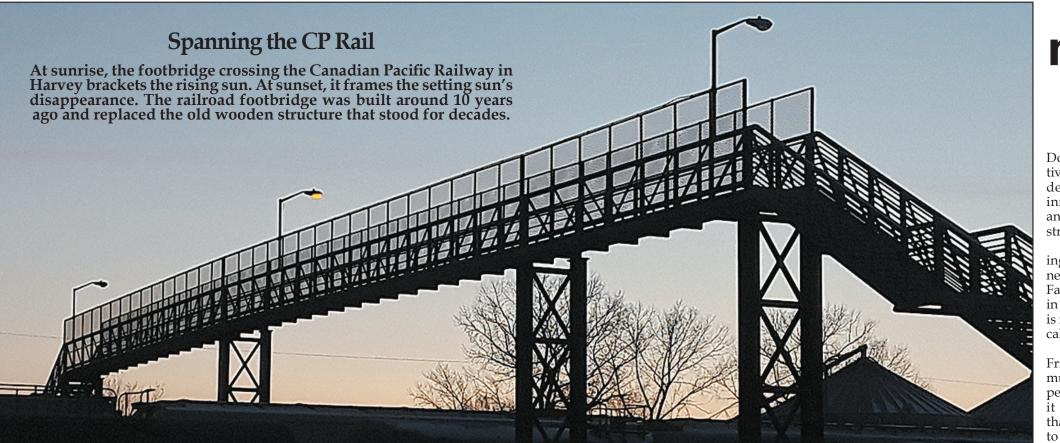


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Unlike any other family

By Neil O. Nelson At first glance, Andy and Megan Givens are like any other young married couple. They're both working and raising a young family. They're healthy and they love

life. They cherish life. And like everyone, especially parents with young children, they know how precious a new baby's life is and how

Megan and Andy Givens, baby Liam and sister Lindy are at Mayo Clinic for life-saving bone marrow transplant

without an immune system. Knowing this, Andy and Megan mask their anxieties, fear,

Bubble Boy disease The Givens couldn't have



Andy and Megan Givens learned of their son's immune deficiency disorder three days after Laim's birth.

system." The Givens are the second

both Liam and Lindy were set to be conditioned for the bone marrow transfer. Liam was schedule for chemotherapy. Lindy has to be tested for any infections, viruses, signs of any illness. Harvest of the bone marrow will begin on Nov. 30. "We'll be dealing with two children at the same time at the same place," said Andy. Lindy will require a couple of days to recover; then she'll be able to return home. Liam will need six more weeks in the Mayo Clinic, plus another 100 days of observation.

COVID's impact felt throughout cohool

Mask mandate issued

By Anne Ehni Friday, Nov. 13, Governor Doug Burgum issued an executive order with multiple measures designed to reduce COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations and take pressure off the state's strained health care providers.

The order requires face coverings to be worn in indoor businesses and indoor public settings. Face coverings must also be worn in outdoor public settings when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. Burgum also announced on

Friday that all school and community sports activities are suspended until Dec. 14. However, it was announced on Tuesday that the order will be amended to allow winter sports practices and extracurricular activities to resume on Nov. 30, while competitions will remain suspended until Dec. 14.

North Dakota has seen record numbers of coronavirus cases in October and November. As of Thurs., Nov. 19, the North Dakota Department of Health reports 10,131 active cases of the virus across the state with a total of 68,612 confirmed positive test results since the onset of the pandemic in early March. Statewide, 795 people who tested positive for the virus have died while infected. Of those, COVID-19 was

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defenseless a newborn is.

Here is where Andy and Megan Givens are living apart from the everyday world that surrounds the young Fessenden couple.

Every hour on the hour and every night for the last two months, they've been praying for their eight-week-old baby boy, Liam, who this week started chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., in preparation of a bone marrow transplant, courtesy of the Givens' two-year-old daughter, Lindy.

The bone marrow transplant will give Liam a fighting chance at a normal live.

Baby Liam Givens was born

mounting concerns and pressure remarkably well.

In that regard, they appear like most every young couple their age.

But that wasn't the case a month ago, according to the young Fessenden parents.

They couldn't enter into a conversation without tearing up. They couldn't hold a conversation without crying.

"It was rough," testifies Andy. "It's been rough."

Today, they openly talk about their baby but the strain is apparent and visible, just under the strained but cool and collected demeanor they share and embrace.

een happier when Liam, all 7 lbs. 11 oz., was born in Devils Lake on Sept. 23.

He came home with Megan and Andy, seemingly a "perfectly healthy little boy."

Two days later a doctor with the North Dakota Department of Health (DOH) called and told the Givens to rush their baby boy to Bismarck. 'Get down here.'

The test given all newborns showed Liam had an immune system deficiency, putting the baby in constant danger of

infections from bacteria, viruses and fungi Sometimes called the "bubble

boy disease," Liam, in a nutshell and like the boy in the bubble, said his father, "has no immune

years to have a child suffering from the immune deficiency disorder.

family in the state in the last five

"What are the odds?" Andy has questioned a hundred times in the last eight weeks.

"It's super rare," he said.

"Crazy," said Megan. But it's the real thing, added Andy. "And it happened to us and our little boy.

Liam had been hospitalized at Sanford in Bismarck since Oct. 1. Andy and Megan were with

their child the entire time. They returned home last

weekend to prepare for the trip to Rochester; they left Fessenden Sunday and Bismarck on Monday.

On arrival at the Mayo Clinic,

"All together," said Andy, "the whole process from start to finish will take five months."

The Givens know Liam is in the best hands possible.

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Search for answers to suicide never ending

By Neil O. Nelson Survivors of suicide never forget, suspect they're forever marked and are never the same

after the death by suicide of a child, sibling, parent or friend. In the case of a parent, the

stigma of being a suicide survivor can be overwhelming.

"You walk into a room and you're convinced your forehead is branded: "My daughter killed herself."

"My son committed suicide." "I'm the survivor of a kid who took his life.'

In time the uncomfortable, overbearing feeling subsides and might even disappear altogether. Don't bet on it.

"When your child commits suicide, they take a piece of you and everyone in their family with them," said the parent of a Harvey youth who committed suicide and who now is a



decades old statistic. Survivors are never whole again, the same parent explained. The search for answers never

ends. In time, the parent may have

a better understanding of suicide and hopefully an acceptance of the void in their life, but again ... Don't bet on it.

"You never forget, and you grieve every day."

Circle of survivors

Survivors of suicide will find some solace today (Saturday), knowing they have thousands grieving with them on International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day - Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020.

The circle of survivors is indeed wide, acknowledged Beth Huseth, Harvey RN with the St.

Aloisius Medical Center. International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is an event in which survivors of suicide come together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience.

For more on International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, log on to - afsp.org/survivorday Or send an e-mailto: survivorday@afsp.org

The third Saturday in Novem-

ber promotes coming together and supporting the survivors of this tragic event, Huseth explained.

"When someone is lost to suicide, it impacts those who knew and loved them. For those people, the grief and trauma can be especially difficult to handle."

This day is all about showing support and love to the survivors of suicide, continued Huseth, who noted that more than 6,500 logged on to the website "to be a part" of the Suicide Survivors Day last year.

"There really was a lot of participation across the country and around the world."

Acknowledging Saturday as the day dedicated to the survivors of suicide, and September being Suicide Prevention Month with May of every year set aside for Mental Health Month, Huseth believes people need to look at themselves in the mirror every day and ask: "What can I do to help people considering suicide?" The introspection opens doors to other questions.

Is there someone I can reach out to?

Did I miss something in a friend's behavior?

Why don't I call a friend who I know is troubled?

How can I help erase the stigma of suicide?

Beth Huseth is convinced the mental health of a community should be the focus of everyone 'each and every day."

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3011001 By Carrie Opdahl

What are the most significant effects of COVID-19 when it pertains to students and staff at Fessenden-Bowdon School? Low morale, Fessenden-Bowdon School Principal Aaron Loff told the school board members at their meeting on Nov. 16.

"Several teachers and paras have been out of the building because of either testing positive for COVID-19 or being a close contact," Loff said. Though all are now back at school, "they were definitely missed when they were out.'

Loff has spent the last few weeks looking at the climate and culture of the school. "We are going to implement a couple of things to try and get everybody's spirits up a little bit," he said.

Last week he offered a four-day Jeans Week for the entire staff. 'Typically, we have Jeans Day on each Friday, but with everything going on now, it's just one less thing for some of them to worry about in the morning," said Loff.

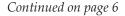
Loff would like to have Jeans Week at least once a month as a small way to keep some of the edge off. The administration also treated the staff to popcorn last week.

"Everyone in the building is feeling the pressure of our current circumstances," said Loff. Open to ideas and input, Loff leaned on the board for ways they could make the atmosphere more enjoyable.

"I want teachers and students to look forward to coming to school. I want the students to look forward to being around their friends, all while getting a quality education," Loff said.

Board member Reade Neumiller mentioned the impact of the suspension of high school winter sports and other extracurricular K-12 school activities until Dec. 14.

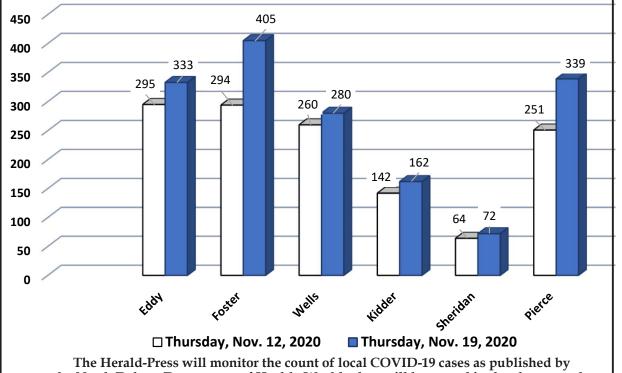
This is a great set back," said Loff, "And, what's really bugging me is what do we have to look for-



COVID-19 Case Count

Total count of positive test results in Wells County and neighboring counties March 11 to November 19, 2020

Data compiled from the North Dakota Department of Health website: health.nd.gov



Wells County Christmas Anonymous

committee will again have 'Angel Trees' in Wells County. The seven donated Christmas trees are located at First International Bank in Harvey, Hinrichs Super Valu in Harvey, Bowdon Cafe in Bowdon, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Sykeston, Farm & Family Center in Hurdsfield, and at The Q and Community Credit Union in Fessenden.

The trees will be decorated with angel tags that have gift items to be purchased. To participate in this generous holiday activity, simply go to one of these locations and select tag (or more) from the tree. Purchase the gift on the tag,

The Christmas Anonymous wrap the gift and attach the angel tag to the outside of the package. Return the gift to the business that displayed the Angel Tree by Dec. 8.

> The Christmas Anonymous committee will distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. If you would like to participate, but don't enjoy shopping, cash donations are greatly appreciated.

Also appreciated are groceries and personal hygiene items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) which need not be wrapped. Donations may be sent to Christmas Anonymous, PO Box 304, Harvey, ND 58341.

School Menus

ANAMOOSE-DRAKE Mon., Nov. 23: Quesadilla T: Z-rib W: Turkey wrap Th: NO SCHOOL

F: NO SCHOOLs

Mon., Nov. 23: Chicken alfredo, noodles, fruit, vegetable

CLOSURE? 'THERE IS NEVER CLOSURE'

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"Why is this such a hard thing to do?" Why is asking someone if they need help perceived as a negative? questions Huseth. Are you really overstepping your bounds?

"If you are, so what" she asks. Was anyone hurt by your good intentions? Of course not.

'The resiliency of a community is so important and we're witness to this resiliency in people in our own community every day."

Yet, she knows, there are people suffering in silence.

People suffering from depression and thoughts of suicide have to know there is help for them, stresses Huseth.

"The sun will come up tomorrow, it always does."

Closure

Parents of a child who commits suicide aren't so sure if the sun will "come up tomorrow." Their grief consumes them. Invariably, everyday conversations can grow quiet and "you know what everyone's thinking,'

said the Harvey parent. "It's the elephant in the room." Meantime, most of us suffer in

silence, the parent continued. *Questions remain.*

"What did we do wrong?" "We thought we were doing everything right.'

Their child was grounded, well-adjusted, a perfectionist.

"There was just this one crum-

my morning." ' "Closure?" asks the parent.

"There isn't such a thing as closure.'

It's always in the back of your mind, you never forget, said the parent, who after all these years still has not accepted the unexplained death in their family.

"But I have a better understanding. It's better, much better.

"I'm a work in progress." Regrettably, youth suicide happens all too often.

"It shouldn't, but it does," acknowledges the Harvey parent.

Parents of children who attempt suicide but do not complete the act are equally troubled.

The window opens momentarily, parents have learned. But that's all it takes for the person considering suicide.

Suicide statistics in North Dakota are more than disturbing according to Beth Huseth.

"They're alarming." Frightening, actually.

A survey of students in grades 9-12 at Harvey High School revealed that 16.3% of the students have seriously considered suicide in the last year. The percentages were slightly higher in schools at Bismarck (20.7), Williston (20.9), Bottineau (18.2) and Devils Lake (21.6).

Ten percent of the Harvey students answering the Youth Risk Behavior Survey confessed to attempting suicide, said Huseth.

"This is what is going on," here in our community, she added.

And everywhere in the state and country, commented the mental health advocate.

"It's sad and shocking, absolutely."

Incidents of suicide in North Dakota are 25% higher than the national average.

In 2019, there were 154 deaths by suicide in the state. That number, said Huseth, is higher than death by drug overdose.

"Suicides are a much larger problem.'

Local coalition

The Wells County region in recent years has suffered a significant number of suicides, conceded Beth Huseth.

Organizing of the Community Cares Coalition is a direct result of the suicides committed in the immediate area.

The group meets once every month in Harvey, where resources, outreach programs and speakers are discussed and oftentimes made available to the community.

"How can we help?" Is the motto the coalition work under.

"How can we make this a better community?"

"How can we erase the stigma of suicide?" they ask themselves continually.

Depression and suicide are often on the agenda.

The group wants desperately to help parents and children reduce the stresses that compound and magnify their lives.

They wish they could do more for teachers, who are surrounded by children five days a week, oftentimes kids with serious problems they're hesitant or ashamed or afraid to disclose.

We must not wait for the crisis point to be reached, intimated Huseth, for the healing to start.

It's often a matter of simply

reaching out, she explained. "Reach out to your family member, neighbor or friend if you

think there's an issue or if they appear troubled." And recognize when someone

is reaching out to you for help, said Huseth.

There is no reason for anyone to feel alone, Huseth and the Community Cares Coalition emphasize.

Pier support is always available.

"You're not alone," Huseth and friends have often repeated, knowing they can't say it enough. "No one should have to feel

like they're alone." The Rev. Phil Leer, a member of the Harvey coalition, is more than aware of the suicide instances in

the area. He's counseled many families before and after funerals. He remains connected to the families.

There will always be that connection, he knows.

"Collectively, we're all survivors of suicide. By simply knowing someone who committed or attempted suicide, we are survivors.'

Pastor Leer acknowledges the "sad history" of suicide in the area, and the trauma of death everywhere.

He's not afraid to broach the subject of suicide.

Awareness, he said, leads to more and better understanding.

He was asked once if the Community Cares Coalition was making a difference.

The question gave him pause. He wanted instantly to say, "Yes, of course," which he did in so many words, but the question nagged at him for days.

