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HENNING STUDENTS SAY THANK YOU TO LOCAL VETERANS

Photo by Chad Koenen
Henning students presented thank you cards and flowers to veterans during Thursday's Veterans Day program. For more information about the program, check out page 2.



Photo by Chad Koenen
The final touches are being put on the Henning School fall musical. This year's musical is entitled A Wop Bop a Loo Bop and will officially open on Friday night. Among the students in the play are Alyvia Bunkowski and Annika Miller.

Rock and roll to take the stage at Henning School

Fall musical to open Friday, three shows being planned

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Henning School students will be going back in time to when rock and roll ruled the land. The Henning School choir will be performing the musical A

Wop Bop a Loo Bop, which follows a group of spunky teenagers with big dreams of making it in the music industry.

Of course things don't go quite as planned when a local radio station announces that

rock and roll has to go. The students take a stand and show that rock and roll must stay in the land.

The musical is based in the 1950's and 60's and follows Ruby, who is being played by Emma Severson. She is the

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Henning council updated on audit findings

Auditors find several journal adjustments

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Henning City Council spent a majority of its meeting last week discussing a

presentation on the city's finances and books.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, the Henning City Council spent nearly 90 minutes discussing an audit performed by Carlson SV. The closer look of the city's

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Photo by Chad Koenen
The Adopt-A-Class program at Henning School has helped teachers to purchase things like new chairs.

Providing an extra bit of help for classrooms

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

A small donation by a number of people, can go a long way to enhancing the learning environment at

Henning School. For the past 20 years, businesses, nonprofit groups and

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Honoring the work of local veterans

After last year's Veterans Day program was canceled due to COVID-19, Henning School students and community members gathered on Thursday for one of the largest Veterans Day programs in the region. The program featured a variety of songs by elementary students, including the singing the song of each branch of the military (above), giving veterans handmade cards and flowers (below), and a small group song by senior high choir members (bottom right).

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Many small-town newspapers attract new readership

OT County has six newspapers

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Minnesota has a strong tradition of community newspapers, says Lisa Hills, executive director of the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA).

"Unlike many areas of the United States that are now considered news deserts, most of Minnesota's rural residents can still pick up a copy of a local newspaper," she said.

Otter Tail County has six weekly newspapers, including those in Pelican Rapids,



Justin Lessman



Lisa Hills

Perham, New York Mills, Henning, Battle Lake and Parkers Prairie. Hard copies and online services are available.

The Fergus Falls newspaper used to have hard copies six days a week. It now has hard copies twice a week in addition to online services.

The 270 members of the MNA include the newspa-

pers in Otter Tail County and other county newspaper throughout the state. Most have circulations under 2,500.

"Some of Minnesota's newspapers, even though

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Quilts of Valor given to local veterans



Several local veterans received a special gift during the annual Henning Veterans Day program. Quilts of Valor are given to veterans and servicemen as a way to thank them for their service. The handmade quilts provide warmth to veterans. Following the program, many of the veterans had their quilts signed and gathered to look at all of the handmade quilts.

Photo by Chad Koenen

Meet the Henning Ambulance crew: Helen Husfeldt

What are some of your hobbies? Where do you work/what do you do? I currently work at Perham Living as an LPN. I enjoy bowling and spending time with my fur babies.

How long have you been on the ambulance service? I have been with the service since 1999.

Why did you join the ambulance service? How I got started you can thank Mary Gugel. She asked me to go on a ride along to see what's like. It took a while but I finally said yes. After I did my first ride along I was hooked. It was quite an adrenaline rush. You get called out in all kinds of weather and the timing is rough at times.

What do you enjoy about being on the department? At the end of



Helen Husfeldt

the day/after the call it is a good feeling knowing you were able to help some one. I love being able to help others in need and give back to the community. I enjoy the camaraderie with the crew and other EMS services including fire department, first responders and law enforcement. It takes team work to get the job done.

Thanksgiving meal to be held at St. Edwards

To go orders will also be available

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Do you want to have a full Thanksgiving meal, but are afraid that your turkey will come out looking like a ham? Are you alone and simply cannot justify cooking a large meal that will feed a small army? If so, St. Edwards Catholic Church in Henning will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 25.

The annual meal will be served from 12-2 p.m. at the church and will feature turkey with all of the trimmings. The meal is free, but a free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds being donated to the Henning Food Shelf. Take-outs will also be available for those not wishing to eat at the church.

Anyone who may need a ride, or would like more information, can contact Daren Oseien at (218) 583-1087.

In case of inclement weather the meal will be held on Sunday, Nov. 28 from 12-2 p.m.

SMALL TOWN NEWSPAPERS

feeling the effects of the pandemic, actually are increasing readership," Hills said.

MNA President Justin Lessman, publisher of the Lakefield Standard in southwestern Minnesota, says his digital subscriptions are up 30 percent this year and print editions are up 10 percent.

"As I talk to publishers

across the state, I'm hearing similar numbers," Lessman said. "They also tell me that the pandemic actually sparked a return to traditional journalism values."

He said there are many homes in rural Minnesota that don't have broadband access, so a printed newspaper is often the only way some people can get local news.

"We do, however, have challenges that urban journalists can easily avoid," Lessman said.

"If you wrote a story about a county commissioner in Hennepin County, you may hardly ever see him on the streets of Minneapolis. But here in rural Minnesota, you'd maybe go to the same church together or certainly

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see him in the local grocery store."

The pressure is on to treat people objectively and fairly.

"Small-town newspapers are strong and in a unique position to be poised for some real growth as long as we keep doing what we're doing well," Lessman said. "We're an important part of our communities."

ADOPT A CLASS

individuals have stepped up to the plate, so to speak, and participated in the Adopt-A-Class program.

The Adopt-A-Class program was started in Henning by Sue Reinbold in 2001. She began the program after seeing on the news that a school in another part of Minnesota created a similar program. The idea was to collect donations for teachers/classrooms to help with the financial load for extra supplies during the school year.

Reinbold said many of her friends were teachers and they often talked about using so much of their own money during the school year. Purchasing items for 20 or more students can really add up over time.

Essentially, the program provides the opportunity for people to get involved with a specific classroom at the school, while also giving teachers the opportunity to receive additional money to purchase items for the classroom that may not otherwise be within their classroom budget. Over the years, the donations have been used to purchase things like notebooks and folders, flashcards, special chairs, books, toys, treats/rewards for students and much more.

In 2016, Reinbold handed over the program to Mary Seipkes, who volunteered to continue the Adopt-A-



File photo

A new book shelf label system was purchased in years past for the library by utilizing funds from the Adopt-A-Class program.

Class program. Seipkes was an elementary teacher in the Wadena-Deer Creek School system for 36 years and knew how important the additional funds from the Adopt-A-Class program were to students.

This year marks the 20th year of the Adopt-A-Class program at Henning School. The program allows busi-

nesses, groups and individuals to choose a classroom they would like to donate with everything from a small donation, suggested at \$80, to possibly even visiting one another throughout the year. A sign is placed outside of each door in the school to thank each business that supported the classroom.

This year Seipkes said every classroom was adopted because of the very generous donations from some businesses, churches, grandparents, parents, community people and the Ottertail Lions Club.

For any questions about the program contact Mary Seipkes at 583-2842.

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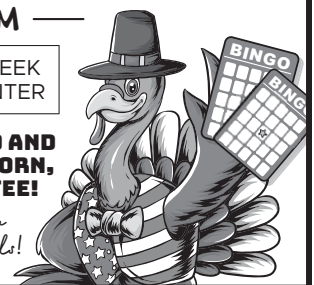
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daughter of a rock and roll host, played by James Moran, who decides to stop playing rock and roll music. Other main characters are played by Kyle Tiernery, Alyvia Bunkowski, Joseph Froslee, Mackenzie Suchy, Kaislyn Bunkowski and Matthew Johnson. The musical will feature a number of classic hits like "Rock Around the Clock," "Tutti Frutti," "The Loco-Motion" and more.

The fall musical will feature three performances this weekend at Henning School. The musical will open on Friday night with a performance at 7 p.m., while a second performance will be held on Saturday night at 7 p.m. A matinee performance will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets to attend are \$5 apiece and can be purchased at the door.

Photo by Chad Koenen
The Henning fall musical will open on Friday night for the first of three shows this weekend. The musical features a number of rock and roll classics like "Rock Around the Clock."

CITY HEARS OF AUDIT FINDINGS

finances came after the 2020 year end audit showed a difference between the city's main bank account reconciliation for cash and cash equivalents, and the book cash and cash equivalents. The difference was approximately \$31,000.

"At that time we didn't have a lot of detail on what made up that difference," said Dean Birkeland of Carlson SV, the city's auditors. "We knew it was a difference, but we didn't know exactly what made that difference up."

Birkeland said the auditors talked to city clerk/treasurer Kim Schroeder about the difference during the audit. At the time, the two sides decided to not make an adjustment to the city's books to allow Schroeder the chance to look for the difference between the city's bank statements and city's books.

