believe that the two-day crowd outnumbered last year's attendance, with over 900 people for the two-day events at the Gonvick Rodeo grounds.

On Saturday evening, the monthly fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion also drew a record crowd. There was another large crowd gathered

for the live outdoor music at The Trap uptown.

Laura and Craig Dahl of Shevlin would like to introduce you to Bella Lea Dahl. She was born July 17, 2009 in Fosston and weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jim and Mary Hood, of Shevlin, and Ron and Nancy Dahl, of Bemidji.

1994: Daran and Debra Butler of Bagley announced the birth of their son, Benjamin James Kent Butler, on Tuesday, June 28, 1994. Benjamin weighed 8 pounds 5-1/2 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Milo and Karen Fultz of Bagley, and Keith and Lynette Butler of Lake Itasca.

Jim and Jan Carlson of Brooklyn Park, Minn., are the proud parents of Jesse Michael, born Monday, July 11. Jesse weighed 8 pounds 3-1/2 ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Bradley and Mary Maruska and Eva Carlson of Moorhead.

Debra Thompson and Henry Neeland of Bagley announce the birth of their son, Nicholas James Neeland on Tuesday, July 19. Nicholas weighed 8 pounds 1-3/4 ounces, and measured 20 inches long.

1970: Bagley Police Officers reported two incidents of theft this past weekend. Nels LaFerriere reported the loss of two Skilsaws, hammers and other small tools taken from a toolbox in his pickup where it was parked in his yard overnight Friday.

At Vorderbruggen's Mill the theft of a bag of bolts and some nylon rope was reported Sunday.

Sheriff Almer Olson and deputies from Polk County apprehended four juveniles in the connection with a break-in at Trail Liquor Store. The youngsters admitted taking 20-25 bottles of liquor and having

drunk a quantity of it before their arrest.

This week's winner of a tackle box is Jo Kliever of Bagley. He caught a 10 lb. 6 oz. northern. Enter our Fishing Contest. **WHITEY'S MOBIL, BAGLEY.**

1953: Eugene Harwood has taken over the bulk truck position at Standard Oil recently held by Kermit Anderson. The change is now in effect. They would like to remind all friends to continue to patronize this organization as in the past as the same fine service will be continued.

Mr. Harwood has been

operating the second truck for the past two months. He is a graduate of Bagley High School and has spent 21 months in the service, the last 12 of which were spent in Korea. He is not married.

Larry Harwood will operate the second truck and at this present time is spending two weeks at a special school set up by Standard Oil Company. Larry is a graduate of Bagley High School, as also is his wife.

They have one child. Until this week Larry has been employed by Independent School District No. 2 as one of

the custodians.

1939: Irvin Lee, young Bagley businessman, will open a shoe store at Bemidji in the near future, to be known as Lee's Shoe Store, in the building just north of the Penny building, formerly occupied by Cliff Butts, jeweler, and the Thorp firm. The building is nearly ready for occupancy now.

Associated with Mr. Lee in the capacity of salesman will be Les Bailey of Bemidji, a relative of the G.H. Hansells of Bagley, who has been connected with the Penny store in Bemidji for years.

Mr. Lee is a member of a family of successful merchants, being the son of O.G. Lee, president of the Bagley Mercantile. With the training he has had, and the experience gained in recent years at the Mercantile, the venture should be a success.

Washington, July 27 – The Navy announced appointment of Duane F. Long of Clearbrook, Minn., as Aviation Cadet in the Marine Corps Reserve with rank from July 6.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend any conservative membership organizations for older adults that offer discounts too? AARP is way too liberal for my liking.
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Dear Conservative,
There are actually quite a few senior advocacy organizations out there promoting themselves as conservative alternatives to AARP, and many of them offer membership benefit too. Here's what you should know.

Anti-AARP
While AARP, with a membership of around 38 million, is by far the biggest and most powerful advocacy group for people age 50 and older, there are millions of older Americans that don't like or agree with their stance on various issues. Many believe AARP leans too far to the left despite its stated nonpartisan nature.