He questioned how he should quantify or articulate a response? "If we save one life, what we're

doing is certainly worthwhile." As an organization, he contin-

ued, you have to trust your efforts. "You have to trust you're making a difference."

Still, the question forced the Lutheran pastor to re-examine his role, his message and the continuing efforts of the coalition to make Harvey a better community.

Quietly, he confesses, the Community Cares Coalition and the role it plays in the community is good and necessary and functioning.

"Are we making a difference? Yes, I believe we are."

Mirroring society today, Leer expects "we're still not there," in fully understanding suicide and depression and then "talking about" the troubling subjects. "But we've come a long way." People are still struggling, however, all around us, and oftentimes alone, Leer continued. If there is a community-wide problem, he said, let's talk about it. Why do we have this history of suicide?

FESSENDEN-BOWDON

T: Tomato soup, grilled cheese,

HARVEY ELEMENTARY Mon., Nov. 23: Corn dogs,

sweet rice, baked beans, fruit, bread

T: Pulled porK, sandwiches, curly fries, coleslaw, fruit

W: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, lettuce, fruit, bread. Th: NO SCHOOL

F: NO SCHOOL

HARVEY HIGH SCHOOL Mon., Nov. 23: French bread

T: Popcorn chicken, mashed

W: Nacho ground beef, bread,

potatoes and gravy, corn, bread

fruit, Thanksgiving treat

Th: NO SCHOOL

F: NO SCHOOL

the North Dakota Department of Health. Weekly data will be posted in the above graph.

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fruit, vegetable, Th: NO SCHOOL



W: Shipwreck, fruit, vegetable pizza, Marinara sauce, carrot F: NO SCHOOL sticks, fruit



Senior Menu

Wells-Sheridan Aging Council Advanced registration is not required but is helpful for meal prep. Call 701-324-4032.

Mon., Nov. 23: Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, Prince Edward vegetable, tropical fruit

T: Liver and onions, diced potatoes, carrots, blushing pears

W: Knephla soup, egg salad sandwich, wax beans, apricot sauce

Th: NO MEALS-Thanksgiving F: Vegetable lasagna, winter vegetable plum sauce

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CHASELEY NEWS:

Pam Rodacker was in Harvey on Thursday and helped out in Fay Fandrich's shop on Tuesday and Wednesday. Saturday she had dinner with Larry and Fay Fandrich in Devils Lake and then the three of them went on to Lawton to visit Pam's niece and her husband.

BOWDON NEWS:

On the Nov. 6, Freida Tebelius went to Bismarck. She and Marsha Buchwitz flew to Austin, Texas, on Saturday to visit Freida's Grandson Mark Harris and his wife and new baby girl. They had a very nice visit and flew back to Bismarck on Wednesday, Freida stayed over at Marsha and Gary Buchwitz's and returned to Bowdon on Thursday.

Northern corn and soybean expo to be virtual in 2021

consideration and discussion among their respective boards, the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council (NDCUC), the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA), the North Dakota Soybean Council (NDSC), and the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association (NDSGA) have announced that their fourth annual Northern Corn and Soybean Expo will transition to a virtual format in 2021 due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

"We are disappointed we won't be able to hold our traditional inperson Expo as we have in years past," says NDSC Chairman Austin Langley. "We felt, given all the uncertainty at the moment, it would be difficult to safely navigate a large indoor event. This is about doing the right thing for our farmers and industry in terms of health and safety - which is our top priority."

The Northern Corn and Soybean Expo, traditionally a one-day event, will be held virtually in two back-to-back morning sessions, February 23 and 24, 2021. The NDSGA and the NDCGA will hold their respective annual meetings on Wednesday, February 24. A livestream broadcast will be available for North Dakota farmers.

This year's agenda will include a live virtual taping of the U.S. Farm Report. The taping will be moderated by Tyne Morgan, and

FARGO, N.D. - After careful the panel will feature commodity marketing specialists and a virtual question and answer segment.

'We are excited to provide North Dakota corn and soybean producers with the same highquality content that has come to be expected at the Northern Corn and Soybean Expo," says NDCUC Chairman Terry Wehlander. "This year, we are proud to host a virtual taping with U.S. Farm Report, bring weather insights from Eric Snodgrass, and also dive into agricultural advocacy with Rob Sharkey, also known in digital circles as The Shark Farmer."

More than 750 producer attendees and more than 75 exhibitors packed the trade show floor at the 2020 Expo held at the Fargodome. This year, the NDSGA and the NDCGA are working to offer sponsorships along with electronic and print promotion opportunities for industry partners and supportive ag businesses and organizations in lieu of an inperson trade show. All proceeds will help fund the NDSGA's and the NDCGA's grassroots advocacy efforts in Bismarck and Washington, D.C.

"Farmers are always looking to discover what's new in agriculture," says NDSGA President Joe Ericson. "This year, producers from across the state can learn the latest from agricultural companies and industry without leaving their farms.'

'We can ensure a better future for the community."

No easy answers

There are no easy answers to suicide, parents who have suffered the loss of a child know.

"It's the big mystery in life," they often say." We don't know why."

More awareness of death by suicide and depression is necessary, critical, even if the tragic instances of suicide will ever be lessened.

It can and should start in schools, the Harvey parent is convinced.

Sadly, for many parents of a suicide victim, the wounds never heal.

"It's paralyzing at first, and the grief never goes away. It just doesn't happen that way."

A parent might gain an acceptance, a better understanding, which is good. But there's never closure.

But there is hope, Rev. Phil Leer and Beth Huseth tell.

"There is always hope."

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Neil O. Nelson

If it walks like a turkey, talks like a turkey and looks like a turkey, it must be a turkey.

Praise the Lord and pass the cranberries, this year's turkey dinner guest list is the envy of every holiday hostess in the Year of the Coronavirus.

FYI: Masks required. Physical distancing strongly suggested. Gobble, gobble? The Coronavirus Police (CP) will be working undercover.

That being said, and in the spirit of the season, the Neil O. Nelson 2020 Turkey Guest List includes, not surprising, some old friends, some of the same old and tired deadbeats, plus a handful of the crowd that made the news this year, thanks in no small part to the recent wild and crazy presidential election.

RSVPs requested.

Turkeys invited to the Neil O. Nelson Turkey Extravaganza this year

includes the following: COOKED TURKEYS: President Donald J, Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

BROASTED TURKEY: President-Elect Joe Biden.

MASKED TURKEY: Gov. Doug Burgum.

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SLICED AND DICED TURKEYS: The nation's pollsters and poll workers.

SHELVED TURKEYS: Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

TIPSY TURKEY: Nancy Peolsi. STRONGMAN TURKEY: Dwayne 'The Rock" Johnson.

TURKEYS WITH A WADDLE: Oprah and voting rights activist Stacey Abrams.

TURKEYS WITHOUT A WADDLE: Jennifer Lopez and Jennifer Lawrence.

STRUTTING TURKEY: VP-Elect Kamala Harris.

TARGETED TURKEY: Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

TINY TURKEYS: NBC's Andrea Mitchell and morning TV host Kelly Ripa.

KINDEST and MOST BENEVOLENT TURKEY: Actor Tom Hanks.

SMILINGEST TURKEY: NBC's Savannah Guthrie.

OLDEST and WISEST TURKEY: Willie Nelson.

COVID TURKEYS: Dr. Anthony Fauci and infectious disease specialist Dr. Michael Osterholm.

SINGING TURKEYS: Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson. **UN-FENCED** and

UNRESTRAINED TURKEY: Rudy Giuliani.

PAIRED TURKEYS: Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani. Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski.

PASTURED TURKEYS: Former President Barack Obama, Special Counsel Robert Mueller and presidential candidates Amy Klobuchar, Cory Booker, Kristen Gillibrand, Beto O'Rourke and Pete Buttigieg

TURKEY GIVEN NEW LIFE: Minnesota Viking coach Mike Zimmer.

TOUGH TURKEY: Vladimir Putin. COOL TURKEYS: Green Bay's Aaron Rogers and the golfing world's

Dustin Johnson. **MOST LOVED TURKEY:**

Jeopardy's Alex Trebek.

DANCING TURKEY: Milie Cyrus. FROZEN TURKEYS: Bob

Woodward, Tiger Woods. **RUFFLED FEATHERED TURKEY:** White House Press Secretary Kayleigh

McEnany. **TURKEYS SINGING THE JAIL** HOUSE BLUES: Trump associates Paul Manafort and Rick Gates.

TURKEYS GONE WILD: Rioters in the streets.

SELF-BASTING TURKEY: The man everyone loves to hate -- Simon Cowell.

TURKEYS THAT SHOULD BE SILENCED: Late night TV's Laura Ingram and Rachel Maddow and Shark Tank's Mr. Wonderful, Kevin O'Leary.

OVER-BAKED TURKEY: Michigan football coach Jim Harbough.

PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN TURKEYS: Clay Jenkinson, John Meachum.

OVER-STUFFED TURKEYS: Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, CBS The Talk's Sheryl Underwood and game show host Steve Harvey.

PARTS-MISSING TURKEYS: Attorney General Bill Bard, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

BELOVED TURKEY: Former First Lady Michelle Obama.

THE PERFECT TURKEY:

MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace. **USDA GRADE A TURKEYS:** Sorry, the shelf's bare. But a new shipment's coming in any day now. Please leave your name and number. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

"Dakota Datebook" is a radio series from Prairie Public in partnership with the State Historical Society of Nalorth Dakota and with funding from the North Dakota Humanities Council.

> Thanksgiving 1917 By Jim Davis

November 23, 2020 – On this date in 1917, the people of North Dakota were planning for the first major holiday with many loved ones away, awaiting transportation to the battlefields of Europe. Although it was a more subdued and solemn occasion than past Thanksgivings, with most of North Dakota's servicemen still stateside, it was not a grim occasion.

Most families planned to celebrate with a Thanksgiving dinner, but what kind of dinner? Many were tempted to dine on the traditional turkey, depending upon their ability to obtain, or afford, the necessary ingredients, but most turkeys were destined for the military.

For the patriotic, there was the Hooverized dinner, recommended by Herbert Hoover, the US Food Commissioner. The Hooverized dinner called for a wheatless, meatless, fatless and sugarless meal, but for this occasion, most avoided the meatless option. One menu proposed chicken, potatoes, carrots, a green salad, cornbread and honey, with fruit for dessert. Beets and turnips were suggested as substitutes for potatoes. Oysters and fish were other popular items. Better yet, a variety of meals could be found at local hotels, including Hooverized versions, with the added benefit of on-site entertainment.

Beavers as pests, 1916 By Dr. Steve Hoffbeck, MSU

Moorhead History Department. November 24, 2020 - The most important animal in North America in the 1700s was not the mighty grizzly bear, nor was it the stampeding buffalo. Instead, the most-important animal in colonial America was the lowly beaver.

Beaver pelts were profitably used to make felt hats in Europe. The pursuit of beaver furs led to a decimation of the beaver population in Dakota and elsewhere, bringing an end to the fur-trading era by the mid-1800s. Laws of Dakota Territory in 1887 prohibited killing or trapping beavers because cattle ranchers wanted beavers to make dams on streams as convenient watering places for cattle, saving stockmen the expense of building dams. The protection continued after North Dakota became a state two years later. Violators of the state game laws were subject to a one-hundred-dollar fine and imprisonment. Some trappers defied the law, but the beaver population along the state's streams and rivers eventually recovered, with the busy beavers making dams. Unfortunately, protection of beavers worked too well and beavers proliferated, becoming a serious "pest in the Missouri Valley." It became a choice ... having beavers or having trees along waterways. Farmers became furious when beavers chewed-down groves of trees and beaver-dams flooded fields in the bottomlands. They demanded that lawmakers change beaver protection laws. And stockmen found windmill pumps to be more reliable than beaver-ponds, especially considering that cattle would sometimes drown amid beaver-dam debris. Accordingly, on this date in 1916, the Bismarck Tribune reported on efforts to control the beaver population. The state Game and Fish Commission hired professional trappers to eradicate these so-called "evil ... varmints" along the Missouri Slope and allowed additional trappers to buy licenses to harvest beaver pelts. And so, the story of beavers went full circle, from abundance to near-extinction, followed by a revival that threatened farming and ranching. Today, beaver remain fair game in North Dakota for properly licensed hunters and trappers.

North Dakota: reluctant leader in negative statistics

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum licensed seated capacity, not to exceed 150 pathis week initiated a mask mandate and other mitigation efforts to slow the coronavirus pandemic that's slowly but surely enveloping the state.

Just in time, too, the good governor's mandate, that is.

Not that we feel we have to back up Burgum's mandate, but North Dakota's percent positive rate to the COVID-19 virus is 15.7% -- more than three times higher than what is deemed safe. Positivity has been rising for the past three weeks.

North Dakota is racking up an average of 141.4 new daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people, which is more than 465% higher than the "tipping point" threshold.

Our state's coronavirus mortality rate is the highest of any U.S. state or country, according to the Federation of American Scientists.

Burgum has joined other governors who have taken steps to rein in the spread of the disease by laying down restrictions in the form of face-mask mandates, curfews, guarantine protocols and even shutdowns. We are also aware that Burgum hasn't been at the head of the pack in issuing mask mandates; local officials across the state have previously issued their own mask mandates in Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot and the state's two largest Native American reservations. Our governor is asking that masks be worn in businesses and public spaces and outside in public spaces when social distancing is impossible.

trons, and close to in-person service between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

All banquet, ballroom and event venues are limited to 25 percent of their maximum occupancy.

Burgum said the four-week pause in activities will help keep schools open to in-person instruction - the optimal learning environment for most students - and ensure that students continue to follow the mitigation strategies of wearing a mask and physical distancing.

No one will suffer unduly under the mask mandate, but we fear for the businesses directly affected by the governor's recent actions, the early closing times for bars, steak houses and restaurants, in particular.

The pandemic sweeping the nation that which has finally engulfed the Midwest and Northern Plains States is taking a toll on small business across the country - North Dakota, Wells County, Fessenden and Harvey included.







In addition, Burgum's mask mandate states that all bars, restaurants and food service establishments limit occupancy to 50% of their

CLOSED signs are going up on doors and windows of small and large businesses. It's only a matter of time before the closures occur here in our region of the state.

Having said that, we fail to understand the federal government's refusal to move ahead with a second stimulus package that would literally save the larger share of businesses from going under, to say nothing of the wage earners it would buy time for as well.

Many in our midst are convinced Congress couldn't care less what the pandemic is doing to the country.

To that we say, "Prove us wrong, Washington."

"What do you suppose" we should do now, Ole?"

A COVID-19 message for the clergy

The COVIC-19 virus is sweeping through North Dakota like an 1880 prairie fire, disabling thousands and killing hundreds.

While the virus is 20, 50, or 100 times as deadly as it was in March when we took to social distancing and masking, we have not escalated our protection commensurate to the threat. There is no significant increase in testing body temperatures or blood oxygen.

For all practical purposes the governor is out of the loop. He knows that the Trump followers want to keep the state wide open and he isn't about to risk his political future by offending them.

It is sad to see business closed during the pandemic. The authorities are going overboard to accommodate the anti-mask hoax crowd. Actually, the national government is failing to provide the kind of financial support critical for small business and individuals.

