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## Registered sex offender in Harwood



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Adam Anderson, a Level III sex offender, is 6'3" and 295 lbs. He drives a 1995 green Pontiac Sunfire. The license plate is ND - J1L603.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office led a public meeting Dec. 6 in Harwood to inform residents about a high risk sex offender in the community.

Adam Anderson, 30, is residing at 302 Main Street, Harwood. Anderson is listed as a Level III sex offender.

The registration results from a 2007 conviction of Corruption of a Minor, Delivering alcohol to a minor and criminal mischief.

He is not currently wanted by law enforcement, but is required to register as a sex offender until 2032.

According to the Sheriff's Office news release, "The notification is not intended to increase fear in the community," but rather that "an informed public is a safer public."

For any questions or to report criminal activity by this or other offenders, contact the Sheriff's Office at 701-241-5800.

## Six businesses hit in crime spree

A rash of burglaries and attempted break-ins in the area is being investigated by the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

According to Captain Rick Majerus, the spree began the evening of Nov. 30 with an attempted break-in at the Old 10 Saloon, Buffalo. "There were pry marks on the door," explained Majerus. "Old 10 staff believe the alarm scared the person off."

The following evening, five businesses were hit, two break-ins were successful.

The businesses include: Embden Farmer's Union, where \$25 in candy, \$650 in tools and an undetermined amount of cash were stolen following a forced entry in the back door.

There was a forced entry at the Leonard Cafe where a small amount of cash was stolen.

Also in Leonard, there were failed break-ins at Kojaks and M & M Convenience Store.

The final report of an attempted break-in was at the Oxbow Fire Hall.

The only possible witnesses of these six incidents were the owners of M & M Convenience Store, who heard a rattling on their door around 3 a.m. They told law enforcement they believe those responsible were scared away by the dog barking. They were not able to provide an identifying description of the individuals to the police.

The investigation is still underway. There are no suspects at this time.

Anyone with information related to these incidents is encouraged to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 701-241-5800.

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## New school, sidewalk project may coincide

By Amanda Gades

The City of Kindred is endorsing a Safe Routes to School grant application for a 2012 project.

"We need sidewalks where the new school will be," said Mayor Wayne Lunder.

The proposed project would construct sidewalk on portions of 5th Street, Dakota Street (across from the future high school) and on County Road 15 from the new school to the existing school.

At the Dec. 1 Kindred Council meeting, the preliminary project cost estimate of \$325,000 was presented by City Engineer Brandon Oye, of Moore Engineer. Of this, \$200,000 would be paid for by the grant, the county would pay \$37,500 and the city would fund \$87,500.

Oye wrote the application at the request of the county. "The county is having Moore Engineering submit the

application as part of the feasibility study to acquire possible additional funding for the Highway 15 improvements," said Oye. "The county is looking at doing the Highway 15 improvements because of the new school being built."

The city reviewed the application, discussed the route and its impact.

Councilman Rich Schock asked Oye to add flap gates on 5th Street and Highway 15 to help control the flow of water.

This change was made prior to the application being presented to the County Commission on Dec. 6. Commissioners approved the application, which was part of the consent agenda.

Approval of the application will likely be announced in March or April, according to the North Dakota Department of Transportation website.

### Discussion on 2010 Safe Routes to School project

This year's Safe Routes to School project will be completed in the spring due to final tasks that were not able to be done before winter. Final payment to the contractor, Adelman Concrete & Excavating of West Fargo, will occur after those items are finished.

The total cost of the project is \$182,400. The city's portion is \$32,400. A \$150,000 North Dakota Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant will fund the remaining amount.

### Piping project complete

Blilie reported that the piping project was successfully completed by Laney's, of Fargo. The company conducted pigging to "scour out all the iron in the pipe" from the dewatering well to the Sheyenne River.

"The well has been running since a week ago Friday," said Blilie.



Photo by Amanda Gades/The Reporter

Public Works Supervisor Ken Blilie, left, and City Engineer Brandon Oye, discuss the Kindred School project, its impact on the city systems and a proposed second Safe Routes to School project.

## Graduated Driver License bill to go before legislature

By Amanda Gades

Inexperience and distractions are two factors of teen auto accidents that will be addressed in a bill headed to the North Dakota legislature.

On Nov. 30, a presentation on the Graduated Driver License proposal was held at Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton. It was led by Gene La Doucer, a member of the North Dakota Coalition on Graduated Driver Licensing, who is heading up the effort on the legislation.

La Doucer is playing an active role in writing legislation that will bring the topic before congress for the third consecutive session. The last two times the bill failed.

This time, La Doucer believes the support will bring a victory for transportation safety and public health. "We've gotten a lot of positive responses."

More than 20 agencies support the proposal, which would require a three-phase license for new drivers.

One of these agencies is the North Dakota Insurance Department. "This is a priority for Commissioner Hamm," said Larry Maslowski, director of the Property and Casualty Division at the North Dakota Insurance Department. "Statistics show that if we have the novice driver under more supervision and take away some of the distractions, injuries and death from car accidents will be reduced."

**Impact of the legislation**  
If approved, students will have to pass an intermediate licensing process. During that period, there would be driving restrictions including:

- No cell phone use (except for emergencies),
- Night driving from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. must be supervised by an adult (unless driving to/from work, school or a religious activity), and



Gene La Doucer, of the Coalition on Graduated Driver Licensing, said there are two major changes to the bill since it was proposed in the last biennium. They are: there is no cost attached and the minimum permit and license age does not change.

- No more than one teenage passenger (siblings are exempt if driving to and from school).

The other major change is that during phase 1, the learner's permit stage, young drivers will need 50 hours of supervised driving experience in varied conditions.

Upon completing each step of the system, teens will get a code placed on their license. It would appear as a code similar to the corrective lenses restriction.

Similar graduated drivers license laws in other states have reduced car accident deaths by 20 to 40 percent explained Ron Miller, Sanford Health pediatrician and Sanford Children's Medical Director, who supports the bill.

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## Central Cass not ready to take project to vote

By Amanda Gades

Central Cass School Board members were in agreement about the school addition Monday night. It's just not the right time to take it to a vote.

Much of the discussion to stop the project as is was centered on the public meeting held Nov. 16. Significant concerns regarding sound, lighting and a ground level stage were expressed at that meeting.

"I left the meeting thinking it would be difficult to get the 60 percent support needed to approve a bond levy," said Keith Gohdes, school board president. "We need to do more work on this. With the financial restraints, we didn't satisfy some of the student needs....It's not the right climate to pursue the bond levy."

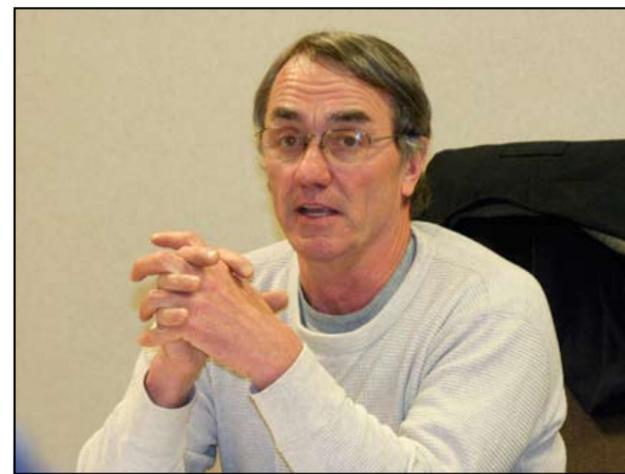
School board member Scott Kost echoed those sentiments. "I could not support bringing the project to a vote. We don't have anywhere near the consensus needed."

Despite three months of detailed review of the proposed addition, the proposed design did not meet all needs.

The opinions expressed during the public meeting made it clear "compromise didn't mean consensus," said School Board member Pete Lindstrom.

Superintendent Mark Weston said he also believes "we need to honor the opinions [of the patrons] and continue to evaluate the plan."

Weston also reviewed the goals of the addition. They are: to be fiscally responsible, to enhance the educa-



Photos by Amanda Gades/The Reporter

Central Cass School Board President Keith Gohdes reflected on the public meeting for the school addition saying, "I left the meeting thinking it would be difficult to get the 60 percent support needed [for a bond levy to pass]. There is more work we need to do."

tional environment, to not negatively impact the viability of the school district's mission and to impact as many students as possible.

He said the administration aimed to meet all of the goals, but he feels most comfortable that the fourth goal was met.

There was also discussion on the scope of a theater, one of the aspects

of a proposed addition. "I don't think a theater is financially responsible," said School Board member Deb Roesler. "Can we take what we have [with the fine arts program] and enhance it? Yes, but I don't think we are there yet."

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## No coal in the Christmas stockings of Casselton city employees

By Lin Smithwick

Casselton city employees will have a pay raise in Christmas stockings, thanks to unanimous approval by the city council.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night in the city offices, the Casselton City Council approved a 2.5 percent pay raise for employees effective January 1, 2011. The current budget has \$260,000 allocated for city employees salaries; the increase will mean about \$6,500 for additional payroll in 2011.

Mayor Ed McConnell pointed out that the approved 2011 city budget had a five percent raise allocated for employees. Council Craig Tillisch, on the committee that recommended increase to the full council, said they had discussed two percent, two and a half percent and three percent raises. The numbers, he said, "were all over the board." The city has seven full time staff members, one part-time employee plus the assessor and the clerk of court. Tillisch and McConnell pointed out there has been a drop in the turnover of city employees.

McConnell also reported to council that the city is in good economic con-

dition. "We are ending the year OK as long as we don't have any more water main breaks." McConnell also said the city's revenues for 2010 were "higher than we expected."

Acting on a recommendation from Lee Anderson with the Planning and Zoning Committee, the council denied a request for a 150' communication tower because of a conflict in the ordinance. Anderson recommended that the council review the current ordinance. The council agreed and voted unanimously to address the ordinance issue.

The council also heard a detailed and extensive discussion of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts from Harold Rotunda, a certified public accountant from West Fargo. He pointed out several options for the city to decrease or minimize potential risks involved with TIF districts. Overall, he said, the city is handling its TIF areas with "due diligence." He added, "You (council) have done very well with the TIFs."