When that difference wasn't uncovered, the council asked auditors at Carlson SV to take a closer look at the city's books. The auditors looked back as far as 2018 and made several findings, even though some of the information in 2018 was no longer available. Birkeland said the differ-

ences over the past several months between the bank statements and the city's books have remained about the same, suggesting that those months are likely accurate.

During his presentation to the council, Birkeland said the expectation from auditors before performing an audit was that the city's books matched the bank reconciliation statements—something he said didn't always happen with the City of Henning.

"Most of the time, when we begin an audit, the bank reconciliations balance. I'm not going to say it is a given, but it is an expectation (to not balance)," he said.

In order to bring the city's books in line with the bank statements, Birkeland said Carlson SV made audit adjustments with the 2019 audit.

"In 2019 we made an audit adjustment to the books to make the books agree with the bank reconciliation," he said. "After the adjustment was made, that is when you would expect the bank reconciliation would agree with the city books."

At the end of 2020 the difference between the bank reconciliation and the city's

“ We do a lot of city audits and I said how do you compare the adjustments for (Henning) with others and we both came to the same conclusion, very comparable, with the exception of the adjustments we had with the bank reconciliation. ”

- Dean Birkeland on a conversation he had with an employee about Henning's past audits

books grew to approximately \$31,000.

Throughout the course of the most recent look at the city's finances, Carlson SV found that the difference through September 2021 was \$33,089.23. The company found a total of \$32,291.11 of adjustments that needed to be made to the city's books, dating back to 2018.

Before coming to the meeting last week, Birkeland said he asked a coworker to compare Henning's books to other city's Carlson SV performs audits on each year.

"We do a lot of city audits and I said how do you compare the adjustments for

(Henning) with others. We both came to the same conclusion, very comparable, with the exception of the adjustments we had with the bank reconciliation," said Birkeland. "You have adjustments, but we have adjustments in every city audit, some more, some less. But I would put your city as very comparable to other city adjustments. The bank thing is the one thing that has really brought it to this point."

Birkeland said the exception to that was when Carlson SV took over as the city's auditors in 2017 and there were numerous adjustments that needed to be made to get the city's books in order.

When pressed by Henning Mayor Darren Wiese about whether the bank reconciliations were off due to employee errors, or another reason, Birkeland said they can be off for any number of reasons. He said it could be due to audit adjustments that were not posted correctly, an issue with the software program, incorrect journal entries and a number of other issues as well.

Schroeder said she is not a forensic auditor and is trusting the city's software when making entries. That being said, if the city were to miss a journal entry, she said it could throw off the city's books altogether.

"If we miss one of those entries posting in the books then it will throw that cash balance off," she said.

Schroeder said her goal was to have the city's books match the bank reconciliation statements. She went on to say the city's books were already off when she started with the City of Henning, but would make the necessary journal entries suggested by the auditor.

Much of the discussion then turned to the bill incurred by the City of Henning for the additional work completed by Carlson SV. Wiese asked how the council can answer taxpayer concerns regarding a bill that was approaching \$8,000 to find the \$31,000 discrepancy, especially given the past work Carlson SV has done for the city.

Birkeland said at the time of the audit, Carlson SV representatives spoke with Schroeder about the discrepancy and the two sides decided to move forward with the audit. Birkeland said if they stopped the audit, and looked into the discrepancy right away, the city would have incurred a similar fee since the work performed is outside of the engagement letter from Carlson SV.

"Had we been directed, or asked to look at it back when we were doing the field work in April or May, it is very, very, very likely we would have incurred similar time to find that difference," he said. "According to the engagement letter the expectation is the bank reconciliation ties into the books."

The council asked Schroeder to make those adjustments and asked Carlson SV to bring their bill for the work for the additional audit work to the next meeting. Later in the meeting the council tabled an engagement letter from Carlson SV to complete the city's audit next year.

In other news

- Heard an update from Otter Tail County CDA Director Amy Baldwin concerning the county's tax rebate program. The program provides up to a \$10,000 tax rebate on the county portion of taxes through 2024

for new homes constructed in Otter Tail County. The county rebate is in addition to any other tax rebates other cities in Otter Tail County may offer for new homes. Baldwin said Henning has not had a new home built in the city limits as part of the program, but several neighboring communities have had new homes constructed that have qualified for the tax rebate program.

- Heard from utilities manager Brenden Markuson that there has been an issue with the sanitary main on 2nd Street near Henning Hardware and the Landmark Center. He said the city and the contractor for the project are trying to find ways to correct the issue.
- Heard the city's contract rate for natural gas went up by almost \$2 per MCD from last year.
- Heard that the Henning Ambulance Service has went on 357 calls so far this year, which ambulance director Jane Cook said is more than the department went on during an entire year in years past. The ambulance service is also continuing to work on updating necessary procedures, policies and a code of conduct.
- Approved the hiring of part-time EMR volunteer Grant Kahl.
- Heard from Willow Creek Executive Director Lisa Augustus who said there are currently 20 residents at Willow Creek, with another admission scheduled for November 14.
- Heard that the City of Ottertail and the City of Henning will be meeting for mediation regarding the current water contract between the two communities. The City of Henning has sought to increase the amount of money it charges the City of Ottertail for providing water to the community. The two sides have a water contract in place through 2029.
- Approved setting a special meeting for Monday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a utility rate study and city budgets for 2022.

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<p>Tuesday, Nov. 23 Breakfast: Mini Donuts, Fruit Lunch: 1) Hot Dogs 2) Roast Beef Sandwich Green Beans, Lettuce/dressing, Pineapple</p>	<p>Wed., Nov. 24 Breakfast: Cinni Mini, Fruit Lunch: 1) Nachos/Beans, Meat Sauce, & Cheese 2) Egg Salad Sandwich Lettuce & Salsa, Applesauce</p>	

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Several local hunters harvest a trophy buck during deer season



Contributed photos

The deer hunting rifle season came to an end over the weekend, but not before several local hunters were able to harvest a trophy buck or doe. Among the hunters who got a large buck were Hannah Augustus and Jake Layman, who got this buck last week (above). Right: Rick Hammer harvested this deer on the afternoon of the firearms opener two weeks ago. Below right: Mason Hammer passed on a number of bucks as he waited for this one during the youth deer hunt in October. He got the buck at the Rick Hammer farm. Below left: Riley Johnson shot this 6 point buck south of Clitherall during the opening weekend of deer hunting. It was the first buck he has shot.



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Zebra mussel confirmed in two OT County lakes

Zebra mussels found on irrigation equipment on Leek and Trowbridge Lakes

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Leek Lake and Trowbridge Lake in Otter Tail County. Leek and Trowbridge are directly connected lakes.

A lake property owner contacted the DNR after finding two suspected zebra mussels on irrigation equipment being removed for the season. A DNR invasive species specialist found adult zebra mussels attached to equipment in both lakes.

"Lake property owners and lake service provider businesses play an important role in detecting invasive species, by carefully examining boats, docks and lifts when they are being re-

ported from the water at the end of the season," DNR Invasive Species Unit Supervisor Heidi Wolf said.

As a reminder, Minnesota law requires that docks and lifts remain out of the water for at least 21 days after removal from a waterbody before they can be placed into another waterbody. In addition, anyone who transports a dock or lift from a shoreline property to an off-site location for storage or repair may need a permit (link is external) to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

There are important prevention considerations for lake property owners:

- Look on the posts, wheels and underwater sup-

port bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period.

• Anyone paid to remove boats, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment must be DNR trained and permitted. A list of DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses (link is external) is available on the DNR website.

• Contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist (link is external) if an invasive species is discovered that has not already been confirmed in that waterbody.

TCHC Auxiliary to host virtual auction

Tri-County Health Care will again be hosting their Auxiliary Auction virtually. During the auction community members bid on baskets filled with holiday themed items prepared by area businesses, community organizations and Tri-County departments. All funds go to the TCHC Auxiliary to make an impact for patients and staff.

Website bidding will begin on Nov. 26. Final bids need to be placed by 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. The deadline for baskets is Nov. 24. Baskets can be dropped off at the information desk in the Wade-

na Clinic. "Our amazing Auxiliary members work hard to put on this fun night of fundraising! We can't be in person this year but that isn't going to stop us from having an incredible auction," said Foundation Executive Director Ryan Damlo.

A live remote showcase of the auction items will take place on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Additionally, participants will be able to purchase raffle tickets to enter them in a drawing for a prize basket.

The auction site can be accessed at <https://one.bidpal.net/tchc/welcome>

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Tuesday, Nov. 23- Bacon Cheeseburger, Soup, Dessert
Wednesday, Nov. 24- Stir Fry, Rice, Egg Roll, 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.
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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.

OBITUARIES

Dale Berry, 87

Funeral services will be held for Dale Berry, age 87 of Basswood, Minn., on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Basswood Baptist Church in Basswood.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at

the Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Dale's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Services.