Splitting hairs about COV-ID-19, the state is leaving the watering holes as free as possible. Invariably, it pussyfoots around churches, a good place to spread a deadly virus. And the churches seem to think they are entitled to kill their parishioners and it is none of the public's business.

Some churches have pushed the responsibility on God. "We are going to trust God to rescue us from our own foolishness." I'm not sure that God rescues fools.

Other churches are outright belligerent and have held services in defiance of government mandates

Apparently, those clergy have not been reading their own guide book.

Romans 13:1-7: "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities." Titus 3:1: Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities..." 1 Peter **2:13-14:** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human

"Render to Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's."

So, clergy, you answer by quoting Acts 4:19 where Peter and John told the authorities that "we must obey God rather than men." I am not impressed. That arbitrary response has been used to defend all kinds of behavior that is not in the will of God. In the COVID-19 endemic, it sounds arrogant.

When the health people have suggested broad shutdown, some churches have protested, noting that the bars and restaurants are exempt from closure while churches are expected to go online.

In the first place, Scripture calls for genuine obedience and humility. When Jesus said to turn the other cheek, he didn't suggest that we argue the point.

But for the recalcitrant there is more. During this pandemic, the clergy has made statements about government oppression

institution....." Matthew 22: 21: and discrimination. The agnostics and atheists seem to know how Christians ought to behave and are glad to point out the stark hypocrisy in rebellion.

If you are on social media, you know how Christianity has been taking a beating because of the behavior of the church. This is serious. All Christians are to behave in such a manner that it brings honor to the faith.

1 Peter 2:12: "Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles...

Philippians 1:17: "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Romans 12:17: "Respect what

is right in the sight of all men." 2 Corinthians 6:5: "Giving no

cause in anything in order that the ministry may not be dishonored."

1 Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done properly and in an

orderly manner." (All citations from a Catholic Study Bible.)



N.D. Matters

Lloyd Omdahl Former N.D. Lt. Governor and former professor of political science at UND

In recent decades, the Christian faith has become more and more secular. The gap between what we believe and what we do has been widening. We now have prominent preachers trying to be kingmakers in secular politics.

For some partisans, this has created ill-will.

The clergy should be solving the problem instead of feeding it. Amen and put that mask on.

4A The Herald-Press, Saturday, November 21, 2020



Harvey City Council

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HARVEY CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING** Wednesday, October 14th, 2020

5:30 p.m. at City Hall Note: All motions unanimously passed un

less otherwise stated. Key: M-Motion, MS-Motion Second, VV-Voice Vote, RCV- Roll Call Vote, MC-Motion

Carried The Harvey City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 5:30pm. Present were Mayor Bick Eckart, Milo Baltrusch, Ann Adams, Shelley Svoboda, Susan

Bartz and Chris Kara. Also present were Auditor Karen Nordby Public Works Director Kenny Erickson, Terri Powers, Chief Webb, and JDA Director Paul Gunderson. Absent - Council member Melissa Anderson

VISITORS: Neil Nelson, Marci Eckart, Gordy Schmidt. Kevin Bierman, Rvan Schneibel, Doug Kline, Steve Wangen, Tom Marchand, and Jason Hager

Mayor Eckart opened the Regular Meeting The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HARVEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPART-MENT: Gordy Schmidt, along with additional members of the Harvey Fire Department presented the council with an opportunity to purchase a used heavy duty rescue unit from the City of Tioga. They discussed the need Harvey has for an additional fire truck and all of the benefits such a unit would provide the City. They were requesting a donation of \$25K to help with the purchase of the truck. M by Baltrusch, MS by Adams to grant the \$25K to the Fire Department Upon RCV, MC

WILDLIFE CLUB: Tom Marchand requested a Memorandum of Understanding from the City of Harvey to continue with their process to obtain grant money for the restoration of the rifle range M by Adams. MS by Bartz with the stipulation that the Wildlife Club pay the attorney fee to draw up the document. Upon VV, MC.

Mayor Eckart opened the Public Meeting PUBLIC HEARING- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT- PETRINA KRENZEL and AMY AR-NOLD Mayor Eckart called for a motion to renew the Conditional Use Permits for Petrina Krenzel and Amy Arnold. M by Batrusch, MS by Bartz to renew both permits for 2020/2021. Upon VV. MC Mayor Eckart closed the public hearing and

opened the City Council Meeting. JDA REPORT: Dr. Paul Gunderson reviewed his report submitted for the Council. He has

several projects that he continues to work on. POLICE REPORT: Chief Webb's report

was in the packet for the council to review. He included two quotes for a new gun safe that were reviewed by the council members. M by Adams. MS by Svoboda to purchase the safe from Tractor Supply Co. The expenses would be paid for from the Reserve for Building Fund, Upon VV. MC. There was also discussion on the need for new body cameras to be purchased from Axon Enterprise, Inc. M by Adams, MS by Baltrusch to purchase the cameras. Upon VV, MC.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Director Erickson's report was in the packet for the council to review. Jason Hager was at the council meeting to present his proposal for redoing the sidewalks on the north and south sides of the viaduct and a concrete generator pad. M by Adams, MS by Svoboda to approve the proposal Upon VV. MC. The need for repairing and/or replacing the sidewalk by the High School was also discussed. M by Adams, MS by Baltrusch to move forward with the projects. Upon VV, MC His crew has been working on demolishing the properties. Erickson received a request from the Harvey Park Board to waive the Building Permit for the Project at the Pool. M by Adams, MS by

Summons by Publication STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA by Rection 8, T141N, B70W. COUNTY OF WELLS IN DISTRICT COURT North 22 rods of the East 14 1/2 rods of the NE 1/4 SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT of Section 17: AND ALSO LESS the East 66 feet AgCountry Farm Credit Services, FLCA, of the South 2,220.2 feet of the NE ¼ of Section Plaintiff.

Arlene May Flanders, a/k/a Arlene M. Flanders, a/k/a Arlene Flanders, a single person Kelly Jolene Flanders, a single person. Grant Stewart Flanders, a/k/a Grant Flanders, a single person, and all other persons unknown claiming

Svoboda to grant request, Upon VV, MC, AUDITOR REPORT: Nordby's report and the financials were in the packet for the council to review. Nordby discussed the Street Improvement Project. She presented the council with invoices from Moore Engineering and Bituminous Paving, M by Baltrusch, MS by Syoboda to approve Bituminous Pay Application for \$38,849.60. Upon RCV, MC. M by Adams, MS by Bartz to approve invoice #24822 to Moore Engineering for \$4528.46. Upon VV MC

MINUTES: M by Baltrusch, MS by Svoboda to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 9th, 2020 and Special Meeting September 21st, 2020. Upon VV, MC.

CASH REPORT: M by Adams. MS by Kara to approve the Auditor's Cash Report as submitted with September revenue of \$429,486.72. Upon RCV. MC

VOUCHERS: M by Adams, MS by Kara, to approve the vouchers with expenses of: Ameripride 291.75. Bank of ND 306125.15. Building Systems Corp. 1850, City of Harvey 48.92 Core & Main 848.09, Cosun Biobased Products 6660, D & B Portables 150, Dacotah Paper Co. 614.92, Dale's Radiator & Repair 31, Devan Hafner 75, Dyllan Ovitt 75, Eggers Elec. Motor Co. 21.12, Elite Spraying 4000, Emery-Pratt Co. 19.34, Farmer's Union Oil Co. 159.80, Ferguson Waterworks LLC 1499.49, For Goodness Sake 23.17. Friedt's Yard Service 1050. Grand Forks Fire Equip. 201.10, Harvey Chamber of Commerce 3500, HAV-IT Recycling 1610, HAV-IT Services 362. Hawkins Inc 1675.31. Hinrich's Super Value 838.27, Information Technology Dept 78.60, Interstate Engineering 5501.29, John Deer Financial 179.87. Kotaco 1596.21. Lemer's Ace 124.02, Lexie Reynolds 2.30, Little Mart 96.17, Lori Schroeder 75, Main Elec. Construction 8984.11. Martha Meranda 59.04. Minot Daily News 100, ND Dept. of Environmental Quality 300, ND Dept of Health 298.66, ND Dept. of Health/Microbiology 32, ND Surplus Property 170, NDTC 1606.16, Nyhus Law 1925, O'Day Equipment 66.68, Office of the State Auditor 260. One Call Concepts 22.80. Ottertail 7676.83. Patzer Truck Repair 268.84, Paul Gunderson 3500, Ripplinger Motors 348.55, RV Enterprises 1500, Sharon Schmidt 44.51, Starion Bond Services 11396.25, Susag Sand & Gravel 220, Tony Webb 70, Tractor Supply 317.84, TJ Plumbing 85. Uniform Center 125. UNUM Life Insurance Co. 214.90, US Bank 147106.25, USA Blue Book 329.72, USPS 231.78, Verendrye Electric Coop 183. Verizon 442.22. Visa 2224.71. Warehouse Grocery 615.70, Waste Management 6733.10, Wiest Associates 403.75, Woody's Service and Repair 47.15, and September Payroll \$120,936.35. Upon RCV, MC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ARMORY FIRE A design for the new section is a work in progress. Erickson and Nordby picked up the documents that were being cleaned in Bismarck from Arrow Service Team.

COVID-19: The council discussed the need to continue to monitor the pandemic

NEW BUSINESS: GAMING SITE AUTHO-RIZATION: The Rugby Amateur Hockey Association is requesting authorization to conduct Blackiack gaming at Spectator's Bar and Grill. M by Baltrusch, MS by Svoboda to approve Site Authorizations for Rugby Amateur Hockey Association to conduct games at Spectator's Bar & Grill provided all gaming rules and regulations are followed. Upon VV, MC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: JDA MINUTES: Minutes from the September 15th, 2020 meeting were included in the council packet.

NE ¼ Section 17, T141N, R70W, LESS the

17, excepting all that portion lying with 33 feet

NW ¼ of Section 22, T141N. R70W. less SW

SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 .

NW 1/4 Section 17, T141N, R70W.

SE 1/4 Section 18, T141N, R70W.

of the section line.

M by Adams, MS by Bartz to adjourn meeting. Upon VV, MC Rick Eckart, Mayor

Karen Nordby, Auditor (11-21-2020)

Sheriff's Notice of Sale appliances such as Stove, refrigerator,

microwaves, portable-type dishwasher, mixer

toasters, all types of vacuum cleaners, tables

chairs, and all other kitchen equipment; all din-

ing room chairs, tables, hutches, cabinets and

any other dining room chairs, sofas, end or cof-

fee tables, love seat and any other living room

furniture, televisions, home computers and all

their accessories, TV, video cassette recorders

stereos, radios, tape and cassette players and

recorders, pianos, organs and all other musi-

cal instruments; all household pictures except

family-type: all desk, floor and all other types o

lamps, all sporting goods such as cameras, bin-

oculars, pool tables, typewriters, filing cabinets

calculators and any other office machines and

equipment; yard-type equipment such as mow-

ers, grass & hedge trimmers, fertilizer spreaders,

garden tractors and/or cultivators, lawn edgers

trowels, rakes, hoes, snowblowers and all other

yard equipment; all outdoor cooking grills, ac

cessories, and all patio-type furniture; camping

equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, eating

and cooking utensils, portable lamps, thermos

and/or portable coolers and any other camping

equipment; all firearms: to be sold at public auc

tion not to exceed \$1,280.92 from 07/22/2020

\$1,013.68

\$1,280.92

interest of \$0.24 daily thereafter until paid.

Interest (to date of sale) \$102.24 Accrued Costs \$165.00

3. The property has been seized and taken into possession by the Wells County Sheriff's Of-

fice pursuant to a valid Judgment and Execution

set my hand and seal the 10th day of November,

Sheriff of Wells County, North Dakota

(11-14,21-2020)

Notice to

Creditors

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LARRY M. SVOBODA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

signed has been appointed personal represen-

tative of the above estate. All persons having

claims against the said deceased are required to

present their claims within three months after the

date of the first publication or mailing of this no-

tice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims

must either be presented to Nyhus Law Firm,

which represents the Personal Representative

Dated this 11th day of November, 2020

Nathan P. Stittleburg, ND Id. No. 09008

515 1/2 E Broadway Ave., Suite 103

Magdalena Svoboda, Personal Represen-

First publication on the 21st day of Novem-

(11-21, 28, 12-5-2020)

of this estate, or filed with the Court.

NYHUS LAW FIRM

Bismarck, ND 58502

701-425-0028 (fax)

701-751-2262 (phone)

P.O. Box 2295

ber 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-

the right to REJECT any and all bids.

4. The Wells County Sheriff's Office reserves

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto

Notice of Estimated Costs:

Judgment:

Christopher Kluth

TOTAL

2020.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF WELLS CREDIT BUREAU OF BISMARCK, MICHAEL DEAN BROWNING

IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIVIL NO. 52-2019-CV-00080 SHERIFE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY Date of Sale: 11/25/2020 at 9 a.m

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure rendered and given in the District Court in and for the County of Wells, North Dakota, Southeast Judicial District, entered and docketed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court on September 25, 2019 in Wells County civil case number 52-2019-CV-00080, on which day it was adjudged that there was due and owing the Plaintiff from the Defendant, MICHAEL BROWNING, together with costs and disbursements of said action, the sum of \$1.280.92 and, by virtue of a Special execution issued to me by the Clerk of said Court, I will sell the personal property described in said judgment and hereafter described to the highest bidder for cash at public auction on the steps of the Wells County Courthouse, North Dakota, on November 25, 2020 at 09:00 a.m. of that day to satisfy the amount due with accrued costs and interest at the date of sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of said sale applicable thereto will satisfy

2. The property to be sold as aforesaid are situation in the County of Wells, State of North Dakota, and are more particularly described as follows:

BLUE IN COLOR 2001 DODGE RAM 1500 QUAD, ND LICENSE PLATE# 934CBX, VIN # 3B7HF13Z01M560360;

All household goods, including but not limited to, kitchen utensils, pots, pans, dishes, silverware, kitchen

Notice to Creditors

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA Court File No. 52-2020-PR-000018 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LAVERNE D. BOYKO, DECEASED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-

signed has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed below, to Gregory Boyko as Personal Representative of the Estate at 1908 25 1/2 Ave S., Fargo, 58103, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2020 Gregory Boyko Personal Representative of the Estate of LaVerne D. Boyko, deceased Brent T. Boeddeker, Attorney ID#08392 Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. 444 Sheyenne Street, Suite 102 PO Box 458 West Fargo, ND 58078 (701)282-3249 bboeddeker@ohnstadlaw.com

Attorney for Personal Representative (11-7.14.21.2020)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2020

8:00 p.m. Old Gym

Monica Mason, Troy Jones, Miranda Kittelson,

man by zoom. Principal Aaron Loff. Business

Manager Michelle Johnson, Carrie Opdahl

Herald-Press, Teacher - Lane Moellenkamp,

Holly Widicker, Russ Snively, Lindsay Widicker,

to order. The agenda was reviewed. Motion by

Neumiller, second by Jones, to approve the min-

President Brittany Long called the meeting

Community Members by Zoom

Reade Neumille

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brittany Long,

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. D'Aulan Buss-

Fessenden-Bowdon School Board

District Expenditures presented on Oct. FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD 19, 2020

Blue Cross Blue Shield of N Dak \$2,260,90 Edutech (Division of ITD) \$60.00; Hart Counseling Services \$1,650.00; Mongeon, Kelsey \$15.00; ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation \$41.25; ND Council of Educational Leaders \$370.00; NDSO S-N Dak Small Organized School \$360.00; North Dakota State Library \$654,72; Advanced Business Methods \$1,101.82; CDW Government Inc \$842.61; City of Fessenden \$3,315.76; Copenhaver, Parr \$195.50; Dacotah Paper Company \$596.93; Dakota Dust-Tex \$217.50; East Central Center for Exceptional \$61,634.71; Farmers Union Oil Co \$2,047.25; Fike, Roxane \$136.00; First international Bank & Tust (Visa) \$2,996.64 Herald-Press \$89.24; Houghton Mifflin Company \$240.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC \$123.59; Kurita America Inc \$4,551.34; LaPlant, Bruce \$44.20; Marco Technologies LLC \$2,850.01; Mid-Dakota Lumber \$98.34; Nasco \$314.06, ND Insurance Department \$80.00: NDIT-Edutech \$20.00: Neumiller Reade \$195.50: North Dakota Telephone Company \$361.50; Noyes, Donna \$104.00; Paxai \$112.45; QLT \$21.49; Scholastic Inc \$19.64 School Lunch Account \$3,702.50: School Specialty Inc \$111.62; Sjoquist, Tracy \$76.50 Time Management Systems \$123.48; Tracy's Market \$209.75; Weigelt Refrigeration & Heating \$217.90; Weigelt, Beau -BW Electric \$897.81 Ottertail Power Company \$3,661.09; Job Ser vice North Dakota \$182.08; First International Bank \$60.80; Magic-Wrighter Inc \$10.83. Total

Wells County Commissioners Deposit Payroll, Road\$44,856.00; #ACHND-

PERS, Retirement \$27,864.37.