In other official action, the council approved:

- \*The appointments of Bill Hejl, Brandy Pyle and Del Loring to the

Jobs Development Authority

\*Lorne Sterner for a five year term on the cemetery board

\*Renewal of liquor licenses

\*Payment to Moore Engineering for Safe Routes to School work

\*Request from Industrial Builders for 1,200 yards of clay

\*Renewal of contract for law enforcement services for two and a half deputies from the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Tharaldson Ethanol has applied for a permit from Air Pollution Control to expand production from 120 million gallons to 160 million gallons.



Photo by Lin Smithwick / The Reporter

Harold Rotunda, a West Fargo CPA who does work for the city, presented a detailed discussion of risks involved with Tax Increment Finance Districts.

Councilman Pete Silbernagel said he is concerned about the odor issues from the Tharaldson plant. From the beginning, he said, "They said it wouldn't smell and it does."

After a brief discussion, McConnell said he would have the city write a letter expressing concerns about

the potential for an increase in odor emissions.

All council members were present at the meeting, which adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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# 'Round About

with Lin Smithwick

## Black Friday at Good Samaritan

The halls were filled with people waiting to go shopping. No, not at any local retail stores; in the chapel at the Good Samaritan Center in Arthur.

Last Friday was shopping day – first for the residents and then open to the public. Cindy Hejl, volunteer coordinator for the Good Sam facility, said this is an important event for the residents. “This gives everyone a chance to shop for gifts and find items at reasonable prices.” The first hour of the sale is designated just for the residents. The public is invited to stop by and shop for the rest of the day.

Mary Beth Engelke, owner of Mary's Market in the Arthur Mall, had a table there with fresh fruit and gift items. “It has been just like Black Friday here today. It has been really busy.”

One of the special aspects of Friday's event was the welcoming sound of a Red Kettle bell greeting shoppers. Lois Paulz, a resident at Good Sam – and a former employee – was taking the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to the Salvation Army for helping her family many years ago. Her family home near Petersburg was hit by lightning when her mother was home alone. “I don't know how they found out

about the fire, but the Salvation Army came and helped.” Lois said she has always wanted to do something to show her appreciation.

“I have always wanted to be able to have a kettle here at Good Sam. A lot of people here don't ever have a chance to get to Fargo, so I really wanted to do this.” Lois got her wish and faithfully rang the bell. Leota Zuech, another resident, helped with the bell-ringing duties.

With all the chairs in the chapel cleared away to make room for tables and shoppers, it was festive day that offered goodies to eat and gifts to buy. There was a fifty cent table filled with small gifts items perfect for anyone's shopping list.

Margaret Olson, activities director, said, “We just want to make sure there is a nice variety here for everyone.”

At another table, Marie Shields was serving samples of her popular rommegrot. There were also nibbles of lefse available and Tastefully Simple samples. Many handmade crafts filled other tables along with festive decorations.

It was a Black Friday and a red kettle day in Arthur.



(Right) Lois Paulz, a former employee of the Good Samaritan center in Arthur and now a resident, had a dream come true last week. She had always wanted to have a Salvation Army Red kettle at the center. For the first time, she was able to ring the bell right there in the halls of Good Sam.

(Left) Mary Beth Engelke, owner of Mary's Market in the Arthur Mall, was one of the many vendors available for holiday shoppers at Friday's Christmas sale at the Good Samaritan center.

(Bottomw) Residents of Good Sam and many other folks enjoyed a chance to take care of Christmas shopping duties during a special in-house sale Friday.



## Kindred man released on bond; waives preliminary hearing

By Lin Smithwick

A Kindred man charged with two felony counts stemming from an Oct. 31 stand-off incident has been released from custody on bond and has waived his preliminary hearing.

During an appearance in Cass County District Court Thursday, Dec. 2, Robert Lee Bodin, Jr., 39, entered a not guilty plea and waived his preliminary hearing. His next court appearance will be Wednesday, January 26, for a dispositional conference. At that time it will be decided if he will have a jury trial, a court trial or he can change his plea. He has been charged with preventing arrest and aggravated domestic assault, both felonies.

Bodin was released from custody Nov. 24, after a \$500 bond was posted. A court spokesman could not say who posted the bond, but confirmed

it was from a “private party,” not a bondsman. After Bodin's arrest in October, a \$100,000 cash or surety bond was set. During a November hearing, the bond was amended to \$5,000 with ten percent needed to secure a release from jail.

The no-contact order preventing Bodin from having contact with those involved in the Oct. 31 incident, was also amended to allow medical treatment and counseling appointments. With those exceptions, the no-contact order is still in place, according to a court spokesman.

The incident took place at his home, 181 Elm Street in Kindred, which Bodin shared with his wife and father-in-law. Bodin blockaded himself in the garage attached to his house and said he had guns. The call to the sheriff's department came shortly af-

ter 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30. Bodin was arrested more than 12 hours later after Red River Valley SWAT used tear gas to remove Bodin from the garage. Bodin was transported to a hospital where he was treated and released to the custody of the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Residents at home at the time were able to escape as events evolved. Bodin's wife's hand was injured when Bodin allegedly tried to take vehicle keys from her. Bodin was also charged with injuring a police officer.

Residents within a two-block area of the house were evacuated to the Kindred City Hall during the incident. Many agencies were on hand or involved including the Kindred Ambulance, the Kindred and Davenport Fire Departments and the Salvation Army.

### Drivers License - from A1

“If the bill is passed as is, it could easily be the best law in the country,” said Miller.

Set to sponsor the bill is District 45 Rep. Ed Grucella, Fargo. His passion for the issue is apparent.

“North Dakota is the only state in the nation where you can get a driver's license at 14, have several friends in the car and also text while driving,” said Grucella. “Each year, thirty percent of teen deaths are caused by car accidents. That is unacceptable.”

This legislation will help youth gain more knowledge and experience before allowing them to be “turned loose to drive on their own” added Grucella.

Restrictions such as these proposed should be enforced at the discretion of parent, not the law said District 22 Sen. Gary Lee.

“If parents think a son or daughter is not ready to drive, it is their decision,” said Lee. “If the parent owns the vehicle, pays the insurance and controls the keys, saying no to a young driver should be a perfectly acceptable answer.”

Lee also believes the system may put a strain on a family's transportation needs.

Dr. Miller admits a graduated licensing system will require a longer period of time for the parents to teach their teens to drive, but that it won't be an unbearable strain.

He further says, “In surveys in states where a similar law was passed, parents are overwhelmingly supportive and event the youth are positive about it.”

As the campaign continues, Grucella says it will take a grass roots

effort to get the bill passed. “I always tell people to contact their representative or senator about this. Legislators are only concerned [about a topic] if their constituents are.”

District 20 Reps. Rick Holman and Lee Kaldor voiced support of the proposed legislation while District 22 Rep. Wes Belter and Rep. Vonnice Pietsch were unable to be reached by press time.

Comments on this or any proposed legislation can be e-mailed to the legislators at:

Rep. Vonnice Pietsch - [vpietsch@nd.gov](mailto:vpietsch@nd.gov)  
Rep. Wes Belter - [wbelter@nd.gov](mailto:wbelter@nd.gov)  
Sen. Gary Lee - [galee@nd.gov](mailto:galee@nd.gov)  
Rep. Rick Holman - [rholman@nd.gov](mailto:rholman@nd.gov)  
Sen. Lee Kaldor - [lakaldor@nd.gov](mailto:lakaldor@nd.gov)

### City Council - from A1

#### Snowmobilers: Stay away from the dike

It could be an expensive ride for snowmobilers venturing near the dike. Not only is it a violation of city and county ordinances for snowmobiles to ride on the dike, there could be up to a \$1,000 ticket price tag connected to the law-breaking activities.

At Monday's December meeting of the Casselton City Council, Troy Klevgard with the local snowmobile club, said his phone has already been busy with people calling about local snowmobilers and asking questions about city regulations. Members of the city council and Mayor Ed McConnell said they, too, have been fielding complaints and concerns about snowmobilers. Right now, Klevgard said, snowmo-

biles are going wherever the snow is. “We do need more snow,” he added. That would make it easier for riders to access the sanctioned trails.

Violation of the city ordinance mandates a \$100 fine, but the county ordinance carries up to a \$1,000 fine. Del Losing, city attorney, said deputies do have the authority to enforce the county ordinance and issue tickets for the full amount.

In addition to laws regarding snowmobiles near the dike, there are other city ordinances governing where the sleds can and cannot ride. Klevgard said it appears many of the riders violating the laws are not members of the snowmobile club, but are probably younger riders. Everyone agreed that enforcement of the laws can be difficult

because offenders have to be caught breaking the law. Helmets also make it hard to identify potential violators. It does help if license tag numbers of the offenders can be obtained, so law enforcement officers can contact them.

During a discussion of the situation, Councilman Phil Spooner said, “I think the biggest problem is education.” People do not have an understanding of the local laws, he said. Spooner and other council members stressed the importance of reminding the public of the city and county ordinances regarding snowmobiling and making sure there is stricter enforcement of the laws. The council asked Klevgard to work with the school to get the word out to students who may be using snowmobiles.

## Snowmobilers reminded to follow rules

By Amanda Gades

White snow drifts put smiles on snowmobilers. It means it's about time to hit the trails.

As the snowmobilers put on their gear and get their engines revved up, they need to keep a few rules in mind.

First, drivers should take the closest route from their place to the trail. “Do not drive up and down the city roads at high speeds just for fun,” said Deputy Steve Hahn.

Driving in accordance with the rules of the road will also keep a good rapport between the city and snowmobilers. “There have been towns in North Dakota that have banned snowmobiles from their city limits, and land owners who have pulled their leases from the clubs,” said Troy Klevgard, president of the Rural Cass Snowmobile Club.

#### Citable offenses

The most costly offense - for the

city and snowmobiler - is driving on the dikes or diversion. The action is a federal offense and will result in a \$100 fine, according to Hahn.

The severe penalty is due to the erosion it causes to federal dike or diversion systems. “It damages the integrity of the dike,” said Kevin Mayer, the city's public works supervisor. “This can lead to [structure] failures which can cause costs to the city.”

Some of the other citable fines include:

- Snowmobiling under the influence (0.10 and higher),
- Driving recklessly - this may result in a Class B misdemeanor,
- Failure to license the snowmobile,
- Failure to wear a helmet,
- Trespassing on private property or other designated signed areas, and
- Giving rides to children under six years old.