Melva Ament, 80

Memorial Service will be held for Melva Ament, age 80 of Wadena, on Thursday November 11, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com

to send Melva's family a message of comfort and support.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service of Wadena.

David Reese, 84

Funeral Mass will be held for David Reese, age 84 of Vining, on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Visitation will resume one

hour prior to service at church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on David's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

Deborah Orre, 66

Debbie Orre, age 66, of New York Mills, passed away on November 5, 2021 at her home in New York Mills. No services are to be held at this time.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to

leave memorials and condolences on Debbie's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of New York Mills.

Peter Jobe, 40

Peter Jobe, age 40 of Perham, passed away on November 3, 2021 at his home in Perham. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at Belmont-Karvonen Funeral Home in Henning, with prayer service beginning at 6 p.m. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St.

Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Peter's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

Gerald Gorentz, 86

Memorial Services will be held for Gerald Gorentz, age 86 of Vergas, on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Perham. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Gerald's Tribute Wall.

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Joyce Kovar, 77

Funeral Services for Joyce Kovar, age 77 of Deer Creek, were held on Tuesday November 16, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek with Pastor Donald Wagner officiating. Visitation was held on Monday November 15, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena with Prayer services start-

ing at 6:30 p.m. Visitation resumed one hour prior to the service at church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave a message of comfort and support for Joyce's family.

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Laura Jacobson, 67

Laura Jacobson, age 67 of New York Mills, passed away on November 10, 2021 at her home. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in rural Perham. Funeral Mass will begin at 1 p.m. at

church.

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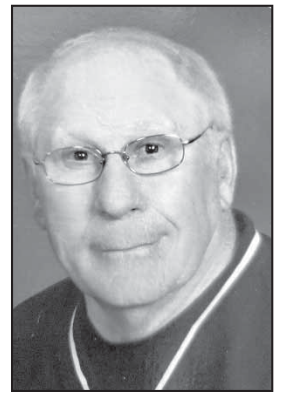
James Hill, 82

James (Jim) Hill, 82, of Deer Creek passed away on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Jim is survived by his wife, Kathleen Hill; daughters Molly (Mike) Christiansen of Lake Villa, Ill., Sally (Tim) Bermann of Lake Villa, Ill.; grandchildren Kasen (Lindsay) Christiansen of Devils Lake, N.D., Kaitlyn Christiansen of Silverthorne, Colo., and Jonathan Bermann of Lake Villa, Ill.; siblings Howard Hill, Sr. of Bovey, Minn., Claire Hill of Halstad, Minn. and Kathryn Stevens of Fort Mead, Md.

He was preceded in death by his daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Charles (Tony) Mertens; parents Ira and Alice Hill; sisters Doris Raad, Dorothy Ellsworth, Ruth Lerud and Evelyn South; brothers-in-law Orville Raad, Lester Ellsworth, Vernon Lerud, Vivien South, Roy Redfield and Norman Maloney; sisters-in-law Elizabeth Redfield and Janet Maloney.

James Russell Hill was born on June 5, 1939 to Ira and Alicia (Svoboda) Hill in Detroit Lakes, Minn. His family moved to Deer Creek in 1943. He attended Deer Creek School. Jim served in the US Army in Korea. On July 8, 1961, he was united in marriage to Kathleen Maloney in the Deer Creek United Methodist Church.



After marriage they lived in St. Paul, Minn. In 1969 they moved to a farm by Deer Creek where they raised their three daughters—Kelly, Molly and Sally.

Jim was employed by Butler Manufacturing in St. Paul and later retired from Lund Boat after 17 years. He was a member of the Deer Creek City Council for 10 years.

Jim nurtured a lifelong love of wildlife and the outdoors. Some of his most memorable times with family and friends revolved around his many years of watching and feeding the wildlife, especially deer and pheasant.

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Elaine McCormick, 90

Elaine McCormick, age 90 of Sebek, passed away on November 11, 2021, at Rose Haven Assisted Living in Menasha. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Visitation will be held from 10

a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

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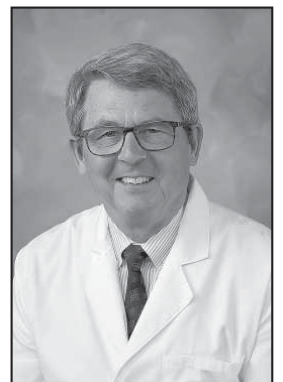
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Thank you to all who donated in remembrance of our mom Frances Juvrud Blask. She loved growing up in Henning and had so many fond memories of friends and family. God bless.

Paul Schroeder and Karen Sharkey

Polyps and how to deal with them

By Timothy Monson
Special to the Advocate



Timothy Monson, M.D., MBA, FACS

What is a polyp? I hear that question a lot. The word itself sounds foreign and strange to most, but polyps are actually fairly common. About one in four patients will have a polyp at the time of their first colonoscopy.

A colon polyp is an abnormal growth of the inner lining of the colon. These growths are the result of changes in the DNA of colon cells. This change can occur at any age but tends to happen as we get older. It's important to take colon health seriously.

Identification and removal of polyps are the main reason people need to have routine colonoscopies. Polyps can lead to colon cancer, and early identification can prevent that from occurring.

I know a colonoscopy can be a little daunting, but the benefit for your long-term health is incredible. Technologically, we have come a long way, and this procedure is not nearly as complicated as you might think. During a colonoscopy, most polyps that are identified can be removed immediately.

Removal is accomplished with a variety of techniques, but for the most part, these growths are snared with a special instrument passed through the endoscope and removed from the surrounding healthy tissue.

Complicated or large polyps may require additional planning and another procedure. If a polyp is too big or in a difficult spot, it may need to be removed by a for-

mal surgical procedure. Follow-up procedures are typically scheduled at specific yearly intervals depending on the number and type of polyps found.

The most significant concern of patients is the potential for complications. I want to assure everyone that complications are very rare. From my surgical perspective, the most difficult element is preparation. This process does require time and effort from patients. It is without question the most tasking part of receiving a colonoscopy. During the procedure, things usually go quite well with virtually no pain or special instructions for recovery.

Please do me and yourself a favor; the next time your doctor brings up the subject of a colonoscopy, listen carefully. Think about it. I know we don't like to subject ourselves to undue discomfort, but a coloscopy could save your life.

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Wednesday: 5:20 p.m. AWANA/
youth meal, 6 p.m. Club
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10
a.m. Worship

**Henning Area
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501 Front Street, Henning Senior Cit-
izens Center
(218) 371-6398
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Fellowship, 9
a.m. Worship

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Rev. Pete Thiel
(218) 367-3455
Sunday: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wor-
ship

Folden Lutheran
Hwy. 40 five miles South of Vining
Pastor Rud Wasson Jr.
Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship

**Good Shepherd Lutheran
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703 Douglas Ave., Henning
Pastor Keith Lankford
(218) 583-2786
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10
a.m. Worship

Grace Lutheran Church LB
306 Holden Ave., Henning
Pastor Rud Wasson, Jr.
(320) 808-9201
Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

**Henning United
Methodist Church**
503 Holden Ave., Henning
Lay Speaker- Valerie Shaw
(218) 583-2737
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Hewitt Church of the Nazarene
114 N Front St., Hewitt
Pastors Jim and Linda McGaffey
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Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer service
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school,
10:45 a.m. Worship

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61847 State Hwy. 29, Wadena
Ricardo Alcoaster, Pastor
(218) 367-2270
joyfulspiritmnumc@gmail.com
Sunday: 11 a.m. worship

Lakes Community Church
201 Main Avenue E. P.O. Box 92, Cli-
therall
Pastor Aaron Simon
(951) 313-1964
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study,
10:45 a.m. Worship/Hackers, 4 p.m.
SEF-Jeff and Kathy's

Leaf Mountain Lutheran Church
County Hwy 6, SE of Clitherall
Pastor Nate Hanson



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7 p.m. Worship

Living the Word Bible Institute
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Pastor/Director Rev. Mark E. Hume
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Living the word radio broadcast at
10:30 a.m. KBRF 1250AM
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

Nidaros Lutheran Church
18844 Nidaros Church Dr, Clitherall
Pastor Chantell Lankford
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

Ottertail United Methodist
104 Shores Road, Ottertail
Rev. Ricardo Alcoaster
(218) 367-2270
Wednesday: 3 p.m. Bible study, 5
p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Worship, Fellow-
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Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd Street SW, Wadena
Pastor Jake Heppner
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Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Kid's club,
Youth group
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school,
10:30 a.m. Worship

St. Edward's Catholic Church
101 Douglas Ave., Henning
Father LeRoy Schik
(218) 583-2490
Friday: 8 a.m. Confessions, 8:30
Mass, 9 a.m. Holy Hour
Sunday: 8 a.m. Confessions 8:30
a.m. Mass

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31963 Co. Hwy. 61, Ottertail
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Pastor Roger Hagen
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school, 10:50 a.m. Church service

Water's Edge Church
309 Holden Ave., Henning
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www.watersedge.church
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Three injured in weekend accidents

Watch for deer while driving

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

County sheriff deputies reported three accidents with injuries the weekend of November 5-7. Two of them included rollovers after drivers lost control of their vehicles.