For seniors that disagree with AARP, there are other conservative leaning groups that you can join that may better represent your views. And, many of them offer their members discounts on things like travel, insurance, healthcare and more. Here are several to check into.

60 Plus: American Association of Senior Citizens (60plus.org): Established in 1992, this nonprofit group was founded to lobby for issues it holds dear, namely free enterprise, fewer taxes and less government. Their main priority is to end the federal estate tax and preserve social security. Membership fees run \$12, \$24 or \$48 per year, or \$299 for a lifetime membership. They also offer a bevy of discounts on travel and entertainment, cable, Internet and satellite services, dental, vision and hearing packages, roadside assistance and more.

American Seniors Association (AmericanSeniors.org): Founded in 2005 for people age 50 and older, this conservative organization is built on five foundations, which includes rebuilding national values, Social Security reform, Medicare reform, tax code reform and control of government overspending. Fees to join run \$15 for one year, \$25 for two or \$35 for three years, and members receive access to a variety of benefit on travel, home and auto insurance, security services, health and wellness (medical, dental, vision and hearing) and more.

Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC.us): With more than one million members, this organization was started in 2007 for people 50 and older. Their mission is to help seniors fight high taxes, reduce excessive government involvement in our day-to-day lives, and preserve American values. They also offer a host of benefits on home, health and auto insurance, travel, vision and dental care, prescription drugs, retail savings, roadside assistance and more. Membership fees run \$16 per year, or less if you join for multiple years.

The Seniors Coalition (Senior.org): Founded in 1990, this conservative public advocacy group claims to have around four million supporters. Their key issues are to protect Social Security benefits, stop Social Security payments to illegal aliens from Mexico, eliminate the death tax, and reform the Social Security COLA system. TSC offers very few membership benefits. Annual fees run \$10 for one person per, or \$13 per couple and you can join at any age.

Some other senior membership organizations to consider that offer discounts include the non-for-profit American Senior Benefits Association (ASBAonline.org), and the conservative leaning National Association of Conservative Seniors (NAOCS.us), and Christian Seniors Association (CSAbenefits.site-ym.com).

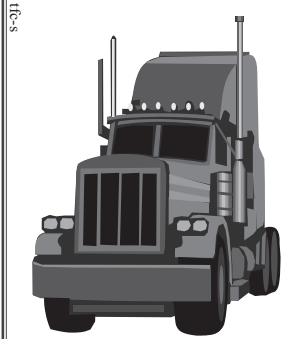
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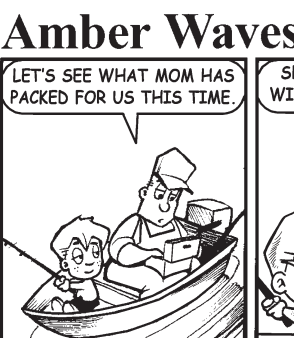


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 9 a.m. Sunday morning Worship
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 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
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 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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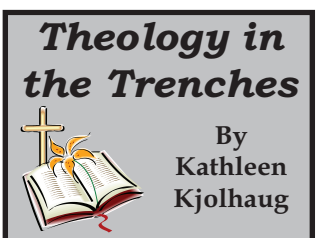
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 Sunday, August 4
 10:30am Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. Worship

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 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (Sept. - May)
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 Pastor Randy McGuire
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 Sunday, August 4
 9 a.m. Church Service
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Sunday, August 4
 11 a.m. Church Service

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 Pastor Verlyn Streng
 Home (218) 776-3262
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Church

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 Pastor Mark Olson
 32nd Bagley Ave. NW
 PO Box 297
 Bagley, MN 56621
 (218) 694-2631
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 Sundays
 10 a.m. Worship
 11 a.m. Coffee Hour
 Thursdays

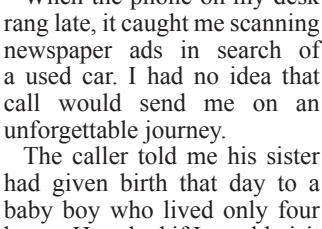


Theology in the Trenches
 By Kathleen Kjolhaug

Every so oft I pause to remember why it is that I write. This year it was triggered by two events. First, a reader commented in the middle of a conversation, "I know why you write!" Second, about two months later, another reader commented, "I know why you write!"

