

CITIZEN'S ADVOCATE

QUILTS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HELP AT ISLAND CAMP



Photo by Chad Koenen

After being forced to be held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic each of the past two years, the annual Lutheran Island Camp quilt auction returned to an in-person option on Saturday afternoon. The quilt auction featured several hundred quilts that were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the quilt auction benefit the East Battle Lake camp.



Photo by Chad Koenen

The Henning City Council heard an update on a potential beautification project in downtown Henning.

Henning council gets a look at downtown street plan

Beautification project could be completed during Hwy. 108 project

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Henning City Council got its first look at a plan to beautify the downtown Henning area as part of the 2024 Highway 108 project.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, the city council heard from representatives from MnDOT, as well as beautification committee members. Since the road was being torn up and replaced,

the project was a chance for Henning to redo portions of its downtown area.

"It's a chance of a lifetime to sort of rebuild and redo some things (to enhance) downtown," said a representative from MnDOT.

Representatives from MnDOT said the goal of enhancing the downtown area was to make it appealing for local residents and to help and get people to stop in town.

Among the items being dis-

cussed by the committee was using boulevard trees and vegetation to help with traffic calming and creating a location for bicycles or pedestrians. In the business district, the committee felt that the use of color in the boulevard with a mix of vegetation, benches and other structural elements would support tourists and community members walking, biking and relaxing within the corridor.

Representatives from MnDOT said they have not looked

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New pickleball court installed in Ottertail

Volunteer hours make pickleball a reality

By Kathryn Wilkowski
Reporter

With a budget of merely \$26,000, Ottertail added a pickleball court to their city park with the help of many

volunteers.

"There has been a few hundred hours of volunteer work done for this whole project," Darold Woessner, project manager explained. "It's amazing. The majority of the contracting that took place here was volunteer help."

Ottertail Mayor Ron Gro-

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Coming together at National Night Out in Henning



Photo by Dan Broten

Games, food, family activities and a variety of information about the greater Henning area was available at the annual National Night Out festivities in Henning on Tuesday night. For more information about the annual National Night Out festivities, check out page 12.

Lutheran Island Camp celebrates 70th anniversary

East Battle Lake camp to host anniversary celebration

By Stella Strong
Reporter

As people, certain numbers call for a celebration. From double digits to the first years as an adult to quarter of a century birthdays/anniversaries, certain numbers are recognized as milestones. And why shouldn't they be? After all, what's more exciting than turning 50? Turning 70!

On Saturday, Aug. 13, the Lutheran Island Camp (LIC) will celebrate its 70th anniversary as an outdoor ministry.

Despite hosting thousands of campers a year, the LIC began as what one would describe as rather humble origins, largely thanks to a man by the name of Reverend R.L. Bode.

As the story goes, local pastor R.L. Bode had a vision that "Bald Island"

would become a summer camp for youth. After working hard to convince several other pastors, they eventually gathered the funds to purchase the area in 1949. After various construction projects, the camp opened up in 1952.

"At that time there were 10 cabins, five in each of two villages," said Director Stacy Lung.

In those days, the camp was only open for about 10 weeks a summer and closed throughout the winter and fall.

"Today, LIC operates year round on a 67 acre island, and provides programs for participants of all ages," said Lung.

Wedge right between

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Photo by Chad Koenen

Lutheran Island Camp's quilt auction returned to an in-person option after being moved online in each of the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proceeds from the auction benefit Lutheran Island Camp, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this weekend.

Bowman retires from Land and Resource department

Longtime employee has been with OTC for 39 years

Marsha Bowman has retired from Otter Tail County Land and Resource Department after serving as the office manager for 39 years.

Bowman began her career in the Treasurer's Office in 1983 and was hired in 1985 to the newly formed Land and Resource Management department where she continued to work for the remainder of her career.

She has been instrumental in many of the changes within the department including the 2012 development of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force.

"It has been a great ride. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues and building relationships with the public, contractors, and surveyors and all those we serve," said Bowman. "Working for Otter Tail County has been very rewarding. I enjoyed my career—we have a great staff."

Marsha explained the roles of her position, like



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Marsha Bowman announced her retirement as the office manager of the Otter Tail County Land and Resource department after nearly four decades of employment.

many managers in Otter Tail County, her roles were very diverse. Though the use of technology has advanced, the mission has stayed the same: help people through the process and protect the county's natural resources. She served as the secretary to the AIS Task Force and

Planning Commission and managed the AIS prevention program until Spencer McGrew was hired in 2016. Ten years later the program is widely respected across Minnesota.

After a standing ovation from the Board of Commissioners, Lee Rogness,

County Commissioner addressed Bowman as, "an anchor in the department with a wealth of knowledge. We have appreciated you," he said.

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Lake cabin thefts near West Battle Lake

Perham resident injured in accident

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

A cabin owner on the northeast side of West Battle Lake reported the theft of several items on

Aug. 3.

"Multiple things have been stolen during a recent period of time," said a sheriff deputy. "The cabin owner will make a report for insurance purposes."

Rural Perham resident injured in ATV accident

A rural Perham resident

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Assistance available to county veterans

OTC vets population is over 4,100

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

County board members, on July 12, expressed appreciation that the 2022

Minnesota State Legislature passed a Veterans Omnibus Bill that includes funding for a service bonus payable to eligible veterans who served from Sept. 11, 2001, to Aug. 30, 2021.

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DOWNTOWN PROJECT

into firm costs for the decorative projects, but the plan was just a concept being developed. The representatives said the concept was a starting point and was something they wanted the city and affected business owners to be comfortable with in regards to things like benches and weeding vegetation.

Several committee members said the goal was to provide low maintenance planters and trees to enhance the downtown area. Many of the questions about the trees and flower pots revolved around who was responsible for maintaining, watering and weeding the vegetation.

"(Our goal was to) make what is going to happen as attractive as possible instead of big concrete sidewalks," said Heather Ewart.

Councilwoman Tammy Fosse said there have been a number of ideas for how to take care of the vegetation along the Highway 108 project for things like weeding in the future, but there are not firm plans to date.

Henning Mayor Darren Wiese encouraged the com-

mittee to hold a public meeting and visit with the affected downtown businesses about the project to get their input about what may be put in front of their business.

Public comment

For the first time in several months the city council answered questions and provided information during the public comment period of its meeting.

The first person to address the city council was Chelsey Waskosky who provided the city council with a copy of a recent article in the Fergus Falls Journal. The article cited an unnamed city council member who reportedly contacted the newspaper about what they felt was a lack of employees in the city. The unnamed person also said the police chief was helping to mow in town and highlighted an ambulance department investigation that was closed last year.

Waskosky said her concerns revolved what she termed as inaccurate statements in the story, which later said 11 of the 14 members of the ambulance crew

had a positive view of where the ambulance service was going.

"Why would someone, who I thought was suppose to be for our community and represent it, want to cast a shadow over the town, the city employees and emergency departments," said Waskosky. "What satisfaction, or good, comes from this article. I feel this article has tarnished the City of Henning, the community and city departments."

Wiese credited the work of the current city employees who have all stepped up over the past few months. He said Henning Police Chief Mike Helle has always been willing to help out when necessary and that includes plowing snow in years past as well. He asked the city council members to work together and move on for the greater good of the community.

"The continual the city is in a crisis mode needs to stop. It is shameful that we are reaching out and we are continually trying to put a (negative) cast on our city and we need to move on," he said.

