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OTC to perform marriage ceremonies

OT County to provide caregiver assistance

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

One of the services offered by the County Recorder's Office is the issuance of marriage licenses. In an average year close to 200 marriage licenses are issued. In the last few years the Recorder's Office has experienced more

and more instances where the public has reached out to find out who performs marriages in Otter Tail County.

With judges being less and less available due to docket schedules and less availability at court houses, the State of Minnesota has authorized County Recorder Offices the

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Photo by Chad Koenen

The Ottertail City Council recently approved the low bid from Ottertail Aggregate for \$228,156.04 to construct the Tyler Wohlers Trail south of Ottertail.

Low bid for Tyler Wohlers Trail approved

Construction expected to begin within two months

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The third time proved to be the charm for the City of Ottertail as it seeks to con-

struct a trail south of town. During its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 20, the Ottertail City Council approved a low bid of \$228,156.04 from Ottertail Aggregate to construct the Tyler Wohlers Trail. The city received two bids for the project, which

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Contributed photo

Dr. Michael Berglund has been named as the 2024 Henning Festival Parade Grand Marshal. He previously owned Berglund dental for over 40 years before retiring a few years ago.

Berglund returns to Henning as grand marshal

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

When the Henning Festival Parade rolls through town next week there will be a familiar face leading the charge—Dr. Michael Berglund has been chosen as this year's grand marshal. ¶ Berglund came to the Henning area in 1978 after speaking with long-time dentist Dr. Perreten on his way back from a hunting trip in college. ¶ "When I was a senior in dental school I was deer hunting with some cousins from Detroit Lakes and on the way back I had Monday off and I came through Henning and I talked to Dr. Perreten and I asked him if he would willing to sell. He wasn't sure, but they called me around Easter time and said they were interested in selling," said Berglund. ¶ After graduating from college, Berglund opened his dental practice in Henning in 1978 and raised in his family in the East Battle Lake and Henning area. Not only was the Morris native interested in moving to the Henning area due to its lakes and outdoor life, but when he was deciding about whether to come to open a practice in Henning he received a package from about 10 business owners and the commercial club encouraging him to take over the dental practices in Henning.

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Deer Creek council approves well house bid

Low bid comes in 46 percent higher than anticipated

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Deer Creek City Council gave the green light for its upcoming well house project, despite the low bid coming in almost 46 percent higher than originally estimated.

During its regularly scheduled meeting last Monday night, the Deer Creek City Council accepted a low bid for the well house project, of which a large portion will be covered by a grant.

The low bid was from Municipal Services Company, Inc. from Detroit Lakes,

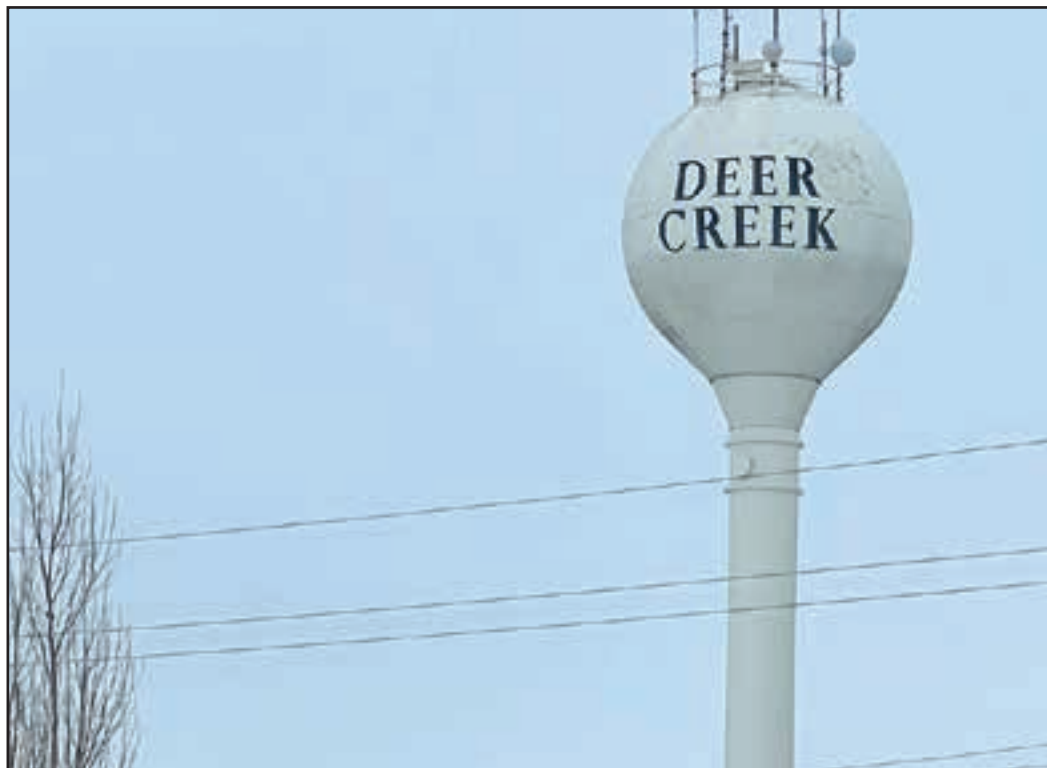
Minn., at \$216,500. The city received two other bids that were for \$230,800 from Magney Construction and \$249,900 from Eagle Construction Company, Inc.

The project was significantly higher than the estimated construction cost provided to the Small Cities

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Photo by Chad Koenen

The Deer Creek City Council approved a low bid for this summer's water tower and well house project. A large portion of the project will be funded through grants.



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Volunteers needed for loon survey

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeking volunteers to help monitor the loon population in Aitkin, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca and Lake counties. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of one morning during the June 28 through July 8 monitoring period, to count the number of adult and juvenile loons on pre-selected lakes.

about common loon numbers on more than 600 lakes distributed among six regions, or "index areas," throughout the state.

The time commitment is one to four hours per lake. Each lake's survey must be done between 5 a.m. and noon on a single day per lake of the volunteer's choosing during the June 28 to July 8 monitoring period.

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Safe Communities Coalition's 'Click it for Coffee' campaign success

Local coffee shops partner with law enforcement

als who came through the coffee drive-through wearing their seat belts received \$1 off their order.

Nest participated in this campaign for two days during the seat belt mobilization period. They handed out 175 discounts to customers who were wearing their seat belts. Perks Coffee and Tea also saw big numbers of seat belt users at their drive thru between both the Fergus Falls Washington location and Fir Avenue location.

"This event was de-

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National Click It or Ticket enforcement awareness was May 20-June 2. The Safe Communities Coalition held a campaign called "Click it for Coffee" to raise awareness and encourage the community to wear their seat belts. Two coffee shops in Otter Tail County participated in this campaign, Nest in Perham and Perk's Coffee and Tea in Fergus Falls. Through this campaign, individu-

CLIMB Theatre puts on a show at Landmark Center



Photo by Dan Broten

CLIMB Theatre presented the "Country Mouse and City Mouse: Adventures in the suburbs" on Wednesday evening at the Landmark Center. The performance was a continuation of Aesop's fable, mouse cousins decide to take their next adventure to more neutral grounds – the Suburbs – but couldn't agree on what to do once they arrived. The show was on the front lawn of the Landmark Center.

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right to perform the marriage ceremonies.

Clay County, which includes Moorhead, is in the process of starting to offer this service as well as other counties. On June 25 the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners gave the County Recorder's Office the green light to do the same thing.

Septic system loan program

The Minnesota Clean Water Partnership (CWP) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency have awarded Otter Tail County with a grant to provide low interest loans to property owners to replace non-compliant subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).

Otter Tail County serves as the lender, as the cost of the system is assessed to the property owner's property taxes, which is paid off over ten years. Loan guidance sheets and applications are available on the county website.

