

OPINION

Updating your drivers license

Question: I got stopped the other day and the Trooper mentioned that since I moved I need to update my driver's license address. I thought I could just wait until the license was going to expire and update it then.

Answer: Minnesota law states if you change your name or address before your license expires, you must apply for a duplicate (replacement) license within 30 days. If you need a replacement instruction permit, you must renew your permit.

In addition, if your current license is lost, damaged, or destroyed, you must apply for a duplicate license. If you have lost your license, you must present proper identification when it is time to renew it.

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Ask a Trooper

Sgt. Jesse Grabow

from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

All the sights of a class reunion

So what is it we expect to see at our unteenth class reunion? Hair with more gray in it than our own? Hair with more hair than our own? Belts with more holes left in them than yours has?

Do we go to see who aged the most, or to see who didn't? Who got prettier? Who didn't?

Or maybe we don't go at all, because no matter how hard we try, we cannot see a reason to add one more mountain to our summer climbing schedule. Over half of my class didn't show up to the last one I went to. Maybe there isn't just one reason to not go; maybe there are several, and they gang up, until they become more powerful than we are.

What do you talk about to someone you haven't seen in unteen years? "Hi," you might start out with, "how do you feel about being fatter-balder-greyer-older looking than the rest of us?" That would be a good conversation starter. Be sure and smile. If you're going to point out someone's warts, a smile might not be quite enough; better throw in a pat on the back, too.

Another conversation starter might be: "Boy, the President really sucks, doesn't he?" And then move on. Plan on moving from group to group frequently. Work on your short snorts of derision, and prepare to nod knowingly, no matter what someone says, and use this one: "Well, you know what Abraham Lincoln-Albert Einstein-Mother Teresa said about that," then move on, before they find out you don't know what Anyone said about Anything.

Maybe there are other reasons to go to your class reunion. Maybe your wife wants to have one more go at that farmer's daughter you went with back in high school. The one you thought was The One. Yes? You know that one? She wrote you those love letters that you



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thought were long gone but your wife recently found, the long fuzzy rambling ones in perfumed ink about what a stud you were?