#### Other reminders

Stephan Bartholomay, director of Casselton parks and recreation, issued a reminder to snowmobilers to stay out of the parks, especially the Governors' Park and Schlager Park. “We recently put up Christmas decorations and we wouldn't want those damaged.”

He also urged snowmobilers to refrain from driving on the putting greens at the Cottonwood Golf Course. “It could really damage the greens.”

#### To file a complaint

If any of these offenses are noticed by residents, they are asked to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 701-241-5800.

Witnesses do not need to travel to Fargo to sign an official complaint. They can do so with a deputy in Casselton.

### Central Cass - from A1



Central Cass Superintendent Mark Weston suggested classroom space issues may be remedied by transforming the computer labs into classrooms. The computer labs would be mobile and could be used at the teacher's classroom.

“I think people are in agreement that a multi-purpose facility is the best,” remarked Pastor Paula Mehmel, who serves on the Friends of Fine Arts board.

Mehmel believes consensus for the project may have broken down when the district initially asked the various groups to meet about

the project. Fine Arts supporters, Athletics enthusiasts and Alternative Learning Center and English Language Learners stakeholders were the three groups that met individually. Mehmel believes they should have met together. “We need to have everyone together to form a coalition,” she said.

Gohdes said the purpose of those groups was just to gather information and that a committee that was meant to use that information for the next steps.

While there were some bumps in the road to forming a consensus, School Board member Ann Ueland says, “There was a positive in this. All of the stakeholders involved want great opportunities for kids. I'm optimistic we can revisit this.”

Gohdes concluded the discussion with a word of encouragement, saying that the addition discussion was not a waste. “It forced us to look to the future,” said Gohdes. “[The addition] is not going to be a dead issue. There is going to be constant evaluation of the proposal.”

#### Superintendent evaluation

The formative evaluation of the superintendent was approved.

“We all agreed that Mr. Weston is an effective leader,” said Roesler.

Some suggested areas of improvement were: establishing a policy review system, more ways to communicate with board members and analyzing some of the curriculum programs that have been recently implemented.

Scott Kost questioned whether a different evaluation could be set up. “I'm not sure that this approach shows Mr. Weston what the schools priorities are.”

Board members decided that the evaluation and goals for the district will be discussed at the board retreat in January or February.

# "Casselton does Christmas" to provide holiday cheer for those in need

By Amanda Gades

Casselton area residents are doing their part to make Christmas special for those who may not otherwise have a cheery holiday.

The joyous celebration will occur on Dec. 14 at the third annual "Casselton does Christmas" at Churches United for the Homeless (CUFH), Moorhead, Minn. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m.

Santa and his elves will bring smiles to children through gifts of fleece blankets and toys. Cookies, pizza, shrimp, meat and cheese trays and other tasty treats will be served. Musical entertainment will cap off the afternoon of holiday delight.

Pastor Paula Mehmel, coordinator of "Casselton does Christmas", believes the event demonstrates the kindness of the Casselton community. "A lot of people are struck by the fact that [the Casselton community] provides this party and we aren't living in Fargo-Moorhead. They can't believe we come from Casselton and that the whole community pitches in to provide the party. That speaks to a lot of people who hear about it - the school, the churches, the business community and area service groups all pitch in on a common project. It reflects the spirit of Casselton, and that spirit really touches the hearts of folks who may feel forgotten and neglected."

In the last two years, more than 100 homeless people and those who have used the shelter have attended the event.

**Be part of the making Christmas merry**

Dozens of volunteers and donors from the Casselton area have made the event possible each year. From tie blankets being made and socks collected by Central Cass students to a Casselton Business Association monetary donation, food donations from local businesses, toy and laundry basket gifts from residents and more.

Residents who have not helped out previously or have not yet committed this year are encouraged to contribute for the event.

Opportunities include: helping with event set-up at CUFH from 1 - 3 p.m. and purchasing or making trail mix, Chex mix or 'puppy chow'. Treats can be dropped off at Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton or bring them to CUFH on the day of the event.

**A Christmas Day celebration**

Area residents will also be at CUFH on Christmas Day. Martin's Lutheran Church will serve a hot breakfast and host a church service. Adult gifts of filled shoeboxes and laundry baskets will be distributed that day.

Laundry basket gifts are being collected until Dec. 22. Suggested items for the baskets include: socks, books, mittens, toiletries, cards, candy, pens, chocolate, pajamas, gift cards, sweatshirts, winter clothing, cologne, perfume, a watch, coffee mug, fingernail polish, wallet, purse and shaving kit.

The new, filled baskets can be dropped at Martin's Lutheran Church.

If you should have any questions

about the Dec. 14 or Dec. 25 events, please contact Pastor Paula Mehmel at 347-4289 or pmehmel@far.midco.net

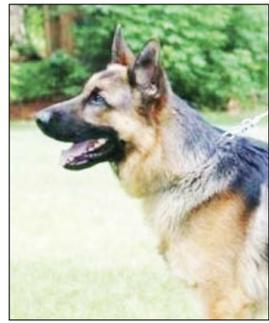


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Santa held 3-year-old Dav'Eanna, who was excited to get a tie blanket and Christmas presents on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009. Also pictured is Christmas elf, Jacob Giermann, a fourth grader at Central Cass.

## Pet Corner

**Name:** Sid Vom Haus Piepenbrink  
**Owner:** Kevin Satrom, Galesburg  
**Type of pet:** German Shepherd  
**Age of Pet:** 6 years  
**Favorite Food:** Deli Turkey  
**Favorite Activities:** Loves riding in the pickup  
**Personality:** Quiet and laid back. He was born and raised in Germany for 1 year and he came to me after they found out he was too mellow for the police academy in Tacoma Washington.



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## Cards of Thanks

We sincerely appreciated the sympathy our family and friends extended to us at the time of Muriel's death. We will always remember the comfort you shared with our family. We love her and will miss her always.

The family of Muriel Bartholomay

A special thank you to all who remembered me on my 80th birthday. It was much appreciated.

Carl Grindberg



## Myrtle Farrell turns 102

A birthday party was held for Myrtle Farrell on Dec. 6 at Casselwood in Casselton. Her friends describe her as having a sharp memory and in very good health.

To demonstrate this her birthday card read, "It's a celebration for Myrtle because 102 never looked so good."

**Jolly Holiday House Sale**  
**Tom Gould Jewelry Building**  
420 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN

**Sale Dates:**  
Wed., Dec. 8th  
4pm-8pm  
Thurs., Dec. 9th  
10am-6pm  
Fri., Dec. 10  
10am-5pm

Shop this sale for a large variety of quality items at good prices!  
**Antiques, collectibles, household & gift articles.**  
\*Due to cold weather, there will be no tickets or preview on this sale.

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**Multiple Consignments!**

**2010 Leonard**

**Santa Day**

**Saturday, December 11, 2010**  
**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Leonard Festival Hall**

All children, of all ages are invited from Leonard & surrounding communities!

**Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides!**  
**Hot Cider & Cookies!**

**Chaffee Lions COMMUNITY AUCTION**

**Thursday, December 9, 2010**  
**@ 7:00 p.m.**

Held at  
**Emden Farmers Union**

**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS**  
All proceeds to Lions activities.  
Conducted by Steffes Auctioneers.

**Drawings for Cash Prizes!**  
Tickets available from Lions' Members.

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## Random Thoughts

by Myrna Lyng

There seems to be a new wrinkle on the social scene these days: sending people a note to "save the date." It's meant to let people know about an important upcoming event that is too far in the future for actual invitations to be sent. It's sort of a nice thing since it gives people a chance to organize their lives, arrange for time off from work, schedule travel venues, lose ten pounds, and so forth.

Well, when William and Kate announced their engagement and said that the nuptials would be held April 29, 2011, that was kind of a "save the date" notice for the immediate world. For all of those who will be invited to the ceremony, knowing the date will enable them to do all of the above, as well as figure out what to wear.

However, I suspect that knowing the date has another meaning for certain snobby Brits and perhaps some world figures. If they are not a lead-pipe cinch to be invited—the Abbey can only hold so many, after all—they might want to "have other plans" for that day.

If they're the least bit socially insecure but want others to think that they are certainly part of the inner circle, they can schedule an "important event" of their own. So if the highly sought-after invitation does not appear in the mailbox, they can let the world know that they absolutely must be out of the country at a highly significant event that can't go on without them. Sorry, and all that, about the royal wedding.

But aha! If the longed-for invite does arrive, the conference (or whatever) can be quietly cancelled or re-scheduled. Sorry to do this to you, but "have to be at the wedding, of course." In fact, that would be a double whammy: snobbery of the highest order.

Anyway, protocol and family ties mandate that certain people will be invited to share the joy with the prince and his princess bride, so we can expect to see some familiar faces. Aside from that, so far the only "for sure" guests are the Beckhams. He's famous for playing soccer and she's famous for being famous.

The timing of the wedding is sort of important, especially for 28-year-old Kate, who has been dubbed "Waity-Katie" by the British tabloids for her supposed lack of ambition and willingness to wait for a proposal. She and William have been an item for seven years or so, and while she is college-educated, she has never really had a job. She has mostly just hung around waiting for the prince to do the down-on-one-knee thing.

The larger question of timing has to do with two other huge events that will require public interest (and funding): the Olympics in London in 2012 and Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, also in 2012. That occasion marks the 60th anniversary of Elizabeth's accession to the throne.

Both require tons of planning and so forth, and squeezing in a royal wedding just wasn't on. (Furthermore, how long would Kate wait, anyway?) Plus, now there's a trifecta of opportunities for tourists to spend their money in hotels and eateries and buying those must-have souvenirs.

Some Brits have had it up to here with the royals and their lifestyle and grouse about "who's going to pay for this!" However, others feel that the wedding is a stimulus package of the highest order for British tourism. On-the-ball manufacturers are already cranking out wedding-related mugs, plates, thimbles, dish towels, coins and playing cards. Just think! A mug with K & W's faces on it for a mere \$7.50. It's estimated that the wedding will be a \$1 billion boost to the flagging British economy. Yowzah.

So, any wish for privacy notwithstanding, it's a given that William and Kate never even considered just running off to a castle in the boonies to have a quiet wedding solemnized by the vicar of Wakefield with Mum and Daddy and Dad and step-mum Camilla in attendance. No sirree, bob. It's practically their civic duty to go whole-hog and do it up right in the Abbey.