Do a search: Otter Tail County SSTS Loan Program.

County providing caregiver assistance

County Public Health employs a coordinator on aging who provides assistance to individuals age 60 and above in Otter Tail County who are in need of services.

On June 25, at the county board of commissioners meeting, it was announced that Otter Tail County has

been awarded supplemental federal funding (\$14,423) distributed via the Minnesota State Board of Aging for this calendar year. Funding supports aging coordination services that include supporting caregivers of aging residents.

This service is designed to support adult caregivers in decision-making and problem solving. The five-person county board passed a motion to accept these funds for 2024.

County Public Health has a mission to protect, maintain and improve the health of the people of Otter Tail County and a vision to achieve healthy lifestyles, healthy people and healthy communities.

Homeless prevention services provided

Local Homeless Preven-

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tion Aid was created by the 2021 Minnesota Legislature to help local governments ensure no child is homeless within a local jurisdiction by keeping families from losing housing and helping families experiencing homelessness find housing.

Otter Tail County and MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership work in coordination to serve the most vulnerable residents including people experiencing homelessness.

To that end, Otter Tail County is subgranting the Local Homeless Prevention Aid to MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership to connect families with the social services necessary to maintain their families' stability in their homes such as housing navigation, legal representation and family outreach.

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Development Program for funding purposes, which was just \$148,300. Following the meeting, city clerk/treasurer Tom Parish said much of the additional cost was due to higher-than-anticipated electrical costs associated with the project. In order to pay for the cost overrun, the city will dip into its reserves.

The well house rehabilitation project is part of a larger water tower reconstruction project being planned for this summer in Deer Creek. In order to fund

the entire project the city received a grant from SCDP for \$520,600 for construction. The water tower project was below budget by about \$19,000 and the well house project was over budget by about \$68,000. The end result is the city was responsible for an additional \$49,000 in construction costs to bring its total contribution to \$94,000 for the project. The remaining costs will be paid through the city's grant.

"It still comes out for a win-win for the city, even though it will cost us a bit more money," said Parish after the meeting, due to the large grant the city received for the remainder of the project.

In other news

- Adopted a new open forum policy for city council meetings that will allow for public comment in a more structured way. The new policy is one similar to what Deer Creek Township recently approved.

- Accepted a donation of \$4,820.32 from the Deer Creek Fire Department Relief Association for equipment purchases.

- Approved a fund transfer of \$2,500 from the general fund to the fire department fund for a DNR 50/50 grant for equipment.

- Accepted a donation from the Deer Creek Lions Pull Tabs for \$600 for mowing services.

- Accepted a donation from the Deer Creek Lions Pull Tabs for \$600 for picnic table storage.

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Retiring Grotte honored by county board members

Grotte has been with OTC for over 20 years

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

It was a proud day for retiring County Engineer and Public Works Director Charles Grotte when he was honored Tuesday morning, June 25, by the five-person Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners on behalf of all county employees and county residents.

Grotte was hired as Assistant County Engineer for Otter Tail County on April 2, 2001, and served in that role until May 1, 2018, when he was appointed County Engineer.

Grotte served as the Public Works Director since July 17, 2023.

He served as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air Force for 15 years prior to working for Otter Tail County.

“Chuck responsibly administered highway design, construction, planning and safety investments for the Otter Tail County transportation system,” noted County Board Chairman Kurt Mortenson. “He had a commitment of excellence and safety for the well-being of county residents, while improving county infrastructure.”

Examples, said Mortenson, were Grotte securing grants for rumble strips and lighting at highway intersections, all the while listening to safety concerns expressed by the residents



Photo by Tom Hintgen

Retiring County Engineer and Public Works Director Charles Grotte, back holding plaque, was honored by county board members on June 25. From left are County Commissioner Lee Rogness, Commissioner Dan Bucholz, County Board Chairman Kurt Mortenson, Grotte, Commissioner Wayne Johnson and Commissioner Bob Lahman.

of Otter Tail County.

The noise and vibration produced by rumble strips alert drivers when they leave the lane. Research has shown that rumble strips can reduce severe crashes. Center line rumble strips help to reduce head-on collisions and cross-over crashes.

County commissioner Lee Rogness said that Grotte's years of service

were marked by diligent administration of highway engineering, steadfast advocacy for road safety and invaluable contributions to the betterment of the communities and rural areas in Otter Tail County.

Commissioners Wayne Johnson, Dan Bucholz and Bob Lahman cited Grotte's professional service, leadership and commitment to working to the best of his

ability.

The five county commissioners passed a resolution expressing their utmost

gratitude and appreciation to Grotte for his many years of dedicated public service for the residents of Otter

Tail County and the State of Minnesota.

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also included a bid for approximately \$251,000.

This was the third time the city sought bids for the trail that follows Highway 78 south of town to close to the public boat landing. Local volunteers and the city have been working on constructing a walking trail south of town dating back to 2019, when Wohlers was killed in a hit and run accident along Highway 78 south of Ottertail over the Fourth of July weekend.

In order to fund the project, the city received \$345,000 from the MnDOT Local Partnership program, which can be used for construction and up to \$18,252.48 for construction engineering costs. The city also received earmarked funds to be distributed through MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program for \$55,000.

The overall estimated project budget is \$342,666, of which the local contribution will be \$96,058.

City clerk/treasurer Amanda Thorson said the city has a total of \$159,000 of local contributions ear-

marked for the new trail.

Bob Schliemann, of Apex Engineering, said the goal is to actually start construction on the trail within the next month or two.

In other news

- Held a pair of public hearings regarding accessory structures and a tax abatement hearing on Hoot Lane. During the hearing about the accessory structures or storage buildings, the council discussed changing the need from acquiring a conditional use permit if the parcel is more than 3 1/2 acres in size. The hearing over the tax abatement on Hoot Lane was similar to several that have been held over the years as part of the city's tax abatement incentive program for new housing. Both items were approved later in the regularly scheduled meeting.

- Heard the monthly fire department report from fire chief Joe Ahlfs. The Ottertail Fire Department responded to six medical calls, one alarm and heard the AC compressor on the new engine has been acting up. Ahlfs has been working

with TNT Repair to fix the item, which was estimated to cost \$1,000. The truck is still operational until it is repaired, but will not have air conditioning

- Heard a written request from Tim McKenna who has six properties in Park Circle. According to Thorson, McKenna has removed one structure already and was hoping to put a duplex and multi-family housing in Park Circle. He was questioning whether a duplex should be considered a multi-family home. Thorson said a duplex needs a minimum of 40,000 square feet outside of shore land, but the lots in Park Circle are currently just 20,000 square feet.

- Heard city hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 for the Fourth of July weekend.

- Heard that the estimated population in Ottertail from the state demographer is 694 in 2023.

- Approved the purchase of signs for the pickle ball courts for guidelines regarding use of the pickle ball courts.

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Paragliders converge on Henning airport

Photos by Dan Broten

A group of 8-10 pilots and their parasails and paragliders converged on the Henning airport over the weekend. The group flew throughout the region during the weekend from sunrise to sunset. Among the members of the group is Chris Mavis of Battle Lake. The group expressed an interest in coming back to the Henning airport in the future for another weekend of parasailing and paragliding.



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"It was a good deal because you had 10 people off the bat who were interested in you succeeding," he said.

During his time in college, Berglund said he listened to one of his professors who encouraged his students to open a practice where they wanted to live, whether that be a big community or small one.

"When you are thinking about where you should set up a practice, go live where you want to. That's the key," said Berglund of the advice he received in college. "I wanted to get into lake country and this was 70 miles from Morris where I grew up, and my wife was from the Iron Range, so this is kind of in the middle."

