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## AN ANGEL IN THE FRONT COURT

By Chad Koenen  
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As the pep band breaks through the sound of popcorn popping, basketballs dribbling and the loud noise of fans not-so-quietly finding their seats, a certain sense of calm is found near the end of the Henning Hornet boys' basketball bench. The Hornets entered the late season Park Region Conference game on Thursday with

a 20-0 record. With a win the Hornets will clinch its second straight Park Region Conference championship, but as the team lined the sidelines for parent's night, it is clear there are more important things than just playing a basketball game.

As the senior captains head out to center court they are not alone, there is of course, hundreds of

**NEVER FORGETTING  
'CITY BOY'**  
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Photo by Chad Koenen

The number 33 jersey of Jacob Quam sits near the end of the bench during a recent Park Region Conference game in New York Mills. Quam was killed in a car crash in April 2017 and since that time his jersey has been brought to every game for the Hornets basketball team.



Photo by Chad Koenen

Todd Frazee stands next to his heart in a hill he created for his wife Karen for Valentine's Day. He created the heart as a surprise for his wife of over 25 years.

## Phelps Mill repairs will take place

*Floor beams need to be replaced at landmark*

By Tom Hintgen  
Otter Tail County Correspondent

On Feb. 12 county commissioners reiterated their pledge to do what needs to be

done as part of a Phelps Mill foundation repair project.

The county plans to apply for project funding from the Minnesota State Historical Society. A final review, after work plans are completed, must come from the Minnesota State Historic Preserva-

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AT PHELPS MILL**  
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## Misegades brothers win state hoop shoot



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Tyson and Kale Misegades captured first place at the state Hoop Shoot held in Hutchinson over the weekend. The brothers will advance to the region hoop shoot contest that will be held in Iowa later this winter. Kale took fifth place at last year's national contest, which was his second straight trip to the national hoop shoot.

## Vining man creates a loving heart for Valentine's Day

*Valentine's Day present turns snow into a piece of art*

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Anyone can take a loved one out to eat, or buy a dozen roses

for Valentine's Day, that's why rural Vining resident Todd Frazee decided to go the extra mile, or extra piles that is, to show his wife of 26 years how

much she means to him.

On Wednesday, just one day before Valentine's Day, Frazee utilized a recent snowfall to his advantage by converting

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OF SNOW**  
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## County highway equipment purchase costs are under budget

By Tom Hintgen  
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County commissioners, pledging to keep an eye on cost outlays for county tax-

payers, are always happy when purchases of needed equipment come in under budget.

Such is the case with the county highway depart-

ment's purchases of two sanders for trucks and plans to buy four John Deere mowers.

The budget for the two sanders was \$11,000 but

the actual cost to county taxpayers will be \$7,656.

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