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### OUR VIEWS

## Winter storms continue onslaught

Over the past few years, we have gotten comfortable with our winter weather. There were days that it would snow, be below zero or icy. As of late, most community members have seen their patience worn thin as another winter storm could ruin weekend plans for many.

The National Weather Service reports that later today, an active weather pattern will reach the area with a widespread accumulation of snow of 2 to 5 inches. This is just a sample size as a narrow band of snow could see more than 6 inches fall in different areas. It is also expected that wind gusts will reach 40 to 50 mph on Sunday making it difficult and hazardous to travel.

In Fergus Falls, yesterday's snowfall saw warmer temperatures melt away a lot of the snow that had accumulated on roads but left shovelers and snowblowers questioning where to put the next wave. Driving around the area, it isn't out of the question to see snow piled 4 feet high from the street side.

Although it has been difficult, we are Minnesotans and we understand that living in lakes country sometimes isn't easy. For all the nights sitting in front of a fire by a lake, we also endure winter days outside ridding ourselves of snowfall and ice. We trudge to work wishing for our school days when the weatherman would announce snow, but we persevere anyway, heading out into the snow.

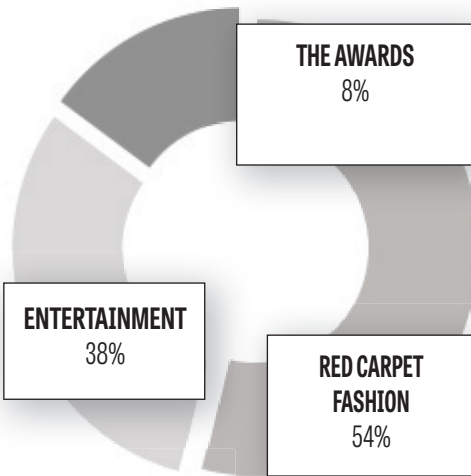
But while we think about the negatives, we really should focus on the positives that a winter snowstorm provides in our community. You will see neighbors helping neighbors dig out their cars, snow blow driveways and push cars when they are stuck. Others will bring food to those that are unable to get out of the house in these times.

With so much division that we see in mainstream news, it is nice to know that in our communities that there are people willing to help others in their time of need. We at The Journal commend those that help their neighbors and strangers, alike, during winter storms.

So when the snow begins to fall again, don't worry, spring is just a few months away.

### ONLINE POLL

What is your favorite part of watching the Oscars?



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## Can you check out art at the library? Yes!

Did you know that you can check-out artwork at the Fergus Falls Public Library? The library has offered art for check-out for many years and the remodeled and expanded library includes custom shelving, located near the front entrance, for the circulating art collection. The library also contains a picture rail system throughout the building for hanging art.

Artwork automatically checks out for a month and can be renewed for an additional month as long as there isn't a hold on the piece. The library's collection of circulating artwork includes pieces by local artists as well as prints and posters from national and international artists.

Why check out art from the library? The circulating art collection provides an opportunity to try out a piece on your wall at home or in the office, to discover a new artist, to decorate your home or office for a special event or to stage a home for sale. Thank you to the Friends of the Fergus Falls Public Library and to the family of Margaret Sanderson for helping the library grow, refresh and maintain the circulating art collection in recent years.

In addition to the circulating art collection, the expanded and remodeled library building also contains a small permanent art collection. New to the remodeled and expanded library is a na-

ture inspired mural in the Otto Bremer Play and Learning Space. The mural features trees, a river and animals in brilliant blues and greens and was created by local artist Scott Gunvaldson.

The high relief lunette sculpture, "Hiawatha Teaching the Art of Picture Writing" originally gifted to Fergus Falls' Carnegie library building by Vernon Wright, is now a feature of the Virginia Gardner Mokler Reading Garden at the new library. The remodeled and expanded library also includes a reader table from the Carnegie library. The restored art-deco-style table sits near the Lundeen Families Fireplace Lounge.

The new library has been open for approximately a month now. As we settle into the space and focus on the expanded and improved service potential, we continue to consider how art can enhance this new public space and how the library can support and enhance the rich arts culture in Fergus Falls.