During his early days in the community, Berglund said Henning was a very active town with bowling,

softball, Jaycees, commercial club and a number of other groups and activities that made the transition to a small community even easier. He said it was that closeness that allowed people to be active in the community and not simply be lost in the shuffle like can happen in a bigger town.

While he enjoyed working with his patients and in the community, Berglund said it was the simple things he enjoyed about having a dental practice in Henning, like his short, yet extended, walks to the post office to pick up the mail.

"(I enjoyed) getting to know everybody and meeting people. The friendliness of people and the helpfulness," he said. "There were lots of things going on including the Jaycees and

commercial club. Just going up to the post office and maybe it would take me 20 minutes to get back because you keep running into people you know."

Berglund retired about three years ago when he closed up his dental practice to move to North Carolina to help his daughter take care of his three grandchildren. While he moved to North Carolina, Berglund has maintained his home on East Battle Lake and continues to visit the area from time-to-time.

In addition to helping to take care of his grandkids, Berglund said he has enjoyed the opportunity to read, listen to music and just walk his dog in retirement.

The Henning Festival parade is set for Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

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Volunteers must commit to completing one or more assigned lakes and are encouraged to consider participating in the program for multiple years. Surveys can be conducted from shore on smaller lakes or by boat or canoe on larger lakes. Volunteers use an online system to reserve and manage their lake assignments, view maps and information for

their lakes, and print data collection sheets. The online system was funded by a 2017 donation from the Minnesota United professional soccer team, whose mascot is a loon.

To sign up as a survey volunteer and select a lake, go to the DNR's loon monitoring program webpage and click on "Volunteer Map." Select an

available lake, add it to the volunteer cart and sign up to become a loon surveyor.

People considering volunteering in Cook, Lake, or Itasca counties can contact regional loon monitoring coordinator Bry Persing at (218) 735-3962 or bryonna.persing@state.mn.us opens in a new browser tab with any questions.

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signed to encourage the community and reward them for making the smart choice to wear their seat belts. Buckling up is a quick, but important decision and has proven to save lives," said Safe Communities Coalition coordinator, Emily Frustol.

A record 93.4 percent of Minnesotans are buckling up. Otter Tail County ranks in the top 10 counties for the number of unbelted fatalities and serious injuries. As the num-

ber of Minnesotans buckling up continues to rise, local officials expect Otter Tail County's unbelted fatalities and serious injuries to decline.

The Otter Tail County Safe Communities Coalition is a local advocacy group for Minnesota's statewide Towards Zero Deaths traffic safety program. The coalition is made up of members from the sectors of engineering, enforcement, education, emergency medical

and trauma services, and community members. The coalition's mission is to drive our county towards zero deaths on roadways by developing community partnerships and promoting and implementing effective traffic safety initiatives.

For more information, follow Otter Tail County Safe Communities Coalition on Facebook or contact Emily Frustol at efrustol@ottertailcounty.gov.



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The Difference is in the Details



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Above: The stone wall at the right in this photo of the Pebble Lake Golf Course, south of Fergus Falls, dates back to 1939 when this was a federal WPA works project. This and other projects were the brainchild of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Below: The Fergus Falls public golf course was one of 10 golf courses constructed by WPA workers in the late 1930s.

WPA workers built 10 state golf courses

Stone wall at Pebble Lake Golf Course dates back to 1939

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt includes the Works Progress Administration (WPA) that helped lift the United States out of the Great Depression during the 1930s. Roosevelt was a big promoter of the game of golf and was responsible for making golf accessible to American citizens.

In 1939 the WPA helped build the Pebble Lake Golf Course two miles south of Fergus Falls. The Fergus Falls golf course was among 10 built by WPA crews in Minnesota during the late 1930s.

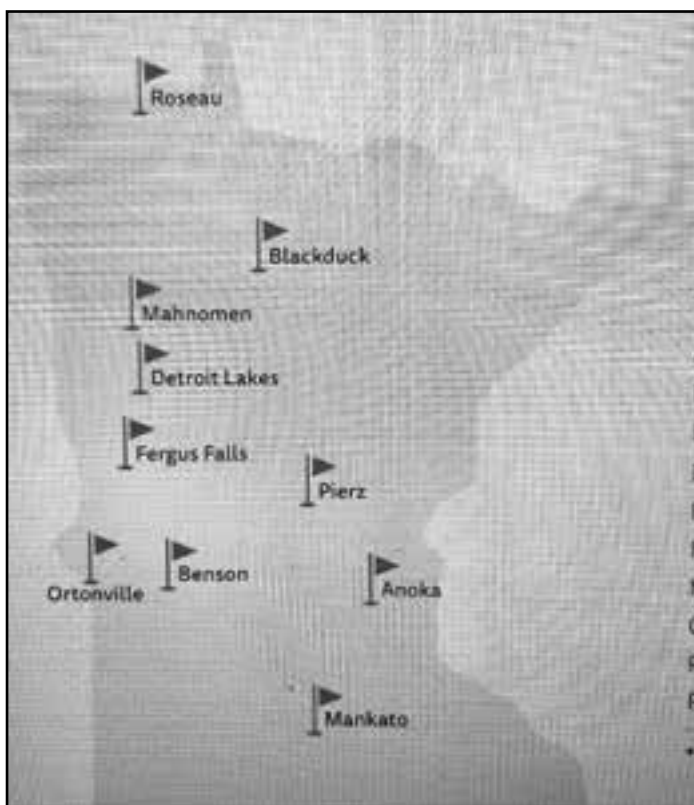
"Through the assistance of a grant by WPA of \$61,587," a writer for Parks & Recreation reported in January of 1939, "construction of a municipal golf course will soon be underway at Pebble Lake near

Fergus Falls, Minnesota." City boosters and businessmen led the charge to locate a new golf course. After much legal and political wrangling, WPA laborers eventually began constructing the course on the south side of Pebble Lake.

The 20 WPA workers assigned to the project, historian Randy LaFoy documents, used stones collected from the field during site preparation to build the wall that bordered the golf course near Fergus Falls. The stone wall still stands.

There is a distinction between courses the WPA built and courses the WPA worked on. For example, the WPA worked on all of the public golf courses in the Twin Cities as well as other courses throughout Minnesota. On many of these courses, the men installed water lines and replaced sand greens with grass.

When the Works Progress



Administration was created in 1935, golf received a healthy injection of government funds. The WPA was arguably one of the most ambitious and important

creations in the New Deal, a series of programs initiated by the Roosevelt administration in response to the Great Depression.

Operation Dry Water anchors DNR safety, enforcement

People across the state are gearing up for lots of time on the water in the days ahead and just after the Fourth of July holiday. As they do, Minnesota Department of Resources conservation officers and their public safety partners are reminding them to keep safety at the top of their list.

There are a variety of factors for boaters to keep in mind, including busy waterways, locally high water, and an increased law enforcement presence to keep everyone safe. The latter is part of Operation Dry Water, a nationwide campaign that runs July 4-6 to highlight the dangers of boating under the influence of

alcohol or drugs and call attention to the heavy penalties associated with boating while intoxicated.

"There's no gray area when it comes to boating under the influence: If you're caught, you will go to jail," said Lt. Eric Sullivan, the DNR Enforcement Division's Marine Unit supervisor. "Anyone who makes

the choice to boat under the influence puts at risk the safety of everyone else on the water."

In Minnesota, which has particularly strong BWI laws, anyone convicted of drinking and driving — whether they're operating a boat, motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle — loses their privilege to operate

any of them.

In addition to staying "dry" while on the water by avoiding drugs and alcohol, the DNR urges anyone who's on a boat to wear a life jacket. Oftentimes, boating accidents turn into fatalities because the people who fell overboard weren't wearing a life jacket.