Both times it took me so much by surprise that I failed to ask what exactly they meant. By hindsight, I'm not sure I wanted to know...as maybe it would have hit a little too close to home. What those two comments did do, however, was to spur me on to think about the purpose for my writing and to remember why it is I do what I do. Truth-be-told, I'm thinking as I write, so I can't wait to read all about it!

First thought popping up is



Higher Ground
 By Roger Campbell

When the phone on my desk rang late, it caught me scanning newspaper ads in search of a used car. I had no idea that call would send me on an unforgettable journey. The caller told me his sister had given birth that day to a baby boy who lived only four hours. He asked if I would visit her the next day to comfort and encourage her.

"Where is she?" I asked. "She's at Providence Hospital in Detroit," he replied. After assuring my caller I would see his grieving sister the next day, I returned to my auto search and soon spotted an Olds Cutlass Supreme. A call to the owner brought a tempting description of the car but the price was more than I could pay. "Where do you live?" I

Why do I write?

that it's fun. I like it, and as any writer will tell you, writers cannot not write. That's all there is to it. We see our world and decide to paint it with words. We give voice to a part of it that might otherwise go unnoticed. At times we share intimately in hopes that even though we might be a bit too transparent, perhaps there is another heart that will resonate. And when one heart resonates, it is worth it.

The best compliments I've ever received have been in the form of hand written letters, emails, or phone calls validating that what I shared was much appreciated. The worse complaint I ever received was from someone who informed me that they knew someone in their family who read my columns and apparently the consensus was that they are dumb. I simply reminded her that they all had a choice and certainly did not have to read them if they did

Four hours in the life of a baby boy

enquired, the price making me question my question.

"Near Providence Hospital in Detroit," he replied. Providence hospital is about 30 miles south of my home and I had never visited anyone there so it interested me that I should suddenly have two reasons to go to that area on the same day. "I have to go to Providence Hospital tomorrow," I told this hopeful seller," so I may come and look at your car."

The following morning found me making my way through metro Detroit traffic on my way to Providence Hospital where I ministered to a troubled mother. Assuring her of God's love, I reminded her of the hope of heaven through faith in the One who always had time for little children and left her somewhat comforted. Walking across the hospital parking lot, I wondered if it was worthwhile to look at the car I had called about the previous

night. But then I spied an Olds Cutlass Supreme parked near and there was no turning back.

When I arrived at the address given in my phone conversation with the owner, I was impressed. This car certainly appeared to be in great shape and shortly we were off for a test drive. Then the miracle began to unfold. Our conversation started as might have been expected with each of us asking what the other did for a living. When he found that I was a minister, he told me about the faith of his family. His wife, he said went to church regularly, as did her parents.

"Do you go?" I asked. "Once in a while," he muttered. When we finished our drive, I made an offer on the car. "I can't sell this car for that price," he said. "I didn't think you could," I responded, but I'm not sure I'm here to buy your car."

At one of our visits, the

world seemed to stop full tilt as I caught a conversation taking place on a side note from the main topic we'd been discussing. The little couple suddenly were in a world all their own. The man turned to his wife of over 65 years and quietly questioned, "Where is my mom?"

Taking his hand she gently patted it, "She's in heaven."

While looking a little puzzled, he continued, "She is?"

"Yes. And, she's happy, she's very happy" came the loving response.

With hesitancy he asked, "How do you know?"

"Because the Bible says so," she stated peacefully. And with that he, too, rested in her words.

And that is why I write, so we will remember that we are not alone. "He never leaves us nor forsakes us" (Heb. 13:5).

I write so we will never forget what has been written. Amen.

Then I explained how he could have a personal faith relationship with God. And within minutes, I heard this formerly faithless man thank God for forgiveness and eternal life. Soon he and his wife were hugging and rejoicing in his newfound faith.