General: WC Treas., Postage, \$10.25; WC

Treas., Phone, \$512.67; FU Oil, Sheriff Travel,

Utilities, \$1, 113.63; WC Treas., Bank Charges,

\$16.20; ND Envelope Co, Envelopes, \$639.50

WC Treas.. Contd Ed, \$125.00; Thyssenkrupp

Elev Corp., CH Elev. Maint, \$5, 156.36; Tracys

Market, Janitor Supp, \$51.56; Karen Schande

Plmg, KTL Maint, \$71.70; Weigelt Ref, CH Maint

\$85.36; MARC, Janitor Supp, \$144.23; ES & S,

Election Supp, \$224.03; WC Treas., Election

Supp. \$109.98; Frev Ins. Premiums. \$239.00;

WC Treas., Safety Supp, \$151.71; Axon Enter-

prise, Inc., Safety Supp, \$2, 340.00; NDACo,

Technology Supply \$59.50 Central Bus Syst

Copier Maint., \$158.31; Cass County Sheriff's

Dept., Sheriff's Service, \$36.00; WC Water Res.

Dist., Drain Fund, \$4, 681,80; Lisa Marchus

Active Shooter Training, \$50.00; Howard

Longie, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00; Brent

Keller, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00; Becky

Anderson, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00;

Shirley Krueger, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00

Michael Beaver, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00

Tristin Schimke, Active Shooter Training, \$50.00;

Tammy Roehrich, Active Shooter Training,

\$50.00: Carrie Opdahl, Active Shooter Training

\$50.00; Andrew Givens, Active Shooter Train-

ing, \$50.00; Keith Ehni, Active Shooter Training,

\$50.00: Janelle Pepple, Active Shooter Training

\$50.00; Michele Keller, Active Shooter Training,

\$50.00; Kathy Thompson, Active Shooter Train

ing, \$50.00; Carol Wolkenhauer, Active Shooter

Training, \$50.00; Christopher Kluth, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Carrie Krause, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Laura Muscha, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Hulis H. Burton, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Jordan Pepple, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Teresa Kluth, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Wendy Opp, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Alexa LaPlant, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Randi Suckut, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Carla Johnson, Active

Shooter Training, \$50.00; Julie C Krosbakken

Active Shooter Training, \$50.00; Electro Watch-

man, Security Supp, \$47.94; Fessenden City,

Water & Garbage-CH, \$153.68; Fessenden City,

Water & Garbage-KTL, \$149,10: Carrie Krause

Ins. Ded., \$250.00; ND State Treas, Marriage

Licenses, \$140.00; WC Treas., Office Supp

\$214.00; Office Depot, Office Supp, \$85.98; ND

State Radio, Maintenance, \$120.00; WC Treas.,

Office Supp, \$136.15; Office Depot, Office Supp,

\$105.09: WC Treas., Travel, \$849.68: Krahlers

Parts & Service, Travel, \$262.34; WC Treas.,

Grant Match, \$53.09; Trails End Catering, Grant

Match-Active Shooter. \$581.25: Nexus Plan &

Consult, Grant Match-Active Shooter, \$6, 316.20;

Office Depot, Office Supp, \$115.84; WC Treas., Phone, \$99.48; NDTC, Phone, \$108.90; Otter

Tail, Utilities, \$52.64; WC Treas., SS Indirect -

Postage, \$106.75; Dakota Central, SS Indirect

- Phone, \$168.66: NDTC, SS Indirect - Phone

\$798.41; New Rockford Utility Services, SS

Indirect - Utilities, \$127.12; Montana-Dakota

Utilities . SS Indirect - Utilities. \$29.40: Otter Tail

SS Indirect - Utilities, \$270.33; CenDak Coop, SS

Indirect - Vehicle Maint., \$65.80; 4th Corp, SS

Indirect - KTL Maint, \$140.00: Leaf, SS Indirect

Copier Exp/Supp, \$506.23; NDACo, SS Indi-

rect - IT Support, \$1, 014.64; Pitney Bowes , SS

Indirect - Postage Meter Rent, \$106.17: Janelle

Pepple, Clean FH, \$125.00; Otter Tail, FH/Fair

Utilities, \$540.58; Fessenden City, Garbage,

\$125.00; Fessenden City, Water & Garbage

Fed. Aid Road: Susag Sand & Gravel, Road

911: NDTC, Data Base/Circuiting/Updates,

Jail & Transp.: HACTC, Prison Board,

Co. Agent: Central Bus Syst, Copier Lease & Maint., \$174.93; Herald Press, Subscription,

\$35.00; Leaf, Copier Lease & Maint., \$510.30;

WC Treas., Phone, \$141.01; Otter Tail, Utilities,

Care, \$44.59; CenDak FU Coop, Fuel/Foster

Care, \$72.01: FU Oil, Fuel/Foster Care, \$17.40

Patriot Fuels, Fuel/Foster Care, \$86.06; FU Oil,

Misc/Foster Care, \$3.49; WC Treas., Fuel/Child

Protect Serv \$80.96: Patriot Fuels Parent Aid

Fuel, \$37.58; WC Treas., Family Social Worker/

Fuel, \$13.00; WC Treas., Family Soc. Worker/

Safety Perm., \$72.00: Vicky Calheim, In Home

Care - Health Ins., \$250.00; FU Oil, In Home

Care/Fuel, \$64.12; Vicky Calheim, In Home

Care - Travel/Mlge, \$326.60; Becky Dockter, In

Home Care - Travel/Mlge, \$105.23; FU Oil, Fuel,

Social Welfare: WC Treas., Fuel/Foster

\$155.38. TOTAL: \$34, 128.11.

\$50.13. TOTAL: \$911.37.

Mat. \$927.82.

\$156.34.

\$525.00.

020.72.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WELLS COUNTY, ND November 5, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Dennis T. Dockter, Chairman; Mary Hager, Danny (Boone) Maxwell, Stan Buxa and Leon Klocke.

Chairman Dockter called the meeting to order

her 16 years of service as a very dedicated Wells County Commissioner and for serving on several different Boards.

and published in the official newspaper of WC.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

seconded by Commissioner Maxwell to approve the bills as presented.

Portfolio reports were given The sidewalk replacement project for the

east side of the Courthouse has been postponed until spring.

was reviewed. Dave Frison will meet with the

The Auditor reported that an insurance check was received for the damages to entrance of the Fairgrounds this summer. The Auditor also informed the Board that the WC Fair Board received a check for \$30,000 as a charitable donation for the Sheriff's Building at the Fairgrounds that is being renovated. The donor specifically requested the money go towards this project.

NDACo regarding the money received from the Cares Act for Wells County. Part of the money is being used towards property taxes. The letter also stated that Counties that provide law enforcement services to cities within their County should also consider sharing some of those funds with those cities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Buxa, second by Commissioner Hager to send three months' worth of billing for law enforcement services back to the City of Fessenden and to the City of Bowdon for monies WC received from the Cares Act.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

Brent Keller, WC Road Foreman then called in to the meeting. Keller filled the Commissioners in on various things happening in his department. Randi Suckut met with the Commissioners.

The Auditor reported on the 2020 General Election.

Joye Stolz, WC Public Health Nurse, met with Commissioners regarding COVID-19 num-Sams, Interim President/CEO of St. Aloisius

The WC Commissioners then discussed

Motion was made by Commissioner Buxa,

staffing shortage due to COVID and available hospital beds may be limited.

 If ND hospitals continue to fill up. ND will where you want to be taken care of?!

 We want our communities to stav healthy! · We want our hospital and health care providers to be staffed and able to work!

We want our schools to stay open!

We want our businesses to stay open!

\$266.98; FU Oil, Janitor Supp, \$12.99; Tao Interactive, Website Fee, \$599,95; Uniform Center, Sheriff Uniforms, \$1, 021.10; RELX, Lexis Nexis-NDCC, \$64.00; NDTC, Phone \$775.46: Verizon, Phone, \$40.01: Otter Tail

Chairman Dockter thanked Mary Hager for

Motion was made by Commissioner Hager and seconded by Commissioner Klocke to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and that they be approved

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the

Motion was made by Commissioner Buxa,

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Timesheets were reviewed.

The Middle Shevenne Watershed Project

Commissioners at the December meeting.

Correspondence was read.

Cares Act. The Auditor shared a letter from

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the

bers in Wells County. She then phoned Alfred Medical Center in Harvey. Mr. Sams stated that as of that day, 43% of the nursing home staff and 15% of the hospital staff had contracted the Corona Virus. He also gave information on beds available, etc.

Tammy Roehrich, WC Emergency Manager then joined the meeting.

their concern with the Corona Virus in Wells County and procedures that could help lower the numbers.

second by Commissioner Klocke, stated that based on scientific research and recommendations by health officials, we as WC Commissioners are creating a Resolution that all people in Wells County wear a mask in public places.

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the Chairman declared the motion carried. Wells County Commissioners/Wells County Public Health/Wells County Emergency Management Issue a COVID-19 Resolution

 Wells County COVID-19 positivity rates have INCREASED and are among the highest in the country. • Many ND Hospitals are experiencing a

open "hospital facilities" in gymnasiums! Is that

any estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the Complaint, Defendant

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Case No. 52-2020-CV-00051

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is on file with the Clerk of the District Court, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within 21 days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action relates to the foreclosure of a mortgage upon certain real estate situated in the counties of Wells and Kidder. State of North Dakota, described as follows:

Kidder County, North Dakota

SE ¼ of Section 1, T141N, R70W. Lots 1 and 2 and S 1/2 NE 1/4 (aka NE 1/4) of

Section 1, T141N, R70W. N 1/2 of Section 8, T141N, R70W, less S 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4

NOTICE OF BIDS FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

Board of Commissioners will accept sealed

bids until December 8th at 9:00 am, for the sale

of property located in Fessenden, ND, more

Swans Subdivision. Address: 213 Main Avenue

S, Fessenden, ND; Parcel #50185000, Lots 10,

11, 12, Block 12, Original Townsite, Fessenden,

ND. Address: 413 2nd St S, Fessenden, ND.

The minimum bid for each piece of property is

ing the Wells County Auditor's office at 701-

plainly marked, "Bid for Property" and addressed

N #37; Fessenden ND 58438. All bids must

be in the possession of the County Auditor by

December 8th at 9:00, to be considered at the

bid opening. Each bid must include a cashier's

check in the amount of not less than 10 percent

of the amount bid. This check is to be retained

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF WELLS COUNTY, ND

Special Meeting November 17, 2020

in special session with the following members

present: Dennis T. Dockter, Chairman; Stan

Buxa, Danny (Boone) Maxwell and Leon Klocke.

Kathleen Murray, WC State's Attorney

The Board of County Commissioners met

Absent was Mary Hager. Also present was

Chairman Dockter called the meeting to

Discussion was held on issuing a Covid

Motion was made by Commissioner Buxa,

Hazard Reimbursement to each employee using

second by Commissioner Maxwell to issue

\$500 for Covid Hazard Reimbursement to each

the Wells County Auditor; 700 Railway St

Said property can be inspected by contact-

All bids must be in sealed envelopes and

Parcel# 50362000, Lots 18-19 of Block 1,

Notice is hereby given that the Wells County

Notice of Bids for Sale of Property

Wells County Commissioners

SE ¼ Section 8, T141N, R70W.

specifically:

\$4000

547-3521

order.

employee

Care's Act money.

NE ¼ of Section 22. T141N. R70W NE ¼ of Section 36, T142N, R70W. SW ¼ of Section 36, T142N, R70W, EXCEPT the East 16.5 feet of the West 49.5 feet.

SW ¼ of Section 22, T141N, R70W.

SW ¼ of Section 8, T143N, R70W, less SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4

SE ¼ of Section 30. T143N. R70W. S 1/2 Section 31, T143N, R73W, less E 1/2 E $^{1\!\!2}$ SE $^{1\!\!4}$ SW $^{1\!\!4}$ and W $^{1\!\!2}$ SW $^{1\!\!4}$ SE $^{1\!\!4}$.

NE 1/4 :and E 1/2 NW 1/4 and Government Lots and 2 of Section 31, T143N, R73W.

Wells County. North Dakota NE ¼ of Section 32, T145N, R71W. The Plaintiff is not seeking a personal money judgment against any of the above-named De-

fendants. Dated this 12th day of October, 2020 By:/s/ Jon R. Brakke Jon R. Brakke (#03554)

jbrakke@vogellaw.com VOGEL LAW FIRM 218 NP Avenue, PO Box 1389, Fargo, ND 58107 Telephone: 701.237.6983, Facsimile 701 356 6395 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF (11-14.21.28-2020)

by the County as liquidating damages in the

event the bid is withdrawn after being accepted by the Board. Unsuccessful bidders shall have

during our regular meeting, 600 Railway St N,

wherein the bids may be raised at the time of

bid opening by the bidder being present at said

deposited immediately with the Wells County

Treasurer's Office. The above-entitled property

will be sold as is, without warranty

2020, at Fessenden, ND.

Julie Krosbakken

Wells County Auditor

The terms of the sale are cash, to be

The Board reserves the right to accept or

By order of the Wells County Board of Com-

reject any and all bids and to waive any infor-

malities or technicalities which may arise, or to

accept the bid in the best interest of the County.

missioners. Dated this 17th day of November,

(11-21,28-2020)

Fessenden, at 9:00 am on December 8, 2020.

Bids will be opened in the KTL Building

their checks returned.

time and place

utes of the September 21, October 7, October 10 and October 12 meetings as presented. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Jones, second by Mason, to approve the financial reports as presented. All voting yes.

Motion carried. Motion by Kittleson, second by Neumiller, to approve the district bills as presented. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The superintendent's report was given. The principal's report was given. The assistant activities director's report was given.