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Motorcycle fatality west of Fergus Falls

Garden tools, other items stolen near West Battle Lake

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

A Fergus Falls man died in a motorcycle accident just west of Fergus Falls late Tuesday morning, June 25, near the intersection of Interstate 94 and West Lincoln Avenue which turns into Highway 210 that heads west to Foxhome and Breckenridge.

The victim was identified as 22-year-old Jacob Helms of Fergus Falls. His motorcycle collided with the trailer of a semi driven by 59-year-old David Norgaard, a resident

of South Dakota. Westbound Lincoln Avenue was closed while investigators gathered information at the scene of the accident. The Fergus Falls Police Department was assisted by members of the Minnesota State Highway Patrol.

Theft reported

Garden tools and other items were reported as stolen on June 25 from a location on Grace Etta Road on the northeast side of West Battle Lake. Sheriff deputies reported that other items stolen included plants, top soil, garden soil and clothing. The owner had some possible suspects in mind before meeting with law enforcement.

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OPINION

A not so easy decision about free strawberries

"You know," said the young lady sweeping my groceries across the bar code reader, "these strawberries? You buy one, you get one free."

Oh, um, what? My mind was busy, contemplating how young she was, wondering what it was like to be that young, and short. She wasn't much over five feet tall. Wasn't there a law about ten-year-olds working? What is that, as you get old, everyone else gets so young.

She looked at me, still busy with her hands. I was somewhat hypnotized by her hands. They weren't any bigger than she was. How would she ever get through life with hands that small, on top of how small she was already. Life sometimes needed big hands.

I remembered looking at my dad's hands when I wasn't very old, worrying that my hands might never get that large and durable-looking. All my hands seemed to want to do was grow fingernails, which I wanted long because they made my fingers longer. Hands are big deals.

All this is freely flowing around in what's left of my brain at this point in my life. Did she just say something to me? I looked up from her hands deftly moving my groceries from left to right, to her face. Did she just speak?

She looked up from what she was doing, and said: "Do you want another free container of strawberries?" She was done with everything. She was just standing there, expectantly, life just really starting up and getting rolling for her, tomorrow something fun to expect.

Well, she could expect all she wanted to, because I seemed to be caught on a decision that had just ever so many complicated twists and turns to it that all I could do was look at her.

Do I want another container of these big, red, luscious strawberries? I didn't know, honestly. Nothing is quite that simple. See, the problem is, like most men, I don't shop for groceries, I go, I cart, I throw in what I want, I check out, I fume at persons ahead of me with coupons, wasting what there is left of my life waiting for them. I leave. I even resent the time I lose putting stuff where it belongs when I get



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda

home.

One-third of your life is spent sleeping. Five years of your life is spent eating. How many years to get to the grocery store, tear through it, find what you want, and get it home. Then even more time to put it where it resides, until you waste more time eating it.

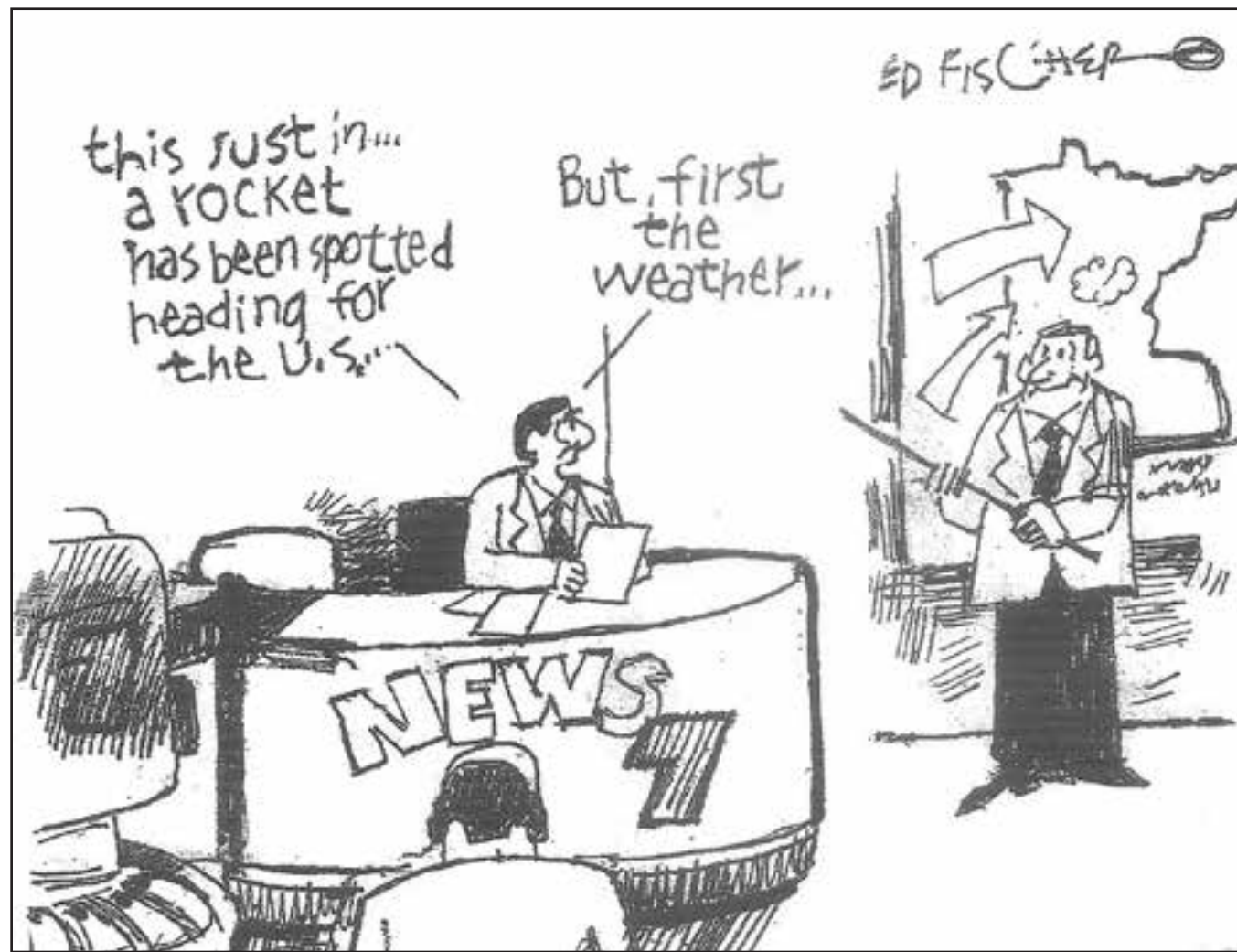
And now I need to think about it? I need to talk about it? I need to make a decision about it? I looked blankly at the young woman. Time was elapsing. Time never stands still. While I'm balancing the cognitive aspects of this strawberry decision, time is fleeing away from me. Not good. One of these days, I'll run completely out.

These big strawberries, you know the ones? How many of them can one person eat before the rest of them grow white crowns of mold and you have to throw them away. The young clerk perhaps doesn't understand all this, all this being a problem that she expects me to solve almost instantly. They're free, she's thinking. What's wrong with this guy?

Nothing's free, I want to tell her, except maybe the mold that will grow on these. Wait, maybe if I eat two boxes of strawberries quickly enough that they don't spoil, I'll overdose on them and get hives. What about the real problem here, which may be that I'll spend even more of those five years eating because I got extra strawberries. Now it's five years and more minutes.

Life at this age is way more complicated than I thought it would be. I looked at her. No, it wouldn't do to explain all this to her. I nodded my head at her, someone brought more berries. I paid. As I grabbed the groceries, I looked at her and said, "That should have been a simple decision, shouldn't it?"

But it wasn't.



