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Addison and Lane Dilly display a 7 pound walleye they caught on East Battle lake in early January.

A CATCH OF A LIFETIME

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Fortunately for the Dilly family of Henning, not only do they have great stories to tell about a pair of large walleyes they landed on East Battle Lake, but they have the pictures to back up their claims.

Just one day after his cousins landed a large walleye in their fish house, Carter Dilly caught a 29.5" 12 lbs. 9 oz. walleye in the family's fish house on East Battle lake near Vining. The Henning High School sophomore caught the large fish with the assistance of his grandpa, Jim Dilly.

"First I thought it was a northern and when it came up and I saw the white of the tail, I was in shock when I first saw it," said Carter. "Once grandpa pulled it up I was happy as could be."

Jim said the fish started coming up the hole in the fish house sideways and he immediately went down after the fish. Knowing it would be a challenge to get the beast out of the hole, they worked together to pull it up and made sure they didn't knock it off the line.

"We walked with both our hands in the gills until we got outside," said Jim. "That thing was so huge. You should have heard Carter. He let out a hoot and a holler and gave me a hi five."

Once they got the fish out of the hole, Carter said the main goal was to cut the line and get the fish out of the fish house so they didn't accidentally drop it and lose it back down the hole. Grasping on tight, neither Dilly let go of the fish until they got out of the house to safety.

"When it came out of the hole our main goal was to cut the line and get it out of the fish house," he said. "We both stuck our arms down and grandpa got his

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- Jim Dilly on helping his grandson catch a 29.5" fish on East Battle Lake recently

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The trophy fish came just one day after his cousins, Lane and Addison Dilly, caught a 7 pound fish near the same spot on East Battle lake. The pair missed the fish just a short time before they landed it when their line snapped right before they pulled it out of the hole. Jim left the ice house just a short time after they missed the fish the first time and was surprised when Addison brought the fish to Jim's house later that night to show him what they finally caught.

While the family has been setting up their fish house on East Battle Lake for the past 40 years, typically the family catches a mixture of northern pikes and other fish. The 24 hours of fishing over Christmas break was something they will not forget for quite some time. "This winter we went fishing pretty much every day over Christmas break," said Carter. "I just enjoy being out there catching fish with the family."

In order to help remember the fish, Carter is planning to get it mounted. Though he has caught walleyes before, this was by far his largest one.

Jim said the family has a bit of a tradition as the first walleye each child or grandchild catches is mounted and placed on a wall in their home. The

tradition started when his son Luke was five or six years old and caught a fish that was about 12 inches long. Excited about his fish, Luke wanted to have it mounted and began a tradition that continues today.

"The very first walleye the kids catch we have mounted," said Jim.

Now the family has a wall of fish from their children and grandchildren to mark the important milestone in their life. Well, and a second one to add from Carter, that will be a story that can be told through the excitement, pictures and words to describe the day he landed a 29.5" walleye with his grandpa on East Battle Lake.

New county board members sworn in

Mortenson, Bucholz take oath of office in OT County

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The five-person Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners has two new members who were sworn in during the first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Dan Bucholz of rural Perham replaces the retired Doug Huebsch in District No. 1 which includes 13 townships and the communities of Perham, Dent, New York Mills and Richville.

Kurt Mortenson of rural Underwood replaces the retired John Lindquist in District No. 3 that includes 17 townships, the southeastern portion of Fergus Falls and the communities of Battle Lake, Dalton, Underwood and Rothsay.

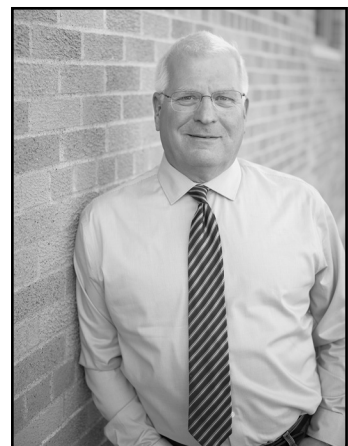
Commissioner Lee Rogness of Fergus Falls, who was reelected in 2020, was named county board chairperson for 2021. Assuming the vice chair position for 2021 is Commissioner Betty

Murphy of Maine Township. The fifth county commissioner is Wayne Johnson of Pelican Rapids. He and Murphy will be up for reelection in 2022. County commissioners are elected to four-year terms.

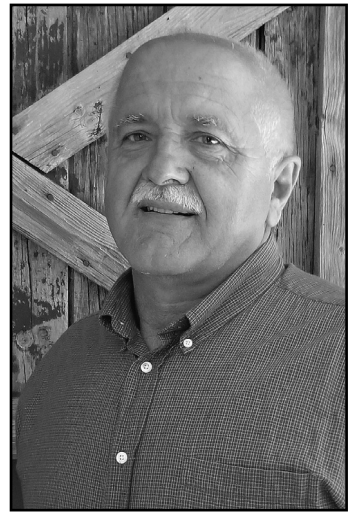
Otter Tail County, with 62 townships, is larger in size than the state of Rhode Island and paved roads total 1,062 miles.