Discussed the superintendent evaluation. Discussed the Health and Safety Plan. The Covid Team will meet to recommend changes or additions to the Health and Safety and Distance Learning Plans. Motion by Neumiller, second by Jones, to have Mr. Loff be the building Point of Contact. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried

The next regular meeting was set for Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Brittany Long, President

Michelle Johnson, Business Manage

Summons IN DISTRICT COURT, WELLS COUNTY,

The State of North Dakota to the above-

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the complaint in this action, which (is herewith served upon you) (will be filed with the Clerk of this Court), by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty one (21) days after the service of the summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY **RESTRAINING PROVISIONS**

of Court. upon service of the summons, you, and your spouse, are bound by the restraints following

encumber, or otherwise dissipate any of the parties' assets except:

generation of income or preservation of assets; or b. For retaining counsel to carry on or to

contest the proceeding;

(2) Neither spouse shall harass the other spouse

(3) All currently available insurance cover-

John Theodore Meager (11-21,28, 12-5-2020)

Payroll for October 2020: Payroll Items \$50,550.03; Payroll Direct Deposit \$96848.14; Automatic Payments \$514.19: Plus Federal Withholding \$26,551.45. Total: \$174,463.81. (11.21.2020)

 We want to decrease our cases so you can spend Christmas with your family! · We CARE about those who live and work in our communities!

· We challenge you to wear your mask and help decrease the spread

 We challenge you to help bring our numbers down in Wells County!

· Let's do this simple measure to help protect Wells County residents!

Dated this 5th day of November, 2020. Dennis Dockter, Chairman

Attested by:Julie Krosbakken, Auditor

The Commissioners then stated that the WC Courthouse and KTL Building will be locked to the public again until further notice. The public can call the office they would like to visit with on the phone to make an appointment. The Commissioners will continue with monthly meetings at the KTL Building so as to social distance. The public can still attend the meeting, provided they wear a mask however the meetings will not be on "Zoom", "Teams" or any other form of media.

The next discussion held was on Central Prairie Human Service Zone Teresa Kluth Director, had presented a zone plan for approval by the Commissioners

Motion was made by Commissioner Buxa. second by Commissioner Hager to approve the Zone plan presented by Teresa Kluth

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Auditor reported that Kip Ehni, WC Custodian, stated that Leo Strayley of General Roofing & Construction in Carrington, was going to replace some of the shingles lost in a wind storm recently.

The following Fees and Receipts were approved and ordered filed: Recorder\$1,594.90 Clerk of Court\$125.00: Sheriff\$638.50: Misc\$17,988.89; On motion, the following bills were ordered paid: Payroll, General\$78,120.26; #Direct Deposit Payroll, 911\$928.08; #Direct DepositPayroll, County Agent\$2,949.47; #Direct Deposit Payroll, Social Welfare\$61,840.27 #29322Payroll, Insurance\$65,481.10; #Direct

\$53.28; Central City H20+, Zone Admin Supp. Misc. \$128.50[•] Carol Wolkenhauer. Zone Admir Supp./Misc, \$13.98; ITD, Zone Admin Supp./IT Other, \$80.55; WC Treas., Zone Admin Supp./ Cell phone, \$293,18; WC Treas., Zone Admin Supp./Office Mat, \$115.92; Office Depot, Zone Admin Supp./Office Mat, \$162.27. TOTAL: \$2,

Weed Control, , ; Kevin Bachmeier, Salary -Board Meeting, \$194.77; Dale Schmitz, Salary - Board Meeting, \$140.60; Kelly Muscha, Sal-ary - Board Meeting, \$167.16; Danny Maxwell, Salary - Board Meeting, \$143.79; Donna Rau, Salary - WC Secretary, \$220.87: L & K Spraving Chemical Spraying, \$17, 336.25; Sykeston Twp, Spraying-Cost Sharing, \$500.00; Miller Eleva-tor Co., Chemical, \$12, 629.48; The Arthur Co, Chemical, \$6, 120.00; US Treas, WC/Withholding, \$355.80. TOTAL: \$37, 808.72.

Hwy Tax: True North Steel, Culverts, \$39 265.80; Butler Machinery, Machinery Repairs & Supp, \$1, 034.66; FU Oil, Fuel, \$6, 370.87 NAPA-Harvey, Machinery Repairs & Supp \$33.97; Auto Value, Machinery Repairs & Supp. \$563.66; Krahlers Parts & Service, Machinery Repairs & Supp. \$191.86: Rick's Wholesale Tire Machinery Repairs & Supp, \$2, 343.00; Power Plan, Machinery Repairs & Supp, \$563.52; Farm & Family, Supp, \$40.51; Lemer's ACE & Rental, Supp, \$39.99; ND Dept. of Enviromental Quality, Tank Reg., \$900.00; WC Treas., Supp, \$386.48; NDTC, Phone, \$142.80; Myron Heintz, Mlge, \$24.58; Northern Plains Electric, Utilities, \$219.37; Otter Tail, Utilities, \$233.67; Harvey City, Water & Garbage, \$59.70: Fessenden City Water & Garbage, \$150.00; Fessenden City, Water, \$418.00; Central Plains Water, Water \$200.00; Sykeston City, Water & Garbage \$36.00. TOTAL: \$53, 218.44.

24-7: PharmChem, Inc., Sweat Patch Supp, \$605.50: Office of Atty Gen., Scram Fees \$150.00. TOTAL: \$755.50. GRAND TOTAL \$130, 452.02 ;

Upon motion, meeting adjourned, ATTEST: Julie Krosbakken, WC Auditor (11.21.2020)

North Dakota NSURANCE Department

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Counseling

Medicare Open Enrollment runs Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, 2020.

To help Medicare beneficiaries prepare, the North Dakota Insurance Department will schedule telephone counseling appointments for Medicare Part D.

Schedule your appointment today by visiting www.insurance.nd.gov or by calling (701) 328-2440.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE On vote being taken, all voted yes, with Commissioner Hager absent and not voting, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the foreclosed property sale for this year. There were no bids for any of the properties.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klocke, second by Commissioner Maxwell to advertise for bids for these two pieces of property that no one bid on, with a minimum bid of \$4000 per property with the option to raise and our right to refuse any and all bids. The bid opening will be December 8, 2020.

On vote being taken, all voted yes, with Commissioner Hager absent and not voting, the Chairman declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Attest: Julie Krosbakken, Auditor (11-21-2020)

NORTH DAKOTA John Theodore Meager, Plaintiff, vs. Estefany Munoz, Defendent. SUMMONS

named defendant:

demanded in the complaint

Under Rule 8.4 of the North Dakota Rules

(1) Neither spouse shall dispose of, sell

a For the necessities of life or the necessary

If a spouse disposes of, sells, encumbers,

or otherwise dissipates assets during the interim period, that spouse shall provide to the other spouse an accounting within 30 days

age must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Neither spouse shall remove their minor child(ren) from North Dakota without the written consent of the other spouse or order of the court except for temporary periods IF EITHER SPOUSE VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS. THAT SPOUSE MAY BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated June 3, 2020 Carla Johnson, Clerk of Court 900 Adams Ave Harvey, ND 58341 701-399-9720





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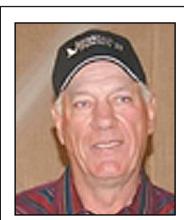
public notice?

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities. Public notices have athe trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years. North Dakota newspapers also post public notices that are printed in newspapers on www.ndpublicnotices.com at no charge to government units.

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Obituaries



Gerald "Jerry" Mack

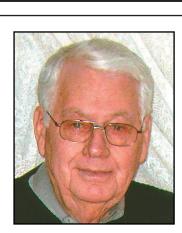
Gerald F. "Jerry" Mack, 76, Drake, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020 at St. Aloisius Hospital in Harvey. A private service will be held Saturday, November 21, at 11:00 A. M. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Drake with burial at the church cemetery. This service will be live streamed on you tube link: https://youtu. be/uUevrEyq8C4 Public visitation will be held Friday from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the church followed by a private prayer service. CDC recommendations including social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and staying away if not feeling well are encouraged. Arrangements are with Nelson Funeral Home of Drake.

Gerald Frank Mack, son of Frank and Clara (Kraft) Mack, was born July 8, 1944 on the family farm southwest of Drake where he grew up and began farming with his father at an early age. He received his education at the Drake Public School. Jerry continued farming for many years with his brother Allen and later with his nephews. He enjoyed visits from his brother Rick, whether it was to hunt together or work around the farm fixing fence or repairing machinery or buildings. Jerry loved life on the farm and especially enjoyed raising his cattle and building things with metal.

Gerald was a member of the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 5856 of Drake.

He is survived by his brothers, Allen (Kay) Mack of Drake and Richard Mack of Hazen; and a number of nieces and nephews who he loved spending time with.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law,



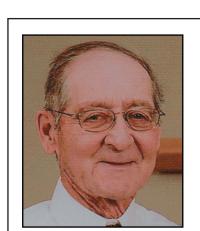
Gene Melby

Gene Nordtorp Melby, 91, Harvey, formerly of rural Manfred, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020, at a Fargo hospital surrounded in love by his sons Michael and Arnie. Through video calls, he was able to see all of his family and tell them all how much he loves them. He passed away due to the effects of COVID 19.

Gene was born in 1928 on the family farm west of Manfred. He grew up as a part of the Manfred Community attending Manfred Grade School and Vang Lutheran Church. He attended Fessenden High School where he enjoyed all things music. He was part of a barbershop quartet called "The Playboys" that performed at many events and also on the radio. While attending school he met the love of his life, Betty Lou Rodacker. They would marry in 1948 and eventually settle at the Melby family farm near Manfred.

Gene was active on the boards for Vang Lutheran Church and Farmers Union of Manfred. He and Betty enjoyed attending the Sons of Norway in Manfred and also the Eagles Club in Harvey. Gene was the piano player for Betty's many years as Choir Director at Vang Lutheran Church and also played for the dances at the Sons of Norway Hall. Many nights, you would find Gene at the piano in their family home with Betty beside him singing.

After 40 years of farming,



Gene retired. Not one to be idle for long, he found a job driving senior citizen bus for the Wells/ Sheridan Transit Council. In 2003, Dakota Transit Association named Gene "Driver of the Year." He was very proud of this award but you would never know because he was such a humble soul.

Of the accomplishments he was most proud of, nothing compared to his family. He loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He is survived by his children, Marsha Melby of Minot, Bruce Melby of Manfred, Michael Melby of Minot, Arnie (Norma) Melby of San Diego, CA, and Bergit (Mike) Albrecht of Apex, NC; grandchildren, Megan (Jeff) Blakely, KaDee Melby and Derek Melby, Mandy Melby and Ross (McKenzie) Melby, Iliana Robledo and Alexis Melby, Emma Albrecht, Allison Albrecht and Ryan Albrecht; and great-grandchildren, Benjamin and William Blakely, and Aiden, Robert and Arianna Robledo.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Betty who passed away June 8, 2018; their infant son Brian; his parents; and 7 siblings.

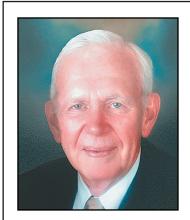
A private family service was held at Vang Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with burial at the church cemetery. This service will be livestreamed on the following link: https://youtu.be/ loqlq0H6G9A

Public visitation will be held Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nelson Funeral Home in Fessenden. CDC recommendations including social distancing, hand sanitizing, wearing a mask and staying away if not feeling well are encouraged.

The Melby family wishes to thank the staff at Unit B Longterm Health Facility of St. Aloisius Hospital in Harvey for their kindness, generosity, and care.

Online condolences may be shared at nelsonfuneralhomesnd.com.

cia Pfeifer in Drake. They lived in Horace until 1963 when they returned to the Drake area. Harvey began working for Mattson Construction and continued for 42 years. Projects he worked on included, the missile sites in Grand Forks and Minot, commercial buildings throughout Minot, various Minot Schools and the Minot Airport and Air Force Base.



Dennis 'Dutch' DeJong

Dennis 'Dutch' DeJong, 76, Fessenden, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at West Fargo, surrounded by his loving family. A private service will be held Monday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bowdon Community Church of God in Bowdon. This service will be live-streamed on the Bowdon Community Church of God Facebook page. Public visitation will be held Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nelson Funeral Home in Fessenden. CDC recommendations including social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and staying away if not feeling well are encouraged. The burial will take place at a later date at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Colton, SD.

Dennis Lee DeJong, son of Charles and Viola (Mews) De-Jong was born July 6, 1944 in Sioux Falls, SD. He grew up on the family farm north of Sioux



Falls and received his early education in a nearby country school. He then attended Lyons Public School where he was active in football, basketball and track throughout his four years of high school. Growing up on the farm, Dennis and his brothers worked with their father taking care of the farm which included milking over thirty cows.

Following his graduation from Lyons High School in 1962, Dennis enrolled at Dakota State College in Madison , SD. While in college, he met the love of his life, Karla Runge. On February 1, 1964 they were married in Colton, SD. After graduating from college with a degree in education, Dennis accepted a teaching position at Castlewood, SD. In addition to teaching History and Sciences, he coached most of the sports and served as Athletic Director.

In 1975, Dennis decided to make a change. He accepted a job with Millers First Insurance Company as a grain elevator inspector and moved with his family to Fessenden, ND. In 2002, he began working for Farmers Union Insurance as a risk adjuster and continued until his retirement in 2010.

Dennis's family and faith were his priorities. His vacations usually consisted of camping, hunting and fishing trips with his family. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sports and activities. He and Karla faithfully attended the Bowdon Community Church of God.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Karla; his children, Chad (Jessica) DeJong of Fargo, Jennifer (Jeff) Iverson of West Fargo and Brad (Jennifer) DeJong of West Fargo; 8 grandchildren, Jonah and Grace De-Jong, Jordan and Jadyn Iverson, and Christian, Joseph 'Chippy' Johnathan and Carolyn DeJong; special family friend, Kayla Houchin; brother, Harvey (Marcy) DeJong of Sioux Falls, SD; and 2 sisters, Kay (Walt) Hanisch of Humboldt, SD and Pam Blakney of Harrisburg, SD.

Dennis was preceded in death by a baby daughter, Theresa Maria; his parents, Charles and Viola; and 3 brothers, Marlin, Kendall; and infant brother Michael.

In lieu of flowers, the DeJong family prefers memorials be given to Ethos Hospice Care or Midwest Parkinson's Initiative of Fargo.

Online condolences may be shared at nelsonfuneralhomes. com



Merson Funeral Homes of Fessenden;
Dakota Heritage Bank;
First State Bank of Harvey.

The Farmer In memory of Eddy Kline 1936-2000

A gentle breeze is flowing, as he walks out to his shop; It's time for spring planting, that cannot be stopped. He starts the tractor, turns the radio on Country music is playing all his favorite songs. He smiles thinking of his day; He'll be planting Durum wheat, proudly, as many say. God sends the rain, the miracle unfolds; There's contentment in his heart that most men never know. A helping hand and eyes that heal; His overwhelming kindness is most surreal. With deep love for his family and a pure heart of gold; This farmer's story will always uphold. *Never Forgotten and Forever Missed Elaine & Family*

Gladys Mack. Online condolences may be shared at nelsonfuneralhomesnd.com



Harvey Bromley

Harvey E. Bromley, 79, Anamoose, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at Prince of Peace Care Center in Ellendale, ND. A private service will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 10:30 A. M. at St. Francis-Xavier Catholic Church in Anamoose with burial at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Cemetery in Drake. This service will be livestreamed on the following link: https://youtu.be/D3AmrWV59Wg Public visitation will be held Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church followed by a private prayer service at 7 p.m. Arrangements are with Nelson Funeral Home of Drake.