However, it's been reported that in deference to the economy and Prince Charles' propensity to "go green," the wedding will be politically correct and all that. Along those lines, one designer who speculates about Kate's wedding gown said that if he were to make it, it would include handmade lace stitchery created by "our highly trained girls at our fair trade workshop in India." Furthermore, he said that if the gown has a fitted bodice and a big skirt, re-cycled plastic could be used for the boning and re-cycled vintage netting could be used for the petticoats.

They wouldn't have to look far. A lot of that netting could come from the puffy meringue that was Princess Di's gown. The stuff from the sleeves alone would do the trick.

Well, I can poke fun 'til the cows come home, I guess, but I'll stay tuned to some of the wedding hullabaloo just like everyone else. Especially speculation about The Dress.

The bottom line? I'm jealous about that \$1 billion dollar kaching! to their economy.

By the way, you know that "degrees of separation" thing? I have two connections to royalty. I shook hands with a former MSU student who, as a baby, was held by Princess Di when she and Charles toured Canada. And at an EMT conference our son John shook hands with a doctor who attended Diana after she was in that fatal crash.

That's probably not a close enough connection for me to be invited to the nuptials. But I'm pretty sure I'm going to be out of town that weekend anyway.



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## Lloyd Omdahl

Former Lt. Governor of ND - Former UND Political Science professor

### Time to "Man Up" To the National Debt

Okay, folks, we've been challenged to "man up" to the national debt by the chairpersons of the bipartisan Bowles-Simpson Commission appointed by President Obama. As we scramble on a fiscal precipice, it's going to take some "manning up" to do the job. Every American will have to share the pain. We've all been at the trough too long.

On the table is a raft of painful fiscal corrections, including cutting general spending, eliminating deductions on income tax (including mortgage interest), bringing back the estate tax, cutting farm subsidies, raising the Social Security retirement age, discontinuing the Bush tax cuts, cutting Social Security benefits for the wealthy, and raising Social Security payroll deductions to \$190,000. These proposals are being put before a pampered people, few of whom have had to tolerate pain of any kind, let alone in the pocketbook. It will be a hard sell.

Frankly, I'm ready to do whatever is necessary. They can subject all of my Social Security to the income tax instead of just 85 per cent. They can raise my gas tax. They can even adjust my Medicare benefits or raise my premiums. (Besides, Medicare is a steal for everyone under the system. That's why it is going broke.)

The first reaction to the Bowles-Simpson challenge was not about dealing with the deficit but about protecting shares of the government largesse. The conservatives don't want to pay more taxes and the liberals don't want to look at entitlement programs. These "get it from somebody else" die-hards will be rearranging the deck chairs until the ship goes under.



## The Dakota Kid

by Lynn Hummel

### CURSE OF THE DO-GOODERS

Humbug! The letter to the editor I read today was from a man who will no longer do business at grocery stores or other outlets that permit panhandling by some guy in a red outfit and ringing a ridiculous bell while begging for "hard earned money so they can give it to people who do not work as hard as I do." He called the practice an annoying racket and harassment of would-be shoppers.

This is the curse of the do-gooders. What an irritation these bleeding hearts can be, especially during the holiday season. In the same paper I saw several examples of the same nonsense.

One story featured a 76-year-old grandmother who wasted her time for two or three hours each week rocking premature babies in the neonatal intensive care unit of a hospital. She was quoted as saying "The parents can't be here all the time. If I can fill that little need of nurturing, it makes my day," and she considers herself "blessed". Isn't that sweet?

Then there was the article "Wishes Granted for Area Families" about a program with "wish lists" of families-in-need coordinated by the YMCA "adopt a family" program for mothers and children in a transitional housing situation -- between homeless shelter and apartment. The YMCA is looking for individuals, families, businesses or groups to donate Christmas gifts or their hard earned money to "adopt" these families at a cost of about \$75.00 per family member adopted, so it would cost \$225.00 to adopt a mother and two children. They call it "giving back to the community".

On another page was another story of a bleeding heart do-gooder. A young mother had her apartment and all her goods destroyed by fire. That same day she and her daughter had nothing but the clothes on their back. They went to a discount store to pick up some basic items. As the mother was checking out, a young man named John gave her \$48.00 left on his purchases and told the clerk to apply the money to the mother's bill. Then he asked if she and her daughter had a place to stay

When folks don't like the message, they usually attack the messenger. If it is possible to discredit the messenger, the message itself is tainted, e.g. if Moses didn't have hearings, the Ten Commandments are invalid. Often, these criticisms are thinly-veiled efforts to sidetrack the whole debt reduction effort. Well, the critics of the Bowles-Simpson proposals didn't lose any time trying to discredit the messenger.

The first criticism to crop up was the use of staff members paid by interest groups harboring a conservative bias. So what? Actually, the point is irrelevant considering the broad options that the Commission put forward for consideration. These interest groups are not going to have the last word. There is still room for ideological balance.

Let's admit it! Americans have been living too high on the hog for decades -- cheap energy, low prices, and plenty of money. Well, the hog is disappearing. It is time for this generation to pay its own way instead of passing the burden to the next generation. At least 90 per cent of us can pay for a share of this debt without threatening our materialistic lifestyle. The rich and the less rich can pay more. So can I.

America is a pretty good place. Even if we received fewer benefits and paid higher taxes it would still beat out any other country in the world for privileges, rights and opportunities. So quit griping! The Bowles-Simpson Commission has given us fair warning that this place is in serious trouble unless we man up and there is nothing in Scripture that guarantees the existence of the United States. When the country gets repossessed by its creditors, we will all wish we had done more. So will our kids.



## Extension Notes

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## Youth Archery and Air Rifle Classes Offered

A hands-on training series in youth archery and air rifle is being offered. Archery and air rifle are two of the shooting sports disciplines in the Outdoor Skills program offered by the Cass County 4-H Youth Development Program of the NDSU Extension Service. This training will introduce youth to the sport of archery and air rifle. This program is valuable in helping young people develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self-control required carries over into many other aspects of life. Certified archery and air rifle instructors will be conducting the training.

The Beginning Level Archery class is for youth ages nine and older with little or no experience in archery or formal training. Youth will learn the basic rules of safety, proper equipment selection and care, and beginning shooting techniques. Equipment will be provided.

The Intermediate Archery class is for youth ages nine and older who have completed the beginning archery class. This training will focus on improving archery skills and introduce youth to competitive shooting. Equipment will be provided; but, if you have your own, please bring it.

The Air Rifle four-week series is a beginning level class for youth ages nine and older. Youth will practice proper shooting techniques, safety rules, range procedures, marksman skills and techniques of safe gun handling. Equipment is supplied.

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### Archery four-week series:

Beginning Archery: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Intermediate Archery: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Saturdays: January 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Register by Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Saturdays: February 5, 12, 19 and 26 - Register by Wednesday, January 26, 2011  
Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19 and 26 - Register by Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Cost: \$16.00 per four-week session payable to Cass County 4-H  
Location: TBA

The demand for participating in archery classes is high so please register early to get a spot!

### Air Rifle four-week series:

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: January 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Register by Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Cost: \$16.00 payable to Cass County 4-H  
Location: River Valley Church, 1111 30th Ave. South, Moorhead

For further information, contact me at 241-5700 or [maxine.nordick@ndsu.edu](mailto:maxine.nordick@ndsu.edu) or visit the website: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/casscountyextension/4h>.

## Ripple Effects

### Talking About Flood Insurance in December

We typically hear about flood insurance in the months and weeks just preceding a potential flood. At that point, we usually have time for just the bare essentials: "Is our flood insurance paid up?" "Should I take out a policy?" "When's the deadline for sign-up?"

In the midst of these details, the bigger picture of flood insurance can get lost. What is it, really? How does it work?

In the U. S., flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) established in 1968. Before that time, few people carried flood insurance because the pool that signed up was small, making private insurance too expensive.

It took a major hurricane in 1965, Betsy, to point out a better solution was needed. Before then, most efforts to control flooding had come in the form of structures to hold back water, such as dams or levees. When those efforts did not hold up against Hurricane Betsy (and other earlier flooding events along the Mississippi), the government decided on a new tack: to try to reduce the effects of flooding.

One of the results of the change in strategy was the NFIP, a federally subsidized program designed to give individuals access to affordable flood insurance to protect their homes and businesses.

So what are the basics of the NFIP?

First is community. A community must sign up to participate in the NFIP by agreeing to adopt and enforce building ordinances within designated floodplain areas with the goal of eliminating or minimizing future flood damage for new or substantially renovated structures.

Second are residents of that community. Once a com-

munity has signed up for the NFIP, individual residents of that community are eligible to purchase subsidized flood insurance. If the insured building lies in a floodplain and has involvement by the federal government, e.g., through a bank loan, that insurance is mandatory. Residents who live outside the floodplain may also purchase flood insurance.

Third are floodplain maps. Early forms of floodplain maps called Flood Hazard Boundary Maps provided general outlines of the 100-year floodplain. More recent Flood Insurance Rate Maps provide specific 100-year boundaries and often include expected 500-year floodplains as well.

The NFIP is not perfect—issues ranging from updating maps to eliminating repeated claims are currently being addressed. But today, more than 20,300 communities and 5.5 million people in the U.S. are protected by reasonably priced flood insurance.

In Manitoba, the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) was formed to reduce the impact of disasters on Manitobans by fostering cooperation of available resources. As part of its duties, EMO is responsible for the administration of the provincial Disaster Financial Assistance program for private and public sectors and the systematization of recovery assistance programs. The purpose of the disaster financial assistance is to assist victims, municipalities, government departments, and other agencies to recoup some of the costs incurred with respect to mitigating the consequences of disaster. Activities include coordination of partners in community recovery, developing and implementing guidelines for the evaluation, approval and payment of disaster assistance claims, and consulting on guidelines and policy.

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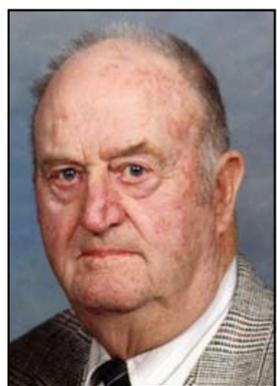
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Area Obituaries



Clair Boyd

Clair H. Boyd, 89, Buffalo, ND, died on Sat., Dec. 4, 2010 in the Parkside Lutheran Nursing Home, Lisbon, ND.