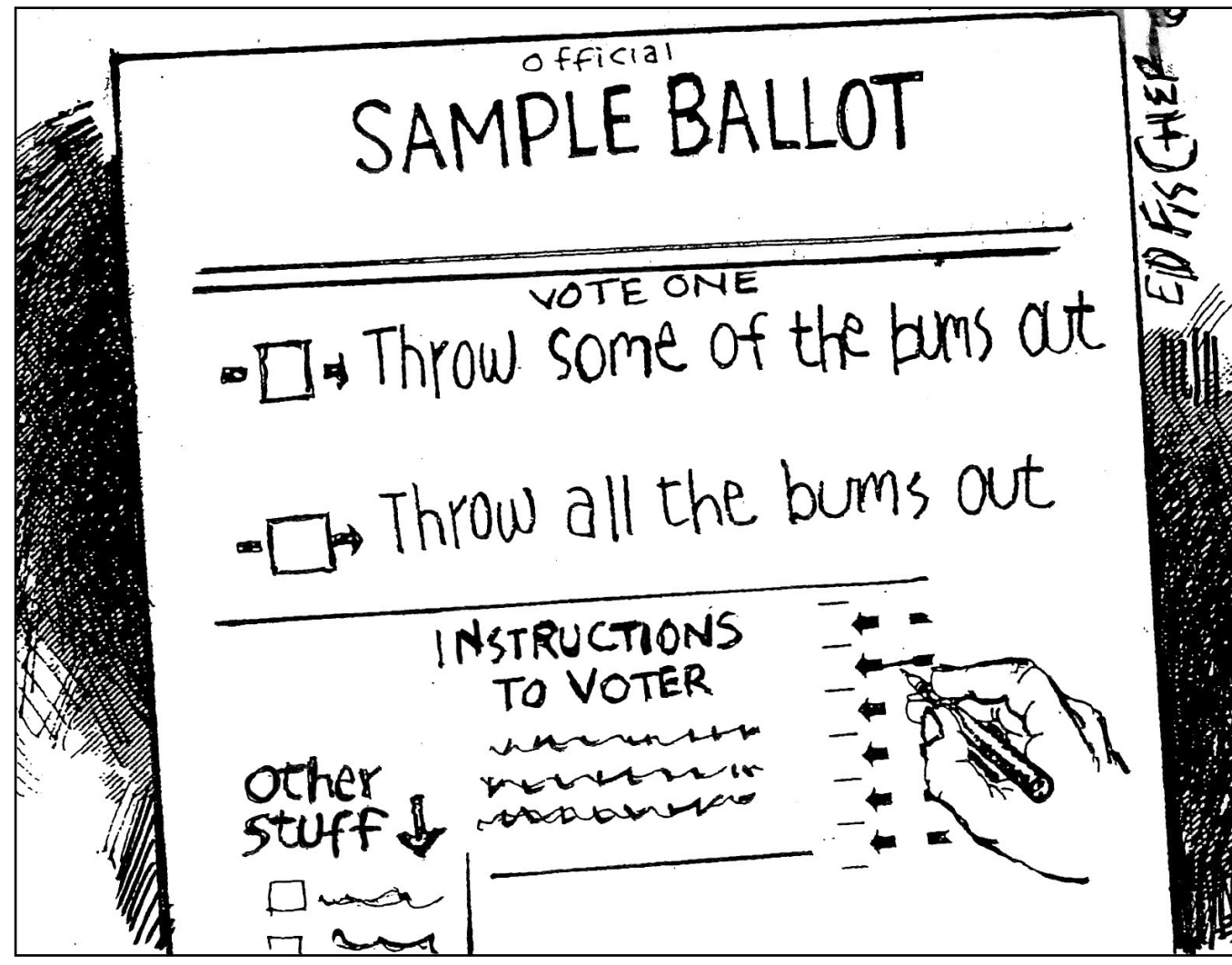
Remember the last year? The year leading up to the reunion? The year during which your wife began to sharpen her knives? The year your wife started using the cutesey-wutesey pet names for you that were in The Letters? "Shouldn't we get ready for church, love bunny?" Or she would look at you over the kitchen table and say, "My, your body is fine like wine, sweet cheeks." That was a long year. A long, long, long year. And now the reunion is here.

Life sure sends some stumbling blocks, doesn't it. Now, you and your wife are finally at the reunion, and oh no! Your place card is right across the table from your old flame, and there she was, and she was looking fine. Had on a red dress she was busting out of and those high heels that said: "Ask me to dance; I'm all yours again."

Your wife had on a dress that said: "I've had three kids, and gravity is winning. You know it. I know it. I hate you. Let's fight."

All you remember before you began to frequent the bar was the first thing she said to that hussy, which was something like: "They don't take out the trash here at all, do they?" Whoooooe.

Now, that was a reunion. Makes you want to stay home, doesn't it?



Landmark to host Art of the Lakes Tour from July 19-21

Our Summer Reading Series continues this week with help from the Otter Cove Children's Museum. They will host the Hands-On Storytime this Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. Two more reading dates are scheduled for July 24 and 31. Join us for these free events, all are welcomed.

The Art of the Lakes Studio Tour is scheduled for this weekend, July 19-21. The Henning Landmark Center will be one of 18 studio locations on the 3-day open house tour. The Landmark Center will host six artists including Becky Albright GYOTAKU fish rubbings, Marit Salvesson Pottery and Leather Journals,



Landmark Center Dan Broten

Fred Kollmann Stained Glass and Woodworking, Elyse Olson Tapestries, Jammie Niemeyer Wood and Leather burning, and Paul Sparks hand-carved wood fish decoys and birds.