The two rollovers were both reported on Friday, Nov. 5. One rollover accident with an injury took place east of Henning, at the intersection of Highways 210 and 75.

The second rollover with injury took place just north of Fergus Falls, at the intersection of Highway 111 and 250th Street.

The third accident with injury took place Sunday, Nov. 7, at Grena Lake, southwest of Pelican Rapids. The exact location was on 400th Street.

Watch for deer while driving in November

Historically, November is the most dangerous month for deer collisions with drivers on Minnesota roadways.

Sheriff deputies and

other law enforcement agencies urge drivers to slow down, particularly at dusk and dawn.

Here are some other important safety tips:

- If you see one deer, be prepared to see more cross the road.
- Pay attention to deer crossing signs.
- Use your high beams to see further, except when there is oncoming traffic.
- Brake if you can, but avoid swerving, which can result in a more severe crash.
- Remain focused on the road. Scan for potential dangers, including animals.
- Avoid distractions. This can cause you to not see a deer until it is too late.
- If riding a motorcycle, always wear protective gear. Keep focused on the road ahead.

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Taking a closer look at classic cars at the library

Growing up in the 80's had many perks, one of which was being around so many muscle cars. My best friend had a 67 Mustang and I could hear that car start up in the parking lot of the High School while I was still in class.

The roar of the engines of these fine cars became so ingrained in my brain that I could hear one coming from a long way off. One day while gassing up my truck, I could hear the roar of a car coming from down the road and over the hill. It was a shiny red 66 Mustang. I didn't know at that time that the driver would end up being my husband and that after 40 years, he would still be driving that very car!



Library Happenings
Henning School

Our whole married life we have owned mostly all Ford vehicles, but my dream car is a 69 Chevy Camaro. I can spot this car easily, with its sleek body lines and the highly desired rear spoiler.

We are updating our junior non-fiction section and with that update we have

purchased several new books in the Mighty Muscle Car section!

This week we feature two of those cars. Our first featured car book is Chevrolet Corvette by Megan Borgert-Spaniol. This book has great images of the old Corvettes and the newest Corvettes. It features details of a drag race that happens between a Mustang and a Corvette on a one-quarter mile strip. A fun fact found in this book was that in the 1960's, Chevrolet offered US astronauts the opportunity to use one of their cars for an entire year for only a dollar, most chose the Corvette.

The second book featured is the Ford Mustang by Elsie Olson. This books tells

us about an 8 second quarter mile race between the Camaro and the Mustang. The interesting information about the Ford Mustang is that Lee Iacocca, who worked for the Ford Company in 1961, wanted a fast, sporty car that would be light, small, and affordable. In 1964 Mr. Iacocca's dream became reality.

Come on up to the Henning Public Library and check out one of our new books on these fabulous Muscle cars and maybe you'll find yourself wanting to own a part of America's car history. We are open to the public from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons following the school calendar.

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OPINION



Deer hunting season comes to an end

(Each year, I rerun this deer hunting column. I just don't think I can do any better)

Deer hunting season is once again over. Now is when the best part of deer season starts. Now is when hunters get their money's worth out of telling the story of how they got their deer.

Deer hunting is really a 12-month season, minus the weekend they hunt. There is the six months preceding deer season, when the hunter incurs the obligatory duty of reciting any deer hunting story he has heard in his life that happened to anyone even remotely connected to him.

Then, in the six months following deer hunting season, there is the required duty to tell this season's hunting tale, only better each time it is repeated.

But, like they say, truth is stranger than fiction, and a good hunting story is often even better in truth than it is in exaggeration. Take for example the picture that ran in a recent paper in the area, showing a fillet knife entangled by its leather thong with complicated knots in a deer's antlers. Now how did that happen? Stranger than fiction.

Probably one of the most expensive deer hunting tales I've heard of came from a local auto body shop a couple of years ago. The weather that fall was cold, so cold that the two women needed a warm-up in one of their husband's four-wheel-drive pickup.

Rather than unload the 30-30 rifle outside, the hunt-



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda

er on the passenger side elected to unload her rifle inside the truck. She dutifully kept the barrel pointed at the floor, just in case that one in a million thing should happen.

It was not only real loud, it was real devastating, from the truck's point of view. The bullet first killed the heater core, which you will note was the only thing these hunter's cold fingers really needed.

On its journey from there, the slug deflected ever so slightly, and it winged the alternator, tearing out a few pretty little bits of necessary wire.

Then it blew a hole through the air conditioning condenser, which had the misfortune of being sandwiched between the radiator and the transmission cooler.

Finally, just to add insult to injury, the bullet also put out one of the truck's eyes. Total cost, not including towing or future spousal harassment or having a story anyone would want to tell for the next six months, ran close to \$5,000.

My favorite all-time deer hunting tale happens to involve another female hunter.

It was her first hunting experience. She was rather reluctant about it to start with but after some urging by her husband, she agreed to go. However, she vowed to herself not to shoot a female deer. That, she probably figured, was the least she could do. So, freshly outfitted with a new rifle—worth about \$500, which he said she had to have, and a new down-filled blaze-orange hooded parka—oddly enough, also worth about five hundred bucks, which she said she had to have, she headed for her stand.

As several bucks ventured in and out of shooting range, she continued to debate with herself as to whether or not she even really wanted to kill one of them—even if they were of the male persuasion.

Finally, she thought that if she just went ahead and shot one of them, she could at least go back to the house and warm up. Just then, another nicely racked buck stepped out into the clearing. She aimed ever so long, but the buck wouldn't leave. It wouldn't run or anything. She shot. The buck fell to the ground.

After several minutes, during which time the buck didn't move, and neither did her husband, who had earlier said that he would "come right over and help," she slowly and stiffly climbed down from her tree, and started to walk for help. Just as she walked past the deer, it lifted its head and completely enveloped her in the soft depths of its suffering brown eyes.

She froze. It laid its head back down. She started

to walk by; it raised its head again, and looked at her. She stopped. It put its head back on the cold, cold ground. Each time she moved, it opened its eyes beseechingly at her.

She knew she should put it out of its misery, but she didn't think she could. Besides, her gun was back in the tree. So, unable to think of any other alternative, she took off her brand new down-filled orange parka and put it over the deer's head. But it lifted its head when she moved, and the parka fell off. This time, she put it on the deer's antlers, and zipped it up, and managed to leave to get help.

By the time she found her husband, who had un-sportingly forgotten all about her, and got back to where the deer was: you guessed it. The deer had equally un-sportingly come back to his senses, and left, with her designer parka securely zipped around his neck and antlers.

Furthermore, from the lack of blood, it appeared not to even have been wounded very badly, so tracking it was out of the question. Was that deer safe now, or what? Several hunters later reported seeing the fastest hunter they'd ever seen, running through the woods in orange clothing.

Finally, to once again add insult to injury, not only was the deer gone, and her parka, but so was her rifle, which someone had taken from her tree stand.

All she ended up with was a cold.

And this story.

Never tempt fate by neglecting a superstition

I am not sure if I have ever met a person who is more superstitious than I was in my younger days. Whether it was where I sat during a football game, or parking in a certain spot at school, I made sure my ducks were in a row in order to have the best luck possible.



Henning Happenings
Chad Koenen

In fact, I could write a book about all of the strange things I did growing up to make sure that I never tempted fate. I would often get dressed the same way, put my socks on my feet in the correct order (everyone knows you put your socks on last, and only Barbarians put their socks on before their pants).

One time during my senior year of baseball I went over a month without washing my undershirt and my long black cotton socks. After all, I was on a hot streak and clearly my shirt, that I doubt my wife would even use as a rag today as there were so many holes in it, and my socks, which I am not embellishing at all when I tell you they could literally stand up on their own they were so stiff from all of the sweat and dirt, had a lot to do with my good fortunes.

Over the years I have become less superstitious, you

know with all the work involved in keeping each superstition straight (I mean who can keep track of the different ways we can negate our carefully planned superstition). However, judging by the various smells coming along the sideline of a few football games this fall, I have little doubt many of the players still hold onto some of these time honored traditions of not washing socks, undershirts or headbands. That being said, can we please make sure you are washing your underwear though, as a parent I think we should all let the one about not washing your underwear die off.

But there are a lot of time

A SUPERSTITIOUS WORLD
continued on 9

Landmark to host Santa Day on December 4

The Landmark Center has received a grant from the Lake Region Electric Cooperative to purchase an AED portable defibrillator, which is now on-hand for medical emergencies. In addition, the Landmark Center will offer two CPR training sessions in January 2022, led by professionals from Tri-County Health Care. Please watch for dates when available.