As I prepared to leave, talking to this new man through the rolled down window of my old car, I said, "When you get to heaven, you must look up a little boy who only lived four hours," explaining that his short life had brought us together.

Many years have passed since that miracle morning, but I'm still aware that we're to share our faith with all who God, in His providence, sends our way.

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One day, in telling this story to a group of her friends she said, "He is now a grown man. And I want you to tell me where you think he is and what he is doing."

After a few moments her colleagues began to reply: "A doctor?" asked one. "No," she responded. "A minister?" wondered another. "No," she replied. "I know," said a third, "a welfare worker because of your influence on his life."

"No," she said with tears in her eyes. "He is now in prison serving a life term for murder. You see, we spent all of our time in teaching him how to walk and run, read and write, but we did not teach him where to walk and what to read and who he should communicate with."

David prayed, "Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name."

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New Minnesota law seeks more transparent hospital pricing

By Scott McClallen
 The Center Square

A new law going into effect this summer attempts to remove surprises when Minnesota patients see their medical bills.

The financial fee disclosure bill sponsored by Sen. Rich Draheim, R-Madison Lake, cleared the House and Senate unanimously and was signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz.

On Aug. 1, it will require clinics that are part of a larger hospital or health system – the vast majority of clinics in Minnesota – to post a notice that the patient may receive a separate charge for the facility, which could mean higher out-of-pocket costs.

Draheim told The Center Square that he objects to hidden prices.

"To really understand the cost of healthcare, we have to know why we're getting billed, what we're paying, and

that's been removed from the equation after the ACA, the pricing of things," Draheim told The Center Square. "The main reason was because too many people didn't know what they were paying, and the bill wasn't coming in a timely fashion."

Draheim said hospitals would often send bills months after procedures and that he sought to translate prices into plain language, so people understand their final invoice. "We should know what we're paying for, even if we're not directly paying for it – that affects our premium, copay, deductibles, etc.," Draheim said.

"I think it's time that we take back the health care information," he added. California-based *GetInsured* released a report that said that nearly 60 percent of Minnesotans in its survey

reported they either had received a medical bill that was a surprise or was difficult to pay off or both. Walz said he supported the goal.

"I was recently surprised to discover one of these fees myself after I was transferred from one facility to another for my knee surgery," Walz said in a statement to the Duluth News Tribune regarding the facility fee bill. "This law is part of a broader effort to provide more transparency for Minnesotans about the cost of their health care."

Draheim said price transparency is a crucial issue. He authored a "right-to-shop" bill killed this legislative session that would have allowed a consumer to choose a cheaper provider even if that provider was outside the consumer's insurance network. If a consumer saved \$2,500 by

selecting a different provider, that \$2,500 would have been split between the consumer and the insurance company, Draheim said.

A bill that passed in the 2018 session requiring clinics to disclose the prices of 25 of their most common procedures took effect on July 1.

"This is totally up to you, totally voluntary," Draheim said. "For me, I love my doctor. I probably wouldn't want to go somewhere else. But I think we need the option to do that, and with that, pricing will be more transparent."

Draheim said he plans to revive the bill next year. "If you could save \$1,250 by driving 45 minutes, would you? I think most people would, especially in Minnesota," Draheim said. "We have great hospitals and clinics all over."

10 a.m. Bible Study
 Communion Every 1st & 3rd Sunday
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OUR SAVIOR'S-BAGLEY
 Sunday, August 4
 8:15 a.m. Bible Study
 9 a.m. Services
ST. PAUL'S-LENGBY
 Sunday, August 4
 10:30 a.m. Services
 Wednesday
 7 p.m. Bible Study

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 Pastor John Swanson
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 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship;
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 *1st Sunday Communion
 *2nd Sunday Pot Blessing Meal
 Wednesday Night: 6:30 p.m.
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GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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 Office (218) 694-6570
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 September-May
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 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 Thursday
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC (NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH)
 Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Wednesday, July 31
 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 Sunday, August 4
 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
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UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Sunday, August 4
 9 a.m. Worship/Communion

THE COWBOY CHURCH
 Pastor Ron Swenson
 Bagley, MN 56621
 (218) 694-2437
 10 a.m. Sunday Worship/Communion
 Pot Bless Fellowship following Service

CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Board of Commissioners' June 11, 2019

The June meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on June 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman Nelson presiding and Commissioners Illies, Titera, Newland and Larson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Agenda with changes.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the minutes for the month of May.