Clair Harvey Boyd was born on July 12, 1921 in Ayr, ND to Harvey and Clara (Buttke) Boyd. He received his education in Ayr and graduated in 1939. Clair enjoyed playing basketball and was on the Ayr State Championship team in 1938 - 1939 and was named to the All State Team. Clair served for three years in the US Marine Corps during World War II. He married Evelyn Mae Holden on June 15, 1947 and they farmed east of Buffalo until moving into Buffalo in 2001. Clair and Evelyn had three children. Karen born in 1948, Kalvin in 1949 and Kelly in 1960. Evelyn passed away on March 6, 2007.

Clair was a member of Buffalo Lutheran Church, American Legion and Buffalo Wildlife. He loved to reminisce about his service in the Marines and was very proud to be part of one of the Honor Flights to Washington, DC.

Clair was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brother, Philip, sisters, Anna, Doris and Lila.

He is survived by a sister, Charlene (Ervin) Botts, Enterprise, OR; daughter, Karen (Lowell) Widmark, Conway, AR; sons, Kalvin (Connie), Hazen, ND, Kelly (Joann), Buffalo, ND; five grandchildren, Landi Schock, Lonn Boyd, Lance Boyd, Jennifer Fischer and Shelby Boyd; five great grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Virgil Holden, Miles (Delores) Holden and Vernon Wang; sister-in-law, Bernice Holden; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. in West Funeral Home, Casselton and one hour before the service in the church.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the Buffalo Lutheran Church, Buffalo, ND.

Burial was at Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo. Condolences may be sent online - westfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being entrusted to West Funeral Home, Casselton and West Fargo.

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Jon Carley

David Boyle

David Michael Boyle, 57, Fargo, died Saturday, December 4, 2010 in his home.

David was born on May 3, 1953 in Jamestown. He grew up on the family farm near Buchanan, attended school in Buchanan and graduated from North Dakota State University. On June 26, 1976, he married Elizabeth (Betsy) Carlisle. They made their home on the Boyle family farm near Buchanan. After retiring from farming in 2000, David and Betsy moved to Casselton and he worked at Fargo Assembly Company, Fargo. In 2006, they moved to Thief River Falls, Minn., where David worked as a Commodity Manager for Arctic Cat, Inc. In October 2009, David retired from Arctic Cat, and he and Betsy later moved to Fargo.

David is survived by his wife of 34 years; his sons, Patrick (Anna) Boyle, Fargo; Peter (Abbie) Boyle, Maple Grove, MN; his mother, Delores Boyle, Jamestown, ND; and his grandsons, Myles and Henry. David was preceded in death by his father, Myles; sister, Karen; and brother, Tim.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, December 7 in West Funeral Home, West Fargo.

Condolences may be sent online - westfuneralhome.com

Melvin Nyberg

Melvin Roger Nyberg, 84, Fargo, formerly from Arthur, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, in Elim Care Center, Fargo.

Melvin was born Dec. 31, 1925, to Oswald and Ebba Nyberg in Little Falls, Minn. After Oswald was killed in a quarry accident, Ebba married John Levin and moved to a farm near Arthur.

Melvin married Ardis McKinnon in 1948. They farmed near Arthur. Melvin was also a licensed plumber, working in the area doing both plumbing and heating. He was active in the area serving on the school board, St. John Lutheran Church Council, Arthur Cemetery Board, Gunkel Township Board, and Arthur Good Samaritan Board of Directors.

Melvin is survived by his sons, Charles (Karol) Nyberg, Grand Forks, and Rand (Ann) Nyberg, Arthur; daughter, Mary (Richard) Bjorgaard, Fargo; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty (Don) Blocher, Hugo, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Ardis.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Elim Care Center Chapel, Fargo.

Burial is in Arthur Cemetery, Arthur.

Condolences may be sent online - westfuneralhome.com

Lorraine Hahn

Lorraine E. Hahn, 85, Fargo, died Sunday, December 5, 2010, at Bethany on 42nd, Fargo.

Lorraine Ella Luther was born August 4, 1925 on the home farm, rural Alice, to Fred and Rose (Buschold) Luther. She grew up and attended country school at Alice. She worked at St. John's Hospital, Fargo, and later managed the Co-Op store in Embden. She also did upholstery work.

On January 27, 1946, she married Darrold B. Hahn, at Embden. They farmed in the Alice and Enderlin area until retirement. Following Darrold's death in 2001, Lorraine moved to Fargo. She resided at Bethany Homes for the past several years.

She is survived by son, Ray (Joy), Lake Park, Minn.; daughter, Janice (Stuart) Syverson, West Fargo; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and seven brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be (today) Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. in West Funeral Home Chapel, West Fargo.

The funeral will be Thursday, December 9 at 10:30 in St. John Lutheran Church, Embden.

Burial is in St. John Cemetery, Embden.

Condolences may be sent online - westfuneralhome.com

Support group to meet

Insight, a local support group for persons who are blind and sight impaired in the Fargo community, will hold its next monthly meeting Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the community room at New Horizons Manor 2525 Broadway North. This meeting will be devoted to holding the support group's annual Christmas party.

Anyone who is dealing with a loss of eyesight and/or their family members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Questions concerning the group and/or the meeting can be directed to Allan Peterson at 282-4644.

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Your memory is a keepsake with which we'll never part, God has you in his keeping, We have you in our heart.

With Love  
Wes, Vaughn, Vicki, Danny, Megan, Margo, Devin



Area Church Directory

Catholic

St. Agatha's Catholic  
Hope-Rev. Timothy Johnson  
Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart  
Sanborn-Rev. Timothy Johnson  
Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

St. Agnes Catholic  
Hunter-Rev. Matthew Attanese  
Mass: 1st, 3rd Sundays 8:30 a.m.  
Mass: 2nd, 4th Sundays 10:30 a.m.  
Wed., March 10: "I Am the Light of the World" 6:00 p.m.

St. Benedict's Catholic  
Horace-Rev. Jared Kadlec  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 7:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Mass: Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Mass: Wednesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

St. Bernard Catholic  
Oriska-Rev. Timothy Johnson  
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo's Catholic  
Casselton-Rev. James Ermer  
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.  
Mass: 2nd, 4th Sundays 8:30 a.m.  
Mass: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m.

St. Maurice's Catholic  
Kindred-Father Jared Kadlec  
Mass: 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Catholic  
Buffalo-Rev. James Ermer  
Mass: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8:30 a.m.  
Mass: 2nd, 4th Sundays 10:30 a.m.

St. Williams Catholic  
Argusville-Father Leo Kinney  
Daily Mass: Thursday: 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday Mass: 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Congregational

Barrie Congregational  
Rural Kindred-Rev. Chuck Belzer  
Worship: October 24

United Church of Christ  
Argusville-Rev. Dorothy (Darcy) Borden  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Lutheran

Buffalo Lutheran  
Buffalo-Rev. Cathy Hedmark  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran  
Hunter-Rev. Julie Tillberg  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Gardner United Lutheran  
Gardner-Rev. Tim Bauer  
Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Center  
Pastor Scott Fielder  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Gift of God Lutheran (CLC)  
Mapleton - Rev. Matthew Gurath  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran  
Grandin-Rev. Michael Kessler  
Worship: 8:30 a.m.

Herby Lutheran

Argusville-Rev. Paul Fugelstad  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Horace Lutheran  
Horace-Pastor Dave Sorensen  
Worship: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Kindred Lutheran  
Kindred-Pastor Andrew Schlecht.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
Website: www.kindredlutheran.com

New Hope Lutheran Church  
Leonard  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Maple Sheyenne Lutheran  
Harwood-Rev. Emily Nesdahl  
Worship: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Martin's Lutheran  
Casselton-Rev. Dr. Paula V. Mehmel  
Worship: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m.

Norman-Davenport Parish  
Kindred-Davenport-Rev. Brian Hansen  
Worship: Davenport 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.  
Worship: Norman 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran  
Page-Pastors Jeffery & Elizabeth Davis  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran  
Hope-Pastors Jeffery & Elizabeth Davis  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Shepherd of the Prairie  
Rev. Sarah Larsen Tade  
Saturday Worship: Walcott: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship: Hickson: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: Christine: 11:00 a.m.

St. John Lutheran  
Arthur-Pastor Scott Fielder  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

St. John Lutheran  
Embden-Rev. John Flaa  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran  
Tower City-Rev. Cathy Hedmark  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran  
Rural Chaffee-Rev. John Flaa  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

West Prairie Free Lutheran (AFLC)  
Rural Kindred, Rev. Lee Hoops  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran  
Ayr-Pastors Jeffery & Elizabeth Davis  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran  
Harwood-Pastor Doug Stave  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship: 11:00 a.m.

Methodist

Kindred Area Parish  
Calvary-Kindred, Zion near Walcott  
Pastor John Bergh  
Worship: Zion 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: Kindred 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Arthur/Casselton  
Rev. Arlyn Coalter  
Worship: Casselton 10:30 a.m.  
Worship: Arthur 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist - Page  
Rev. Allen Finger  
Worship: 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist - Hope  
Rev. Allen Finger  
Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Moravian

Bethel-Goshen Moravian  
Leonard - Rev. Reid Lauderman  
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Worship: Goshen 9:00 a.m.  
Worship: Bethel 11:00 a.m.

Canaan Moravian  
Rural Davenport - Pastor Mary Bielke  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Presbyterian

Baldwin Presbyterian  
Pillsbury-Substitute Supply Pastor  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Colgate Presbyterian  
Rev. Mark Flaten  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Faith United Presbyterian  
Hunter-Grandin-Rev. Donna Monteith  
Worship: Hunter 9:00 a.m.  
Worship: Grandin 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian  
Buffalo-Rev. Brian Hazard  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Tower City Presbyterian  
Tower City-Rev. Brian Hazard  
Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.



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# Central Cass DFS auction well attended



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Vince Bachmeier, left, of the Central Cass Dollars for Scholars board, presented Julie Burgum with a plaque in memory of her husband Brad's commitment to the program.



Dustin Sheer was awarded the Mel Scherweit Memorial Scholarship. Denise Bartholomay, right, presented the award to his mom, Kim. Dustin Scheer is a freshman at NDSU and is majoring in electrical engineering.