Landmark Center
Dan Broten

The Landmark Center will offer wreathmaking on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while supplies last. A \$10 fee will supply you with materials and decorations to create a unique holiday wreath that will last throughout the season.

Beverage and a Book will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 2-4 p.m. to discuss "The Book Thief." Copies of this book are available at the Landmark Center for those wishing to join the discussion.

The Viking Library Bookmobile visits Henning every other Tuesday with next dates set for November 9 and November 23 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in front of the Landmark Station building. Order books online and have them arrive in Henning for pick-up.

Santa Day activities are being planned for Saturday, Dec. 4, including lighted a Christmas parade, community tree lighting at the

Landmark Center, Henning Lions Club luncheon, hot chocolate by local youth groups, and a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. More details and times to come soon.

Tickets are now available for A Magical Medora Christmas as they return with an all new 2021 performance at the Henning School Gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m. with a bell choir by Gloria Axelson, and door prize raffle drawing.

Tickets are \$30 each, cash or check, and available exclusively through Henning Landmark Center or at one of the local First National Bank locations. Credit card purchases can be made at the Landmark Center with additional \$2 per ticket. Please mark your calendars and join us for an evening of Christmas celebration. Call 548-5760 for additional information.

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Community ed. to host several classes

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Please contact the Henning Public School at 583-2927, ext. 8000 for more information or to register for classes.

- **Social Security: Timing is Everything—Social Security is a vital income source, but timing is everything.** Come to this class to get answers to common Social Security questions, and learn what Social Security can mean for everyone. When should people apply for Social Security? How can they maximize my benefits? How will this affect a spouse? The class is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Henning School Library. Class fee is \$5 per person/family. Registration deadline is November 23

- **Ukulele—Class participants will learn chords and finger positions even if they do not read music.** This class is for beginners and intermediates. Each participant is asked to bring their own ukulele. The instructor has a few available for use in class

on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate when registering if you need to borrow a ukulele. The class is scheduled for Tuesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Henning School. Class fee is \$25. Registration deadline is November 23.

- **Large Rustic Sign Art—Create a 6'x9.25" tall sign using a rustic style stencil.** Word choices include Welcome, Merry Christmas, Home Sweet Home, Believe, or choose a custom saying. Those who will be choosing their own word, please indicate that when registering. The class is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Class fee is \$35. Registration deadline is November 22.

- **Job Seeker Workshop—This 2-session workshop prepares job seekers to be competitive in the local job market.** Bring a resume or information for a resume, and a laptop, if you have one. The workshop is scheduled

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A SUPERSTITIOUS WORLD

honored superstitions that we should be aware of as we head into the snowy and icy part of our year. After all, I've fallen on the ice too many times to take any unnecessary risks.

You know the saying about the luck you would have if you find a penny and pick it up and all day you will have good luck? That is, of course, unless the penny is heads down, then your luck will be bad all day long. In fact, I have even taken it a step farther. There was even one time I found a \$10 bill that was face down and kept walking by, if only for the simple fact I was concerned about having bad luck all day.

I really believe there is something to beginner's luck. I have to look no farther than my fantasy football team with a group of my high school friends. Every year in which we make some kind of a big change in how we draft, or change the positions we can have on our roster, I do amazing. The next 5 years or more, my team will be terrible. This goes back some 20 years, with the exception of this year when we had a set of confusing changes that I am still trying to figure out, so maybe my beginner's luck is run-

ning out.

Walk under a ladder and you might find yourself with a host of bad luck issues, not to mention one heck of a safety hazard. Personally, I still won't walk under a ladder after accidentally tipping one over in college, which sent my friend falling 10 feet to the ground.

Do you have a rabbit's foot? If so, you might have a quick and easy way for some luck. Talismans and amulets are a time-honored way of fending off evil. But don't have rabbit's feet in threes as another superstition states that bad luck comes in threes.

Say something that might bring bad luck? Maybe you should knock on wood. An old wise tale states if you knock on wood after tempting fate, you will erase all that is wrong. According to folklore, the fixation on wood comes from old myths about good spirits in trees and from an association with the Christian cross.

Another one of my favorite superstitions will be a staple following your Thanksgiving meal in a few weeks, as children and adults alike will have a tug of war over the turkey wishbone. According to legend the first-century

Romans used to fight over dried chicken wishbones, which they believed were good luck. If they accidentally broke them, the person with the longer part of the bone had their wish granted.

And of course we all remember the time honored tradition of jumping on the cracks on the sidewalk to break your moms back. That one is kind of mean if you really think about it.

Here are a few other unique superstitions from across the globe.

India has a number of superstitions, like if you leave the house before being swept, you'll never have a successful day. If you cut your nails or shave on a Tuesday or Thursday, or wash your hair on Saturday, you'll invite bad luck.

In Afghanistan, never allow the broom to touch the feet of anyone. If you do, one of your parents will die.

A German superstition declares that if you cheer with water you're actually wishing death upon the people you're drinking with.

If you're in Iceland, keep the knitting inside the house. There's a superstition that doing your

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needlework on your doorstep will keep those temps frigid.

I personally used to always hold my breath when I passed a graveyard, try explaining that one to your friends on the bus to baseball games. Turns out I may not have been too far off. In Japan, you must tuck your thumbs in to protect your parents when passing a graveyard. The Japanese word for thumb translates as "parent-finger," so hiding it protects them from death.

Women in ancient Britain often kept acorns in their pockets to ensure a youthful complexion.

Finally, in Cuba if you declare it's "el ultimo," or your last drink, then you're tempting fate, and death with shortly follow. In my eyes that means you can just stay out all night long and never worry about tempting death. But if you do declare "el ultimo," make sure to do so while knocking on wood, with a rabbit's foot in your pocket, preferably just one or two so it isn't divisible by three, but not after shaving on Tuesday or Thursday, while making sure there isn't a ladder nearby. I mean otherwise you might have bad luck.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF HENNING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

Council Members Present: Mayor Darren Wiese, Acting Mayor Scott Hart, Tammy Fosse, Jim Haberer and Wes Johnson.

City Staff Present: Clerk-Treasurer Kim Schroeder, Police and Fire Chief Mike Helle, City Superintendent Brenden Markuson, Willow Creek Director Lisa Augustus, and Utility Worker Jake Williams.

Members of the Public Present: Chad Koenen-Citizens Advocate, Bob Schlieman-Apex Engineering, Tom Jacobson-Swenson Lervick Attorney, Shari Haberer, Jamie Wilson, Elaine Dubel, Hope Sapp, Pam Wiese, Richard O. Johnson, Carleen & Berry Markuson, Jerry Schwartz, Doug Trana, Beno Lohse, Mary Nilson, Dan Broten, Jim Stewart, Ted Wigert, and Dave Haglund.

- 1) Call to order at 5:30 pm and pledge.
- 2) Motion by Fosse, second by Haberer and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with additions. Wiese added CarlsonSV 2020 Reconciliation Finding under old business and requests consideration to change the November regular meeting date.
- 3) Motion by Fosse, second by Hart and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the consent agenda items as follows:
 - Approval of September 13 and 17, 2021 Minutes
 - o Update item 21 of the Sept. 13 minutes to include the business to remain in business in order to qualify for the annual \$5,000 reimbursement.
 - o Update item 3 of the Sept. 17 minutes to include Wiese's recommendation for the position to be advertised as part-time with the possibility to increase to 32 hours per week or full-time if deemed necessary.
 - Approval of September City Claims
 - Resolution 2021-23 Responding to Petition Initiated by Property Owner for Detachment of Property from City

- 4) Motion by Hart, second by Johnson and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2021-23 Responding to Petition Initiated by Property Owner for Detachment of Property from City. Upon further review, the office of administrative hearing provided revised property descriptions requiring an updated resolution for approval. The only change was property description(s).
- 5) Public Input Discussion:

Beth Rose: shared concerns regarding continuation to monitor and send shut off notices to their rental tenants during the absence of a deputy/utility clerk. Including continued assistance with residents' application processes for energy assistance when needed. Wiese noted city hall services do not require staff to complete energy assistance for residents; that service is provided by the energy assistance program. However, city hall will assist when time allows. Additionally, the city will do everything it can to provide its own services to the best of the ability until the deputy/utility clerk position is filled.

Richard O. Johnson: shared concerns with how the city operates in terms of determining annual budgets, extensive attorney fees in recent years, and the 2020 reconciliation audit finding. Encouraging the mayor to visit with staff daily to get informed and report to the full council. Also encouraging the council to reduce the tax levy rather than increase.

Jerry Swartz: shared concerns with the ambulance service, providing information regarding his wife's experience during a call. That the city should review the operations of the ambulance protocols given their experience.