Digging deeper into a Class D license

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The "Class D" is the most common license for Minnesota drivers. If you have a Class D driver's li-



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cense, you may operate:

- All single-unit vehicles (cars, pickups, and small trucks) except those with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, vehicles designed to carry more than 15 passengers (including the driver), and vehicles that carry hazardous materials.
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farm. The farm truck must be operated by the farmer, his or her immediate family member, or an employee of the farmer.

- Authorized emergency vehicles, whether or not in excess of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- Recreational vehicles (motor homes and camping trailers), operated for your personal use.

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- Motorcycles, with the appropriate license endorsement.
- Neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs).
- Autocycles.

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- It has a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less, or
- It has a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, but the combined gross vehicle weight of the vehicle and trailer is 26,000

pounds or less.

You must have an endorsement on your license in order to drive motorcycles, buses, school buses, double and triple trailers, tank vehicles, and if you carry hazardous materials. All endorsements require additional written tests. Bus, school bus, and motorcycle endorsements require specialized road tests.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission 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 @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks for helping in search for rural Henning man

To the Editor,
Henning Fire and Rescue would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone that has assisted in any way with the missing person search for Robert Shaw. We are absolutely overwhelmed by this community and our neighbors coming together and helping us to do everything possible in our efforts to locate Robert over these last

many days.

We had at least sixteen fellow fire departments send personnel to assist with the search; special thank you to our brothers and sisters at Parkers Prairie, Deer Creek, Ottertail, Battle Lake, Vining, Hewitt, Bertha, Miller-ville, Dalton, Underwood, Bluffton, New York Mills, Alexandria, Garfield, Forada, and Osakis Fire Departments.

Thank you to the Red Cross for their quick response and helping to organize canteen services to ensure that everyone who showed up to help had food

and water, and helped to coordinate the sheer number of donations of food and beverages that came from the community and surrounding businesses. We know that there were many of you that may have been physically unable to help in searching but were able to help in many of these other ways and we want to recognize all of you as well. We may not have been able to keep track of everyone to thank you all by name, but please know that this type support is just as necessary and just as appreciated and we are grateful and humbled

by all of you.

Thank you to the amazing Search and Rescue teams from Christian Aid Ministries, Northstar Search and Rescue, Wings of Hope and Central Lakes Search and Rescue. There are no words for the resources and expertise you brought with you. Your response was above and beyond and we are truly grateful.

Thank you to all of our law enforcement partners and their resources, including the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office, MN DNR, MN State Patrol, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Cass

County Sheriff's Office, National Guard, Civil Air Patrol and US Customs and Border Patrol. The inclusion of air support and specialized vehicles to allow for more coverage of the area was an invaluable resource.

Lastly, to the many, many members of the public who took the time from their days to help with the search, we can't possibly begin to thank you all for everything that you have done to assist. We continue to be humbled and amazed by the absolute willingness and generosity of the members of this community and those from

all over the state who came together as a team and did everything they could to help out. You may have come here as strangers, but you will forever be part of our community. We may not be able to thank you all by name, but please know we see you, and we appreciate you more than any words can possibly express.

Again, we thank each and every one of you for your continued support and assistance and please continue to keep the Shaw family in your thoughts and prayers.

Chief Mike Helle and the Henning Fire and Rescue



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CHURCH

Church directory

Battle Lake Alliance Church
401 W Gilbertson St., Battle Lake
Derek Mansker, Pastor
(218) 864-5539
www.battlelake.org
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Worship

Cornerstone Church
EagleBrook Association Church
501 Front Street, PO Box 172
Pastor Wendell Wahlin
(218) 371-6398
Wednesday: 4 p.m. Women's Bible study, 6 p.m. Men's Bible study
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Fellowship, 9 a.m. Worship

Firestarters Worship Center
107 W Main, Ottertail
Rev. Pete Thiel
(218) 367-3455
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Youth group: Jesus Revolution
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

Folden Lutheran
18692 500th Ave., Vining
Hwy. 40, five miles South of Vining
Pastor Rud Wasson Jr.
Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship with communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA
703 Douglas Ave., Henning
Pastor Keith Lankford
(218) 583-2786
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Grace Lutheran Church LB
306 Holden Ave., Henning
Pastor Rud Wasson, Jr.
(320) 808-9201
Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. Bible study at Folden Lutheran Church
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Henning United Methodist Church
503 Holden Ave., Henning
Lay Speaker- Valerie Shaw
(218) 583-2737
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Hewitt Church of the Nazarene
114 N Front St., Hewitt
Pastors Jim and Linda McGaffey
(218) 924-2028
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer service
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Worship

Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church
61847 State Hwy. 29, Wadena
Ricardo Alcoser, Pastor
(218) 367-2270
Office: (218) 629-1569
joyfulspiritmnumc@gmail.com
Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship, Fellowship prior to and following worship
Wednesday: 5 p.m. Bible study

Lakes Community Church
201 Main Avenue E. P.O. Box 92, Clitherall
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:45 a.m. Worship

Leaf Mountain Lutheran Church
43339 County Highway 6, Clitherall
Pastor Nate Hanson
(218) 864-3140
Saturday: 6 p.m. Coffee and Fellowship, 7 p.m. Worship with com-



Nidaros Lutheran Church, Vining

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(218) 583-2820
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

Nidaros Lutheran Church
18844 Nidaros Church Dr, Clitherall
Rev. Ryan D. G. Stout
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship with communion

Ottertail Methodist Church
104 Shores Road, Ottertail
Rev. Ricardo Alcoser
(218) 367-2270
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Sewing, 10 a.m. Prayer Group
Wednesday: 3 p.m. Bible study, 5 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Worship, Fellowship after worship
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Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd Street SW, Wadena
Pastor Jake Heppner
(218) 631-2002
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Kid's club, Youth group
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Worship

St. Edward's Catholic Church
201 Douglas Ave., Henning
Father LeRoy Schik
(218) 583-2490
Friday: 8 a.m. Confessions, 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9 a.m. Holy hour, 9 a.m. Adoration
Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass

St. John's Lutheran Missouri Synod
31963 Co. Hwy. 61, Ottertail
Rev. Karl Weber
(218) 367-2470
Wednesday: 5 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship with communion, 11 a.m. Bible study

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
750 1st St. W., Richville
Rev. Karl Weber
(218) 367-2470
Sunday: 8 a.m. Worship with communion

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
700 Douglas Ave., Henning
Rev. Daniel Larsen
(218) 583-2707
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship with communion, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Sunday school

Trinity Lutheran Missouri Synod
208 N Clark St., Deer Creek
Pastor Donald Wagner
(218) 462-2464
www.trinitydeercreek.org
Monday: 9 a.m. Quilters
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship with communion

Vining Lutheran Church
(218) 769-4251
(218) 731-0661
Pastor Jan Smith
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Wadena Seventh Day Adventist Church
14711 125th Ave., Wadena
Pastor Josh Jeresek
(218) 631-4030
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school, 10:50 a.m. Worship

Water's Edge Church
309 Holden Ave., Henning
Pastor Andrew Lynch
(218) 583-2161
www.watersedge.church
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. AWANA
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Campfire stories at the library

My maternal grandparents loved to camp. They would go as often as possible to Browns Lake near Ovando, Montana. They had "their spot" that they liked to park their camper at. My granddad was a lover of fishing. He would put his tin fishing boat on top of a special rack he had built in the back of his truck.

Behind the truck they pulled a small camper. Sometimes we were able to go along with them, but usually only one grandchild at a time. Whoever was the lucky one to get to go along would have to sleep on the top bunk where there was about 3" of head room it seemed. My granddad was a snorer and in the night when you thought the wind was rocking the camper, it was actually my grandfather snoring!

As I have said before, I am very afraid of water. My granddad would ask me to go fishing with him on the lake. When I would be brave enough to get in his little tin boat, we would get all the way out to the middle of the lake and he would cast out a line. Being the only girl surrounded by brothers I liked to talk.