The library has received a Legacy funding grant to offer art classes for adults in partnership with Kaddatz Galleries and will offer the first class on creating molded cement plant-

ers on Wednesday, March 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.. Registration is required for the class—contact the library at 218-739-9387 for more information and to register. In addition, the Friends of the Fergus Falls Public Library is partnering again with Kaddatz Galleries to offer the popular Kaddatz Family Art Table at the library this spring. The art table will be at the library on the first Saturday of March, April and May from 10 a.m. to noon. On Saturday, March 2, participants will create Happy Picture Frames with artist Charlotte Mauro. The art table is a drop-in class; stay as little or as long as you would like.

Many thanks to members of the Friends of the Fergus Falls Public Library and to those who purchase used books and other merchandise from the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from your membership, sales and gifts make classes and events like this possible. To learn more about becoming a Friends of the Library member, visit fpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library

The Fergus Falls Public Library is a department of the city of Fergus Falls and a member of the Viking Library System. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Erin Smith is the director of the Fergus Falls Public Library.*



**ERIN SMITH**  
 Behind the Bookshelves

### POINT OF THE PEN



## When both turning left, pass in front

Question: Do you turn in front of an approaching vehicle or behind it when two vehicles both want to turn left at an uncontrolled intersection?



**JESSE GRABOW**  
 Ask a Trooper

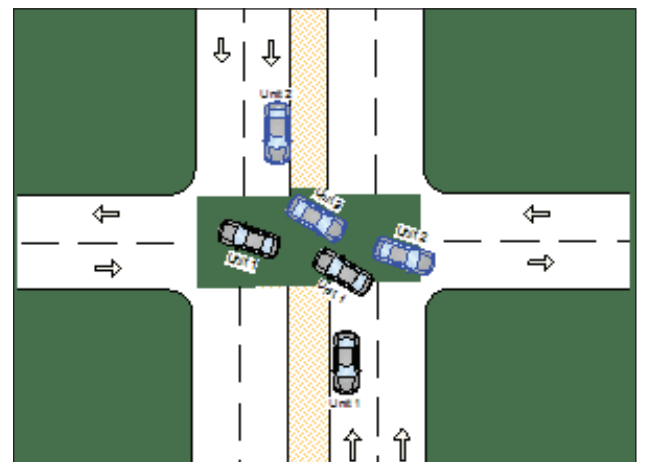
**Answer:** If two vehicles approach the intersection close to the same time, both vehicles should make the left turn in front of each other and make sure that the intersection is clear from other approaching vehicles.

Before beginning the turn, it's important to take the proper driving actions to ensure your safety and

the safety of other motorists around you. According to the Minnesota Driver's Manual, move safely into the correct lane well ahead of the place where you will make the actual turn. Slow down before making turns. Signal your intent at least 100 feet before the turn. Signals let pedestrians and drivers know what you plan to do.

Additional important reminders for making a safe turn include:

- While waiting to turn, keep your wheels straight and your foot on the brake. If your vehicle is struck from the rear, you will be less likely to be pushed into oncoming traffic.
- Continue signaling until you begin your turn.
- Do not make sudden



turns from the wrong lane of traffic.

- Watch for traffic or obstacles in the road you plan to enter.
- Always finish your turn in the correct lane.
- If the car ahead of you is signaling for a left turn, slow down and prepare to stop.
- When waiting to make a left turn at a green traffic

light with oncoming traffic, position the car into the intersection where your body appears even with the curb line. The only opportunity to make a left turn may occur when the green light changes to yellow.

*Jesse Grabow is a Sergeant with the Minnesota State Troopers.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks Daily Journal for the support

We want to thank The Daily Journal for helping to advertise our annual fishing derby. Your ongoing support of our fishing derby helped make the

40th annual derby a huge success.

The Fergus Falls Sertoma Club

#### Why do gas prices go up so fast?

Wondering if anyone else has noticed

the gas prices in Fergus Falls? It seems that when the gas prices go down they only drop a cent or two, but when they go up it's 5, 10 or 15 cents at a time. We all know who controls the gas prices in Fergus Falls.

Gene Bogenreif  
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