Harvey Eugene Bromley, son of Lester and Esther (Hoaglund) Bromley, was born July 1, 1941 at Drake. He up on the family farm north of Drake and attended a nearby country school through the 8th grade. He graduated from Drake High School in 1960. Following his graduation, Harvey moved to Horace, ND where he working at the local grain elevator.

On August 12, 1961, Harvey was united in marriage to Patri-

In addition to working construction, Harvey also farmed and ranched north of Anamoose. He was meticulous with everything he did.

He enjoyed playing cards, listening to Polka music, visiting the casinos on occasion, and animals in general. He loved being with his family and especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Harvey was a member of St. Francis-Xavier Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 5856 of Drake and the Harvey Eagles Club.

He leaves his loving family, son Jeffrey Bromley and daughter Julie (Darrel) Keller of Anamoose; extended family, Michael (Kaylin), Michelle (Randy) Brown and Milinda Brekke all of Minot; 18 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and 3 more expected; 3 brothers, Dennis (Nancy) of Moorhead, MN, Pete (Caroline) of Stilwell, KS and Stanley (Linda) of Minot; and one sister, Naomi (Randy) Schnase of Anamoose.

Harvey was preceded in death by his wife Patricia who passed away January 14, 2014; his parents; and one brother, Myron.

Online condolences may be shared at nelsonfuneralhomesnd.com

Obituary Policy

The Herald-Press publishes obituaries at no cost. Parties desiring specifically-worded funeral announcements may place them through paid advertisements. The notices are bordered and, when possible, appear on the same page as the obituaries.

For more information, call us at 701-324-4646.

Church Directory

Call in advance to confirm service times

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCHES Harvey: 733 Judy Blvd., 324-5204 Pastor Sarel J Smit 701-426-0408 or 701-324-2344 Sabbath School 9:45 am: Worship 11 am Manfred: 1510 34th Ave NE Pastor Sarel J Smit 701-426-0408 or 701-324-2344 Sabbath School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Goodrich: 218 Frank St. E. Ph: 884-2543 Robin Weisz 962-3299 Sabbath School 9:45 am.; Worship 11 am Bowdon Country: 182 43rd Ave NE Sabbath School 10 am Worship 11:10 am Pastor Sarel J Smit 701-426-0408 or 701-324-2344

BOWDON-BREMEN-CONCORDIA PARISH Pastor Pauline Crowder Box 302, Bowdon, ND 58418 962-3337 bowdonlutheran@daktel.com & Facebook Bowdon Lutheran: 231 Dunham St E Sun school/coffee 9:45 am Worship 11 am. Trinity Lutheran: 5590 Hwy 5, Bremen Worship 9 am 2nd/4th Sundays (below) Fifth Sundays from October-March Sunday school following worship Concordia Lutheran: 10 miles NE of Fessenden, 21st St. NE and 1/2 mile W of Hwy 30 Worship 9 am 1st/3rd Sundays (above)

Sunday school following worship

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 516 6th St., Harvey Pastor Jeffrey Soberg Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH - Harvey 1520 Advent St, Pastor Phil Leer, 324-2548 harveyfirstlutheran.com/firstlc@gondtc.com Sunday: 9:30 am

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 409 Ave B East, McClusky 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays at 8 a.m.

KIEF LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Luis Coca Sunday School 9 am; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship 11a.m.

5th Sunday at 5 p.m. Saturday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sykeston Richard Biberdorf, Pastor 3rd Sunday of each month: Worship 8:30 a.m.

ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH Anamoose Paul Nelson, Vacancy Pastor Sunday Service 8:30 am; Sunday School 9:30; Communion every 1st & 3rd Sunday. ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Selz Sundays at 8:30 a.m. FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC 209 8th St. East, PO Box 188, Harvey Pastor Greg Longtin Ph: 324-2110 harveyfaithlc@gondtc.com Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Education Wednesday. at 6:30 p.m.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Jeff Blomquist 324-4261 North Campus: 100 N St E 324-2405 South Campus: 220 9th St W 324-4261 Harvey, ND 58341 Parsonage 324-2408 Sun. School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 a.m.

HARVEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 1020 Millennium Drive 324-4985 Pastor Kevin Shumway Sun. School 9:30 am. Worship 10:30 a.m

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Fessenden Pastor Shirley Teske Sunday School and Cofirmation 9:10 am; Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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BOWDON COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Dale Peaslee Ph. 962-3681 Sunday School (all ages) 9 a.m.; Service 10:15 a.m.; Wed: Prayer Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

HARVEY GOSPEL CHAPEL PO Box 221, 210 W. 8th St., Harvey 1/2 block west of City Hall Sun.: 11 am Ministry and Sunday School; 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7 pm prayer meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Goodrich Pastor Jim Grupp Church 884-2528 Home 884-2587 Sunday School 10-11 and Worship 11-12 First Wednesday: WMS 7:30 p.m. Other Wednesdays: Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sister 'helping' baby brother with bone marrow transplant

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"The Mayo Clinic is the best in the world, they have doctors who specialize in bone marrow transplants," said Andy.

"We're very confident in the Mayo doctors helping our little boy."

Bombshell

Two-year-old Lindy was told she will be helping her little brother.

According to her mother, Lindy simply said, in a quiet voice, "Okay."

Liam was welcomed home by Lindy and two other older sisters.

The young and growing family was in the midst of a total home remodeling project when the "bombshell" landed.

They're still working around the semi-demolished structure. "We took it all apart, now

we're putting it back together." Then, out of the blue, Lindy

tested positive for COVID-19 during Halloween week.

With Lindy all good and well and the home remodeling project basically put on hold, the Givens were able to find out what they could about immune deficiencies in babies.

Their doctor in Bismarck told them not to Google infants without immune systems.

"You'll get scared." Save yourself the anxiety, intimated the good doctor.

That didn't stop Liam's father, who wanted to "learn everything" he could about babies and immune deficiency disorders.

The information did not necessarily have a calming effect on the 26-year-old father.

But he learned, in technical terms, what his baby boy was dealing with.

"We were lucky they caught it."

The state didn't start the testing program for immune deficiency disorders in infants until 2015.

Newborn babies before the rare disorder was discovered and treated generally lived one, maybe two years.

The Givens have learned since that they each have a rare genetic component that when matched can result in a baby born with the disorder.

"We each have a mutated gene that goes back generations," explained Megan. The chances are pretty slim, granted Andy, "but our genes matched up," according to a gene counselor, who "pinpointed" the gene in Megan's case. "Crazy," all agreed.

Loving Fessenden

The Givens moved to Fessenden in April 2018 from north of Dunseith, where Andy was a deputy with the Rolette County Sheriff's Department.

Andy grew up in Larimore, N.D. and graduated from high school in Grand Forks.

He was a boiler fireman with American Crystal Sugar in Hillsboro when he decided in 2014 law enforcement was where he wanted to be.

He worked in Cando for the police department and the Towner County Sheriff's Department before accepting a job with Rolette County.

Andy met Megan in Cando, where the two married.

The two admit unabashedly to loving Fessenden.

"It's like a big family," said Andy. "It's pretty awesome." Andy is Wells County's Chief

Deputy stationed in Fessenden. Megan has been working

at the St. Aloisius Medical Center long-term care facility in Harvey.

Their extended families in Wells County have become familiar with the Givens family health hurdles and the road to recovery for young Liam.

Knowing this, and with Liam in the doctors' hands, Andy and Megan recognize that they're in a "good place."

Rock and roll

Initially, Andy confesses, news of Liam's condition was the "scariest thing" ever.

"We didn't see it coming. The pregnancy and delivery were all normal. Everything was golden."

Again, he continued, they thought that had a perfectly healthy little boy.

The couple has been on a learning curve since, absorbing everything they can about the bone marrow transplant and the life ahead of them.

Not surprising, they lean

on each other for comfort and reassurance in the knowledge that "everything will be all right."

That someday in the future, they'll be able to tell their son what he went through at birth. 'He probably won't believe

us."

Not being able to help his boy goes against everything Andy has learned in law enforcement.

"We're instructed in police work to help people, but there's nothing you can do in cases like this."

This is something he can't fix, he keeps telling himself.

'Bad as it is, I can't help him."

In Rochester this week, Andy Givens said he was ready to tell the Mayo doctors to "rock and roll. Let's get this party started."

We can power through this, was what he wanted to tell the expert medical staff at the nationally recognized clinic.

At the end of the day he is admittedly less manly, more human.

"It's terrifying. You try not dwell on what could go wrong, but then you're an emotional wreck pretty quick.'

Prayer has helped.

"We're praying for a full recovery -- that in a couple of years our son will be a normal healthy little boy." Doing what all little boys do

without a care in the world.

More than anything in the world, Megan and Andy Givens are praying for that day.

into place at F-B School

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ward to? We don't have Christmas Concerts coming up. We don't have winter sporting events, etc., etc."

Board President Brittney Long inserted, "If you have ideas, let me know, too, because I think every place is really struggling right now. How can we keep our employees' morale up and help them through these difficult times?"

"It's widespread," said Loff. "It's not just in education, it's everyone. It's impacting some people financially more than others... but the biggest thing that I see is when I read the look on the teachers' faces every single day, and knowing how it's different from previous years, it's hard on me."

Loff said these circumstances make teachers look at their careers and how it's changed - here and across the country.

"I sit and stew on this reality every single night. I wonder how can I make this better? What can we do to ease tensions a little bit for everyone?" said Loff. This is how he says he falls asleep at night.

It was suggested that the school could participate in class competitions similar to what is done during Homecoming Week as a way to boost morale during December. Also, the staff will have a potluck lunch sometime this week and other fun activities.

"Another thing I've been thinking about is how hard the kids have been working, and especially the teachers. They have been doing head-and-shoulder above what they typically do," said Loff.

With 24 school days left until Christmas, Loff suggested maybe even pushing back a little on school content could help get kids excited again.

This week is American Education Week. The school's memo said, "This is our chance to recognize all the people who make our school an amazing place! If you see any of our teachers, bus drivers, kitchen staff, please tell them 'thank you!' This year more than ever, they have gone above and beyond to help our kids succeed."

Changes fall Record number of new positives in November

Continued from page 1 not the primary cause of death for at least 122 individuals.

On a local level, in Wells County, as of last Thursday, there were 26 active cases out of 280 positive test results since the onset of the pandemic. Three individuals in Wells County have died as a result of the virus.

Active cases, hospitalizations and deaths have risen sharply in North Dakota in October and November. Burgum pointed out that it took the state over five months to reach 100 hospitalizations due to COVID-19 but just four more weeks to exceed 200 hospitalizations and only 13 additional days to exceed 300 hospitalizations, according to the North Dakota Department of Health.

Based on the record high number of new positives in the first half of November, North Dakota hospitals project capacity constraints to escalate to possible shortages in the coming weeks, Burgum said.

While young adults ages 20-29 and individuals 19 and under who test positive for COVID-19 rarely require hospitalization, it's essential for all parents and North Dakotans to understand that youth and young adults are part of the "invisible epidemic" in the rapid chain of transmission occurring in North Dakota right now, Burgum said. The actions of individuals, families and teams have direct impacts on health care workers and those they care for in hospitals and long-term care centers now and in the future, especially over the next 10 days when traditional multi-generational gatherings hold dangerous transmission possibilities.

"We make this plea on behalf of our overworked and overwhelmed health care providers," the governor added. "We understand and appreciate the concerns about the mental health needs of students, and we share them and empathize with the students who have sacrificed so much this year.

"We also can't allow an unchecked spread of infections to keep growing to the point where more and more schools are forced to switch to full distance learning due to lack of teachers, which also is detrimental to students' mental health and academic progress, and we also must consider the mental well-being of our health care workers. If we want to ease

Constitution assures

the tremendous burden on our teachers and staff, first responders, nurses and doctors, and make sure a staffed hospital bed is available for every patient - both COVID and non-COVID - who needs one until we can bridge the gap to an approved and effective vaccine, then we need to come together as friends, neighbors, and citizens and support one another through the impending challenges ahead."

Bars restricted, relief available

Burgum also addressed questions raised about bars being allowed to remain open while certain school activities are paused.

"The bar and restaurant industry employs thousands of North Dakotans who rely on this income to provide for their families and support local schools and services, and the industry has been forced to modify operations throughout the pandemic" Burgum said. "These measures allow establishments to continue operating in a manner that keeps both staff and customers safe."

Some bars and restaurants in high-risk counties weren't adhering to the ND Smart Restart recommendations to limit occupancy to 25 percent and require face coverings, and Friday's actions replaced those recommendations with requirements.

Bars and restaurants are now required to limit occupancy to 50 percent of licensed seating capacity, not to exceed 150 people. Food and beverage can only be served to seated patrons; no stand-up service is allowed. Tables must allow at least 6 feet of physical distancing between individual parties. All staff must wear face coverings, and patrons must wear masks except when consuming food or beverages. In-person service is not allowed between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Burgum noted that the North Dakota Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications for the Hospitality Economic Resiliency Grant (HERG) at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, through 5 p.m. Dec. 4. The state has made \$54 million available for the program to provide relief to bars, restaurants, entertainment venues and certain other businesses affected by the pandemic.

A fundraiser is being organized to help the Givens with expenses. More information will be posted in the Herald-Press as the plans progress.

NDAWN to record moisture content of snowfall

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network (NDAWN) a \$6.4 million five-year contract to retrofit existing stations and build new stations across North Dakota.

NDAWN, which is part of North Dakota State University's North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, consists of 159 stations distributed across North Dakota and border regions of surrounding states. They monitor and record local weather conditions throughout the state and the Red River Valley, and disseminate timely, detailed, accurate information through an array of applications, summaries and innovative displays that are free to everyone on the NDAWN website (https:// ndawn.ndsu.nodak.edu).

The contract is part of a larger, five-state project focused on weather monitoring in the Upper Missouri River Basin that will improve the data available for

water management by the Corps of Engineers.

"The one climate element that we have the least amount of data on is the moisture content in snow," says Daryl Ritchison, NDAWN director. "Every storm, you will hear about the total depth from numerous sites, but it's not the depth but the amount of water in the snow that is the most important in spring flood forecasts."

One of the many variables that this project will record will be the moisture content in every snow storm in areas where such data is unavailable.

"The goal is to monitor the total water inputs in the Upper Missouri River Basin, meaning not only the precipitation that falls from the sky, but also monitoring the amount of moisture present in the soil," Ritchison says. "These variables impact not only flooding, but also drought."

NDAWN was designed to provide weather data for the de-

velopment of agricultural models. Producers can make management decisions using models that predict future crop and pest development based on recent weather conditions. These models can warn of impending disease or insect infestations so producers can apply pesticides at the optimum time for maximum efficacy to improve crop yields and profits.