My grandfather told me that if I couldn't be quiet he would throw me in the lake and two things would happen, I would learn how to swim and how to be quiet. For the rest of the time on the water, I didn't speak one word. I also never went on his boat again.

Our featured book this week is Campfire Stories for Kids written by Drake Quinn. If you are wanting to have some good old fashioned campfire fun, this could be the book for you. It is filled with stories about cowboys and graveyards, ghosts and scary tales, Native Americans, Fire Gods, Bigfoot, boogers and many stories that will make you laugh. There are even some corny dad jokes in this book. We hope you will get on out into the



Library Happenings
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land of Minnesota and enjoy some ghost stories! We look forward to seeing you at the Henning Public School Library. Let us help you find just the right book for you.

The State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society has awarded the Henning Public School Library a grant in the amount of \$9,325. This grant will provide over 449 books to the Henning Public School Library.

This grant helps provide a quality learning experience for our local Minnesotans by providing exemplary library bound (as much as possible) books that feature depictions of various aspects of the State of Minnesota. Students will develop knowledge, skills, and understanding about many areas of Minnesota by reading about Minnesota, its geography, heritage, culture, people, landforms, arts, sports, and more. Books will be purchased for all ages of people who frequent the library.

This grant will help represent diverse ethnicities and people as we are purchasing books that feature a wide variety of people who have contributed to Minnesota.

In addition, because Minnesota history is a vital component of our middle school curriculum, we want a strong selection of books that depict Minnesota history, industries, contemporary Minnesotans, immigration, the contributions of indigent people, Minnesota authors/illustrators, and state bird/fish/foods, etc

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OBITUARIES

Andrew Suchy, 78

Andrew "Andy" Michael Suchy, age 76, of Henning, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Astera Health in Wadena. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning with Fr. LeRoy Schik officiating. Andrew was laid to rest at St. Edward's Catholic Cemetery, Henning.

Andrew Michael Suchy was born to Anthony and Mary (Debilzen) Suchy on September 8, 1947. He was raised on the family farm in Urbank and graduated from Brandon High School. He was drafted into the Vietnam War and received a furlough to come home and help his Dad farm during which he joined the National Guard out of Fergus Falls.

Andy drove a bulk truck for Urbank Creamery while also farming and milking his own cows. One day while out picking up milk at the home of Elroy Hansen, Andy was invited in for coffee and it was then that he met Dorothy Hansen who was home from college. When Andy asked Dorothy to be his girl, he gifted her with a taxidermized Weasel. They were united into marriage on February 14, 1976. They had a red, white, and blue wedding. Their union was blessed with one son Anthony, so named for both grandfathers.

Not only did Andy farm and milk his own cows but he was also a taxidermist and mechanic for Hockert Implement in Millerville, Minnesota. In 1978-1979 he helped to complete the construction of the barn and silo on the family farm in Urbank. Andy was an avid outdoorsman enjoying both hunting and fishing. He held fast to his Christian faith and was patriotic to the core. Andy was a family man, a loving



husband, father, and grandfather. He was gracious and able to meet people exactly where they were at. Andy will be dearly missed.

Andrew is preceded into death by his parents Anthony and Mary Suchy; in-laws Elroy and Betty Hansen; brother-in-law Curtis Anderson; niece Jessica Weedman; and several aunts and uncles.

Andrew will be mourned by his loving wife of 48 years Dorothy; son Tony (Renee) Suchy of Henning; grandchildren Samantha, Brittney, MacKenzie, and Andrew; siblings: Margaret (Ken) Faber of Ham Lake, Minnesota, Rose (Fred) Julig of Osakis, Minn., Lorretta (Bernell) Kornfeldt of Leaf Valley, Minn., Maggie (Darrel) Kornfeldt of Leaf Valley, Minn., Lawrence (Rose) Suchy of Urbank, Minn., George (Beverly) Suchy of Lowry, Minn., Bernadette Anderson of Garfield, Minn., and Irene (Dave) Buckels of Henning; many nieces, nephew, and a host of friends.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Andrew's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

Duane Flom, 75

Duane Gareld Flom passed away at his home on June 19, 2024 after a seven-month battle with Melanoma. Services were held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church in Olivia at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. Private burial will be held at a later date.

Duane was born on July 29, 1948 in Wadena to Lawrence and Laura (Eckhoff) Flom. He grew up on a farm just outside Henning. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning.

Duane attended Henning Schools graduating in 1966. While in school he participated in football, wrestling and track, played Tenor Sax in the band, sang in the chorus and participated in many other activities. After HS he continued his education at Moorhead State graduating with majors in Biology and Geography. Later he attended NDSU earning a Master's Degree in Agronomy. He would also earn his PhD in Weed Science at the University of Idaho. He worked in a variety of jobs over the years, spending the last 20 years of his career at SMBSC working in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The solitude and science of that job fit his personality and interests. He retired in 2016.

Duane married Karen Johnson on November 26, 1971 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield, Minn. In their 52 years of marriage, they would live in several states finally settling in Olivia, Minn., in 1992.

Duane was an introvert and home body. Everyday he read books, completed Sudoku, and worked on a jigsaw puzzle. From 2010 to present, he read nearly 900 books, including the Bible, totaling nearly a half million pages. During the warmer months, he would be found outside vegetable

and flower gardening. Duane enjoyed canning and had a "pickle room" in the basement. Like his mother, he never threw anything away...never know when you might need it to fix something! Duane was a quiet, kind, unselfish man who was a supportive partner to Karen and a proud dad and grandpa. He maintained his good humor and gratitude for his caregivers until the end. Every task they performed for him was met with a thank you.

Duane is survived by his wife Karen, son Nathan (Jennifer) and their boys Tyler and Gavin of Minnetonka, daughter Annmarie (Travis) Suess and their sons Gabriel and Elijah of Olivia, his sister Leila Hagen, his aunt Marlys Eckhoff, Karen's brother David (Kathy) Johnson, his favorite cousin Nell Deckert and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Duane and Karen hosted 8 Foreign Exchange Students over the years. Their oldest German Daughter, Claudia Schneehoff, made the trip to visit him during the last days of his life.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1961, his mother and stepfather, Brother Larry (Dorothy) Flom, Karen's parents, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to thank his caregivers: Pastor Matt Hausken, MN Oncology, MN Radiation Oncology, Methodist Hospital and most importantly the wonderful staff at Olivia Hospital and Clinic including the OHC Hospice Staff.

Memorials can be directed to the Olivia Public Library, (405 So. 10th St., Olivia MN 56277); the H-545 Foundation, (PO Box 463, Henning, MN 56551)...Designate Class of '66, Olivia Hospital and Clinics Hospice (100 Healthy Way, Olivia, MN 56277) or a charity of your choice.

Dirks-Blem is in charge of arrangements

Russell Rasmussen, 90

Russell Rasmussen, 90 of Menahga died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 26, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday July 6, 2024 at First English Lutheran Church, Menahga with a public visitation one hour

prior to the service.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave condolences on his tribute wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Wadena.

Deloris Paquette, 96

Deloris "Dee" Paquette, age 96, of Henning, passed away on June 23, 2024, at Knute Nelson Care Center in Alexandria, Minn. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Henning.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Dee's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

Dorothy Gunderson, 96

Dorothy Marie (Dierickx) Gunderson, 96, died peacefully Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Battle Lake Good Samaritan Center.

Dorothy was born August 8, 1927 in Ghent, Minn., to Edward and Mary Dierickx.

Survived by her children: son, George E. Gunderson of Vining and daughter, Janet (Steve "Woody") Widness of Clitherall. Preceded in death by her husband,

George W. Gunderson 2012.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning at 12 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior starting at 11 a.m.