## Socks and mittens for those without

The Casselton Junior Optimists are sponsoring a collection drive for hats, mittens, gloves, socks and winter clothes for those in need. The collection is being held through Friday, Dec. 10. Items will be distributed locally first and then brought to shelters in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area. If you would like to donate, bring the products to the Central Cass Elementary School office during the school day.



(Left) Bernie Sinner, Jim Williams and Tom Roden tabulate the results from the auction during the Central Cass Dollars for Scholars event Saturday evening. Nearly 200 people attended the annual event at St. Leo's Spirit of Life Center, Casselton.



Central Cass Students of the Month for December are (back, from left) Madison Berger, Paige Haugen, Eli Kollman (front) Jesse Mann, Mikaela Prochnow, Jenna Corcoran and Abby Idso.

## Area school lunch menus



### Kindred

Monday, December 13 - Chicken fajitas, refried beans and fruit  
 Tuesday, December 14 - Cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun, curly fries and fruit  
 Wednesday, December 15 - Cold cut submarine sandwich, California blend vegetables, tri tater and fruit  
 Thursday, December 16 - Tater tot hotdish, cooked carrots, fruit and cookie  
 Friday, December 17 - Pizza, lettuce salad and fruit  
**Davenport**  
 Monday, December 13 - Scrambled eggs, sausage, tri tater and applesauce  
 Tuesday, December 14 - Sloppy joe, bun, french fries and peaches  
 Wednesday, December 15 - Grilled cheese sandwich, boiled egg, peas and pears  
 Thursday, December 16 - Macaroni hotdish, corn and pineapple  
 Friday, December 17 - Hot dog, bun, potato wedges and mixed fruit  
**Central Cass**  
 Thursday, December 9 - Shrimp poppers and seasoned macaroni  
 Friday, December 10 - Summer sausage sandwich and chicken tortilla soup  
 Monday, December 13 - Cheesy garlic bread with dipping sauce

Tuesday, December 14 - Hamburgers and fries  
 Wednesday, December 15 - Ham sandwich and chicken noodle soup  
 Thursday, December 16 - Spaghetti and garlic toast  
 Friday, December 17 - Pizza  
**Northern Cass**  
 Thursday, December 9 - Chili, cornbread, carrots, celery and fruit  
 Friday, December 10 - Pizza or quesadillas, Mexican rice, green beans and fruit  
 Monday, December 13 - Burrito, cheese sauce, rice, corn and fruit or soup and sandwich  
 Tuesday, December 14 - Spaghetti, breadsticks, cottage cheese and fruit  
 Wednesday, December 15 - Hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit and dessert  
 Thursday, December 16 - Scalloped potatoes with ham, mixed vegetables and fruit  
 Friday, December 17 - Chicken patty or barbecue rib patty, au gratin potatoes, green beans and fruit  
**Page**  
 Thursday, December 9 - Hamburger stroganoff, corn, pineapple and cheese cake  
 Friday, December 10 - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato or potato soup, applesauce and rice krispie

bar  
 Monday, December 13 - Pancakes, sausage, hashbrown patties and apples with caramel  
 Tuesday, December 14 - Spaghetti, French bread, lettuce salad, grapes and sugar cookies  
 Wednesday, December 15 - Hamburgers, oven potatoes, broccoli, bananas and ice cream bars  
 Thursday, December 16 - Soft shell tacos, peaches and lemon poppy seed muffins  
 Friday, December 17 - Baked ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, pineapple and chocolate cake

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## Mapleton participates in "Fill the Dome"

Mapleton Elementary Students exceeded their goals for Fill the Dome food drive! K-6 students brought in 14,289 pennies! The goal was 10,000 pennies. Next, the students brought in about 150 pounds of non-perishable food items! Again, they exceeded their

goal of 100 pounds. After the students reached both their goals, the sixth graders were able to deliver the food and pennies to the Fargo Dome Monday, Nov. 20. What a great experience! The Mapleton Elementary staff

would like to acknowledge every single student! "Yes, you have spirit, yes, you do. You've got SPIRIT, yes you do!" All we can say is: THANK YOU. Sincerely, Mapleton Elementary Staff

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2010 Central Cass Dollars for Scholars Live/Silent Auction so successful.

To the businesses and individuals who provided a variety of sale items which sparked interest and stimulated very spirited bidding, and to those who sent cash ... **THANKS!** To the bidders whose enthusiasm and dedication to the program made the evening memorable ... **THANKS!**

A special thanks to the Auction Committee; to St. Leo's Catholic Church for the use of the Spirit of Life Center; to the staff of the Cass County Reporter; to the Red Baron Lounge for the refreshments; to Auctioneer Bruce Hagen; and to Tom Nowak for the use of his office space.

Again, thanks to everyone for supporting the students of Central Cass!

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# Several Casselton water service lines break in same week

## Page Community Club



Photos by Amanda Gades/The Reporter

Jerry Fletschock of Jerry's Excavating, Casselton, worked to fix the service breaks near the Casselton City Hall Monday. This was the second time in a week Fletschock had to repair a line break on that block. The leaks were caused by aging infrastructure, according to Public Works Supervisor Kevin Mayer. This is not a frequent occurrence, however. "We get service lines that break every once in a while," said Mayer. "We have not had a water main break for several years."

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 1, the block of Langer Ave. and 1st Street to Front Street was barricaded to allow Jerry's Excavating to safely repair two service line breaks. The first break was fixed relatively fast, but it took until 6 p.m. to repair the second water line. The road was reopened shortly after that. During that nine-hour time frame, water was shut off to 58 valves in the city, said Fletschock. The area where concrete needed to be dug up to repair the line has been temporarily filled in with gravel. The concrete will be replaced in the spring.

The Page Community Club sponsored a Community Holiday Event Sunday, Dec. 5, beginning at 3:30 p.m. with a movie, "Secretariat" shown at the theatre. Popcorn, pop and water were provided during the movie.

A Parade of Lights featuring seven vehicles decorated with many colored lights went up and down Main Street at 5:30 p.m. After the parade children visited Santa in the auditorium and families enjoyed the Soup and Sandwich supper, featuring three kinds of soup and chili, along with barbecue and egg salad sandwiches.

The Page Area Dollars for Scholars and many other volunteers helped with the event. The movie was shown again at 7:30 p.m. All festivities were free of charge to the public. Some businesses provided generous financial support.

Community Club members Madge Dows, Pam Reis, Barb and Kevin Basch and Linda Thomas were on the committee planning the December event.

## Casselton Community Billboard

Silver Threads Senior Club will meet Monday, Dec. 13 in Westminster Presbyterian Church. There will be a catered meal and program. Call June Reitan at 347-5571 or Bev Braaten at 347-4605 for reservations.

## Page Community Billboard

A book fair will be held in the Page School library Dec. 2 through Dec. 10.

Dixie Cups performance "I'll Be Home for Christmas" dinner theatre will be held Dec. 10 - 12.

High School Christmas concert will be held Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Hope School.

A Foot Clinic will be held in the Page Senior Center Dec. 16 for anyone needing help with foot care.

Hope-Page Schools will be on Christmas and holiday vacation from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3.

## Congregate Meals

Meals are served Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Page Cafe with home delivery Monday through Friday. All meals include milk.

Monday, December 13 - Spaghetti with meat balls, Italian blend vegetables, Captain's salad, garlic bread stick and red apple

Tuesday, December 14 - Pork roast with gravy, smashed potatoes, Harvard beets and waldorf salad

Wednesday, December 15 - Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, crunchy cucumbers and ginger bread with topping

Thursday, December 16 - Ham with raisin sauce, baked potato with sour cream, carrots, pineapple chunks and pumpkin bread

Friday, December 17 - Creamy chicken and rice casserole, country blend vegetables, three bean salad and apple crisp with topping

## Page 'Fun and Friendship' seniors meet

The Page "Fun and Friendship" Senior Citizens had the monthly business meeting in the Senior Center Friday afternoon, Dec. 3. The meeting opened with the Pledge and Salute to the Flag. President Gladys Jondahl-Morton led in a famous person quiz and a Christmas Carol fun quiz.

Joanne Erickson read the secretary minutes from the November meeting, and she reported the attendance book, kept for many years, is filled and she started a new book.

Nola Satrom gave the treasury report. Recent expenditures were for repair of the fence by the Memorial Park, for cleaning the carpeting by Connie Friesz, as well as regular utilities payments. Nola Satrom listed the balances in both accounts and the Memorial Park Fund account.

Correspondence read was a thank you note from the Cass County Food Pantry expressing appreciation for the

cash donation from "Fun and Friendship" donations at the November birthday dinner.

Vice president Mary Burgard who is in charge of memberships, reported that Jackie Brown of Colgate is a new member. Dues for the 2011 year are being collected, and most have already been paid. Last year the membership was 45.

New chairs have been ordered for the Senior Center. When they arrive the older chairs will be offered for sale.

A thank you was expressed to Marion Iverson for making calls to remind patients of the Foot Clinic all year. Dorothy Krogsgaard will make the Foot Clinic calls next year.

Announcements were that the Foot Clinic will be Dec. 16 in the Senior Center; the Valley Senior annual Christmas meeting will be Dec. 20 in the Golden Corral, Fargo; and the

monthly birthday dinner will be noon, Dec. 29 with election of officers for the offices of secretary and president.

Instead of bringing birthday greeting cards, those attending can make donations to the Food Pantry. The next meeting and blood pressure clinic will be Jan. 7 in the Senior Center.

After the meeting there was card playing of pinochle and "hand and foot." Lunch was served by Vivian Kent.

Before the "Fun and Friendship" business meeting, Nola Satrom checked and recorded blood pressures of those who wanted to be checked.

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## Hunter Senior Citizens met

Hunter Friendship Senior Citizens Club met for supper at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 in the Hunter Grain meeting room. The chicken supper was catered by the Hunter Cafe and Bakery.

After the supper the business meeting was opened by club president, La-Vern Fillbrandt with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The November birthday of Jeanne Olson and the anniversary of John and Joyce Jorgensen were observed with the singing of the birthday and anniversary songs.

The secretary's report was given by Gloria Porter and the treasurer's report by Bernice Peihl and were accepted. The officers whose terms had expired, First Vice President Joyce Jorgensen and Secretary Gloria Porter, were re-elected for 2011.

Darlene Fillbrandt gave an interesting report on her trip to England Sept. 24-30 which she attended a book club reading retreat.