- 6) Discussion: Fosse questioned the role of the city's attorneys. Whether the city should consider an attorney policy, which representatives of the city can contact the attorney(s), and entertain implementing a cap on attorney expenses. Additionally, questioning if the city's Clerk-Treasurer is the Human Resource (HR) representative; if not who would be. She's looking for clarification from the council due to recent communications with employment law attorney Jacobson. Jacobson stated city employees are typically the HR representative or liaison. They are to remain neutral, administer policies with some level of delegation by job description and responsible for carrying out authority given by the council. Supervision of this role is the responsibility of the council. Jacobson stated, in reviewing Henning's personnel policy it's outdated and in need of updates. He recommends review with recommendations and a draft version provided for council review.

Fosse recommends agenda items include memo's outlining supporting information regarding the topic or item to be considered for the council to review and prepare for meetings, including and specifically related to requests by council members. Also questioning if this needs to be set by policy? Jacobson doesn't see the need to set by policy. That other cities do not have a policy; it is simply recognized as good practice.

Fosse questioned the new employment law attorney's role. That recent communications and emails between the mayor and Jacobson are not always employment law related. The city has a different designated attorney for items outside of employment law. Jacobson stated, in the end it's the council's decision who represents the city, and in what capacity. However, sometimes items intermingle making it difficult to differentiate which attorney should be contacted. Further explaining, when he received the October agenda, he noticed and felt the need to provide recommendations to the clerk on some of the topics, as it's hard for him to overlook.

Fosse questioned if an attorney should be present at every meeting. Jacobson indicated no need for him to attend unless an HR, personnel issue, etc. is on the agenda. The council opted to have attorney's attend when asked.

Fosse questioned how ongoing communication with the city attorneys should continue. Also asking Jacobson which city representative's other city's use to communicate. Jacobson clarified Henning is a statutory city with a weak mayor system. However, city's he works with typically use the Mayor and Clerk. This reduces the risk of open meeting law violations and other potential issues when including other council members. He

then questioned the council who they choose to delegate. Hart stated to work closely with the Mayor and Clerk. Fosse agreed, and emphasized if the Mayor and Clerk are delegated then communication needs to include the Mayor, Clerk and Attorney during all discussions. Wiese questioned the validity of including the clerk with every communication. Jacobson reminded the council that Henning has a weak mayor system, however, sometimes issues are only between one party not always including both the Mayor and Clerk, i.e. if the item is a sensitive personnel issue, both parties may not be involved. That the council needs to be flexible, understanding, and trusting. Overall, council members opted to use the Mayor and Clerk as liaisons between all [its] city attorney communications.

- 7) Credit/Debit Account Policy: Recommended red-line edits and updates were made by attorney Jacobson. Also recommending to remove any language referencing a debit card. The council approved the recommendations and requested a revised draft version be reviewed by Jacobson for accuracy and placed on the November regular meeting agenda for approval.

- 8) Motion by Haberer, second by Johnson and unanimously carried authorizing Attorney Tom Jacobson to update Henning's Personnel Policy with a draft form brought back to the council for review.

- 9) Motion by Haberer, second by Johnson and unanimously carried to table accepting Selling Bros. October 31st project completion timeline extension request. The item will be placed on the November agenda for consideration with Schlieman's recommendation at that time.

- 10) Police/Fire Department Update:
 - The old rescue van sold through online auction for \$7,151.00. A percentage of the sale is due to the auction company, amount due is unknown at this time.
 - The 2014 police squad sold through online auction for \$6,141.00.
 - Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled to be held in front of city hall October 31st with a portion of the street closed for a short period.

- 11) Ambulance Update:
 - 320 calls have been logged year-to-date.
 - Tri-County Healthcare training is scheduled this month.
 - Cook is meeting with Dr. Folkestad to review Code-of-Conduct procedures.

- 12) Utility/Public Works Supervisor Brenden Markuson Update:
 - 2nd Street Reconstruction Project: Sellen Bros. is scheduled to finish this week. Water and Sewer main is completed. Only services and storm water to complete between Douglas Ave and Holden Ave. Utility workers installed street lighting between Fergus Ave and Douglas Ave along with underground electric service to 500 Douglas Ave. Knife River should have all curb, gutter and sidewalks completed on the first two blocks this week. Ferguson Paving will be here next week to put the first layer on the two blocks. Ottertail Aggregate will be here this week to start shaping the last blocks. Knife River can start curb, gutter and sidewalks after.
 - Water/Wastewater: Winterizing the pivots.
 - Gas: Three new services have been installed in the last month. Another install will be completed tomorrow.
 - Electric: Everything is drilled and pulled in for phase 2 of the project. Casterjon, the general contractor, should be complete and done as they do not terminate.

Fortunately, city utility workers have also completed several jobs sub-contractors would otherwise be paid for, saving the city contractor rates. Eleven single phase transformers were set and terminated for a total of 26 loadbreak elbows terminated.

- Public Works: Trying to keep up with mowing. Parks and bathrooms will be winterized in the near future.

- 13) Willow Creek Director Lisa Augustus Update:
 - Census: Current census is 20 tenants. 15 on assisted living service, 5 on independent.
 - Discharges: None.
 - Admissions: One assisted living admission completed 9/1/21.
 - Referrals: 3 tours completed in September.
 - COVID: On the rise in OTC and throughout the state. Monitoring will continue and any updated guidance from MDH will be followed. One Covid positive staff member or tenant is considered an outbreak. The facility would be closed for visitation until a full round of testing is completed and re-open following MDH guidelines.

- AL Licensure: Policies and procedures continue to be worked on to be in compliance with new regulations.
- Legacy Assisted Living Director licensure (LALD): All information has been submitted and re-submitted to BELTSS, for Augustus's Licensed Assisted Living Director Licensure. The FBI criminal background check needs to be finalized before it is approved.
- Visitation: Visitation is open. Visitors are required to check in at the front entrance. Masks are required in the hallways for all visitors. Visitors who are 100% vaccinated can remove their mask in the tenant's apartment if the tenant is also 100% vaccinated.
- Activities: Working on adding additional activities for daily social and recreational requirements. Visitors and family members are not allowed at activities, or at any congregate meals at this time. Tenants have shared interest and suggestions with a monthly activity calendar being created for everyone to be aware of activities and schedules. Tenants were taken on an outing on September 27th to Otter Berry Farm near Perham for a picnic lunch and activities, and today the bus was full for an outing to Maplewood State Park to enjoy the fall colors and another lunch picnic.
- Staffing: One open position for a universal worker for the day and PM shifts.
- Donation: A \$700 donation was received from Henning Shining Lights 4-H club. This will be used towards a new smart TV.
- Re-Model Project: The flooring project is complete with the trim finished on September 24th. The trim wasn't included in the original bid, however because of the difference in gaps in the floor trim, it needed to be added for continuity. A small section of wallpaper needs to be removed, and the area painted where the old counter was removed. The

new counter will arrive in 4-6 weeks. A breakdown of expenses was listed with a balance of \$48,18 left for the facility to spend from the Espeland grant and Henning Shining Lights 4-H donation.

- 14) Willow Creek Commission Update: Hope Sapp went over a commission update and presentation she created regarding long term annual food savings purchasing local vs. out of the city.

- An Assisted Living Director job description didn't get developed yet and will be brought to a future council meeting.
- Augustus will be working with Helle on the Life Safety Appendix (Z) of the new AL licensure requirement. It's a very lengthy document outlining requirements for Emergency Preparedness procedures, trainings and required documentation for various hazardous scenarios. The committee wanted to make the council aware, no action required.
- Review of B & D's charge invoices shows Willow Creek staffing deficiencies in proper and legible signatures, including receipts documenting detailed items purchased. The committee asks the city to create a clear policy regarding WC charge accounts to ensure accountability and better checks and balances. After much discussion, the council and Augustus reached an agreement to delegate and train a limited number of WC staff to make purchases and return detailed receipts.

Sapp then provided a presentation showing real life examples of food cost comparisons and the overall monetary affect small changes can have to the WC budget and facility when shopping locally, out of town, or through a vendor. The objective is to provide tenants with the highest quality food following MN food requirements for seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables. The goal is to purchase local when items are available and financially feasible. Cost saving comparison examples were provided by receipt, meal, butter and bread. Not only are additional activities required by the new AL licensing, but have been heavily requested by the tenants themselves. Additionally, the facility is required to have food available for tenants 24 hours each day. An added nutrition station with fresh fruits, nutrition bars, crackers and other healthy snacks has been set up. Overall, the committee and staff are keeping plate costs lower to allow utilization of savings for special food events such as pizza parties, fish fry's, happy hours, bakers' clubs, and supper club nights.