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Battle Lake is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be made online at www.GlendeNilson.com.

EOT, Wadena SWCDs to host meetings

Meeting to be held in Ottertail, Parkers Prairie

In April, The EOT and Wadena SWCDs were selected to participate in the Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture pilot program being led by Virginia Tech University. This pilot program will provide incentives to reward farmers and ranchers for adopting climate-smart agricultural practices. The goals of this pilot program are to enhance agricultural productivity, benefit producers, and improve climate resilience.

Through the pilot program, farmers and ranchers in participating districts will be eligible to receive \$100 per acre or animal unit by voluntarily implementing practices that sequester carbon, improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve water quality and conservation.

The list of eligible climate smart conservation practices includes:

- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)

- Silvopasture (381)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Nutrient Management (590)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Irrigation Water Management, Alternative Wetting and Drying (449)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Producers in the East Otter Tail and Wadena Soil and Water Conservation Districts, who are interested in the program, are welcome to attend one of three meetings to learn more about the pilot-program, their eligibility, and how to enroll. Each meeting will be approximately one hour in length and will provide light refreshments.

• East Otter Tail County: Ottertail Community Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Address: 93 Lake Avenue S., Ottertail, MN 56571

• East Otter Tail County: Parkers Prairie Event Center at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. Address: 201 W. Main Street, Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

• Wadena County: Central Lakes College-Staples room B205 at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. Address: 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479

For more information, please contact the local SWCD.

COLLEGE NEWS

Grace Hammer was recently named to the University of Minnesota Dean's List. Hammer is in the nursing program at the Twin Cit-

ies campus.

In order to be eligible for the Dean's List a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.666 or better.

OTC announces Emerson as Veterans' Service Officer

VSO offices located in Fergus Falls, New York Mills

Otter Tail County has announced that Robb Emerson is the new Veterans' Service Officer. Lynne Penke Valdes, Deputy Administrator, warmly welcomes Emerson as he embarks on this new career path with the county.

"Robb is known for his dedication to service, and we are delighted that he is

taking on this mission to serve as the Veterans Service Officer," she said.

Emerson's career with Otter Tail County began in 2015, serving the public first as a surveillance officer for the DWI Court program in the probation department and later as a probation agent for the county. Emerson



Robb Emerson

grew up in Fergus Falls and graduated in 2005. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 2005-2010. He served his country with tours in Afghanistan and Djibouti, Africa, and was based in North Carolina. Following his military service, Emerson returned to Minnesota and earned a degree in natural resources and law enforcement from the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

"It is a privilege and honor to be selected for this position. I recognize Veterans put a lot of trust into the work we do for them," said

Emerson.

Emerson appreciates the dedicated service of his predecessors and looks forward to leading the Veterans Office with innovation and efficiency. He is committed to serving Veterans holistically, ensuring they are connected to various services. "I like working with direct client contact, and I will bring my previous experience to work holistically with veterans and provide the support they have earned and deserve."

With a strong desire to serve individuals and the community, Veterans' Service Officer Emerson is eager to attend local Veterans group meetings and meet veterans throughout the county. He encourages veterans to review their benefits regularly, as legislation regarding veteran benefits often changes.

Veterans and family members can contact the Veterans Office by calling (218) 998-8606 or stopping by the offices in New York Mills and Fergus Falls.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Invests in little enterprises
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- 11. Gored
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- 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease
- 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence
- 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure
- 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish
- 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mounted
- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
- 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
- 8. Body part
- 9. Practice boxing
- 10. Containers
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached
- 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
- 20. Cassava
- 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Orchestrate
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Astute
- 34. Highly decorated tea urn
- 35. Teach to behave
- 37. Endurance
- 38. Urinating
- 40. Barbie friend dolls
- 42. Repents
- 43. Man-eating giant
- 45. Jewish calendar month
- 47. Accelerated
- 49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
- 50. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 51. Lying in wait
- 55. Cease to exist

Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features the Henning Festival Royal Court from 1999. Do you know any of the people pictured above? If so, contact the Citizen's Advocate at news@henningadvocate.com or by phone at 548-5585.

Left: Kathy Goodjohn correctly identified last week's mystery photo of Clint and Clay Howitz.

It happened in

5 years ago Citizen's Advocate Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Lauren Wieber and Hannah Baumgardt were lost in space the first time they stepped foot in the Landmark Center. The two college students, who are in the Battle Lake and Henning area this summer for college internships, unpacked their bags and quickly explored the inner workings of the 100-year-old former clinic. The two college students are working as interns at the Art of the Lakes studio in Battle Lake and at the Landmark Center in Henning in Henning.

Gloria Axelson, of Vining, has shared her love of music and handbells with people of all ages from across the central Otter Tail County region for decades. Last year, Axelson was approached by Nancy Quam of Battle Lake about creating a children's handbell choir. Axelson found a set of barely used Malmarm chimes on the Internet for just \$500 and began working with the 3-6 grade youth group students in November of 2018.

James Nelson may be the new face in the Henning Public Utilities Department, but he is definitely not new to the area. The 2013 graduate from Battle Lake High School began working for

the utilities department approximately three weeks ago. Prior to working in Henning, Nelson was employed by an electrical company based out of Moorhead, Minn. As part of his job, Nelson built power lines in Iowa, meaning he was away from home and his wife most of the week.

25 years ago Thursday, June 30, 1999 The Henning Advocate

Six girls turned out for this year's Henning Area Festival Queen Coronation, which will be held the last day of the Festival, Sunday, July 18. Vying for the title are Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Linda and Mike Moore; Amanda Witt, daughter of Carol and Randall Witt; Bess Ellenson, daughter of Sam and Michael Ellenson; Kristy Tran, daughter of Mary and Richard Trana; Jana Peterson, daughter of LouAnn and Jim Peterson; and Lacey Johnson, daughter of Joan and Brent Johnson.

Although temperatures have not been entirely summer-like of late, they have been warm enough to green up the countryside with crops of all variety.

The first step in establishing a lake improvement district was taken last week when the Otter Tail County Commissioners approved

a letter of intent for the Otter Tail County Pine Lakes Improvement District. Organizers of the district will set a public hearing date soon with the assistance of the County Attorney's office for further discussion on the proposed district.

50 years ago Thursday, June 28, 1974 The Henning Advocate

Steve Torkelson will be the new owner of the heat and air conditioning service formerly owned by F. R. Steuart.

75 years ago Thursday, June 27, 1949 The Henning Advocate

Cooking vegetables in milk is one of the best ways of preventing the loss of vitamins and minerals that very often go down the drain.

A local Blue Beard Club has been organized in Henning to promote the local Harvest Festival. A fine of \$10 will be assessed to each member who does not raise a beard. All members must start growing their beard on July 5 and continue until September 1st when judging will take place.

100 years ago Thursday, June 26, 1924 The Henning Advocate

Dr. Vail, physician and surgeon who has recently been located at New York

Mills, is moving to Henning this week to practice his profession here. He is located in the offices of the late Dr. Hoffmann in the Traub block.

The Insurance Department Bulletin gives the fire loss in Henning in 1923 as \$27.95 and \$4,313.70 in premiums paid for this privilege. The report further shows that the fire loss in the village of Henning during the past 31 years was \$1,840.57 and premiums amounting to \$57,232.30 were paid during this period. In scanning over the long list of villages and cities in this report there are few of them that can approach this record. It strikes most of us that we are paying for other people's carelessness.

125 years ago Thursday, June 29, 1894 The Alliance Advocate

The Henning Brick has already manufactured 40,000 bricks. The proprietor, William Mittag, is so confident of success that he ordered an ad in the Advocate.

Drinking water is sold and peddled around the streets of Breckenridge, Minn., at the rate of 60 buckets for one dollar. The people of this locality may well be thankful that they have as good water as to be found and plenty of it.