NDAWN data also has many other uses, including for weather forecasting/research, government policy decisions, natural resource management, landfill operation, utility planning and operation, claims adjusting, resolution of legal questions, environmental research, hydrologic forecasting and management, water quality management, structure site selection and determining wind or solar power potential. The news media, educators, students, weather hobbyists and others find NDAWN data indispensable as well.

election intrigue will end Bv David Adler

The 2020 presidential election, prolonged by President Donald Trump's court challenges and demands for recounts in some states will come to an end, sooner rather than later. Citizens may be assured of that by constitutional and statutory mechanisms.

This election, fraught with tension and anxiety, is not nearly the nail-biter that the nation endured in the 2000 campaign, which ended only after the US Supreme Court ruled in Bush v. Gore that the recount in the State of Florida could not continue. That 5-4 decision, delivered on Dec. 12, resulted in the award of the state's Electoral College votes to George W. Bush, who captured the popular vote by 535 votes. That is what we Americans call a close presidential election.

The 2020 race, by comparison, is a walk in the park, despite a protracted period. For students of our constitutional system, it represents a fine teaching moment about the rights of candidates and the nature of the electoral process.

For starters, understand that President Trump is exercising the rights available to any presidential candidate. He is entitled to seek an election recount. In some states, a recount is automatically triggered if the margin of the victory falls within stated parameters. It is also clear that a presidential candidate may assert, as Trump is asserting, that the voting process reflected improper conduct or counting, or even fraud or illegal behavior, and seek a remedy through the courts.

At this juncture, Trump's efforts to overturn the election results are unavailing. He has yet to win a significant victory in court.

Most of his lawsuits have been dismissed by the presiding judge after Trump's lawyers have been unable to produce any evidence of fraud or wrongdoing. The New York Times recently reported that state election officials across the country have not declared any fraud in their jurisdictions.

If Trump's litigation path reaches a dead end, then his only hope for avoiding defeat at the hands of former Vice President Joe Biden is to prevail in a recount of the votes cast in various battleground states, including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Georgia and Arizona. History tells us that recount efforts may flip 100 or 200 votes, but not significantly more. That history reflects the fact that those who count votes seldom make errors. Workers are meticulous patriots, committed to counting every ballot. As a result, Trump's wishes are not likely to be fulfilled. Thus far, the last ballots counted by clerks have contributed to Biden's rising - not falling – margin.

President Trump may well pursue these efforts to overturn election results until all potential remedial paths have been exhausted. Some advisers are counseling him to abandon these dim hopes, in part to immediately launch what he himself has forecast to friends and supporters -- a bid to recapture the White House in 2024.

Whatever course President Trump decides to follow, federal law and constitutional provisions will govern the conclusion to the 2020 presidential election.

A federal law -3 U.S. Code section 5-requires states to resolve any disputes six days before members of the Electoral

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David Adler answers your Constitution questions. Send them to this newspaper.

College meet Dec. 14 to cast their ballots, based on the outcome of the election results in their respective states. This statute means the deadline for settling disputes in 2020 is Dec. 8. Thus, the nation may need to wait for nearly a month longer before the Electoral College fulfills its constitutional duty and casts the votes that will make Joe Biden the 46th president of the United States.

The constitutional right of Americans to choose the form of government for our nation, and the men and women who should be placed at the helm to carry out solemn duties and responsibilities, is what Thomas Jefferson called, "the ark of our safety," indispensable to carrying out the will of the people. This precious right, hardly available to many on our planet, even in the 21st Century, will not be deterred by delays. That would greatly please those who founded our nation.

Send questions about the Constitution to this newspaper and Adler will attempt to answer them in subsequent columns.

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recruited to join the Shop-At-

Home campaign, which makes

available interest-free loans of

\$500 to \$1,000 that include an

added incentive for borrowers to

10% of the loans in cash that does

not have to be paid back. The free

money is being offered by the

Harvey Job Development Author-

ity. For instance, if a borrower

requests a Christmas Cash loan

of \$1,000, an additional \$100 ac-

companies the principal amount

at First State Bank of Harvey, First

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meeting Wednesday night agreed

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the court and Kiwanis meeting room follow the governor's mask

Mask Mandate

not enforce the Mask Mandate.

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will, however, remove a customer

from a Harvey business for not

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of Harvey, according to Webb.

It would be "pointless" to try

"This has to be a personal deci-

Council chairman Rick Eckart

agreed with his police chief: "It's

Chief of Police Tony Webb will

Webb told the council of his

mandate guidelines.

the business owner.

sion," the chief said.

Harvey City Council members

sumer, agreed JDA members.

Dakota Heritage Bank.

Loan applications are available

It's a win-win promotion for

This is the second year of the

Eligible borrowers will receive

Fessenden-Bowdon School Board meeting

Admin contracts amended

By Carrie Opdahl

Fessenden-Bowdon school has entered the Battle Royale competition sponsored by Lake Region State College, Principal Aaron Loff reported at the Nov. 16 school board meeting. The school will compete with area schools for prizes, including a \$2,000 college scholarship for a student.

"Our first week of the contest is the week of Jan. 4 against our neighbors to the east, New Rockford/Sheyenne," said Loff. Information on this will be shared on the school memo and Facebook page.

Superintendent duties

Superintendent D'Aulan Bussman asked the board again to consider removing the K-3 principal duties from her job title. "The superintendent and COVE-related responsibilities pretty much eat up all my time," said Bussman.

She offered, if needed, she could conduct some of the Pre-K-3rd grade teachers' evaluations. "I feel I need to cut back in the principal duties in order to do justice to the superintendent part of my job," said Bussman. It was moved to amend the contracts.

COVID-related grants

The school district has received four COVID-related grants, and Bussman reported on each one.

The first grant was the ESSER grant through the CARES Act, which was for COVID supplies. The grant was available from March 13 to Sept. 20, 2022, in the amount of \$26,564.00. All of this money is spent.

A second grant was also available through the CARES Act for extra personnel due to COVID. These funds are available from July 1 to Dec. 30 for \$64,971.00. Of this, \$36,578.03 is left to spend. Funds that are not spent by Dec. 30 go back to the state.

The broadband fund is the third grant available through the CARES Act, available from July through December. The \$484.47 grant is to help students access internet for distance learning. Only \$65.26 has been spent to date.

The Resiliency Grant through the North Dakota Department of Commerce is the fourth grant the school has utilized. The \$70,403.00 grant just came in, according to Bussman, and is to be used for technology upgrades.

Before retirement, former superintendent Nancy Bollingberg had acquired a bid from Marco to replace switches and access

points throughout the building and upgrade the Wi-Fi.

These upgrades will help student laptop Chromebooks load faster and have more consistent access to the internet throughout the building.

If the board accepts Marco's bid, this will wipe out this grant, leaving only \$22. After some more discussion, the members moved to hire Marco.

Later during the meeting, board member Monica Mason said she had received an email from Scott Wiest of Wiest Associates, Inc. of Cathay and asked if any of the other members had received the email, as it was sent to each of them.

Wiest, who also has a technology-based business, asked the board to consider supporting local. Mason read his letter, which stated: "Spend local. It is unfortunate that you enjoy sending our tax money out of town. Why not this same money locally on IT resources?"

The letter further explained the importance of supporting local businesses, as they donate and support the school, as Wiest Associates has done on several occasions.

"It wouldn't hurt to get a bid from him as well," said Mason, as she said she wasn't aware of the services Wiest offered. Bussman said there is a time factor in spending the money, so she asked if they could get Wiest's bid and hold an emergency Zoom meeting soon to go over the bids.

On to other bids, the water heater in the room under the stairs near the office has a hole in it and is leaking. Members went over the bids in private and ultimately tabled their decision until they know what kind of warrantee each company is willing to offer.

Staffing report

Bussman then gave a staffing report. Rev. J. Kevin Shumway will teach elementary music three days a week. Originally from Alaska, he now resides in Harvey as the Assembly of God Church minister. The board moved to accept the contract.

Assistant Librarian Cathy Unterseher will be retiring at the end of this month. Bussman asked the board to consider finding a replacement, as this position has been a valuable help to Librarian MacKenzie Dietz. "With everything that is going on, Ms. Dietz really does need the extra help," said Bussman.

In addition to the assistant librarian position, Bussman said she would like to see this person also have some technical knowledge. "Possibly troubleshoot a computer or help if a board isn't working for a teacher."

The position could be full time if the applicant is inclined to take on custodial duties in the summer since this was also part of Unterseher's job.

The board agreed that Bussman should hire a replacement, as the wages are already figured in the budget.

The search is still on for someone to help in the kitchen, as the current lunch staff is already taking on double their contracted hours due to the extra prep and paperwork associated with CO-VID guidelines.

Physical education teacher Chris Peterson has accepted the junior high boy's basketball coach position, and fourth-grade teacher Erica Jones has accepted the girl's basketball assistant coaching position.

COVID update

Bussman said 13 students are distance learning, 10 of whom are quarantined as close household contacts, and two are hybrid learning.

Currently, there are two students and two adults who are selfmonitoring. Since September, 83 people have had to self-monitor.

Ultimately, 159 students have been affected by COVID in one compacity or another. It was noted that some of these students had been affected with quarantine measures more than once, some up to three plus stints, a total of 59 days. There have been 17 positive cases and 83 people who have had to self-monitor in the district since September.

'We've had more cases since the mask mandate, but we've had fewer kiddos out," stated Bussman. "We were on a roll for a while there, and I was kind of scared because our adults have been hit the most."

Bussman reminded the board there are services available to anyone who has been affected by COVID, socially or emotionally, through the school's counselors.

Next meeting

Board member Reade Neumiller asked to change the date and time of the regular board meetings. It was agreed to meet every third Monday, at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Dec. 21.

Harvey JDA welcomes new business; City keeping armory open il O. Nelson harvey. said businesses a said businesses are still being

By Neil O. Nelson The butcher, the printer and the shopkeeper.

Harvey's Job Development Authority has received inquiries from three parties interested in setting up shop in the largest city in Wells County.

The butcher would like to open a slaughterhouse in the Industrial Park and the printer sees a market in the Harvey region.

But it's the shopkeeper whose intentions are more than a mere inquiry.

Owners of the Jeneral Store, downtown Rugby, are in the process of purchasing the former Penny Pinchers Plus building on the east end of Bypass-52 in Harvey, with plans to open a "second-hand" or "like new" store similar to the Pierce County operation and likely very much like the businesses that have occupied Penny Pincher location in recent years.

Dr. Paul Gunderson, Harvey JDA facilitator, presented his directors Tuesday night with a request from the Rugby Jeneral Store owners for financial assistance in purchasing the property.

The Harvey JDA, in conjunction with the Bank of North Dakota's PACE program, can pay a percentage of the interest incurred in a potential buyer's bank loan designed for energy-saving or other eligible improvements. The new property owners repay the PACE improvement obligation over a period of 10 to 20 years through property assessments.

The PACE cap for JDA's involvement is \$25,000, but Gunderson is certain the amount of the financial assistance will be much less, probably around \$15,000, which will be paid toward the interest on the Jeneral Store's loans.

JDA members indicated Tuesday they will work with the Rugby buyers in setting up shop

Food gifts can be shipped

I noticed the shelf inside the "food safety" to learn more. entry of a small restaurant. It was lined with brown paper bags and

Second-hand stores carrying clothing and small appliances in addition to furniture have been successful in Harvey, acknowledged JDA members meeting Tuesday night at City Hall. In addition to its emphasis on clothing, the Jeneral Store also handles consignment items. Plans are to offer online sales from both stores, according to Gunderson.

The Jeneral Store hopes to have its Harvey location operating in two months.

Citing the Jeneral Store expansion's planned expansion into Harvey, Dr. Gunderson noted how cities and businesses in the region do not necessarily have to always compete.

"They can collaborate and expand their footprint."

The individual interested in establishing a slaughter plant in Harvey is simply exploring his options, said Gunderson.

The commercial printer interested in expanding into the north central region of the state likes Harvey's location, Gunderson indicated. Operating from a plant in Wahpeton, the individual has print customers in Harvey, in addition to clients in the area purchasing promotional products.

Dr. Gunderson is pleasantly surprised at the positive economic development inquiries, proposals and transactions that are occurring in the region and state during the pandemic.

Harvey, he said, is still attractive to developers because it remains a center of commerce in the north central region of the state.

Christmas Cash

More than two dozen Harvey businesses are participating in this year's Christmas Cash promotion.

City Auditor Karen Nordby





Cooking game possibilities are endless

I grew up in an era when wild game cooking involved a can of cream of mushroom soup and a roaster. The wild game - grouse, duck, partridge or a rare pheasant – was simmering beneath the greyish gravy base. It was the way Mom did it, the way Grandma did it and maybe family before her?

Cooking show addicts would scoff if TV stations aired a history of prairie fare. Quite honestly, it wouldn't take long. What has evolved is an expanded variety and appreciation for wild game cooking - with creations ranging almost from food to art. But what hasn't changed is a freezer-burned packaged of wild game in 1985 is no better from a vacuum pack in 2020.

When I hear of upscale delicacies such as venison bourguignon, my mind still creates an image of deer roast ... in cream of mushroom soup. Even so, over the years I've dined on an array of wild game preparations, from delicacies like lemon pepper broiled walleye, to more obscure offerings such as sandhill crane stir-fry, and the tradition of fried deer heart, liver and onions.

When it comes to fish and game cooking, the beauty is in the eye – or the fork – of the beholder.

Like dining out, we each have our own preferences when it comes to wild game cuisine. It's at this time of year, as the deer season gets underway, that the typical hunter who struggles to boil water, is magically (in their own mind, anyway) transformed into the Julia Child of venison preparation.

First off, you can't make a fillet mignon out of ground chuck. If you don't take care of the meat in the field, no amount of seasoning or any style of preparation will overcome the damage done. Take care of your kill from the field to the fork.

Beyond properly cleaning the meat, cooling it down quickly, keeping it cool and processing it efficiently are important. Along with that, proper packaging and storage will ensure the meat stays fresh longer.

Armchair deer processors will fry pounds of back straps as they work their way through carcasses. When the work is done, the result is an array of products, from breakfast sausage, deer roasts and burger, to venison brats, summer sausage and stew meat. In fact, I recall one year in college when a wrapped meat package was marked as venison bacon.

We never did fry it up as bacon, but it gives credence to the endless possibilities of fish and wild game cooking. Odds are, if you enjoy traditional food such as stir-fry, you'll be able to modify the recipe to include the bounties of nature.

One final note. Years ago, we also didn't have access to the information the modern age of technology provides. I'd venture to guess that for every cut of meat or species of fish or game, somebody has tried a unique way to prepare or cook it, and they probably have



North Dakota Outdoors By Doug Leier, Biologist N.D. Game & Fish Dept.



No amount of seasoning or preparation will overcome the damage done if meat is not taken care of in the field.

a recipe or even an instructional video online somewhere if you want to look for new ideas.

However, similar to other internet cautions, you may want to stop and think before you decide pickled partridge wings might be an option. A better idea would be a fall back to cream of mushroom soup?

attached receipts.

The four shelves were labeled "self pick up" or they were labeled with one of three different companies that pick up and deliver food.

People in masks popped in and out of the restaurant and grabbed the to-go bags.

My husband and I were seated at a table at least 20 feet from anyone. Most of the tables were not available due to the restaurant capping its capacity.

Some people are fearful of food prepared away from their homes during the pandemic. Should we be?

We have picked up food a couple of times a week in the past eight months. We want restaurants to remain in business when the pandemic ends.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the virus that causes COVID-19 does not spread to people through food. However, many other types of germs can be spread through improper handling and cooking of food.