In addition to Waskosky, the city council heard from Judi Strege during the public comment period.

Strege questioned how much the city was paying for new employees, as well as contracting its services with things like Missouri River for electrical services and a private company for meter reading. She contended the new city employees were hired at a higher rate than past employees who have left the city.

Wiese said not all of the new city employees were hired at a higher rate than past employees. As far as reading meters, Wiese said the company the city has contracted with has found some past discrepancies in meter readings and may have also discovered issues with the city's software.

Utility Supervisor Ted Strand said the city currently has a retainer with Missouri River for \$2,500 a month and has a contract with Perham to service the natural gas projects as necessary until the current staff can be certified. Strand said the staff is working towards getting additional

certification.

Strege also said the previous employees in the city office and utility department got along well, were all certified and all quit their positions.

City councilman Wes Johnson said the city needs to come together and work together to move forward.

In other news

- Discussed holding a public hearing in September regarding a potential road closure of School Ave. The road could be closed if the current school building levy is approved by school district voters in a November. Wiese said the hope was to get input from the community regarding the potential road closure.

- Accepted a donation from Brian Brogard for a used truck that could be utilized for the utility department. One of the utility trucks being used by the city is in need of repair and Strand said the donated truck would give the city time to find a new truck down the road.

- Heard an update from Strand about an audit of

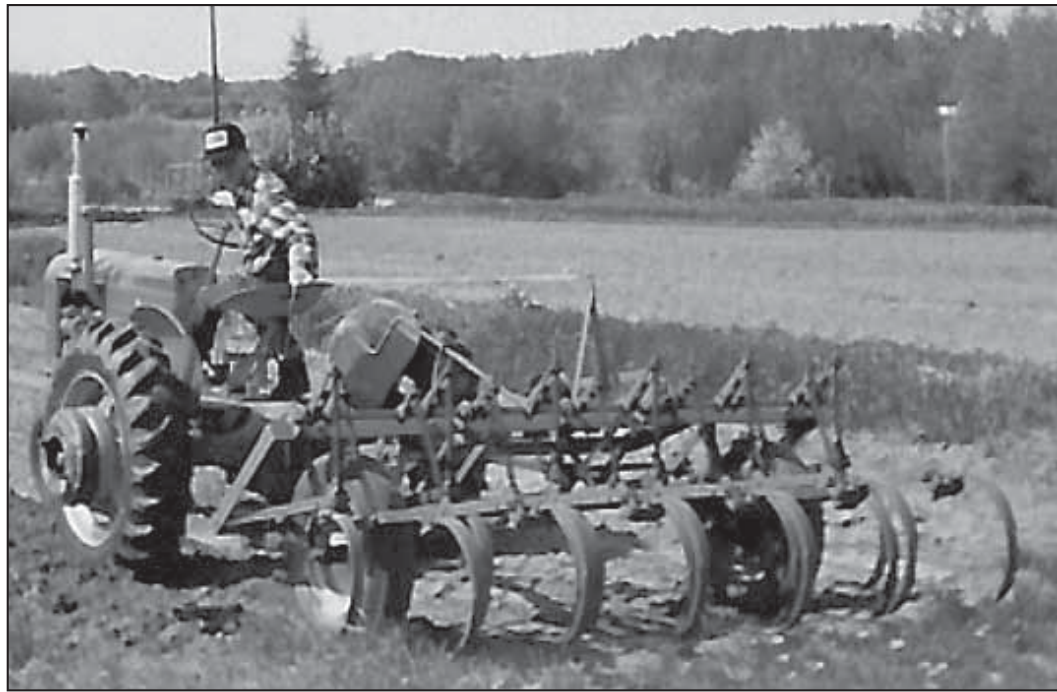
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some of the larger gas customers in the community. Strand said the Perham Utility department asked the city to check for accuracy and found three meters that were pumping gas through more quickly than could be accounted for by the meter. Those meters were installed quite some time ago and would need a new meter to account for the additional gas being pumped.

- Heard a concern from Willow Creek Executive Director about the need for additional staff to keep up with a growing number of people on services. Currently Willow Creek hires mostly part-time employees, but Augustus said she would like to see five full-time positions at Willow Creek after a pay study is completed.

- Approved issuing a credit card for the dietary manager at Willow Creek to use for food, as well as changing overtime rules to 40 hours a week, as opposed to 48 hours a week.

- Approved issuing a credit card for the utility department manager with a limit of \$1,000 and \$10,000 for the city clerk/treasurer.



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A tractor collection by the late Vergil Frost is being remembered nearly one year after his passing. The collection featured a number of collectible Case tractors.

A Henning tractor collection to remember

Vergil Frost's tractor collection held a special meaning for local family

Editor's Note: The following article was originally published in the Northland Case Collectors Newsletter in April of 2021. It is being reprinted with their permission. Vergil Frost passed away on Aug. 22, 2021 at the age of 89.

In May of 1932, Vergil Frost was born to Dorothy and Axel Frost in Atwater, Minn. They moved to rural Henning, where Vergil grew up. In 1943 Axel bought his first Case tractor, a VAC, when Vergil was 11 years old. That tractor was the first spark that ignited Vergil's passion for Case tractors. The main tractors that were used on Axel's farm were a 1941 SC Case, a 1943 VAC Case, and a 1945 VAC Case.

Vergil married his high school sweetheart and neighbor, Geroline Anderson. He then went to the iron range with his father in 1951 to first become carpenters, then Ver-



gil found employment in the iron ore mines. In the fall of 1955, both Vergil and Geroline moved to the Iron Range for Vergil's work. They bought a 40-acre farm in rural Gilbert, Minn., where they mostly raised beef cattle. Vergil and

Geroline raised 7 children on that farm while he was working in the mines. The majority of his farming was done with Case
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The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs will facilitate this program for eligible veterans, currently serving military service members or veterans' beneficiaries.

The Otter Tail County veteran population is estimated to be 4,107.

"We receive a state grant annually that runs from July 1 to June 30 based on the number of veterans in the county. The current level is \$12,500 and we run as much as we can out of this to reduce expenses to county taxpayers," said Jim Olson, Otter Tail County Veterans Service Officer.

"Close to \$6,700 was spent on limited direct assistance to county veterans in the form of food or fuel cards," Olson said. "We also had cards donated to us from DAV and the Eagles last year."

Assistance to Otter Tail County veterans also comes in the form of state and federal expenditures.

Included is money for veterans that covers VA medical care, compensation and pension, education/vocational rehabilitation and insurance and indemnities.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs' State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP) allocates money to eligible veterans



Jim Olson

and dependents. It is believed, however, that many of the programs are experiencing a lag as a residual effect of COVID.

County board members (Chairperson Betty Murphy of Maine Township, Wayne Johnson of Pelican Rapids, Dan Bucholz of Perham, Kurt Mortenson of Underwood and Lee Rogness of Fergus Falls) emphasize that it's important to provide outreach to the county's veterans.

This includes assisting in the reintegration of combat veterans into society, to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans, to reduce homelessness among veterans and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office.

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When asked what skills she relied on most in her work Bowman replied, "I needed to be organized, a people-person, and I made sure to plan ahead. I would recommend people to work

for Otter Tail County. It wasn't easy to leave a job I enjoyed so much."

Bowman plans to spend time relaxing and enjoying gardening and she hopes to travel this winter.

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Lutheran Island Camp held its annual quilt auction on Saturday at the East Battle Lake camp. The camp is hosting its 70th anniversary celebration this weekend.