Attorney – Al Rogalla presented the following motion: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Attorney to hire Matthew Jorud as the Assistant County Attorney. The County Attorney recommends starting Mr. Jorud at a pay commensurate with Grade twenty-four (24), Step five (5), annual salary of \$72,196.80.

Al Rogalla also discussed the Victim's Advocate Grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Bob Abraham – Bob Abraham discussed concerns he has with the County Park having a siren for storm warnings.

Levorsen Mill project/ Long Lost Lake Area Association – Jim Svobodny, Peter Hovde and Dan Wilson discussed that Long Lost Lake Area Association voted to establish a historic marker for the Levorsen Mill site in Long Lost Lake area. They would like to apply for a grant to the Minnesota Historical Society for this project. The following motion was made: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to serve as the sponsoring agent for a Minnesota Legacy Funding grant with the Minnesota Historical Society for Long Lost Lake Area Association's Levorsen Mill Site historic project. The Board authorizes the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the application, receive any grant funds awarded, and disburse the grant funds as identified in the grant application.

Sheriff - Darin Halverson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the purchase of an ARMER radio and remote control unit for the Clearwater County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including needed antenna and accessories from Roger's Radio at a cost of \$5,795.67 installed. The cost of this will come out of the Emergency Management budget.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign the 2019 State of Minnesota annual boat and water safety grant in the amount of \$2,022.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and

carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to promote Meagan Thompson from part-time deputy to full-time deputy to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Shane Powell. Starting pay will be at her current rate. Effective start date will be June 13, 2019.

Ayes: Newland, Nelson & Larson
Nays: Titera & Illies

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht discussed recyclables collection. The Bagley collection site is in need of another container, which he brought a motion for. The Board requested him to bring this motion to the next meeting. He also brought a motion to offer a stipend to employees toward purchase of puncture-resistant or puncture-proof footwear for solid waste related work. There was a discussion with no action taken on this motion.

Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize expenses for canister site improvement of up to \$1,000.00 to improve the fencing at the Leon Township solid waste collection site and up to \$1,500.00 to install new fencing at the Holst Township solid waste collection site. The amounts are for labor only. Materials for each site have been purchased separately.

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

Board of Equalization – The meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m. for the Board of Equalization. Minutes are on file.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m. with Chairman Nelson present and all Commissioners present.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Chester Powell discussed One Watershed One Plan Committee meetings he has attended. He also gave an update on Aquatic Invasive Species lake inspectors and gave an update on the water plan.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson

presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the 2019 Tobacco License for the Dollar General Store #20404.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$123,501.71 for the County Revenue Fund and \$4,173.54 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the purchase of Nessus Pro Scanner for the I.T. Department from Software House International at a cost of \$1,998.00 plus tax.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 7:29 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on June 18, 2019. June 18, 2019

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on June 18, 2019 with Chairman Nelson presiding and Commissioners Illies, Larson & Titera present.

Extension – Kayla Nyegaard and Heather Dufault were present to meet the Board and gave an update on Extension activities.

MCIT – Don Daraskevich and Deb Sletten gave a report to the Board. Commissioner Newland present at 1:20 p.m.

Land Department – Bruce Cox discussed the Leonard Railroad Grade to be put on a land auction consists of 6 parcels of property. Also, he discussed including an undeveloped property located on Pine Lake on this land sale.

The following motion was made: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to add 1 non-developed lot on Pine Lake to the upcoming land sale.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve a contract amendment to the current Contract for Services of Rural Solid Waste Collection Sites and Recyclables

Collection Sites by increasing the container capacity for recyclables collection at the Bagley site from 20 cubic yards to 30 cubic yards, increasing the contract payment annually from \$16,078.40 to \$20,219.20, effective immediately.