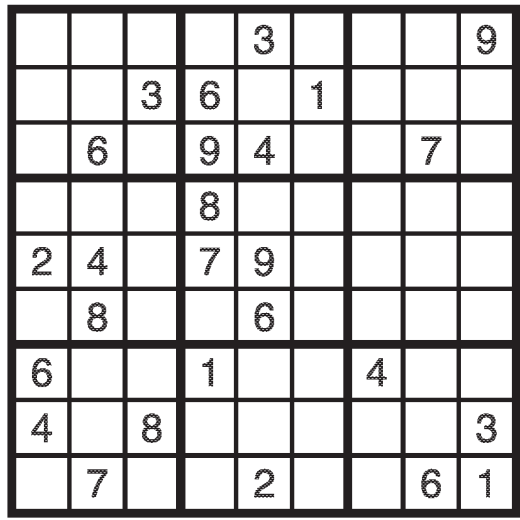
Overall, committee members and staff are very aware to continue supporting local businesses when at all possible. However, the information was provided to show the council cost saving differences, and savings over time. That WC must review its expenses over revenues and operate as profitably as it can.

- 15) Motion by Haberer, second by Fosse and unanimously carried to move forward with developing and completing MN statute requirements to implement a Local Sales Tax.
- 16) Motion by Hart, second by Johnson and unanimously carried to approve a request from Roger Hicks to purchase city owned land located in the industrial park. Also, to have staff contact attorney Skonseng to initiate sale of city owned property following MN statutes and local ordinance requirements. The sale shall consist of \$15,000 value to be sold on a contract for deed to Roger Hicks. Seller and purchaser split closing costs one-half each. Review and develop an easement if needed for possible land locked property. The city forgives \$5,000 annually over the next three years with stipulation to remain in business over those three years.
- 17) Motion by Haberer, second by Hart and unanimously carried approving CarlsonSV to perform audit services examining the city's 2020 reconciliation audit finding difference with a one-week timeline. Wiese communicated with Dean Birkeland of CarlsonSV to determine suggested steps to take to find the difference. The city has three options, 1) Hire CarlsonSV to examine the city's entries; 2) Hire an independent auditing firm, which will likely cost the city more per hour; 3) Adjust the books without any review, essentially waiving any examination. All council members agreed it needs to be reviewed and found and chose to hire CarlsonSV since they already have the city's information and knowledge.
- 18) Motion by Fosse, second by Haberer and unanimously carried tabling approval of CarlsonSV 2021 audit engagement contract. Due to the 2020 reconciliation finding the council chose to hold off on entering into a new agreement until the difference is found.
- 19) City Council postponed the November regular meeting to Monday, November 8th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
- 20) Motion by Fosse, second by Hart and unanimously carried to close a portion of 2nd Street between Fergus Ave and Douglas Ave (TH108) during the annual Haunted House events October 22-23 and October 29-30. The Henning Lions are selling food across the street from the Haunted House at the community center during the event dates. There was concern about vehicle and foot traffic back and forth.
- 21) Motion by Hart, second by Haberer and unanimously carried approving the Deputy-Utility Billing Clerk job description with updates. Attorney Jacobson stated the job description looks appropriate. The council chose to change one item under typical duties performed from assisting customers with processing energy assistance (EA) forms and securing payments, to assist customers with the process. Further stating the customer applying for assistance should contact energy assistance for support. Utilizing city staff assistance only when time allows.
- 22) Motion by Hart, second by Fosse and unanimously carried approving the Deputy-Utility Billing Clerk starting wage at \$18.00 per hour with no experience and/or \$20.00 per hour with experience. The recommendation would come from the Personnel Committee. The new hire would have a 90-day probationary period; receive a \$1.50 per hour wage increase after probation period met and no discipline. And no further increase or cost-of-living increase until 1/1/2023.
- 23) Motion by Fosse, second by Haberer and unanimously carried to Not Waive the League of MN Cities Monetary Tort Limit on Municipal Tort Liability.
- 24) Motion by Hart, second by Haberer to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

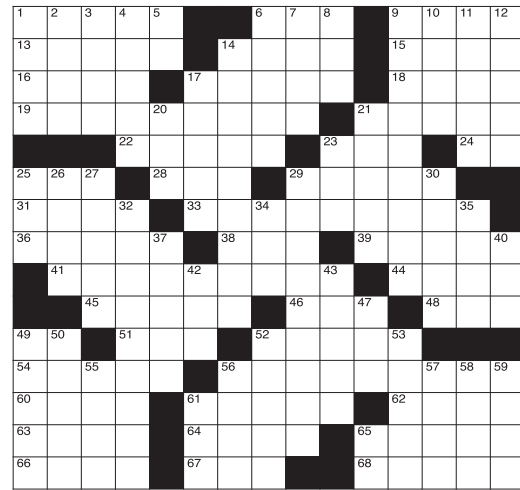
Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Schroeder, City Clerk-Treasurer
Attested to: Darren Wiese, Mayor

ENTERTAINMENT

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. German philosopher
- 6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- 9. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 13. Deerlike water buffaloes
- 14. Island
- 15. Jewish calendar month
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- 18. A restaurant needs one
- 19. Decent behaviors
- 21. Groans
- 22. Works hard
- 23. Upset
- 24. A sound made in speech
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Boxing's GOAT
- 29. Whittles
- 31. Tailless amphibian
- 33. Surrounded
- 36. Doesn't stay still
- 38. Copycat
- 39. Four-door car
- 41. Morally correct behavior
- 44. Something that is owed
- 45. Pasta needs it
- 46. Ant-Man's last name
- 48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 49. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 51. Woman (French)
- 52. On or around
- 54. Fencing swords
- 56. Fonts
- 60. A command in the name of the court
- 61. Sprays with an irritant
- 62. Georgetown athlete
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Sign of injury
- 65. Tracts of land (abbr.)
- 66. 365 days
- 67. Physique
- 68. Icelandic poems

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bodily substance
- 2. Internal
- 3. Provoke or annoy
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Losses
- 6. Makes less severe
- 7. Identifies a thing close at hand
- 8. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 9. Rebuilt
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. American investigative journalist
- 12. Partially melted snow
- 14. Take shape
- 17. Mexican beverage
- 20. Patti Hearst's captors
- 21. Jacobs and Summers are two
- 23. Disfigure
- 25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- 26. Ill-mannered person
- 27. Overhang
- 29. Famed rat catcher
- 30. Passover feast and ceremony
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Central processing unit
- 35. Chinese native religion
- 37. Unfermented juices
- 40. "To the ___ degree"
- 42. Frozen water
- 43. Medieval circuit courts
- 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- 49. Gossipy
- 50. Shopping is one type
- 52. Palmlike plant
- 53. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
- 56. Popular Mexican dish
- 57. It helps power devices
- 58. Reddish-brown wildcat
- 59. Impertinence
- 61. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 65. Atomic #52

Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features members of the 2013 Henning School Musical. Do you know any of the people pictured above or the name of the musical? If so, contact the Citizen's Advocate at news@henningadvocate.com or by phone at 548-5585.

Left: Last week's mystery photo featured Front row: Jens Ree, Paul DeVary, Jim Kampsula, Chuck Christianson, Loren Thalmann, Howard Trana, Bob Kirckof, Dewey Cowen, Melvin Kirckof, Ken Knutson and Buzz Bredberg. Back row: Tony Kawlewski, Jim Peterson, Dick Cloeter, Dave Rortvedt, Jim Dilly, Hub Nordgren, Jerry Haberer, Walt Thiedich, Duane Fraki, Dr. Thompson and Herman Deckert.

It happened in

5 years ago Citizen's Advocate Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016

Henning High School senior, Paige Wallevand, daughter of Pete and Beth Wallevand of rural Henning is one of 45 students/athletes from across the state who have been selected as a finalist for the honor of Powerade Athlete of the Year. Wallevand is a two-sport athlete who is active in a number of school activities.

Voter turnout was high across Otter Tail County and the state of Minnesota on November 8. In the City of Henning, Jim Hermanson was re-elected as Mayor receiving 315 votes. Hermanson ran unopposed on the ballot and there were 37 write-in votes. Nancy Oseien and Gaylord Anderson were elected to the Henning City Council. In the school board elections Rod Thalmann, Kim Haugen and Reed Reinbold were all re-elected.

25 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Nov. 13, 1996

It wasn't for real, but in another sense it was. It was a simulated rescue situation designed as a drill to test and develop the skills of fire and ambulance departments. The drill plan was that the school was on fire and that a janitor was missing. It eventually brought in more and more scenarios that the departments had to deal with.

The number of area registrations in the first week of deer season is somewhat down from last year. One of the places reporting, Denny's Conoco of Henning, reported 418 deer registered as

of Tuesday morning. Last year the first week count was 535, with 459 in 1994, 446 in 1993, 401 in 1992 and 402 in 1991.

50 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Nov. 18, 1971

In order to reduce the incidents of tooth decay, various effective procedures have been recommended by the dental profession. One of the methods consists of a self-administered brushing of the teeth with a special fluoride paste. This procedure has resulted in a significant reduction of dental cavities in both fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas. The brushing is done under supervision on a twice a year basis. A group of dentists in our area recommend that we offer this self-administered prophylaxis by use of a toothbrush in the Henning School starting at grade three. The State Department of Health is recommending that this procedure be made part of school health programs throughout the state. Parents are urged to return the participation slips which have been sent by the student.