Sitting or standing close to people in crowded bars and restaurants has been reported as a COVID-19 risk. According to public health data from Colorado and Louisiana, 20% of all COVID-19 cases were traced to crowded bars and restaurants in a recent study.

As the holidays approach, food becomes an even more integral part of the "togetherness" of family and friends. Eating together is fun. Sharing family recipes builds memories.

Perhaps your favorite cookie, kuchen or lefse recipe gets retrieved from the recipe box at this time of the year.

Is mailing your own homemade cookies, breads and other holiday fare to your family and friends safe to do?

Yes, sharing food is safe as long as you follow all the food safety precautions, especially careful hand washing. See https://www. ag.ndsu.edu/food and click on

vorite foods can conjure up fond memories of home if you cannot be together during the holiday season.

A gift package filled with fa-

Besides deciding on the treats to send, keep postal regulations, safety and quality in mind. Check on postal restrictions related to allowable items, and size and weight of packages, especially if your family lives in another country.

Perishable items, such as meat and soft cheeses, must be kept at 40 F or lower, so they aren't good choices for a long trip. Dry ice can be used for the overnight delivery of highly perishable items. You'll need to decide if the expense is worth it, and you'll want to be sure the recipient knows the arrival time of the perishable items.

Consider the moisture content of the foods when deciding what to mail. Moist carrot bread or pumpkin bread may become moldy during shipment, depending on the length of shipping.

Quality can be an issue if you're thinking about sending your favorite delicate holiday cookies. Cookies can become crumbs without some special precautions.

To keep cookies from crumbling, pack them back to back and wrap with plastic wrap. Put the wrapped pairs between two plastic foam plates and tape the plates together. Finally, surround the items with bubble wrap, foam or newspaper and pack in a sturdy box.

To celebrate 2021, I will be giving away at least 50 colorful calendars with 12 recipes and lots of food and nutrition tips. By Nov. 30, 2020, email me your 1) name, 2) address and 3) a topic vou would like me to consider writing about in the future. I will add your name to my electronic "hat" and randomly draw a bunch of names on Dec. 1.

Email me directly at julie. garden-robinson@ndsu.edu to be entered in the calendar drawing.

I also have several ideas for make-your-own gifts for your

family and friends who like to finish the food preparation process at home.

See "Mix It Up – Food Mixes in a Jar" (https://www.ag.ndsu. edu/pubs/vf/foods/fn1494.pdf) with recipes for cornbread mix, oatmeal cookie mix, country chili and friendship soup mix.

See "Beverage Mixes in a Jar" at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ pubs/yf/foods/fn1625.pdf with recipes for spiced tea mix, hot cocoa mix and others.

See the "Quick Bread Mix" publication at https://tinyurl. com/QuickBreadMix with recipes for cherry chocolate scones, peanut butter bread and more.

If you have a specialty coffee lover on your gift list, here's a make-it-yourself drink mix featured in the "beverage mix" publication.

French Vanilla **Coffee Mix**

1/3 c. instant coffee

1 c. instant skim milk powder

1/2 c. powdered nondairy coffee creamer

1/3 c. white sugar

1/4 c. French vanilla instant pudding mix

Add the ingredients to a food processor. Pulse until thoroughly mixed and you have a smooth powder. Store mixture in an airtight, pint-size container. Decorate container as desired.

For each serving, place 3/4cup of boiling water in a mug and stir in 2 heaping teaspoons of mix.

Makes 16 servings. Each serving has 50 calories, 1 gram (g) fat, 2 g protein, 10 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber and 65 milligrams sodium.

People and Events



Ada Johnson, left, of Fessenden, and Kennedy Wiesz, rural Cathay, were both happy to give of themselves to help others. Both of the girls donated about 8-inches of their hair. Ada, daughter of Stephanie and Jeff Johnson, donated her locks in honor of her Aunt Ambra who is currently battling



Choriocarcinoma.

Kennedy Wiesz, daughter of Courtney and Brenton Wiesz, also donated 8-inches of hair. The hair will be used to create wigs for children who suffer hair loss due to medical illness or treatments.



A mountain lion was spotted near Carrington on Sat., Nov. 14, crossing some occupied grazingland. The pasture, owned by Pat Copenhaver of Carrington, is northeast of the city. "We've heard of them being around, heard of people getting pictures on trail cameras, but a sighting like this, in broad daylight, is rare," said Pat's brother, Steve. The Copenhavers are not aware of any livestock in the area that have been injured by mountain lions.



The Balfour Roughriders 4-H members collected over 200 pounds of hygiene products and nonperishable food items for the Drake food pantry while Trick-or-Treating on Halloween.



Jason Pepple, Pepple Insurance, presented a \$600 check to the Fessenden Fire Department at their meeting on Nov. 9. In October, Pepple Insurance partnered with Arrow Service Team to raise awareness of fire prevention. Sponsored by Pepple, Arrow Service inspected and cleaned dryer vents at a reduced rate, giving customers the opportunity make a free-will cash donation to the fire department.

The warmth of a good fire and friendship

proaches, North Dakota University System (NDUS) is working in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Health to increase student testing of CO-VID-19.

NDUS provides guidance to students over

Thanksgiving holiday break ap- cases in the state and country. In the decision to offer flexibility for Residence halls will remain open students supports the mitigation efforts of the greater community by reducing the population density in classrooms and on campus. Further, we recognize that some students will travel a distance for the Thanksgiving break. This will provide them the flexibility to stay in place in their home communities through the Christmas break, if preferred by the student. This also reduces the potential opportunity to bring the virus back to Traill County during the current particularly difficult time of the pandemic. Minot State University will provide students the option to complete the last two weeks (and finals week) at a distance following Thanksgiving. Students choosing the distance option to complete the semester will still attend classes at their regularly scheduled times using appropriate technology. MSU is encouraging students to stay in Minot over the Thanksgiving break and is providing additional services for those remaining on campus. Students who do leave the Minot area for Thanksgiving and then return to MSU for the end of the semester are strongly advised to get tested for COVID before traveling and then get tested immediately upon returning to campus. North Dakota State College of Science will continue current instruction formats (face-to-face, online and hybrid) after Thanksgiving through the end of the semester. Through various messages, NDSCS is encouraging the College community (students and employees) to help minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19 through personal prevention practices. These messages emphasize the importance of avoiding large gatherings, being tested before and after the holiday, and avoiding travel. North Dakota State University will continue offering the Hyflex instructional model after Thanksgiving, through the end of the semester. NDSU is urging students not to return home for Thanksgiving break, citing the se-

holiday break: Flexibility, safety emphasized BISMARCK, N.D. - As the the continuing rise of COVID state and in our communities, and verity of the COVID-19 outbreak. over the break at no added cost to students. Dining options will also continue to be available. Students planning to remain on campus must notify Residence Life. For students still planning to leave campus, the university is asking that they be tested before leaving Fargo and after they return to the campus. University of North Dakota will continue in hybrid mode (offering both on campus and online classes) after Thanksgiving. It is best to avoid travel and large gatherings, and be safe by staying in Grand Forks for Thanksgiving break. If students travel, plan to stay home and interact only with the people you live with for 14 days before you travel. Get tested for COVID-19 approximately three to four days before you travel. Valley City State University will continue offering face-to-face, synchronous, and online classes after Thanksgiving. Students who are currently taking face-to-face courses have the option to travel home and finish the semester via synchronous delivery. Students are encouraged to avoid large events and limit activities two weeks prior to Thanksgiving and to take advantage of weekly testing available, in cooperation with city/county health, the week before and the week after Thanksgiving. Students are asked to remain diligent with the Viking Safety protocols including continued mask use, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. Williston State College will continue fall semester classes as scheduled. WSC encourages all students, faculty, and staff to take advantage of the COVID-19 testing events before traveling home for the holiday, and after returning to campus following the Thanksgiving holiday. Students who are currently taking face-to-face courses have the option to travel home and finish the semester via synchronous delivery.

By Joe Zeleznik, Forester **NDSU Extension Service** As we all know, 2020 has been

an interesting year.

My wife and I have been very fortunate; we're healthy and we've been able to visit with a few of our neighbors about once a month. These get-togethers have all been outdoors and usually there's a small bonfire involved.

One of our friends already is worried about winter, though. Will we be able to see each other at all? My response is, "Absolutely! We just need warmer clothes and bigger bonfires.'

Relatively few households use wood as their main source of heat, although the percentage has increased in the last 20 years as outdoor wood furnaces have become more common. Indoor wood stoves also are relatively uncommon, although not unheard of.

When I was in graduate school in West Virginia, we actually had a wood-burning stove as a secondary source of heat for our small rental house. Otherwise, we used electric baseboard heating. That wood stove saved us a lot of money when funds were tight.

A very unique wood-heated facility in North Dakota is at Bismarck State College. The BSC Aquatic Center burns wood waste from the Bismarck Forestry Department's pruning program. It's a great use of a resource that otherwise might go to waste. Many municipal forestry programs offer wood to residents, although you'll probably have to do the cutting and splitting yourself.

How much heat does wood give out? I've looked into this question a lot through the years and I'm always surprised by the answers. Pound for pound, most hardwood (deciduous) tree species contain roughly the same amount of heat - about 8,600 British thermal units (BTUs) per pound (https://extension.missouri.edu/media/wysiwyg/Extensiondata/Pub/pdf/agguides/



forestry/g05450.pdf). Bur oak, boxelder and even cottonwood all hold a similar amount of heat by the pound.

But firewood is rarely sold by the pound. Instead, it's usually sold by volume - by the cord. What's a cord? It's a stacked pile of wood, bark and air space that measures 4 feet high by 8 feet wide by 4 feet deep. A "face cord" is a stacked pile that's 4 feet high by 8 feet wide by X feet deep. X is usually 16, 20 or 24 inches, based on what size a given stove or fireplace can take.

For my own firewood, I'll take the oak instead of cottonwood any day. Oak is much denser than cottonwood and we have limited storage space. Although boxelder is pretty abundant, oak is a lot easier to split.

I like to let my firewood dry for at least a year before using it. Cottonwood contains an amazing amount of water, and once the wood dries, it's very light and puts off very little heat.

There's an old saying about firewood that goes like this: Firewood heats you three times. The first is when you cut it. The second time is when you split and stack it. The third time is when you finally burn it.

My wife and I likely will have a few fires in the fireplace this winter. It's very comforting on a cold, windy night. And maybe on those occasional calm days, we'll go outside and have a bonfire with our friends. That'll keep us warm.

For more information about gardening, contact your local IDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ extension/directory/counties.

If students choose to leave campus, they are encouraged to get a test prior to leaving campus and then once again when they return. While the additional testing may increase the number of reported positive COVID cases, the goal of these efforts is to identify positive cases, thus minimizing the risk of spread to families and communities.

Students are also encouraged to continue being diligent about practicing strategies which include masks, social distancing, hand hygiene and other practices. Several institutions are planning special events and observances for students who choose to stay on campus during the holiday break. Students should check with their individual campuses for special arrangements and activities that may be planned during the holiday break.

Here is the current summation of the plans on each NDUS campus:

Bismarck State College will continue offering both on campus and online classes after Thanksgiving. BSC is encouraging students to limit their travel and avoid large gatherings. Students should leverage the weekly testing available on campus and be diligent about practicing multilevel mitigation procedures which include masks, social distancing, hand hygiene and other practices.

Dakota College at Bottineau is providing students an option to learn remotely after the Thanksgiving break through the end of the semester. Students will still be able to attend classes in person on campus if they choose. This decision was reached after understanding there could be a spike in COVID cases across the college due to community spread from family gatherings and other social events that typically occur during Thanksgiving break and

addition, DCB wants to allow Canadian students an opportunity to spend more time with families during the holiday season.

Dickinson State University, after considering the state's executive orders and the current level of community spread in Stark County, the DSU President's Cabinet voted to implement its plan for "Red Status: High Community Spread." In red status, DSU will temporarily shift to primarily remote campus operations for the final three weeks of the fall semester. The majority of classes will pivot to remote delivery beginning Monday, Nov. 23. The University plans to return to inperson operations for the spring semester beginning Jan. 11.

Lake Region State College is encouraging residence hall students who leave for Thanksgiving break to access their courses using technology and not return to the residence halls until move in day for spring semester. The faculty have agreed to allow all students in lecture-based courses (including the taking of finals) to attend class virtually (in real time) using the technology installed in each classroom. Students in some CTE programs may not be afforded this option as they may need to finish clinical, shop, and/ or practical skill demonstrations or labs. Faculty in those programs will advise their students regarding options. All residence hall students who must return or that choose to return to the halls after Thanksgiving and attend instruction face to face, will be required to test on Thursday, December 3, and quarantine and/or isolate as required by the LRSC COVID-19 Preparedness and Response protocol.

Mayville State University students will be given the flexibility to determine whether they wish to attend classes in person on campus or to participate online for the remainder of the fall semester. This new option, Comets Choose, will begin Monday, Nov. 30. We recognize the seriousness of the current COVID-19 situation in the



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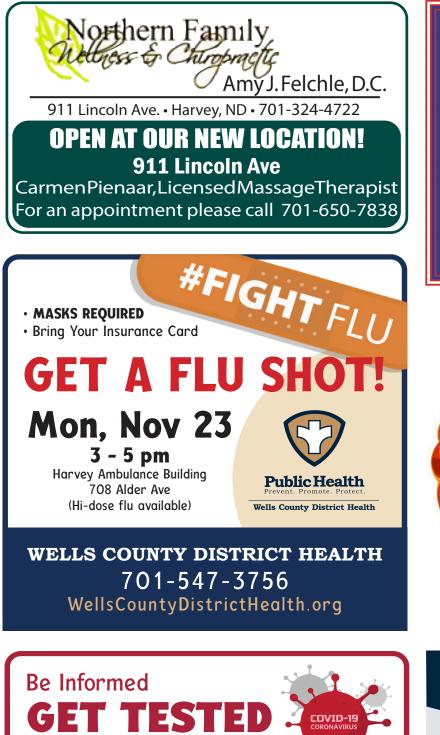
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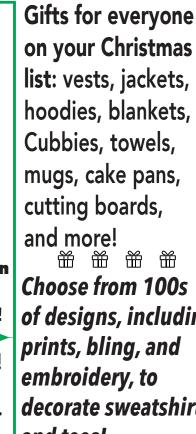
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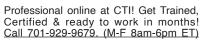
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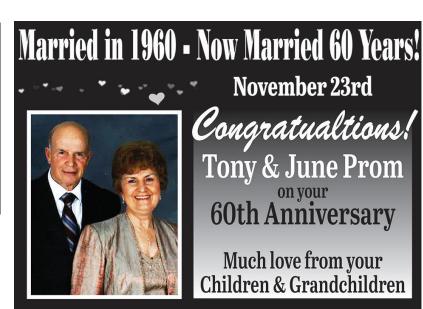




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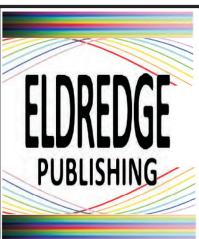
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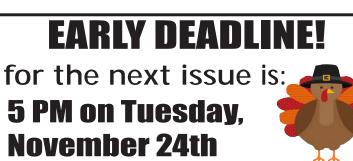
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