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Henning and Battle Lake, they now host about 6,000 campers yearly. They also host other events such as their annual LIC quilt auction that took place earlier this August.

Come join them as the camp celebrates its 70th anniversary on Saturday. The

day will begin at 1 p.m. with a lunch and a variety of camp activities, including the beach area which will be open to the public. Jesse the Juggler will take the stage for a special performance at 3 p.m.

This event is the perfect place for both campers from

decades ago and campers from the recent summers to come together and celebrate the place that gave them such fun memories.

For more information about Lutheran Island Camp, visit www.island-camp.org.

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Half cent sales tax, license fees needed in Otter Tail County

County Road 67 was one of the roads funded by sales tax

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Otter Tail County, since 2016, has administered a half-cent sales tax. Money from this tax is used for road and bridge maintenance. Heading these projects is County Engineer Chuck Grotte.

Also taking effect in 2016 was a county charge of \$10 added to vehicle license tab renewals, later increased to \$20 per vehicle in 2018. This money also goes to road and bridge maintenance.

Total funding from these sources, from 2016 to 2021, came to \$25.4 million.

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

"The backbone of the highway system in Otter Tail County requires lots of financial investment," Grotte emphasizes. "County residents who have attended public meetings in previous years have expressed their desire for their roadways to be maintained at the highest level."

County commissioners,

over the years, have also emphasized to county taxpayers that the half cent sales tax and license fees are necessary. That's because, according to commissioners, other funding sources (state, federal and county levy taxes) have fallen short of what has been needed for road and bridge maintenance in recent years.

Road maintenance is costly

As examples, resurfacing projects in 2021 totaled close to \$9.4 million. Included was work along Highway 67 near New York Mills, Highway 8 near Perham and Highway 5 near Clitherall.

County residents, at public hearings, overwhelmingly supported the half cent sales tax and license fees before those programs were passed by county board members.

Area counties which also have half-cent sales taxes and license fees for roadways include Becker, Douglas and Wadena counties.

The county sales tax applies to items already taxed as part of the state sales tax



Photo by Chad Koenen

A portion of the funding for repairs on Centennial 84 Dr. in New York Mills was funded through money raised by a half cent sales tax and a vehicle license fee.

system. The half-cent tax does not include a tax on food, clothing or other items that are not taxable in Minnesota.

More about county highway department

An engineering section of the Otter Tail County Highway

Department, headed by Grotte, has a staff of nine people.

They are responsible for inspections, engineering design and construction of highways and bridge projects. This section also provides technical support to other county departments.

The maintenance section of the county highway department, also headed by Grotte, includes 33 individuals who provide routine maintenance services to the highways and bridges throughout Otter Tail County.

These maintenance operations are divided into five maintenance areas which contain a total of 10 garages in various sections of the county. Snow plowing during the winter months is part of their job descriptions.

ATV ACCIDENT INJURES ONE

was injured in an ATV accident Aug. 3 near his residence. The accident took place close to 8:30 p.m.

Receiving non-life-threatening injuries was 58-year-

old Perry Lillis. Not injured was a passenger, a juvenile female. Lillis was transported to the hospital in Perham.

The accident was still under investigation as of Aug.

4. **Driver injured northeast of Perham**
Sheriff deputies, on Aug. 1, reported an injury during a traffic accident northeast of Perham, on Highway 13.

A male driver lost control of his truck at 12:07 p.m., hit an approach and the vehicle rolled.

"The driver suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene of the accident by Perham EMS," said a sheriff deputy.

A wrecker service towed

the truck from the scene of the accident. The Minnesota State Patrol assisted sheriff deputies at the scene of the accident.

Fishing items stolen

Several fishing-related items were reported stolen on Aug. 1, near Lake Lida, east of Pelican Rapids.

Taken were four fishing rods, a spare marine fuel tank, spare marine battery and other fishing gear. There were no immediate suspects.

Cycle driver dies in accident

A 69-year-old male died July 29 following a motorcycle accident near Vergas. The accident took place at 10:22 a.m. near the intersection of Highway 4 and Iris Lane.

"The driver lost control of the cycle, entered the northwest ditch and eventually entered Lawrence Lake just west of Vergas," said a sheriff deputy.

The victim was taken by

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ambulance to a hospital where he died.

Riding mower, other lawn equipment stolen

A resident who lives near Highway 75, in the far eastern section of Otter Tail County, reported the theft of a riding lawn mower and other lawn equipment.

The thefts were reported on July 29.

Also taken were a push mower and trimmer. There were no immediate suspects.

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The late Vergil Frost had an expansive collection of Case tractors in rural Henning.

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tractors but he also had a B Farmall and Allis-Chalmers WD 45.

With the love and support of his wife Vergil began buying Case tractors for farm use. It then became a hobby for the family to collect and help restore tractors in the shop with their dad. His children Steve, Wayne, Rose, and Shari were the ones that helped the most when it came to restoring the tractors. In his spare time with the support of his family, Vergil competed in tractor shows and tractor pulls with the tractors that they had restored. One of the competitions was the teeter-totter where you competed to see who could balance their tractor the fastest on the platform that Vergil had built.

He sold his farm in 1995 and moved back to Henning to help his mother-in-law. He had to auction off 19 of his tractors to move back and was only able to keep a few that were really special or hard to find, like his 3 RCs, DC, VAC, VC, and SC. His wife then passed away in June of 2005 and in that same month a tornado hit. The tornado tore the roof off of his shed and damaged his tractors that were in it. He then lost interest in tractors for a while because he was depressed about losing his wife and getting his tractors damaged.

His son Steve brought Vergil down a 1952 VAC to try and get him interested in re-

storing tractors again. Vergil and Shari, his daughter, worked on rebuilding the motor for the VAC. In 2015, Vergil's grandson Skyler came down and wanted to restore a tractor with his grandpa. With the help of Skyler and Shari, Vergil was able to completely restore the VAC in 2017, that he had gotten from Steve, and in the process found his passion for restoring Case tractors once again. Some of his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids were more than willing to help him fix his tractors that were damaged and add to his collection. Some of the tractors that have been restored lately are a VAC in 2017, a VC in 2018, and a DC, L, and CC4 in 2019.

The 1941VC that was restored in 2018 was driven by Vergil in the 2018 Henning Parade. He was super excited because it had been one of his dreams to have his tractors in a parade. Some of his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids got together the week of the parade to help get his tractors out of the shed, washed up, and running for the Henning Parade. He kept saying that he couldn't believe that it was really happening until the day came and he was leading some of his grandkids and great grandkids in the parade. He had a huge smile spread across his face, that said he was one proud Grandpa to finally be able to participate in a parade

with his family. After the parade he had already starting making a list of what tractors he wanted to get done for the parade the next year.

In early June of 2019 he was hospitalized due to health issues and his daughter, Rose, stayed with him. They got to talking about his tractors. They talked about the ones that he used to have and the ones they had restored. One of the tractors they talked about was an LA Case that he used to have and how he wished that he still had it. It was sold on the auction and he thought that he would never see it again. While in the hospital Vergil's family made him promise that if he got better that they would have two more tractors restored for the parade that year.

His family kept their promise and for the 2019 Henning Parade they were able to help him get a 1952 DC, 1937 L, and 1936 CC4 Case tractor restored. Everyone pitched in to get the collection washed up and running so that he could again participate in the parade like he wanted to. The day of the parade his son, Steve, came down and drove a 1952 DC Case right behind him. He was all smiles as he drove through the parade with his family and tractors behind him. He couldn't wait to do it again the next year.