75 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Nov. 21, 1946

Coach George Sycks has now turned his talents to basketball, reporting that 20 candidates of varsity timber have turned out for practice since the first call issued November 2. Some pretty rangy boys are out for the team, but many of them are pretty inexperienced, with only four lettermen in the group. The first game will be

Hewitt here on November 22, while the second game finds Bertha clashing Henning on the local hardwood November 27. The following are the boys out for the squad with a dot denoting the letterman: Robert Kruta, Donald Boline, *Ralph Boline, *Curtis Peterson, *Ernest Salvog, *Allen Waldemar, Victor Thompson, Carleton Nyberg, Lee Amundson, Laverne Skegstad, Duane Christopherson, Harvey Johnson, David Finke, Howard Hanson, Harvey Tollefson, Harlan Syverson, David Holmgren, Duane Johnson, Walter Stueve, David Ferber. Because of the number of basketball players from Vining, who are on the local cage squad, many Henning businessmen have volunteered to drive the Vining boys home from practice.

100 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921

Landlord Anton Markuson last Thursday morning awoke to find the hotel cigar case and contents missing. The case, which was in the lobby, had been carried away bodily during the night. Being a public place the lobby was kept assessable at all hours of the night. In the case, besides \$25 worth of cigars, were about \$5 in change. A search for the property resulted in finding the show case, minus the contents, in the swamp near Christ Zemp's place. The glass in one end of the case was broken when recovered.

As colder weather sets in it is noticeable that petty

thievery increases in the community. While attending the lecture at the Baptist church Sunday night Andrew Hanson had his fur robe stolen out of the buggy.

125 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Nov. 19, 1896

The following particulars of a little romance in real life came to our knowledge one day this week; A number of months ago a gentleman living in Dubuque through a mutual friend heard of a young lady who has been living in the family of D.L. Wellman, in this county by the name of Hart. Miss Hart was also made aware of the existence of Mr. Jones through the same medium. This slight knowledge of one another aided and encouraged by the friend alluded to grow first into an exchange of messages, and then finally into a correspondence; then the correspondence terminated, as such things frequently do, when carried on between young ladies and gentlemen, in the telling of the old, yet ever new story and engagement of marriage. The engagement was entered into without the parties having ever seen one another at all; and on Wednesday last Mr. Jones arrived here from Dubuque for the purpose of making Miss Hart his bride.

The benevolent institutions of the Baptist Church during the past year averaged 36 cents per communicant the Methodist, 24 cents, the Episcopalians, one dollar and 37 cents; the Presbyterians three dollars and 17 cents.

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Trivia!

This week's question:


Who was the host of the "Tonight Show" from 1962-1992?

A. Jay Leno
B. Johnny Carson
C. David Letterman
D. Ed McMahon

Last week's answer:
Captain Jack Sparrow

Answered by:

Be the FIRST person after 9:30 a.m. on THURSDAY to correctly answer this week's Big Foot Trivia question and win a free four piece chicken at Big Foot. Call the Citizen's Advocate at 548-5585 or email us at news@henningadvocate.com with the correct answer. Limit one winner per week. Participants are limited to one winning answer in a 30 day period. Callers must have the correct answer when they call in. The question will not be read over the phone.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the "Solid Waste Master Plan". The proposed plan will be considered at a meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners, in person, in the Commissioners' Room at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center, at 515 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. local time. The meeting will be available for viewing via WebEx.
 Minnesota Statute 400 authorizes Counties to conduct solid waste management programs. The purpose of the proposed plan is to establish guiding principles and goals for long term solid waste management initiatives. This plan is different than the County Solid Waste Management Plan regulated by Minnesota Statute 115A.46.
 Copies of the proposed "Solid Waste Master Plan" are available on the Otter Tail County website at <https://ottertailcountymn.us/solid-waste-master-plan/> and at the Otter Tail County Solid Waste Department located in the Fergus Falls Recycling Center, 1115 N Tower Road, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.
 Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Cedar Walters, Solid Waste Public Information and Education Officer, at (218) 998-8914. All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing in person or remotely. Those wishing to participate remotely may do so by contacting the County Board Secretary at (218) 998-8051. Written correspondence is encouraged and must be submitted to the County Administrator's office, 520 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 no later than Wednesday December 8, 2021.

Chris McConn, P.E.
 Director, Solid Waste
 Dated: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
 Published November 16, 2021

INMAN TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE
 Inman Township - Change of Time - for the following months Dec, Jan, Feb, board meetings will be held at 7:00pm
 Published November 16, 2021

CITY OF HENNING SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021
 Council Members Present: Mayor Darren Wiese, Acting Mayor Scott Hart, Tammy Fosse, Jim Haberer and Wes Johnson.
 City Staff Present: Clerk-Treasurer Kim Schroeder, Utility Superintendent Brenden Markuson, Creek Director Lisa Augustus. Members of the Public Present: Chad Koenen-Citizens Advocate.
 1) Call to order at 4:00 pm and pledge.
 2) Motion by Hart, second by Johnson to offer applicant Joseph Miller the Deputy-Utility Billing Clerk position. Starting rate at \$19.00 per hour, 90-day probationary period, a \$1.50 hourly rate increase to be added once probationary period met, and no cost of living or further increases until January 1, 2022. Should Miller not accept the position, Kim Haugen would be offered as second recommended candidate. Opposed were Fosse and Haberer. Wiese broke the tie voting in favor of Miller. The four-member personnel committee performed four interviews. A 50/50 split recommendation was presented for candidates Joseph Miller and Kim Haugen.
 3) Motion by Hart, second by Johnson to give Miller until Friday, October 29, 2021 to accept or decline the employment opportunity.
 4) Motion by Haberer, seconded by Fosse to adjourn at 4:14 pm.
 Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Schroeder, City Clerk-Treasurer
 Attested to: Darren Wiese, Mayor
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Woman injured while trying to avoid deer

One road injury reported near NY Mills

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

A woman driving on Highway 60, north of Perham, was injured Nov. 11 when she tried to avoid hitting a deer. She rolled her vehicle into the north ditch

close to 5:30 p.m.

She was taken to the hospital in Perham after sustaining non-life-threatening injuries. The vehicle was towed from the scene of the accident.

One road injury near NY Mills

One person was injured in a two-vehicle accident on November 9 near New York Mills. The accident took place at the intersection of Highway 67 and 528th Avenue.

The time of the accident was 4:21 p.m. One vehicle was T-boned by the other vehicle, according to sheriff deputies.

County to address solid waste issues

OTC Commissioners to host public hearing on Dec. 1

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

The county Board of Commissioners, on November 9, heard an outline for the County Solid Waste Master Plan. The presenter was County Solid Waste Director Chris McConn.

A public hearing on this subject will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the County Government Services Center located in northwest Fergus Falls, next to the former RTC campus on Fir Avenue West.

"Public engagement plays a central role in the development of this Master Plan," said McConn to county commissioners. "A major goal over the next several years is the protection of Otter Tail County's natural resources."

The Solid Waste Master Plan contains possible solutions designed to support and ultimately improve the Otter Tail County's existing solid waste management system.

An evaluation of the existing solid waste management system was conducted to determine what policies

or technologies could be implemented to improve recycling, solid waste management and waste diversion from landfills.

"The public meeting on Dec. 1 will hopefully result in more input that's already been collected at focus group meetings and through community surveys," McConn said.

County commissioners, with the support of many county residents who have already provided input for the Solid Waste Master Plan, are committed to a path toward zero landfilling, supporting waste-to-energy, providing quality and equitable solid waste services and adhering to fiscally responsible investments.

Solutions were separated into solid waste categories including education, household hazardous waste, organics, recycling, waste reduction and waste to energy/ash.

"The solutions include a planning and implementation schedule throughout the 25-year duration of the Master Plan," McConn said, "in order to support the suc-



Chris McConn

cess of all programs and ultimately set a path toward zero landfilling."

McConn said the county Solid Waste Department does not want to be unreasonable in pursuit of goals. "We want to be fair minded."

County Commissioner Wayne Johnson of Pelican Rapids said doing what is reasonable is the best approach.

"Don't let the pursuit of perfection overshadow realistic goals," Johnson said.

"We can revisit the County Solid Waste Master Plan every two years or so. We'll no doubt see that some aspects of the plan are working well and others are not working very well. Then we can make some necessary adjustments."

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• Kids Painting Class: Snowman Family—This class is for children ages kindergarten and up. The

class is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 29 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Henning School Art Room. Class fee is \$15. Registration deadline is November 22.

• Ticket to Paris—This class is for children in grades 2-6. Students will learn what it is like to visit a different country. They

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will learn some geography, history, basic French words, prepare a snack, learn some fun facts and do an art project! The class is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 2 from 3:15-5:15 p.m. in the Henning School Spanish Classroom. Class fee is \$16. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 24.



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