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Trivia!

This week's question:

Who was Walnut Grove's first Justice of the Peace (hint: he was made famous by a book series by his daughter)?

A. Garrett Hedlund
B. Dave Pirner
C. James Arness
D. Charles Ingalls

Last week's answer:
July

Answered by:
Shirley Lokken

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Braves edge Shockers in battle atop Hi-10 Conference

Deer Creek falls to 11-3 in Region 14C action

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Dustin Geiser threw a two-hit shutout and Bluffton connected for a pair of home runs as the Braves defeated the Deer Creek Shockers by a score of 6-0 on Friday night. The game was between the top two teams in the Hi-10 with the Shockers falling to 8-3 in conference action and the Braves improving to 7-2.

After a scoreless opening two innings, Payton Rondestvedt connected with a two-run home run with two outs in the top of the third inning.

The game remained at 2-0 until the top of the seventh inning when Tyson Barthel led off the inning with a walk, Isaac Hamann reached on a single and Rondestvedt reached safely on a dropped third strike to load up the bases for first

baseman Josh Dykhoff. That's when Dykhoff cleared the bases with a grand slam to give the Braves a 6-0 lead. Bluffton wasn't over in the inning as Justin Dykhoff followed with a single and later reached third base. Kyle Dykhoff also reached safely, but both runners were stranded at the corners when the inning came to an end.

Deer Creek had several chances to get runs across the plate as they stranded a pair of runners in scoring position in the third inning and a runner at third base in the seventh inning. However, Geiser was strong on the mound as he went all nine innings and gave up just two hits, three walks and struck out 10 batters in the shut out. The lone Shocker hits came in the third inning by Gannon George and in the sixth inning by Mike Blom. The Braves were led of-



Photo by Chad Koenen

Lane Dilly took the loss on the mound as the Deer Creek Shockers fell to Bluffton 6-0 on Friday night.

fensively by Josh Dykhoff who went 3-5 with the grand

slam home run, while Hamann went 2-4 with a run scored.

Lane Dilly took the loss on the mound for the Shockers.

The win improves the Braves to 9-2 in region action and 7-2 in the Hi-10. The Shockers are now 11-3 overall in the region and 8-3 in the Hi-10.

This week the Braves will play in NY Mills in the annual fireworks game against

the Millers at 8 p.m. and will host Nimrod on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.


The Shockers will be off until Wednesday, July 10 when they travel to NY Mills.

D Geiser	4	0	0	0
T Barthel	3	2	1	0

HITTING- HR- Rondestvedt, Jo Dykhoff
PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- Geiser 9-2-0-0-3-10

	AB	R	H	BI
K Snyder	3	0	0	0
E Lunde	3	0	0	0
C Schertler	4	0	0	0
M Blom	3	0	1	0
T George	4	0	0	0
C Nordland	4	0	0	0
M Stege	3	0	0	0
L Dilly	2	0	0	0
G George	3	0	1	0

	AB	R	H	BI
I Hamann	4	1	2	0
P Rondestvedt	4	2	1	2
Ju Dykhoff	5	1	3	4
Jo Dykhoff	5	0	1	0
C Davis	3	0	0	0
L Pulju	5	0	1	0
K Dykhoff	4	0	1	0



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NORTH STARS DROP A PAIR

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margin and also took advantage of five North Stars errors.

Despite the loss, the North Stars remained in the game until the end against one of the top teams in the Hi-10 and Region 14C.

Nick Lindberg led the way offensively with two hits and two RBIs, while Stephen Lindberg took the loss on the mound as he went 5 1/3 innings and gave up 10 hits and six earned runs. Nick Lindberg pitched the final 2 2/3 innings and gave up three hits and two unearned runs, while striking out seven hitters.

	AB	R	H	BI
S Lindberg	3	2	0	0
O Harig	4	1	1	0
N Lindberg	4	1	2	2
J Harig	4	0	1	1
G Kuhn-Rice	5	0	1	2
C Rinicker	5	0	1	0
O Lindberg	4	0	0	0
A Koep	2	1	0	0
J LaManna	4	0	0	0

PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- S Lindberg 5 1/3-10-9-6-3-0, N Lindberg 2 2/3-3-2-0-0-7

Saturday

Henning fell to Midway by a score of 8-4 on Saturday in Henning.

After Midway took an early 2-0 in the top of the first inning, the North Stars battled back to tie the game at

2-2 in the bottom of the first inning on a Jayden Harigfelder's choice that brought a run across the plate. Garrett Kuhn-Rice followed with an RBI single to make the score 2-2. Unfortunately, Midway scored two more runs in the fourth inning and three more in the sixth inning to come away with the 8-4 win over Henning.

The two teams had quite a bit of success in the game as Midway finished with 14 hits and Henning finished with 11.

Jesse LaManna led the way offensively with three hits, while Kuhn-Rice took the loss on the mound as he went six innings and gave up 11 hits and six earned runs. Sazama pitched the final three innings and gave up three hits and one earned run.

	AB	R	H	BI
S Lindberg	5	1	2	0
O Harig	4	2	2	1
N Lindberg	4	0	1	0
J Harig	4	0	1	2
G Kuhn-Rice	4	0	1	1
C Rinicker	4	0	0	0
L Sazama	2	0	0	0
O Lindberg	1	0	0	0
A Koep	4	0	1	0
J LaManna	4	1	3	0

HITTING- 2B- O Harig
PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- G Kuhn-Rice 6-11-7-6-2-2, L Sazama 3-3-1-1-1-3

Henning Festival

Thursday, July 11

7pm Historic Walking Tour by Chris Schuelke, begins at Henning Landmark Center \$7 fee/person
Benefits for the Otter Tail County Historical Society

Friday, July 12

5pm Smoothie Stand opens at the fairgrounds-sponsored by WE Church
5pm Food Stand opens at the fairgrounds-sponsored by Henning Area Churches
6pm Kiddie Parade and Main Parade begin
7:30pm Henning Area Festival Miss and Little Miss Henning Pageant

Saturday, July 13

8am Henning Festival Walk/Run at the fairgrounds-sponsored by the Otter Tail Central Cross Country and Track Teams
Registration begins at 7am
8am Festival Softball Tournament at the fairground softball fields
8am City-wide Garage Sale
8am Henning Lions Breakfast begins at the fairgrounds
9am Smoothie Stand opens at the fairgrounds-sponsored by WE Church
9am - 5pm Quilt Extravaganza at the Trinity Center
9am Volleyball Tournament at Amundson Park
11am Food Stand opens at the fairgrounds-sponsored by Henning Area Churches

Saturday, July 13 Cont.

12pm - 3pm Dunk Tank at the fairgrounds-sponsored by The Henning Skate Park Committee
12pm - 4pm Inflatable Rides at the fairgrounds-sponsored by Arvig, Henning CHAT, Henning HOPE, and Astera Health
1pm Kids Bean Bag Tournament at the fairgrounds
2pm Adult Bean Bag Tournament at the fairgrounds
2pm Henning Rod and Gun Club Beer Wagon opens at the fairgrounds
4pm Festival Softball Tournament Championship Game
6pm Demolition Derby at the fairgrounds-promoted by Chaos Motorsports
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES OR COOLERS ALLOWED
9pm 32 Below performing at the Henning Event Center at the fairgrounds
10pm Fireworks-sponsored by Henning Chamber of Commerce and the City of Henning

Sunday, July 14

9am - 2pm Lions Breakfast/Lunch at Amundson Park
9am - 2pm Quilt Extravaganza at the Trinity Center
11am - 3pm Car Show at Amundson Park-sponsored by Tri County Cruisers
11am Kickball Tournament- sponsored by Henning HOPE for their scholarship program
Registration begins at 10:30am



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