Ayes: Titera, Newland, Nelson & Larson
Abstain: Illies

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland gave a yearly evaluation of Nursing Service, Home Care and Hospice.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$41,643.26 for the County Revenue Fund and \$10,061.84 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Board of Equalization – The meeting recessed at 2:01 p.m. for the reconvening of the Board of Equalization. Minutes are on file.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 2:55 p.m. on June 18, 2019 with Chairman Nelson presiding and all Commissioners present.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to increase the "not to exceed" allowable expense from \$3,000 to \$5,500 to complete installation of 600 feet of mesh fence between the demolition landfill and adjoining garbage collection site and the adjacent private property to the East, the purpose of which is to reduce windblown garbage entering onto the private property which is used as cattle pasture.

The previously approved amount did not include use of a skid steer loader and auger attachment. The increased amount includes this equipment plus additional labor cost.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Dated: July 9, 2019

John Nelson, Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

JUNE 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2000	
Always There Staffing	8,222.75 County Revenue
Always There Staffing	2,829.04 County Revenue
Anderson Disposal	11,424.20 Solid Waste
Bagley Co-op Association	3,473.98 Road & Bridge, County Revenue
Bagley Co-op Association	4,077.04 Road & Bridge
Bagley Co-op Association	2,800.91 County Revenue, Solid Waste, Nursing Service
Bagley Co-op Association	5,308.05 Road & Bridge
Capital One	2,818.33 County Revenue, Solid Waste
Caring Nurses LLC	3,869.95 Human Services
Cease Family Funeral Home Inc	2,570.00 County Revenue
Clarity Glass	4,546.00 County Revenue
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	2,644.74 County Revenue
Clearwater Trailblazers Snowmobile Club	3,747.12 County Revenue
Commissioner of Revenue	2,068.00 County Revenue, Forfeited Tax, Solid Waste
Compass Minerals America	25,577.11 Road & Bridge
Dell Marketing LP	6,987.25 County Revenue
Dell Marketing LP	5,228.18 County Revenue
Department of Human Services SWIFT	15,248.80 County Revenue
Epi	5,900.00 County Revenue
Farmer's Publishing Co	3,505.98 County Revenue, Solid Waste
Garden Valley Technologies	3,573.00 County Revenue, Solid Waste
Gorod / Michael & Heather	2,068.00 Human Services
Government Management Group	3,000.00 County Revenue
H & L Meszall	2,076.00 Road & Bridge
Ironhide Equipment Inc	2,454.79 Road & Bridge
Librow's Disposal	34,822.73 Solid Waste
Miniso Technologies LLC	2,930.28 County Revenue
MEND Correctional Care, PLLC	5,945.96 County Revenue
MISOP-MN Sex Offender Program 462	6,959.65 Human Services
North Homez Inc	5,478.81 Human Services
Northwest MN Juvenile Trng Ctr	7,212.00 Human Services
Platow / Donald & Connie	3,496.01 Human Services
Pull County Solid Waste	29,561.35 Solid Waste
Prime Health	78,280.72 County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	3,528.13 Forfeited Tax
Public Utilities Commission	4,351.62 County Revenue
Rutwik, Roszak & Maloney PA	3,463.31 County Revenue
Rural Minnesota Cop Inc	9,324.48 Human Services
Sanford Medical Center Thief River Falls	27,982.98 Human Services
Speedy Van, LLC	23,454.20 Human Services
Summit Food Service LLC	30,175.22 County Revenue
Thompson Swanson & Zahn PLLC	2,530.01 County Revenue
Thompson Gravel & Rock LLC	8,082.50 County Revenue
University of North Dakota	5,260.51 County Revenue
Vanguard Appraisals, Inc	2,000.00 County Revenue
Verticon Wireless	
**238 Vendors were paid amounts under \$2,000 totaling \$105,955.27	