"We oversee a budget of close to \$125 million," Chairman Rogness said. "We make every effort to spend county tax dollars wisely while at the same time providing necessary services to county residents."

The five-person county board makes decisions relating to county finances, public health, military veterans assistance, highway maintenance, land and resource management, solid waste, human services, emergency management and other services.



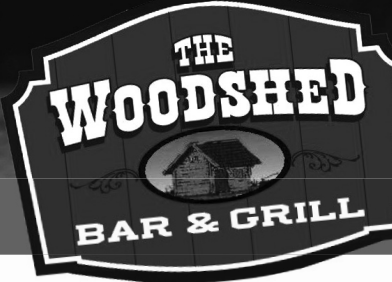
Kurt Mortenson



Dan Bucholz

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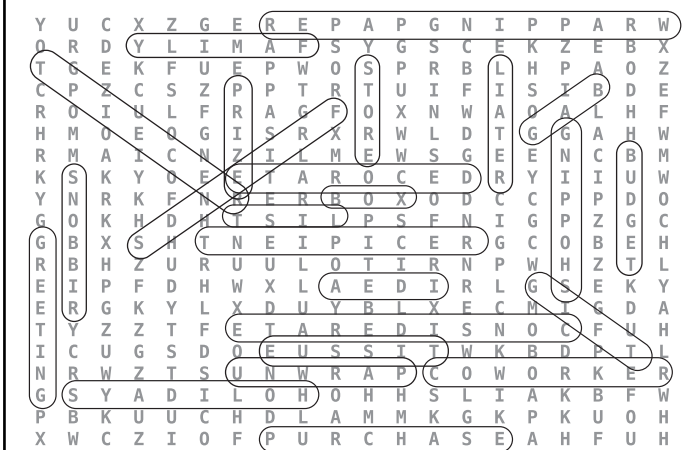
Senior Menu

- Thursday, Jan. 14-** Liver/Onions, Alt: Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert
- Friday, Jan. 15-** Fish, Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit or Dessert
- Monday, Jan. 18-** Hot Turkey, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert
- Tuesday, Jan. 19-** German Kraut Burger, Soup, Dessert
- Wednesday, Jan. 20-** Country Fried Steak, Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit or Dessert

Senior citizens meals are now being served and take outs distributed via the Country Corner Cafe.

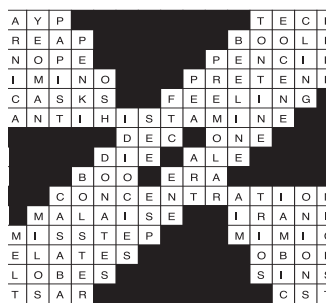
Breakfast is served 8-11 a.m. Lunch is served 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
All meals served with milk. All breakfast meals served with juice and milk. Meals are \$4.20.
To order Meals on Wheels, please call (218) 583-2100.
Meals are delivered seven days a week.
Players gather at the Senior Center for cards on Sundays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m.
There will also be Bingo each Monday at 1 p.m.

Answers to Entertainment games



ANSWER:

2	8	1	9	6	3	4	5	7
6	3	5	7	1	4	9	2	8
9	4	7	8	2	5	1	3	6
4	6	3	5	7	9	2	8	1
8	1	9	3	4	2	6	7	5
5	7	2	1	8	6	3	9	4
3	9	4	6	5	8	7	1	2
7	5	6	2	9	1	8	4	3
1	2	8	4	3	7	5	6	9



Henning School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

Week of January 14

- Thurs., Jan. 14**
Breakfast: Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel, Craisins, Juice, Milk
Lunch: 1) Deli Sandwich 2) Tuna Salad on a Bun, Curly Fries, Celery/Dip, Diced Pears
- Friday, Jan. 15**
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice Milk
Lunch: 1) Macaroni and Cheese 2) Mandarin Chicken Salad, Cooked Broccoli, Baby Carrots/Dip, Diced Peaches
- Mon., Jan. 18**
No School
- Tues., Jan. 19**
Breakfast: Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: 1) Hot Dog on a Bun 2) Turkey Bacon Wrap, Baby Carrots/Dip, French Fries, Applesauce
- Wed., Jan. 20**
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk
Lunch: 1) Ham and Cheese Wrap 2) Chef Salad, Lettuce/Dressing, Orange Wedges, Diced Peaches

Menu is subject to change due to food availability. Milk served with every meal.



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