Wayne helped Vergil's son-in-law, Don, purchase

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the 1948 LA Case back in the spring of 2020 from the person that had bought it from Vergil's auction. On the way home with the tractor, Don blew two tires on the same axle of the trailer. With the help of his family, Don was able to chain up the axle and make it the rest of the way to Vergil's house. When they got there, Vergil was sitting outside and was just staring at the tractors on the trailer. Don asked him if he remembered the tractor when he was looking at the LA. They had his grandson, Brandon, turn the air cleaner and his eyes got wide because it was the t-pipe that he had made for his LA. He was so overwhelmed and couldn't believe that they had got it home for him because he thought he would never see it again. He started laughing when he was told about the tires blowing because when he brought the tractor home the first time, he blew two tires on his trailer as well. That week Brandon got the engine loose on the LA and got it running for him. The tractor had been sitting out in a pasture since it was sold on the auction, 25 years ago.

Vergil has been working on restoring a 1949 SC Case tractor, he then got Covid-19 this fall, which put his work on hold. After getting Covid, his motivation to get better is getting the SC and LA Case tractors restored in time for the 2021 Henning Parade.

OTTERTAIL

New demo derby pit to help kick off annual OtterFest celebration

By Stella Strong
Reporter

Looking for something to do this August? Look no further than OtterFest, which will kick off on Friday in Ottertail.

"It's a fun-filled event with lots to do for everyone," said Ottertail Chamber of Commerce President Ron Grobeck.

In preparation for the big day, the Ottertail Rod and Gun Club Demo Derby will kick off on Friday at 7 p.m.. After that, head over to the Woodshed Bar and Grill to listen to a live performance by Terry Mackner from 8-11

p.m.

On Saturday, the Ottertail Lions are sponsoring a pancake feed. The pancake breakfast will get underway at 8 a.m. at the community center.

After breakfast, take a stroll through the streets and enjoy the various vendor shows, and maybe catch an early preview of Nick the Strolling Magician before his magic show begins at 12 p.m.

At 10 a.m., both the inflatables and car show will get underway. The large car show will once again be held near the community park,

right in the thick of action on Saturday morning. The People's Choice Award will be announced at 2 p.m.

The parade, a crowd favorite event, will begin at 11 a.m. through the heart of downtown Ottertail.

At 12 p.m., head over with a child or two to get their faces painted by the Painted Turtles. Throughout the day, there will also be a variety of fun games, with prizes such as bikes.

At 1 p.m., Ottertail Community Park will have numerous family-friendly games. Bingo also begins at 1 p.m. and chicken poop

bingo will begin at 2 p.m. An Ottertail classic event will begin at 3:30 p.m. when the Otterwalk will get underway with a variety of prizes for adults and youth alike.

At 4:30 p.m., the Ottertail Chamber of Commerce and Buehler Farms will host a pork and corn feed. The Red Letter Band will also get underway at 4 p.m. and play until 7:30 p.m.

The Ottertail Lions are sponsoring one of the biggest fireworks displays in the region at dusk, before the Woodshed will host The 57 Chevy Band beginning at 9 p.m.



Photo by Chad Koenen

A new demo derby pit will help to kick off the annual OtterFest celebration on Friday night in Ottertail.



Photo by Chad Koenen

Volunteers and community support helped to make a second pickleball court a reality in the community park in Ottertail. A new net and fencing will also be installed after the court was recently finished.

NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

beck, pushed relentlessly for the approval of construction for pickleball courts.

"You see pickleball growing in other towns like Perham and with our older population coming into Ottertail, it was obvious we needed another pickleball court," said Grobeck. "It was a demand issue. We saw people needing pickleball courts and that's always the driving factor."

After the decision was made to create the pickleball courts, construction started in mid June. Starting with the concrete, Woessner and his team of volunteers spent countless hours grinding and filling joints due to the original court being uneven.

"The easy part would have been just tearing it all up and putting all new stuff in. But frankly, that would have changed the budget number a lot," he said.

After the new concrete was leveled, paint was put down by the volunteers. For less than \$5,000 in total, they were able to create the grounding level for the courts.

"According to how I was rating, if we would have contracted out the painting and the grinding, it would have evened out to be about \$18,000 by itself," said

Woessner.

With the countless volunteer hours and the push for the project from the mayor, the pickleball courts quickly became a reality for the small town of Ottertail. Bringing in business from tourists and surrounding towns without courts, the project has been a huge hit in the couple weeks it's been open.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm from the local people

that play," said Woessner. "It would have never been accomplished if it weren't for the volunteer hours."

The pickleball courts share a common place with the basketball nets and Ottertail's next goal is to expand the concrete so the kids can play basketball alongside two games of pickleball.

"We have to share our public spaces," he said. "There's a lot of interest in pickleball but it's amazing

how many kids come up to play basketball as well."

With the ideal spot in the public park, the pickleball courts are set up alongside public restrooms, a coffee shop, and many shops.

"The public's reaction to this project has been extremely positive," Grobeck said. "It drives people to Ottertail. As a tourist attraction, it's a win-win situation."

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OPINION

Vacation makes you appreciate being home

The Koenen family got in touch with our inner Chevy Chase (Clark Griswold from the moving Vacation) and recently made a cross country trek to the great southwest. We put close to 4,000 miles on our van as we traveled to Salt Lake City, several national parks like Zion and Arches National Parks, as well as the giant hole in the ground at the Grand Canyon. Best of all, we survived our trip, I didn't lose any of our kids (those who know me will chalk up that comment as a victory), we didn't drive off a cliff and the newspapers were still all put out on time.



Henning Happenings
Chad Koenen

As much as I struggle with technology it can be nice to have the ability to work on the road a bit when necessary. For example, I am starting this column somewhere in the middle of Iowa and am finishing it a few days later in my office back in Henning.

When I first started in the newspaper business in 2004, my boss at the Pope County Tribune in Glenwood told me that his family would take alternating trips to Wyoming. For example, he would go with their children to Wyoming for a week to visit family members and his wife would stay back home to work for the week. Once the newspaper was completed for the week she would drive to Wyoming and essentially tag John Stone, who was my first boss in the newspaper world, to come home and work on the next issue. He would tell me that when you own a business you never really get to take a vacation as your work still needs to get done, and the news doesn't stop just because you need a break.

The internet wasn't as prevalent back then and completing work remotely wasn't possible (we used to literally cut out the newspaper and paste it up on a board using wax before driving the pages the printer). In some ways, getting a hard break like that may have been nice, as we had built in days on our vacation where I was able to work remotely. Fortunately the internet was good enough at the Grand Canyon that I could send last week's newspapers to the printer from half a country away.

Technology has also made finding unique landmarks and points of interest a bit easier to locate. For example, Dani was able to find Monument Valley where the final clips of Forest Gump running across the country was filmed in the 1994 classic movie. We were also able to find where portions of the film Dumb and Dumber was

filmed in Park City, Utah and quick internet searches found a number of other "points of interest" along the way.

Once we got south of Salt Lake City there was a lot of nothing in terms of signs of life. Sure there were a few cars on the road, but in southern Utah and much of Arizona there was simply dirt, hills and some fencing along the road. Even when we got to the Great Salt Lake, which we both fondly remembered from our text books in school, the lake was essentially a shell of what we thought it would be.