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 15-PR-19-318
In Re: Estate of Linda Marie Nelson a/k/a Linda M. Nelson
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 11, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 213 Main Avenue North, Bagley, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Neil K. Nelson, whose address is 26105 SE Yew Wood Drive, Boring, OR 97009 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no

objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated July 24, 2019

By the Court

Paul E. Rasmussen

Judge of District Court

Camille Bessler

Court Administrator

By: Tamara Warmbold

Deputy

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• "Our family loves to make our own pizza, and we purchase dough from a pizzeria. On pizza nights, I pick up the dough first thing on the way home from work and let it sit in a bowl in the car while I pick up the kids and drive home. It takes about 45 minutes, so it's risen nicely while we've been on the go." — E.F. in New York

• If you have stainless steel appliances, you might want to try a simple furniture polish to get those surfaces shiny and smudge free. You can use most any commercial spray-on polish, applied with a clean, lint-free rag.

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CLEARBROOK-GONVICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS Clearbrook, Minnesota 56634

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tom Stenzel, Jeff Westrum, Corey Petterson, Richard Hetland, Tracy Imle. Absent: James Galloway, Kris Snyder. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, 3 staff members, and 1 community member

1. Town Hall Meeting (Odd Number Months)

4 Community Comments – None

5 Spotlight on Education – None

6 Approval of Agenda – MMS Imle/Hetland to approve agenda as presented. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve minutes as presented. MCU

7.1 5/20/19 Regular Meeting

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report – Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) End of Year – Mr. Dugstad thanked the board, staff and community for making his first year a good year. 2) Athletics/Activities – Our track team did well as state. Josiah Hubbard & Danae Stenzel represented us well. Josiah took 2nd in the hurdles, and Danae took 8th in hurdles. Ethan Dorman qualified for state

but was unable to compete. The Trap Club also did well at the state competition. 3) Personnel – We will be interviewing for the English position on Friday, June 21st. We have two applicants 4) Professional Development – We have begun planning with Trident (Amy Mulry). Make-Up days are completed – we worked with our data and MN standards to try to improve instruction. A big focus during the 2 days was collaboration. We are working math and reading standards into our specialists' curriculum. 5) Curriculum Days started today – Teachers will come in for a few days and work on Math. Math numbers went up some this year, we are going to try to keep that trend going.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) Educational – ADSIS – We re-applied for ADSIS. We are just waiting to hear if the application was approved with the addition of a K-3 math interventionist was accepted. 2) Building – Cleaning Out Garage/Storage – We have some broken and unused items. We are currently looking at selling the items we do not use. 3) Legislative – Policies - We are getting some of the policies that were passed as part of the budget bill. Two will be the board authority for operating referendums and student accounts. These will be presented later. 4) Financial – Comparison Reports – These are on track. We have some big expenditures and payments at the end of June. 5) Building Project – Project Manager – Ken Anderson, who was our project manager, resigned from ICS. Justin Maaninga has been assigned to our project. Justin is a senior project manager. Communication on this process has been good. Bids are going out in June and our bid day is June 27th. 6) Personnel – We did not get any applications for the DCD opening. BRIC is now advertising for the position.

8.3 Committee Report – 8.3.1 Negotiations – A meeting was held a couple ago. Things are moving along well.

8.3.2 Finance – Budgets gone over & we will attempt to be more exact on the line to line items. This will help give us a better idea of where we stand.

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve

Consent Calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 67250 – 67280/Wires
Payroll Checks 0030296 – 0030298

June Bills
Voucher Numbers: 55194 – 55254

Check Numbers: 67281 – 67312
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$420,752.08

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 Old Business

10.1 Room Painting – Supt Burgess discussed the bid that was received for painting a room with supplies and labor. Discussion was held. No motion is required to move forward with painting 3 rooms.

11 New Business

11.1 Resolution Regarding Board Control of Extracurricular Activities – MMS Imle/Hetland to approve resolution to move extracurricular activities to board control. MCU

11.2 Reauthorization of Board Approved Referendum Authority – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve resolution reauthorizing a previously authorized board approved referendum authority. MCU

11.3 Approve Insurance Bids for 2019-2020 – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve bid from Vaaler Insurance. MCU.

