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Contributed photo
Jim Dilly and his grandson
Carter Dilly recently reeled
in this 12 lbs. 9 oz. walleye
on East Battle Lake.

Henning council hopes to renegotiate water contract

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Henning City Council is taking a strong stance in its hope of renegotiating its current water contract with the City of Ottertail.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night, the city council unanimously approved sending a proposal that seeks to raise the amount of money the City Ottertail pays for water from \$2.08 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.55 per thousand.

Currently the two communities are in the 22nd year of a 30 year contract in which Henning provides water to the City of Ottertail and its residents.

Henning Mayor Darren Wiese said attempts to renegotiate the current contract have not resulted in a new agreement between the two communities. Before spending more money on attorney fees, Wiese suggested the Henning City Council present the Ottertail City Council with a final proposal seeking to increase the rate

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A fishing tale for the ages

Dilly family lands a pair of large walleye just 24 hours apart on East Battle Lake

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A fishing tale is only as good as the person telling the story, or the pictures and videos to back up the larger-than-life claims of catching a freshwater Moby Dick. ¶ You know the kind, the 4-foot-long monster that got away at the last minute, only to swim to the bottom of a local lake, only to never be seen again. Or the large walleye that no one took a picture of before it jumped out of the boat and swam away like Michael Phelps in the Summer Olympics. ¶ Retold time and again, the details and drama of these tales age like fine cheese, wine and evolve to contain the imagination that can best be told by a young child with little snippets of the actual truth.

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Johnson retires as election judge after 25 years of service

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For the past quarter of a century the City of Henning voters were typically greeted by the laugh and voice of Richard Johnson on election day. It was a position he took seriously, which also provided him a chance to see each election from a different angle.

"There was an opening and I wanted to see what it was like. I always want to see the other side, so I volunteered for it," said the longtime Henning resident. "I didn't start out as head election judge either. I really enjoyed the people back then too, they volunteered."

Due to health reasons, Johnson officially resigned as head election judge for the City of Henning during last week's city council meeting. He was an election judge for a total of 25 years, the past 15 of which he served in the capacity of head election judge.

In his resignation letter, Johnson asked the general public to step up and volunteer to be election judges in the future. He said judges should volunteer their service and

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H-545 Foundation raises over \$50,000 in 2020

Despite COVID-19 pandemic, H-545 exceeds \$50,000 dollar-for-dollar challenge

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With donations ranging from as little as \$5 to as much as \$10,000, the Hen-

ning H-545 organization not only met, but blew past its goal of raising \$50,000 in 2020. In fact, a late surge in donations helped the orga-

nization raise \$60,528 in one year alone. That was despite all of the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was wonderful, far more than we expected in this crazy year," said H-545

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Snowcruisers host safety class



Photo by Chad Koenen
The Henning Snowcruisers hosted a snowmobile safety class on Saturday morning. Approximately 30 people attended the class, which featured a driving course. For more information, check out page 10.

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