If you went to school more than 15 years ago, you likely learned about floating in the Great Salt Lake. When we got there we were shocked to see how dry the lake has become, the marina near Antelope Island was emptied and dried up, and you needed to walk over a half mile to simply wade in the lake water.

The reason I share the story about the Great Salt Lake is this, even last year when people had challenges getting boats off of lakes due to our drought, you didn't see lakes and marinas completely dry up into nothingness. Sure there was challenges getting larger boats off of the lakes, but you were still able to do so and utilize the lake for most of the year.

Throughout our cross country trip Dani and I remarked about how much we enjoyed being on vacation, but how much nicer it is at home in Minnesota. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, or at least that is what I have been told.

Like everyone, it is definitely nice to get away and see different parts of the country. It helps us to realize what we like and dislike about our own community and gives us a different look at our own backyard. Even though it was nice to not have to swat at mosquitoes and deer flies on a daily basis on our trip, I would gladly keep those pests for not having to live in the desert and dry conditions each day.

A few mosquito bites are worth living in this area and having the opportunity to have so many resources right in our own backyard.

Have your opinion heard

Have an opinion on a topic affecting Henning and the surrounding area? Write a Letter to the Editor to share your thoughts.

Deadlines for all Letter's to the Editor is Friday at 12 p.m. Letter's can be emailed to news@henningadvocate.com or dropped off at the Citizen's Advocate office at 412 Douglas Ave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Henning needs to come together, not pull apart

To the Editor,
"Why would someone who I thought was supposed to be for our community and represent it want to cast a shadow over the town, the city employees and emergency departments?"

That was one of the questions that Chelsea Cordes-Waskosky asked the city council at our regular council meeting August 1 as she handed out copies of the Fergus Falls Daily Journal newspaper article, which referred to a council person of Henning who had contacted the Daily Journal. Chelsea stated that in the ambulance survey, 11 of

the 14 crew members had a positive view of where we are heading. This survey was taken in the winter and after the survey came back, the city council voted this issue was done and they were moving forward. Chelsea also stated, "We need our community to have trust and to have faith in our law enforcement and ambulance service."

Now I ask, "Why would anyone go to the Fergus Falls paper to stir up innuendos about an investigation into the ambulance from a year ago? Isn't it enough that a couple of council people cost the city about twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) last year for the ambulance investigation and attorney fees, but now on top of that when this council person reached out to the Fergus Falls Daily

Journal, the Daily Journal wanted information that forced us to use our attorneys due to the "Freedom of Information Act." Hence costing the taxpayers even more money. I do not appreciate a council member representing my views. I do not believe the City of Henning is falling part, quite the contrary, our employees are doing a great job. I do believe the Fergus Falls Daily Journal should have identified the council person who contacted them. Of the five council members, I do know that it was not Wes Johnson, Scott Hart or Mayor Darren Wiese.

As the article in the Daily Journal was titled "What is Happening in Henning?" Well, Henning to me is a wonderful, quiet, small town with friendly people. There are all kinds of fun

events like the Henning Festival, the royal crowning, car shows, baseball and softball games, the new Rock N Roll Stroll car show on Main Street, the annual fly-in breakfast, the Landmark Center's continual events from glass blowing, pottery classes, summer reading night and so much more. Our city parks are spacious and welcoming for tourists who are stopping in our town.

I have served in the military, I've worked for Lund company for almost 30 years and owned my own business for 19 years. I am currently a council person. I think it is time the vindictiveness stops and we start acting like adults as we move on for the better of Henning.

Wes Johnson,
Henning City Councilman

November election is right around the corner

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

Filing is underway for a number of local school board and city council positions in the area. With that, we are also beginning to field a number of questions from candidates about our policy regarding letters to the editor and a voters guide leading up to the election.

Though I haven't seen any political signs for local elections yet, I don't doubt that the first few signs will begin sprinkling the area in the near future.

Regarding our election policies, I'll make this brief as our policy has been the same for the better-part of a decade. However, if you have questions let me know and I can definitely expand upon this if necessary.

We do not charge for political endorsement letters. While most newspapers charge to run endorsement

letters, we feel it is important for voters to hear why you support a candidate. That being said, the letters are run on a first come, first serve basis by writers in our immediate reading area, or by residents with ties to the area. Not that we don't care what you think in Alexandria, Minn., for example, but we want to hear from the people in our own backyard. If we have too many endorsement letters for one week, we will hold your letter for another week. If you want to ensure a political endorsement letter runs in the newspaper on a certain week you are able to purchase an ad.

Believe it or not we do read the political letters to the editor and if it appears the letter is a form letter drafted by a campaign and simply given to a supporter to sign, we may not run it in the newspaper. Trust me, it happens more than you

think.
• All letters to the editor must be signed by the writer with the town in which they reside and a contact number in case we have a question.

• Letters to the editor will be fact checked to the best of our ability.

• The final week for a letter to the editor concerning the election will be two weeks before the election, or Tuesday, Oct. 18. The week of October 25 will be reserved for responses only, for letters to the editor that appeared in our October 18 issue. We do not want new issues raised without giving a candidate a chance to respond the week before the election. If you want to purchase an ad to tell people why they should vote for you the week before the election, we would be happy to visit with you about some affordable options.

• Speaking of advertis-

ing, letters to the editor concerning election issues will not be allowed by a candidate, unless it is a paid advertisement. If a letter to the editor is paid for by a candidate, it will be noted as such in the newspaper. Any candidate who would like to visit about this further can feel free to give me a call whenever you like.

• Speaking of signs, yes we can print them so give us a call at 548-5585 and I would be happy to get you a quote. We have printed campaign signs in other communities in which we operate newspapers.

• Our deadlines for letters to the editors is Friday at noon.

• We will also print a voter's guide leading up to the election in which we ask candidates running for office a series of questions to print in the newspaper. This will come out sometime in middle to late October.

Old cars have a way of pulling at your heart

I just got a short video from one of my twice removed cousins. This cousin is special because he ended up with Uncle Wilbur's—that would be my dad's Uncle Wilbur—1936 Plymouth Business Coupe, with less than 40,000 miles on it. In the video, he has apparently unburied it from way back in his storage shed, waxed it up, and run it down the road a bit.

Uncle Wilbur farmed across the section from the farm where dad was born, and where dad later took over the farming. He often walked across the mile to help Uncle Wilbur with stuff. It was the winter of 1935. Things were recovering a bit from the depression. Dad helped feed and water 100 hogs for his uncle. Remember winter?

When Wilbur sold them the next spring for \$9 each, he had enough money to buy a tractor, a plow, and a brand new 1936 Plymouth,



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda

which he chose because it was the only model out there that would carry four cream cans in the trunk.

Dad drove it often, when he was barely 16 years old. On one trip into Riceville, Iowa, to deliver cream to the creamery, the Iowa Highway Patrol had set up a vehicle brake inspection on Highway 9. At that point in time, all cars' brakes were operated by steel cables that ran from the pedal to the brake shoe, cables that became corroded, causing braking systems to

become at best feeble.

The highway patrolman jumped on the running board of the Plymouth, with dad at the wheel, and told him to "run'er up to 25 miles and hour, and hit the brakes, son."

Dad tried to tell him that this new car had real brakes. In fact, that particular car was the very first car manufactured in the USA that had hydraulic brakes, and would stop when you hit the pedal.