The council Christmas party will be Dec. 20 in the Golden Corral restaurant. The Friendship Club Christmas party will be Friday, Dec. 17 in the Hunter Cafe.

Vicki Peihl and her daughters Jessica Hill and Tiffany Peihl and grandson, Brody Hill, West Fargo, presented a humorous skit "Aprons and Hats."

Coffee and cookies were served after the skit to the guests and club members.

## Page

Valeda Samuelson arrived in Page last week after having been away since the end of August. She has been in Tel Aviv YAFO in mission work and leading Bible studies, with praise and prayer.

Lori Abraham is recovering after having hip replacement surgery last week.

Darci Flaten, granddaughter of Joanne Erickson, was honored at a bridal shower Saturday in the Elm River Lutheran Church, Galesburg.

Mike and Lori Abraham and family celebrated Thanksgiving with family members in Fergus Falls, Minn.

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## Open Houses

We will have our annual Christmas Open Houses  
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Hope: December 14 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)  
 Hunter: December 14 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)  
 Galesburg: December 15 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)  
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# A very merry Christmas Holiday event in Kindred



Jolly Old St. Nicholas arrived at the Kindred City Park on a fire truck. He and his elves assisted with the tree lighting at the park and enjoyed a meal with area community members.



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Elf Savannah Neseiemeier handing out treats to Rebecca Ewertz during the Christmas Holiday event in Kindred Dec. 5.



Santa had many young visitors sit on his lap including Ben Miller.



The hot dog meal was served by Joan Ordahl, left, with the Friends of the Kindred Public Library, Mayor Wayne Lunder and Joe Howell, park board member.

## Page WELCA

Women of Our Savior Lutheran Church met in the parish building the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 1 with eight women, including Pastor Liz, president. Ruth Circle members furnished lunch.

President Diane Wade called the meeting to order by having all read the Purpose of the Organization in unison.

The secretary minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. There was much correspondence to be reviewed, mostly acknowledgments and thank yous from the organizations listed on the annual budget who had received the annual donations, and also thank yous from Nick and Marsha Holden and Nathan and Joan Carey who had received welcome baskets.

Treasurer Marilyn Thompson gave the financial report, listing the beginning balance, income and expenses. Income included the Thank Offering of \$291.00 and offerings from WELCA and Circles. Expenses included purchase of groceries for Harvest Fest dinner, for Fair Trade Coffee and Tea samples, to Rachel Circle for craft supplies for Advent project, and for table decorations and welcome baskets. The Thank Offering and 60 percent of offerings was paid in to the District WELCA treasurer. Donations were sent to the organizations listed in the annual budget. The balances in the checking account, savings account, working balance and quilting fund were listed. Two new Hotpoint refrigerators were purchased for the church kitchen, using funds received from the Harvest Fest Offering. The treasurer's report was accepted.

No Mission Action, Mission Community or Altar Reports were given.

Nola Satrom reminded women of Bethany's an-

nual Silent Auction and Bake Sale to be Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items are needed for both. Auction items should be brought to Nola by Sunday, Dec. 5 and the baked goods by Wednesday, Dec. 8 or to the Christmas party that evening. Quilts are sold at the Auction too and people do their Christmas shopping.

Library Report by Carol Flickinger. She told of several books in the church library by Dee Henderson from "The Uncommon Heroes" series, "True Valor" and "True Honor." Carol also mentioned "Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy," for teens. Volunteers are still needed to be librarians.

Unfinished Business:  
Fair Trade Coffee and Tea will be served at the Circles' Christmas party the evening of Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Four different blends are to be sampled, and drip coffee pots will be needed for brewing. Ham and roast beef will be furnished. Those attending are to bring a dish to share, and a small gift for bingo. Bring a few goodies to share also.

The reminder booklets will be printed soon. Report any changes to be made.

Two new 34 cubic foot refrigerators have been installed side by side in the church kitchen, priced at \$904.00. President Diane Wade expressed a thank you to Jo Satrom, Marilyn Thompson and Nancy Satrom for the refrigerator shopping.

The Triennial Convention to be held in Spokane, Wash., July 14-17, 2011 was mentioned again, in case anyone plans to attend. Deadline to register to receive a discount is Jan. 7, 2011.

Christmas gifts were collected for the Jamestown Hospital in November. The gifts were packed to be transported to Jamestown by Donald Olstad. Diane

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expressed a thank you to all those who had brought unwrapped gifts.

Mary Circle members asked if a Work Group could serve the Advent dinner instead of them having the responsibility. After discussion, a motion carried for a Work Group to do so, and include in the reminder booklet.

New Business:  
The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 19 during the worship service. A pie sale and potluck dinner will follow with a free will offering to go for purchasing new costumes. Sunday School includes 44 children from three-year-olds through sixth grade.

New Ruth Circle for 2011 will be in charge of the first quilting Thursday, Jan. 6. Circle members are listed and are to be printed in the reminder booklets.

After the meeting adjourned, Mary Circle was in charge of the program and had asked Pastor Liz to lead a Bible study from "The Lutheran Women Today." Diane Wade gave a reading, "Reflections for Preparation for Christmas," and she told of the meaning of the colors of Christmas.

Ruth Circle has altar duty in December and January.

The next meeting will be January 5 at 2 p.m. Hannah-program; Rachel-lunch. Work Group II is to serve the next event.

Thank yous were expressed to Group I for serving after the funeral of Ardie Thorson; to Mary Circle for the program, and to Ruth Circle for lunch.

## Kindred Community Billboard

**Kindred Seniors** will meet Monday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. in Dewey's for dinner. Members should call Dewey's for reservations by Friday, Dec. 10. A business meeting will be held at the REA after dinner.

## Page school news

Thursday, December 9 - Book Fair; Boys' basketball in the Barnes County Tournament in Valley City, TBA.

Friday, December 10 - Book Fair; Varsity girls' basketball in Finley against Central Valley at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 11 - Boys' Basketball in Barnes County Tournament in Valley City, TBA.

Monday, December 13 - High School Christmas Concert in Hope at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14 - Preschool Christmas program at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 16 - Varsity boys' basketball in Page against Richland at 6 p.m.

Friday, December 17 - Varsity girls' basketball in Page against Kindred at 6 p.m.; Board meeting in Page at 8 a.m.

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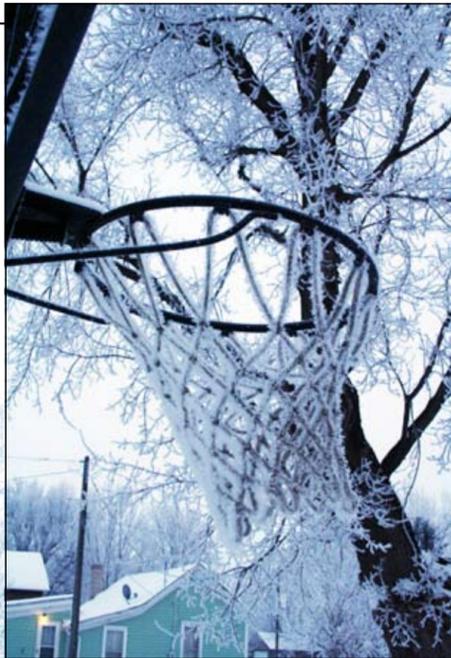
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## Hoar Frost

Area residents awoke Tuesday morning to a frosty winter wonderland.

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## What a homecoming!

During the Kindred Tour of Homes the Wolf home had some familiar visitors (back, from left) Bob and Brenda Young, (middle) Norman Bakkegard, Linda (Swenson) Orvik, Joyce (Swenson) Holter, Verne Wolf (front) Sharon Bakkegard and Suzanne Wolf. The house was built in 1912 by the Swenson family. It has been owned by only four families, all of whom are represented above.

## Corps safety tips for winter ice season

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, would like to remind everyone about the dangers that exist as lakes and rivers freeze in the Upper Midwest.

The holiday vacation time is traditionally the big kick off for the ice fishing season. Current ice conditions are poor at best with less than two inches of ice on most lakes and rivers in Minnesota and Wisconsin with slightly more in North Dakota. Continued fluctuations of temperatures above and below freezing are not helpful in making good clear ice.

It is good for people to remember that no ice is ever completely safe.

Lakes and rivers are dynamic places with water currents, springs, water control structures, cattails, snow cover and many other factors that affect the thickness of the ice and how it forms. Many of these factors are hidden from us and are difficult to see. Knowing that ice is never completely safe, here are some guidelines on what loads good, clear ice can hold:

- \*Four inches can hold a person.
- \*Five inches can hold a snowmobile.
- \*10-12 inches can hold a small car.
- \*12-18 inches can hold a light truck.

If people are going to venture onto

the ice here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

- \*Talk to someone familiar with the lake you are going to visit about ice conditions.
- \*Take a set of ice picks or nails with to help you get back on the ice in the event that you fall in.
- \*Let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
- \*Remember that standing or parking in a group will require more ice than what is recommended in the guidelines.
- \*Ice conditions can change from day to day.

## Don't push snow into highway right-of-ways

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) are requesting that landowners not push snow into rights-of-way and ditches on state highways. This practice can exaggerate the drifting problems experienced on state highways. These drifts can create obstructions

for motorists. State law prohibits a person from obstructing, or causing to be obstructed, any public highway or right-of-way.

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The City's Community Development Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the City Commission about who should receive the equipment. Criteria used to select recipients will be based, in part, on how the donated items would impact the organization. The computer equipment is expected to be distributed in January 2011.