11.4 Budget for 2019-2020 – Supt Burgess presented the budget for 2019-2020. MMS Imle/Hetland to approve budget for 2019-2020. Total revenues budgeted \$6,792,099.00, and total expenditures budgeted \$6,756,899.00. MCU.

11.5 Hiring of Danielle Derby, Cook – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve hiring. MCU.

12. Action Items for July Meeting –

12.1

12.2

12.3

13 Adjournment – MMS Imle/Petterson to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



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MULTI PARTY GARAGE SALE: Fri., Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Patio set, new makeup vanity, full size mattress, lil boys bike, kids table set, boys 6/7, toddler girls to 3T plus shoes, teen boys clothes, teen girl + womens, Rock Revival, Silvers, AE, Pink, Double hoodies. 16744 380th St. (2 miles north of Bagley on 92.) Jy31

MULTI-FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 1, noon-6 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-noon. "Old Library" 21 Main Ave. Something for everyone. Don't miss out! Jy31

MULTI PARTY GARAGE SALE: Newly added items! Sat., Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Located just west of Fireside on Whitetail Dr. Household fixtures and decor, NEW kitchen - Aid 30" smooth cooktop, armoire/wardrobe closet, toys, kids clothing boys/girls infant-size 16, womens/mens clothing, fishing/hiking/camping gear, figure/hockey skates, Thule car top carrier, beer brewing fermenter, tools and much more! New items added up until day of sale! Jy31

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Panasonic house phone on Co Rd 1, 1 mile east off Fairground Rd. Claim at the Farmers Independent.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: POTATO HARVEST. Starts approximately Sept 7 and runs for approximately 15-20 days. Truck drivers, warehouse workers and equipment operators needed. Overtime included. Call 218-556-9316 or 218-435-2173. Ag7c-12s

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MISCELLANEOUS

NEW 2019 Clearwater County Plat book, color maps. \$31. Farmers Independent.

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Help Wanted
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Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha Roadstar, 1700cc, windshield, saddlebags, one owner, 36,444 miles! **ATV's:** 2004 Suzuki Eiger Quad Runner, 4x4, auto, gun racks, windshield, cargo box, 3750 mi; Suzuki King Quad, 300cc 4x4, gun rack, cargo box; **Lawn:** JD "112" mower, 40", snowblower; E-Z-GO 26 Golf Cart, gas; Agri-fab 40" Lawn Thatcher; **Sports:** Cannon Gun Vault; Lg Ekco Woodstream tackle box loaded w/New Tackle! Rods & Reels, like new! (2) Taylor Golf Club Sets; Omega Men's 18spd Mtn Bike; **Antiq:** 89', 91' Topps Baseball Cards; Aladdin Kero Lamps; Black Coca Cola Tray; (2) Chatelaine Porc Dolls, 22"; Home Comfort Combo Wood/Gas Range; Wards Crm Separator; Treadle Sewing Machines; Beatles Albums; **Shop:** Grako Ultra 600 Plus & Grako 390 stls Airless paint sprayers; Craftsman Comm'l Router; Ridgid 18v Saw/Drill set; Felker Tile master elec tile saw; Drywall Texture Sprayer & tools; Stihl 017 & MS170 Chainsaws; Stihl TS400 Concrete saw; Delta 12 1/2" port planer; Air Nailers, Staplers, Hammer Drills, Grinders, Sanders; 10" Jobsite Tablesaw; Craftsman Tool Chest, many Ladders; **more!** HH: Miller Fuel Oil Furnace; **Artwork:** DU prints/stamps, Bronze NWTTF Turkey; **Farm:** MN Big 7 wagon w/rack; Butler 265gal fuel oil tank; Fence posts, wire; **Trailers, Lumber, Scrap Iron, View web.**

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Sun. 4th: Fair Beer Garden, Noon-11:00 p.m.
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