The cop gave him some attitude, him being a kid, so dad ran'er up as requested, and hit the brakes, at which point the cop tumbled forward over the headlight and slid down the road. Dad said it looked bad for himself. But when the other patrolman laughed and said: "Don't you know that car has brakes," dad was off the hook.

Dad retired, the Plymouth at that point gathering dust in the machine shed. I

had acquired a pretty little Farmall tractor complete with belly mower. Dad being a bit down in the dumps that winter, I began to badger him about trading the Plymouth for this tractor.

I traded him even up, brought the Plymouth up here. Joe Hayden painted it, and did so beautifully. I fixed the interior, changed the six-volt system up to 12, and toddled around in it for a while.

And then it sat in my shed, until my cousin Nate began to drool over it. I gave him a price he couldn't resist. He drove it around a bit. Then it sat in his shed.

Old cars do that, you know, sit around in the shed, while good intentions fall by the wayside.

So it was nice that he got it out; to get that video of it. I'm sure my dad and his uncle are watching from Up There. Real sure.

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www.battlelake.org
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Henning Area Christian Fellowship
EagleBrook Association Church
501 Front Street, Henning Senior Citizens Center
Pastor Wendell Wahlin
(218) 371-6398
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Fellowship, 9 a.m. Worship

Firestarters Worship Center
107 W Main, Ottertail
Rev. Pete Thiel
(218) 367-3455
Sunday: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA
703 Douglas Ave., Henning
Pastor Keith Lankford
(218) 583-2786
Sunday: 9:30 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

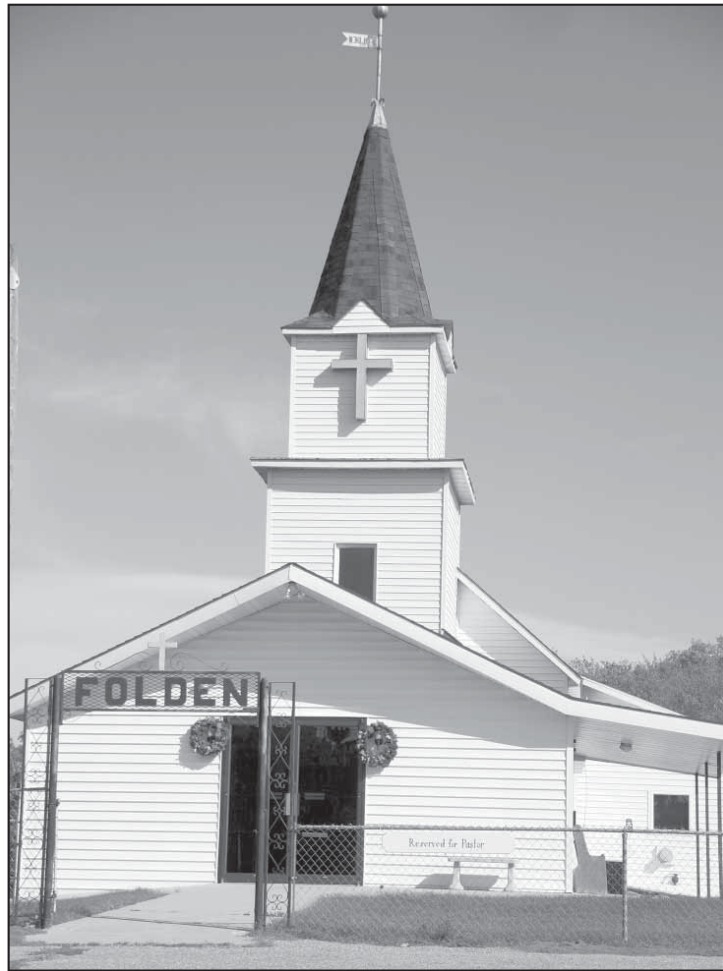
Hewitt Church of the Nazarene
114 N Front St., Hewitt
Pastors Jim and Linda McGaffey
(218) 924-2028
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer service
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Worship

Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church
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, Clitherall
Pastor Aaron Simon
(951) 313-1964
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:45 a.m. Worship

Leaf Mountain Lutheran Church
County Hwy 6, SE of Clitherall
Pastor Nate Hanson
(218) 864-3140
Saturday: 6 p.m. Fellowship, 7 p.m. Worship
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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, Fellowship after worship
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Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd Street SW, Wadena
Pastor Jake Heppner
(218) 631-2002
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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Worship

St. Edward's Catholic Church
201 Douglas Ave., Henning
Father LeRoy Schik
(218) 583-2490
Friday: 8 a.m. Confessions, 8:30 Mass, 9 a.m. Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Confession, 5 p.m. Mass

St. John's Lutheran Missouri Synod
31963 Co. Hwy. 61, Ottertail
Rev. Karl Weber
(218) 367-2470
Thursday: 7 p.m. Bible study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Christian education hour

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
750 1st St. W., Richville
Rev. Karl Weber
(218) 367-2470
Sunday: 8 a.m. Worship

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
700 Douglas Ave., Henning
Rev. Daniel Larsen
(218) 583-2707
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran Missouri Synod
208 N Clark St., Deer Creek
Pastor Donald Wagner
(218) 462-2464
www.trinitydeer creek.org
Monday: 9 a.m. Quilting
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Vining Lutheran Church
(218) 769-4251
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
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Wadena Seventh Day Adventist Church
14711 125th Ave., Wadena
Pastor Roger Hagen
(218) 631-4030
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school, 10:50 a.m. Church service

Water's Edge Church
309 Holden Ave., Henning
Interim Pastor Craig Casing
(218) 583-2161
www.watersedge.church
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

National Senior Citizens Day is August 21

Each week this summer we have been celebrating different national days in this column. Today we recognize that Aug. 21 is National Senior Citizens Day. I plan to take one of my senior citizen friends on an outing each day this week as a way to celebrate them.

With many senior citizens being homebound, getting out can be such a spirit lifter. Going for a drive in the country and seeing all the crops and the cattle and smelling the summer air can stir up memories that can lead into stories of old. Since so many senior citizens are on fixed incomes, it can be nice to share the garden produce with them and even the canned goods that come from the harvest.

My paternal grandmother was a huge influence on my life, encouraging me to respect people older than myself and to listen to the stories that they would tell because the lessons that came from these stories were priceless. I started my first full time summer job when I was 12, working at a restaurant each morning beginning at 6 a.m. Since I was a farm kid, it was easier for me to live in town with my grandmother that summer and walk to work each morning. The early morning crowd would be full of



Library Happenings
Henning School

senior citizens getting their morning coffee, two eggs, sausage, and toast. I looked forward to hearing their stories and getting to be a part of their lives even for a few short months.

One of the gentlemen's names was Larry Parker. Mr. Parker was a full blooded Native American who had very poor sight. This gentle man would come into the cafe and patiently wait as I learned how best to serve him. He had hands soft and worn and the best smile, with such a soothing voice. His stories changed my life and when I think of him, I catch my breath to try not to cry. I learned the true meaning of the word respect that summer as I worked as a waitress.

I hope you will find yourselves out enjoying time with our senior citizens here in Otter Tail County. We can learn so much from them. Enjoy your week and the beauty that is all around us.

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Friday, Aug. 12- Filled Croissant, Salad, Dessert
Monday, Aug. 15- Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert
Tuesday, Aug. 16- Swiss Mushroom, Soup, Dessert
Wednesday, Aug. 17- Hot Turkey, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert

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OBITUARIES

Delores Stephan, 82

Memorial services will be held for Delores Stephan age 82, of Vining, on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Folden Lutheran Church, rural Vining. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the memorial service at the Church.