Stop at the Landmark Center to pick up a tour

book showing all artists and studio locations. Saturday, July 20 will be an extra busy day in Henning with the Annual Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Henning Airport. Saturday will also be Market Day at Landmark from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a variety of vendors in front of the the Landmark Station. Please call to register as a vendor.

In addition to the Studio Tour artists at Landmark, we will also have a Mobile Sign Shop on Saturday from 3-6 p.m. in our patio area. This free activity is provided by the Viking Library System.

The Henning Landmark Center is working with a group of local volunteers and the Otter Tail County Historical Society to produce a Henning History Book. We need your help to gather stories and photos from the past. Please contact Dan at the Landmark Center if you have stories to share. Photos may be scanned so originals can be returned to you. Please add to this collection and help us tell the history of this community and the people that have called it home.

For more information please call 548-5760 or email Henning.Landmark@arvig.net.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bipartisan victories of a partisan session

To the Editor,

It is good to be back home following the conclusion of the 2024 legislative session. It is an honor to represent the communities and people of Senate District 9. After taking some time to reflect on the end of the session, I would like to share my thoughts on its disappointing conclusion.

All session, my Republican colleagues and I worked in good faith to pass bipartisan policies. But instead of working with members of the minority, Democrats crammed every item on their partisan wish list into a single back-room-assembled bill. They then forced a vote on this massive legislation in the final minutes of session, with zero transparency or debate. The resulting 1,494-page bill raises taxes, increases energy costs, and threatens constitutional rights, all while ensuring political appointees receive pay raises.

With total control of all three branches of government, Democrats had every opportunity to properly pass their "priority bills" the last two years.

Instead, they spent weeks defending a colleague who was arrested and charged with felony burglary just to push through their agenda. Now that session is over, DFL Chair Ken Martin, Governor Walz, and some Democrat senators are calling for Senator Mitchell's resignation. It seems they are ready to cast her aside now that they no longer need her vote. This shows a staggering abuse of political power and a lack of accountability. The people of Minnesota deserve better.

Though I wish this legislative session could have gone differently, I would like to highlight some key bipartisan bills that made it to the finish line.

Improving Minnesotans' access to life-saving care

This session, a group of bipartisan legislators and I authored legislation to improve the life-saving services provided by emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. I am thankful to share that we passed a \$30 million aid package for rural EMS, which provides more than \$4 million for West Central Minnesota. Notably, the package launches a sprint medic pilot program in Otter Tail and Grant Counties. To

quickly connect Minnesotans to care, the program authorizes trained medical staff to be the first response and determine if an ambulance is necessary.

Securing religious freedoms in Minnesota

Senate Republicans also successfully amended the 2024 Minnesota Human Rights bill with language that reinstates religious liberty protections, which a Minnesota law passed last session removed. The amendment puts the statutory framework with religious exemptions in the Human Rights Act back in line with the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions. With the unanimous passage of this legislation, we are protecting the right of our religious institutions to make decisions consistent with their faith.

Getting Minnesotans into high-demand jobs

This session, my legislation to help more Minnesotans obtain their commercial driver's license (CDL) also became law. State law previously allowed a public higher education institution to offer third-party testing, but it required that the program consist of 180 instructional hours. My legislation removes

this 180-hour requirement, opening CDL testing up to any Minnesota State institution that offers the training. This will get Minnesota students into high-demand jobs and help our economy have the workforce needed to be successful.

Other key legislation passed this session includes policies I authored

Provide \$250,000 for a mental health engagement services pilot project in Otter Tail County

Take a more proactive approach to seniors' critical care transitions and placement options by streamlining the Senior LinkAge Line—a state resource to help Minnesotans think through long-term care options

Reform the statewide volunteer firefighter pension plan to make it more attractive to volunteer firefighters

I always encourage constituents to contact me with any questions or to offer their ideas. Please reach out by email at sen.jordan.rasmusson@mnsenate.gov or by phone at (651) 296-4875.

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