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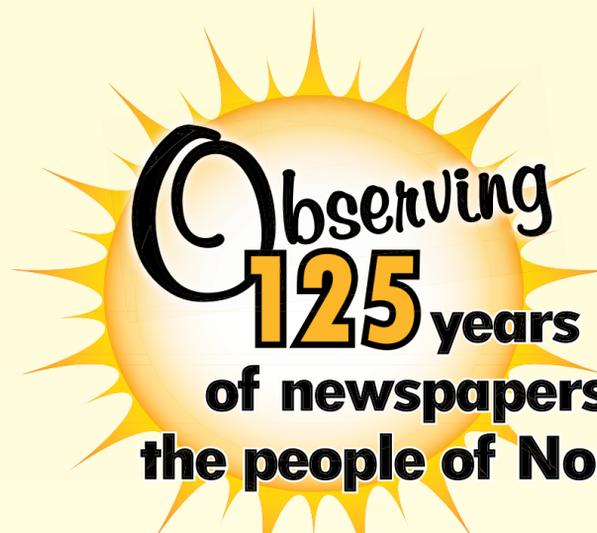
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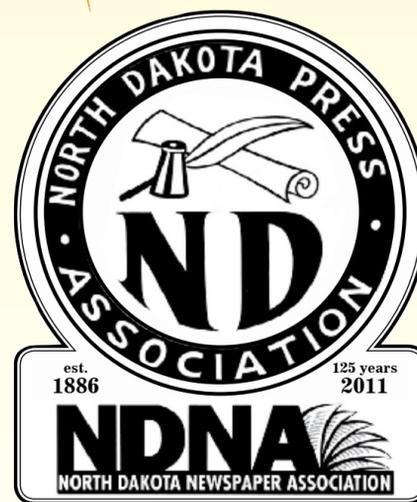


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# Platter Chatter

By Lin Smithwick

## 1,100 – but who's counting?

She laughs at the idea of talking about her cooking. Bernice Peihl would rather talk about animals – stuffed animals. Her stuffed animals.

"The first one I made was a little horse for Lois," she says thinking back a few years. Lois Ewertz is the only daughter of the four children Bernice and her late husband, Lon, had during their 37 years of marriage. Don't worry – the three sons – Jim, Mark and Larry – have also had their share of stuffed animals made just for them. The traditions continue as Bernice spends a snowy afternoon working on a bear for a great-grandchild. She has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren – that translates into a lot of time spent making special things fashioned with her needle-and-thread brand of love.

But it isn't just her family who has animals and other keepsakes to cherish. "I started out keeping count of the animals I made, but I quit counting at 1,100. That was quite awhile ago," she says with her good-natured sense of humor.

Through the years, Bernice has made the expected stuffed animals. She has also made some other very special items. People bring her clothes from a loved one who has died, so she can make animals for members of the family to have. When her own brother-in-law died, she made bears from his bib overalls and shirts for his children. One of her treasured items is a bear made from her mother's winter coat.

"These are so special for people and I love making them," she remarks. She is also asked to make quilts and throws for gifts for everyone from babies to older folks. "I like to do this because it's doing something for someone else."

Her animals have journeyed far from her Arthur home. "I have sent animals to Arizona, Florida, Califor-

nia – and all over the Midwest. It's very interesting." She chuckles at the thought of how many bags of 'stuffing' she has used. "It has to be hundreds of bags – I haven't kept track of that."

Obviously, a mother doesn't raise four kids without also being handy in the kitchen. Bernice does not retreat behind a make-believe image. Her kids liked her tuna fish casserole and her chocolate chip cookies when they were younger. By the time they were all grown up, she swore she would never make another tuna fish casserole. "I didn't care if I never saw another one ever in my life," she says with laughter that fills her cozy living room. The same thing goes for the cookies. She sums it up in one word: "Yuck." She shakes her head to emphasize her feelings. She does admit she can at least eat a chocolate chip cookie; just don't ask her to bake any.

Despite her protestations that she does not cook, the aroma of a freshly baked pecan pie belies her words. The fact that she recently spent several hours making divinity for the tree lighting event in Arthur last week, offers more evidence that this lady knows how to whip up goodies in the kitchen. "We have always been meat and potato people. Lon never wanted me to mess with salads – just meat and potatoes." And tuna fish casseroles and chocolate chip cookies.

"I really don't like to cook – it's just something I've had to do. Besides," she adds with an impish giggle, "I am too busy sewing to cook; it's my relaxation. When I am sewing, I can forget everything else. I'd rather sew than cook any day."

For a lady who has made enough animals to fill several of Noah's arks, Bernice Peihl is content to just keep on stitching up an animal or two along the way. She will leave the cooking to someone else.

### Shortcake Biscuits

Sift together in large bowl:  
3 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tbsps. baking powder  
2 tbsps. sugar  
Beat two eggs; add 1 1/2 cups milk and 2/3 cup melted shortening or oil. Add to dry ingredients; mix well. Drop by tablespoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in 400 degree oven until golden brown.

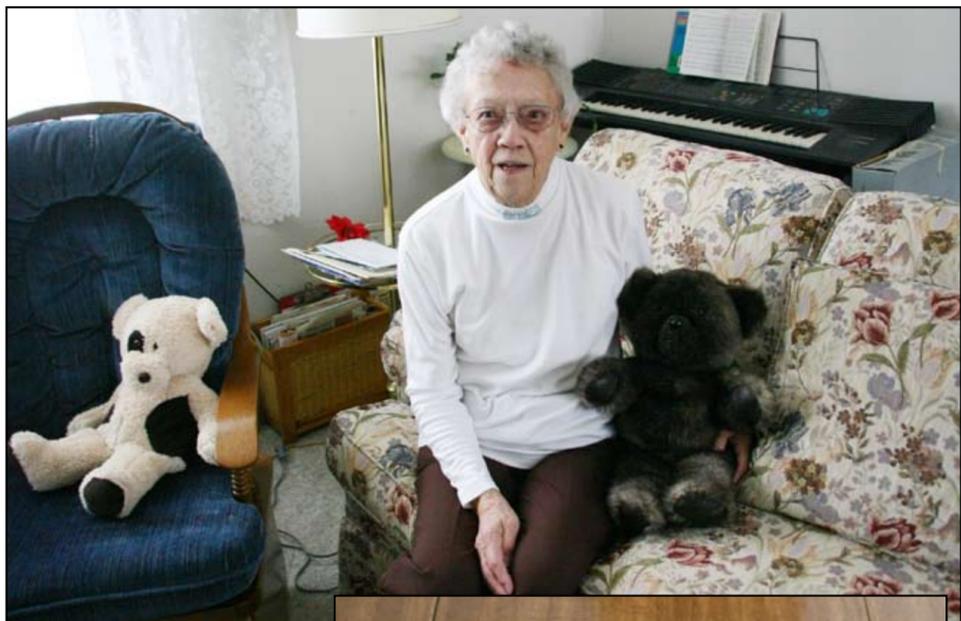
### Custard Pecan Pie

1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1 tsp. flour  
1 stick butter, melted  
3 tbsps. milk  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup pecans  
1 unbaked pie shell  
Combine all ingredients and pour into pie shell. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

### Double Divinity

First mixture:  
2 1/4 cups sugar  
1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp. water  
3/4 cup white corn syrup  
Boil until firm stage is reached. While this is boiling, beat two egg whites until stiff – add 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and 1/2 tsp. salt. Have a second mixture of 3/4 cup sugar and 3/8 cup water ready to put on stove when first mixture is taken off burner. Slowly pour the first mixture over beaten egg whites, beating all the time. Boil the second mixture until it spins a thread. Pour into the egg white mixture and beat until it will not stick to fingers when touched lightly. Add walnuts and vanilla; put on waxed paper.

NOTE: This recipe takes patience – it may take a half hour or more.



Photos by Lin Smithwick / The Reporter

(Above) Bernice Peihl with one of her favorite stuffed animals – a teddy bear she made from her mother's winter coat. Another animal rests in a nearby chair waiting for a finishing stitch or two.

(Right) Bernice may say she doesn't cook, but this fresh-from-the-oven pecan pie is evidence she is as handy with a mixer as she is with needle and thread.



## NDSU helps producers through Dakota Select Seed Open to all producers who are active in certified seed production

Dakota Select Seed is a grower group organized by the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association (NDCISA) in 2007. The objective of this group is to produce, market and promote seed of certain crop varieties that typically struggle to maintain viability in the certified seed industry.

Public breeding programs, such as the North Dakota State University oat and two-rowed barley programs, focus on crops that are planted on small acreages relative to some of the major crops in the region. Although the sheer number of acres planted to these crops may be limited, the benefit that producers of these limited-use crops receive from having a public breeding program working for them is great.

"Through the years, public funding for breeding programs

has decreased, leaving many programs, especially those focusing on small-acreage crops, with a difficult time obtaining operating funds," says Dale Williams, North Dakota Foundation Seedstocks director. Foundation Seedstocks is in the NDSU Department of Plant Sciences.

"An idea was brought forward within the NDCISA to address the concern of supporting NDSU breeding programs to ensure continued benefit to the sector of the agriculture community that they serve," he adds. "The idea focused on capturing value from varieties that have been historically unprotected or have not been able to develop adequate end-use markets through traditional production and distribution channels, thus providing no revenue to invest back into variety development programs."

The NDCISA has a history of working with NDSU varieties, and a framework existed to work with these limited-use crops with a slight variation to traditional production and distribution channels.

A model was developed that illustrates how a dedicated grower network could help develop an end-use and seed market for small acreage crops and subsequently capture a revenue stream in the form of research fees that could be reinvested in the NDSU public breeding programs for the development of new higher-yielding, improved disease resistant varieties with better end-user quality.

The NDCISA presented this model to the NDSU Research Foundation (NDSU/RF) in 2007. The NDSU/RF is the owner of all varieties released by the North Dakota Agricultural Experi-

ment Station. An agreement was reached between the NDSU/RF and NDCISA. This agreement resulted in the exclusive licensing of Souris oats and Rawson barley to the NDCISA.

Today, Dakota Select Seed also works with Rockford oats, which is the latest oat variety released by NDSU. Bobcat winter triticale from Canada and Overland hard red winter wheat from Nebraska are also produced and marketed by the Dakota Select Seed grower network. The new hard red spring wheat with Clearfield technology, ND901CL Plus, is licensed through the NDSU/RF and managed by Dakota Select Seed growers. More information on these NDSU varieties can be found at <http://www.ndfss.com>.

"The Dakota Select Seed program is open to all producers who are active in certified seed

production and meet the membership eligibility requirements," Williams says. "To become a member of the Dakota Select Seed grower program, a producer must have a current seed tax number and a history of timely research fee reporting and payment, and must have met final certification of at least one crop in three of the last five years. Growers also must pay a \$100 per variety per year access fee. Some varieties may have different requirements."

The Dakota Select Seed management team has advisory membership consisting of representatives from the North Dakota State Seed Department, NDSU/RF, NDSU Foundation Seed, NDSU

Research and Extension Centers and the NDSU county Extension Service. The Dakota Select Seed management team operates under the NDCISA bylaws, and all management team meetings are open to the public.

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