Please visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to send Delores' family a message of comfort and support.

Arrangements are provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral Home.

Herbert Bode, 93

Herbert Heinrich Bode, 93, of Henning, passed away on July 30, 2022 in his home surrounded by his family. Services were held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

Arrangements provided by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral Home of Henning.

Kenneth Skjegstad, 90

A Celebration of Life and Faith for Kenneth R. Skjegstad will be held on August 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Henning.

Warren Nunn, 98

Warren Nunn, age 98, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., passed away on July 30, 2022 at Frazee Care Center in Frazee, Minn. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. Memorial Services will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. Visitation will resume one hour prior to services at church.

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

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

John Anderson, 66

Memorial Services will be held for John Anderson, age 66 of Bluffton, on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Verndale Family Life Church in Verndale. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at church. John will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, Verndale.

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Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

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According to Minnesota State Statute, the definition of "stop" means complete cessation from movement.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Reese named to Dean's List

The following students have been named to the 2022 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or

more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.


Among the local students named to the list was Anthony Reese, Otertail, Carlson School of Management.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
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Photos by Dan Broten

The Landmark Center hosted a sculpture workshop at the Station building. The workshop was led by Mary Williams and is one of several workshops that are being planned at the Landmark Center this summer.

Landmark Center hosts sculpture workshop



Landmark Center
Dan Broten

A few spaces remain for the two day watercolor painting workshop presented by Ellen Jean Diederich at the Landmark Center from Aug. 10-11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please call 548-5760 for more details or to register. Crazy Day is Friday, Aug. 19 in Henning, with the Turkey BBQ at the fairgrounds in the evening and Rock Roll & Stroll Car Show in downtown Henning from 4-8 p.m. Come to check out the vehicles, downtown businesses and grab a turkey feast at the fairgrounds.

Mark your calendars for the annual Corn and Brat Feed at the Landmark Center on Friday, Aug. 26 from 5-7 p.m. A free-will meal with fresh sweet corn, grilled brats by Doug. live



Americana music by Keith and Aaron Johnson, silent auction items and root beer floats. Help us celebrate summer with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds will help support the Landmark Center activities and operations.

Our monthly reading group, Beverage and a Book, will meet from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30 to discuss "Amos." Copies of this book are available at the Land-

mark Center for those wishing to join the discussion. The Viking Library Bookmobile visits Henning every other Tuesday with next visits scheduled for Aug. 16 and Aug. 30 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in front of the Landmark Station building.

September schedule includes additional arts workshops at the Landmark Center, including a five day pottery workshop with Mimi Seykora, a one day rosemal-

ing painting workshop with Carol Braaten and a one day wood chip carving workshop with Sid Visness. Both Carol and Sid are sponsored by the Sons of Norway. Please call the Landmark Center at 548-5760 to register for any of these arts opportunities.

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SPORTS

OTC 15U ends season at regional tournament

Bulldogs go 2-2 in pool play at Rapid City-based baseball tournament

The Otter Tail Central 15U baseball team snatched the lead late in the game in a 7-3 victory over Rapid City Sliders on Saturday, July 30. OTC 15U trailed 3-2 in the top of the sixth inning when Eric Fick doubled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs.

"I am so proud of the way these boys came out and played tonight. We had a tough loss on Friday, but rebounded with a great team win today. Eric pitched phenomenally and battled through the whole game," said coach Evan Meece. "We had several clutch hits in the sixth to take the lead back for good. We'll prepare for another battle tomorrow and be ready to go and play our game."

OTC fired up the offense in the first inning, when Kale Misegades' sac fly scored one run for the Bulldogs.

After OTC scored one run in the top of the third, the Rapid City Sliders answered with one of their own. OTC scored when Misegades' sac fly scored one run for OTC

15U. Rapid City Sliders then answered when Nolan Williamson grounded out, scoring one run.

The Bulldogs pulled away in the sixth inning, putting five runs on the board. The scoring all happened with two outs, starting with an RBI pinch hit double by Garrett Kuhn-Rice. After Collin Lukken reached on an error, Gavin Pausch singled in another run. Owen Harig followed with a 2-run single to get the lead to 7-3, which held to the end.

Fick led the OTC 15U to victory on the pitcher's mound as he surrendered three runs on five hits over seven innings, striking out one and walking zero.

OTC collected 10 hits. Gavin Pausch and Fick each collected multiple hits for OTC 15U. Pausch went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the way offensively.

July 31

OTC's season came to an end as they lost a back and forth battle with Chaffee, Mo. to finish off pool play 2-2 and miss out on bracket

play. The final tilt featured seven different lead changes, as Chaffee came out on top 11-9. The Bulldogs held a lead going to the top of the seventh inning, but couldn't hang on for victory.

"I am extremely proud of the way these guys not only played, but more importantly represented themselves in Rapid City this weekend," said coach Evan Meece. "We played with heart and battled all the way to the last pitch every game. The final out didn't go our way, but both on and off the field, these guys represented not only the communities of OTC, but the state of Minnesota in great fashion. I couldn't be prouder to have coached this team and be able to bring this team to represent OTC and Minnesota at the Regional Tournament."

Chaffee trailed 9-8 in the top of the seventh inning when Ross Peters singled on a 3-2 count, scoring two runs.

Despite the loss, OTC collected 12 hits in the high-

scoring affair. Unfortunately, Chaffee had 14 hits on the way to victory.

OTC captured the lead in the second inning. Gavin Pausch singled on a 1-2 count, scoring two runs.

The Bulldogs evened things up at 6-6 in the bottom of the fourth inning when Kaleb Hammes doubled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

After Chaffee cored two runs in the top of the sixth inning, OTC answered with two runs of their own.

The Bulldogs notched four runs in the second inning. The big inning was thanks to singles by Conner Thompson, Collin Lukken and Pausch.

Pausch took the loss for OTC as he lasted three innings, allowing six hits and five runs while walking one.

Drew Evavold started the game for OTC and surrendered six runs on eight hits over four innings, walking one.

OTC racked up 12 hits in the game. Thompson, Owen Harig, and Hammes all collected multiple hits for OTC 15U. Thompson went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead the team in hits.

Ruffed grouse counts up from last year

Counts were expected to be down from 2021

Minnesota's ruffed grouse spring population counts are up from last year, which was not expected during the current declining phase of the 10-year cycle — a pattern recorded for 72 years.

"While ruffed grouse drumming counts are up, they are not a reliable way to predict the fall hunting season," said Charlotte Roy, grouse project leader with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "We also recorded an increase in sharp-tailed grouse in east-central Minnesota, which is positive this year but could be short-lived."

Unexpectedly high ruffed grouse counts this year may have resulted from the warm temperatures and dry conditions last year during May and June, which favors high nest success and chick survival. Snow conditions also were favorable during winter for roosting throughout much of the core of grouse range.

The DNR and its partners use spring drumming counts to help monitor the ruffed grouse breeding population through time. Drumming is a low sound produced by males as they beat their wings rapidly and

in increasing frequency to signal the location of their territory. Drumming displays also attract females that are ready to begin nesting. Ruffed grouse populations are surveyed by counting the number of male ruffed grouse heard drumming on established routes throughout the state's forested regions.

"In a typical year, we have 16 cooperating organizations providing folks to help us count grouse drumming," Roy said. "We are grateful to our federal and tribal partners for their assistance in completing routes."

Historically, these spring counts were related to the fall population; however, in recent years, drumming counts have not reliably predicted the fall hunting season.

The number of birds present during the fall hunting season also depends upon nesting success and chick survival during the spring and summer. Nesting success and chick survival are influenced by many factors, including weather during May and June, which has been more extreme in recent years, and other factors, including disease and predators. This year in May and June, heavy rainfall and flooding affected much of the core of ruffed grouse range.

The ruffed grouse survey report can be found on the grouse management page of the DNR website.

Sharp-tailed grouse population increases in east-central Minnesota

Population increase follows a closure of the 2021 season

Minnesota's sharp-tailed grouse population has increased significantly in the east-central portion of the state, according to spring population counts conduct-

ed by the DNR and cooperating organizations.

The population increase follows the closure of the 2021 hunting season in east-central Minnesota, but does

not signify long-term recovery of the population. The number of leks—traditional male display areas also called dancing grounds—counted in the east-central region remains low and the leks are smaller than those in areas with abundant sharp-tailed grouse.

"The increase in the east-

central region should be regarded cautiously, as warm, dry conditions during spring and summer 2021, followed by favorable winter snow roosting conditions, likely resulted in strong nest suc-

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Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features members of the Henning Giants baseball team in the late 1980s or early 1990s. The team finished the season with a record of 14-8 and lost in the Region 14C tournament. Do you know any of the people pictured above? If so, contact the Citizen's Advocate at news@henningadvocate.com or give us a call at 548-5585.



Left: Last week's mystery photo featured Ellie Greenwaldt picking up an egg with her mom at the Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Pigeon's murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to "ahh"
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One's grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way
- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. ___-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation

It happened in

5 years ago Citizen's Advocate Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017

Quilts of all shapes, sizes and colors were on display at the 26th annual Lutheran Island Camp quilt auction on Saturday. With over 300 handmade quilts and items, the auction raised over \$33,000 that will be used for general projects at the rural Henning camp. The auction also helps to support sending kids to Lutheran Island Camp. In addition to the live auction, there was a silent auction, inflatable rides and pony rides on Saturday.

School Avenue will soon be a "no parking during school hours" zone. At the August city council meeting Mayor Jim Hermanson informed the council that the signs were in and would be placed soon. The decision was made to place the signs in order to reduce congestion in the area and improve the bus situation.

Summer way be coming to an end, but Otter Fest is just around the corner. Otterfest will be filled with activities from Aug. 11-12. The festivities will kick off with the Demo Derby on Friday, Aug. 11 in the demo derby pit near the water tower.

25 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Aug. 13, 1997

A trailer-load of candy was distributed to a young sweet-toothed audience by Ottertail Lions in the Ottertail Potato Fest Parade on Saturday. Among the winners in the parade were: best theme-mayor Raymond "Ole" Mounts and entourage; best in beauty-Henning Chamber of Commerce; best in children-Otter tail Cub Scout Pack 321; best organization-Wadena England Prairie Pioneer Club.

The United Parcel Service (UPS) strike hadn't affected area Post Offices much as of early this week, according to Postmasters Dave Brasel of Henning and Mary Lee Weaver of Ottertail. But by mid-week, the strike could result in a big increase in packages at both Post Offices, they stressed. The volume of packages has been "bigger than normal, but not big-big," said Brasel Monday.

While there has been very little of what could be called "smear politics" in Henning in recent years, city government became downright messy last Thursday. That was the day in which Henning city councilman, Eco-

nomic Development Authority (EDA) members and city employees lined up to take turns throwing and smearing pudding in the face of Mayor Richard O. Johnson. The Henning Chamber of Commerce had set up a "pie-in-the-face" booth to add flavor, if you will, to Henning Crazy Day. However, pudding—both butterscotch and chocolate with plenty of whipped cream—was substituted for pie.

50 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Aug. 10, 1972

According to G. C. Clement, secretary of the Henning Elders' Home committee, a final meeting with HUD will be held this Friday to iron out the last details before the planned opening set for Sept. 1. HUD will have to approve the list of applicants who have signed up for apartments. The building will be filled with occupants immediately. Mr. Clement said that \$7,800 will remain on deposit for one year until the structure has been proven satisfactory and an additional \$16,000 will also be held back.

The Emma's Singers from Lutheran Island Camp, under the direction of Wm. E. Eifert, will again give a

concert in the city park in Henning next Thursday evening, Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Centennial festivities will be held at the Vining Lutheran Church Aug. 12 and Aug. 13. The celebration will begin at the Vining school house Saturday evening, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. with a confirmation reunion banquet and program.

75 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Aug. 7, 1947

A weed burner on the Soo Line was the cause of a bad fire in Ottertail. Eleven carloads of REA poles had been unloaded and started on fire. The Ottertail Fire Department carrying cream cans helped save the depot which was 75 feet away.

100 years ago The Henning Advocate Thursday, Aug. 10, 1922

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What event is typically held the day before Vining Watermelon Day in Henning?

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C. Christmas in July
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Last week's answer:
Cherry

Answered by:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 56-PR-22-1680
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of LORI SCHULSTAD-PETERSON, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Otter Tail County Courthouse, 121 W. Junius Avenue, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Taylen Peterson, whose address is 3154 16th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 7-29-2022

Sharon Grewell Benson
Judge of District Court
Dated: 7-29-2022

Kathryn A. Ouren,
Court Administrator
Gina DeVilbiss Hendry,
Deputy Court Administrator

The hearing will be held remotely via Zoom. If you wish to participate, contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 56-PR-22-1679
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: Jeffrey Donald Hahn, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at District Court, 121 W Junius Ave, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Courtney Hahn, whose address is 306 S Lake Street, Frazee, MN 56544 56571 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Date: July 27, 2022 Sharon Benson
Judge of District Court
Dated: July 27, 2022 Carol Adam, Deputy
Court Administrator

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Photos by Dan Broten
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cess, chick survival and overwinter survival,” Roy said. “But we know threats remain for the birds in this area, including habitat loss, as well as more random events like strong storms, flooding and disease outbreaks.”

To count sharp-tailed grouse, observers look for males displaying on leks. This year’s statewide av-

erage of 12.2 sharp-tailed grouse per lek was similar to the long-term average since 1980, but a drop in the number of leks in the east-central region, in the absence of changes in survey effort, indicate that the population has dropped significantly in that portion of the range. These changes are thought to be driven largely by habitat loss.

“We’ve known for some time that in the east-central region the large, open areas of grassland and brushland that sharp-tailed grouse need are changing and becoming less suitable,” Roy said. “These birds require

areas of approximately one to three square miles of grassland and brushland, so managing their habitats often requires cooperation between multiple landowners.”

The Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society (MSGSS), Pheasants Forever and others have collaborated with the DNR on targeted habitat management for sharp-tailed grouse in the east-central range and remain committed to enhancing open-land habitats.

The sharp-tailed grouse survey report can be found on the grouse management

continued from 9 page of the DNR website.

Hunting seasons

The Minnesota ruffed grouse and spruce grouse hunting season will be from Saturday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 1. The sharp-tailed grouse hunting season will remain closed in Minnesota’s east-central zone. There will be a 2022 hunting season in the northwest sharp-tailed grouse zone from Sept. 17 through Wednesday, Nov. 30.

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